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It was a pretty typical

KAISEN PRIBYL, 6, of Windom and McKenna McLaughlin, 7, of Bingham Lake pet "George" at Reinbows' "Trick or Treat Walk-Thru" in the hoop barn in South Windom. The horses were dressed in costumes from The Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts **Club Band** and renamed for Halloween as 'John,' "Paul," "George" and "Ringo" for the two-hour event. Behind the girls is

McKenna's mom, Tammy.

Halloween horsin' around

The streets and sidewalks were mostly quiet during Halloween in Windom Sunday afternoon and evening.

But that wasn't the case at Reinbows, Inc., in South Windom, where Reinbows' four Norwegian Fjord horses were the star attraction in the nonprofit organization's hoop barn. The horses were dressed in The Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band costumes and aptly renamed for the event "John," "Paul," "Goerge" and "Ringo." In fact, "John" even donned

that in the first 45 minutes of Sunday's Trick-or-Treat Walk-Thru at Reinbows, they counted 310 visitors

It was much the same festive atmosphere in Bingham Lake where Gathering Church hosted a Trunk-or-Treat event. Many costumed youngsters took advantage of the warm day to not only add more candy to their collection bags, but also play games, roast marshmallows for making s'mores or paint a pumpkin to take home. Like Reinbows' event, the Trunk-or-Treat in Bingham Lake drew a big following.



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AVA BARFKNECHT, 8, of Windom paints a pumpkin at Gathering Church's Trunk-or-Treat party Saturday afternoon in Bingham Lake. Trunkor-treaters had a variety of activities in which they could cho

Senators study Wilder project Wilder community leaders

Daylight Saving Time

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

are seeking \$4.2 million to help solve the community's sewer problems.

A sewer issue that has radar bubbled to the surface last week as a group of Minnesota state senators visited

Capital Investment Combus shortly after 8 a.m., on Wednesday (Oct. 27). The group wanted to hear more about the city's request for \$4.2 million in state bonding to design and construct a wastewater collection and treatment system.

"This is the first time many of you have been to Wilder and probably the last time," said Micky Masters.

in for Wilder Mayor Tom Myrvold at the event, added, "Thanks for coming. We usually have to go to another town to speak with sena-

For roughly 45 minutes, between sips of coffee, senators peppered council members and officials from the engineering firm Bolten & Menk about the project. A few of them hinted that it's a big price tag for a city that has 60 residents and 26



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Cottonwood County

mostly slipped under the Wilder City Hall last week. Senators from the Senate mittee arrived on a coach

Masters, who was filling

tors."

October, weather-wise, in 2021.

The high temperature for the month was 82 degrees on Oct. 8; the low was 29, recorded on the last day of the month.

The lowest high temperature was 47 degrees, recorded on Oct. 24; while the highest low temperature was 63, recorded on the first day of the month.

Total rainfall for the month was 2.51 inches, which fell on eight days, with 1.43 falling on Oct. 27-28.

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the wire-rimmed circle glasses. Reinbows' Administrative Director Damon Weinandt said

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County Jail with work

restitution of \$88,331.

victims in the case.

in 2019. After multiple

agreement in August.

release. She must also pay

to send a hand-written let-

Crowell is also required

ter of apology to each of the

The case dates back to an

investigation that occurred

pandemic-related delays in

2020, the case reached a plea

to participate.

nomes.

When one senator asked Masters about the home values, he acknowledged that it would raise the value of homes that are currently in the \$60,000 to \$100,000 range. However, he was quick to remind senators that it is impossible to get a bank loan for a home without some sort of sewer system.

The need

Officials from Bolten & Menk explained that many of the community's private septic systems are aged, deficient and need to be replaced.

Failing systems and drain fields pose health and safety concerns for residents during backups into homes. There are also leaking tanks and discharge into tile systems.

These problems lead to

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Crowell faces jail, restitution in monument case

The monument case is related to more than 40 different reports of gravestone and vault sales that were paid for, but never delivered.

A local theft-by-swindle case involving gravestone and vault sales has landed a former Windom businesswoman in jail.

Sentencing came down, recently for Jodie Crowell formerly of Windom (now of Wabasha), following her guilty plea to charges of theft by swindle.

Crowell operated a monument business in Windom for a few years.

The case is related to more than 40 different reports of gravestone and vault sales that were paid for, but never delivered. Many of those cases involved Windom and Mt. Lake area residents. However, some were purchased by people living hundreds of miles away.

The oldest item on the list is dated Jan. 15, 2015.

Following sentencing guidelines, District Court Judge Christina Wietzema sentenced Crowell to 21 months in prison. The bulk of the sentence was stayed as Crowell remains on probation for 20 years.

Under terms of the sentence, Crowell will serve 90 days in the Cottonwood

Windom Lions, HyLife among four earning awards at Chamber's Gala

More than 200 guests filled the **Community Center for the 2021** Gala, hosted by the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce.

Smiles were abundant, Thursday night, at the annual Gala at the Windom Community Center.

The event is designed to celebrate the year and also the people and businesses who made a difference for the community. The evening featured social time, dinner, recognition of award winners and outgoing Chamber officers and also a few words by guest speaker John Kriesel, a Minnesota native, motivational speaker and author of "Still Standing."

This year's award winners include:

· Windom Lions Club, Commu-

nity Champion.

• HyLife, Exceptional Achievement.

• Mary Klosterbuer, Lifetime Achievement.

Wellness & Vitality Chiropractic, Rookie of the Year.

The annual Gala, which is sponsored by the Windom Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau and hosted by the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce, was attended by 220 guests.

Year-end comments

Tyann Marcy, executive director of the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce, was upbeat about the event.

She pointed out that a number of business people and other Chamber members stepped up

to make this year's Gala a great event. She added that the Windom girls softball team donated their time to assist the Chamber and also the Community Center staff during the event.

Meanwhile, she pointed out that the Gala served as a celebration of the past year.

"I would like to say, I am proud for all that the Chamber and CVB has accomplished over this last year," Marcy said. "The groundwork is being laid for the year ahead and it is exciting for all of us. Many of our members, our community members and our board members know that I am promoting and pulling for our community to come together.

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WHO LOST, both of his leas while serving in Iraq, told the crowd at last week's Chamber Gala: "I'm happier today than l've ever been in my life.'

JOHN

KRIESEL

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DISTRICT COURT

Speeding: Andrew J. Beckwith, Conifer, Colo., \$120; Benjamin J. Boyko, Britton, S.D., \$130; Marsha H. Burgeson, North Oaks, \$140; Jason A. Dandy, Spencer, Iowa, \$140; Le'Ambra N. Dotson, Sioux City, Iowa, \$140; Nancy L. Finken, Johnson Lake, Neb., \$140; Kayla A. Moss, Valley Springs, S.D., \$140; John K. OBrien, Sioux City, Iowa, \$130; Tanner N. Olsen, Menomonie, Wis., \$120; Dawn M. Pollastrini, Waverly, Iowa, \$220; Robert J. Rau, Tracy, \$220; Michael D. Sullivan, Norfolk, Neb., \$140; Yer Vang, Sioux City, Iowa, \$140; Ella L.K. Anderson, Edina, \$130; Hannah M. Wedeking, Minneapolis, \$140; Wilson R. Gonzalez, Richfield, \$220.

Dangerous dogs-keep in proper enclosure or muzzled and restrained outside of enclosure: Carol A. Eastwood, Jeffers, \$280

ATV-prohibitions on youthful operators-permit unlawful operation: Matthew K. Simon, Comfrey, \$180.

Instruction permit violation (18 or older): Arely Anaya, St. James, \$130.

Driving after revocation/no insurance owner: Wener D. Garcia Ambrocio, Butterfield, \$480

Seat belt violation: Jason J. Getzel, Brewster, \$105; Joshua L. Nemechek, Jeffers, \$105; Austin W. Yonker. Bingham Lake, \$105.

No Minnesota driver's license: Pedro C. Gonzalez Chitic, St. James, \$180; Troy D. Paulson, Jackson, \$180

Failure to stop for stop sign: Amethyst M. Hopkins, Windom, \$130.

Speeding/no Minnesota driver's license: Selvin A. Lopez Lopez, Houston,

Texas, \$280. Driving after suspension: Chajal P. Margarito, Worthington, \$280.

Safety chains or cables not attached/no or inoperative breakaway brakes: Tomas Q. Martinez, Col Centro, Mexico, \$280.

Possession of drug paraphernalia/no Minnesota driver's license: Jaime S. Murillo, Windom, \$230

Hands-Free Law-initiate, compose, send, retrieve or read electronic message: Ryan C. Parker, Comfrey, \$130.

Hands-Free Law-initiate, compose, send, retrieve or read electronic message/no Minnesota driver's license/no insurance driver: Isabel Tomas Juarez, Butterfield, \$430.

Speeding/seat belt violation: Julie Wahlstrom-Hartmann, Curry, \$245.

DWI-combination of any two alcohol or controlled substance or intoxicating substance: Stacia K. Coonradt, Shakopee, \$110, local confinement 127 days, credit for time served 127 days.

Disorderly conduct: Michael J. Mutz, Lakefield, \$480, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, supervised probation for one year, complete domestic abuse evaluation and follow all recommendations of evaluation, have no contact with victim(s), follow all state and federal criminal laws, contact probation officer and sign releases of information as directed, tell probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement, are charged with any new crime or change your address, employment or telephone number.

St. James man charged with making terroristic threats

A 26-year-old St. James man has been charged with making terroristic threats, following an incident in Mt. Lake on Sept. 25.

According to the complaint, several witnesses stated that Christian Monzon threatened to kill several people while outside of a Mt. Lake restaurant.

While verbally threatening people, Monzon also went over to a vehicle,

Windom and initiated a traffic stop. While at the window to speak with Hakizimana, the trooper noticed a strong odor of marijuana.

When told the trooper would search the vehicle, Hakizimana stated he had a small amount of marijuana in his backpack, near the driver's seat. The trooper found a small baggy of marijuana in the driver's door with 3.5 grams of marijuana. He also saw an empty can of 4Loko in the center console and a blunt in a cigar wrapper on the passenger side. The backpack contained a small container of raw marijuana, a half-full, 375-ml bottle of vodka and a vape device with a full cartridge that tested positive for THC.

■ DISTRICT COURT FELONY CONVICTIONS

hours if you have contact

with law enforcement, are

or change your address,

number, cooperate with

employment or telephone

the search of your person,

place, property and things

as directed by your proba-

of information as directed.

accounts of legal interest,

tax returns, inheritances

and home sales, do not use

or possess firearms, ammu-

nition or explosives, do not

register to vote or vote until

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and your civil rights are

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least three job applications

per week until proof of em-

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including personal bank ac-

count, retirement accounts,

tion officer, sign releases

including any financial

residence, vehicle, work-

charged with any new crime

Second-degree assaultdangerous weapon: Dallas D. Rogers, Butterfield, \$680, commit to Minnesota adult correctional facility in St. Cloud for 21 months, stay 21 months, supervised probation for five years, complete chemical dependency and domestic abuse evaluations and follow recommendations of assessments, follow all state and federal criminal laws, contact probation officer, sign releases of information and give DNA sample as and when directed, tell probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement, are charged with any new crime or change your address, employment or telephone number, cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer, do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives, do not register to vote or vote until discharged from probation and your civil rights are fully restored, serve 90 days in jail to start on or before May 1, 2022, may be waived upon recommendations by probation and court order, credit for two days served.

Theft by swindle: Jodell A. Crowell, Wabasha, \$85, commit to Minnesota adult correctional facility in Shakopee for 21 months, stay for 20 years, supervised probation for 20 years, follow all state and federal criminal laws, contact probation officer and give DNA sample as and when directed, tell probation officer within 72

■ THE RECORD

Oct. 25

•11:57 a.m. A Windom woman reported that while her 2018 GMC was parked in the area of 10th Street and Prospect Avenue, someone keyed the vehicle. The case remains under investigation.

•12:22 p.m. A two-vehicle crash occurred at the Freedom convenience store. The mishap involved a 2015 GMC pickup driven by Christopher Moser of Storden and a 2018 Chevrolet SUV driven by David Teichroew of Storden. Both vehicles received minor damage.

•10:42 p.m. Officers investigated an anonymous tip about a person staying with a person with whom there was supposed to be no contact. The report was unfounded.

ployment is obtained, write a hand-written letter of apology to each victim and submit to agent for approval and distribution, have no contact with victims, complete gambling assessment the school and was missing. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the boy was not missing, but was

•11:36 a.m. Officers spoke with a social worker at the ALC school regarding a 13-year-old leaving school. By the time the officer arrived, the student had returned.

•12:30 p.m. While on patrol, an officer was approached by a school staff member about a small child, off school grounds. A report was forwarded to family services officials.

Oct. 29

•5:03 p.m. A resident reported that a vehicle was blocking a fire hydrant near Toro. The vehicle 's owner

and follow all recommendations of evaluation. Threats of violence:

Christopher J. Reyes, Storden, \$880, commit to Minnesota adult correctional facility in St. Cloud for 24 months, stay for five years, supervised probation for five years, defendant to serve 90 days in jail or set up electronic home monitoring, pay all costs and follow all schedules and rules. credit for four days served, complete domestic abuse batterer's intervention program and chemical dependency evaluation and follow recommendations of evaluation, participate in couples counseling as directed by agent, no use or possession of alcohol, controlled substance or drugs with the exception of prescribed medications, random testing, contact probation officer, sign releases of information and give DNA sample as and when directed, follow all state and federal criminal laws, tell probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement, are charged with any new crime or change your address, employment or telephone number, cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer, do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives, do not register to vote or vote until discharged from probation and your civil rights are fully restored, obtain permission from agent before leaving the state.

occurred on River Road near the Windom Country Club. Receiving minor damage was a 2008 Buick driven by Alajandre Valvaz of Westbrook.

Sheriff's report

Oct. 26

5:54 a.m. Deputies assisted the Windom Police Department with a crash that occurred at the intersection of Highway 60-71 and 10th Street.

•10:16 a.m. A disturbance was reported in the rural area. The suspect was gone when authorities arrived. Oct. 27

•5:55 p.m. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a crash at the intersection of Highway 60 and County

INSIDE EDGE Sen. Bill Weber undergoes surgery

On Oct. 27, Sen. Bill Weber (R-Luverne) was discharged from Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls

after a successful open-heart procedure to replace his aortic valve. Sen. Weber elected to have the procedure on Oct. 20,



to resolve ongoing issues with a bicuspid valve, a heart defect that he has had since birth.

Following his procedure, Sen. Weber issued the following statement:

'Today, I am already on the path to recovery. After 37 years of living with the diagnosis of my valve defect, I always knew surgical replacement was a possibility," Weber said in a statement.

'Unfortunately, over the past year, I had noticed a subtle decline in my condition and ability to complete physical tasks that I had once accomplished with ease.

"Knowing where the fault lay, I elected to receive this procedure to improve my quality of life, complete my duties at work more effectively, and best represent my constituents in Southwestern Minnesota.

"While I will still need a little time to recover fully, I look forward to beginning the rehab process as soon as possible. I also look forward to quickly resuming my legislative duties representing the wonderful people and communities of Senate District 22."

Pedestrian hurt in hit-and-run crash

Windom police are investigating last week's car-pedestrian crash that resulted in an injury and a search for a red "Suburban-type" vehicle.

The crash occurred at 6:50 p.m. on Oct. 25, a halfhour after sunset, at the intersection of Highway 60-71 and 16th Street, between the Toro plant and Windom Laundromat. Linda Ebeling was crossing Highway 60, attempting to get to the east side, when she was struck by a northbound vehicle. According to police, the Windom ambulance and fire departments were called to the scene. The extent of Ebeling's injuries were not disclosed. However, Ebeling was taken by ambulance to Windom Area Hospital. Multiple motorists reportedly stopped to offer assistance. Police say they are searching for the red vehicle and are exploring video evidence from nearby businesses, but are offering no additional information, noting that the case remains under investigation.

actually in another city with his mother.

opened the trunk and reached inside, acting like he would pull out a gun. The driver of the car. Maynor Orozco, told police that Monzon asked him to unlock the trunk so he could scare the people he had spoken with outside the bar. Witnesses also said Monzon claimed he and his friends would come to Mt. Lake to start selling drugs.

If convicted, Monzon faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Brooklyn Park man charged with drug possession

A Brooklyn Park man has been charged with fifth-degree drug possession following a traffic stop on Sept. 17 in Windom. According to the complaint, a State Trooper noticed 27-year-old Ignace

Hakizimana driving above the posted speed limit in

If convicted, Hakizimana faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Two area men charged with felony drug sale

Two men from Windom and Jackson face three felony drug charges resulting from an alleged May 2021 incident in Windom. Justin James Holinka,

34, of Jackson and Cory Lee Flatgard, 57, of Windom have each been charged with three counts

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Oct. 26

•5:54 a.m. A 1989 Dodge driven by Christian Ramos received severe damage after striking a stoplight pole near the intersection of Highway 60-71 and 10th Street. Ramos was taken by ambulance to Windom Area Health.

•2:18 p.m. Two Windom residents stopped at the Law Enforcement Center to report various crimes. As it turned out, both visitors tested positive for a controlled substance. A 34-year-old Windom man was arrested and faces charges for fourthdegree DWI.

•4:12 p.m. A 17-year-old student reported the theft of a wallet at the ALC school in Windom. The wallet was later found in a school restroom, but \$20 was missing. The matter is under investigation.

Oct. 27

•9:21 a.m. A school resource officer reported that a kindergarten student left

was cited.

•9:51 p.m. Officers assisted deputies with an incident near Windom where multiple juveniles were cited for underage drinking.

Oct. 31

•9:17 a.m. An orange child's bicycle was found in the environmental center in Windom. The owner can contact police to claim the bicycle.

•5:53 p.m. Several people were injured in a one-vehicle rollover that occurred behind Pankonin Auto on Township Road. According to the report, a 2008 Acura driven by Ariel Payano of Windom went off the road and rolled, causing severe damage to the vehicle. Four passengers were taken to Windom Area Health by a relative and treated for what police believe are minor injuries. The matter is under investigation.

Nov. 1

•7:18 a.m. A car-deer crash

Road 46 **Oct. 28**

•4:10 p.m. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a traffic stop on Highway 60 near Bingham Lake.

Oct. 29

•9:51 p.m. Deputies investigated an incident near Windom where six juveniles — four males and two females — were arrested for underage drinking. The information was forwarded to the county attorney's office for prosecution.

Oct. 30

•12:29 p.m. Deputies were asked by the Midwest Apprehension Team to assist with a case involving stolen property. Deputies assisted in locating a stolen pickup snowplow south of Westbrook. The plow was taken from Lyon County. As a result, a 48-year-old Westbrook man faces possible charges in the case.







VIEWPOINTS

Cheers and Jeers

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Countless Windom

projects will benefit thanks

Windom Area Foundation.

Our leaders must show

regarding mental health.

Longtime ag teacher

received a big FFA honor.

Lake and the surrounding area

for things like a veterans memo-

Jeers go out to everyone at

county Southwest Mental Health

region without sufficient access

In a matter of days, Southwest

Crisis teams in these areas are

nonexistent. And, there are no signs that the situation will be

This is unacceptable. We under-

problems. However, officials at

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all levels must show a far greater

Cheers go out to Darcy

Honorary American FFA Degree.

The award goes to those who ad-

FFA through outstanding per-

sonal commitment. Dahna, who

taught ag and served as an FFA

School for 25 years, before moving

National FFA Convention & Expo

to Mt. Lake High School in 2019,

adviser at Windom Area High

received her honor at the 94th

in Indianapolis on Friday.

vance agricultural education and

Dahna for receiving FFA's

highest national honor, the

resolved anytime soon.

sense of urgency - now!

Mental Health will close offices in

Windom, Jackson and Pipestone.

to mental health therapists.

the state and local level who

have left the bulk of our five-

rial, park benches, playground

equipment, you name it.

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Darcy Dahna recently

a greater sense of urgency

to the community supporters

who step up to help fund the

eaves are falling and commuters are occasionally waking up to a coat of frost on their windshields as the November edition of Cheers and Jeers hits the news stands.

It is the time of year when farmers wrap up harvest, hunters and their dogs meander through the countryside and walkers bundle up just a bit more as they enjoy their brisk walks through the community. Soon, we will count our blessings and gather with family and friends for one of the year's most enjoyable holidays.

Cheers go out the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce and Windom Convention & Visitor's Bureau for putting on yet another outstanding year-end Gala at the Windom Community Center.

As a page 1 story suggests, this is an event that always features an excellent guest speaker and celebrates the supreme efforts by not only business leaders, but community members in general. A list of this year's award recipients can be found elsewhere in this week's Citizen.

Look for stories on each recipient throughout the coming year.

Cheers go out to the many community-oriented businesses and individuals who have stepped up for our community by contributing to the Windom Area Foundation fund drive.

A list of donors, plus examples of recent donations, can be found on page ?? of this week's Citizen.

The fund drive has gained momentum and public support, thanks to a generous \$100,000 matching grant supplied by Bank Midwest. Anyone making a gift to the Foundation will see \$1 from Bank Midwest added for every \$3 that is donated to the Foundation.

Folks can expect the new Windom Area Foundation to help with projects in Windom, Bingham

across page 1 of Tuesday's Mankato Free Press reads: "School Board speaker limits draws crowd." Below, a smaller headline says, "Meeting was standing room only."

A banner headline

I admit, my first

Applauding at public meetings According to the Free Press story, the board is worried about "bullying" and "grandstanding" at meetings. So, there are new rules that say speakers cannot address the board

or staff by name.

Also, the audience

cannot applaud or

speak out of turn.

- Rahn Larson

■OUR READERS RESPOND

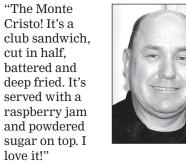
Today is National Sandwich Day. What is your favorite sandwich?

Perry Flatgard WINDOM



Paul Irmiter WINDOM

Joe Riihl WINDOM



ham sandwich at Subway on Monterey cheddar with American cheese, pickles, lettuce and mayo. It just tastes good!'

"I like the

black forest

Jen Pillar WII DFF

"A tuna salad on wheat. It's healthy and I like fish."

QUICK HIT

Joel Alvstad Sports Editor



Voting is always important

Many of you are well aware that, even though there were no major state or federal offices on the ballot, there was an election Tuesday.

Some cities, like Minneapolis, had mayoral elections and major ballot initiatives.

Locally, the ballot had various school initiatives or school board elections.

I learned from an early age that, regardless of the election, it's important to cast a ballot. The ballot box is your voice as a voter.

Those school and city elections have maybe more impact on us, locally, than the state and federal elections do.

Whether it's a presidential election or a school referendum, your voice is important. Remember that when primaries start up next year for state offices.

ABBA is back!

I don't venture into the world of music very often in this space, but when I do you can bank on it concerning three genres of tunes Christmas, contemporary Christian/hymns or classic pop.

OK, classic pop is my term for what many will label "the oldies." Whatever you

want to call it, it's my kind of music. Yes, I'm forever stuck in the music of the 1970s, '80s and even some midto-late '60s music. (I'll listen to al-

most anything by The Beatles.) But if you go beyond 1990, the music I enjoy is pretty hit and miss - and mostly miss.

So, where am I headed with this? If you're a fan of the 1970s Swedish group ABBA, you probably already know my path. For those of you not up on ABBA, the quartet of two men and two women — Bennie, Bjorn, Agnetha and Anni-Frid turned the pop music world on its ear in the 1970s. Just about everything they released was a hit with a great beat and a sound not really heard from any other group.

The group did not last long. In fact, the couples parted ways and their music was left to those with vinyl, 8-tracks and cassettes, that is, until CDs and now digital came into play.



DAVE FJELD Reporter davef@windomnews.com

Streep and Pierce Brosnan. A couple of sequels followed and featured many of the hit songs by ABBA. Suddenly, our children and, in some cases, grandchildren, were smitten with the Swedish group's music. I wasn't necessarily so taken by the story line, but reveled listening to the music again.

Again, you ask, where am I headed with this?

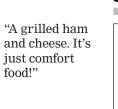
Did you know . . . (yes, drum roll please), ABBA is coming out with their first new album in 40 years. That's right. On Friday, ABBA will introduce the world to the rebirth of their sound with their album "Voyage."

Now, I'm not totally familiar with this new album, but I know that the wonders of digital technology played and will play a role in the release.

For starters, the foursome has aged a bit in 40 years — but then, who of us hasn't? Honestly, I think they still look great. But even better, their sound is the sound that we've all come to know and love. How do I know, if the release

doesn't happen until Friday? Well, the group has released a **EMAIL DIRECTORY**

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two questions were: • "Really, they actually have speakers at board meetings?

 "Standing room only?"

For Windom meetings, I'd say two speakers per year is a generous estimate. Standing room is obviously even more rare.

In some ways, it would be nice to see people fired up enough to attend Windom board meetings. However, I'm not suggesting that our board dive into the deep end of the speaker limit pool.

So how did this Mankato ordeal get to this point?

..... **RAHN LARSON** Editor

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Violators can be banned. Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt says Windom's rule is simply that you need to state whether

you are a resident of the district.

They don't require an address. I would agree with that viewpoint. Not only can an address make it easier to "get even" with a speaker, it also provides a dangerous opening for stalkers.

Banning people who applaud? That seems a little severe.

I've still got — and often listen to — their greatest hits album. What is unique about the group is that they made music that crossed all eras of the music world, from 1950s sock-hop style to a little Spanishstyle number called "Chiquitita," a Spanish word that means "little one.'

A whole new generation of ABBA lovers were born a little more than a decade ago when the movie "Mama Mia!" came out, starring, among others Meryl

song here and there, just to whet our appetite and the songs are already climbing on the United Kingdom pop charts. I believe the song I heard was "I Still Have Faith in You" and it is the classic ABBA sound

Needless to say, I'll be making a purchase shortly after the release. I've got a feeling that iTunes and other music streaming services are going to be swamped with purchase requests for the album.

I'll wait a week or so and snatch it up.

For all you ABBA lovers out there, enjoy!

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COVID-19 — Fact vs. Fiction

The past 19 months have been long

The Covid-19 pandemic has shaken the entire world. In dealing with a virus that had never before been seen in humans, world health experts have had to learn and respond in the midst of a crisis.

We learn, we adapt

With time comes the ability to gather data, which in turn better assists doctors, nurses, epidemiologists, scientists and public health professionals in creating vetted "best practices," "recommendations" and "guidance" to support healthy and safe activities for everyone.

Throughout the pandemic the guidance has changed often because as we learn, we adapt. Unfortunately change can cause fear and confusion.

When confusion begins to smolder, misinformation takes off like wildfire. Misinformation is a detriment to effectively mitigating Covid-19.

Misinformation issues

Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services—Public Health is working to stop the spread of misinformation about Covid-19 in Cottonwood and Jackson Counties by addressing commonly referenced misconceptions and explaining the

facts in an easy-tounderstand way. Information for this Fact vs. Fiction segment has been gathered from the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Johns Hopkins Medicine websites

Fact or fiction?

Fiction: mRNA **Covid-19 Vaccines** Alter DNA?

The COVID-19 vaccines are designed to help your body's immune system fight the coronavirus. The messenger RNA from two of the first types of COVID-19 vaccines does enter cells, but not the nucleus of the cells where DNA resides.

The mRNA does its job to cause the cell to make protein to stimulate the immune system and then it quickly breaks down — without affecting your DNA.

Fact or fiction?

Fiction: If I've already had CO-VID-19, I don't need a vaccine?

Evidence continues to indicate that getting a COVID-19 vaccine is the best protection against getting COVID-19, whether you have already had COVID-19 or not.



ANGELA NAUMANN GUEST COLUMNIST

A study published in the Aug. 13, 2021 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report indicates that if you had COVID-19 before and are not vaccinated, your risk of getting re-infected is more than two times higher than for those who were infected and got vaccinated. While evidence sug-

gests there is some level of immunity for

it is not known how long you are protected from getting COVID-19 again.

greater protection to others since the vaccine helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.

cannot and will not give you CO-VID-19?

The two authorized mRNA vaccines instruct your cells to recognize and fight the virus, if it comes along. The COVID-19 vaccine does not contain the SARS-Co-2 virus, so you cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.

The protein that helps your immune system recognize and fight

those who previously had COVID,

Getting vaccinated provides

Fact or fiction?

Fact: The vaccine for COVID-19

Fact or fiction? Fiction: The Covid-19 Vaccine Contains a Microchip?

the virus does not cause infection

Vaccines are developed to fight against disease and are not administered to track your movement. Vaccines work by stimulating your immune system to produce antibodies, exactly like it would if you were exposed to the disease.

After getting vaccinated, you develop immunity to that disease, without having to get the disease first.

Fact or fiction?

Fiction: The COVID-19 vaccine was developed with or contains controversial substances?

The first two COVID-19 vaccines to be authorized by the FDA contain mRNA and other, normal vaccine ingredients, such as fats (which protect the mRNA), salts, as well as a small amount of sugar. These COVID-19 vaccines were not developed using fetal tissue, and they do not contain any material, such as implants, microchips or tracking devices.

Angela Naumann is a health educator for Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services-Public Health.

of any sort.

FAITH & FAMILY

2021 Windom United Drive now underway

Two charities that were listed on the card in 2020 have been dropped in 2021.

Cards and envelopes for the 2021 United Drive will begin arriving in Windom area mailboxes and at workplaces this week, said Judy Markl of Windom Women of Today, the organization that is again coordinating the charity drive this year.

The goal for the 2021 drive is again \$20,000.

As in past years, the drive wraps up Dec. 31.

One charity was dropped from this year's list and one was added. Dropped from the list is Busy Bee Preschool, which closed after the last school year. The lone addition is the Windom Area Foundation.

The process for donating remains the same as in past years. Windom Women of Today is sending out cards to over 2,000 individuals, families and businesses.

Residents are asked, when they receive their cards, to look at the charities and see one or several they would like to donate to. Markl emphasizes that whether a person donates a couple dollars, \$10, or whatever they choose, it begins to add up when all donor cards are returned.

If someone would like to donate and not specify a charity, that money is divided evenly among all the charities.

Anyone who does not receive a card, but would like to have one sent to them in the future can simply pick up a card at one of five Windom locations — Bank Midwest, Bank of the West, Fulda Area Credit Union, United Prairie Bank or Windom Area Chamber of Commerce. Then, write your name and address on the card and your name will be added to next year's mailing list.

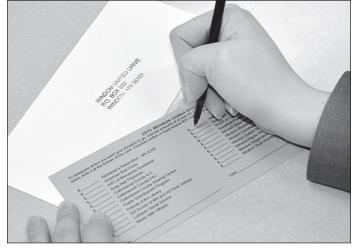
Last year's drive fell just shy of its \$20,000 goal, bringing in \$19,888, of which \$17,136 was disbursed to 32 organizations. That's about \$4,300 dollars more than was disbursed in 2019 when the drive experienced its lowest donations in 20 vears

The Windom United Drive has been short of its \$20,000 goal each of the last six years. The last time the drive met its goal was in 2014 when the drive brought in almost \$23,000 with over \$20,000 disbursed to 45 organizations. The 2020 total disbursed was the most since 2014.

Donors are not limited to those on the card. Donors can also write-in a charity. However, for a write-in charity to receive any funds, it must receive at least \$20.

For those unfamiliar with the annual drive, here are three simple directions:

 Fill out the card that either arrives in the mail,



DONATING TO THE 2021 United Drive is as easy as filling out the card that comes in the mail, writing out your check for the total dollar amount, putting the card and check in the envelope and mailing it.

is received at your place of employment or can be picked up at one of the five aforementioned locations. • Put the dollar amount next to the charity to which you want to donate.

• Enclose a check with the donation card in the envelope and mail it. A complete list and more

2021 WINDOM UNITED DRIVE CHARITIES

· Alzheimer's Association -

- MN-ND ARC of Southwest Minnesota
- BARC
- Cottonwood County Animal Rescue
- Cottonwood County 4-H
- Cottonwood County DAC • D.A.R.E., Windom
- Windom Chapter 63 Reinbows, Inc., of Windom
- RSVP (a program of A.C.E. of

information about each of the organizations listed on the card is included in an advertisement in this issue of the Citizen and also was published in the weekend Shopper.

For more information on the drive, contact Judy Markl at 831-1647.

Southwest Minnesota)

- Sonshine Preschool • Southwest Crisis Center -
- **Cottonwood County**
- Windom Area Foundation Windom Area Sharing Center
- Windom Bloodmobile
- - Windom Imagination Library
- Windom Youth Hockey Assn.

Donors who answer the call through Nov. 12 are entered to win a trip and receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card.

With Thanksgiving and the holidays approaching, the American Red Cross urges donors to continue to make and keep appointments now and in the weeks ahead to help overcome the ongoing emergency blood shortage that has significantly impacted the nation's blood supply.

In fact, the current blood supply is the lowest the Red Cross has seen this time of year in more than a decade.

To help with the ongoing low blood supply, Mt. Lake will host a Red Cross blood drive Nov. 11 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Mt. Lake Community Center, 1027 2nd Ave.

Since declaring an emergency need for donors last month, thousands of people have come to Red Cross blood drives across the country

Hamilton to speak at local Veterans Day observance

Windom's Veterans Day program will be presented Nov. 11 in the Windom Area Middle High School Blue Gymnasium.

Minnesota State Rep. Rod Hamilton of Mt. Lake will provide the keynote address at the 2021 Veterans Day observance Nov. 11 in Windom. The program, which will

be held in the Windom Area Middle High School Blue Gym, begins at 9:30 a.m.

Hamilton, a Republican, is currently serving his ninth term representing District 22B in the Minnesota House of Representatives. The district includes all or portions of Cottonwood, Nobles, Jackson and Redwood counties. He was first elected in

2004.

Hamilton is the Minority Lead on the Workforce and Business Development Finance Committee and also serves on the Industrial Education and Economic Development Finance and Policy.

A pork producer, Hamilton served as president of the Minnesota Pork Producers Association in 2003 and until



being elected to the House in 2004. He also served on the Mt. Lake School Board in the early 2000s. He and his wife, Lynee, have

Rep. Rod Hamilton two grown children and live in rural

Mt. Lake. A native of Humboldt, Iowa, Hamilton is an avid Minnesota sports fan.

In addition to Hamilton's address, the program will include presentation of the colors by members of the Minnesota National Guard, as well as musical selections from the Windom Area High School Eagle Concert Band and vocal music students in grades 1-12.

Windom's Boys and Girls State representatives Samir Yusuf, Michelle Macario **Rios and Kaylan Donchez** will take part in the program.

More details on the program will be included in next week's Citizen.

Red Cross to hold blood drive in Mt. Lake Nov. 11

RED CROSS DRIVES Nov. 11 — Mt. Lake

Community Center, 1027 2nd Ave., 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Nov. 11 — Walnut Grove Community Center, 311 6th St., 1-6 p.m.

Nov. 18 — Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 614 Logan Ave., Jackson, 1-6 p.m.

Nov. 19 — Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 614 Logan Ave., Jackson, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In honor of the new series, "I Know What You Did Last Summer," those who come to give through Nov. 12 will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. The trip will transport you to where the series was filmed and includes round-trip airfare for two. hotel accommodations for nine nights, meals, a \$1,000 gift card for expenses and ontrip transportation with tour stops from Honolulu to Maui. Plus, those who come to donate through Nov. 23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

'Identity' retreat planned at First Baptist Church

■ The Friday/Saturday event is for girls and young women, ages 12 through college-age.

Identity seems to be one of the hot topics in today's world and a group of women at First Baptist Church are hoping to help girls and young women better know their identity and in Whom their identity is found.

They are inviting girls, ages 12 through college-age, to join them in a weekend retreat titled, what else, "Identity." The retreat will be held Friday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at First Baptist Church, located in

The retreat is \$20, payable at the door, and includes meals.

The event is based on I Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.'

Friday night's plans include an introduction to the retreat, a skit and snacks, as well as a short time of praise and worship.

Saturday's portion of the weekend will be the "meat" of the event, according to one of the group's organizers and guest speaker,

Robyn Willard. 'We call it 'Identity'

because, especially in our world right now, people don't know their identity," Robyn explains. "We're trying to show that our identity should be with our Maker, who created us. The Bible says we are carefully and wonderfully made and I think we don't realize that. We hear so much of all these things from the world coming at us."

Willard will share her story of trials through which she's journeyed during her life.

"I've titled my talk 'God's Chosen Story for Me' and



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it's basically my story of my young teens and the poor decisions I made," Robyn says. "I'm also going to talk about some of the unnamed women of the Bible and the importance and reason behind that."

She also will share about the lies that Satan tells young people and that young people all-to-often believe. She will explore the shame and guilt that people feel because of Satan's lies.

But her talk also includes her amazing and important story of redemption.

"It is definitely a redemption story. It's not really about me, but it's about the way God has used me in this," Robyn notes

ROBYN WILLARD will share

her story during the weekend

'Identity' retreat at First Baptist

Working with Willard on the weekend event are Kylie Norell, Sarah Wiebe, Karen Johnson and Mariah Crowell. The group began meeting two years ago and discussing the possibility of holding such an event.

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We started talking about the things of this world that get thrown at young girls especially," Robyn explains.

Leading praise and worship are Grace Sherman, a sophomore at Windom Area High School, and Makayla Belgarde, a junior at Mt. Lake Christian School. The two girls became friends as

SEE IDENTITY • PAGE 5

to roll up a sleeve and help patients who are counting on lifesaving transfusions. The Red Cross is incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of these blood donors, but hospital demand remains strong.

At least 10,000 more donations are needed each week in the coming weeks to meet patient needs — ahead of the upcoming holiday season, which always presents seasonal challenges to blood collection.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions — including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

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society. It is hurting us more than you may know. Our children are growing up in an angry nation. People hurl insults, accusations and so on. Those words go into the heart and souls of many and into the walls of homes, never to be removed. It is a very heavy burden to carry around.

It is what we, as a society, are teaching our children - hatred. It is like planting seeds of hate, instead of seeds of love. It all plays out in front of us everyday. And look at the results! The foundation of America is being torn away by hate. Like a poison, bitterness has made not only many

itterness is a disease in the American

lives miserable but also the lives of those around them. They have never learned the secret of forgiveness and forbearance.

We must be on guard, as the Bible instructs in Hebrews



Founder, For God's Glory Alone Ministries

12:15: "Lest any root of bitterness springing up [can] cause trouble." Meekness and forbearance are "musts" if we are to live harmoniously in society and develop healthy homes, families and friendships. The positive sense of meek implies that someone is able to remain calm and subdued even when being provoked. I call it, "power under control!"

While Christians must always speak the truth, we must do it in love. I call it "tough love." The PASTOR DEWEY MOEDE Bible tells us to "Speak evil of no one, [be]

peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all." (Titus 3:2) Tough love is what I learned several

years ago from my mom and dad. They loved us so much that they taught us right from wrong and did not accept bad behavior. We knew not to cross that line. We also learned that in school and at Sunday School. We must teach this today — just as important is, that we always model it!



Dewey Moede, a 1974 graduate of Windom Area High School, is pastor and founder of For God's Glory Alone Ministries. Email: radiodewey@aol.com Website: www.fggam.org

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An avid Twins and

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Jr. and Shelby Arndtson

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of Vesta; Shannon (Mike)

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Eye; and Sara (Shawn)

Torkelson of Tracy; 16

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brothers, Merle (Eloise)

Bothell, Wash.

Arndtson of Hastings and

Jay (Marilyn) Arndtson of

grandchildren; 16 great-

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son; and a son, Michael

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hunting. His place was

Ken also was a JC



LEANN JOHNSON will be one of the guest panelists for the Cottonwood County Historical Society's Annual Meeting Sunday. She stands next to the Pat's Grove historical marker that was placed in October 2020.

Historical society annual meeting set for Sunday

A panel presentation and discussion of Pat's Grove will be the program for the meeting.

The Cottonwood County Historical Society will hold its 120th Annual Meeting Sunday, beginning at 2 p.m., in the museum's meeting room.

Members and individuals interested in local history are invited to attend the meeting. Light refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

Door prizes will be given away

The afternoon begins with a short business meeting followed by the program "Pat's Grove: The Legacy Continues." A panel of speakers has been assembled including Leann Johnson, Ashley Soleta, Shawn Colbert and Mark Titus.

Johnson and Soleta were instrumental in preserving the stone house at Pat's Grove. Their fundraising efforts in 2019 provided tuck pointing and a new roof.

Using a Powerpoint presentation, they will provide a brief history of the site, photographs before and after the renovations and updates

CITIZEN FILE **RENOVATION OF Pat's Grove** Stone House was mostly wrapped up in August 2019. This is the finished product with tuckpointing and a new roof applied.

on the site.

Colbert will share his part in preserving the roof beams of the stone house followed by Mark Titus, a woodworker from Jackson, who turned the white oak into an assortment of one-ofa-kind items.

Those attending are encouraged to check out the exhibit in the Remick Gallery "Stitched by Hand: Cottonwood County Quilts," which showcases 20 quilts from the museum's collection.

For more information contact the Cottonwood County Historical Society at (507) 831-1134.

CLARIFICATION

In last week's story on the Windom School Board, Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt shared about possibility of the Windom School District installing solar panels to help reduce electric costs for the district. The money would come from an \$8 million grant

offered by the State of Minnesota to school districts outside the Excel Energy service area The \$8 million is the total amount available to school districts. If Windom chooses to apply for a grant, it would be applying for a portion of that \$8 million.

■ **4**-H BRIEFS

4th-graders attend field day at U of M SWROC

Throughout September, 87 youth in grades K-13 learned about tie dying and experimented with colors in Skittles and milk.

Through the free, monthly Cottonwood County 4-H project kits, youth are able to explore, experiment and complete a project. Project kit registration is due via a google registration posted on social media and emailed to enrolled youth at the start

of each month.

Participants are asked to submit a picture of themselves with their project kit activities. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H program through v2.4honline.com.



ELIJAH FOSSING shows off his tie dye pillowcase that he made through a Cottonwood County 4-H project kit.

HADLEY DARDIS experimented with color by using Skittles and water.

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4-H'ers take part in applesauce workshop

Cottonwood County 4-H recently held an applesauce workshop in which youth were able to learn how to can applesauce from Kelli Nickel. Youth worked in teams as they learned how to wash, core, cook, process and can applesauce.

Savannah, Suzy and Shohannah Kleine work together to process baked apples into applesauce during a 4-H food preservation workshop.



SUBMITTED SAVANNAH, SUZY AND Shohannah Kleine work together to process baked apples into applesauce during a 4-H food preservation workshop.

App gives Minnesotans access to immunization record faster

Kenneth Arndtson

Kenneth O. Arndtson, 75, of Lamberton died Oct. 30, 2021, at St. John Lutheran



berton with Pastor Michael Stangeland officiating.

Interment will follow at Highwater Lutheran Cemetery in rural Lamberton. Visitation will be held

Thursday at the church from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Sturm Funeral Home of Lamberton is handling the funeral arrangements.

Kenneth Arndtson was born Feb. 19, 1946, to Ove Sr. and Josie (Kragtorp) Arndtson in Hendricks. He was raised in rural Lamberton and graduated from Lamberton High School in 1964.

Ken farmed with his parents after high school, then married Marilyn Knakmuhs. They were blessed with four children.

Ken did field work for local farmers, worked as a mechanic and worked for many years at Westside Massey Ferguson Implement dealer in Lamberton. He also ran his own tire shop, helped his brother build the bowling alley in Hastings, drove bus for Lamberton school, drove truck for Stavnes Farms and later owned a semi and trailer and trucked as "Ten

IDENTITY/Friends to lead praise,

When the Belgardes moved to Mt. Lake, the two girls renewed their friendship. They both play several instruments, sing and are passionate about worship and love Jesus, wholeheartedly.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Charlotte Meier

The Celebration of Life gathering for Charlotte 'Char" Meier, 70, of rural Windom, has been rescheduled to Saturday, Nov. 13, from 3 to 7 p.m., at LaCanne Family Funeral Home in Windom.

Charlotte "Char" Meier died Oct. 8, 2021, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Service of Windom is handling the funeral arrangements

• DEATH NOTICE

Gerald Bloedow

Gerald "Jerry" Bloedow, 91, of Richfield, formerly of Cottonwood County, died Oct. 22, 2021.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m., at Woodlake Lutheran Church, 2120 W. 76th St., in Richfield.

Visitation will be held Thursday at the church for LaCanne Family Funeral

one hour prior to the service. Jerry worked at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom in the 1960s with the Governor's Council on Aging.

He then moved to the Twin Cities area where he was longtime executive secretary for the Minnesota Board on Aging.

The Docket app provides a secure digital option for Minnesotans to view and keep track of immunizations they received or need in the future.

Minnesotans can easily access their immunization record through their smartphones or other mobile devices by using an app called Docket.

Docket enables residents with a Minnesota Immunization Information Connection record to securely view and share their immunization records.

MIIC, Minnesota's immunization information system, combines all immunizations a person has received into a single record, even if they were given by different health care providers in Minnesota. Anyone who has a MIIC record can use the Docket app to access their record, including their COVID-19 vaccination. The app provides a PDF document of the immunization record that can be saved to your mobile device, printed, emailed or texted as needed.

"The Docket app gives Minnesotans a digital option to access their immunization history in MIIC, check what vaccines you or your children may be due for, and see what vaccines you may need in the future. This is vital to making sure people are protected from preventable diseases," said Kris Ehresmann, Minnesota Department of Health Infectious Disease Division director.

Docket helps meet consumer demand for more accessible immunization records.

For more information, visit Find My Immunization Record at: https:// www.health.state.mn.us/ people/immunize/miic/ records.html.

Docket is free and available for download in Apple and Android app stores.

BULLETIN BOARD

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monday, Nov. 8 The Windom Area Health Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. at the hospital's Education Room.

LSS BISTRO

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

Thursday: Roast beef and mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables

Friday: Beef chili with beans, romaine salad with dressing, corn muffin.

Monday: Chicken stir fry,

brown rice, oriental vegetables. Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad with dressing, Texas toast, pine-

apple. Wednesday: Creamy chicken, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots.

Thursday (11-11)I: Turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy, roasted beets, dinner roll.

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

WEEKLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

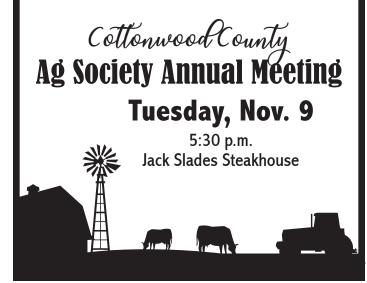
Al-Anon: Presently not meeting. Contact: Lorri, 831-6107. AA: Fridays — 8 p.m.; Saturdays — 11 a.m.; Sundays — 4 p.m.; Wednesdays — 9:30 a.m., Windom Fire Hall. Contact: Kathy, 822-1311. Gam-Anon: Thurs. - 7 p.m., Windom Fire Hall, 428 9th St. Gamblers Anonymous: Sundays - 7 p.m., Law Enforcement Center lower level, Windom. Immunizations: Mondays-

Fridays — By appointment, Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom. Contact: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987.

NA: Wednesdays — 7-8 p.m., BARC Second Floor. TOPS: Thursdays — 5 p.m., weigh-ins, 5:30 p.m., meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St., Windom.

WIC Clinics: Mondays-Fridays By appointment 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987. Windom Area Chordhustlers: Currently not meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Windom Kiwanis Club: Thursdays - Noon, River City Eatery

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Thank you, Donna Torkelson **Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer**

EDUCATION

Mt. Lake FFA agronomy team finishes fifth at nationals

The team competed Wednesday and Thursday in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mt. Lake FFA's agronomy team brought home a fifth-place finish from the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Saturday.

The team of Ian Penner, Kade Wassman, Samuel Stade and Kody Wassman finished behind Career Development Event champion Louisiana, which was comprised of a team from the Jennings FFA.

Individually, senior Kade Wassman finished third overall and teammates Penner and Kody Wassman joined Kade among those named Gold Emblem individuals. Stade was a Silver Emblem individual.



MT. LAKE FFA'S agronomy team that brought home a fifth-place plaque from the 2021 National FFA Convention include (from left) Sam Stade, Ian Penner, Kody Wassman and Kade Wassman. Kade finished third, individually.

Rounding out the top five were Ohio in second place, North Dakota in third and

California in fourth. Nebraska, West Virginia, Wash-

ington, Idaho and Wyoming

completed the top 10 teams that were recognized.

"I am very proud of the team because it is an incredibly difficult contest. I don't know if Minnesota has ever won," said Mt. Lake FFA adviser Darcy Dahna, who coached the team with Larry Christopher of Jackson. "Larry was essential. He volunteers to coach the Minnesota team each year and knows everything about the contest.

"I am really proud of Kody because he was a substitute for a previous member so he had to learn the contest in a much shorter period of time.

"The team practiced really hard over the last two years to get these good results."

By the way, Kody and Kade flew back to Minnesota after

Wednesday's competition was complete because Kody ran in the section cross country meet on Thursday and Kade got back for football practice and the team's game on Saturday.

Mt. Lake was one of 17 teams from around the country that qualified to compete in-person in Indianapolis last week. Teams went through a preliminary virtual contest on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. In that segment of the competition, each team member took an agronomy exam, identified crops and weeds, as well as disorder and pests, and performed grain grading.

"I believe the most difficult part of the contest is the identification of crops and weeds from all over the

U.S.," Dahna said. "There are 259 on the list and they could be seeds, small plants or fully grown." Once teams were in

Indianapolis, they competed Wednesday and Thursday, which included commodity grading, ag issues and a team event.

Dahna believed the team did the best on the agronomic test and commodity evaluation because at the awards

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MS. DARBUS (KAYLAN DONCHEZ) demonstrates to her detention students how she wants them to dramatize a mimed scene. Watching are (from left) Isabel Mendoza, Virginia Jensen, Faith Ford, Claire Walinga, Lauren Kelly, Matthew Wilde, Ella Wilde, Eli Freiwald, Isaac Armstrong, Alex Garcia and Andres Rodriguez Cerda.

Tickets on sale for *High School Musical*

Tickets for the 2013 Windom Area High School Fall Musical "High School Musical" are now on sale in the Windom Area Middle High School office.

The two-act production, which will be staged in the WAMHS Lecture Hall Theater, is in its final three weeks of rehearsals. Cast, crew and directors are looking forward to the Nov. 18 opening night with four performances scheduled Nov. 18-20.

Show times are 7 p.m., each evening,

with a 2 p.m. matinee on Nov. 20. Tickets are \$8 per seat with all seats reserved.

The movie hit theaters in January 2006 and by August, it debuted on stage. This is the second time Windom students have staged the production, the last coming in the fall of 2013. The plot centers on Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez, who meet, become close friends and wind up auditioning for the school musical. Emily Riordan, in her debut as WAHS director, says the story's moral is that it's OK to be well-rounded kids, but reaching that conclusion for the cast's high school students is the drama that is "High School Musical." Riordan is assisted by Sarah Theesfeld, with Rachel Axford serving as music



SCHOOL MENUS Nov. 4-11

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Friday: French toast, flavored applesauce, orange juice. Pre-- Uncrustable peanut butter

and jelly sandwich, orange juice. ALC & ELC — No school. Monday: Muffin and string cheese, fruit punch juice. PreK Blueberry muffin.

Tuesday: Cereal and graham crackers, apple juice. PreK -Graham crackers.

Wednesday: Egg patty and cheese with toast or bagel OR breakfast pizza; orange juice. PreK — English muffin with peanut butter.

Thursday (11-11): Pop Tart and crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK — Cereal. 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: Chicken nuggets, potato choice, cucumber slices with dip, fresh fruit. MHS alt.: Grilled cheese sandwich and Go-Gurt.

Friday: Cheese quesadilla with romaine lettuce and toppings, green beans, fruit variety. MHS alt .: Ham and cheese sandwich, baked chips. ALC

No school.

Wednesday: Sloppy Joes, potato choice, cooked sliced carrots, fruit. MHS alt.: Savory chicken on a bun.

Thursday (11-11): Chicken patty on a bun, corn, cherry tomatoes with ranch, patriotic fruit cup. MHS alt.: Hamburger.

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(All meals include bread and milk, but are subject to change.) Thursday: Goulash, mixed

veggies, peaches. Friday: Hamburger, Cali-

fornia blend vegetables with cheese, apples.

Monday: Tater Tot hot dish, mixed veggies, pears, garlic bread

Tuesday: Nachos with cheese and taco meat, corn, peaches.

Wednesday: Hot dog, baked beans, mixed fruit, chips. Thursday (11-11): Hot ham

and cheese, carrots, applesauce cup.

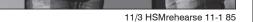
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... speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. — Ephesians 5:19-20 Pastor Dewey Moede

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CHAD (ANDRES RODRIGUEZ CERDA) makes a point to Troy (Alex Garcia) prior to basketball practice in a Monday night rehearsal in the WAMHS Lecture Hall Theater.

director. Student directors are Sherlin Barrios and Michelle Macario Rios. The cast includes nearly 30 actors and actresses and a lights technician.

Monday: Hot dog, calico baked beans, baby carrots with ranch dip, fruit. MHS alt .: Chicken faiita with tortilla and vegetable toppings.

Tuesday: Walking taco with beef, Doritos tortilla chips, lettuce, tomatoes and toppings, green beans, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Mini chef salad.

Public gets inside look at SEED program, new space

Open house at Highland Building shows added space for instruction.

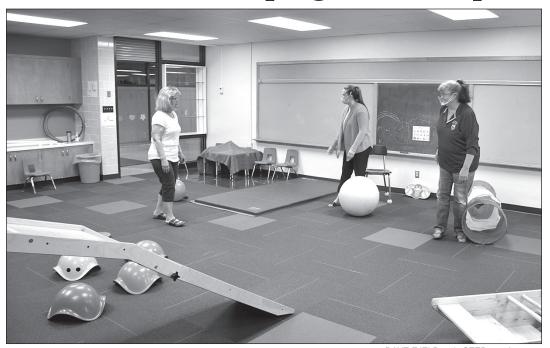
Area residents got a good look at the new classrooms for the SEED program, housed at the Highland building in east Windom, through a recent open house.

SEED, an acronym for "Social Emotional Enrichment Development," has been in operation for nine years, serving children and their families primarily in Cottonwood County, but also some from Jackson County.

The program helps preschool-aged children (ages 3 to 5) as they develop social and emotional skills they are lacking. The goal is to help them be ready in all facets when they start kindergarten.

According to Jan Rhubee, a staff member in the program, SEED focuses on social and emotional regulation and helping children develop the skills they need to address the feelings they may be experiencing in ways that are healthy. That can include expressing anger in ways that are not harmful to others or finding ways to play well with others.

Jessica Cowan, a licensure candidate in the program, said that staff now have almost twice the space they had before to work with students. The rooms are lo-



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JEANINE ACKERMANN (LEFT) of Lakefield takes a look at one of the SEED rooms at the Highland Building as SEED staff Jessica Cowan (center) and Tracy Gundermann, an early childhood counselor, explain how the room is used to work with students.

cated on the west end of the building with one as more of a classroom setting with group tables and desks. The second room offers more of an indoor playground setting with games, apparatuses and activities students may use or participate in.

The SEED program meets three days each week for three hours each day. Morning and afternoon sessions are offered.

ACKERMANN CHECKS OUT one of the play stations explained by Cowan, a licensure candidate who works in the SEED program.

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-WINDOM AREA SCHOOLS— IDENTS IN W

Chosen because—Ava brings positive energy and enthusiasm to our class each day. She contributes to class discussions and strives to do her best on her assignments and assessments. Keep up the great work, Ava!

Student's comments — I enjoy the social aspect of school, like hanging with my friends and talking to the other students. My favorite subjects are English, Science, Social and PE.



Ava VanNorman Grade 8

Student's interests --- My hobbies are running track, watching movies with my family and baking.

Parents-Mitch and Barb VanNorman

HIGH SCHOOL

Chosen because — Zaria has on several occasions volunteered to help tutor her peers in Algebra and other classes. She is kind and welcomes classmates to join her in activities. She is respectful toward others and is a positive person in our school. She often greets others with a smile which results in others smiling.

Student's comments — My favorite subject is math, specifically, Algebra and Geometry. I also enjoy Social Studies and Art. Student's interests - I enjoy volleyball, FFA and wrestling stats. I also attend a youth group at the Gathering.

Parent—Casey Harrington



Zaria Harrington Grade 9

Congratulations, Ava and Zaria!

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Thongvivong stated that

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or not he'll take the posi-

one of the interviewees

for the HEO position also

expressed interest in a va-

cant solid waste technician

position at the landfill. The

board subsequently agreed

to hire Kevin Grunewald as

The board also approved

a solid waste technician.

the promotion of David Grev to deputy assessor,

Other business

board:

grams.

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retroactive to Oct. 25. Grev

will need to complete a six-

month probationary period.

In other business, the

· Approved a tax abate-

ment for new construction

of a duplex in Mt. Lake by

• Approved the Natural Resources Block Grant of

\$71,388 for Fiscal Years

2022 and 2023. The grants

cover several Soil and Water

• Gave blanket approval

to the highway department

to advertise for bids on 2022

construction projects. The

when those advertisements

would run. Klisch said that

those projects currently in-

clude a bridge replacement

on County Road 11, as well

as renovation to Sixth Av-

enue just outside the Win-

dom city limits, which the

Great Bend Township.

county is doing on behalf of

board would be notified

Conservation District pro-

tion," Holmen said.

Malware, what is it?

Growing up, I was always leery of my computer potentially getting a virus. We had Norton at one point and I would watch it as it would do scans of the computer system. It always made the computer slow and if you clicked on

a different program while Norton was scanning your mouse would be frozen in time for a half hour. Viruses are a form of

malware It is a blanket term for "malicious software."

Trojans, adware, rootkits, ransomware, worms and spyware are all types of Malware.

Let's take a look at each of these

Trojan horse—Disguises itself as legitimate software, with the intention of tricking you into running malicious software on your computer.

Adware—Unwanted software that displays ads on your screen, often collects personal information about you and serves you more personalized ads.

Rootkits—Enables unauthorized users to gain access to your computer

FELONY/ Coon Rapids man charged with drug possession FROM PAGE 2

of, "drugs first-degree sale, 17 grams or more, cocaine or meth within a 90-day period.'

According to the complaint, the charges stem from a controlled purchase which was witnessed by an undercover informant. On the afternoon of May 26, 28.95 grams of methamphetamine was allegedly sold.

The complaint reports that a couple of informants were involved with the case and that one of them was carrying a listening device.

If convicted, Holinka and Flatgard each face a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine or both for each count.

In addition to these charges. Flatgard faces a felony



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Andrew Shar'quan Del-

aney, Jr., is charged with: "fifth-degree sale, marijuana mixture except small amount of marijuana with no remuneration" and "fifthdegree possession schedule 1,2,3,4 not small amount of marijuana.³

According to the complaint, the charges stem from a traffic stop outside Windom on Oct. 8. A State Trooper reported stopping a vehicle for traveling 84 mph in a 65 mph zone. At the time of the stop, the trooper reported smelling a strong odor of marijuana.

The complaint states that when the trooper asked Delaney about the odor, he replied that he had a backpack in the back seat containing marijuana-related items. During a search, the trooper found a bag containing 44 grams of marijuana, according to the complaint.

If convicted, Delaney faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both for each count.

Board weighs possible bonding for major projects

Low interest rates could jump-start projects to build a new highway shop and remodel the LEC.

> **By JOEL ALVSTAD** ioela@windomnews.com

A pair of major county needs took center stage at Tuesday's Cottonwood **County Commissioners** meeting.

Proposed construction of a new highway shop and possible remodeling of the county's Law Enforcement Center have been batted around by the board for quite some time.

But board chair Tom Appel noted that historicallylow interest rates could make the time right to look at bonding for both projects.

'With rates this low, we'd be crazy to not look at it," Appel said. "As a board, we've watched what we've spent money on very carefully. The projects we're looking at aren't over the top. They're definitely needs.'

Commissioner Norm Holmen added, "We've done our due diligence when it comes to the highway shop and the LEC. We've done a lot of homework, and the time might be right.'

Appel said he received rough estimates from George Eilertson of Northland Securities, which

WILDER/ Groundwater contamination is

a concern

FROM PAGE 1

concerns about contamination dangers for surface and groundwaters. Wastewater washes into nearby waterways, negatively impacting the environment.

Senators asked multiple questions about potential private or shared systems.

According to Bolten & Menk, there is not space for each property owner to construct a replacement septic system.

The city explored the feasibiltiy of constructing a regional septic system as well as pumping waste to

would bond for a possible \$15 million highway shop and \$8 million to remodel the LEC.

The numbers also called for the county to make a \$5 million down payment on each project and would call for either \$300,000 or \$500,000 to be used from highway department funds.

Using those numbers, the interest rate on the highway shop could be 1.6% for a 15-year bond or 1.83% on a 20-year bond.

The LEC remodeling project could have an interest rate of 1.63% for a 15-year bond or 1.85% for a 20-year bond.

Commissioner Donna Gravley expressed concern about using money from the highway department to lower the tax impact. However, Highway Department Director Nick Klisch said that the department would be able to absorb the hit. "We have a very good,

relatively-new fleet," Klisch said.

Holmen stated he would like to see information on interest rates for early payments. Additionally, Holmen said the estimates do not figure in potential revenue to the county from wind turbines, which could potentially pay for the entire project.

"If the wind turbine revenue comes to fruition, that could mean that we could tackle these needed projects at zero tax impact to our constituents," Holmen said. "If you can build needed projects in the county off

wind turbine revenue, there's the fruit from having those turbines in our county."

The tentative plan is to have Eilertson attend a meeting in early December to offer clarity to the potential bonding for the projects.

Appel added that a public hearing would likely be held before any decision to begin bonding.

Personnel business

The board considered the potential hiring of a new heavy equipment operator for the county.

County coordinator Kelly Thongvivong stated three people interviewed for the vacant position. The candidate the hiring committee wants to hire asked about the possibility of carrying over accrued vacation time from his current position in another county. The candidate, who has 17 years of experience, also could be hired at Range 10I, at the top of the pay matrix.

setting a precedent," Appel said.

strong advocate for hiring the individual, based on his experience.

4-1 vote to offer the position at Range 10I with vacation accrued as if the individual had been employed by the county for four years. Appel voted against the offer.

'By acting like that, Kelly can go back to the person

FFA/Team event was difficult FROM PAGE 6

ceremony, the head of the contest said 65% of the students passed the exam at a level that would qualify them to be a Certified Crop Advisor at the adult level.

"This is because they used questions from the test for that program," Dahna said, noting that she believed the foursome had a high team activity score because they worked very well together under pressure.

In the team event, teams were given a farm scenario where they had to create a recommendation for the next year's best crop option. The

If approved, construction people have enough room that they can put in a holding tank and pump it on some schedule," Bak said. "And of course that works." A spokesperson from Bol-

are a few people doing that because they don't have any other options. That is expensive too, the regular pumping from a tank."

Funding efforts

have been efforts to get grants from the USDA and DEED, but nothing has

Officials from the USDA say they could provide up to \$1 million in grant funds if the community could work out a loan. So far, the loan portion has been a stumbling block. A project needs a ranking score of at least

of 2024. According to city officials, all 26 homes would be required to hook into the new system once it is built. Senator reaction

could begin in 2023 with

ten & Menk replied, "There

City leaders say there

materialized to date.

completion in the summer

Feedback about the project appeared to be mixed. Some senators seemed generally supportive of the project, but some seemed skeptical. The skeptics had more to say at last week's meeting.

"That's \$165,000 per connection," one senator

pointed out. "Even if we were to find money to relocate people, it

system," another senator said.

would be cheaper than this

"This is my home, it is where I've lived my whole life," Masters replied. "I love it here." Another senator replied, "But Windom is just five miles away.' Louetta Masters, Wilder city clerk, replied, "Windom has a housing shortage right now. That would be difficult." Sen. Tom Bak, who chairs the committee, said the community may need to be creative in finding solutions "Where I live, most of the

'We haven't given vacation accrual in the past, and if we do that, we'd be

Klisch noted that he's a

The board agreed on a

charge of "fifth-degree possession schedule 1,2,3,4 not small amount of marijuana." The charge stems from an incident that allegedly occurred on Oct. 10.

According to the complaint, after an officer arrested Flatgard on a Cottonwood County warrant, he was in possession of marijuana wax.

If convicted, Flatgard faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Coon Rapids man charged with possession

A 21-year-old Coon Rapids man has been charged with two felony drug charges stemming from an alleged Oct. 8 incident in Cottonwood County.

Windom man faces felony assault charge

A 50-year-old Windom man has been charged with doestic assault by strangulation.

What started as a burglary report on Oct. 6 led to charges against Joel Brent Flatgard of Windom for domestic assault by strangulation. According to the complaint, during a dispute at the victim's home, Flatgard allegedly pinned the victim against a countertop and cabinets with one hand on the victim's throat.

When officers arrived at the scene Flatgard was gone. If convicted, Flatgard faces a maximum sentence of three years in prison, a \$5,000 fine or both



Officials from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency agree that pumping waste to Windom is the best option. The plan calls for a gravity collection and conveyance system within the city, a lift station and force main connected to Windom's system.

45 to receive loan funding. Wilder's project checks in at 16.

As for the state DEED grant, there apparently is potential for a \$600,000 grant, but the next funding cycle won't be announced until sometime in 2022.

The committee toured multiple other projects throughout Southwest Minnesota during the past week. Decisions on this and other bonding requests will occur during the 2022 Minnesota Legislative Session.

recommendation had to include crop variety, fertilizer. chemicals and costs associated for the year.

"The team activity was the most stressful because they had to come up with an entire year's growing plan within one hour and present it to a team of professional agronomists," Dahna said.

Although team results were announced during the final session on Saturday, scores were not available at press time.

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CHAMBER/ Kriesel gets ovation for his inspirational **Story** FROM PAGE 1

"I think often what we could accomplish if we would all work together and it is the driving force behind us right now."

Speech strikes a chord

Following the Gala, several people commented positively about Kriesel's keynote address

Kriesel served in Iraq as a member of the Minnesota National Guard and in 2006 lost both of his legs when the military vehicle he was riding in struck a 200 lb. improvised explosive device.

His inspirational story, told in an award-winning book "Still Standing: The story of SSG John Kriesel."

During his speech, Kriesel, who walks with the aid of artificial legs, told the crowd: "I am happier today than I've ever been in my life, because I appreciate life.

At the end of his speech, Kriesel received a standing ovation.

"I think coming off this last year and still going through 'change' in the world, our state and our small community, a message like John's is what we needed to hear," Marcy said. "We need to be reminded on how today a gift is, we are never guaranteed time and that instead of focusing on the things that maybe we would like to have we need to be focusing on utilizing all the gifts we currently have.

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away.

11/3 chamber 15 **KYLIE NORELL of Wellness** & Vitality Chiropractic was recognized as the 2021 Rookie of the Year.



11/3 chamber 17 MARY KLOSTERBUER, who has served the community in multiple ways, received the Lifetime Achievement award.



RAHN LARSON 11/3 chamber 7

THE WINDOM LIONS CLUB received the Community Champion award. Those on hand from the Lions Club included (from left) front: John Holt, President Al Saffert and Dana Anderson. Back: Zach Holt, Ben Petersen, Shelli Legler, Jeff Evers, Steph Evers, Carol Wagner, Jerry Wagner and Jim Krueger.



HYLIFE RECEIVED THE Exceptional Achievement award. This HyLife group includes (from left): Len Bakken, Scott Dougherty, Jordan Roberts, Nick Magelee, Thor Eiriksson, Tom Siegfried and Alan Pickard.

"He did such an amazing job captivating that room, his message was strongly delivered. There were people in that room that became emotional from his words,

some were enjoying his humor through his delivery but the one thing everyone in that room defiantly was moved by his words.





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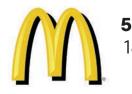
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MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Annual Gala

Thursday, October 28 the Windom Chamber hosted its 7th Annual Gala at the Windom Community Center. Our guest speaker, John Kriesel, delivered a wonderful speech full of hope and positivity.

A huge congratulations to all the winners of the community awards. The Windom Lions Club accepted the Community Champion award, HyLife won the Exceptional Achievement award, Wellness & Vitality Chiropractic took home the award for Rookie of the Year and Mary Klosterbuer was given the Lifetime Achievement award.

The chamber would also like to give a shout out to the three individuals who completed the 2020-2021 young professionals Rising Stars program. The

recipients of the award included Matraca Hanson of POET, Dia LeFebvre of Windom Area Health, and Daniel Penaredondo also of Windom Area Health.

Thank you to all who attended and for your support of the Chamber and the community of Windom. A great time was had by all and we look forward to bringing you more events, more connection and more value.

Christmas Light Contest

The Windom Chamber and the Convention & Visitor Bureau will once again be hosting a Christmas Light Contest. Light up Windom for a chance to win Chamber Bucks! Individuals and businesses alike are encouraged to participate. Registration is open now until Friday, November 19. To register contact the Windom Chamber at office@ windomchamber.com or stop by the office Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Voting will be between Monday, December 6 and Thursday, December 16.



Shannon Lynn's Boutique Ribbon Cutting

Congratulations to Shannon Lynn's Boutique. A ribbon cutting took place Thursday, October 14. We wish you nothing but the best!

Member Renewal/Recruitment

I will be going around town this month to speak with businesses who have been members in the past and those who have yet to join. I look forward to meeting with you and letting you know what we are all about.

Chamber E-Blast

If you would like to keep up with Chamber & community happenings, sign up for our weekly Monday E-Blast and get the latest updates straight to your inbox! Sign up via our website at windomchamber.com, or contact new Assistant Director Katie at katieg@windomchamber.com.









COTTONWOOD COUNTY CITIZEN

Joel Alvstad Sports Editor



The perfect summary

There have been some pretty pathetic moments in the history of the Minnesota Vikings.

In fact, if I tried to list all of them, that list would probably require that we add extra pages to the paper.

But during the Mike Zimmer tenure, it seems like there is one thing that is inevitable.

It seems that every year, the Vikings have a loss that absolutely defies logic, where the Vikings offense doesn't both showing up, the defense doesn't show up, or both.

Sunday night's 20-16 loss to the Cowboys would fall under "both."

It seems like every year under Zimmer, the defense has a game where the Vikings face a backup quarterback, only to have that backup put up a huge game.

Sunday, it was Cooper Rush's turn to look like Johnny Unitas against the Vikes. Rush, in place of injured starter Dak Prescott, threw for 325 yards and two touchdowns, including the game winner in the final minute.

More troubling, though, has been the offense. On opening drives all season, the Vikings have steamrolled opponents. On Sunday, the Vikings went through Dallas like a hot knife through butter on the opening drive.

Then, sitting on a 7-0 lead was apparently good enough. The play calling got extremely conservative, with an abundance of short runs, screen passes and check-downs. Fullback C.J. Ham had as many receptions as Adam Thielen and Justin Jefferson combined. Fans in the stadium weren't impressed and voiced their displeasure. And Twitter was ablaze with comments from disgruntled fans. But the comment that hit the nail on the head the most came from Pro Football Talk Vikings reporter Michael David Smith, who perfectly summed up the state of the current Vikings, and the team's history. He commented, "The Vikings will never be good enough to win the Super Bowl and never be bad enough to blow it all up and start over.

Walklin places fifth, while the Eagle boys finish sixth at the

Section 3A Meet.

By JOEL ALVSTAD joela@windomnews.com

In the COVID-altered 2020 cross country season, Windom's Kaylee Walklin quickly emerged as one of Section 3A's more promising young runners.

At last year's section meet in Luverne, Walklin surged to victory in the Eagles' four-team heat. When the results of all six heats were combined, Walklin had placed ninth, individually, which would have earned her a trip to the Class A State Meet.

But no state meet was held in 2020 due to the pandemic, and Walklin was unable to take part in a hastily arranged unofficial state meet.

Fast forward a year. In her first year running in regularly-sized meets, Walklin quickly showed she was up to the task of competing with the best the section had to offer.

By late in the season, Walklin moved into the Class A state individual rankings. But Thursday's Section 3A Meet in Madison solidified Walklin's place among the section's best.

Now, after a fifth-place finish at sections, she'll have a chance to compete against the state's best.

The Class A Girls State

Meet will be held Saturday at St. Olaf College in Northfield, beginning at 1 p.m.

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"Kaylee ran a terrific, smart race," Eagle Coach Melissa Pletcher said. "She did a nice job keeping some highly-ranked runners within range and she pushed to the very end."

Walklin's performance led the Eagle girls to a 12thplace finish with 309 points. Luverne won the section title with 50, while Murray County Central-Fulda advanced as the runner-up with 69 points.

The Eagle boys took sixth in the team standings, finishing with 141 points. Lac Qui Parle Valley/ Dawson-Boyd won the section title with 75 points, while Luverne advanced as the runner-up with 81 points.

Walklin earns her place

Walklin started Thursday's race at a brisk pace and spent much of the initial mile of the race in second place, trailing only eventual champion Amanda Overgaauw of Murray County Central-Fulda.

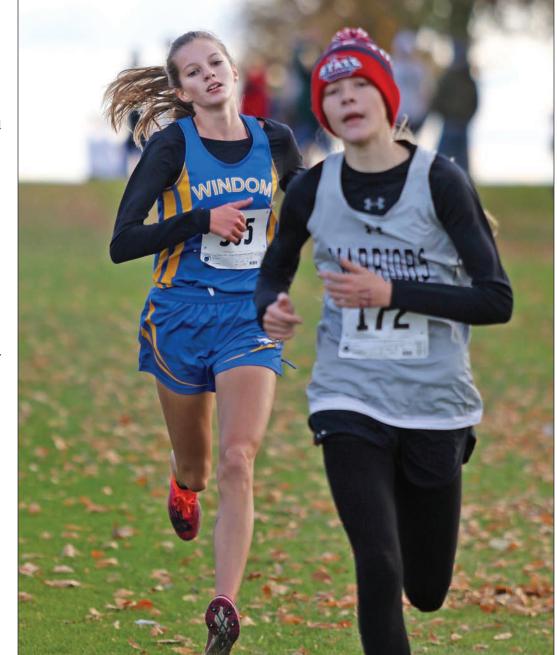
Eventually, Walklin settled into a pack behind Overgaauw and Luverne's Tenley Nelson.

"She kept Tenley and Ashley Overgaauw right in her sight until the very end," Pletcher said. "Jenna DeBates of Luverne kind of snuck up on Kaylee a bit and ended up passing her late, and Ashley finished in 18:51 with Kaylee in 18:52.

"Ashley and Kaylee did a

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Walklin punches ticket to state meet



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KAYLEE WALKLIN (left) tries to catch MCCF's Ashley Overgaauw on the final hill at Thursday's Section 3A Meet in Madison. Walklin finished fifth overall, one second behind Overgaauw, to earn a trip to Saturday's Class A State Meet in Northfield.

Huskies rumble past Eagles in playoffs

From Jackson County Central's first offensive play, the Huskies were in complete control against the Windom Eagles in the opening round of the Section 3AA playoffs.

JCC's Gabe Wolff scored on a 43-yard touchdown run on the Huskies' first play from scrimmage setting the





"It's #PurplePurgatory."

tone for the night.

The Huskies raced to a 44-0 halftime lead on their way to a 58-6 victory, ending the Eagles' season with a 1-8 record.

"There's not a lot to say," Eagle Coach Jeremy O'Donnell said. "I'm proud of how hard the kids fought all season. I think we improved throughout the entire season. There are a lot of things we couldn't do a year ago that we were able to do.

"The kids are buying in to what we want to accomplish. We have a lot of underclassmen who got a lot of reps for us this season. We have the majority of our kids coming back and I'm excited about having another year to work with these kids."

JCC scored touchdowns on its first six offensive possessions of the game, needing RAHN LARSON 11/3 football 67 OWEN DAHNA (54) looks to clear a path for running back Tucker Renquist during last Tuesday's game against JCC.

only a handful of plays to do so.

The Huskies scored on their first play from scrimmage on a 43-yard run. JCC added a 7-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter for a 14-0 lead.

The flood gates opened in the second quarter, as the Huskies tacked on four rushing touchdowns, scoring 30 points in the quarter to take a 44-0 lead.

"JCC's front line took a

toll on us," O'Donnell said. "Their strength was an advantage. A lot of the teams we played this year were senior-heavy, but they also take a lot of pride in their weight room participation. Our numbers are starting to increase and hopefully the guys who will be seniors for us can set the tone by being leaders, not just on the field,

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SYDNEY SKARPHOL lunges for a dig during Friday's Section 3AA playoff match against Redwood Valley.

Eagles bow out with loss

After winning their playoff opener Friday, the Windom Eagle volleyball team ran into a buzzsaw Monday night in Jackson.

State-ranked Jackson County Central had the Eagles on the defensive from the start Monday, getting stronger in each set of a 3-0 sweep.

JCC's strong service game kept the Eagles out of system much of the night. "When we were in

system, we were pretty successful," Eagle Coach Crystal Fast said. "In the first two sets, we were right in it until about the 10 or 11-point mark, when they went on a run to close each of those sets. In the third

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A LOOK BACK TEN YEARS AGO

Mt. Lake Christian sophomore Whitney Klassen had been a definition of dedication, participating both in cross country and on the MLC volleyball team in the fall. At the Section 3A Meet in Adrian, she became the school's first state meet qualifier in any sport. Klassen took third with a careerbest time of 15:11 on the 4,000-meter course.

The Windom volleyball team opened the Section 3AA playoffs with a 3-0 sweep over Pipestone. Hali Tasler had nine kills and 12 digs in the win. Kelsey Hanefeld fired two ace serves. Abby Hayenga had a team-high nine set assists.

Firearms deer hunting season gets underway Saturday

Antlerless permits in the region saw a significant increase.

For many deer hunters, Saturday marks the first time this season they can head out to hunt with a firearm.

The firearm deer season opens Saturday and runs continuously through Nov. 14. Legal hunting hours each day are from a half-hour before sunrise until a half-hour after sunset.

Local DNR Wildlife Manager Brian Nyborg said that the 2021 hunting season brings some significant changes for hunters in the region.

One of the biggest has to do with the numbering of deer permit areas.

"The biggest change is that some of the zone numbers have changed," Nyborg said. "For example, area 295 covers much of Cottonwood County, but now includes a big chunk of Murray County. Area 250 covers most of Jackson County."

But the other major change for hunters is the increase in the number of antlerless permits issued in the region.

Most of Southwest Minnesota is considered lottery areas for antlerless permits. The deadline to apply for the lottery was in September, which means anyone wishing to hunt a doe who did not apply for a antlerless firearms license will have to do so with a bow and arrow.

The increase in antlerless permits was significant. "In area 295, it was 400

and it went up to 500," Nyborg said. "It increased to 400 last year and went up another 100 this year. The deer researchers were actually recommending a higher number of antlerless permits for 295, but I felt that the increase they recommended wasn't warranted. Typically, if you increase the number of antlerless permits by 100, you'll usually see the harvest of antlerless deer increase by 50."

Nyborg said the decision to increase the number of antlerless permits was made with several factors in mind, including public feedback.

"Our researchers model to give us an idea of how the herd is growing," Nyborg said. "We also get feedback from hunters about the state of the herd, locally. When it comes to setting the number of antlerless permits, I tend to set it more conservatively than the models would call for. "But this year, we had a mild winter, which means more does were carrying twins. We also had more fawns from the previous year surviving. That led me to believe we could handle an increase in antlerless permits."

Nyborg added that many parts of the state have special youth firearms hunts. The hunts in Cottonwood and Jackson counties proved very successful.

"The youth hunt was very successful in the area," Nyborg said. "In area 250, which is Jackson County, they registered 23 deer, which is up from 15 a year ago. In area 295, which is much of Cottonwood County, there were 45 deer registered. Last year, there were 33. I don't know if that means there were more kids out hunting or if the ones who were out just had more success."

Hides for Habitat

The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association again has several collection points in the area for Hides for Habitat, where hunters can drop off their deer hides to benefit MDHA habitat projects.

Boxes are located outside several area businesses.

Drop-off points in Cottonwood County include Running's in Windom, Expressway in Westbrook, the lot near Jeffers Implement and the industrial lot across from the former Casey's location in Mt. Lake.

Other drop-off points in the area include Speedway in Jackson, JNC Electric in Lakefield and PJ's Mini-Mart in Heron Lake.

Wolverines return to section finals

The last time a Prep Bowl was played, Mt. Lake Area was crowned the Class Nine-Man state champions, back in 2019.

A year ago, the COVID pandemic cancelled the state tournament, but sections were able to play a modified tournament. After the opening round, the top two remaining seeds were given the chance to play for the section title.

A year ago, Hills-Beaver Creek demolished MLA for that title.

Now, the Wolverines have their shot at redemption.

Top-seeded MLA will take on HBC for the section title on Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at Southwest Minnesota State University's Mattke Field in Marshall.

This marks the fourth straight year MLA will face HBC for the section title, and the fifth straight year, overall, for the Wolverines in the finals.

During the regular season, the Wolverine defense was dominant in a 24-6 victory over HBC. MLA held the Patriots to under 200 yards for the only time all season. The Wolverines also swung the game on an interception return for a touchdown.

Wolverine coach Tim Kirk anticipates a fast-paced game between two teams that will try to use their speed on the turf.

"We know we're going to have to neutralize their speed," Kirk said. "HBC is playing better now than they were the first time we saw them. And if we turn the ball over four times against HBC, our season will be over."

HBC is led by running back Cole Baker, who has rushed for over 1,000 yards this season. Quarterback Oliver Deelstra, in his first year under center full-time, has emerged as a dual-threat quarterback who is an efficient passer and dangerous runner. Receiver Ty Bundesen gives the Patriots a tall, quick target on the outside. HBC also returns a strong front line that will try to match up with the Wolverines' veteran linemen.

MLA enters the game with question marks. Senior running back Kolby Kremmin has been nursing a shoulder issue. In his absence, the ground game has centered more on senior fullback Micah Holmberg and freshman tailback Evan Karschnik.

Senior quarterback Marcos DeLeon has thrown fewer passes in recent weeks, mainly due to adverse weather conditions. When he has thrown, senior Tanner Koetzle and junior Alex Blom have emerged as primary targets.

MLA's senior trio of linemen—Kade Wassman, Kaden Haberman and Wyatt Wall—figure to play key roles on both sides of the ball. If the Wolverines can control the line of scrimmage, they'll have a good shot at earning their fourth state trip in five seasons.

MLA edges Falcons

Self-inflicted wounds nearly doomed the top-seeded team in Section 3 Nine-Man Saturday afternoon. Self-inflicted wounds nearly doomed the top-seeded team in Section 3 Nine-Man Saturday afternoon.

Mt. Lake Area fumbled the ball away four times and fell behind fourth-seeded Red Rock Central early.

But the Wolverines scored a crucial touchdown in the third quarter, made a red zone stop early in the fourth and milked away the final 10 minutes of the clock to escape with a 15-6 victory at Munson Field.

"We have a lot of things we need to clean up, but we're still alive and have that chance to clean things up," MLA Coach Tim Kirk said. "But at this stage in the season, if you don't take care of the ball, your season can end. Credit RRC for having a great defensive game plan and playing a terrific game. Fortunately, we were able to find a way to win and keep our season alive. The kids know we didn't play really well and that we have to play better."

RRC Coach Isaac Jenniges was proud of how his team played in the loss.

"Our kids played a whale of a football game against a very good team," Jenniges said. "The kids played their butts off. But four fourthdown plays—two on offense and two on defense—really made all the difference in the game.

"They had a big fourthdown run to keep their first scoring drive going, then they scored on a jet sweep on fourth down for their second touchdown. And we were stopped on two fourth-down plays in the red zone to have drives stall out."

Things started well for the Falcons, who forced a three-and-out on MLA's first possession. Then, on the punt attempt, MLA's rugbystyle punter, Kolby Kremmin, was rushed and tackled before he could get the kick away, turning the ball over on downs.

FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK Evan Karschnik bursts through

a gaping hole for a big gain during MLA's Section 3 Nine-Man

Moments later, the Falcons cashed in, as Mason Strom scored on a 7-yard touchdown run for a 6-0 lead.

The Wolverines then fumbled away the ensuing kickoff, giving RRC a golden chance to take a two-score lead.

But, as was the theme of the day, the Falcons were unable to make the most of a Wolverine turnover.

After stopping the Falcons on downs, the Wolverines were able to march the length of the field. A critical 40-yard run by Micah Holmberg on fourth-and-two set up a 5-yard touchdown run from Kremmin. MLA hit the two-point pass from Marcos DeLeon to Tanner Koetzle for an 8-6 lead.

The Wolverines turned the ball over two more times in the first half, losing three fumbles in all before halftime. However, the Wolverine defense was able to preserve the 8-6 lead into the second half. DAVE FJELD 11/3 MLAvsRRC FB 168 playoff game Saturday against RRC. The Wolverines claimed a 15-6 win to advance to the section finals for the fifth straight year.

Early in the third quarter, the Wolverines were able to stretch their lead. MLA marched into the red zone, but was pushed back on a penalty.

On fourth-and-11 from the RRC 19-yard line, the Wolverines found a hole on a jet sweep run by Koetzle, who scored on a 19-yard run. Kremmin's extra-point kick gave the Wolverines a

15-6 lead. RRC was able to maneuver deep into Wolverine ter-

ritory early in the fourth quarter. But on fourth and goal from the MLA 9, an incomplete pass turned the ball over on downs with 9:50 left in regulation.

Little did RRC know that it would not get the ball back, as the Wolverines slowly moved downfield, chewing up 90 yards and the last 9:50 of clock to secure the win.

The Wolverines fed Holmberg and Karschnik the ball on the final drive, picking up three to four yards per play for the entire length of the field. By the time the clock hit zero, MLA had moved to the RRC 4-yard line before taking a knee on the final play.

Holmberg rushed 17 times for 117 yards. Karschnik added 83 yards on 17 carries.

DeLeon completed 1-of-6 passes for 21 yards.

Strom finished with 75 yards on 20 carries in the loss.

Joseph Strock completed 7-of-13 passes for 43 yards. Vander Mathiowetz had two catches for 26 yards.

With the loss, RRC ends its season with a 5-5 overall record.

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TEAM STATISTICS	RRC	MLA
First Downs	9	15
Rushes-Yards	36-91	53-267
Passing Yards	43	21
Passes (Com-Att-Int)	7-14-0	1-7-0
Total Plays-Yards	50-134	60-288
Punts-Yards	4-131	1-24
Fumbles Lost	0	4
Penalties-Yards	4-25	3-30
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING: RRC: Mason Strom 20-75, 1 TD; Jacob		
Amsden 9-13; Ben Hansen 2-4; Joseph Strock 5-(-1).		
MLA: Micah Holmberg 17-117; Evan Karschnik 17-83;		
Kolby Kremmin 6-34, 1 TD; Tanner Koetzle 2-25;		
Marcos DeLeon 9-7; Jake Evers		
PASSING: RRC: Strock 7-13-0, 43; Quintyn Vold 0-1-		
0, 0. MLA: DeLeon 1-6-0, 21; Kremmin 0-1-0, 0.		
RECEIVING: RRC: Vander Mathiowetz 2-26; Strom		
4-19; Vold 1-(-2). MLA: Koetzle		
DEFENSE: RRC: Mathiowetz 1 fu		
fum. rec.; Vold 1 fum. rec.; Jake	Jackson 1 fur	n. rec.
MLA: Peyton Banks 1 int.		

Wolverines, Falcons win playoff openers, Chargers fall Tuesday

Mt. Lake Area opened ne section a Nine-Mar tournament Tuesday with a dominant performance in all three areas of the game, as the Wolverines rolled to a 58-0 victory over Madelia at Mt. Lake. The Wolverines opened the scoring on their opening possession of the game, as Marcos DeLeon scored on a 5-yard run. Later in the opening quarter, DeLeon hit Alex Blom for a 22-yard scoring strike, giving the Wolverines a 16-0 lead after one quarter. In the second, freshman Evan Karschnik rushed for his first of two touchdowns, scoring from 11 yards out for a 24-0 Wolverine lead. DeLeon then added scoring runs of 8 and 21 yards as the Wolverines took a 36-0 halftime lead. MLA opened the second half with a special teams score, as Tanner Koetzle returned the opening kickoff of the half 73 yards for a touchdown, putting MLA up 44-0. In the fourth quarter, Karschnik scored on a 44yard run and Theo Evers added a 7-yard touchdown run.

MLA: Karschnik 44 run (N. Holmberg run) MLA: T. Evers 7 run (run failed)

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said. "They were able to grinu a lot of clock of and the pass they hit before halftime really killed us. Then, they got the ball to start the second half and drove about as long as I've ever seen a high school team drive." The Chargers marched the length of the field on the opening drive of the game, cashing in on a 2-yard run by Brady Ross for a 6-0 lead. Edgerton answered, taking an 8-6 lead on a touchdown run and two-point conversion, but the lead was short-lived. Kole Curry returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown. Orion Knakmuhs hit Austin Stubbe with the two-point conversion pass, giving the Chargers a 14-8 lead after one quarter. The Dutchmen methodically marched the ball much of the game, scoring in the second quarter on a 22-yard run. Then, with time running out in the first half, the Dutchmen hit a 22-yard touchdown pass and twopoint conversion to take a 24-14 lead. Edgerton received the ball to start the second half and had a miscue on the return, leaving the Dutchmen pinned deep in their own end. But Edgerton set off on a colossal 95-yard drive that chewed up nearly nine minutes of the third quarter. Nolan Buckridge's third uchuown or the game ga Edgerton a 30-14 lead and left WWG less than three minutes with the wind at its back. The Chargers were able to briefly use the wind, then moved into scoring territory halfway through the fourth quarter, scoring on a 2-yard run by Knakmuhs. But Edgerton recovered the onside kick and was able to run out the clock without the Chargers getting the ball back. Despite the loss, Benson was happy with the progress his team made this season. 'We're going to lose some very valuable senior leadership," Benson said. "But as the season went along, we got more guys out for the sport, and that was huge for us. We want to build a culture first and the wins will come later. The seniors built a great cultural foundation and the kids are excited to play Charger football in the future.



TEAM STATISTICS	Madelia	MLA
First Downs	6	14
Rushes-Yards		35-308
Passing Yards		46
Passes (Com-Att-Int)		3-4-0
Total Plays-Yards		39-354
Punts-Yards.		0-0
Fumbles Lost		0
Penalties-Yards		3-15
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING: MLA: Evan Karschnik 14-158, 2 TD:		

RUSHING: MLA: Evan Karschnik 14-158, 2 TD; Noah Holmberg 6-37; Micah Holmberg 4-32; Marcos DeLeon 4-32, 3 TD; Theo Evers 5-30; Landon Boldt 1-9; Briley Nickel 1-7; PASSING: MLA: DeLeon 3-4-0, 44, 1 TD. RECEIVING: MLA: Alex Blom 1-22, 1 TD; Jake Evers 1-12; Treyton Duerksen 1-12. DEFENSE: MLA: Carsen Hopper 1 fum. rec.; Eli Hall 1 fum. rec.; Kaden Haberman 2 OB sacks; Wyatt Wall 1 QB sack.

Falcons win opener

Red Rock Central made the most of its scoring chances early, then turned the game over to its defense, which preserved an 18-8 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda in the Section 3 Nine-Man playoffs Tuesday in Lamberton.

The Falcons capitalized on an early HLOF turnover to score on a 7-yard Mason Strom run in the opening quarter.

Then, with a strong wind at its back in the second quarter, the Falcons took to the air, as Joseph Strock hit Vander Mathiowetz for scoring strikes of 35 and 9 yards, giving RRC an 18-0 halftime lead.

HLOF's defense bottled up the Falcons in the second half, but RRC's defense was equal to the task, stuffing the Coyotes on a fourthand-goal situation from the RRC 5-yard line early in the



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RRC QUARTERBACK Joseph Strock looks for an open receiver downfield during Saturday's playoff game against MLA.

fourth quarter.

HLOF did eventually score on a 43-yard pass from Parker Murphy to Dominic White, but RRC was able to run out the clock late.

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TEAM STATISTICS	HLOF	RRC	
First Downs	<u>13</u>	14	
Rushes-Yards		50-157	
Passing Yards Passes (Com-Att-Int)		58 4-8-0	
Total Plays-Yards	52-265		
Punts-Yards		4-155	
Fumbles Lost	3	2	
Penalties-Yards	6-55	5-45	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
RUSHING: RRC: Mason Strom 14-49, 1 TD; Jacob Amsden 18-37; Carter Therkilsen 7-34; Zak Zimmer- man 4-23; Joseph Strock 3-11; Jake Jackson 2-3; Team 2-0.			
PASSING: RRC: Strock 4-8-0, 58, 2 TD. RECEIVING: RRC: Vander Mathiowetz 2-44, 2 TD; Amsden 2-14.			
DEFENSE: RRC: Jackson Shann	ion 1 QB sacl	ς.	

Chargers fall Tuesday

When Westbrook-Walnut Grove met Edgerton in the regular season, a crucial play before halftime propelled WWG to victory. But in Tuesday's opening

round of the Section 3 Nine-Man playoffs, it was Edgerton making the big play before halftime.

A 22-yard touchdown pass late in the first half propelled the Dutchmen to a 30-20 victory over the Chargers, ending WWG's season with a 3-6 record.

"Things started out really well for us, but we had a hard time slowing down their running game," Charger Coach Johnny Benson Statistics from the game were not available as of press time.

FB/ Late score prevented shutout

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but also this off-season in the weight room."

JCC added a touchdown early in the fourth quarter to go up 50-0 before the Eagles broke the shutout on a 1-yard run by Cole Purrington. A 31-yard touchdown run for JCC ended the scoring.

Carter Vancura led the Eagles with 50 yards rushing on 12 carries. Purrington had 34 yards on six carries.

The Eagles did not complete a pass in the game on eight attempts.

The loss ended Windom's season with a 1-8 overall record. Despite that, O'Donnell

said he felt the team was moving in the right direction much of the season.

He added that he was grateful for the leadership of his team's seniors.

"Our senior class wasn't large, but they were extremely important to our program," O'Donnell said. "They were tremendous leaders and they'll be greatly missed."

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TEAM STATISTICS	Windom	JCC 14	
Rushes-Yards	44-134	25-322	
Passing Yards Passes (Com-Att-Int)	0-8-0	90 6-7-0	
Total Plays-Yards Fumbles Lost		33-412 (
Penalties-Yards		6-35	
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RAHN LARSON 11/3 football 43 ALEX ALTMAN (62) wrestles down a JCC ball carrier.

Coyotes bounce Falcons from playoffs

During the regular season, Red Rock Central and Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda went five gruelling sets against each other before HLOF eventually claimed the win.

That victory gave HLOF the Red Rock Conference title, and likely gave the Coyotes the top seed in Section 3A South.

Monday night, RRC had the opportunity to atone for that loss a few weeks ago, as the fourth-seeded Falcons faced HLOF in the sub-section semifinals in Worthington.

And early on, it started to look like the match again could go the distance.

HLOF won the opening set 25-16, but RRC battled back, rallying to win set two 26-24.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, they couldn't sustain that momentum. HLOF rolled to a 25-13 win in set three, then built an early lead in set four for a 25-19 win, defeating the Falcons 3-1 to end RRC's season.

"HLOF is a very solid team and it just wasn't our night," RRC Co-Coach Brittni Baune said. "We made a few too many errors that we don't normally make. But I was really proud of the girls. They kept battling. They didn't give them the match easily.

In set two, Baune said the Falcons' block came to life.

"Between hitting and blocking, Josie Horning had a really good second set,' Baune said. "Our blocking was huge in that set, but HLOF adjusted and we struggled after that."

HLOF built a commanding lead early in the third set and again built a lead in set four. Baune said the Falcons fought off four match points before the Covotes were able to close the match.

"We had some errors and a rotation issue in the third set and they kind of picked us apart," Baune said. "In the fourth set, we didn't make it easy on them. The girls really put up a good battle."

Karli Arkell led the Falcons with 19 kills. Horning added nine kills and two solo blocks in the loss.

Emily DeCock went 15of-15 serving with two aces. Arkell was 9-of-10 with two aces.

DeCock had a team-high 20 set assists. Lilly Stavnes finished with 26 digs.

RRC ends the season with

an 18-9 overall record. The Falcons graduate several key seniors from this year's squad.

"We're definitely going to miss their leadership and their performance on the court," Baune said. "But they set a great example for our younger players, and we have several girls who saw a lot of varsity time coming back and we have some nice, young talent coming up. The future looks pretty bright."

RRC... HLOF. ..16 26 13 19—1 ..25 24 25 25—3 RRC Stat Leaders: Serving: Emily DeCock 15-15, 2A; Karli Arkell 9-10, 2A; Nora Hemmingsen 15-16, 1A; Lilly Stavnes 11-12, 1A, Kills: Arkell 19; Horning 9; Sondra Rindfleisch 5. *Solo Blocks*: Horning 2; Mercedes Myers 1. *Set Assists*: DeCock 20; Hem-mingsen 13. *Digs*: Stavnes 26; Horning 15; Arkell 12; DeCock 11.

Falcons win opener

Red Rock Central opened the Section 3A playoffs with a hard-fought sweep over Edgerton at Lamberton.

The Falcons had two of the three sets go beyond the typical 25 points needed for victory. The Falcons won the opening set 27-25, then rolled to a 25-13 second-set win before winning set three 26-24.

Karli Arkell led the Falcons at the net with 21 kills. Josie Horning added 12 kills.

Horning added three ace serves on 17-of-18 serving.

Lilly Stavnes was 17-of-18 serving with an ace.

Nora Hemmingsen had a team-high 20 set assists. Stavnes finished with 15 digs.

Edgerton .. RRC..... ...25 13 24—0 ...27 25 26—3

RRC Stat Leaders: Serving: Josie Horning 17-18, 3A; Lilly Stavnes 17-18, 1A; Nora Hemmingsen 11-12, 1A; Sondra Rindfleisch 12-13. Kills: Karli Arkell 21; Horn-ing 12. Solo Blocks: Arkell 1. Set Assists: Hemmingsen 20; Emily DeCock 16. Digs: Stavnes 15; Horning 13; Arkell 11 Arkell 11

Cougars bounce MLAC

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey couldn't overcome an early deficit Thursday night as the Wolverines took a 3-0 loss to Cedar Mountain in the Section 2A Playoffs at Morgan. The first set of the match

was back and forth throughout before the Cougars claimed a tight 25-23 victory.

That gave the Cougars the momentum they needed to pull away, winning 25-15 in set two and 25-18 to close out the victory.

"I was very proud of our performance," Wolverine Coach Dan Hup said. "We didn't come out on top, but the girls played very well. They were very focused and competed very hard. It was fun to coach them.'

The first set proved especially critical, as the

Cougars were able to pull away late to claim the 25-23 victory, setting the tone for

the rest of the match. Michala Morin led the

Wolverines at the net with 11 kills. Brooke Naas added six kills.

Jenna Thom went 9-of-10 serving with two aces. Jaci Tollefson handed out 25 set assists and Kaylie Baerg had 24 digs.

The Wolverines finish the season with a record of 9-15. Hup noted that most of the

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team returns next season. "We only had one senior

this year, and I was very proud of how Jenna Thom was able to rise to the occasion and play well all year,' Hup said. "We have everyone else back and have a lot of momentum heading into next year."

MLAC Stat Leaders: Serving: Jenna Thom 9-10, 2A; Kaylie Baerg 4-6, 2A; Jaci Tollefson 7-7, 1A; Kearney Wall 8-11, 1A, *Kills*: Michala Morin 11; Brooke Naas 6; Wall 4; Kyla Wuertz 3; Thom 3. *Set Assists:* Tollefson 25. *Digs:* Baerg 24; Tollefson 10; Morin 7.

Wolverines stopped short at sections

During last year's COVIDaltered cross country season, Mt. Lake Area primarily saw only Red Rock Conference competition.

After cruising through the regular season and the conference meet, the Wolverines were still able to fly under the radar at the Section 3A Meet, competing in the first of six waves during the day.

MLA set the bar early and wound up claiming a runnerup finish which, in a normal year, would have earned the Wolverines a trip to state.

On Thursday, the Wolverines were hoping to duplicate that feat, but this time doing it against a full section field at Madison.

Instead, the competition was up to the task.

The Wolverine boys finished seventh in the team standings with 186 points. Lac Qui Parle Valley/ Dawson-Boyd won the section title with 75 points, while Luverne advanced as

"It was windy, but the wind wasn't overpowering and the temperatures were great. It was a very nice day to run. But it just didn't go our way."

Boys place seventh

After cruising to the Red Rock Conference title a week earlier, the Wolverine boys entered the section meet on a high note, but also with some questions.

Sophomore Kody Wassman, who won the Red **Rock Conference individual** title, had just returned from the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, but still had his sights set on a state berth.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Wolverine pack was hoping to move closer to Wassman in the standings, which would have given the team a fighting chance in the team rankings.

Wassman tried to do his part, and held his own early in the race.

Brinkman was followed by Kate Janzen in 51st (22:49), Annika Brinkman in 66th (23:28), Riley Schroeder in 73rd (23:57) and Jacey Klassen in 85th (24:19).

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MLA Results: 49. Julia Brinkman 22:45; 51. Kate Janzen 22:49; 66. Annika Brinkman 23:28; 73. Riley Schroder 23:57; 85. Jacey Klassen 24:19; 86. Aleeza Schultz 24:19; 102. Lana Kestner 25:20.

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MLA Results: 14. Kody Wassman 17:38; 30. Zach Klassen 18:18; 36. Caden Swoboda 18:36; 37. Luke Klassen 18:36; 70. Cayden LaPointe 19:53; 90. Pres-ton Xayachak 20:38; 103. Ethan Schroeder 21:23.

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KODY WASSMAN closely follows a Luverne runner early during Thursday's Section 3A Meet in Madison. Wassman placed 14th in the section meet, leading the MLA boys to seventh place.





Thursday's Section 2A playoff match against Cedar Mountain.

The Wolverines fell 3-0 to the Cougars, ending their season.

KIM NAAS JENNA THOM passes the ball ahead to the net during

the runner-up with 81 points.

MLA's girls finished 13th in the team standings with 319 points. Luverne won the section title with 50, while Murray County Central-Fulda advanced as the runner-up with 69 points.

As a team, the Wolverines did not have any individual state qualifiers.

"I can't fault the effort of the kids, because the effort was there, as it has been all season," Wolverine Coach Kyle Blomgren said. "And several of our kids ran their best times of the season. But the competition level in our section is very high and it just wasn't our day.

Wassman eventually fell back to a 14th-place finish, with a time of 17:38. He was followed by Zach Klassen in 30th (18:18), Caden Swoboda in 36th (18:36), Luke Klassen in 37th (18:36) and Cayden LaPointe in 70th (19:53).

Girls finish strong

Meanwhile, the Wolverine girls turned in a strong performance at sections, with some of the team's younger runners making a major impact.

MLA's girls were paced by eighth-grader Julia Brinkman, who finished 49th with a time of 22:45.



Kreofsky signs with DWU

Windom senior Brayden Kreofsky (front, center) signed a national letter of intent last week to attend Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D., where he will participate on the baseball team.

In addition to new Eagle head coach Alex Fink and outgoing head coach Brad Schlomann, on hand for the signing was Kreofsky's family. They include, from left, front: mother Ashlev Burton, Kreofsky, father John Burton and sister Millie Burton. Back: Sisters Madi and Emma Burton.



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Deer scenting ability hinders and helps hunting

Of all of our area's wildlife, both hunted and nonhunted, it seems to me deer have the best sense of smell. It's probably arguable but tell me, who really knows for sure.

Animals, just like humans, have 12 cranial nerves. They originate in the brain and leave through small openings in the skull. The optic nerve goes to the eye, the auditory to the ears, etc. for all 12.

Interestingly, the number one of those 12, the farthest forward of them all, whether you are a human or a hippo, is the olfactory nerve. It connects to all those microscopic receptor cells in your nasal passages. The more of those an animal has the better they can smell you.

Well deer, no doubt, have many of those receptor cells that all come together and go to the brain via that olfactory nerve to the olfactory lobes. There they mingle



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with others and make the ability of an older buck leap from its bed and be gone in the blink of an eye.

That same ability to smell so well and escape also allows them to avoid coming near your ground blind or elevated tree stand. They can smell you far less when higher in a tree so that is why you see all those elevated stands on edges of trees near cropland. Deer also evolved avoiding ground predators such as wolves and cougars so they don't look up as much.

But we hunters have figured out how to use those acute senses of smell to our advantage and it's become big business. A number of "manufacturers" now produce a wide variety of scents to attract deer, especially those smart, older bucks.

The one I use the most and have found works the best for me is the doe in estrus. It is bottled deer urine from does that are in the receptive stage of their hormonal cycle.

I use it near my stand, I use it on my boots as I walk into my hunting spot and I spray it high into any breeze that is drifting over me. I am convinced that it works.

Why? One day I watched a mature buck follow my foot steps exactly where I walked to my ground blind. He later that day hung in a tree in our backyard for a 10-day

aging period. Is that legal and ethical? The answer to both is a simple yes. It is similar to decoying ducks and geese or calling coyotes with a mouth call while imitating a dying rabbit. It allows for a clean kill of our quarry and adds an element to deer hunting we never had a half century ago.

Late leaving loons

As we tidied up our lake cabin, raked the leaves and drained the pipes ending another year "at the cabin" we noticed two loons nearby. One fished a hundred yards away, the other sailed about 60 yards above me as I took the boat to the landing.

They were both young loons, hatched this spring for sure.

But what are they doing here in mid-Minnesota this late, especially void of parents? It is my understanding

based on reading studies from banded loons, that is normal

Loons from Minnesota mostly migrate in an east, southeast direction to Lake Michigan. From there they pretty much migrate southerly to the east shores of the Florida area.

It's also been determined the adults leave early and the young of the year are left behind. Here they will mature further for the long trip south while flying and diving to increase their strength.

It seems no one can really explain how those young birds follow the same pathways with no adult guidance. Yes, migrations are one of natures most marvelous of all wildlife activities.

The joy of trees

My interest in trees began as a teenager on our Murray County farm. How brother

and I talked our dad into planting two fenced off areas of trees on the south side of our farm place I'll never know.

The trees and their leaves were really great this fall considering that we had so much hot dry weather this summer. But maybe that's the reason. I've noticed a lesser volume of leaves but a more enjoyable color.

Two trees I noticed on our cabin lot that were the most beautiful, and held their leaves the longest, were a white birch, single stem, and an autumn blaze maple. The birch was gold and the blaze was nearly red, loved 'em both!

The best part. . . I planted them both myself. Our three sons all laugh retrospectively about sharing their backseat in our Ford Esquire station wagon with trees of various kinds picked up at Denny's Nursery in Willlmar on our way north.

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really nice job of pushing each other the whole race."

While Walklin doesn't have experience running at state, her coach has experience with the state course, both as a coach and as a former state qualifier. Pletcher also ran the St. Olaf course while in college at Hamline.

"We're going to keep working her, but we also want to give her a little rest so her legs are refreshed for state," Pletcher said. "It's been a long season and she's worked hard, so it's a delicate balance going into the state meet. And it's her first time at the state meet. She would have qualified a year ago, but there wasn't a state meet. Runners with experience at state tend to do a little better.

'What we can do to try to prepare her is we'll get the chance to see the course on Friday and we'll compare it to other meets we've run this year. That first corner, in particular, is very similar to Alexandria, where you can't afford to get boxed in. If we can help her visualize those situations, she'll have an idea of what she needs

sometimes that causes a person to go out too fast," Pletcher said. "She knows where she compares to the rest of the runners from our section, so it will be important for her to try to find the Luverne and MCC girls and try to run with them.'

Other girls run well

Pletcher was happy with the performance of the Eagle girls' team, which will lose only one senior to graduation.

Alivia Letcher was the second Eagle to finish, taking 32nd (22:06). Ella Smith was 78th (24:10), followed by Mikalah Konz in 100th (25:13) and Aubri Spielman in 101st (25:15).

"Alivia will only improve more as she gets more experience at the varsity level," Pletcher said. "We also ran without Charlotte Nauman, who has run with Alivia most of the year.

"Time-wise, most of our girls had personal bests on Thursday, so that's a great high note to end the season on.'

Boys finish sixth

The Eagle boys followed the pack strategy they have used much of the season, which allowed Windom to turn in a strong sixth-place finish.

"Our boys really finished the season strong," Pletcher



HEATHER OLSON

ELI BORDEWYK tries to work his way up in the field by passing a Springfield runner at Thursday's Section 3A Meet.

Windom was led by Charlie Smith, who finished 23rd with a time of 18:09. He was followed by Eli Bordewyk in 26th (18:12), Thomas Green in 29th (18:17), Aaden Nauman in 31st (18:20) and Jacob Green in 32nd (18:24).

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set, they were in control from the start. It was disappointing to see them go on those runs. We just couldn't find a way to get a side out."

As a result, the Eagle offense couldn't get going.

"There were times we handled the serve well, but we just didn't end a rally,' Fast said. "Volleyball is a game of momentum, and we never got the momentum back.'

Sydney Skarphol led the Eagles from the service line, going 9-of-9 with an ace. Kameron Rupp was 7-of-7 with an ace.

Tristyn Maras led the Eagles at the net with five kills. Skarphol added three kills and two solo blocks. Makenna McNamara had four set assists. Kendyl Sammons finished with 11 digs.

The loss ends the Eagles' season with a 17-12 record.

"A 17-win season is nothing to hang our heads about," Fast said. "The girls gave it everything they had all season. We just came up a little short tonight, but overall it was a very good season.

"We lose four outstanding seniors who saw a lot of court time for us and really poured everything they had into volleyball. They're going to be greatly missed, but they had a tremendous impact on our younger players. We have a lot of girls coming back with experience next year. We had a good B-squad season, so we'll have some talent coming up. I'm excited for our future."

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Eagles top Cardinals

For much of their playoff-opening match, the Windom Eagles were sharp Friday night.

Windom won the opening set in commanding fashion, then were strong in the third and fourth sets, defeating Redwood Valley 3-1 in the Section 3AA playoffs at Windom.

Windom won the opening set 25-12, but the Cardinals answered, winning set two 25-9.

The Eagles responded by neutralizing Redwood at the net. The Eagles had four solo blocks and eight block assists in the match.

Meanwhile, the Eagles fired away for nine ace serves as a team, led by a four-ace performance from Tristyn Maras, who was 20-of-20 serving.

After winning 25-21 in set three, the Eagles were in command early in set four on their way to a 25-15 win.

Maras led the Eagles at the net with 14 kills. Sydney Skarphol added 10 kills and Kameron Rupp had eight.

Kendyl Sammons went 17-of-17 serving with an ace and had a team-high 13 digs. Jenna Veenker

to do and set herself up for success.

Part of setting herself up for success is helping Walklin maintain a pace she's comfortable with. "There's a lot of adrenaline at state, and

said. "We had a very strong race at conference and followed it up with a strong section meet. Now, we need the boys to realize just how close they are and put in the time and the miles in the off-season to take that next step."

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finished with 14 set assists. Makenna McNamara had 13 assists.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD** FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.:** 17-PR-21-493 **Estate of** Viola J. Aberson Decedent NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND **APPOINTMENT OF PER-**SONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated June 18, 2018, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Marsha Hamre and Lisa Erickson, as personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representatives have full power to administer

the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: October 21, 2021 /S/Sharon L. Tellinghuisen Registrar Sharon L. Tellinghuisen Dated: October 21, 2021 Sheila Pierson Court Administrator Attorney for Personal Representative William J. Wetering Hedeen, Hughes & Wetering 1206 Oxford Street Worthington, MN, 56187 Attorney License No: 184007 Telephone: (507) 376-3181 FAX: (507) 376-9404

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NAMEHOLDER:

Name: Carolyn A Karschnik

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(655—Nov. 3, 10, 2021)

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF** COTTONWOOD FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT **PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.:** 17-PR-21-531 **Estate of** Tracie F. Schulz, Decedent NOTICE AND ORDER OF **HEARING ON PETITION**

FOR FORMAL ADJUDICA-TION OF INTESTACY. DE-**TERMINATION OF HEIR-**SHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESEN-TATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 3rd Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, 56101 for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Kaycie Rashea Jeffs-Cervantes, whose address is 212 12th Street #206, Worthington, MN 56187 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

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efiling (electronic filing); email: 5thCottonwoodCourt-Admin@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 October 28, 2021 Judge of District Court Sheila Pierson Court Administrator By: Sheila Pierson October 28, 2021 Attorney for Petitioner Ronald J. Schramel Schramel Law Office 910 Fourth Avenue PO Box 505 Windom, MN, 56101 Attorney License No: 254757 Telephone: (507) 831-1301 FAX: (507) 831-4200 Email: schramellaw@ windomnet.com (656—Nov. 3, 10, 2021)



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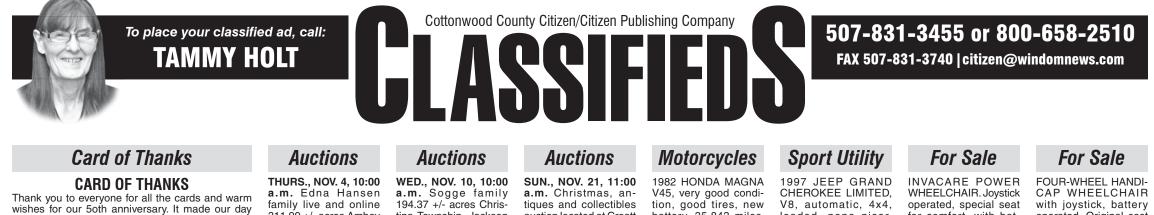
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We would like to thank all of our friends, family and members of the St. Francis Xavier Church for all their thoughts, prayers and calls while Tom was a patient at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls with COVID. A special thank you to Greg Jurgens, John (Smoothie) Anderson and Bill Larson for their help with our farming while he was ill.

Tom, Eddie and Issac Jurgens Fallon and Matt Guazzo

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Lonny Vollan would like to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who sent cards, flowers, memorials, gifts and hugs after the passing our son, brother and uncle. A very "BIG THANK YOU" to the Windom Fire Department for everything you did before, during and after the services. God bless all of you! Debra Vollan and Brian C. Redding

Scott Vollan and Katie Elmer, Alanna, Melanie and Macy Vollan

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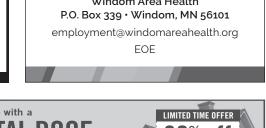
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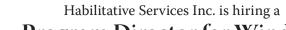
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SUBMITTED RED ROCK CENTRAL FFA'S state champion soils team includes, from left: Ryon Zimmerman, Kennedy Vold, Quintyn Vold and soils coach Ron Kelsey.

Mt. Lake had one team competing in a Career Development Event at the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday through Saturday. Mt. Lake FFA's agronomy team (the team competed in the "crops" CDE at the Minnesota FFA Convention last spring) brought home a fifth-place finish. Mt. Lake was one of 17 teams to gualify to compete in Indianapolis in-person after a preliminary virtual event Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Individually, Kade Wassman



SUBMITTED MT. LAKE FFA'S crops team competing at this week's National FFA Convention & Expo include, from left: Coach Larry Christopher, Kody Wassman, Kade Wassman, Ian Penner and Sam Stade.

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outstanding personal commitment. Kody Wassman were named Gold Emblem Individu-

Red Rock Central's soils team did not compete at the National FFA Convention because the soils Career Development Event is specific to Minnesota and not a CDE at the National FFA Convention. Nevertheless, the trio of Ryon Zimmerman, Kennedy Vold and Quintyn Vold, as well as their coach Ron Kelsey, deserve recognition for having won the CDE at the Minnesota FFA Convention last spring.

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finished third overall and he and Ian Penner and

als, while Sam Stade was a Silver Emblem individual.

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