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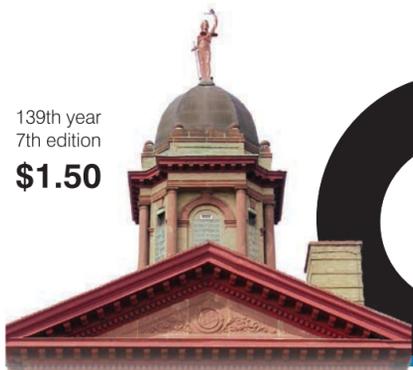
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Last Week's Results

What is your favorite Winter Olympics event?

- Figure Skating..... **36%**
- Curling..... **17%**
- Bobsled/Luge..... **15%**
- Snowboarding..... **12%**
- Skiing..... **10%**
- Hockey..... **10%**

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DID YOU KNOW?

January: Cold, but mostly dry



January was cold and mostly dry.

The average daily low temperature was -2, while the average high temperature was 24. All but nine days of low temperatures in January were zero or below.

The month's high was 47 on Jan. 11 and 12. The low was -15 on Jan. 24 and 25.

Snowfall for the month was 12.3 inches, with 8.4 falling on Jan. 13-14. There were nine days of a trace of snow or more.

WEATHER

A look back...

	H	L	P
Tues.	47	33	—
Wed.	36	18	—
Thurs.	45	19	.05
Fri.	29	-8	—
Sat.	13	-4	—
Sun.	12	10	—
Mon.	16	11	—

—PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE—



TERRY ESAU COULD NOT BE happier about the growth of the non-profit organization he founded in 2010, Free Bikes 4 Kidz.

The organization started through refurbishing and donating bicycles. In 2021 a similar group, Free Guitars 4 Kids, was born.

Life-changing gifts

Mt. Lake native helps give bikes, guitars to thousands

BY DEANNA ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

A former Mt. Lake resident is helping change the world one kid at a time.

Terry Esau, a 1972 Mt. Lake Public School graduate, provides underserved kids the opportunity to ride into a happier, healthier, more productive childhood. Esau has helped provide over 110,000 bikes to kids-in-need and is now doing the same thing with guitars.

Free Bikes 4 Kidz

Using his leadership abilities, Esau founded Free Bikes 4 Kidz, a non-profit organization, in 2010. The birth of FB4K came through a one-time hobby in a two-car garage in 2008.

Over a two-week period, a group of passionate cyclists

collected, refurbished and gave away 250 bikes. That hobby has now grown to become the largest organization of its kind in the country. FB4K has given 110,000 bikes to kids-in-need.

Bikes have always been important to Esau. As a young boy, Esau rode a bike as he delivered newspapers on his route in Mt. Lake. When Esau was 16-years-old, he and a buddy rode their bikes from Mt. Lake to the west coast and back.

Later on, Esau became involved with bike racing and also started a cycling club.

Through the years Esau has seen garages filled with bikes that were no longer being used.

"It seemed like a no-brainer to me," he said. "Let's recycle those babies."



STEVE KLASSEN STRUMS a few notes on a guitar moments before handing it to a Mt. Lake boy named Mason. Klassen donated the very first gifted guitar in December.

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Free Guitars 4 Kids

of underserved kids along

Along with generous help from others, Esau is now placing guitars in the hands

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Big plans unveiled for Shopko site

Elite Mechanical and Elite Appliance Plus will occupy the former Shopko building in the summer of 2022.

It appears one of Windom's most prominent retail sites, which has been empty for two years, is about to take a giant step forward.

Windom business owners Travis and Bridget Hodkin announced recently they have purchased the former Shopko building on Highway 60. The site will become the home of both Hodkin businesses — Elite Mechanical and Elite Appliance Plus (formerly Smith Appliance).

Beyond that, there are plans to turn the building into a multi-tenant space that would house multiple

businesses, each with their own exterior entrance.

Bridget said the ultimate goal is for both businesses to better serve people, no matter what their needs.

"Our plan is to develop that entire area," Bridget added. "We want to see more than just our businesses thrive on that five-acre site."

Plans are for Elite Mechanical and Elite Appliance Plus to use about one-third of the Shopko building. The rest would be occupied by other businesses.

Plan evolved

The relocation plan did not emerge overnight. It's something Travis and Bridget have been thinking about for some time.

"When we acquired Smith Appliance, we were coming off our best year at Elite Mechanical," Bridget said. "We were already busting at the seams at our current site because of growth."

"So much of what we do between the two businesses crosses over and we wanted to have one facility for our entire team. So, we started exploring every available commercial property in Windom — to renovate or build. We kept coming back to the Shopko property. We wanted something we could sink our teeth into and grow at one place, not have to relocate again."

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PLANS ARE FOR Elite Mechanical and Elite Appliance Plus (formerly Smith Appliance) to occupy the former Shopko building sometime in 2022. Travis and Bridget Hodkin recently purchased the building, which is located at the northeast edge of Windom along Hwy. 60.

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Failure to obey traffic control device: Christopher L. Abers, Browerville, \$130.

Speeding/window tint violation: Jose B. Avalos, St. James, \$180.

Driving after revocation/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Kirsten L. Crowell, Bingham Lake, \$480.

Speeding/driving after revocation: Milton A. de Leon Delgado, Windom, \$330.

Hands-Free Law-access video content, images, games or software applications: Yaroslav A. Demchuk, Sioux Falls, \$130; Juan M. Alvarez Ramirez, Worthington, \$130.

Driving after suspension (two counts)/speeding/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Melissa M. Glynn, Heron Lake, \$895.

Window tint violation/no Minnesota driver's license: Rafael A. Hernandez, Windom, \$230.

Use a hand-held mobile telephone while driving

a commercial motor vehicle: Keith R. Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye, \$280.

Driving after suspension/no insurance driver: Daniel D. Moreno Giron, Wilder, \$480.

DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test: Michael P. Rehnelt, Mt. Lake, \$1,160, local confinement 365 days, stay 335 days for three years, credit for time served 2 days, 28 days to be served on electronic home monitoring to begin March 1, supervised probation for three years, pay for and complete chemical dependency evaluation and follow all recommendations for treatment, remain law-abiding, report to agent as directed.

Speeding/driving after suspension/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Benjamin Rodriguez, Mt. Lake, \$530.

No Minnesota driver's license/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Keresio Sebastian, Jackson, \$380.

Illegal use of blue lights: Matthew J. Thiner, Jackson, \$120.

Driving after suspension: Melissa M. Glynn, Heron Lake, \$285; Jasmine M.D. Taylor, Luverne, \$280.

Snow parking violation: Khanthy T. Vilavong, Mt. Lake, \$25.

Failure to yield: Isaac L. Larson, Mt. Lake, \$130.

Parking violation: Mary K. Neuenfeldt, Storden, \$34.

Driving after revocation: Anthony M. Stewart, Coon Rapids, \$280.

Board lays out Supt. search plan

■ **The first round of interviews will occur March 16-17.**

It appears Windom will likely have its school superintendent finalists in less than a month.

That was among the nuggets the public learned about Windom's superintendent search process at Monday's regular meeting. The search, which began Jan. 27, is expected to wrap up with a selection on March 21, followed by negotiations with the candidate.

Here is a look at the rest of the timeline:

- March 7 — application deadline.
- March 9-14 — board members review applications.
- March 14 — board to discuss interview questions, finalists and procedures.

- March 16-17 — board conducts first round of interviews.

- March 21 — board conducts reference checks, second round of interviews, selects lone finalist.

"I want to stress confidentiality of any applicants," said Dustin Stevens, Windom school board chair.

Windom Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt informed the board last month he will be leaving for a superintendent position at the Meade (S.D.) School District.

Hirings planned

On Monday, the board approved a plan to seek multiple hirings.

Plans are to hire: 1.25 full time equivalent staff for the music department, district wide; 1.0 FTE English as a

Second Language; 1.0 FTE 6-12 counselor; .5 FTE EBD teacher for elementary. There are also tentative plans to hire a half-time school psychologist, but the board tabled that option as Wormstadt researches potential federal cost sharing.

Other action

In other action the board:

- Approved replacement of a rooftop unit and the addition of a powder coating room at Windom Area Middle High School at a cost of \$1,816,928. Wormstadt said the unit was at the end of its projected life. On hand funds, plus \$400,000 left over from the building bond will fund the project.

- Approved a kitchen update at Highland School for an estimated \$93,193.

INSIDE EDGE

Results from 2020 census won't change precincts

The results of the 2020 census can bring considerable change to virtually all jurisdictions on the local, state and federal levels, but it appears Windom's wards and precincts will remain unchanged.



Windom City Administrator Steve Nasby informed the Windom City Council that Windom's new population total is currently listed at 4,798. That's up slightly from the 2010 census total of 4,646.

Nasby recently reported that city staff worked with Cottonwood County to examine new population information and how it will affect the community.

"The good news is that the population numbers are very consistent, so no changes are needed for Windom's wards and precincts," Nasby reported. "The wards are the primary units used by the city and county for elections and, although there is no statute on allowances for population differences, there had been a legal case that established a 10% threshold for counties.

"For Windom, the wards were within 10%."

Nasby added that this comes as good news for election judges, election staff and citizens. They can still vote in exactly the same ward and precinct as in the past.

Windom to share building inspector

It appears that for at least part of 2022, Windom Building Inspector Andy Spielman will assist the city of Worthington in an advisory role.

Windom received a request from Worthington for Spielman's assistance until that city's new building inspector receives all of the necessary training and credits. At last week's meeting, the Windom City Council approved a motion giving Mayor Dominic Jones and City Administrator Steve Nasby the ability to sign a services agreement with Worthington, finalizing the deal.

Plans are for the assistance to begin around mid-February and include up to 312 hours this year, roughly 15% of Spielman's time. Since Spielman is employed by Windom, the city would bill Worthington for his time and expenses.

Nasby said the proposal will be for Worthington to pay Windom \$60 per hour, plus mileage and cell phone costs.



Andy Spielman

EDA moves closer to Cemstone deal

■ **The EDA will finalize development agreements next month.**

More details fell into place for the proposed south Cottonwood Lake housing development at Monday's meeting of the Windom Economic Development Authority.

After a closed-door property negotiations discussion, the board reached a consensus on a Tax Increment Financing offer related to the land price and development agreement.

It appears the lone finalist for the role of subdivision developer is Voss Plumbing & Heating of Paynesville. The apartment developer is Apollo Development.

Economic Development Director Drew Hage noted that the property used for the subdivision development and property for the apartment development will be handled separately.

He added that the EDA's Cemstone-related transactions look like this:

- The EDA purchases the

34-acre property for \$1.15 million.

- Voss Plumbing & Heating purchases the property from the city after contractually agreeing to pay \$230,000 and develop the site at a projected cost of more than \$1 million (including sewer, water, street, electric and storm sewer).

- Excluded from that deal is the apartment property, which would be purchased by Apollo Development.

- Voss Plumbing & Heating would develop and sell seven lake lots, plus another six to eight back lots.

- The remaining undeveloped lots and quarry area would be donated back to the city once the plat is finished (the land donation would be safeguarded through the development agreement). Hage said doing it this way greatly simplifies the process.

Current plans are for the city and Cemstone to close on the property on May 13. However, once a development agreement is signed,

some preliminary work can occur on the site with coordination with Cemstone.

Cemstone will continue to operate at the site until its new plant at North Windom Industrial Park is ready to be occupied. Part of the deal calls for Cemstone to purchase the NWIP 5.4-acre site for \$102,060 (Hage says this is based on the market price for that area).

TIF plan moves forward

At Monday's meeting, the EDA board gave consensus approval to set up development agreements based on two TIF requests.

The Voss Plumbing and Heating request for the property development was \$150,000 in TIF, which includes development of a lift station and backup generator. Apollo's TIF request for the 40-unit upscale apartment complex is \$594,000.

Plans are for the board to vote on the development agreements at its March meeting.

■ THE RECORD

Feb. 7

• 4:47 p.m. A hit-and-run crash was reported to the Windom Police Department in the 900 block of Fourth Avenue. Receiving minor damage was a parked 2012 Ford SUV owned by Catherine Luck of Jeffers.

Feb. 8

• 3:25 p.m. A possible hit-and-run was reported by a Windom woman who noticed minor damage to her 2004 GMC Envoy. It is not known when or where the damage occurred.

• 11:23 p.m. Officers assisted the State Patrol with a pursuit that ran westbound, through Windom, on Highway 60. The pursuit continued to Worthington, where it ended with Worthington police disabling the vehicle. Three suspects, all juveniles from the Twin Cities area, were apprehended and taken to the Nobles County jail. It was reported that the vehicle they were driving had been stolen.

Feb. 9

• 10 a.m. Officers received a report from a Bethel man about a missing cell phone. The phone was reportedly pinging in Windom. However, it was not found.

• 10:42 a.m. Officers received a report of a dog bite. The victim was advised of options and procedures.

• 5:07 p.m. A Windom resident reported a theft. Upon investigation, it was

determined to be a civil matter.

Feb. 10

• 8:56 a.m. A Windom woman reported the sexual assault of a child. The assault reportedly occurred four years ago. The matter is under investigation.

Feb. 11

• 1:36 p.m. A hit-and-run crash was reported on River Road at 15th Avenue. Damaged was a 2019 Buick Enclave driven by Lyle Osland of Windom. The vehicle was southbound on River Road when another vehicle, possibly a white pickup, struck the Buick's rear fender and left the scene.

• 5:09 p.m. Officers received a report from a man who said someone was pointing a laser at him in the 600 block of Sixth Street. The complaint was determined to be unfounded.

Feb. 12

• 1:06 p.m. Officers were called to the 1400 block of 11th Avenue regarding a vehicle that was stuck in an alley. According to the report, a Windom motorist was driving in the alley when he lost traction and veered off roadway, striking telecommunications and electrical boxes. There was no damage to the 2005 Ford F-150 he was driving. However, the two boxes received an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Driving in dense fog

Question: Can you offer advice on driving in fog?

Trooper Troy says: Driving when the weather limits your visibility can be a challenge for all of us on the road. You can reduce your chances of being involved in a crash by eliminating distractions and by following a few safety tips.

Minnesota law states that every vehicle on a roadway shall display lighted headlamps, lighted tail lamps, and illuminating devices from sunset to sunrise. The law also applies when it's raining, snowing, sleeting or hailing and whenever visibility is impaired by weather or insufficient light, at a distance of 500 feet.

Basic automatic headlights work through sensors which detect how much light is outside. These sensors are located on the dash of the vehicle. The headlights turn on when the sensors detect a certain level of darkness or the level of ambient light.



TROY CHRISTIANSON
STATE TROOPER

There are limitations to automatic headlights. Sometimes they do not turn on during heavy rain, snow or fog, as the light sensor still detects some light.

Many drivers fail to physically turn on their headlights, which will also activate the rear taillights and marker lights. Some drivers assume the sensors will activate all of the vehicle's lights in reduced visibilities, but that is not always the case.

We recommend the 3-second-plus following distance rule. Watch the vehicle in front of you. When that vehicle passes an object such as a sign or bridge, count off three seconds. You should not arrive at that spot sooner than your count to three. If you do, you are following too close! Also, you must add one second for every hazard that exists. Hazards include, but are not limited to, heavy traffic, rain, snow, fog, driving into the sun, etc. In some cases you might have to allow six or seven seconds (or even more) to be safe because of existing hazards.

When visibility is reduced, slow down, increase following distances, manually turn on your lights and eliminate all distractions.

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Session's focus

Minnesota lawmakers are just a few weeks into the 2022 Legislative Session and we are already hearing rumblings about a tug-of-war regarding the \$7 billion surplus and legislative initiatives.

Fate literally handed Minnesota's Legislature one of the greatest gifts of our generation — enough money to solve countless problems without raising taxes, and yet still offer some sort of tax relief. If somehow America's greatest president, Abraham Lincoln could move forward in time, landing in Minnesota in 2022, he would call a press conference and proclaim: "It is impossible for any legislative body to screw this up."

And yet, here we are.

In the past few weeks, we've read multiple stories and editorials. We've spoken with many citizens and people from local government. We've even heard from state lawmakers. Very few people seem optimistic that the 2022 session will be a big success.

A recent Mankato Free Press story stated that when lawmakers were asked where they see room for compromise, they fell silent.

There are plenty of huge issues facing the folks in St. Paul — tax relief, transportation funding, public safety and child care are just a few examples. Given the surplus, one would at least some of these would see dramatic changes in 2022. Will they?

Sure, the parties differ on their approach to the matters. Here's the question — are the parties steadfastly clinging to their own "solutions" because they firmly believe they are correct, or

NEWS & NOTES

■ A budget surplus of more than \$7 billion presents a host of opportunities to solve countless problems and still provide tax relief.

■ According to multiple reports, Minnesota lawmakers are already far apart on multiple key issues.

■ Now is the time for the state's lawmakers to cut through the discord and make things happen.

because they refuse to admit the other party is correct?

The first lawmaker who says, "I'm supporting a good idea brought forth by the party, I'm putting politics aside to do the right thing," ought to get a medal. Instead, that person would likely be thrashed by his or her own party and possibly severely punished by losing committee leadership positions.

There is plenty of blame to go around but it feels like we are seeing the "blind sheep" phenomena playing out at our capitol. Minnesota's elected leaders are acting like blind sheep — saying and doing things they feel are expected by their party — rather than studying things sensibly and then doing the right thing for all of their constituents.

If that truly is the case, then those folks appear to be headed toward a destiny with which Minnesota lawmakers have plenty of experience — gridlock.

It's just a shame that we're seeing this once-in-a-lifetime \$7 billion opportunity slip away.

— Rahn Larson

Amundson's 50-year honor

Within days of arriving in Windom, in 1988, I heard the name "Barry Amundson," a former sportswriter at the Citizen.

Then, a while later, I heard it again, and again. I've never met Barry, but apparently the Windom native was quite well liked in these parts.

Barry's name recently popped up once again, this time in front of hundreds of people at the Minnesota Newspaper Association's annual convention. Barry was one of three inducted into the Half Century Club which honors those who have worked in the newspaper industry for 50 years.

I've been to enough MNA conventions to know that reaching the Half Century Club is quite an honor and MNA definitely treats it like one. The recipients receive their awards at a luncheon attended by hundreds of people.

This week, I thought I'd share an excerpt from MNA's write-up about Barry:

"Barry Amundson started his newspaper career in 1972 as a sports reporter for the Cottonwood County Citizen in Windom. Ken and Gerri Anderson were the publishers at the time.

"Barry also helped in the mail room and picked up and delivered papers from the printing plant in Sanborn. While attending Minnesota State University - Mankato, he was a reporter and editor. He then worked 10 years as a reporter



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and news editor at the Pipestone County Star. In 1988 he became news editor at the Worthington Daily Globe. In 1992 he went to the Sioux Falls Argus Leader as a front page designer and headline writer.

"In 2000, he joined The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead as a designer and copy editor. His career

took him to the Sioux City Journal (Iowa) and to the Tri-State Neighbor in Sioux Falls before returning to The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead where he is currently a reporter.

"Barry lives in Fargo where he enjoys golf, snow skiing, swimming, politics, reading and traveling. He continues to keep in touch with people he has met over the years. He enjoys spending time to maintain the 100 year old family farm located near Walcott, North Dakota."

We at the Citizen tip our cap to Barry Amundson, one of our own, for all of his accomplishments in the world of journalism and his remarkable career which began in the old Fourth Avenue Citizen office in 1972.

NEWS & NOTES

■ Look for an upcoming update on the Windom Farm & Home Show, which is set for March 5 at Windom Area Middle High School.

OUR READERS RESPOND

What is your favorite Winter Olympics event?

Matt Strum
■ WINDOM



"I like ski jumping and figure skating because I know I can't do it. That's another level of skill I don't have."

Lisa Letcher
■ WINDOM



"Curling. I think it's fascinating how precise they can be, being on ice and putting that stone right where they want it to be."

Grace Scheitel
■ WINDOM



"Figure skating because I like watching their routines and seeing what they can do on the ice."

Jackson Joyce
■ WINDOM



"Snowboarding. I think it's cool the tricks they do on the half-pipe."

Exchange students aplenty

One of the enjoyable tasks I get each year is to interview and write stories on exchange students who spend the school year at Windom Area High School.

This year, there are five of them: Maggie Paneva from Spain and Lorant Karadi from Hungary, about whom I've already written and published stories; as well as Asad Asadbayli from Turkey, whom you can read about on page 4 of this week's issue; Amanda Hering from Germany, who has been involved in the fall and winter musicals this year; and Sofia Francalanci, whom you may have noticed last week was crowned Winterfest queen.

As I wrote this week's story on Asad, who hails from Istanbul, Turkey, I got to thinking about all of the exchange students who have walked the halls of WAHS over the years.

The Citizen has kept several files of stories that have been written about exchange students over the years. So, I thought it might be interesting to go back and see how many different countries, from which students have come to Windom. And, yes, there are a number of them.

What especially prompted the research was Asad's nationality. Now, I've written probably 75 or more stories on exchange students over the past 23 years — and a couple sports related stories when I was writing sports back in the 1980s and '90s. However, I couldn't remember ever writing a story about an exchange student from Turkey.

As I looked back through the files, I was wrong, I had written one story, but it wasn't the conventional exchange student story you might think.

Huseyin Erdogmus was an exchange student in Windom during the 1968-69 school year. Now, obviously, I didn't write the original story about him. I was a second-grader in Pringhar Elementary at the time. But I did write a story about his return visit to Windom probably 10 years ago. He returned to visit his host family, the Fetts.

Aside from "Huey," as he was known to his Windom classmates



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and host family, there wasn't another exchange student in Windom from Turkey, until Asad graced us with his presence this year.

One story, in particular, caught my attention among the many in those files. In 1985, JoAnn Eaton wrote a story on host families who have kept in contact with their exchange student over

the years. In that story, I learned that the exchange student program in Windom started in 1955 and has been going strong ever since.

She did not have stories on all of those students, but a number of them, which also supplied me with a few countries from which students haven't hailed in my past 23 years.

So, without further ado, here's a list of the 28 countries from which students have come to spend a school year in Windom (forgive me, I may miss a few):

- Australia
- Austria
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Columbia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Finland
- France
- Germany (West)
- Hungary
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Paraguay
- Philippines
- Russia
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Turkey

Of the list, Windom has probably welcomed more students from Norway than any other country. However, there also have been a number from Germany and quite a few from the other Scandinavian countries of Sweden and Finland, and a few from Denmark.

Windom-Norway connection

Speaking of the Norway connection, a number of Norwegian exchange students over the years have come from one city, in particular — Sortland.

Back in the 1960s and '70s, Windom and Sortland had an exclusive arrangement in which Sortland sent a student to Windom each year and, during the summer,

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Cory Regnier
Composition



Making connections

This past weekend my wife and I attended the Windom Chamber's dueling pianos event at Round Lake Winery.

The show was fantastic and the crowd was very much engaged and involved.

Beyond the show, the food and wine, however, there were other perks.

Call it networking if you must, but the meeting of old friends and new leads to a greater bond and deeper connection to your community.

For example, we were seated at a table with a group of strangers who had known each other basically all their lives.

It didn't take long though to find common ground when we learned that one of them had family up near our cabin in the small town of Waubun.

By the end of the night we had also made plans to meet up with a few other couples outside of organized events.

Maybe we will meet you at the next community gathering!

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Good dental health starts at childhood

Investing early in good dental care for children is an important part of lifelong oral health.

During National Children's Dental Health Month in February, Elise Sarvas, DDS, MSD, MPH, clinical associate professor of pediatric dentistry, answers questions on children's dental health.

What should parents look out for when it comes to their children's oral health?

Dr. Sarvas: Make sure they're choosing healthy snacks and getting adequate fluoride.

Kids need a lot of water for hydration as well as to make their teeth stronger. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids shouldn't drink more than 4 oz. of juice per day, and the average juice box is 6 oz.

Choosing water and snacks that do not contain simple carbohydrates will help. Good options include fresh fruits and vegetables, deli meat and cheeses.

Also, foster a good relationship

between your kids and the dentist: if we get kids in early, we can have fun, and they'll see us as part of the healthcare team rather than a stranger they come to when they're in pain.

How can I help my child practice and maintain good oral health habits?

Dr. Sarvas: Brushing your teeth can be hard!

There are a lot of nooks and crannies, so we recommend adult supervision. I used to say that children need supervision "until they can write their name in cursive," but now that kids don't get taught that anymore, I say until they can tie their shoes on their own, which demonstrates good motor control.

We all look forward to the independence that comes with growing — it's great for kids to start brushing on their own, but always have



ELISE WATSON SARVAS
GUEST COLUMNIST

a parent go back and check for any missed spots.

I sometimes give parents the Oreo test: if the child eats an Oreo and brushes their teeth and the parent can still see the Oreos, they need to be checking and helping them brush.

How often should children brush their teeth, and with what kind of toothbrush?

Dr. Sarvas: I get this question from parents a lot, and I say: whatever kind of toothbrush they will actually brush their teeth with. But, softer is better!

Soft bristles conform more easily to the many grooves in teeth and prevent the gums from wearing away. Not all children like the feeling of an electric toothbrush, so I would only recommend it if you're certain your child will tolerate it.

What's most important is to brush your child's teeth at least twice per day with toothpaste that contains fluoride. There are many different flavors on the market now, so find one your child likes best.

When should you first bring your child to the dentist?

Dr. Sarvas: We recommend bringing a child to the dentist at their dental "age one": first tooth or first birthday.

This allows us ample time to counsel the family, check on growth and development and provide general education. You also want to establish a dental home for kids so if there are concerns later on, families know where to go outside of the emergency department — which can't always help, and may be very costly.

Dr. Elise Watson Sarvas is a clinical associate professor in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Minnesota.

Turkish student living out dream as American student

Asadbayli is already working toward his desire to be an 'international' person.

By **DAVE FJELD**
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Asad Asadbayli is well versed in the world of being an exchange student. Yes, he's spending the 2021-22 school year in the United States for the first time, with the Cale and Kia Jensen family and attending Windom Area High School.

But this is not his first experience as an exchange student. Asad also traveled to England three years ago — on his own — at, yes, age 15. "I stayed there for two months alone," he says with a smile. "Every week I went to London and other cities by train."

"I've been to more than 10 countries — Paris, France; Dubai (United Arab Emirates); Azerbaijan, my father's home country; Greece; Italy; Switzerland; Russia. That's

thanks to my father. He always tries to make me an international person."

Indeed, the 18-year-old has become an international traveler. Little wonder that he fully anticipates living out a childhood dream of returning to the United States in the fall to attend college. He plans to study international business at one of three schools in Florida, or possibly Arizona State University.

"My father also went to school for international business," Asad says, noting that his father runs an alcohol factory in Turkey. "In April, I'm going to Florida with my best friend (from

Turkey), who is in Illinois. We want to go to the same college next year."

His time in Minnesota is completing a three-year dream to live in the United States. While he had hoped to go to Florida, the opportunity to experience the American way of life superseded where he was going to do that.

"It's like a lottery as to which state is coming to you — and I've been actually waiting for two years," he says.

Life in Istanbul

Windom, however, is a completely different look than what he's used to in his hometown of Istanbul, Turkey. Istanbul is not the nation's capital, but it is still home for 15.46 million people, which, he says, is like New York City. Needless to say, life looks very different for Asad in Windom.

And the biggest difference is the temperature. Asad notes that he's been to the Swiss Alps and he confirms that it's not as cold there as it is in Windom, which has experienced

more than 20 days of low temperatures below zero in the past month.

Another big difference is the lack of public transportation. Buses, trains, subways, metro transit and taxis are how he gets around Istanbul without assistance from his parents. That, obviously, isn't the case in Windom, where he must rely on his host family or friends to get him from place to place. Asad attends a private school in Istanbul. However, his private school life is very similar to that in Windom's public school life. He also notes that private schools in Turkey provide more in-depth study of the English language.

"Turkish public schools are not an improvement,"



DAVE FJELD 2/9 Asadbayli, Asad 4

ASAD ASADBAYLI IS living out his dream of experiencing the American culture. The Turkish exchange student has been spending the year with the Cale and Kia Jensen family, while attending Windom Area High School.

AT A GLANCE — Asad Asadbayli

Age: 18 **Home:** Istanbul, Turkey **Pop.:** 15.46 million
German Family: Father, Bahrus; Mother, Samera; Brother: Emin, 13
Interests: Fitness (working out at a gym and for a professional fitness trainer), soccer, songwriting and singing
Exchange Program: Nacel Open Door
Host Family: Cale & Kia Jensen; Virginia, 16; Elias, 15; Jonas, 13; Violet, 8; Lucas, 7; and Amanda Hering, exchange student from Germany.



Asad says. "I would never go to a public school in Turkey. It's actually a little dangerous."

Asad has a couple of passions — fitness and songwriting. He already has written more than 50 songs. Songs come to him when he's riding the bus in Turkey, or as his friends in Turkey open FreeBeats and he begins writing freestyle.

He likes writing rap music, but also writes songs in each of the different genres of rap including true rap,

drill, boom bap, hip-hop and trap.

He also enjoys working out. He works at a local gym in Istanbul and also works for a professional trainer in that gym.

Life in Windom

In his younger days, Asad played soccer and while Windom doesn't offer a soccer program, he did spend the first month of the school

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■ 4-H BRIEFS



SUBMITTED

YOUTH FROM COTTONWOOD County 4-H and Lincoln County (SD) 4-H worked together to volunteer at the East River Foster Parent Network.

County 4-H'ers volunteer in Sioux Falls

Over Christmas break, a group of 13 youth in grades 6-13 and three adults from Cottonwood County 4-H worked with a group of nine youth and one adult from South Dakota Lincoln County 4-H to volunteer at the East River Foster Parent Network in Sioux Falls. Together, the group completed 60 hours of volunteer work in two hours. The group sized and hung up clothes, sized shoes, packaged extra supplies and sorted products.



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COTTONWOOD COUNTY 4-H Ambassadors Gabriella Symens-Otero, Tristyn Maras and Tyler Maras size and sort clothes donated to the East River Foster Parent Network.

Virtual Food & Fun experiments with tortillas

Earlier this month, youth learned how to use flour tortillas three different ways through Virtual Food & Fun.

Youth learned how to make tortilla bowls, cheesy quesadillas and cinnamon sugar tortilla chips.

In February, youth will learn how to make homemade pie.

The program is open to all youth in grades K-13. To register, contact the Cottonwood County Extension office at 507-831-4022.



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Project kits help youth explore electricity

Throughout the month of December, 44 youth in grades K-13 learned about circuits and electricity.

Through the free, monthly Cottonwood County 4-H project kits, youth were able to explore, experiment and complete a paper circuit card.

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.

Junior Ambassadors create snowmen

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

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



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KALLIE HOVLAND sews embellishments to her button snowman project she made during Cottonwood County 4-H Jr. Ambassadors.

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Learn to pray by praying

I saw a quote the other day that said, "Whoever is praying for snow, please stop!" And during a Minnesota winter, by February, I think we can all relate!

1 John 5:14-15 comes to mind. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him." So, there is no need to wonder if God hears our prayers; he does!

But have you ever considered that prayer can be used incorrectly? Its purpose is not to convince God to fulfill our own wishes. Prayers that honor and glorify God are a good start. Prayers of peace, goodwill, thanksgiving, requests for understanding of his Word, and blessings for others are also the sorts of things God likes to hear us bring to his attention. He loves his children and wants to hear from them.

We pray for God's will to be done in our lives, rather than our own. We also pray for his provision of our daily needs and protection from temptation and evil. Remember that although Jesus himself taught us how to pray in the Lord's Prayer, reciting that prayer back to God is not effective if our hearts and minds are not sincere as we pray it. Just as a child learns how to talk, sometimes the best way to learn how to pray is to just start!

This brings us full circle to our frustration and impatience with snow during a Minnesota winter. Lord, help us see that inside the cold of winter lies the beginning of a beautiful spring, flowers that will soon be blooming and an abundance of vegetation that is good to eat. Thank you for these blessings. Amen.



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The DISH



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This coming weekend just happens to be National Margarita Weekend. And what better timing since I just got back from a trip to Tulum, Mexico — where I may have had a margarita (or two). And margaritas are known to pair very nicely with Mexican food, which makes them the perfect Mexican cocktail!

Honestly, is there anything better than sitting on the beach and sipping a real Mexican margarita, made with fresh fruit juice and not a pre-made mix?

So, now that we're back, I'm on a hunt to find some similar recipes to those that we enjoyed on our trip. But, please, remember to drink responsibly! Cheers!

Frozen Strawberry Margarita

- 1 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
- 3 Tbsp. sugar (or agave)
- 1/3 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 10 to 12 strawberries, sliced
- 6 oz. tequila
- 1-2 cups ice cubes
- Salt or coarse sugar, for rimming glasses (opt.)

Heat lime juice and sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat until the sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and let cool.

Place lime mixture, orange juice, strawberries, tequila and 1 cup of ice in a blender. Blend on high until smooth. Add more ice and blend, as desired.

Dip rim of glasses into extra lime juice and then into salt or sugar, if desired.

Notes: This recipe can be adapted to suit your taste. Add more fruit, ice or sugar, to taste. You can use agave instead of sugar, if desired.

Classic Margarita

- 6 oz. tequila
- 4 oz. orange liqueur (triple sec, Grand Marnier or Cointreau)
- 2 oz. fresh lime juice
- 2 Tbsp. simple syrup or agave nectar (or to taste)
- Kosher salt for rims of glasses
- Fresh lime slices for garnish
- Opt.: zest of lime

Into a cocktail shaker with ice, mix tequila, orange liqueur, lime juice and simple syrup, to taste, and zest of one lime, if desired. Shake.

Rub a wedge of lime around the rim of a rocks glass. Coat rim with kosher salt. Fill with ice. Strain margaritas into glasses and garnish with lime slices.

Frozen Pineapple Margarita

- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice + half lemon for rim
- 0.5 oz. Cointreau or Triple Sec
- 2 oz. tequila made with 100% agave
- 7 oz. frozen pineapple
- 2 cups ice
- 1 Tbsp. honey, or another sweetener of your choice

Salt or chili powder, like Tajin

Blend lemon juice, Cointreau, tequila, frozen pineapple, ice and honey until smooth and slushy.

Wet the rim of the glasses with lime juice and dip into salt, chili powder or Tajin.

Also, you might want to consider this delicious variation: Mix half frozen peaches, half frozen pineapple. Serve and enjoy!

Frozen Mango Margarita

- 2 cups frozen, chopped mango
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup tequila
- 2 Tbsp. orange liqueur
- 2 Tbsp. honey, or agave nectar
- 2 Tbsp. lime juice

Combine all ingredients in a blender until smooth.

Rim each serving glass with lime juice then dip in sea salt or sugar. Pour margarita into glasses and serve.

Kiwi Coconut Margarita

- 2 1/2 cups of ice
- 4 oz. tequila
- 2 oz. triple sec
- 1/2 lime
- 1 oz. simple syrup
- 2 oz. coconut milk
- 2 whole kiwis, deskinning
- Sugar, to rim

Add ice to blender. Add tequila, Triple Sec, juice from the lime, coconut milk, kiwi and simple syrup to blender. Blend.

Using the spent lime, moisten margarita glass rim and rim with sugar. Pour contents of blender into margarita glasses and serve.

Fresh Peach Margarita

- 3 large peaches, chopped, skin on
 - 2 Tbsp. freshly squeezed lime juice
 - 1 cup gold tequila
 - 1/2 cup Cointreau
 - 2 Tbsp. simple syrup
 - 1/2 cup peach nectar
 - 3 cups ice
- Put peaches, lime juice, tequila, triple sec, simple syrup, peach nectar and ice in a blender and blend on high until smooth. Pour into glasses and garnish.

■ OBITUARIES

Leo Bartosh

Leo Bartosh, 91, of Windom died Feb. 5, 2022, at Good Samaritan Society-Sogge Memorial in Windom.



Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom with Father Prapat officiating.

Burial was at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery in Windom.

The funeral mass was livestreamed on the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church website.

LaCane Family Celebration of Life Center in Windom is handling the funeral arrangements.

For further tribute to Leo's life story, please go to the LaCane Family Funeral Home website.

Leo August Bartosh was born Sept. 25, 1930, to Carl and Monica (Freking) Bartosh on their farm near Heron Lake. Leo was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Heron Lake.

He attended country school through eighth grade before graduating from Heron Lake High School.

Leo enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a mechanic, and jeep and truck driver.

In 1952, Leo married Arlene Marie Maras at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom. They were blessed with three daughters: Patty, Janel and Monica.

Leo and Arlene moved to a farm near Delft where they lived for 70 years. In addition to helping raise three daughters, Leo farmed, hauled livestock and managed his garbage route.

Leo became a garbage man in 1970. He loved "junking" and the business grew after starting with just three customers.

He also opened his home to foster boys, Mike and Bob Herman.

Sundays on the farm were "Funday," with relatives coming out to ride horses, snowmobiles or go-carts, or playing any of a host of card games, making homemade ice cream and building forts in the hay loft.

Leo enjoyed children. He and Arlene made many special appearances as Santa and Mrs. Claus at Christmas parties, church programs, family gatherings, hospitals and nursing homes. He enjoyed seeing happy children and hearing people laugh.

Leo also was known as the "Onion Man" for using onions on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day to determine the monthly precipitation for the next year. He also made seasonal weather predictions by observing the first four days of spring, with each day representing a season. He observed temperatures, moisture, storms and winds.

Leo's greatest love was the Lord. He served his church as an usher and by singing in the choir. He also was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Heron Lake American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 68 years, Arlene; brothers, Bernard and Charles Bartosh; sisters: Sally Heger, Rita Schoborg, Gerry Cooley and Josephine Bartosh; and a son-in-law, Jim Wensauer.

Survivors include his three daughters: Patricia Wensauer of Sleepy Eye, Janel (Larry) Eichstadt of Jeffers and Monica (Wayne) Muller of Windom; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four siblings: Francis Bartosh and Mary Ann Benson of Windom; Margaret Ling of Des Moines, Iowa; and Phyl Hoffman of Sioux City, Iowa.

Randall S. Piper

Randall S. Piper, 49, of La Crosse, Wis., passed away Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1972, to Richard and Gail (Erickson) Piper.

On Oct. 12, 2019, Randall married Bruce Fruchtl.

Randall and Bruce enjoyed simple things and extravagant things, including Randall's brooches and antiques. They loved kayaking on the waters around La Crosse, sitting on beaches in Florida, and visiting friends and family all over the country. They saw Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Minnesota and South Dakota together, aside from the many Florida and other adventures.

They loved visiting museums, seeing musicals and plays, and going to the St. Louis Zoo together. They rarely found a restaurant or a person they didn't like.



Randall is survived by his husband, Bruce Piper-Fruchtl; mother, Gail Hansen; many aunts, uncles, cousins and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard. He especially loved Grandma Estella Piper, and Aunts Ruth and Mabel. We can't believe he never wrote a book about Aunt Dolly.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Dickinson Family Funeral Home, 401 Main Street, Onalaska, Wis., with Fr. Rick Roberts officiating. A time of fellowship immediately followed the service.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please send a memorial to: Elephants Without Borders "EWB", Inc., 500 Linwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14209.

Online condolences may be sent the family at www.dickinsonfuneral-homes.com.

Shelby Woizeschke

Shelby Woizeschke, 24, of Spencer, Iowa, formerly of Windom, died Feb. 6 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D.



A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at American Lutheran Church of Windom with Pastor Sarah Larsen Tade officiating.

Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Windom.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the church and will continue Saturday for one hour prior to services at the church.

The family asks those attending to wear pink to honor Shelby's memory. The family also prefers that masks be worn for the visitation and services.

LaCane Family Celebration of Life Center in Windom handled funeral arrangements.

Shelby Lynn Woizeschke was born Dec. 23, 1997, to Mark Woizeschke and Shannon Daberkow in Sioux Falls, S.D. She grew up in Windom, attended Winfair Elementary School and Windom Area High School, graduating in 2016.

In high school, she was active in volleyball, softball and track and did hair for school musicals. She enjoyed skating with the Windom Figure Skating Club and started the Dog Walk for her Senior Achievement Project.

After high school, she moved to Willmar, where her sons, William and Charles were born. She later moved to Spirit Lake and Milford, Iowa, before settling in at Spencer.

She was employed with Grape Tree Medical in Milford, Iowa. She loved animals, painting and everything pink, as well as winter and all things associated with snow and snowmobiling. Her greatest passion was being a mom.

On Feb. 3, Shelby was a victim of domestic violence outside her workplace in Milford. She was airlifted to Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, where she later passed away.

She was an organ donor, and with her passing, her organs have helped save three lives so far.

Shelby is preceded in death by her brother, Nicholas Daberkow; grandfather, Fred Woizeschke; and great-grandparents, Gilbert and Elnore Frentz.

She is survived by her two sons, William and Charles, of Spirit Lake, Iowa; fiancée Trey Tesch of Spencer, Iowa; father, Mark Woizeschke of Windom; mother, Shannon Daberkow of Willmar; sister, Ashley Woizeschke of Spirit Lake, Iowa; brother, Anthony Daberkow of Jackson; grandparents Marvel Woizeschke of Windom and Clyde and Juanita Daberkow of Lakefield.

If you or someone you know is or has experienced domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

■ BULLETIN BOARD

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Feb. 22

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

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

Thursday: Barbecued pork on a bun, baked beans, spiced pears.

Friday: Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans.

Monday: Closed for President's Day.

Tuesday: Goulash, peas, tropical fruit, garlic bread stick.

Wednesday: Beef and bean burrito bake with lettuce, tomato and sour cream, pears.

Thursday (2-24) — Signature Meal: Turkey commercial with mashed potatoes, peas, sage dressing.

Call 831-6161 the day prior to the desired dinner and indi-

WINDOM LIONS CLUB



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

ACTIVITIES: Make sure to join us for our youth wrestling tournament on Saturday, March 26 at Windom Area High School.

Also, look for more information coming soon on our Palm Sunday breakfast!

cate eat-in, take-out or delivery.

WINDOM AREA SR. CENTER

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

Men — Monday-Friday: Pool and cards, 8 a.m.-noon.

WEEKLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon: Presently not meeting. Contact: Lorri, 831-6107.

AA: Fridays — 8 p.m.; Saturdays — 11 a.m.; Sundays — 4 p.m.; Wednesdays — 9:30 a.m., Windom Fire Hall. Contact: Kathy, 822-1311.

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

Gam-Anon: Thurs. — 7 p.m., Windom Fire Hall, 428 9th St.

Gamblers Anonymous: Sundays — 7 p.m., Law Enforcement Center lower level, Windom.

Immunizations: Mondays-Fridays — By appointment, 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.

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

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

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Please include the parents' names and address; baby's name, weight and date of birth; any siblings and their ages; and grandparents (including great- and great-great-grandparents).

Windom takes 16th at KB meet Monday

Windom's senior high Knowledge Bowl team captured 16th place at Monday's meet in Mt. Lake.

The Windom team of Faith Ford, Kaylan Donchez and Sonia Lopez finished with 17 points.

Jackson County Central 1 won the meet with 51 points, half a point ahead of Fulda 1. The meet had 17 teams from six schools.

Windom scored seven points in the opening round of oral questions, then scored just four points in the second round and six points in the third and final round.

•Mt. Lake 2, comprised

of Kade Wassman, Olivia Klassen and Ian Penner, finished seventh with 33 points. Mt. Lake 4, comprised of Olivia Christians and Aiden Penner, placed ninth with 28.5 points. Mt. Lake 3, comprised of Kody Wassman, Wyatt Bergling and Ethan Schroeder, took 10th with 28 points and Mt. Lake 1, comprised of Harlan Munning, Ben Bartsch and Landon Morin, finished 14th with 26 points.

•Red Rock Central 2 finished 15th at the tournament with 21 points. RRC 1 placed 17th with 14 points.

Two-person KBowl team competes at Adrian invite

Windom's senior high Knowledge Bowl team was shorthanded last week, but still competed in the Adrian Invitational.

The Windom team of Faith Ford and Elizabeth Ngisa totaled 22 points to finish 14th in the 15-team meet. The twosome scored 12 points in the written round and seven and eight points

in the two oral rounds of competition.

Jackson County Central 1 won the meet with 57 points, while Adrian-Ellsworth 1 was second with 53.5 points and Murray County Central 1 finished third with 51.5 points.

A total of six schools participated in the meet.

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Third-grade Battle of the Book returns in 2022

Members of the top three teams each received Barnes and Noble gift cards.

After a one-year hiatus, the Battle of the Books for third-graders returned to Windom Area Elementary School.

However, the reading comprehension challenge was scaled back to just one book instead of two this year and actually had to be rescheduled after one of the season's few snowstorms called off school. The event was held Friday in the WAES commons and was attended by students' families.

A total of 13 teams of third-graders — three, four or five members per team — competed in the challenge that covered general and specific information about "The Chocolate Touch" by Patrick Skene Catling.

In the end, the team of Noah Muske, Seth Hoppe, Elliot Lohse and Farzaan Yusuf teamed up to capture the top spot. Each received \$20 Barnes and Noble gift cards. Seth competed virtually from home through an iPad.

Second place went to the team of Toran Ford, Emma Burton, Macy Boeck and Ava Barfknecht. Each received \$15 B&N gift cards.

The team won a tiebreaker question over the team of Hadley Dardis, Kelly Low, Sydney Low and Jaelynn Peterson after the two teams were tied through three

rounds of questions. The third-place quartet each received \$10 B&N gift cards.

Here's how the challenge worked: Each student participating in the Battle of the Book received a copy of "The Chocolate Touch." They were asked to read the book for detail and commit it to memory.

Then, they created their own teams of three, four or five students.

During the event, each team huddled together with a small white board and then were asked to answer questions about the book. Each team wrote their response on the white board and showed the answer to one of the teachers or paraprofessionals monitoring the competition. If a team had a correct answer, it received a point.

There were three rounds of 10 questions each and the questions became increasingly more difficult with each round.

After Round 1, eight of the 13 teams remained in the competition. After Round 2, just four teams were left.

The fourth-place team in the Battle of the Books included Allyson Hodkin, Sophie Prokosch, Alizabeth Baloun and Amara Sosa.

The Battle of the Books was not held a year ago due to the pandemic. Prior to last year, the competition was held each year for eight straight years.



2/2 BookBattle 13
TEAM 7 OF Hadley Dardis, Keely Low, Sydney Low and Jaelynn Peterson write down their answer to one of the questions in the Battle of the Book.



2/2 BookBattle 39
THE TEAM OF (from left) Noah Muske, Seth Hoppe (on iPad), Farzaan Yusuf and Elliot Lohse won first place.



2/2 BookBattle 27
FARZAAN YUSUF holds up his team's number after they correctly answered a question.

Jackson Cty. Libraries' to offer free movie Friday

"The Proposal," a romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds and Betty White, is the Jackson County Libraries' free adult monthly movie matinee, Friday, at 1 p.m., at the Jackson and Lakefield libraries.

The movie will be shown Friday, Feb. 25, at the Heron Lake Library. Come see the film on the libraries' big projector screen while enjoying freshly popped popcorn.

Movies are shown the third Friday of every month at 1 p.m., in Jackson and Lakefield, and the fourth Friday in Heron Lake.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jaе Faber of Mt. Lake has been named to the first semester dean's list at St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona.

Area students named to the fall semester dean's list at North Dakota State University in Fargo include: Camryn Thom of Windom; Sarah Quiring of Butterfield; Jaе Faber of Mt. Lake; Mckenna Dockter of Comfrey; Wyatt Schumacher of Heron Lake; Katelyn Rogotzke of Lambertton; and Braden Rempel of Mt. Lake.

Full-strength Eagle speech team finishes fourth at Luverne

After competing with a skeleton crew in the season-opening meet at Worthington, the Windom Eagle speech team was at full strength Saturday in Luverne.

The Eagles finished fourth in the team sweepstakes

with 26 points. Worthington won the team title with 47 points.

The Eagles showed strength and depth with multiple placings in four events.

The duo of Andres Rodriguez Cerda and Lauren Kelly

captured top honors in duo interpretation, while the duo of Alex Garcia and Eric Cendejas Caballero finished fifth.

Harriet Lohse captured a third-place finish in dramatic interpretation, while Ava Van Norman finished fifth in

the event.

Makenna McNamara finished fourth in original oratory, while Kaylan Donchez finished fifth.

In creative expression, Virginia Jensen grabbed a fifth-place finish, while Kaycee Hunter placed sixth.

Moriah Lohrenz added a third-place finish in prose—Windom's only event with a placemaker, but not multiple placemakers.

The Eagles added a blue ribbon from Tyler Fauglid and Eli Freiwald in duo interpretation.

Collecting red ribbons from the meet were Ella Smith in informative speaking and Gabriella Symens-Otero in prose.

The Eagle team travels to Marshall Saturday for the Tiger Invitational.

SCHOOL MENUS Feb. 17-24

Windom Area Schools An equal opportunity provider

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

Windom Area Schools/ELC/RRRLC/PreK/Headstart

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

Friday — SWWC ELC & ALC only: Long john roll.

Monday: President's Day — no school.

Tuesday: Cereal and string cheese, fruit punch juice. PreK — Cereal.

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

Thursday (2-24): Cereal and graham crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK — Blueberry muffin, fruit cup.

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: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, glazed carrots, romaine lettuce salad with dressing, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Ham sandwich.

Friday — SWWC ELC & ALC only: Turkey and cheese on hoagie sub bun with lettuce, tomato toppings, potato choice, fruit cup.

Monday: President's Day — no school.

Tuesday: Pork chop patty with mashed potatoes and

gravy, green beans, cherry-berry fruit cup, dinner roll or bread slice. MHS alt.: Hot turkey slices.

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

Thursday (2-24): Shrimp poppers, string cheese, baked beans, baby carrots with ranch dip, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Cheeseburger.

Red Rock Central

BREAKFAST MENU

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

Thursday: Uncrustable.

Friday: French toast.

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Cereal bar.

Wednesday: Egg muffin sandwich.

Thursday (2-24): Bagel bites.

LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday: Spaghetti, bread stick, pears.

Friday: Hamburger, fries, fruit.

Monday: No school.

Tuesday: Barbecued pork on a bun, baked beans, fruit, bag of chips.

Wednesday: Bosco sticks, peas, strawberries, yogurt.

Thursday (2-24): Chicken alfredo, broccoli, bread stick, fruit.

ASAD/ Making connections with fellow exchange students

FROM PAGE 4

year on the football team as a kicker. American football is not totally foreign to him. He actually took a few lessons in American football from one of the colleges in Turkey. Unfortunately, the pandemic arrived and his opportunity to learn more about the game ended.

He said football in Windom was a good experience and he's also hoping to try baseball in the spring. He hasn't played baseball before, but he has played softball.

Exchange friends

Asad has developed close friendships with two other WAHS exchange students — Lorant Karadi from Hungary and Amanda Hering from Germany.

"The first two or three months, I was a little bit lonely here. I have friends in school, but when school is over and I'm back at home, I'm just sitting in my room. But for the past two months, I've been going to Lorant's house and we're hanging out," Asad notes.

He's also gotten to know the school's German exchange student — because he shares the same house with her. Indeed, Asad and Amanda are both exchange students with the Jensen family.

"Amanda is my best friend at home because we are coming from a similar culture," Asad explains. "Istanbul is on the Europe



SUBMITTED
THE CALE AND KIA JENSEN family has increased by two with a couple of exchange students spending the school year with them. They are Asad Asadbayli of Turkey (in white cap) and Amanda Hering of Germany (second from front, far right in white coat).

side, so she is living in Europe, I'm living in Europe, so she actually has the same lifestyle as me — same friendship group, going outside every day, hanging out.

"When she has a problem, she is coming and sharing her problem with me. And I have similar problems — missing our families and friends. So, when she needs me or I need her, we talk. It's helping us. She's like a sister."

A Turk/German friendship is nothing new. Asad says that there is a history of Turkish/German relations that goes back 80 or 90 years. During a time of high unemployment in Turkey, many Turks moved to Germany where they opened restaurants and worked in

factories. There continues to be many native Turks who call Germany home.

Teaching about Turkey

During his stay in Windom, Asad hopes to shine some light on misconceptions about Turkey. He says people with whom he's conversed believe Turkey is similar to Iran or Iraq because of its Muslim population. But Asad assures his inquisitors that is not the case.

"Turkey is a little different. I can speak to Istanbul, because it is a unique city — half of it is Europe and half is Asia; it's a bridge between the continents," Asad explains. "We have three bridges in Istanbul that you can go from Europe to Asia,

and an underground. Istanbul and Turkey are very much like Europe.

"People here think it's more like Iraq or Iran. People are always asking questions. The main religion is Muslim in Turkey, but they do not carry the religion like Iran and Islam."

Meanwhile, Asad has adapted quickly to the American culture. He enjoys listening to English language songs and reading English books. However, he also enjoys listening to German, French and Italian music.

Why, his friends will ask him?

"Basically, because I'm trying to be an international person," Asad concludes.

FJELD/File features Windom students traveling abroad

Windom sent a student to Sortland. It was a key part of the Friends of Foreign Students program that was in operation in Windom for many years.

In fact, I seem to recall a story about a teacher and his family from Sortland spending six months of the school year teaching in Windom.

In addition, there is a file in the Citizen cabinets

devoted to Windom students who have traveled overseas and, of course, many of those students traveled to Sortland, Norway.

The exchange program in Windom has been a wonderful educational tool for Windom students, as well as the students who spent a school year in Windom. Not only do local students learn more about life in other countries from the students who visit here, but exchange students experience the American culture for most of 10 months.

May that continue for many years to come.

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TIME OUT

Joel Alvstad
Sports Editor



Ice fishing contest is Saturday on Cottonwood Lake

An ice fishing contest will be held Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Cottonwood Lake in Windom.

Tegels Park will serve as the headquarters for the tournament.

A \$10 entry fee is being charged, with all proceeds being donated to the Sharing Center in Windom.

Payback will be \$100 for first place and \$20 for second place, with divisions for walleye, northern pike, crappie/sunfish/bluegill, perch, and non-game fish.

The tournament is being organized by Masonic Lodge in Windom, Prudence Lodge #97.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the tournament at the Tegels Park Shelter House.

For more information, contact Mitch at (507) 822-1784.

Playoff time

One thing that I've definitely tried to stay on top of over the years has been playoff matchups.

With the winter sports playoff season now getting underway, the easiest way to follow will be on my Twitter feed and on the Citizen website, www.windomnews.com.

As pairings are announced for section events, I'll be able to post those to Twitter as soon as I get them. Then, I'll be able to get those pairings on the website as quickly as possible.

Seeding for boys hockey and girls basketball is expected to take place this week, with seeding for boys basketball taking place next week.

Be sure to follow me on Twitter. My Twitter handle can be found at the top of this page. And check the Citizen website for the latest scores and schedules for section tournaments.

A LOOK BACK TEN YEARS AGO

The Cobra gymnastics team posted a season-best score with a 127.425-123.2 win over Luverne. Miki Bolin had a career-best performance in the meet, scoring a 34.075 to win the all-around competition. Bolin also took first on floor and beam and tied for first on vault.

Windom graduate Ryan Presthus has helped Williston State College advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association's national hockey tournament in Rochester, N.Y.

The Eagle boys hockey team closed the regular season with a 7-2 win over Fairmont. Travis Janssen and Adam Eisenmenger each scored a pair of goals in the victory.

Former Eagle boys basketball coach Tony Taylor had a run-in with one of the year's most infamous hooligans. Taylor, an assistant coach at St. Olaf College, said the "piggy-back bandit" tried to pass himself off as a waterboy and as a St. Olaf fan, asking for a piggyback ride before being escorted from the gym in a game at Concordia.



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/16 boys basketball 238
EAGLE SENIOR Dylan Serreyn looks to put up a shot in a crowd of Cardinals during Thursday's game in Windom. The Eagles fell to Luverne Thursday, but rebounded with a win Friday over HLOF.

Eagles regroup for Friday win

The Windom Eagle boys basketball team regrouped Friday night, claiming a 74-61 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda at Fulda.

The Eagles were able to overcome an HLOF team that bombed away from the outside throughout the game. HLOF hit 15 three-pointers as a team.

But Windom was able to work the ball into the lane and went 15-of-22 from the line for the game. The Eagles also committed just two turnovers in the game, which allowed the Eagles to pull away in the second half.

Henry Erickson led the Eagles with 25 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists. Abe McKibbin scored 21 points and Dylan Serreyn added 15 points.

Windom 31 43-74
 HLOF 25 36-61



Boys Basketball
Friday—at Fairmont, 6 p.m.
Tuesday—vs. Springfield, 6 p.m.

STANDINGS

BIG SOUTH WEST DIVISION BOYS BB	
Team	W L
Mar (14-9)	10 2
Pipe (17-4)	9 2
RV (15-6)	8 3
JCC (9-13)	4 6
Wor (5-14)	3 7
Win (9-14)	2 9
Luv (7-11)	1 8

1-2-4: Rothernberger 1-1-3; Macario 0-0-0; McKibbin 7-3-21; Erickson 10-4-25; Serreyn 5-5-15. FG: 27-71 (38%), FT: 15-22 (68%), 3Pt: FG: 5-20 (25%)—McKibbin 4, Erickson. Fouls: 13. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 34. TOS: 2.
 HLOF (FG-F-T-TP): King 0-0-0; Murphy 6-2-20; Madisen 0-0-0; CDrent 8-0-23; Salentiny 1-0-3; SDrent 4-5-15; Gass 0-0-0; Hattendorf 0-0-0. FG: 19-45 (42%), FT: 8-10 (80%), 3Pt: FG: 15-35 (42%)—Murphy 6, CDrent 7, Salentiny, SDrent. Fouls: 18. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 30. TOS: 22.

Cards drop Eagles

A big second half and a massive edge from the free throw line propelled Luverne to a 76-57 victory over the Windom Eagle boys basketball team Thursday night in Windom.

The Cardinals held a five-point lead at halftime, but quickly found themselves shooting free throws in the second half. Luverne finished the game 18-of-24 from the stripe, while the Eagles were just 2-of-4.

Luverne also shot 44% from the field and held a 43-24 edge on the glass.

Abe McKibbin led the Eagles with 20 points in the loss. Henry Erickson added 17 points.

Luverne 31 45-76
 Windom 26 31-57

Luverne (FG-F-T-TP): Cole-Kraty 1-2-4; Schoenman 5-0-14; Frahm 1-0-2; Sehr 2-4-8; Radtke 1-6-9; Friedrichsen 2-1-5; DeBeer 2-0-5; Ahrendt 10-4-24; Overgaard 2-1-5. FG: 28-58 (48%), FT: 18-24 (75%), 3Pt: FG: 6-18 (33%)—Schoenman 4, Radtke, DeBeer. Fouls: 6. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 43. TOS: 14.
 Windom (FG-F-T-TP): Wormstadt 2-0-6; Lund 0-0-0; Rothernberger 3-0-8; Vancura 0-0-0; Squires 0-0-0; Macario 1-0-2; Elder 0-0-0; McKibbin 8-2-20; Erickson 8-0-17; Serreyn 2-0-4. FG: 24-65 (36%), FT: 2-4 (50%), 3Pt: FG: 7-28 (25%)—Wormstadt 2, Rothernberger 2, McKibbin 2, Erickson. Fouls: 23. Fouled out: Rothernberger, Serreyn. Rebs: 24. TOS: 11.

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End of the road for Eagles

The Eagles saw mishaps and misfortune at sections.

By **JOEL ALVSTAD**
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The difference between fourth place and seventh place was just over two points for the Windom Area gymnastics team at Saturday's Section 3A Meet in Marshall.

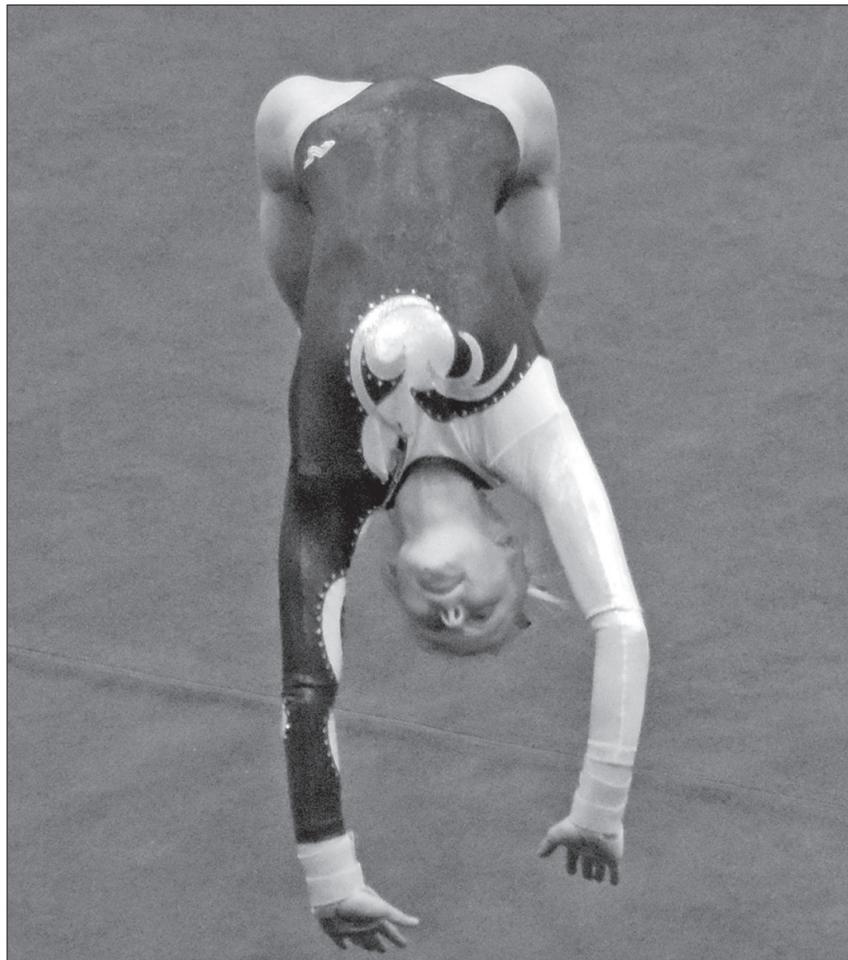
And the difference between qualifying for state and not qualifying proved to be razor thin for Eagle senior Brooklyn Paulson.

The Eagles had uncharacteristic falls on beam and bobbles on floor exercise Saturday. That left the Eagles in seventh place in the team standings with 125.3 points. Worthington ran away with the section title, scoring a 145.4.

Meanwhile, after consecutive trips to the state meet, Eagle senior Brooklyn Paulson saw her stellar career come to a close without a third straight trip.

"It was a little bit of a tough day," Eagle Coach Jordan Bussa said. "Right off the bat, I thought our scores were a little lower than they should have been on vault. I actually filed for an inquiry, which didn't go our way. But in a sport like gymnastics, the scoring is subjective, and when you're fairly early in a meet, the judges know that bigger skills are coming."

Paulson qualified for state in vault last year, but finished eighth this year, scoring an 8.85. Addison Colbert



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/16 gymnastics 302
EAGLE SENIOR Brooklyn Paulson tumbles through her floor routine during Saturday's Section 3A Meet in Marshall. Paulson's quest for a third straight trip to state came up just short, while the Eagle team finished seventh at sections.

was tied for ninth with an 8.65. The Eagles moved to bars and, while having solid routines, weren't able to put

up big numbers. Paulson had a team-best 7.85. Kadyn Paulson scored a 7.7.

"To score higher on bars, you really need to be able to do giants," Bussa said.

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Cardinals bounce Eagles from playoffs

The Windom Area girls hockey team saw its season come to an abrupt end Thursday night, as Fairmont claimed a 2-1 victory in the Section 3A playoffs at the Windom Arena.

STANDINGS

BIG SOUTH GIRLS HOCKEY	
Team	W L T
NU (23-3)	14 0 0
Luv (22-3)	12 2 0
MnRiv (13-13)	9 5 0
Mar (13-14-1)	7 7 0
Win (8-15)	6 8 0
Fair (8-14-2)	4 10 0
Was (4-21-1)	2 12 0
Wor (5-20)	2 12 0

unassisted goal.

The Eagles were able to tie the game at 1-1 with one minute to play in the first period on a five-on-three power play. Presley Dockter knocked down a clearing attempt by the Cardinals, weaved through the defense and slid a shot past the Cardinal goalie, tying the game at 1-1.

But in the second period, Fairmont went on the attack, peppering the Eagle net with

shots on goal. With 5:04 left in the period, Householder again picked off a clearing pass and was able to fire a shot into the net, giving the Cardinals a 2-1 lead.

With the score still 2-1 late in the game, the Eagles tried to pull their goalie for an extra attacker but were unable to score the equalizing goal.

Fairmont outshot the Eagles 33-24 for the game. Eagle goalie Kaylie Baerg finished with 31 saves.

The Eagles finish the season with an 8-15 overall record.

Fairmont 1 1 0-2
 Windom Area 1 0 0-1

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Fairmont: Mackenzie Householder (w/a) 3:14. 2. Windom: Presley Dockter (w/a) 16:00. pp. **SECOND PERIOD:** 3. Fairmont: Householder (w/a) 11:56. **THIRD PERIOD:** No scoring. **SUMMARY:** Shots on goal: Fairmont 33, Windom 24. **Power plays:** Fairmont 0-1, Windom 1-2. **Goalies:** Fairmont, Hadley Artz (24 shots, 23 saves); Windom, Kaylie Baerg (33 shots, 31 saves).

Eagles drop finale

The Windom Area girls hockey team closed the regular season with a hard-fought 4-0 loss Tuesday at New Ulm.



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/16 girls hockey 21
MARISSA BECKER corrals the puck and heads up-ice during Thursday's Section 3A playoff game against Fairmont.

The game was scoreless until the final five minutes of the second period, when New Ulm's Maddi O'Connor scored a shorthanded goal.

New Ulm then added two goals in the first three minutes of the third period and

scored the final goal with 6:30 left in regulation, sealing the win.

New Ulm outshot the Eagles 58-14 in the game. Eagle goalie Kaylie Baerg finished with 54 saves in the loss.

Eagles' skid hits five

The Windom Area boys hockey team found itself heading in the wrong direction as the playoffs approach Monday night.

The Eagles dropped their fifth straight game, falling 6-1 at Worthington.

After Worthington scored the game's

opening goal, Wyatt Haugen got the Eagles on the board late in the first period, off assists from Ethan Purrington and Karson LaCanne.

But the Trojans dominated control of the puck and continued to attack the Eagle net the rest of the game, outshooting the Eagles 30-18 for the game.

Worthington netted three goals in the second period to take a commanding 4-1 lead, then tacked on two more goals in the third period.

Windom Area (10-13-1, 7-7-1 Big South Conference) was slated to close the regular season last night (Tuesday) against Minnesota River in LeSueur.

Windom Area 1 0 0-1
 Worthington 1 3 2-6

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Worthington: Alec Langerud (Logan Powers) 5:05. 2. Windom: Wyatt Haugen (Ethan Purrington, Karson LaCanne) 11:19. **SECOND PERIOD:** 3. Worthington: Blake Luinenberg (w/a) 0:20. 4. Worthington: Konner Honius (Blake Ahrenstorff) 1:12. 5. Worthington: Langerud (w/a) 8:55. **THIRD PERIOD:** 6. Worthington: Ian Bungardner (Ahrenstorff) 3:06. 7. Worthington: Langerud (Luinenberg) 9:35.

SUMMARY: Shots on goal: Windom 18, Worthington 30. **Power plays:** Windom 0-3, Worthington 0-1. **Goalies:** Windom, Grant Dronen (30 shots, 24 saves); Worthington, Steven Adams (18 shots, 17 saves).

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Free throws lift Wolverines Monday

A persistent effort to attack the basket paid dividends for the Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey girls basketball team Monday.

The Wolverines outscored Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda 17-3 from the free throw line Monday night, proving to be the difference in a 49-35 victory at Fulda.

Jaci Tollefson and Brooke Naas did much of the damage from the stripe, combining for 15-of-22, while the team finished the game 17-of-31.

MLAC's efforts to attack the hoop on offense also paid off on the defensive end. With HLOF in foul trouble in the second half, the Coyotes couldn't find any offensive consistency and were held to four field goals.

Naas led the Wolverines with 20 points in the win. Tollefson added 15 points.

MLAC	23	26	49
HLOF	26	09	35

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Brinkman 0-1-1; Tollefson 3-8-15; Janzen 1-1-3; Green 1-0-2; Schroeder 2-0-6; Hoek 1-0-2; Naas 6-7-20. **FG:** 14. **FT:** 17-31 (55%). **3PT:** FG: 4 (Tollefson, Schroeder 2, Naas). **Fouls:** 16. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** na. **70s:** na.

HLOF (FG-FT-TP): Hermeling 3-0-8; White 3-2-9; Sfisler 1-0-2; Fest 0-0-7; Evers 4-1-9; Reith 0-0-0; Madison 0-0-0; Afischer 0-0-0. **FG:** 14. **FT:** 3-9 (33%). **3PT:** FG: 4 (Hermeling 2, White, Fest). **Fouls:** 24. **Fouled out:** Madison. **Rebs:** na. **70s:** na.

Falcons trip Dragons

Red Rock Central roared to life in the second half Monday night, pulling away late for a 48-34 win over Adrian-Ellsworth at Adrian.

The Dragons held a two-point halftime lead, holding RRC to 15 first-half points. But RRC rallied in the second half, outscoring the Dragons 33-17 over the final 18 minutes.

Lilly Stavnes led RRC with 13 points. Karli Arkell added 11 and Hailey Amsden scored 10.

RRC	15	33	48
Adrian-Ellsworth	17	17	34

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Hornig 0-0-0; DeCock 1-0-2; Amsden 4-1-10; Stavnes 5-2-13; Hubin 0-0-0; Rindfleisch 3-3-9; Hemmingsen 1-0-3; Arkel 5-0-11. **FG:** 19. **FT:** 8-9 (89%). **3PT:** FG: 4 (Amsden, Stavnes, Hemmingsen, Arkel). **Fouls:** 14. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** na. **70s:** na.

AE (FG-FT-TP): Krähling 8-0-18; Polzine 0-0-0; Custer 0-0-0; Buntjer 0-0-0; Popkes 0-0-0; Altman 0-0-0; Bullerman 3-2-8; Wagner 4-0-6; Hoffman 0-0-0. **FG:** 15. **FT:** 2-9 (22%). **3PT:** FG: 2 (Krähling 2). **Fouls:** 15. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** na. **70s:** na.

Dutchmen drop WWG

Westbrook-Walnut Grove fell behind early and couldn't recover Monday night, dropping a 62-46 decision against Edgerton at Westbrook.

The Dutchmen used a balanced attack to build a 15-point halftime cushion. Edgerton's height advantage in the lane forced WWG to try to come back from the outside.

WWG hit eight three-pointers in the game, but wasn't able to close the gap in the second half.

Amelia Sikel led WWG with 20 points. Isabel Klumper added 18.

Edgerton	34	28	62
WWG	19	27	46

Edgerton (FG-FT-TP): Gilbertson 4-1-11; Smit 3-0-6; Fleischman 0-0-0; Schoonmeester 0-0-0; VandeGriend 4-5-13; Kracht 2-2-6; Wassink 8-0-16; Wieck 3-0-6; Ockenga 2-0-4. **FG:** 26. **FT:** 8-17 (47%). **3PT:** FG: 2 (Gilbertson 2). **Fouls:** 12. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** na. **70s:** na.

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jennings 1-0-2; Klumper 7-0-18; Wahl 2-1-6; Parker 0-0-0; DeSmith 0-0-0; Sikel 5-7-20; Carter 0-0-0; Knakmuhs 0-0-0. **FG:** 15. **FT:** 8-12 (67%). **3PT:** FG: 3 (Klumper 4, Wahl, Sikel 3). **Fouls:** 10. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** na. **70s:** na.



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/16 girls basketball 207
RILEY SCHROEDER drives into the lane against tight defense during Friday's game against SWC.

Area Girls Basketball Schedule

Thursday—HBC at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 6 p.m.; SWC at RRC (Lamberton), 6 p.m.; WWG at HLOF (Okabena), 6 p.m.

Friday—Windom at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 6 p.m.

Monday—RRC at Edgerton, 6 p.m.; MCC at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

Tuesday—RRC at MACCRAY (Clara City), 6 p.m.

Sting sinks Chargers

Westbrook-Walnut Grove stumbled out of the gate Saturday, dropping a 57-47 decision to Yellow Medicine East in Westbrook.

The Sting stung the Chargers from the outside, outscoring WWG 30-6 from three-point range for the game. That hot shooting, particularly early in the game, allowed YME to build a 14-point halftime lead.

Isabel Klumper led WWG with 21 points. Amelia Sikel added 11 points in the loss.

YME	29	28	57
WWG	15	32	47

YME (FG-FT-TP): Sneller 1-0-3; Flores 0-2-2; Schuler 5-0-14; Peters 3-4-11; Mortenson 0-1-1; HoStark 2-0-4; HaStark 6-6-22. **FG:** 17-46 (37%). **FT:** 13-21 (62%). **3PT:** FG: 10-23 (44%). —Sneller, Schuler 4, Peters, HaStark 4). **Fouls:** 25. **Fouled out:** Flores, HoStark. **Rebs:** 33. **70s:** 19.

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jennings 1-1-3; Klumper 7-5-21; Wahl 2-2-6; Parker 3-0-6; DeSmith 0-0-0; Sikel 3-5-11; Knakmuhs 0-0-0. **FG:** 16-49 (33%). **FT:** 13-23 (57%). **3PT:** FG: 2-18 (11%). —Klumper 2). **Fouls:** 18. **Fouled out:** Klumper. **Rebs:** 35. **70s:** 16.

Eagles drop Wolverines

Southwest Minnesota Christian mounted a furious second-half rally Friday, claiming a 55-51 victory over Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey in Mt. Lake.

The Wolverines held an 11-point halftime lead and built the lead to 15 early in the second half. But SWC erased the deficit with a run midway through the second half, then scored a pair of late buckets to preserve the victory.

"We came out and played a great first half," MLAC Coach Ryan Jans said. "We were flying around on defense really well and getting stops. Unfortunately, we missed some shots we probably shouldn't have and it kept us from having an even-bigger lead at halftime.

"In the second half, we had about a five-minute stretch with some costly turnovers. SWC was able to get out ahead of us and score some lay-ups. It was back and forth the last couple of minutes, but we didn't convert on some opportunities and they were able to make a

couple of plays inside late."

Jaci Tollefson led the Wolverines with 19 points. Brooke Naas scored 17 in the loss.

SWC	13	42	55
MLAC	24	27	51

SWC (FG-FT-TP): Binford 3-3-9; Fick 2-0-4; VanEssen 1-0-2; Veldkamp 2-0-4; Fey 1-2-5; Snyder 1-0-3; Nelson 2-0-5; Moss 4-0-8; Barron 6-3-15. **FG:** 22-53 (42%). **FT:** 8-18 (44%). **3PT:** FG: 3-17 (18%). —Fey, Snyder, Nelson). **Fouls:** 15. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 36. **70s:** 13.

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Brinkman 4-0-8; ABrinkman 0-0-0; Tollefson 6-4-19; Janzen 1-0-2; Green 1-0-2; Schroeder 1-0-3; Naas 6-5-17. **FG:** 19-53 (36%). **FT:** 9-13 (69%). **3PT:** FG: 4-10 (40%). —Tollefson 3, Schroeder). **Fouls:** 16. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 33. **70s:** 15.

Falcons top Rebels

Red Rock Central built a comfortable lead, then pulled away in the second half for a 61-37 win over Murray County Central Friday in Slayton.

Playing without all-conference center Karli Arkell, the Falcons were able to force 26 Rebel turnovers, with the Falcons outscoring MCC 28-8 off turnovers in the game.

Lilly Stavnes led RRC with 23 points. Emily DeCock scored 20 and Sondra Rindfleisch added 11.

RRC	26	35	61
MCC	14	23	37

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Erickson 0-0-0; DeCock 6-2-20; Amsden 1-0-2; Stavnes 9-2-23; Hubin 0-0-0; Myers 1-1-3; Rindfleisch 3-5-11; Hemmingsen 0-0-0; Cowan 1-0-2; Redman 0-0-0; Irbeck 0-0-0. **FG:** 21-57 (37%). **FT:** 8-11 (73%). **3PT:** FG: 11-25 (44%). —DeCock 6, Stavnes 5). **Fouls:** 14. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 29. **70s:** 14.

MCC (FG-FT-TP): Boerboom 0-0-0; KMiller 0-0-0; Schneider 0-0-0; CMiller 0-0-0; Daniels 0-0-0; Gillette 0-0-0; Miller 0-2-2; Overman 2-2-8; Hurd 0-0-0; Swenson 3-0-6; Iverson 1-1-3; Hellewell 0-0-0; Rohrer 1-0-2; McNab 0-0-0; Larson 0-0-0. **FG:** 16-44 (36%). **FT:** 5-11 (45%). **3PT:** FG: 0-10 (0%). **Fouls:** 16. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 28. **70s:** 26.

Chargers fall Friday

Adrian-Ellsworth stormed back in the second half Friday, rallying for a 58-48 win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove at Westbrook.

The Chargers led by nine at halftime, but the Dragons answered with a strong second half from the field. Adrian-Ellsworth also outscored WWG 13-5 from the line for the game.

Isabel Klumper led WWG with 21 points. Amelia Sikel scored 10 in the loss.

Adrian-Ellsworth	21	37	58
WWG	30	18	48

AE (FG-FT-TP): Krähling 5-8-20; Polzine 3-1-8; Buntjer 1-0-2; Popkes 0-1-1; Altman 1-0-2; Bullerman 5-2-12; Wagner 6-1-3; Hoffman 0-0-0. **FG:** 21-45 (47%). **FT:** 13-27 (48%). **3PT:** FG: 3-9 (39%). —Krähling 2, Polzine). **Fouls:** 17. **Fouled out:** Altman. **Rebs:** 39. **70s:** 15.

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jennings 1-0-3; Klumper 9-1-21; Wahl 1-0-2; Parker 1-2-4; DeSmith 0-2-2; Sikel 4-0-10; Carter 1-0-2; Freiburg 1-0-2; Knakmuhs 1-0-2. **FG:** 18-54 (35%). **FT:** 5-13 (39%). **3PT:** FG: 5-24 (21%). —Jennings, Klumper 2, Sikel 2). **Fouls:** 19. **Fouled out:** DeSmith. **Rebs:** 27. **70s:** 10.

Wolverines trip Chargers

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey got out from the outside in



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BROOKE NAAS drives to the hoop to lay in two of her 17 points in Friday's game against SWC. The Wolverines saw a late lead slip away in Friday's 55-51 loss.

the second half Tuesday night, allowing the Wolverines to race to a 55-45 victory over Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Mt. Lake.

WWG held a two-point halftime lead, but MLAC answered in the second half with five three-pointers.

Meanwhile, the Wolverine defense stifled the Chargers, holding WWG to 18 points over the final 18 minutes.

Brooke Naas led MLAC with 24 points in the victory. Jaci Tollefson added 12 points. Amelia Sikel led WWG with 15 points. Isabel Klumper chipped in 14 points.

WWG	27	18	45
MLAC	25	30	55

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jennings 1-0-3; Klumper 5-1-14; Wahl 1-0-2; Parker 3-1-8; DeSmith 1-1-3; Sikel 5-2-15; Carter 0-0-0; Knakmuhs 0-0-0. **FG:** 16-48 (33%). **FT:** 5-10 (50%). **3PT:** FG: 8-22 (36%). —Jennings, Klumper 3, Parker, Sikel 3). **Fouls:** 13. **Fouled out:** Sikel. **Rebs:** 35. **70s:** 14.

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Brinkman 2-0-5; ABrinkman 1-0-3; Tollefson 4-2-12; Janzen 0-1-1; Green 1-2-4; Schroeder 2-0-6; Naas 9-2-24. **FG:** 19-53 (36%). **FT:** 7-15 (47%). **3PT:** FG: 10-26 (39%). —Tollefson, ABrinkman, Tollefson 2, Schroeder 2, Naas 4). **Fouls:** 13. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 36. **70s:** 8.

Falcons top Coyotes

Red Rock Central came out firing in the first half Tuesday night, building a commanding lead on its way to a 57-43 win over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda in Lambertton.

The Falcons drained five three-pointers as a team in the first half, as HLOF had no answer for Falcon senior Karli Arkell early on. Arkell scored 21 of her game-high 24 points in the first half.

The Coyotes were able to adjust on Arkell in the second half, which opened the door for Sondra Rindfleisch to score nine second-half points. Lilly Stavnes finished with 13 points, while Rindfleisch added 11 in the win.

HLOF	19	24	43
WWG	36	21	57

HLOF (FG-FT-TP): Hermeling 3-2-10; White 3-1-9; Sfisler 2-0-5; Fest 2-0-5; Evers 4-2-10; Reith 0-0-0; Madison 1-0-2; Afischer 1-0-2. **FG:** 16-66 (24%). **FT:** 5-14 (36%). **3PT:** FG: 6-27 (22%). —Hermeling 2, White 2, Sfisler, Fest). **Fouls:** 16. **Fouled out:** Evers. **Rebs:** 37. **70s:** 16.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Hornig 1-0-2; DeCock 0-0-0; Amsden 0-1-1; Stavnes 4-3-13; Hubin 0-0-0; Rindfleisch 5-1-11; Hemmingsen 2-0-6; Arkel 10-1-24. **FG:** 22-56 (39%). **FT:** 6-11 (55%). **3PT:** FG: 7-16 (44%). —Stavnes 2, Hemmingsen 2, Arkel 3). **Fouls:** 16. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 47. **70s:** 22.



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MADI HOGAN keeps the ball away from a Luverne defender during Thursday's game.

(71%). **3PT:** FG: 4-10 (40%). —Krähling, Altman 2. **Wagner):** **Fouls:** 5. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 40. **70s:** 23.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): KSammons 5-0-15; HadSammons 5-0-11; Nielsen 0-0-0; Dauer 2-3-9; HaiSammons 0-0-0; Walkin 0-0-0; Chuska 0-0-0; MHogan 1-30-3; Veenker 1-0-3; Maras 3-0-6; AHogan 0-0-0. **FG:** 13-38 (34%). **FT:** 3-4 (75%). **3PT:** FG: 10-30 (33%). —KSammons 5, HadSammons, Dauer 2, MHogan, Veenker). **Fouls:** 13. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 26. **70s:** 29.

Cardinals cruise past Eagle girls Thursday

The Windom Eagle girls basketball team started well, but Luverne dominated the final 28 minutes of the game Thursday night, cruising to an 81-39 victory at Windom.

The Eagles jumped to a 9-0 lead and led 11-8 with 10 minutes to go in the first half. Luverne then ended the half with a 39-14 run.

The Cardinals shot 57% from the field and forced the Eagles into 29 turnovers in the game, creating 37 points off those turnovers.

Kendyl Sammons led the Eagles with 15 points. Hannah Dauer added nine points.

Luverne	47	34	81
Windom	25	14	39

Luverne (FG-FT-TP): CWagner 4-3-13; Beyer 0-0-0; VerSteeg 4-0-9; Sehr 3-0-8; EWagner 9-6-24; Steganga 2-0-4; Sandoz 0-0-0; John 3-0-6; Smith 0-0-0; Serie 0-0-0; Voorhees 0-0-0; Hansen 1-0-4; Schmuck 2-0-4; Hart 0-0-0. **FG:** 31-53 (57%). **FT:**

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Team	W	L	
Mar (19-4)	12	0	
Wor (13-9)	9	3	
Luv (18-4)	8	3	
JCC (16-9)	5	6	
Win (9-13)	3	8	
Pipe (6-16)	3	9	
RV (0-25)	0	11	

9-16 (56%). **3PT:** FG: 10-22 (46%). —CWagner 2, VerSteeg, Sehr 2, Steganga 5). **Fouls:** 8. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 25. **70s:** 8.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): KSammons 5-0-15; HadSammons 5-0-11; Nielsen 0-0-0; Dauer 2-3-9; HaiSammons 0-0-0; Walkin 0-0-0; Chuska 0-0-0; MHogan 1-30-3; Veenker 1-0-3; Maras 3-0-6; AHogan 0-0-0. **FG:** 13-38 (34%). **FT:** 3-4 (75%). **3PT:** FG: 10-30 (33%). —KSammons 5, HadSammons, Dauer 2, MHogan, Veenker). **Fouls:** 13. **Fouled out:** None. **Rebs:** 26. **70s:** 29.

Eagles drop Dragons

The Windom Eagle girls basketball team bombed away from long distance Tuesday night, leading to a



Girls Basketball

Thursday—at Edgerton, 6 p.m.

Friday—at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 6 p.m.

Monday—at Springfield, 6 p.m.

73-54 victory over Adrian-Ellsworth at Windom.

The Eagles hit 17 three-pointers as a team in the game, with 10 coming in the first half.

That shooting from the outside allowed the Eagles to build a 13-point halftime edge and expand the lead in the second half.

Four Eagles scored in double figures in the game, led by KJ Huska with 24 points. Huska hit eight treys in the game. Kendyl Sammons added 15 points on five three-pointers. Tristyn Maras finished with 14 points and Hadley Sammons scored 11.

Adrian-Ellsworth	28	26	54
Windom	41	32	73

AE (FG-FT-TP): Krähling 6-4-17; Mulder 0-0-0; Polzine 0-0-0; Custer 0-0-0; Buntjer 1-1-3; Popkes 0-0-0; Thier 0-0-0; Altman 3-0-8; Bullerman 4-4-12; Wagner 4-1-10; Hoffman 1-0-2. **FG:** 20-52 (39%). **FT:** 10-14

CITIZEN

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Abe McKibbin

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Year: Junior

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chosen because—Lilly is always enthusiastic when she enters my

Late rally lifts Eagles past Wolverines

Southwest Minnesota Christian rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half Friday, taking over sole possession of the Red Rock Conference lead with a 56-55 win over Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey in Mt. Lake.

The Wolverines led by eight at half-time and built the lead to double digits early in the second half, but SWC was able to get the Wolverines in foul trouble early in the

second half, sparking a comeback.

Down the stretch, SWC went 11-of-17 from the free throw line. A free throw in the final 30 seconds gave the Eagles a one-point lead.

MLAC's final attempts to win the game rattled out.

"We played one of our best first halves of the season and got the lead up to 13, but foul trouble really hurt us," MLAC Coach Shawn Naas said. "Down the stretch, we had a couple of shots blocked and a couple that just didn't drop. We had a couple of good looks in the closing seconds and just couldn't convert."

"It was a great game with a great crowd. It just wasn't the result we wanted."

Carter Olson led the Wolverines with 16 points. Ashton Toll and Cole Kleven each scored eight in the loss.

SWC	22	34	56
MLAC	30	25	55

SWC (FG-FT-TP): Uilk 0-0-0; Van 1 Hof 2-1-5; ASchaap 1-0-2; Rieck 2-0-5; MSchaap 6-1-13; Walnut 2-4-8; Kuipers 0-0-0; VanHulzen 8-6-24. FG: 21-58 (36%). FT: 11-21 (52%). 3Pt: FG: 3-18 (16%). Rebs: 28. Fouls: 22. Springfield (FG-FT-TP): Richt 2-0-4; Buerke 4-4-12; Potter 0-0-0; Hillesheim 5-3-15; Sturm 3-0-7; Vogel 3-1-8; Hauger 1-0-2; Coffland 3-4-10; Krick 0-3-3. FG: 21-62 (34%). FT: 15-20 (75%). 3Pt: FG: 4-30 (13%). Hillesheim 2, Sturm, Vogel. Fouls: 20. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 35. TOs: 13.

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Khamvongsa 0-3-3; Kremmin 1-3-6; Oakland 1-0-2; KoWassman 2-0-4; Olson 7-2-16; Toll 4-0-8; KaWassman 1-2-5; Kleven 4-0-8; Karschnik 1-1-3. FG: 21-59 (35%). FT: 11-14 (78%). 3Pt: FG: 2-10 (20%). Khamvongsa, KaWassman. Fouls: 23. Fouled out: Toll. Rebs: 37. TOs: 18.

Wolverines edge Madelia

After a tough loss the night before, Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey got an early start Saturday, capturing a 63-56 matinee victory at Madelia.

The Wolverines held a five-point halftime edge and worked the lead as high as 12 in the second half before Madelia rallied late.

Down the stretch, the Wolverines were able to get to the line, going 13-of-21 for the game, compared to 4-of-6 for the Blackhawks.

"This might have been just as big a game for us as Friday's was," MLAC Coach Shawn Naas said. "It was a 12:30 p.m. start against a quality section opponent. If we can take care of business the rest of the way, we should have a home game in the sub-section quarterfinals."

Carter Olson led the Wolverines with 16 points. Damon Khamvongsa added 14 and Kolby Kremmin scored 12.

MLAC	30	33	63
Madelia	25	31	56

Edgerton (FG-FT-TP): Khamvongsa 4-3-14; Kremmin 5-0-12; Oakland 0-0-0; KoWassman 1-1-3; Olson 6-4-16; Toll 2-1-5; KaWassman 1-2-4; Kleven 2-2-6; Karschnik 1-0-3. FG: 22-49 (44%). FT: 13-21 (61%).

Area Boys Basketball Schedule

Friday—MLAC at HBC (Hills), 6 p.m.; SWC at RRC (Lamberton), 6 p.m.; HLOF at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.
Tuesday—WWG at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 6 p.m.; HLOF at RRC (Lamberton), 6 p.m.

3Pt. FG: 6-22 (27%)—Khamvongsa 3, Kremmin 2, Karschnik. Fouls: 11. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 28. TOs: 14.
Madelia (FG-FT-TP): Zamora 1-0-2; DelMaris 4-0-10; Glover 9-3-22; Reed 0-0-0; Allenburg 2-1-6; Johnson 0-0-0; Jones 5-0-14; Bergeman 1-0-2; Bruns 0-0-0. FG: 22-45 (48%). FT: 4-6 (67%). 3Pt. FG: 6-21 (28%). DelMaris 2, Glover, Allenburg, Jones 4. Fouls: 15. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 24. TOs: 21.

Chargers top Tigers

Westbrook-Walnut Grove got out to an early lead and made it stand Friday night, topping Springfield 65-61 at Springfield.

WWG led by six at half-time and preserved the lead by shooting 52% from the field for the game.

Cole VanDeWiele hit eight three-pointers and led WWG with 25 points. Kole Curry scored 16 and Austin Parker added 15.

WWG	35	30	65
Springfield	29	32	61

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Vue 1-0-2; Curry 4-8-16; Jenniges 0-0-0; Parker 6-2-15; Ross 1-0-2; VanDeWiele 8-1-25; Kleven 2-1-5; Merrick 0-0-0. FG: 22-42 (52%). FT: 12-19 (63%). 3Pt: FG: 9-22 (41%). Parker, VanDeWiele 8. Fouls: 17. Fouled out: Ross. Rebs: 28. TOs: 22.
Springfield (FG-FT-TP): Richt 2-0-4; Buerke 4-4-12; Potter 0-0-0; Hillesheim 5-3-15; Sturm 3-0-7; Vogel 3-1-8; Hauger 1-0-2; Coffland 3-4-10; Krick 0-3-3. FG: 21-62 (34%). FT: 15-20 (75%). 3Pt: FG: 4-30 (13%). Hillesheim 2, Sturm, Vogel. Fouls: 20. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 35. TOs: 13.

Knights rout Falcons

Russell-Tyler-Ruthton ended the first half on a 24-4 run, then outscored Red Rock Central 41-11 in the second half to claim an 81-25 win Friday in Lambertton.

The Falcons were within six at 16-10 before RTR went on its burst to end the half.

The Knights forced RRC into 31 turnovers while allowing just 29 field goal attempts.

Joe Strock led RRC with 12 points. Corey Arkell scored eight.

RTR	40	41	81
RRC	14	11	25

RTR (FG-FT-TP): Drake 1-0-2; Christianson 0-0-0; CWichmann 6-0-14; Guida 1-0-2; Gylling 2-0-4; Norgaard 1-0-2; AWichmann 2-0-4; Haroldson 0-1-1; Beartman 6-0-12; Hansen 3-0-7; Anderson 4-0-8; Martinez 1-0-3; Weber 1-0-2; Lamotte 4-0-8; Werkman 6-0-12. FG: 38-66 (58%). FT: 1-2 (50%). 3Pt: FG: 4-16 (25%). CWichmann 2, Hansen, Martinez. Fouls: 10. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 33. TOs: 10.
RRC (FG-FT-TP): Simonson 1-1-3; Jackson 0-1-1; Vold 0-0-0; Holmen 0-1-1; Hansen 0-0-0; Hensch 0-0-0; Strock 4-3-12; Dammann 0-0-0; Lang 0-0-0; Horning 0-0-0; Arkell 4-0-8; Juhnke 0-0-0. FG: 9-29 (31%). FT: 6-12 (50%). 3Pt: FG: 1-7 (14%). Strock. Fouls: 3. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 18. TOs: 31.

Rebels slow down WWG

Westbrook-Walnut Grove saw its offense run into the ground Thursday night, as Murray County Central claimed a 40-36 win at Slayton.

WWG was held to 28% shooting, as the Rebels dictated a slow-paced game.

Hudsen Jenniges led WWG with nine points. Brady Ross scored seven.

WWG	22	14	36
MCC	25	15	40

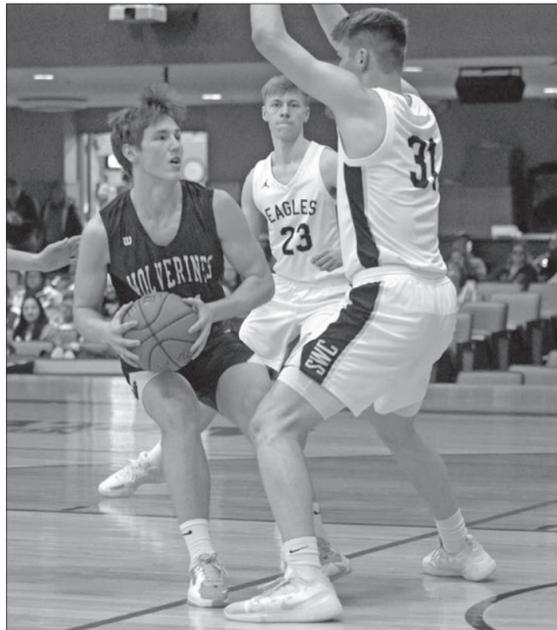
WWG (FG-FT-TP): Knakmuhs 0-0-0; Curry 2-0-4; Jenniges 3-0-9; Parker 0-4-4; Ross 2-2-7; VanDeWiele 2-1-6; Merrick 0-0-0. FG: 12-43 (28%). FT: 7-11 (64%). 3Pt: FG: 5-17 (29%). Jenniges 3, Ross, VanDeWiele. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 27. TOs: 12.
MCC (FG-FT-TP): Graphenteen 1-2-5; Pautzine 3-0-9; Dierks 1-1-4; Tentlinger 4-0-8; Hoekman 1-0-2; Kleven 3-0-6; Mitchell 2-2-8; Engelkes 0-0-0. FG: 15-40 (38%). FT: 5-9 (56%). 3Pt: FG: 5-17 (29%). Graphenteen, Pautzine 3, Dierks. Fouls: 8. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 28. TOs: 14.

Dutchmen top RRC

A shorthanded Red Rock



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WWG SENIOR Cole VanDeWiele scoops a shot around RRC's Isaac Simonson (left) and Corey Arkell (34) during last Tuesday's game.



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/16 boys basketball 20
ASHTON TOLL pump fakes before dropping in a lay-up during Friday's game against SWC. SWC rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit to edge the Wolverines 56-55.

Central squad fell behind early and never recovered Thursday, dropping a 53-32 decision at Edgerton.

RRC was without two starters and a top reserve due to illness.

Edgerton was able to take advantage. The Dutchmen hit eight three-pointers in the game and surged to a nine-point halftime lead. Edgerton then outscored the Falcons 28-16 in the second half.

Joe Strock led RRC with 10 points. Ashton Holmen added eight points.

RRC	16	16	32
Edgerton	25	28	53

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Simonson 2-1-5; Jackson 1-0-2; Vold 0-0-0; Holmen 2-2-8; Hansen 2-0-5; Hensch 1-0-2; Strock 4-1-10; Juhnke 0-0-0. FG: 12-51 (24%). FT: 4-11 (36%). 3Pt: FG: 4-31 (13%). Holmen 2, Hansen, Strock. Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 34. TOs: 17.
Edgerton (FG-FT-TP): Schultz 3-2-0; Moffitt 0-0-0; CBootsma 2-0-6; ABootsma 5-0-13; JacFischer 4-0-8; Buckridge 4-0-10; JarFischer 2-3-7; Carrera 0-0-0. FG: 20-48 (42%). FT: 5-9 (56%). 3Pt: FG: 3-17 (18%). Schultz, CBootsma 2, ABootsma 3, Buckridge 2. Fouls: 15. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 37. TOs: 16.

Chargers sink Falcons

Westbrook-Walnut Grove turned up the intensity late in the first half Tuesday and carried the momentum into the second half, rolling to an

81-50 victory over Red Rock Central at Westbrook.

The Chargers shot 57% from the field as a team for the game and started the game hot from the field, pulling away late in the opening half to take an 18-point lead.

WWG then opened the second half with a 14-0 run, taking command of the game.

Five Chargers finished the game scoring in double figures, led by Austin Parker with 16 points. Kole Curry scored 15 points, Hudson Jenniges scored a career-high 14 points, Cole VanDeWiele had 13 points and Brady Ross finished with 11.

Isaac Simonson and Joe Strock each scored 10 points to lead RRC.

RRC	27	23	50
WWG	45	36	81

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Simonson 4-2-10; Jackson 1-0-3; Vold 1-0-2; Holmen 2-1-6; Hansen 3-0-9; Hensch 1-0-2; Strock 4-1-10; Lang 1-0-2; Arkell 3-0-6; Juhnke 0-0-0. FG: 20-61 (33%). FT: 4-5 (80%). 3Pt: FG: 6-25 (24%). Jackson, Holmen, Hansen 3, Strock. Fouls: 5. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 32. TOs: 14.
WWG (FG-FT-TP): AnVue 2-0-4; AdVue 0-0-0; Knakmuhs 0-0-0; Curry 7-0-15; Shaw 0-0-0; Lee 0-0-0; Jenniges 5-0-14; Knudson 1-0-2; Parker 8-0-16; Ross 4-2-11; VanDeWiele 5-0-13; Kleven 3-0-6; Vang 0-0-0. FG: 35-63 (56%). FT: 2-4 (50%). 3Pt: FG: 9-23 (39%). Curry, Jenniges 4, Ross, VanDeWiele 3. Fouls: 4. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 37. TOs: 10.

GYM/ Paulson takes seventh on beam

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"And to work on giants, you really need to have a year-round facility and work that skill all off-season. You can't just pick up doing a giant in three months during the season."

The Eagles moved directly from bars to beam, where the team had several falls and bobbles.

It also was where Paulson had perhaps her biggest misfortune of the day, as her hand began to bleed during her routine.

"She had just fallen on a skill she probably hits nine out of 10 times," Bussa said. "When she fell, she noticed the blood on her hand. It was cold and dry out and, combined with all the chalk the girls use, that caused her hand to crack."

"Unfortunately, that fall cost her a half-point. She missed qualifying for state by three-tenths."

Paulson scored an 8.5 to lead the Eagles. Ada Lund added a 7.45.

On floor, the Eagles also had some missteps. Paulson scored an 8.55, while Lund added a 7.85.

"The girls continued to battle through the floor," Bussa said. "We were the last team to go on floor. By then, it had been kind of a long day and it was starting to set in that it wasn't

going to finish our way." Individually, the top three all-around performers advance to state in all four events. Additionally, the top three finishers in each event who were not all-around qualifiers also advance to state.

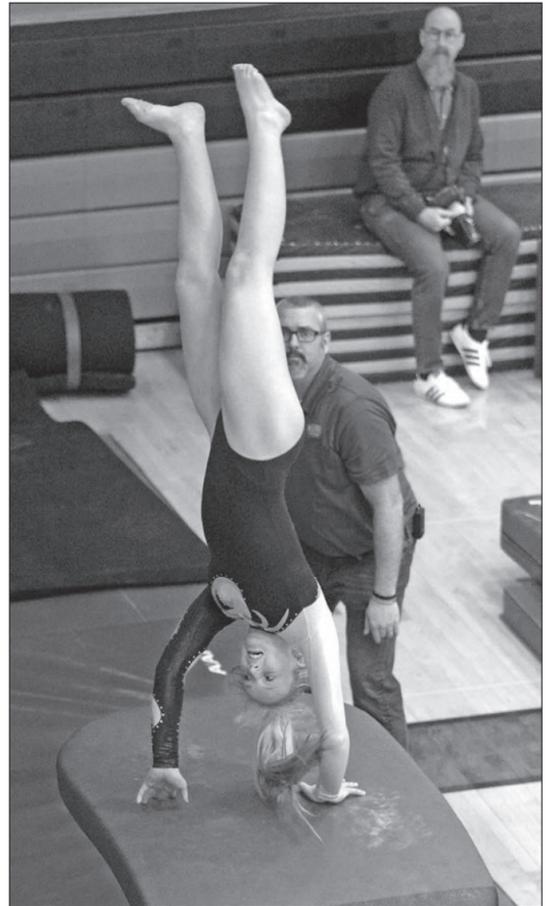
Bussa said that the loss of Paulson, the team's lone senior, will be a big blow.

"You don't just replace someone with two years of state meet experience," Bussa said. "But the rest of our team will be back. The girls we have coming back and coming up have a lot of talent. It's going to be a matter of putting in the work in the off-season and coming into next year with a determination to improve."

SECTION 3A MEET: 1. Worthington 145.4, 2. JCC 133.65, 3. Luverne 132.75, 4. Marshall 127.525, 5. Redwood Valley 126.675, 6. Pipestone 126.625, 7. Windom Area 125.3.

Individual Section Medalists

(*—Denotes State Qualifier)
All-Around: *1. Hall Bullerman (Worthington) 36.85, *2. Mekyla Nystrom (Worthington) 36.475, *3. Ella Reisdorfer (Luverne) 35.625, 4. Abby Bristow (Worthington) 35.525, 5. Cameen McFarquhar (Marshall) 34.1, 6. Avery Wilson (RV) 34.025.
Vault: *1. Bullerman (Worthington) 9.475, *2. Nystrom (Worthington) 9.3, *3. Kelsey Soleta (Worthington) 9.225, *4. Reisdorfer (Luverne) 9.075, *4t. Bristow (Worthington) 9.075, *4t. Kenadie Thiner (Worthington) 9.075.
Bars: *1. Bullerman (Worthington) 8.85, *2. Nystrom (Worthington) 8.775, *3. Wilson (RV) 8.7, *4. Olivia Barber (Worthington) 8.65, *5. Reisdorfer (Luverne) 8.55, *6. Soleta (Worthington) 8.5.
Beam: *1t. Nystrom (Worthington) 9.1, *1t. Barber (Worthington) 9.1, *3. Bullerman (Worthington) 8.975, *4. Bristow (Worthington) 8.9, *5. Reisdorfer (Luverne) 8.875, *6. McFarquhar (Marshall) 8.8.
Floor: *1. Bullerman (Worthington) 9.55, *2. Barber (Worthington) 9.375, *3. Nystrom (Marshall) 9.3, *4. Bristow (Worthington) 9.25, *5. Reisdorfer (Luverne) 9.125, *6. Kaysa Dooly (Pipestone) 9.075.
Eagle Results
Vault: Brooklyn Paulson 8.85; Addison Colbert 8.65; Kady Paulson 8.525; Ada Lund 8.425; Ashlyn Altman 8.425.
Bars: B. Paulson 7.85; K. Paulson 7.7; Altman 7.45; Lund 7.05.
Beam: B. Paulson 8.5; Lund 7.45; K. Paulson 7.125; Kirsten Nickel 6.225; Altman 5.9.
Floor: B. Paulson 8.55; Lund 7.85; K. Paulson 7.7; Addison Evans 7.4; Altman 6.75.
All-Around: B. Paulson 33.75; K. Paulson 31.05; Lund 30.775; Altman 28.525.



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ADA LUND pushes herself off the vault horse during Saturday's Section 3A Meet in Marshall.

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Few rabbits for kids to hunt anymore



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If ever there was a perfect name for a species of wild-life it would be the cottontail rabbit. For sure, there are red-headed woodpeckers, and red-winged blackbirds and yellow-headed black birds but they all have varied colors depending on time of year and male or female.

But when you see a cottontail rabbit running away from you that little tail bobbing along can only mean one thing. It's the cottontail rabbit and it surely does look like a piece of balled up white cotton.

But, unfortunately I've been seeing far fewer of them nowadays.

And for the many "kids" that need a start for some hunting there is nothing more perfect. They once were so easy to find and they'd usually stop for a second or two allowing a novice hunter time to get off a shot with a .410 shotgun and learn how to

Instead the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service plants most of their areas to tall prairie grass and we have no prairie grouse.

Cottontail rabbits are very prolific if given the chance. They usually have two to three litters per year of four to five bunnies and believe it or not, they mate again only a day or two after giving birth. That means, they could, easily, potentially raise a dozen or more from a single lady rabbit per year.

"Multiply like rabbits" we usually say.

But now, we ignore the rabbit as the perfect way to start our kids in the sport of hunting. They, like the rural mourning doves, receive little or no help from many game agencies. Most recruitment and retention efforts seem to be, get them involved in turkey, deer, duck or pheasant hunting.

A perfect example of mis-direction of getting youngsters involved is the recent

effort by some to get them to shoot a light .410 for use in turkey hunting. They put forth a tungsten loaded .410 shotshell so they could use a smaller shotgun that would fit our smaller stature kids.

But wrong, those special shotshells only had a range of 25 to 30 yards. Most of all they cost about \$6 per shell. That's \$30 per box of five as I have priced them at two common sources.

High school trapshooting of clay targets remains the single, best recruitment effort for introduction of youngsters to hunting. Rabbit hunting could be the second and dove hunting the third if we put some effort into it.

Lost: A hunting buddy

In our current style of living, having a friend for a lifetime is not very common. If he happens to be a hunting or fishing buddy it is rare.

But luckily I had one in

Dean Pearson of the Hadley/Slayton area. Our friendship began in seventh grade when he first jumped on the Hadley school bus at our furthest north stop, just east of what is called the Bear Lake woods.

Our interests in the outdoors was instant and it grew over the years. Our first duck hunting was over cutout cork decoys from the cork insulation at the Slayton Locker when they closed.

We were both very active in FFA and were on many judging teams of our excellent VoAg teacher, Jack Larson, Slayton High School. We fished Beaver Creek near our farms for bullheads, first, then ended up fishing salmon north of Anchorage, Alaska and halibut near Homer, Alaska.

Our most recent "big" hunting trip was for caribou in Labrador, Canada.

Most memorable of all were the cornfield hunting for the orange-legged mal-

lards between lakes Sarah and Shetek. Then, the cornfields of our area seemed filled with roosters and the shrubs at the end of the field usually erupted with a dozen more.

Dean loved his Ithaca shotgun, I loved my Model 12 Winchester.

But most of all was probably our jackrabbit hunting during our high school years. Dean had his Winchester automatic .22, I had my Remington pump and my younger brother had his Model 61 Winchester. He made the best decision. It's very interesting that we all remember exactly the rifles we used.

Dean left us a couple weeks ago after a battle with cancer. His humble but always happy personality will be missed greatly by me and all his friends. I only hope he enjoyed my companionship as much as I did his.

Cobras close regular season with split

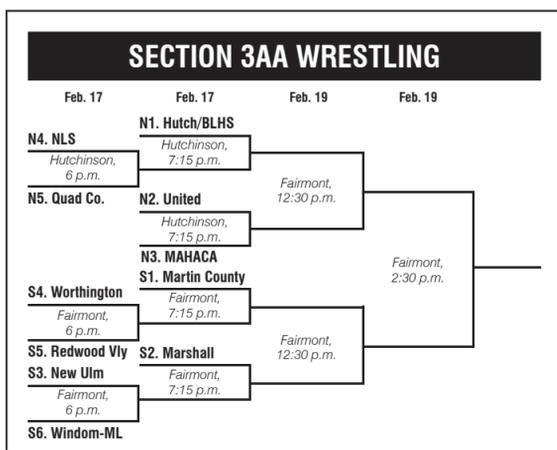
The Windom-Mt. Lake wrestling team wrapped up the regular season Thursday with a triangular split at Fulda.

The Cobras opened with a 53-25 loss to United (Dawson-Boyd/Lac Qui Parle Valley/Monteideo). WML then claimed a 50-27 victory over Fulda-Murray County Central.

Against United, the Cobras had falls from Caden Swoboda (145), Eagan Maras (152) and Micah Holmberg (195). Tucker Renquist (132) won by major decision and Preston Xayachak (106) won by decision.

Against FMCC, the Cobras had falls from Jared Hunter (113), Aiden Holmberg (120), Thavien Xayachak (126), Swoboda (145), Montgomery Bjorklund (160) and Cyrus Bjorklund (285). Renquist (132) won by technical fall and Preston Xayachak (106) won by decision.

The Cobras open the Section 3AA team tournament Thursday at 6 p.m., at Fairmont. The sixth-seeded



Cobras face third-seeded New Ulm, with the winner wrestling at 7:15 p.m. against second-seeded Marshall.

Holt Larson (U) forfeit. 195: Micah Holmberg (W) pin Landon Olson 4:15. 220: Keaton Haas (U) forfeit. 285: Brady Rhode (U) pin Cyrus Bjorklund 0:35.

WML 50, FMCC 27

106: Preston Xayachak (W) dec. Teague Meyer 10-4. 113: Jared Hunter (W) pin Lucas Kuball 5:02. 120: Aiden Holmberg (W) pin Noah Mathiowetz 2:52. 126: Thavien Xayachak (W) pin Quinten Lewis 0:29. 132: Tucker Renquist (W) TF Denver Ash 15-0. 138: Aiden Lorenzen (F) pin Noah Holmberg 5:14. 145: Caden Swoboda (W) pin Owen Olsem 3:52. 152: Carter Benda (F) dec. Eagan Maras 5-2. 160: Montgomery Bjorklund (W) pin Devin Landsman 1:56. 170: Carson Klein (F) pin Matthew Ekstrom 2:45. 182: Colby Kesteloot (F) forfeit. 195: Christian Kuball (F) forfeit. 220: Micah Holmberg (W) forfeit. 285: Cyrus Bjorklund (W) pin Ryan Klein 1:41.

United 53, WML 25

106: Preston Xayachak (W) dec. Ben Gunlogson 9-6. 113: Kameron Sather (U) pin Jared Hunter 0:57. 120: Daniel Gunlogson (U) pin Thavien Xayachak 3:17. 126: Zander Clausen (U) pin Aiden Holmberg 3:09. 132: Tucker Renquist (W) MD Ethan Moravetz 12-1. 138: Tyler Schickelanz (U) TF Noah Holmberg 17-1. 145: Caden Swoboda (W) pin Mason Pederson 0:30. 152: Eagan Maras (W) pin Noah Meyer 2:54. 160: Dain Mortenson (U) pin Montgomery Bjorklund 1:41. 170: Avery Wittebel (U) pin Matthew Ekstrom 1:13. 182:



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ABE MCKIBBIN looks to drive past a Luverne defender for a bucket in Thursday's game. McKibbin had three straight 20-point scoring efforts last week.

BOYS/ Eagles top Dragons

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Eagles roll to win

The Windom Eagles were red hot from the field much of the night Tuesday, cruising to a 92-48 victory over Adrian-Ellsworth at Windom.

The Eagles shot 50% from the field for the game and

hit 11 three-pointers as a team. Windom also shot 59% from two-point range.

The powerful inside-outside combination early in the game helped the Eagles put up 56 first-half points, taking a 25-point halftime lead.

Windom's defense was solid throughout, holding the Dragons to 26% shooting from the field and forcing 20 turnovers.

Dylan Serreyn led the Eagles with a season-best

28 points and 12 rebounds. Abe McKibbin hit six three-pointers and finished with 26 points. Henry Erickson finished with 14 points and 17 assists.

Adrian-Ellsworth 31 17-48
Windom..... 56 36-92

AE (FG-FT-TP): Lewis 8-10-27; Tweet 1-2-5; Krathing 0-0-0; Zebe 0-0-0; Wolford 0-0-0; Henning 2-0-6; Vortherms 0-0-0; Rahe 3-0-8; Frodermann 1-0-2; FG: 15-56 (26%); FT: 12-16 (75%); 3PT: FG: 6-24 (25%)—Lewis, Tweet, Henning 2, Rahe 2; Fouls: 10. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 31. 70s: 20.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): Wormstadt 1-2-5; Lund 0-0-0; Garrison 1-0-3; Rothenberger 1-1-3; Squires 1-0-3; Macario 2-2-7; Elder 1-0-3; McKibbin 10-0-26; Erickson 7-0-14; Serreyn 13-2-28; FG: 37-74 (50%); FT: 7-15 (46%); 3PT: FG: 11-30 (36%)—Wormstadt, Garrison, Squires, Macario, Elder, McKibbin 6; Fouls: 16. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 46. 70s: 9.

Falcons win twice at final quad of season

The Red Rock Central wrestling team wrapped up the regular season Friday, going 2-1 at a quadrangular meet at Madelia.

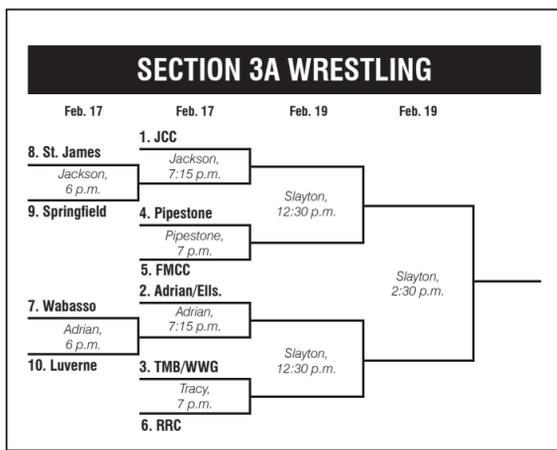
The Falcons opened with a 39-36 loss to LeSueur-Henderson. RRC then defeated St. Clair-Mankato Loyola 42-33 and topped Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther 66-6.

Against LSH, the Falcons had falls from Evan Bartholomaeus (126), Austin Cowan (195) and Gavin Hesse (285). Zak Zimmerman (138) and Jacob Amsden (170) won by decision.

Against SCML, the Falcons had falls from Jonah Skarupa (113) and Zimmerman (138). RRC received five forfeit wins.

Against MTML, the Falcons had falls from Bartholomaeus (126), Zimmerman (132), Carter Beranek (138), Andrew Pankonin (145) and Bode Determan (152). RRC received six forfeits.

RRC opens the Section 3A team tournament Thursday. The sixth-seeded Falcons wrestle third-seeded Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove at 7 p.m., in Tracy. The winner advances to Saturday's semifinals in Slayton.



182: Austin Cowan (R) forfeit. 195: Ben Walecha (S) forfeit. 220: Keaton Skarupa (R) forfeit. 285: Gavin Hesse (R) forfeit.

RRC 66, MTML 6

106: Double forfeit. 113: Jonah Skarupa (R) forfeit. 120: Carlos Flores-Lemus (M) forfeit. 126: Evan Bartholomaeus (R) pin Nick Firschau 3:43. 132: Zak Zimmerman (R) pin Cale Odegard 0:56. 138: Carter Beranek (R) pin Blayne Wilde 5:12. 145: Andrew Pankonin (R) pin Nolan Arkell 2:30. 152: Bode Determan (R) pin Conner Rathman 1:40. 160: Jacob Amsden (R) forfeit. 170: Vander Mathiowetz (R) forfeit. 182: Austin Cowan (R) forfeit. 195: Keaton Skarupa (R) forfeit. 220: Double forfeit. 285: Gavin Hesse (R) forfeit.

Falcons go 1-2

Red Rock Central went 1-2 in a quadrangular meet Thursday in Jackson.

The Falcons opened with a 71-0 loss to top-ranked Jackson County Central. RRC then claimed a 60-12 win over Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther before falling 46-22 to Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

Against MTML, the Falcons had falls from Evan Bartholomaeus (126), Zak Zimmerman (138), Andrew Pankonin (145), Bode Determan (152) and Jacob Amsden (160).

Against TMB/WWG, the Falcons had falls from Jacob

Amsden (160) and Keaton Skarup (195). Zimmerman (138) won by major decision. Bartholomaeus (132) and Austin Cowan (182) won by decision.

JCC 71, RRC 0

106: Double forfeit. 113: Nolan Ambrose (J) forfeit. 120: Kie Anderson (J) forfeit. 126: Landon Andrews (J) pin Evan Bartholomaeus 1:14. 132: Logan Butzon (J) TF Zak Zimmerman 23-8. 138: Thomas Freking (J) pin Carter Beranek 1:33. 145: Dylan Withers (J) pin Andrew Pankonin 1:09. 152: Clay Matchow (J) pin Jacob Amsden 2:44. 160: Payton Handevitd (J) forfeit. 170: Matthew Haley (J) dec. Vander Mathiowetz 6-3. 182: Caleb Vancura (J) pin Austin Cowan 0:36. 195: William Freking (J) forfeit. 220: Trace Michelson (J) pin Keaton Skarupa (R) forfeit. 285: Cameron Scholten (J) dec. Gavin Hesse 7-1.

RRC 60, MTML 12

106: Noel Davila (M) forfeit. 113: Double forfeit. 120: Carlos Flores-Lemus (M) pin Jonah Skarupa 3:27. 126: Evan Bartholomaeus (R) pin Nick Firschau 2:34. 132: Carter Beranek (R) forfeit. 138: Zak Zimmerman (R) pin Blayne Wilde 0:59. 145: Andrew Pankonin (R) pin Christian Arroya 2:14. 152: Bode Determan (R) pin Nolan Arkell 1:47. 160: Jacob Amsden (R) pin Conner Rathman 0:16. 170: Vander Mathiowetz (R) forfeit. 182: Austin Cowan (R) forfeit. 195: Keaton Skarupa (R) forfeit. 220: Double forfeit. 285: Gavin Hesse (R) forfeit.

TMB/WWG 46, RRC 22

106: Troy Gillette (T) forfeit. 113: Linkoln Carlson (T) forfeit. 120: Nevin Marten (T) forfeit. 126: Devin Carter (T) forfeit. 132: Evan Bartholomaeus (R) dec. Zachary Swanson 10-5. 138: Zak Zimmerman (T) MD Jeret Ankrum 12-4. 145: Gage Struchen (T) MD Andrew Pankonin 14-0. 152: Ashton Squires (T) pin Bode Determan 0:28. 160: Jacob Amsden (R) pin Kalvin Crumrine 5:58. 170: Caden Johnson (T) dec. Vander Mathiowetz 2-1. 182: Austin Cowan (R) dec. Michael Timm 4-0. 195: Keaton Skarupa (R) pin Bryce Edwards 1-43. 220: Travis Willhite (T) forfeit. 285: Nick Willhite (T) dec. Gavin Hesse 3-2.

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■ SCAM ALERT

Local online request for favor turns to scam

A simple friendly text message from a person who appeared to be a friend suddenly turned into a full-fledged scam attempt involving a Windom woman.

The name and number attached to the text matched that of a good friend from elsewhere in the state. It started like this: "Just checking to see if you are alright."

Then, as the local woman's guard dropped for a bit, the scammer added this comment: "I'll be so glad if you could do me a little favor."

Naturally, the local woman asked, "What can we do for

you?" That's when things got interesting. The scammer explained that he has an old friend who has cancer of the liver and is trying to do something special to cheer her up. The request was for gift cards.

"Thanks so much," the scammer texted. "I don't know how much you could afford at the moment, but I'm only looking to spend \$300 in \$100 denominations."

There were further instructions from this friend, but the local person suddenly realized this appeared to be more than a friendly request. Gift cards are a main currency of scammers.

The Windom resident broke off all conversations at that point.

Later, the local resident learned of at least three different parties who received the same message. It was apparent that someone was able to take or access their friend's cell phone contacts.

"Your first instinct is to try to help someone you know," the local resident said. "That's how they try to get you."

Share your scam story

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

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

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

If you have been the target of a scam, your first contact should be the local authorities.

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

■ SHERIFF'S REPORT

Feb. 7

• 10:22 a.m. Cottonwood County deputies arrested a 53-year-old rural Windom woman on a parole violation.

Feb. 9

• 7:43 p.m. Deputies received a report of a vehicle that had been stolen in Sioux Falls and was believed to be traveling in the area of Cottonwood and Jackson counties. According to the report, a woman took the vehicle on a test drive and never returned. The vehicle was located and deputies did a traffic stop

on Highway 60, near Butterfield. As a result, a 41-year-old Sioux Falls woman was arrested and taken to the Cottonwood County jail on charges of theft of a motor vehicle and drug possession.

Feb. 10

• 5:16 p.m. Deputies received a report of a verbal domestic in Jeffers. Upon investigation, it was determined to be a verbal conflict between two neighbors. The parties were separated and advised to have no contact with one another.

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PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **40212 510th Avenue Bingham Lake MN 56118 USA**

NAMEHOLDER:
Name: **POET Bioprocessing — Bingham Lake, LLC**
Address: **40212 510th Avenue Bingham Lake MN 56118 USA**

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SIGNED BY: **Jeff Lault**
MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **mckenzie.davis@poet.com**
(689— Feb. 9, 16, 2022)

CITY OF WILDER NOTICE OF HEARING ON VACATING OF STREET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the City Council on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilder City Hall, Wilder, Minnesota. The purpose of said hearing will be to consider the vacation of that part of 11th Avenue between Alder Street and Main Street, City of Wilder, Jackson County, Minnesota.

By Order of the City Council
/S/ Lou Masters
City Clerk
(690— Feb. 9, 16, 2022)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 30, 2009
MORTGAGOR: Debra R. Desorbo and Thomas R. Desorbo, wife and husband.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Franklin American Mortgage Company its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded October 8, 2009 Cottonwood County Recorder, Document No. 260365.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A. Dated September 27, 2012 Recorded October 5, 2012, as Document No. 268229. And thereafter assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated October 21, 2013 Recorded November 8, 2013, as Document No. 271434.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100052211010249652
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Franklin American Mortgage Company

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 724 12th Street, Windom, MN 56101

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 25.160.0500

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 3 and the West half of Lot 2 and the alley between Lots 2 and 3, all in Block 7 of Clark's Addition to the City of Windom, Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$77,838.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$76,995.46

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center, South Front Step, 902 5th Avenue, Windom, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on October 5, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 31, 2022
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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(692— Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2022)

22-114368
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 20, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$134,429.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jamie Glatz, single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100350200001967017

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Mortgage Research Center, LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 21, 2012, Cottonwood County Recorder, as Document Number 268572

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW1/4) of Section 24, Township 107 North, Range 36 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in Cottonwood County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at an existing iron monument at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 24; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds West, bearing based on Cottonwood County Coordinate System, along the South line of said Southwest Quarter, a distance of 622.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 45.81 feet, to the Northerly right of way line of State Highway Number 30, this being the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West, along said Northerly right of way line, a distance of 322.97 feet; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 337.18 feet; thence South 89 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds East, parallel with the centerline of Minnesota State Highway Number 30, as exists, a distance of 322.97 feet; thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 337.18 feet to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 48376 State Highway 30, Jeffers, MN 56145

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-024-0500

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$111,410.85

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 6, 2022, 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 902 Fifth Avenue, Windom, MN 56101 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on October 6, 2022, or the next business day if October 6, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED

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Dated: February 10, 2022
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Assignee of Mortgagee
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP BY
Melissa L.B. Porter - 0337778
Gary J. Evers - 0134764
Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070
Attorneys for Mortgagee
LOGS Legal Group LLP
1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210
Eagan, MN 55121
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

(693— Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT EXTENSION—REMODELING PROJECT—NEW HOUSING UNITS

A Public Hearing will be held by the Windom City Council on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the City Council Meeting which begins at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at the City Hall, 444 Ninth Street, Windom, Minnesota, to consider granting a one-year extension of the property tax abatement granted for new housing units pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §469.1813.

Request submitted by T&M Development, LLC. Extension of Abatement Period an additional year commencing on first year of taxes payable for full assessed value related to new housing units. Based on 2021 TNT rates, estimated total abatement for 6-year period could be approximately \$36,348.

Property Address: 1955 First Avenue, Windom, MN 56101

Legal Description of Property: Lot 1 and all that part of Lot 2 in Block 1 of Pamida Subdivision which lies West of the East line of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 24, Township 105 North, Range 36 West of the 5th P.M. in the City of Windom, Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

Parcel No.: 25-622-0010

All parties interested in commenting on this proposed abatement may attend the public hearing or submit written comments to the address below prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE WINDOM CITY COUNCIL
Steven Nasby,
City Administrator
444 Ninth Street
P.O. Box 38
Windom, MN 56101
Phone: 507-831-6129
(694— Feb. 16, 2022)

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

[PROBATE DIVISION]
Court File No.: 17-PR-22-60

In Re: Estate of Ronald B. Bak, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 Third Ave., Windom, Minnesota, via zoom, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated 4/2/2014, and for the appointment of Vicki Higgins and Ricky Higgins, whose address is 812 5th Avenue Court S., Clear Lake, IA 50428, as co-personal representatives of the Decedent's estate in unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Christina M. Wietzema
Judge of District Court
Pierson, Sheila
Dated: Feb 14 2022 12:06 PM
Sheila Pierson
Court Administrator
Pierson, Sheila
Dated: Feb 14 2022 12:06 PM

Objections to the petition for appointment of the personal representative must be filed prior to the hearing with the Cottonwood County Court Administration office by: e-filing (electronic filing); email: 5thCottonwoodCourt-Admin@courts.state.mn.us; mail at P.O. Box 97, Windom, MN 56101.

Any interested person planning on attending the hearing should contact Court Administration at 507-831-7003.

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(695— Feb. 16, 23, 2022)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 4, 2003

MORTGAGOR: Joshua R Struck, a single person.
MORTGAGEE: United Prairie Bank, Windom Office.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 18, 2003 Cottonwood County Recorder, Document No. 239498.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated April 4, 2003 Recorded April 18, 2003, as Document No. 239499.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: United Prairie Bank, Windom Office

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1260 Lakeview Ave, Windom, MN 56101

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 254910080

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 9 of Leffler's Subdivision to the City of Windom, Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$51,500.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$47,588.20

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center, South Front Step, 902 5th Avenue, Windom, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within

six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on October 5, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: February 3, 2022
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888
135 - 22-001230 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(696— Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2022)

Cottonwood County Planning Commission
PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

VARIANCE APPLICATION
An application has been submitted by New Vision, requesting a Variance, required by Cottonwood County Zoning Ordinance #28 erect a new Dump Pit within the setback from the Right of Way on a property described as:

Parcel: Parts of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, T 106 N, R 34 W, Midway Township, Cottonwood County, Minnesota

A Public Hearing to consider said Variance will be held by the Cottonwood County Board of Adjustment on March 2 at 1:30 P.M. The hearing will be held at the BARC Center 1012 5th ave, Windom, MN 56101. For any questions, please call 507-832-8287

By Order of the Cottonwood County Planning Commission
Alex Schultz, Planning and Zoning Technician
(697— Feb. 16, 2022)

Cottonwood County Planning Commission
PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

CONDITION USE PERMIT APPLICATION
An application has been submitted by Bennett Trucking Inc, requesting a Conditional Use Permit, required by Cottonwood County Zoning Ordinance #28 erecting a Truck Shop and Office within Shoreland on the parcel of property described as:

Parcel: Part of the Fractional Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 105 N, Range 35 W, Lakeside Township, Cottonwood County, Minnesota

A Public Hearing to consider said Conditional Use Permit will be held by the Cottonwood County Planning Commission on March 8, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. The hearing will be held at the library in the BARC Center 1012 5th ave Windom, MN 56101. For any questions, please call 507-832-8287

By Order of the Cottonwood County Planning Commission
Alex Schultz, Planning and Zoning Technician
(698— Feb. 16, 2022)

REFLECTIONS

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 2012

Youth and their parents filled the children's library area at Windom Public Library to check out Winfair second-graders' dinosaur dioramas. The display is an annual event hosted by the library. Among those taking in the dioramas are Brenda Engen of Westbrook, Rachel Haken of Windom and second-graders Melanie Volan and Lexi Haken. Second-graders Braydon Kreofsky and Kendra Flaherty also stopped by the library to see their own dioramas.

Cast members and directors of the Prairie Arts Continuum production of

"The Dixie Swim Club" include Director Emily Collin, Assistant director Rebecca Bjornsson and cast members Kim Friesen, Tami McMenimen, Trish Syverson and Robyn Willard.

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Windom Area High School's 2012 speech team includes: Erin Benz, Morgan Potter, Mijah Murden, Marissa Cartwright, Ryan Helmoski, Amy Elston, Rachel Witt, Jamie Thiessen, Kendra Hansen, Sydney Erickson, Morgan Wilder, Natalie

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Schenk could not suppress their ear-to-ear grins as they sloshed through the slush outside Highland School.

Windom's downtown traffic will never be the same. The Windom City Council approved new controls for intersections at three corners of the Square. Acting on the recommendation of new Police Chief Gary Johnson, the city council approved the following changes: A four-way stop will be placed at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street; and yield signs will be placed on both sides of Ninth and 10th streets for Third Avenue traffic.

Five Windom Area High School students took part in

Ridgewater College's Skill-O-Rama in Willmar. Darla Michelau, Kory Bailey and Jon Hunter took part in the mechanical drafting competition with Michelau finishing third. Jason Harnack and Brent Hogan competed in the carpentry competition.

school will soon join. Present plans call for no new classes at the center next year, but enrollment will nonetheless probably rise by 40 students.

Thomas Tegels will compete in the 1972 DECA state leadership conference at Park-Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis. He is a first-year student in sales and marketing at Alexandria Area Technical School.

Miss Windom Becki Thompson and her escort Bruce McBride led the grand march at the Queen's Ball in the Windom Armory. Her Princess Becky Petersen was on the arm of Dan Amundson. About 90 couples attended the annual event.

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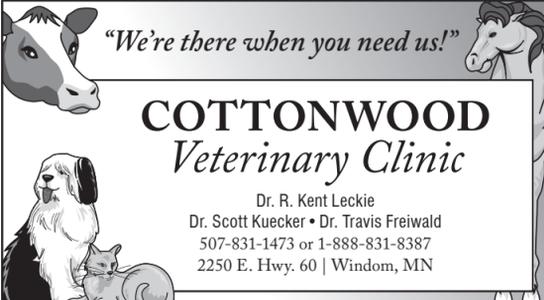


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Duties include weekly mowing and trimming April 15th through September 30th, or less/more frequently based on rainfall and clean-up of sticks and branches.
Each awarded contractor must provide their own transportation, mowing equipment, and must maintain equipment insurance as minimally required by State Law. The contract will renew yearly under the same terms unless written notice is given by either party prior to December 31st.
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You may bid on one or more locations, if bidding more than one location please itemize bid. Sealed bids must be received at the Cottonwood County Public Works Office at 3:00 p.m., Monday February 28th, 2022. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
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GUITARS/ Plans are to hold large-scale concerts by celebrity artists

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with resources to learn to play the instrument. Esau believes that every child should be able to experience the benefits and the joy of owning a musical instrument, regardless of his or her ability to purchase one. Esau is co-founder of Free Guitars 4 Kids which was formed in 2021. "There are millions of unused guitars collecting dust and millions of kids unable to purchase a guitar," Esau said. "Research shows that

putting guitars in the hands of these kids will radically improve their cognitive, creative and mental focus. "Children who study a musical instrument are more likely to excel in their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school and pursue further education." Plans are underway to hold large-scale concerts by celebrity artists that will promote the mission and provide guitars for kids. "There will only be one way to get into the concerts. Bring a guitar to donate," Esau said. "New or used, we will accept both." For more information or to contribute financially to Free Guitars 4 Kids, go to FG4K.org. For less than \$100



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"RESEARCH SHOWS THAT putting guitars in the hands of these kids will radically improve their cognitive, creative and mental focus," Terry Esau said recently.

COUNTY/ Body cameras coming for county sheriff's department

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areas, to help meet the space needs." Commissioner Tom Appel said the plan was solid, but questioned how the county would be able to address the situation.

"We have a lot of building needs right now," Appel said. "I just don't know if this is something we'd be able to tackle right away." The next step, if the board opts to proceed, would be a more detailed schematic design of the project, at a cost of \$73,838. Ultimately, the board opted to hold off on proceeding with the next step. "We're making good progress on addressing these needs," board chair Donna Gravelly said. "But this is going to take some time."

Body-worn cameras

Purrington presented a request to the board for the purchase of eight body-worn cameras for county deputies. The request also included the upgrade of two dash cameras for squad cars. The cameras would be on a five-year lease from Motorola Solutions, at a cost of \$11,454 annually for the term of the lease. Purrington noted the department already has policies in place as to when body

cameras need to be on. He added his department had budgeted \$20,000 this year for body cameras. County Attorney Nick Anderson said that the body cameras are a good thing. "We have good officers and having body cameras will help settle cases quickly," Anderson said. "But it does potentially create hours more work for my office." The board approved the purchase of the cameras.

Highway 60 study

John Crawford of KLJ Engineering gave an update on the possible implementation of the Highway 60 reconstruction plan. The proposal was brought up due to the need for safety enhancements on the corridor through Windom, as well as the planned replacement of the Des Moines River Highway 71 bridge. Crawford stated that several options were initially on the table. Several, like a possible bypass of Windom, were disregarded. "We had 10 meetings, three open houses and five updates to the county and city, and considered many different options," Crawford said. "Ultimately, we took the input we received and tried to develop the most feasible plan." The proposal would reduce much of the corridor through Windom to one lane in each direction with a dedicated left-turn lane in the middle. Right-turn lanes would be added where possible. The proposal also would incorporate roundabouts at both the north and south



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THIS COLLECTION OF more than 10,000 donated bicycles pictured with 1972 Mt. Lake High School graduate Terry Esau is

a Guinness World Record. "It seemed like a no brainer to me," Esau said. "Let's recycle these babies."

a child can receive a guitar. **First guitar story**

The very first guitar given by FG4K held special meaning for Esau. That gift-giving event in December took place in Mt. Lake, Esau's hometown. Steve Klassen, a resident of Mt. Lake, donated the funds for that guitar. "My wife and I drove to Mt. Lake. We went to the family's apartment and knocked on the door," Esau said. "When the door opened, Steve and I handed an electric guitar to an eight-year-old boy." Esau still remembers the big smile on the boy's face. "Who knows, maybe he'll be the next Jimi Hendrix, Clapton or Prince." Esau said.

Selection of kids

FB4K and FG4K are both very collaborative organiza-

tions and typically do not directly select the kids who receive guitars. "We partner with organizations within each community that work with low-income families," Esau said. "They choose the kids."

Recognition

Esau's career was as a writer and producer of music for TV commercials for Target, McDonald's, Pepsi and others. However, as an executive director, he has over 10 years of experience in the non-profit sector. Through his leadership abilities, Esau has been in-

strumental in moving FB4K from a Minnesota-only platform to 15 U.S. cities with a goal of being in 100 cities and giving away 1 million bikes in the next five years. Esau is recognized for his contributions both nationally and internationally. He was honored with the "USA Today Make a Difference" award and his name also appears in the Guinness World Record. Last month he appeared on the Kelly Ripa and Ryan Seacrest TV show as the "good news story" of the week. In his spare time, Esau

is a published author and speaker. In addition to his bicycle and guitar advocacy, Esau is an avid cyclist, musician and artist.

Hometown memories

Esau has lots of memories of the town he called home for the first 18 years of his life. One memory that has stuck with him through the years is a sign that was posted by the city limits of Mt. Lake. The words on the sign — "The Little City with Big Ideas." Esau seems to have taken that motto to heart.

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junctions of Highways 60 and 71, as well as traffic signals at the intersections with Sixth, 10th and 16th streets. Signals currently exist at the Sixth and 10th Street junctions.

"The ultimate goal is to make the corridor safer for vehicle traffic, but also for pedestrians," Crawford said. Ultimately, the board opted to hold off on passing a resolution of support for the project, essentially deferring that task to the Windom City Council.

Other business

In other business, the board:

- Approved bonding agreements for four bridge projects currently being advertised for bids, totalling \$891,430.
- Approved a transfer of \$322,054.35 from the county's American Rescue Plan Act funds to the landfill, for costs experienced between March 3, 2021 to Jan. 11, 2022.
- Approved renewal of a liquor license for the Mt. Lake Golf Course.
- Approved publishing a hearing notice to discuss the county's redistricting plan.
- Approved advertising for an opening in the county appraiser's office.
- Approved the resignation of heavy equipment mechanic Austin Crowell and jailer/dispatcher Connor Braaksma.
- Approved hiring Doug Jones as a heavy equipment operator.
- Authorized the purchase of a furnace for the Public Health building to replace a unit that recently failed.

ELITE/ Plans are to increase selection and add employees

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Once both operations are under one roof and more space is available, customers will see a larger selection and more staff on hand to serve them. Bridget said plans are to hire three or four more employees. "This will give us an opportunity to grow into other categories," Bridget said. "We have some expansion of product lines in the works already."

A little history

Both Elite Mechanical and Elite Appliance Plus serve a 45-mile radius of Windom. Between the two businesses, they employ 19 people. Elite Mechanical has been in business since 2008. It offers heating, ventilation, air conditioning and

refrigeration for residential, commercial and industrial customers. For 10 years, the business has been based at the site of Windom's former roller rink, at the corner of County Roads 17 and 26. Ironically, Travis and Bridget met there, as 15-year-olds, while roller skating in 1995. A year ago, the Hodkins purchased Smith Appliance, a business with a 40-year history in Windom. On Feb. 1, the name was changed to Elite Appliance Plus. In addition to appliance and mattress sales, Elite Appliance Plus does repairs for all appliances, including those not sold by the business. **The coming months**

Residents will see plenty of activity at the Shopko site in the coming months. Bridget said the current appliance showroom will double in size. The store also will have more space to display things like HVAC equipment, plumbing fixtures, sinks, toilets and

water heaters. "We like that there is high visibility and accessibility at the site," Bridget said. "And the bones are very sound, so the building won't be from the ground up." "Everything we do is with the customer's experience in mind. This expansion allows us to add more space and to be more efficient and organized." The timetable is still a bit unclear, but Bridget said there is potential to occupy the building by midsummer. Once the appliance store settles into the new location, plans are to expand hours. The store will most likely be open a few nights a week and a few hours longer on Saturday afternoons to accommodate working schedules of all customers. "Travis and I both love a challenge and we have a vision for that location," Bridget said, adding that this is a huge step for the couple. "We look forward to making it stand out and become a site that highlights businesses of Windom."

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