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Windom staff tab longtime ELL instructor as Teacher of the Year





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WADC got its start

in 1958 Dedicated to bringing industry to Windom.

the Windom Industrial Development Corporation organized in 1958 and was later called "Windom Area Development Corporation." Four years later, it raised

\$20,000 by selling stock. In 1966, the WADC purchased the 203-acre Corliss Meade property at the southeast edge of Windom designating it as an industrial park. Eventually, the site became home to, Minn-Tex, district MnDOT offices, warehouses and more. The WADC continues its efforts to help businesses.

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THE TREES IN Jordan and Leah Bussa's yard are adorned with strings of lights at 13th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Lighting the night

There are many things that make Christmas, well, Christmas, first and foremost, the birth of a Savior, who is also the "light" of the world.

And as the Northern Hemisphere slowly moves toward the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year, in terms of light, there's nothing people enjoy more than artificial light that adds a brilliance to the night sky.

Certainly Windom residents are serving up a hearty helping of that light.

Yards are decorated and houses are adorned with holiday lights that offer a beauty that you simply don't find any other time of the year. From Arlington Avenue to Winnie Avenue, Windom is awash with outdoor holiday decorations, lights, figurines and, yes, even music.

Helping spur the decorating spirit is Windom's holiday lighting contest that awards hefty prizes to homes and businesses voted best in the community.

However, for most entered in the contest, prizes provide the icing to what could be the cake of the decorating season — a smile on the

faces and an excited twinkle in the eyes of passersby, especially youngsters, who know that Christmas lights are the tree-topper to the anticipation of Christmas



THIS GINGERBREAD couple and their inflatable dog can be found in the 1100 block of River Road.



THE BUSSA RESIDENCE also features the Grinch, his dog Max and Cindy Lou Hoo on



the roof.

THIS HOME ON 11th Avenue is outlined in lights, but also features a number of lighted decorations and characters in the yard.



FOR A REAL MENAGERIE of lights — and music you'll want to visit the Derek and Darci Jones residence

in the Red Leaf Court area of Windom. Lights, figurines and music make this a must-see display.

County board gets update on pollutant plume leaving landfill

So far, none of the private wells show contamination and the Des Moines River is not threatened.

A trail of pollution is currently seeping from the Cottonwood County Landfill.

At last week's special work session, Cottonwood County Commissioners heard an update on efforts to track a slow-moving plume of viny chloride from an older, unlined portion

of the landfill. Gary Gilbert, the onsite engineer at the county landfill, said there is currently a complex investigation going on to try to track the spread of

from the landfill But we think we have a good idea of where the plume ends." **GARY GILBERT**

So far, the plume

has migrated to the

south, about a mile

ON-SITE ENGINEER AT LANDFILL

the vinyl chloride. The testing involves taking borings at three locations in the possible plume—one roughly in the middle and one on each side.

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Christmas by Candlelight set for next week

■ This year's Christmas by Candlelight will include groups of carolers.

One of Windom's most festive Christmas events of the year is expected to be more musical than ever when it gets underway on Dec. 16.

Thanks to a partnership with the Windom Ministerial Association, this Christmas by Candlelight event, which is also sponsored by the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce, is expected to feature carolers from area churches. The event will again be held on the Square with plans for temporary closure of Ninth Street between Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue for the event.

As usual, the event will feature displays and pedestrian-friendly activities. Check the Dec. 15 Citizen for a more details on this year's Christmas by Candlelight.

The Dec. 16 Christmas by Candlelight runs from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Glad to be here

Eiriksson enjoys living in Minnesota, leading HyLife plants

■ HyLife Executive Director of Operations Thor Eiriksson moved from Canada to Mt. Lake in early 2021.

It has been nearly a year since Thor Eiriksson and his wife, Naida, made the move from Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada to Mt. Lake and already the couple feels right

Then again, Thor, who is the Executive Director of Operations for HyLife, sees a lot of similarities to his former home in Neepawa. The communities are roughly the same size, the weather is similar (although a bit colder in Canada) and Minnesotans, like Canadians,

love their hockey. As he shared the similari-

ties, the 53-year-old Brandon, Manitoba native chuckled and added, "It's warmer

here. I don't mind that.' Now there's a comment area residents don't hear every day.

As executive director of operations, Thor not only oversees the Windom plant, but also plants in Neepawa and Mexico. He joined the company 27 years ago, starting at an entry level floor job, packing pork shoulders.

Thor's story is the embodiment of HyLife's ideals — the fact that everyone matters and the ability to rise up through the company and succeed.

Thor and Naida have two children, Brandi, 32, and James, 28.

Describe what you do for HyLife.

A EIRIKSSON: My job is to oversee the operations at our three plants in Mexico, Neepawa and here.

I need to facilitate the team to move the company ahead and make sure there are no roadblocks or impediments from us advancing.

Operations are the key to our success. It touches all departments. That covers everything from receiving of hogs to shipping to customers, the support teams, the quality teams, the HR teams.

I need to keep these things moving smoothly, providing

> SEE EIRIKSSON • PAGE 8



entry level position with HyLife 27 years ago. Today, the Mt. Lake resident oversees plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

EIRIKSSON

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at an

■ DISTRICT COURT

Speeding: June V. Einertson, Westbrook, \$120; Shawn M. Albright, Mankato, \$140; Alexandra M. Apmann, Windom, \$140; Lucas T. Boeser, Sioux Falls, \$130; David C. Columbus, Minneapolis, \$130; Michael K. Danley, La Verne, Calif., \$130; Elijah D. Darwolo, Sioux Falls, \$380; Samantha J. Day, Wayzata, \$220; Ibrahim A. Elemo, Chicago, Ill., \$140; Janice K. Fast, Butterfield, \$120; Shawn M. Gray, Stillwater, \$140; Elaine T. Knuckles, Worthington, \$140; Annelise K. Kruse, Sioux Falls, \$130; Ashley R. Newcomb, Sioux Falls, \$220; Justin E. Okeson, Ramsey, \$140; Myron Á. Owens, Elkhorn, Neb., \$130; Joseph D. Rossow, New Hope, \$140; Jeffrey T. Schwinn, Barnum, \$140; Kelsey L. Thompson, Sioux Falls, \$140; Jared A. Tromp, Savage, \$120; Hector A. Rios Diaz De Leon, Eden Prairie, \$140.

No Minnesota driver's license: Hanan S. Abdela, Sioux City, Iowa, \$180.

Hands-Free Law-access video content, images, games or software applications: Mustafe A. Abdi, St. Paul, \$130; Jose O. Miranda Miranda, Butterfield, \$130; Jacob J. Stoesz, Golden Valley, \$130.

Move Over Law-two lanes in same direction: Larry P. Anderson, Odin,

DWI (gross misdemeanor): Luis A. Barrios Maldonado, Windom, \$710, local confinement 360 days, stay 359 days for two years, credit for time served one day, supervised probation for two years, pay for and complete chemical use assessment and follow all recommendations of evaluation, report to agent and sign releases of informa-

■ THE RECORD

•11:15 a.m. Windom

Mt. Lake Police Depart-

police officers assisted the

ment with a drug complaint

•11:26 a.m. A parked 2013

Volkswagen owned by Lori

McInerney of Sherburn

received minor damage in

a crash that occurred in the

Windom Area Health park-

driven by Tony McChesney

•2:28 p.m. A parked 2007

Hyundai Sonata owned by

David Murphy of Windom

received minor damage in

other vehicle, a 2005 Dodge

pickup driven by Ed Woiz-

•7:29 p.m. Officers were

called to the area of Sixth

Avenue regarding a report

investigation, it was deter-

mined that a 27-year-old

Windom female had been

assaulted and that a male

suspect had fled the scene.

The report was forwarded

to the county attorney's of-

received a report of a theft

of tools from the Windom

Runnings store sometime

the previous day. According

to the report, a person took

a number of Dewalt tools

scene. The total value of

the theft has not yet been

under investigation.

•7:23 a.m. Officers

shining lasers on their

Dec. 3

matter.

determined and the case is

responded to the 600 block of Sixth Street regarding

a report that someone was

house. Officers were unable to locate suspects in the

•11:28 p.m. A resident

600 block of Fifth Street.

According to the report, a

neighbor smelled marijua-

na coming from a nearby

apartment and there was

concern for the welfare of

children. Officers advised

the residents of their op-

reported a drug issue in the

from the store and fled the

•11:18 a.m. Officers

fice for review.

of a domestic assault. Upon

eschke of Windom, also

received minor damage.

a two-vehicle crash that

occurred at Hy-Vee. The

ing lot. The other vehicle,

a 2009 Chevrolet pickup

of Russell, also received

minor damage.

Dec. 1

tion as directed, remain law-abiding.

Wrong class or no endorsement/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Jorge E. Calderon, Raymond, \$380.

Failure to yield: Judy A. Cihak, Jackson, \$130.

Seat belt violation: Nicholas L. Curry, Mt.

No Minnesota driver's license: Jean M.B. Delgado, St. James, \$180; Jean M.B. Delgado, St. James,

Speeding/expired driver's license (over 21): Fabjon Gjuzi, Mankato,

Passing parked authorized vehicle-two lanes in same direction: Dana Kline, Narberth, Pa., \$130.

Driving after suspension/expired proof of motor vehicle insurance: Jorge Lopez Martin, Worthington, \$480.

Speeding/expired registration/no insurance owner: Wilson J. Ruperto Martir, Wilmont, \$360. Speeding/Hands-Free

Law-access video content, images, games or software applications: Emmanuel J. Sumo, Sioux Falls, \$180.

Speeding/seat belt violation: Edith M. Tidoe, Sioux Falls, \$165.

Driving after revocation: Kelvin D. Harris, Coon Rapids, \$285.

Animals running at

large: Jared K. Koch, Windom, \$105.

Fish and Game — untagged big game animal: Richard J. Callanan, Com-

frey, \$180. Fish and Game — Discharge firearm or bowpublic highway: Alexander S. Hagert, Sanborn,

•1:12 a.m. A resident on

ported spotting a suspicious

person in the 1000 block of

Miller Avenue. According

person was dressed in all

and walking up to homes,

to be a knife. As officers

went to the scene, more

reports about the suspi-

cious person came into the

Cottonwood County Law

Enforcement Center. One

person was seen walking

resident mentioned that the

toward American Lutheran

Church. Another resident

supplied police with video

evidence obtained from a

doorbell camera. Police are

asking the public to imme-

department (507-831-6134) if

they have any information

•3:53 p.m. A hit-and-run

crash was reported in the

ing minor damage was a

owned by Devin Markus

Sheriff's report

Nov. 30

Hy-Vee parking lot. Receiv-

parked 2021 Chevrolet SUV

of Windom. The matter re-

mains under investigation.

•12:08 p.m. Cottonwood

County deputies received

a report of a burglary in

progress in the rural Mt.

Lake area. A caretaker for

the home told deputies that

they believed someone en-

tered the home by breaking

a window. Deputies entered

the house and located a

25-vear-old Mt. Lake man

inside the house. The man

was arrested for trespass-

and violating a court order.

ing, damage to property

about this individual.

diately contact the police

black, wearing a face mask

brandishing what appeared

to the report, the suspicious

Windom's east side re-

Dec. 5

Christmas cheer

BRIDGER CAIN, 3, (RIGHT) SEEMED **PERFECTLY** CONTENT spending a few moments on Santa's lap, recently, at the annual Heritage Village Christmas event in Mt. Lake — his younger sister, Magnolia, 1, not so much. **Bridger and**

Magnolia are

the children

and Raven

Cain of rural

of Travis

Avoca.



RAHN LARSON 12/1 village 13

Heritage Village event draws crowd

A feeling of Christmas enveloped Heritage Village in Mt. Lake, on a recent Friday evening.

Cool but comfortable weather helped raise spirits as folks gathered by the outdoor fire in the festively decorated Village. There were horse-drawn wagon rides, visits with Santa, hot cider in the gift shop and, of course, the big community meal with proceeds assisting the Mt. Lake Ambulance Department.

Everything looks good," said Mt. Lake Mayor Mike Nelson, who noted that tremendous volunteer efforts go into decorating the



12/1 village 26 AMONG THE HERITAGE VILLAGE HIGHLIGHTS were the horse-

village and the event itself. "It's good to see people out

drawn wagon rides through the village.

enjoying the night!" The lights at the village

will be on nightly for people to drive through and observe through Jan. 1.

COUNTY/

Officials say POET's pumping wells will help

FROM PAGE 1

"So far, the plume has migrated to the south, about a mile from the landfill," Gilbert said. "But we think we have a good idea of where the plume ends.'

Gilbert noted that vinyl chloride evaporates when exposed to air, but there is concern about ground water in the area of the plume.

"Normal accepted rates

for vinyl chloride are the equivalent of one drop in a 10,000 gallon pool of water,' Gilbert added.

So far, no private wells have been contaminated, and the Des Moines River is far enough away that future mitigation efforts would keep the river safe.

Gilbert added that another factor will help. POET Biorefining has three pumping wells near the area of the plume.

"POET has been informed and we've conducted a site visit and took samples," Commissioner Tom Appel

Gilbert added, "POET's collection system exposes all ing wells."

its water to air, so there is no threat of contamination there. And those three pumping wells also are impacting the flow of the plume, so some mitigation might already be taking place."

But the concern was about the potential impact on Red Rock Rural Water, which will be constructing a new water treatment facility a few miles to the east.

"We'll need to contact Red Rock before their board meeting," Appel said. "At this point, potential mitigation might still be a ways off. We also might need to consult the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for monitor

■ SCAM ALERT

Holiday online purchase scams are on the rise

Experts are predicting an earlier start to the 2021 holiday shopping season because of supply chain concerns, microchip shortages and holiday hiring.

The Better Business Bureau warns scammers will find ways to take advantage of the situation by varying the product categories, capitalizing on what people are looking for online and focusing on the most sought-after gifts such as electronics, toys and other trendy gift items.

'These critical findings can help guide our scam prevention outreach to those most vulnerable to these scam types," said Melissa Trumpower, executive director of the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, BBB's foundation. "Online purchase scams don't just affect those who lose money. For every victim who lost money, that meant less income to

buy groceries, gifts, pay the utility bill, or the loss of personal information that could lead to identity theft.'

BBB offers the following tips to stay safe while online shopping:

• If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. The top motivating factor for people who made a purchase and then lost money was price. Don't shop on price alone.

• Before you buy, do your research. Out of the 57 percent who did not research the website or business via an independent source before making a purchase, 81 percent lost money.

· Beware of fake websites. Check the URL for errors/inconsistencies. Watch for bad grammar. Beware of new domain names. Search for accessible contact information. Read online reviews about the company and/or website.

Share your scam story

Local law enforcement is

very concerned about the impact scams have had on area residents, particularly the elderly.

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

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

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

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

INSIDE EDGE

COVID-19 Data shows high transmission level

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

COVID-19
Coronavirus cording to the Center for Disease Control Data Tracker, the county is now among the 79.48% of all United States counties that are

at the high level. The

https://covid.cdc.gov/

CDC site can be found at

covid-data-tracker). Earlier in 2021, the county was among the 5.5% of U.S. counties with a low level of community transmission. The transmission rate climbed and has remained high since

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

- 18-and-older 64.9% 12-and-older 62.1% 65-and-older 82.8%

- 5,865 of the county's 11,196 residents are fully vaccinated.

Contract discussed for gun, knife event

An apparent miscommunication has caused the annual local Gun & Knife Show to seek a new site for 2022, but it appears a long-term solution is in the works.

At a recent Windom Community Center meeting, the board spoke with a Gun & Knife Show official about the situation. It appears show officials will receive a discount in 2023 and a multi-year agreement between the Gun & Knife Show and Windom Community Center is being discussed.

A 2022 site has not yet been finalized, but the Windom School Board is considering the potential of hosting the event at the school's Blue Gym.

Christmas light voting starts Dec. 9

A host of local residents are busy fine-tuning their displays for the annual Windom Christmas Lighting

contest. Once again, the contest ill be decided by the general public. Voting for the contest runs from Dec. 9 through Dec. 16.

The contest is sponsored by the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce and also the Windom Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

Big prizes are available for the top few entries in both the home and business contests. For instance, first place winners

in each contest get \$600. Details and a list of contestant addresses can be found in the ad on page 8 of this edition.

Council to discuss street closure

Plans are set for the annual Christmas by Candlelight event on Dec. 16.

The Windom Area Chamber of Commerce has requested a temporary closure of Ninth Street between Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue for the event. The council was expected to discuss the request at last night's (Tuesday's) meeting. If approved, the closure would run from 3 to 7 p.m.

•11:58 p.m. Deputies assisted Jackson County authorities with a concernfor-welfare matter. The person was located and taken to Windom Area Health for evaluation.

Dec. 3 •6:16 p.m. Deputies assisted a conservation officer who was investigating some hunters who were believed to be intoxicated. The matter was handled without

Cottonwood County Veterans Service Office

The Cottonwood County Veterans Service Office is a primary point of contact for veterans and their families who seek assistance with local, state, and federal veteran's benefits. Some of the services available are assistance with federal VA disability/pension claims, VA health care enrollment, and VA burial benefits, as well as Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. To find out more about YA benefits call Todd Dibble at 507-831-5522. Our office is located at 41385 US Hwy. 71 in Windom, MN. You may also go to our Cottonwood County website at www.co.cottonwood.mn.us to find general contact information and current information under the "What's New"

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VIEWPOINTS

An easy way to help

s this newspaper hits the news stands, we will be **▲**roughly two weeks from

In the old days, that left plenty of time for Christmas shopping. Forty or 50 years ago, early December was a time when many area residents had just begun their Christmas shopping.

These days, the Christmas shopping season is already well underway by the time we see Dec. 1 on the calendar. Over time, Christmas shopping has changed dramatically — not only when we shop, but where we shop.

There was a time when virtually all of one's Christmas shopping occurred within 30 miles of home. People bought a few things on the Square, maybe a few items in Mt. Lake and perhaps rounding out their shopping in Westbrook, or Jackson.

Each of these towns had a good selection of stores, backed by a solid core of employees. Downtown sidewalks were bustling and restaurants were full.

Eventually, as cars and highways improved, many shoppers ventured further and further from their homes. Christmas shopping became more of a day-long adventure and even part of a weekend

There were Saturday trips to Mankato, or weekend trips to the Twin Cities, or Sioux Falls. Cars, SUVs and mini-vans returned from these excursions packed with bags and packages from Target, Macy's, Cabela's and Dick's Sporting Goods.

This did not come as great news for our local business owners, many of whom often said the Christmas season was "make or break" time for them. However, many stores took note of the trend and made adjustments.

They became more nimble, more dedicated to building on the strengths that no big box store could match — absolutely superb customer service, including top-notch product knowledge, friendly assistance and even installation of some of the larger and more technical products.

Then, during the past couple of decades, Christmas shopping saw another big change — the internet age. At first, online purchases

OUICK VIEWS

- Windom area retailers first saw a dip in sales when shoppers began traveling to Mankato and beyond for their Christmas shopping.
- Online retail sales are now having a larger impact on holiday season sales.
- Area residents still have time to make a difference by shopping local.

only trickled into Windom.

However, over time the trend grew significantly. Last year, with the arrival of the pandemic, we saw wild growth in online pur-

Residents across the country, hesitant to do face-to-face purchases, used the internet to buy groceries and even pharmaceuticals. It was a bonanza for the Wal-Marts and Amazons of the world.

Once again, local businesses took a big hit. Ultimately, we are continuing to see more and more local dollars leave our region.

However, there is a way that we can stem the tide and maybe even swing the pendulum back in favor of the local economy — shop lo-

Clearly much of the shopping season is over. However, as this edition hits the presses, the major retailers are still marketing like crazy. That means plenty of dollars are still waiting to be spent.

Many of you reading this have a few names left on your list. Before pouring more local dollars into that giant Amazon vault, do yourself and your community a favor. Check the Shopper and local stores for other options.

While you are at it, keep this in mind. Every dollar you spend locally turns over seven times. The impact of local gift-buying not only helps the store owners, it helps the employees, local restaurants (keeping folks in town) and schools (which receive significant taxes and other support from businesses).

When you shop local, you are helping local workers, neighbors and yourself.

- Rahn Larson

Windom has great

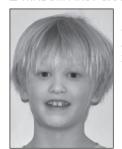
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police and little

■OUR READERS RESPOND

What do you want for Christmas?

Bodhi Shideler



"I want a toy car, a toy plane and a toy rocket."

Joe Huizinga



"Probably an electric scooter because those things are fast."

Franky Barrios



"A remote control car."

Makaiya Louangsaphakdy-Grove



"A Barbie Doll."

A date that still lives in 'infamy'

DAVE FJELD

Reporter

davef@windomnews.com

If you're like me, there's only one time you've ever heard that word and there's only one event with which you associate that word — the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

decades ago today, President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke to Congress, and thus the nation, when he said,

date which will live in infamy the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.'

of Americans.

Over the years — and, of course, in textbooks and picture books of World War II — we have seen plenty of black-and-white photos and film footage of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Movies have been filmed of that historic and horrific

Donna, and I were privileged to visit Pearl Harbor during our anniversary trip to Hawaii. The memories of that visit are indelibly etched in my mind.

Unfortunately, we were not able to visit the Pearl Harbor memorial. At the time, there were safety concerns regarding the loading dock and ramp, which were corrected several months later and tours returned to the memorial. We were only able to circle the memorial

If you ever get the chance to visit Hawaii, be sure to visit Pearl Harbor. It is worth every minute that you spend there.

There were a couple of things that were of particular interest to me. Prior to boarding the boat that takes you to the memorial, guests watch a short movie on the Pearl Harbor attack. It also is the only time I've ever seen the explosion that sunk the USS Arizona. It was a horrific blast and a direct hit on the battleship's oil supply.

I'm not a big history buff, but I do find history fascinating, especially when focused on a particular event. The movie that we watched before boarding the tour boat explained the reason for that huge explosion and why you see towering clouds of black smoke billowing from the Arizona. The day before the attack, the Arizona had been fully loaded

with oil. The blast we witnessed in the movie was a bomb striking that oil supply.

Following the movie, one of the attendants explained that oil has continued to leak from the Arizona for the past 80 years. The attendant went on to say that within the next 20 years, something is going to have to be done to stop the leakage. The movie also ex-

plained that survivors of the Arizona, who later pass away, have the opportunity to have their cremains interred at the Arizona. The movie showed a reenactment of such an interment by a scuba diver in a location on the sunken Arizona.

The other thing that struck me about the experience of visiting the memorial was a model replica of the Arizona housed in one of the museum buildings. The white memorial is positioned across the middle of the sunken ship and, of course, one of the ship's turrets is visible just above the water. It gave me a better idea of the memorial in relation to the sunken ship.

Visiting the day after the anniversary of the attack allowed us to see a number of flowered wreaths from Hawaiian cities, mayors, the governor and other state officials.

While Donna was waiting for me to finish my trip through the museum buildings, she sat down at a bench and watched several videos of people who witnessed the attack and its aftermath. She said the interviews with those individuals was especially interesting and gave her a look at the events through the eyes of native Hawaiians. I have always regarded Pearl

Harbor Day with reverence, for the sailors and civilians who gave their lives that day — a date that continues to live in infamy.

Finally getting the call

I didn't know if the day would ever come, but it finally did this week when Tony Oliva and Jim Kaat both received calls that they will be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

In my opinion, it was long overdue. They were selected to enter the Hall in Cooperstown, N.Y., thanks to the Golden Days Era committee.

Oliva played only for the Minnesota Twins, and while Kaat played for several other teams during his 24-year career, I will always consider him a Minnesota Twin. Not only were Oliva and Kaat great players, but both have been great ambassadors of the game.

Say the word "infamy" and what do you think of?

Indeed, eight

"Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 — a

The 80th anniversary of the attack on the U.S. naval base in Honolulu, Hawaii, was remembered yesterday. That event still and I suspect always will be a date that will forever live in infamy in the minds

day in our nation's history.

Three years ago today, my wife,

aboard the tour boat.

Cory Regnier Composition



Let it snow

With the snow that fell yesterday and more snow in the forecast, it is starting to feel a bit more like Christmas.

Now, I know there are a lot of people out there who wish the snow would stay away and are not looking forward to all the work that goes along with moving it. However, in my opinion, if it is going to be cold, there may as well be snow. It is a true indication of the winter season and something about it really helps enhance the Christmas season.

If there can be a slowfalling, fluffy snow on Christmas morning, then all the better.

So, please join me in dreaming of a white Christmas.

After the first of the year though, it can go any time!

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NEWS & NOTES

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- Look for the next Windom Area Foundation fund drive ad to appear in the upcoming Shopper. It will contain multiple new local names. For information, see www. windomareafoundation.com.
- Area public hunting sites have seen heavy pheasant hunting action lately.
- Look for key decisions to emerge from Monday's

Windom EDA meeting.



Being a good neighbor

RAHN LARSON EDITOR



of an attack never crosses my mind. Saturday night's

event occurred after midnight. The first call came in at 1:12 a.m. from a resident in the 1000 block of Miller Avenue. Later, a caller spotted the person walking toward American

Lutheran Church. Eventually, the person was

caught on a doorbell camera. According to Assistant Police Chief Cory Hillesheim, some witnesses said the person looked like a character from a horror movie.

Was it a prank? At this point, police aren't certain. "If it was intended to be a joke,

it isn't funny," Hillesheim said. It was good to see residents doing the right thing — reporting suspicious activity the moment it occurred, not waiting until the next day. They aren't nosy

they're just being good neighbors. "If anyone has information on this person, please contact police," Hillesheim said, adding that police will seek a severe penalty.

A look at school bus safety for motorists, students

Question: Can you talk about laws for failing to stop for a school bus and what law enforcement is

doing to help keep students safe? Trooper Troy says: State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended. Red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus. In 2017, the fine for a school bus stop arm/ red lights violation in Minnesota increased from \$300 to \$500.

Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and/or

ed when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads. Motorists are not required to stop for a bus on the opposite side of a separated roadway (median, etc.), but should remain alert for pedestrians. Always reduce

speeds in and around school zones and watch and stop for school crossing patrols and pedestrians in both marked and unmarked crosswalks at all street



TROY CHRISTIANSON Guest Columnist

corners. Students can also do their part in helping the bus driver focus on the road and help keep themselves safe outside and inside the school bus.

When waiting for the bus, be patient, stand back from road and no running or rowdy behavior.

Before crossing the street, take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen and wait for

the driver to signal that it is safe to

all traffic is stopped and continue to watch traffic while crossing. When on the bus, stay seated, listen to the driver and use quiet

voices. When getting off the bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder and always make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

In Minnesota, school buses make at least 10,000 school bus trips daily. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school buses are the safest mode of transportation for children, who are eight times safer riding in a bus to school than any other vehicles.

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Fischenich is tabbed **Teacher** of the Year

■ Fischenich is in her 29th year as an English Language Learner teacher in the Windom Area School District.

Windom Area Middle High School teaching staff gathered outside the WAM-HS office last week prior to starting their Professional Learning Communities for a short announcement.

Joni Fischenich was among them smiling until Amanda Wilson announced the longtime English Language Learner teacher as the district's 2021-22 Teacher of the Year. Almost instantly, Fischenich was moved to tears of disbelief and joy. She came forward as her husband, Dave, and sons, Joe, a physical education teacher in Windom, and Sam, who lives and works in New Ulm, stepped out of the office to congratulate her. Sam was joined by his wife, Kelsey, and their 18-month-old daughter, Addison. The Fischenichs' daughter, Sarah, a teacher in Colorado, was unable to attend.

Fischenich is in her 29th year teaching in the Windom Area School District. All of that time has been as an ELL instructor, part-time



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and later full-time, with nine years as a part-time kindergarten teacher.

The district's ELL students have grown from no more than eight with whom she worked when she began teaching in the 1992-93 school year to 147 students today in grades K-12.

In nominating her for the honor, her peers stated:

"Joni works incredibly hard and holds a caseload of almost entirely SLIFE (students with limited or interrupted formal education) students. Her caseload is heavy and she never complains. Joni works hard to help these students acclimate to the school/country and culture.

"Joni is an incredible

teacher who takes it upon herself to educate not only our EL stduents but also the other staff members who work and interact with

Watch for a story on Joni's teaching career in next week's Citizen.

Compassionate Friends candle lighting is Sunday

■ This is the 24th annual event after the candle lighting was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The holiday season can be a sad and difficult time for families in grief. For those who have suffered the death of a child, even many years ago, it is especially difficult.

That's where The Compassionate Friends of Windom organization hopes to help ease that difficult time.

The local group will host a special candle lighting, Sunday, beginning at 6:45 p.m., at the Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 4th Ave., in Windom.

The candle lighting is especially for families in Southwest Minnesota to honor the memories of their daughters, sons, brothers, sisters, or grandchildren, who have died at any age, at any time, from any cause.

"It is a special opportunity during the holiday season to honor the memory of the child who has died and the love we shared with them in the support and company of others who truly understand," explains Carol Hartman, a member of the Windom chapter.

The event will be held in a peaceful setting amid the CCHS's Festival of Trees in the Remick Gallery.

Doors will open at 6:30

Supplies will be provided

for family members to make a personalized ornament in memory of their child to add to the children's tree. Or, they may bring an ornament of their choosing for the

The program begins at 6:45 p.m., with the candle lighting ceremony set for 7 p.m. Each person attending will be invited to light a candle in memory of their

special child. Refreshments will be served afterward with time for families to share their child's story.

The remembrance is part of the 24th annual Worldwide Candle Lighting (the event was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic). Starting in New Zealand, candles are lit at 7 p.m., local time, around the globe, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are lit in the next. Thus, the observance continues around the world, honoring the memory of all children who have died, but are never forgotten.

The Worldwide Candle Lighting gives bereaved families everywhere the opportunity to remember their children so that their lights may always shine.

For more information regarding Sunday's candle lighting in Windom, contact Hartman at 507-831-4235.

American Lutheran youth to stage 'Living Nativity' tonight

■ A soup and chili supper runs from 5 to 7 p.m., in the church's fellowship hall.

American Lutheran Church of Windom brings back its annual Living Nativity tonight (Wednesday), from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in front of the church located at 906 Prospect Ave., in Windom.

The Living Nativity has become a staple of the holiday season at American Lutheran in Windom. Except for last year due to the pandemic, American Lutheran has presented the Living Nativity every year for more than two decades.

Those wishing to view the nativity are reminded that they may do so by either walking or driving past the manger scene by turning south onto Prospect Avenue from 10th

Street. The nativity will once again include live animals and actors.

Guests will be able to pet the animals (found inside and outside the church) and take horse-drawn carriage rides during the evening.

In the Skylight Court, guests can listen to music of the Christmas season, while enjoying cider and popcorn. Guests may also purchase items at the holiday bake sale.

Those attending are encouraged to bring food items or cash donations for the Windom Area Sharing Center.

In addition to the Living Nativity, American Lutheran youth will serve a soup and chili supper in the fellowship hall from 5 to 7 p.m., for a suggested donation of \$5.



Brkich named Windom Friend of Education

Windom Area Schools didn't need to look far for its 2021-22 Friend of Education recipient. Llubinka Brkich (center, holding plant) is already among the Windom Area Schools staff. Brkich is a bilingual paraprofessional at the schools, providing translation with the district's English Language Learners and SLIFE (students with limited or interrupted formal education) students and

In nominating Llubinka for the honor, FACS instructor Caitlyn Gilbertson wrote: "Llubinka continues to go above and beyond in assisting students with disadvantageous educational backgrounds or experiences and making them feel welcomed and encouraged to be successful at Windom Schools. She is pulled in so many directions, yet continues to complete tasks efficiently and with a smile. I appreciate everything Llubinka brings to Windom Schools!"

On hand for the presentation were Gilbertson, EL instructors Alyssa Landwehr and Joni Fischenich, and students with whom Llubinka works. They include, from left: Grades 5-8 EL teacher Landwehr, Elder Gonzalez, Elder Berduo, Jaylee Farley, Htee Mwee (holding sign), grades 9-12 EL instructor Joni Fischenich, Hardon Eliou, Llubinka Brkich, Alpha Isikar (hidden), TS Taitosh (partially hidden), Ritenta Rokichy (masked), Rebeca Lopez (holding sign), D-1 Eliou (back), Fabiola Lopez (holding sign), Frandi Melendez (in Sox cap), Adolfo Morent (hidden), JoAnn Ngoriakl, Duglas Jiminez and Rudi Miranda.

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The light of hope

o here we are, December has arrived. Our tree has already been up for almost three weeks, Christmas music has

sporadically been played for the same time. This seems to be the same with a great number of others as well. It seems the events of

the last couple years has caused our Christmas spirit to come quicker than ever before. But why? Could it be that we are looking for a hope that may not be with



PASTOR RANDY SHIDELER GATHERING CHURCH, BINGHAM LAKE

us for the other eleven months of the year? Are we solely putting our hope in the season of Christmas, and not the true hope that Christmas actually is founded on?

I love the music, the tree, the lights — and, of course, the cookies. But unless my hope is grounded in the hope of Jesus Christ, I am only looking to superficial feel-good hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

This right here will continue to carry you throughout the entire year with hope. Enjoy the music, lights and treats. But when the time comes to put those all aside, you can have full assurance that Jesus was, is, and will continue to be, the light of hope in your life.

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by individuals, businesses and organizations. (See the box below for those sponsoring trees this year.)

pandemic. The 2021 display

features 13 trees decorated

Remick Gallery was a beehive of activity in the days before Thanksgiving as tree sponsors set up and decorated their trees, each with its own theme.

The display runs through Dec. 23.

Those viewing the Festival of Trees may vote for their favorite tree or trees, but bring your quarters. You may vote for your favorite trees by placing a quarter per vote in the can at the base of the tree.

For more information, call the CCHS at 831-1134.

FESTIVAL OF TREES CONTRIBUTORS

· Windom Cotton Quilters

■ Patrons may vote for their

container at the tree's base.

Historical Society is host-

ing its annual Festival of

Trees exhibit in the Remick

The exhibit is free and

open to the public during

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4

p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. The museum is

located at 812 4th Ave., in

The exhibit also will

be open during Windom's

Dec. 16, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Christmas by Candlelight on

The exhibit returns after

a one-year hiatus due to the

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OBITUARIES

Gail Barlow

Gail Barlow, 67, of Windom died Nov. 30, 2021, at Good Samaritan Society-Sog-



ge Memorial in Windom. Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in

Windom with Father Pratap officiating. Honorary casket bearers were her grandchildren: Charlotte Jensen, Georgiana Jensen, Maggie Schmidt, Samantha Schmidt, Hayden Barlow, Abbigail Barlow, Brynn Vandel and Lincoln,

Barrett and Leighton Hulm. Burial was at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery in Windom.

LaCanne Family Funeral Home in Windom handled the funeral arrangements.

Gail Linn Frank was born July 10, 1954, to Donald Joseph and Maxine Helen (Bayliss) Frank in Carroll, Iowa. She was baptized in Carol and confirmed at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom.

She attend Windom Public Schools, graduating from Windom Area High School in 1972. She continued her education at Minnesota West Community & Technical College, earning an associate degree in human services.

She worked as a mental health practitioner with Southwestern Mental Health for 26 years.

In 1976, Gail married William Robert Barlow Sr., in Jackson. They were blessed with two children, Crystal and William (Billy).

Gail also married Anthony Hulm. From her marriages, she gained two additional children, Marvea Barlow and Tyler Hulm.

Gail was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom.

She enjoyed watching the Eagle Brook broadcasts, spending time with her grandchildren, baking, crafts, art, painting, gardening and bird-watching.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Frank.

Survivors include her children: Crystal Jensen and John Schmidt of Waconia; William "Billy" Barlow Jr. and Chelsie Barlow of Windom; two stepchildren: Marvea Barlow of Gillette, Wyo.; and Tyler and Amanda Hulm of Rochester: 10 grandchildren; her mother, Maxine Frank of Windom; two brothers, Alan (Barb) Frank of Fergus Falls and Kent Frank of Windom; and a sister. Linda Unger of Worthington.

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It is the goal of the Citizen to publish an obituary that honors the life of the deceased. We will describe the loved one's life specifically in terms of historical information including schooling, occupation, residence, immediate family, achievements, hobbies and community involvement.

When you send an obit please specify if this is to run verbatim with a box around it for which you will be billed \$185. If not asked to run verbatim, it will run and you will be billed for the \$80 edited version.

We encourage the family to provide a photo of their loved one. There is no extra charge to include the photo.

A brief death notice including name, age, residence and date of death will be published at no charge.

Cards of thanks can be placed in our publication by calling Tammy at the Citizen at 507-831-3455 or 800-658-2510.

Florence Behrens

Florence "Flossie" Behrens, 93, of St. Anthony, formerly of Windom, died



Dec. 2, 2021, at Pearl Gardens Assisted Living in St. Anthony. A Celebra-

tion of Life service will be held Monday at 11 a.m., at Lutheran Church of Our

Savior in Windom with Pastor Paul Sajban officiating. Lunch will follow at the church, then burial at

Delafield Township Cemetery in rural Windom. Visitation will be held Monday at the church for

one hour prior to the service. The family kindly requests that masks be worn by all who attend the services.

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

Florence Behrens was born Aug. 12, 1928, to Adrian and Viola (Smith) Bochman. She grew up east of Windom and, wanting to go to high school, moved to Windom. She supported herself by working as a waitress at the Basinger Hotel.

After high school, she worked as a telephone operator, where she met Art Behrens. They married in 1947 and raised two children, Lowell and Jo.

The family farmed east of Windom and near Jeffers before moving to Wilder to open Behrens Livestock. Flossie was a partner and bookkeeper in the operation.

Flossie enjoyed tending a large garden, decorating cakes, entertaining, bowling and working with children at church.

In her spare time, she worked as a waitress at Happy Chef. Later, she worked as a secretary for Ruenitz & Gudmestad and Fairland Farm Management. She also served as secretary for the North Heron Lake Game Producers.

In 1984, she became executive director of the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce. She spent many hours visiting with and collecting dues from Chamber members.

She was awarded the Mayor's Medal of Honor in 2003.

Art died in 2002, and in 2012, Flossie moved to Mikkelsen Manor. In 2015, she moved into memory care near her daughter, Jo, in the Twin Cities.

In addition to her husband Art, Flossie was preceded in death by three siblings: Leland "Bud" Bochman, Dorothy "Dot" Mitchell and Ruth Brewer.

Survivors include her children, Lowell (Donna Sogge) Behrens and Jo (Bob) Norell; five grandchildren; 11 greatgrandchildren; and sistersin-law: Irene Bochman, Dora Behrens and Evelyn Dean.

Anita Falk

Anita Falk, age 83, of Mt. Lake died on Dec. 3, 2021, at Good Samaritan Society-The Lodge in Mt. Lake.

A private family service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Interment will be at the Mt. Lake City Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Sturm Funeral Home in Mt. Lake.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.sturmfh.com

Anita Louise (Amstutz) Falk was born in West Point, Neb., on Nov. 14, 1938, to Francis and Edith Amstutz. At a young age, she accepted Jesus as her Savior and upon confession of her faith was baptized at Salem Mennonite Church in Wisner, Neb., by Rev. Arnold Nickel.

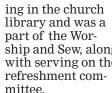
Anita attended school in Wisner, Neb., until grade 11 in 1954. The family then moved to Mt. Lake, where she graduated from Mt. Lake High School as salutatorian in

She attended Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio. At college she was a member of the ladies Gospel Team as their pianist, traveling and singing

around the area. During her college years she met DuWayne D. Falk of Mt. Lake. Anita and DuWayne were married at Bethel Mennonite Church in Mt. Lake on June 14, 1959. They lived on various farm sites before finally settling on the Falk Family Farm northeast of Mt. Lake in 1972. They were blessed with four children: Sherri,

Linda, Larry and Bryan. During the summer of her college years and the first few years of marriage Anita worked as a teller and secretary to Bill Schroeder at the Farmers State Bank of Mt. Lake.

Anita was involved with her church, Bethel Mennonite, where she was an organist, pianist and member of the bell choir. She enjoyed work-



Anita belonged to the Midway Homemakers and was a 4-H leader for many years.

She loved sewing which and many people were the

cious goodies. On the family farm she worked alongside DuWayne and they made quite a team, whether they were raising cattle for 20 years, running their seed business of 25-plus years, and then transitioning to raising broiler chickens which kept them

Anita will be remembered for her musical talents, her love of her grandchildren and her generous giving of her time and service to oth-

Anita is preceded in death by her parents, Francis H. and Edith (Luginbihl) Amstutz: her brother-in-law and sisterin-law, Donald and Doris

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Du-Wayne D. Falk; sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and daughters, Sherri (Bradley) Bargen of Butterfield, Linda (James) Heltemes; sons, Larry (Julie) Falk, Bryan (Connie) Falk, all of Mt. Lake; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and extended relatives.

Blessed be her memory. Memorials are preferred to Mt. Lake YFC or The Gideons International.



ship and Sew, along with serving on the mittee.

was evident in the quilts she made for her family and MCC. She enjoyed volunteering at the Care and Share, working at the Mennonite House and Train Depot at the Threshing Bee. Anita loved to cook and bake, recipients of her deli-

busy until November 2019.

grandchildren and great-

Falk.

Gordon Harder of Austin;



Gary Lee Pawlitschek of Winnebago passed away at age 77 on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021.

He was born on June 9, 1944, the fourth and last child of John (Jack) William and Florence Rose (Renczykowski) Pawlitschek on their 13th anniversary. He was born in the Heron Lake Hospital, the only child born in the hospital for his parents.

He had older sisters, Lorriane (Ray) Anderson and Gerry (Paul) Maras and brother Larry "Lawrence" (Raynette) Pawlitschek.

Funeral services were at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom and burial at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery, beside his parents.

At age 5, the family moved from Heron Lake to the Jeffers area. Gary attended country school through the fifth grade. until the school closed in 1955, at District 55 in Dale Township, located by the Merlie Kingery farmstead. He was the only student in his class all five years.

He then attended school in Jeffers, graduating with the Jeffers High School class of 1962. He was the senior class president and FFA president.

He was active in his family farm operation. At the age of 15, he rented a 240acre farm with his brother Larry and farmed with Larry and his dad while going to high school.

He was very active in sports. At age 10 he was playing fast-pitch softball for the Dale Diggers 4-H. They lost the first game they played and then went on to win the county 4-H championship that year and for the next four years going undefeated, only losing that first game they played. One summer at age 15, he played on four softball teams, 4-H (Dale Diggers), FFA (Jeffers), church league (Catholic) and town team (Delft), and all four teams won their league championship.

He was involved in and excelled in sports at Jeffers High School, lettering in four sports: football, basketball, baseball and track. He played on some outstanding basketball teams. He was known as "Little Polly" and his brother, Larry, as "Big Polly." He led his team, and the conference, his senior year, in scoring with a 22.1 average and rebounding at 14.8 per game. He was named MVP of his team and the Red Rock Conference. He was named to Southern Minnesota first team All-State team by New Ulm Daily Journal.

He missed the 1,000-point club by a few points. The Minnesota State High School League has adopted a ridiculous 16-game schedule rule that applied for all three years of his varsity career. (Now they play a minimum of 24 games a year.) If that has been in effect, then he would have scored over 1,300 points based on the average he had in varsity games. He was especially proud of his field goal percentage of over 60%

He was named the weekly All-State in the Minneapolis Tribune team three

Gary Pawlitschek



times, once for having 25 rebounds in one game, another time for scoring 32 points and on 12 of 15 field goals

and 8 of 8 free throws. His brother, Larry, had set the family bar high, and with encouragement from his brother, he tried to break Larry's personal records.

He played football only his junior and senior year. His parents were hesitant to let him play football because of his polio at an early age and fall work on the farm. That all changed when the high school coaches Eldon Dahl, Jon Falgren and Darrell Furhman came recruiting, while Gary was plowing oats stubble.

'Sure, I will play, but my folks have the final say.'

The coaches changed practice to evenings to accommodate him during the two weeks before school started. After the first game, Dad said, "You can tell the coaches they can go back to their regular schedule," which they did and no one on the team ever knew.

Gary played tight end, linebacker and defensive end, having over 100 yards receiving in one game on two catches.

Gary went on to Mankato State College. He was a member of the college basketball team for three years. He graduated in 1967 with a major in business administration, economics and a minor in psychology.

He continued to be active in fast-pitch softball, playing until the age of 41 and winning a state championship as playermanager for Fairmont in 1984.

He was also a high school sports official in basketball, football and volleyball for 20 years.

Gary was a sports fan of the Twins, Gophers and Vikings, with season tickets to the Vikings, when they played in the Metrodome. He also was a Gopher basketball season ticket holder since 1974.

He was in the military service during Vietnam era with the 492nd Engineering Army Reserve unit in Mankato from 1968-1974. He attained the rank staff sergeant E-6 Before and while going

to college, he farmed and had summer jobs working for Wright Tree Service, Hodgmen Construction, Elk River Concrete and Hallet Construction.

After graduating from college, he began his 41year agriculture banking career with Farm Credit in Windom in 1969.

In 1972, he moved into the home office of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Paul. Then in 1976, he became the president of the Farm Credit office in Fairmont. At the time, he was the youngest president in the seventh Farm Credit district, at age 32. He continued to work with Farm Credit systems working with the Worthington and Emmetsburg offices.

He moved on to the banking system in 1969,

working 21 more years in ag banking. He worked at Ledyard, Trimont and Ormsby. He became president of Worthington-Brewster banks in 2000. His last stop was at the Truman Bank retiring in 2010.

During his lifetime he remained active in farming, owning and managing his own farmland.

In January 1989, he married Carolyn Chafee Dahms. They later divorced. From this marriage they had a daughter, Katelyn (Kelsi) Rose Pawlitschek, born on July 13, 1991. Kelsi was born with cerebral palsy, the result of a botched ovarian cancer surgery, while Carolyn was 5 months pregnant. Gary has been Kelsi's biggest supporter and caregiver, while being wheelchairbound during her lifetime. She has lived with Dad since graduating from high school. Gary was dedicated to his daughter and made sure she was taken care of.

Gary was an outdoor person. He was an avid pheasant, duck and deer hunter. No one will forget his golden lab, Jessie. He liked fishing, especially with friends. He enjoyed feeding the birds and caring for Kelsi's cats and her dog "Baby," along with her pet ducks.

The farm boy in him caused him to raise a large garden of which he mostly gave away.

Gary will be remembered for his sense of fair play, sharing and hard work. I don't know of an employee who worked with him that didn't call him a friend. He is survived by his

daughter, Katelyn Kelsi Rose; and stepson, Nathan Dahms; nephew, John (Tammy) Anderson and children, Quentin, Cody and Mason; nephew, Mike (Janet) Anderson and children, Matthew and Micara; nephew, Jim (Vicky) Anderson and children, Trenton and Robby; nephew, Kent (Jackie) Anderson and children, Hunter and Hayden; niece, Karen (Dean) Kappes and children, Kelsey, Preston, Halley, Jadey and Carely; sister, Gerry Maras and family: nephew, Paul Maras Jr., and daughter, Jessica; nephew, Jeff Maras and children, Michelle, Nicole, Rachel and Jeff Jr.; nephew, Matt (Daphney) Maras and children, Andrew, Mariah and Cierra; niece, Anna (Will) Johnston; nephew, Wayne (Cheri) Maras and children, Tristyn and Tyler; niece, Beth (Gary) Kalash; niece, Belle (Duane) Harder and children. Darby, Derrick and Drake; sister-in-law, Raynette Pawlitschek and family: nephew, Garret (Susan) Pawlitschek; nephew, Terry (Maya) Pawlitschek and Cole; and many greatgreat nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Florence Pawlitschek; brother, Larry "Lawrence" Pawlitschek; sister, Lorraine Anderson; and two brothers-in-law, Ray Anderson and Paul Maras.

Blessed be the memory of Gary Lee Pawlitschek.

Jerry Thompson

Jerry Thompson, 84, of Storden died Dec. 1, 2021, at Our House Hospice in Slay-



ton. A Celebration of Life service was Tuesday at Bethany Lutheran Church in Storden with Pastor Jennifer Bennet

officiating.

Burial with full military honors was at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Storden.

Jerry Wayne Thompson was born March 19, 1937, to Gerald Leslie and Thelma Eileen (Morphew) Thompson near Storden. He received his education in Storden Public Schools, graduating in 1955.

Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp and served his country honorably until being discharged and returning to the Storden area.

Jerry married Elaine Stevens. They were blessed with three children — Scott, Kathy and Jeff — before the marriage was later dissolved.

In 1993, Jerry married DeAnne Firman at Bethany Lutheran Church in Storden. They lived in rural Storden where Jerry farmed for 57 years until he retired in 2007.

A longtime member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Storden, Jerry also was a member of Herbert-Reese American Legion Post 391 in Storden, the Westbrook VFW

Post, Masons and Shriners. He enjoyed rodeos and

spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Thompson; a daughter, Deborah Tonsgard; and two sisters. Janet and Linda Thompson.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, DeAnne Thompson of Storden; five children: Scott Thompson of Storden; Kathy Carey of Inola, Okla.; Jeff (Kari) Stevens of Vinemont, Alaska; DeAnne (Frank) Warnekros of Savannah, Ga.; and Richard (Barb) Firman of Lewisville, Texas; three grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and three siblings: Dennis (Kathy) Thompson of Rapid City, S.D.; Cindy Hanke of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; and Gloria Thompson of Marshall.

AREA FACES

Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday Show set for Saturday

■ Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the day.

The "Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday Show" is back!

After having to cancel last year's event due to the pandemic, the sixth annual craft and vendor show returns to the Windom Community Center Saturday from 10

The community center is located at 1750 Cottonwood Lake Drive in Windom. The show features vendors

selling a variety of items. "We want to make it a fun

and festive shopping experience while you browse through the great variety of items available," says Diane Kruger, event coordinator. Again, this is the sixth

annual show and features everything from hand-made items to merchandise from direct sale companies.

Admission is free and drawings will be held for door prizes throughout the

In addition, those attend-

ing can enjoy a hot beverage and sit down for a meal. One Way Catering will have snacks and hot meals available for purchase throughout the day.

Those wanting more information can look for the event on Facebook or contact Kruger at 831-3447 or 507-221-0278.

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too many sweet treats and foods high in calories and fat. However, with a little effort and some alternative food and drink options, your holidays can become a lot healthier!

A few tips to consider this holiday season include:

 Make healthy baked goods. Yes, it is possible to make healthier holiday baked goods that taste delicious. You can experiment with some of your favorite recipes to make small changes that can make a big difference.

 Incorporate nutrient dense foods. This could include a leafy green salad, fresh fruit, sweet potatoes over white potatoes, protein packed turkey over ham, or using whole wheat breads and flours instead of white.

• Find ways to create a balance. A good balance does not mean avoiding unhealthy foods, it means eating those unhealthy foods in moderation. Try to incorporate vegetables and plenty of other healthy options while still enjoying your favorite holiday food or treat.

• Sip smarter. It's easy to consume excess calories and sugars when we are sipping them and not chewing them. Try sipping on plenty of water throughout the day or creating a healthier version of your favorite beverage.

• Bring the healthy. You are more likely to eat healthy when there are healthy options to choose from. To avoid a lack of healthy options, bring your own. A few ideas include a veggie tray, a charcuterie board with plenty of unsalted nuts, fresh fruits and healthy protein options, like oven roasted turkey slices, roasted vegetables, or a side salad.

However your holidays may look, you can be the difference between an unhealthy and healthy holiday meal. With a few small changes, you can feel great about your holiday choices and continue into the New

Year a happy and healthy you!

Check out these healthier recipes to enjoy over the holiday season:

Thumbprint cookies

INGREDIENTS: 2 cups almond

2 Tbsps. coconut

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND flour Wellness Coordinator ½ tsp. baking

powder

½ cup butter, room temperature ½ cup coconut sugar

1 tsp. vanilla extract Nutella, homemade or store-

bought **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Whisk together almond flour, coconut flour and baking powder in a bowl.

3. Add in butter, coconut sugar and vanilla extract. Mix the dough all together until fully combined.

4. Roll dough into balls about 1 tablespoon in size and place on baking sheet about 1 inch apart. Make an indentation with your thumb in the middle.

5. Bake for 12 minutes. Remove from oven and, using a teaspoon, press down into the indentations to re-form the indentation. Let cool.

6. Heat Nutella in a small pot or microwave. Spoon the Nutella into the cookie indents. Let set before serving. Bonus: These are gluten

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1 Gala apple, sliced

½ cup sliced almonds

½ cup balsamic vinaigrette, store-bought or homemade

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11/2 cups balsamic vinegar

1 cup olive oil

2 Tbsps. chopped garlic

2 Tbsps. dried parsley 1 Tbsp. sugar

1 Tbsp. dried basil

2 tsps. dried oregano **DIRECTIONS:**

1. For the dressing, combine all ingredients in bowl and whisk together.

2. For the salad, in a large bowl, combine spinach, apple slices and almonds.

3. Drizzle the salad with the dressing and toss. Serve immediately.

Last chance to donate to County Cheer Box

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

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The program, sponsored

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

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Springfield annual Nativity Pageant set for Dec. 10-11

■ The 40-minute pageant is performed outdoors and features live animals, including camels.

The Christmas Story is one of good news and great joy and that beautiful story will be retold in a live Nativity Pageant Dec. Friday and Saturday in Springfield.

The pageant will be performed under the stars with one performance at 7 p.m., each evening.

The Springfield Area Nativity Theatre Asso-Christmas Story, according to St. Luke. In the familiar version of the Christmas story, Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Because there was no room in the inn, the baby Jesus is born in a stable and placed in a manger. His humble birth is celebrated by choirs of angels and shepherds and He is given precious gifts by the Magi.

The pageant includes Christmas carols and stable scenes with an all-local cast, including a family with a baby, a live manger scene with camels and a live community choir.

Professional sound and

lighting systems enhance the production and large painted backdrops recreate the Biblical aura.

The Nativity Pageant is presented on the east parking lot of the Springfield Area Community Center. There will be ample parking and easy accessibility for motorists and pedestrians. Portable bleachers will be set up for spectators. Pageant time is approximately 40 minutes.

Visitors are encouraged to dress warmly and comfortably for cold weather aged to bring blankets and/ or stadium robes.

In 2017, the pageant was voted the "Best of Minnesota Live Nativity" by WCCO television viewers. It is presented free of charge a gift from the Springfield community. Visitors are invited to

join the pageant crew and cast for holiday refreshments — served by the Brookville-Burnstown 4-H Club — in the community center following performances.

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Student's comments—I enjoy doing things in school that I know how to do, but like doing new things at the same time. I mostly like doing classes that have to do with music, like band and choir.

Student's interests—I like to 3D print on a Prusa Printer. I also like learning new instruments, doing origami and playing video games.

Chosen because — Alex has been great

to have in Introduction to Business and

into the Stock Market Game that we are

Accounting this year! He has really gotten

doing in-class, contributes to discussions,

and always has a funny comment to add.

Parents—Hannon and Holly Ford

HIGH SCHOOL



Edson Ford Grade 8

■ Bulletin board

CLUB ACTIVITIES Saturday, Dec. 11

Monday, Dec. 13

Men's breakfast will be held at 7 a.m., in the Windom Evangelical Free Church Chapel. The monthly event is open to all men and includes breakfast. a speaker and prayer time.

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

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

Thursday: Meatloaf, butternut

squash, stewed tomatoes. Friday: Beef and bean burrito bake with lettuce, tomatoes and sour cream, pears. Monday: Beef goulash, peas,

tropical fruit, garlic bread stick. Tuesday: Fish patty with tartar sauce on a bun, cheesy hash browns, baked beans.

Wednesday: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots. Thursday (12-16) — Christmas Dinner: Ham, au gratin potatoes,

peas, dinner roll.

WINDOM Lions Club 4

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

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- 11 a.m.; Sundays — 4 p.m.;

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.

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information to: Citizen Publishing, Box 309, Windom, MN 56101. 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).

Student's comments — I really enjoy being with friends and participating in school

Student's interests—I really enjoy drawing, fine arts and anything tech

Parents—Jose Garcia and Leonor Garcia



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Strum directs WAHS vocalists, attends school

■ Matt Strum began his duties as WAMHS choir director Oct. 18.

He's only been on the job for a couple of months, but he's excited and eager to show off his choirs in Monday evening's annual Sounds of the Season Concert in the Windom Area Middle High School Gold Gym (see related story).

"He" is Matt Strum, who was hired to direct Windom Area Schools' middle and high school vocal music program.

"This was my dream job," Strum says. "Sometimes you're a little blinded by what the dream job is. There were definitely some things I didn't think about prior to being a choir director, but it has been absolutely wonder-

Strum is working with grades 6-12 and says the school district has been great to work with. He also has gotten much-appreciated



Matt Strum

guidance from former director Rachel Axford and her husband,

Strum has only been on the job since Oct. 18 and is actually

pulling double duty, directing Windom's vocal music program and going back to school to get his music teaching certification. He is presently living in Lake Crystal and attending classes at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

'This is brand new to me. I have never taught before," Strum says. "While I can work with a choir and know how to do those things, the classroom management has been challenging.'

So, how did he wind up teaching Windom's music program, while just starting to go back to school for what he is presently teaching?

"I went back to school this fall to be a choir director," Strum says. "I've got two daughters, 16 and 11, who are both very musical, and my oldest daughter has begged me to be her choir director for many years.'

However, Strum was already comfortable working as Rasmussen University's manager of new student readiness, handling orientations for its campuses across the nation. He really wasn't interested in returning to school.

When the pandemic reached the U.S., now almost two years ago, Strum reassessed what he wanted to do with the rest of his life and decided if he wanted to try something different, now was the time.

"Principal (Bryan) Joyce found out I was going to school — and he had seen me direct the Mankato River Blenders and heard my barbershop quartet — and sent a Facebook message to me,

'Would you consider . . . , ' " Strum says, with a chuckle. "It's three years earlier than I had planned."

Indeed, Strum accepted and now is a full-time student at MSU, Mankato, and a full-time employee at Windom Area Schools.

There is a wrinkle in Strum's plans. The music education program at MSU is not offered online, so Strum, MSU and Windom Area Schools are working together for Strum to either attend classes in Mankato or via Zoom.

"I've talked with Mr. Joyce about it and we'll arrange something and figure out something, whether it's an independent progress or what. It's still going to be three to four years," Strum

Strum is presently living in Lake Crystal, but will be moving to Windom in a couple of weeks.

■ SCHOOL MENUS Dec. 9-16

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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: Pop Tart and crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK — Cereal.

Friday: Long John roll, apple juice. PreK — Long John roll. No school for ALC and ELC.

Monday: Cereal bar and Go-Gurt, orange juice. PreK Cereal.

Tuesday: French toast with syrup, applesauce, fruit punch juice. PreK — Blue-berry muffin and Go-Gurt.

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

Thursday (12-16): Cereal and graham crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK — Graham crackers **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: — Elementary: Chicken tenders. MHS — Chicken tenders OR chicken nuggets OR hot turkey on a bun. All — corn, fresh veggies with dip. MHS alt.: Hamburger.

Friday: Cheese OR pepperoni pizza, steamed peas, romaine lettuce salad, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Turkey sandwich. No school for ALC

Monday: Ham patty OR barbecued rib patty OR pork on a bun, corn, coleslaw.

MHS alt.: Hamburger. Tuesday: Garlic cheese bread pizza OR cheese sticks with marinara sauce, green beans, fruit cup, romaine lettuce salad. MHS alt.: Chicken wrap with vegetable toppings.

Wednesday: French toast with syrup, sausages, Go-Gurt, tater triangle, baby carrots with ranch, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Turkey ham

sandwich. Thursday (12-16): Build a Better Burger with hamburger patty, cheese, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, pickles, baked beans, potato choice. MHS alt.: Hot chicken or hot turkey

Red Rock Central BREAKFAST MENU

sandwich.

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

Thu.: Cereal and Pop Tarts. Friday: Breakfast pizza. Monday: Rice Krispies bar. Tuesday: Mini waffles. Wednesday: Long Johns. Thu. (12-16): Uncrustable. LUNCH MENU

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

change.) Thursday: Corn dog, baked beans, Mandarin oranges. Friday: Hot chicken on a

bun, peas, mixed fruit. Monday: Cheeseburger hot dish, corn, pears. Tuesday: Barbecued pork

on a bun, green beans, apple crisp.
Wednesday: Bosco sticks,

lettuce salad, peaches. alfredo, broccoli, bread stick.

Thursday (12-16): Chicken

WAMHS Sounds of the Season concert is Monday they will perform, include:

■ The concert will feature choirs in grades 6-12 and is the first concert for new director Matt Strum.

There will be many new faces when the Windom Area Middle High School vocal music department presents its Sounds of the Season holiday concert Monday at 7 p.m., in the WAMHS Gold Gym.

Admission is free and the concert is open to the

The many new faces concert-goers will see are those of the many choir members taking part in the concert. This will be the choirs' first "unmasked" show since the 2019 Sounds of the Season concert. Although the choirs sang several numbers in last spring's Pops Concert, choir members were wearing masks due to the pandemic.

One other new face the audience will see is that of the choir director. Matt Strum has taken over the choir, replacing longtime director Rachel Axford. Monday's snow is his first with the baton (see sidebar story).

Performing in the concert are six different choirs, singing at least two selections each, and three ensembles, each singing one number. The choirs, and one of the selections

· Sixth Grade Choir, singing "Santa Claus is Coming

to Town." Strum notes that he is currently teaching two separate sixth grade groups, but will bring them together for the concert.

 Seventh Grade Choir, singing the Andy Williams classic, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

· Eighth Grade Choir, performing "Silver Bells."
• Grades 7-8 will come

together and sing one more

number. · Grades 9-10 Choir, singing the Penatonix' holiday hit, "That's Christmas to Me," with soloists Grace Sherman and Pikea N. Another group of students will sing a solo part

together in the song. • Eagle Choir (grades 11-12), performing a crowd favorite, "Various Themes on Fa La La," as well as two traditional numbers, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Let There

Be Peace on Earth.' The ensembles include: · Mixed Pop Group, singing, "Dig That Crazy Santa

Claus. • Women's Pop Group (seniors and two juniors), singing "Underneath the Tree."

· Men's Group (seniors), performing The Beach Boys holiday hit, "Little St.



DAVE FJELD 12/8 WAESbanners 5

Elementary flies new banners

If you've driven by Windom Area Elementary School recently, you've probably noticed the light poles along the south parking lot have a little different look. The school recently placed new hanners on each of the noles

All but two of the banners carry the Eagle logo in blue and gold with "Windom Eagles" below the logo. Two other banners carry the logo over the Windom "W" and say "Welcome to Eagles

"I got the idea from college campuses," said Elementary Assistant Principal Dane Nielsen, who led the charge to acquire the banners. "One thing I like to do is decorate up the school campus and promote the Eagles and the blue and gold.

Nielsen said they paid for the banners through money given back to the school from clothing orders placed by staff and the community. He also received a small amount of money from the Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and the Middle School Advisory Committee. He hopes to purchase more banners and put them on the light poles in the south parking lot in front of Windom Area Middle High School.

Grades K-3 to present Holiday concert Tuesday

■ This year's elementary holiday concert was split into two separate concerts.

Windom Area Elementary School students in grades K-3 will present two separate concerts Tuesday evening, beginning at 6 and 7 p.m.

The concerts, directed by elementary music teacher Joni Garrison, will be held in the Gold Gym. Admission is free and open to the

The grades K-1 concert begins at 6 p.m., with the grades 2-3 concert starting at 7 p.m. Each concert is exutes, giving patrons plenty of time to exit from the first concert before those arriving for the second.

"Kids and Christmas" is the theme of this year's concerts, featuring a mix of classic holiday selections, as well as some newer, kid-friendly numbers.

Kindergartners and first-graders will each sing their own set of songs, and also come together to sing several selections.

concert will be chefs making cookies, small groups, jingle bell players, hand bell players and even a guest appearance by a snowman. Meanwhile, the grades

Mixed throughout the

2-3 concert will include some similar features, including songs sung by only second-graders and some performed by just thirdgraders. The two grades will come together for numbers at the beginning and end. The concert will end with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Weaved into the concert fun choreography, ers, small groups and even a 50-vear-old hand-made reindeer that will be part of the song "Turn Off That Nose."

A couple of traditional holiday selections will feature a Celtic twist.

Another addition to the grades 2-3 concert is 'bucket drumming.

"It's been around, but it's new to me this year," Garrison says. "I've got some drummers who are working on drumming to that."

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Eiriksson enjoys the Wild and Jets hockey teams

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direction from the company's perspective. At the same time, we need to uphold the values of our company. Part of my job is to meld the team together and move everything in the same direction.

So, you're like the quarterback, right?

EIRIKSSON: Yes, that's a good sports analogy.

The quarterback is only as good as his offensive line. I could not do it without the support of our teams and they could not do what they do without the support of myself.

We work together.

What led you to the Windom HyLife plant?

EIRIKSSON: I came here as part of my role and responsibility at HyLife.

Prior to this year, I spent a year in Mexico (where HyLife has a plant). I need to live and work near where we are in production. It is too hard to jump in and out (of a plant's region). You need that stability and need that clear direction on how you move forward.

Although this was part of my role and responsibility, when we discussed it, there was no hesitation on my part to come down here.

Tell me a little about yourself and your background.

A EIRIKSSON: I started working in restaurants right out of high school. From there, I moved into the hotel

and restaurant business.

I had a lot of friends working at Springhill Farms (in Neepawa) before HyLife bought them. They convinced me to come out there. It was something new, a new venture.

I have worked in all of HyLife's departments shipping, logistics, kill floor, cut floor, planning and sales. Finance is the only department I didn't go into.

Q What are your hobbies?

A EIRIKSSON: I like socializing with friends, camping and a little golf.

I've been participating in some community activities in Mt. Lake, also. Recently, we attended the play, "Beauty and the Beast," at Mt. Lake High School. It was a fantastic show.

I also like watching sports. I really enjoy hockey. In fact, I've already gone to a hockey game, the Wild vs. the Winnipeg Jets.

Those are my two favorite NHL teams right now.

Who did you cheer for?

A EIRIKSSON: (Laughs.)
Well, it had to be the
Jets. Everyone around here
(the plant) knows I've always
been a Jets fan.

What is your biggest challenge?

EIRIKSSON: Like everyone, we have to overcome some labor challenges.

We brought some folks up from Mexico, which has helped. We also instituted a "We Care" team, which is four hand-picked individuals with one manager overseeing them.

ing them.
The team's job is to communicate with all employees
— floor workers, supervisors and managers. They bring forth any challenges that they see on a daily basis.

We Care was launched with that sea of blue shirts you might have seen during Riverfest. What we've found is that we now have a lower turnover rate than we had a year ago.

In fact, right now we actually have a waiting list of people who want to work for

Our workers go home and feel positive about the place they work. That message easily spreads to family and friends and they want to come work for us.

We've definitely seen a change and the proof is in the number of people actually coming to work here.

What do you like about your work?

A EIRIKSSON: I really enjoy working with the people and groups.

I like having the ability to influence positive change within the company and working with multiple cultures between our plants in Mexico and Neepawa.

We see people happy at the end of the day, turnover is down and our safety record is improved. Our people come to work safe and go home safe.

I also like helping to build the company and watching it grow. It has come a long way in 27 years. It continues to grow and improve.

How many people does HyLife currently employ locally?

A EIRIKSSON: There are 1,050 in Windom. About 110 of those are in administrative positions throughout the operation.

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What have you learned about the area since coming to work here?

EIRIKSSON: One thing is the number of festivals that happen here. HyLife wants to participate in these and we've participated in all of them.

You get that sense of community at a parade, a county fair and smaller events. We don't see as many of these in Canada

Another thing is the number of family farms still operating. I grew up in a farming community in Canada. But we had maybe one house per section. Here, there's a house every quarter section. The density of rural population is still strong in Minnesota, which is nice.

It has been a nice transition to this area.

What is your favorite HyLife product?

A EIRIKSSON: As a company, we are more specialized for the Asian market. We do a lot of boneless product for Japan. They demand quality. We also do products for Korea, fresh chilled.

We are proud to have some local products available.
You'll see them at Johnson Meat Market in Windom and St. James.

I enjoy the pork butts. We turn it into pulled pork using a smoker.

What is the best part about working for HyLife?

A EIRIKSSON: Our leader-ship team.

Our leaders have a vision to be the best food company

in the world. That vision goes back to 1994.

The founders have retired, but that vision still lives on with the management team.
Our core values are also important. We are all proud

of what we are doing. You'll see those values posted around the plant. We all try to live up to those values. They are not just words on a wall. We live it as part of our daily work.

We empower people. I'm an example of that, starting on the floor and working my way up.

I'm not alone in that. Others started on the floor and worked their way up. We look to promote from within whenever possible.

What do you like best about the plant in Windom?

A EIRIKSSON: We have seen huge transformations here since I've been here and since we took possession of the plant.

We've seen fundamental changes and that's always hard to achieve. But once you get the ball rolling it becomes easier.

The team here will continue to work to make this the employer of choice, here in the area.

How has the plant changed since you came here?

A EIRIKSSON: We have done modifications to the process with new equipment.

We will continue to look at expansion plans and to make our cut floor and coolers bigger.

It is exciting. As we con-

tinue to grow, so does the workforce and so does the community.

Back in 2008, when HyLife purchased Springhill Farms (in Neepawa),that was a retirement town. It really had little life in it.

Now it is growing, more businesses and services are coming to town. For Windom, we want that same positive impact. We want to be that partner.

How would you like the public to view HyLife in the community?

EIRIKSSON: Our goal is to be a community partner.

We were very fortunate to receive the award from the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce. We really want to continue our involvement with the city council and Chamber of Commerce. They have been super to work with.

One of our directors now sits on the Chamber of Commerce board. We want to continue to be recognized as an industry that is here to support and help build Windom.

Also, we started the We Care team in the plant, for the employees. The next step is to bring them to the community, to meet people.

We want to be more involved with church events and things that are going on in the community.

If you weren't in this career, what would you be doing?

A EIRIKSSON: (Laughs.) I would probably still be in the restaurant or hospitality industry.

I went to school and took up culinary with the idea I was going to be a chef. I changed my mind when I realized being a chef didn't pay that well. My friends convinced me

to come and work for HyLife and I am very thankful that they did.



■ REFLECTIONS

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 7, 2011

Bob Lindaman stressed the importance of everyone needing "a little Christmas" when the hustle and bustle of the holidays roll around. And that's just what the BARC Holiday Showcase delivered with the two-hour variety show in the BARC Auditorium in Windom. One of the acts featured Santa joining Morgan Potter for Potter's rendition of "Boogie Woogie Santa." Enjoying the performance on stage with the pair were members of the BARC Chorale which included Nadine Forman, Jan Guldseth, Becky Tschetter, LuAnn Kremmin, Mavis Jansma and Lana Tibodeau.

The new Miss Minnesota USA 2012, Nitaya Panemalaythong, has Mt. Lake connections. The Panemalaythong family lived on 11th Street in Mt. Lake until the middle Nitaya's sixth-grade year.

Jack Roberts, a 1955 graduate of Windom High School, was recently inducted into the Space Operations Hall of Fame by the Air Force Association, a nonprofit civilian organization that promotes aerospace education. Roberts worked in aerospace software and hardware design for more than 50

Arianna Fozzato, a 17-year-old exchange student from Italy, is spending the 2011-12 school year with the Denise and Kevin Young family in Windom. Arianna enjoys music, especially the heavy metal

The animated production of "Puss in Boots" is presently showing at the Windom State Theater.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 11, 1996

One of the most eyecatching scenes of "The Chimes" is when Trotty Veck, played by Marv Zylstra of Heron Lake, kneels to speak at eye level with Little Lillian, played by Megan Mattson. The two actors are part of Windom's holiday production played out in shops around the Windom Square.

After entering a second career 22 years ago, Ron Lammbers will observe his last official day on the job. In all that time, he has kept the books for Windom's school district.

Mt. Lake Christian School, which will absorb Bethany Christian School's 7-12 grades next summer, announced plans to hire current administrator Bill Strom to head the new K-12 combined school.

Dick Jeffrey presents the original 1895 steam whistle to the Windom Fire Department. Dan Fossing, assistant chief, and Jack Rogers, chief, accepted the gift. Meanwhile, Bob Halvorson was named the 1996 recipient of the Chief's Award and Mark Schenk received the Fireman of the Year Award for the third consecutive year.

Winfair Elementary announced its Terrific Kids for November. They include: Matt Johnson, Alisa Zimmer, Danielle Smith, Amber Wallman, Ashley Vickerman, Ashley Fast, Megan Wendorff, Tia Elzenga, Shannon Rothstein, Erica Horkey, Cassandra Thom, Sonja Miller, Emily Oddson, Adam Horkey, Andrew Nepp, Dan Hoffman and Kody Johnson.

A student council-led effort to make Christmas special for every child in Cottonwood County got off the ground. Spearheading a Toys for Tots campaign at Windom Area High School are committee members Chelsea Lubben, Spencer Fresk, Matt Shirkey and Kelsey Snyder.

Showing at the Windom State Theater is "Ransom" starring Mel Gibson.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 7, 1971

A heifer owned by Ronald J. Johnson of Bingham Lake placed first in live judging at the Beef Royale and a steer owned by Warren Pankonin of Lamberton was first in carcass judging. There were 39 animals entered in this year's show.

Saturday was "get acquainted day" for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Kirk of Mt. Lake. The jolly fellow with the bright suit and beard, of course, needed no introduction. Meeting Santa for the first time this year are Wendy, 12; Tim, 3; Bradley, 8; and Randy, 11.

That wasn't just any old truck the city was using last week when Mayor C.O. Castledine inspected the new Christmas decorations. It was a new "cherry picker" delivered earlier that week. Purchased by the water and light commission, total cost was

Monday was moving day at Windom Area High School. What was being moved was a large garage. Where it was being moved to was the Environmental Studies Center across from the school. The garage, owned by the Triple E. Club, will serve as a storage building and headquarters of sorts until such time as the club is able to finance a permanent build-

Elmer Deutschmann of Windom has been named Farmers Union Insurance Agent of the Year for Minnesota.

■ REMEMBER WHEN



There will be a lot of this happening over the next few months, just as it was in this winter 1977 photo. Bundled up almost beyond recognition against the cold, three kindergartner joined the wintry elements for a frolic in the snow near Hillside Greenhouse, which continues to be a popular sledding hill over 40 years later. Randy Veenker has his arm around Todd Johnson. Vincent Jass sits on top of the sledding trio.

If you have an interesting photo taken at least 15 years ago, bring it to the Citizen office and tell us about it. If you can't make it to the office, mail it with identification. We welcome pictures from everyone.

MLC to present Christmas concert Monday

Mt. Lake Christian School wiii present its annuai Christmas Concert Monday, at 5:30 p.m., in the Mt. Lake Alliance Church gym.

The concert, directed by Aaron Peterson, will feature all students in grades PreK-12. Elementary classes will each perform several selections of holiday favorites, as will the junior and senior high bands and choirs.

A freewill offering will be received to support the MLC music program.

■ College news

Eliana Tade of Windom is a member of the Choir of Christ Chapel at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. The college hosted its annual Christmas in Christ Chapel worship services recently.

This year, Christmas in Christ Chapel's theme is "We Shall Go Forth Singing." Eliana is one of over 350 students who will lead the audience through the service, which places stories of lament and meaning-making among the stories of the Divine.

Comparing drives — Part I

CHRIS TAILOWRIGHT

Let's compare: solid state hard drives (SSD) versus hard disk drives (HDD).

Solid state drives, or SSDs, are becoming increasingly more popular. They were

CITIZEN TECH SUPPORT quite costly during their inception, but now have dropped in price to become more affordable

for the average user.

There are two main types of SSDs. Gaining popularity now are M.2 NVMe (nonvolatile memory express) solid state hard drives. They utilize PCIe sockets that communicate between the storage interface and the system CPU. They are without a doubt some of the fastest solid states on the market. Depending on the generation they can average reading/write speeds of 1,000 to 32,000plus megabytes per second. Whoa! That's fast!

The other main type of

SSD is the 2.5-inch SSD which mimics the size of a laptop hard drive. These are usually SATA connected drives, meaning they con-

nect using a

SATA cable, which plugs into your SSD and then plugs into your motherboard. The NVMe SSD connects directly to your motherboard. Hard disk drives also connect via SATA cable.

The speeds of a SATA SSD can range from 400 to 600 megabytes per second, whereas the average hard disk drive can average 80 to 160 MBs per second.

Check back next week for more on hard drives and what you can do to avoid disaster.

If you have questions contact us at icitizentech@windomnews.com or call the Citizen at 507-

Community Center set to host Red Cross blood drive

■ Another blood drive is schedule at the Mt. Lake Community Center later this month.

Nearly two years into the pandemic, everyone has earned a holiday break with their family and friends. But as the nation gathers again for celebrations this season, the American Red Cross, which provides 40% of the country's blood, is facing historically low blood supply levels.

Busy holiday schedules, breaks from school and winter weather all contribute to a drop in blood donations this time of year. Those factors, combined with the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, make it vital for donors to make an appointment to give as soon as possible. If more donors don't come forward to give blood, some patients requiring a transfusion may potentially face delays in care.

Storden area residents can donate blood at an American Red Cross blood drive scheduled for Dec. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Storden American Legion on Main Street.

Mt. Lake area residents, meanwhile, can donate blood Dec. 29, from 1:30 to 7 p.m., at the Mt. Lake Community Center, 1027 2nd Ave.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

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now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

1027 2nd Ave., Mt. Lake.

There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free.

To encourage donors to help address the historically low blood supply this holiday season, all who come to give Dec. 17-Jan. 2 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved Tshirt, while supplies last.

Blood drive safety

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

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

Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD **Subject Matter:** 14 Other Civil Court File No. 17-CV-11-401 Judge Christina M. Wietzema In re the Matter of RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM Petitioner NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

HEARING FOR RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM'S 2021 INTERNAL EXPANSION TO WHOM IT MAY CON-

Notice is hereby given that Red Rock Rural Water System ("RRRWS") has filed a Petition at the Cottonwood County, Minnesota District Court, which requests that the real estate owned by all individuals who connected to RRRWS in 2021, and who have not fully paid for the connection, be assessed for all remaining costs to connect to RRRWS.

A hearing on the Petition is going to occur in the courtroom at the Cottonwood County, Minnesota Courthouse, which is located at 900 3rd Avenue, in the City of Windom, Minnesota 56101 on <u>December</u> 29, 2021 at 1:15 p.m.

Written or oral objections will be considered at the hear-

The proposed assessment rolls are on file with the County Auditors of Cottonwood County, Jackson County, Martin County, Murray County, and Watonwan County.

The area proposed to be assessed consists of every parcel of land benefited by the connection to RRRWS, and which was previously petitioned for improvement by the owners of said parcel

The assessments will be made without regard to acreage or frontage on the water mains or branches of the water system. No assessment will be made upon land, which has not been made the subject of a petition or has not been designated and requested to be served by the owner.

Sheila Pierson Court Administrator By: Juli Fast **Deputy Court** Administrator November 29, 2021

4:01 p.m. This instrument drafted by:

Ronald J. Schramel Attorney for Red Rock Rural Water System Atty. Reg. 254757 Schramel Law Office 910 Fourth Avenue PO Box 505 Windom, MN 56101 P-507-831-1301 F-507-831-4200 (662—Dec. 8, 2021)

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD** FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 17-PR-21-571

Estate of Robert John Munning, a/k/a **Bob Munning**

Decedent NOTICE AND ORDER OF **HEARING ON PETITION** FOR PROBATE OF WILL

AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESEN-TATIVE AND NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** It is Ordered and Notice is

given that on January 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 Third Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, 56101 for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated August 25, 2020 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Catherine A. Martinsen, 1365 4th Avenue, Windom, MN 56101, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

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

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the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Objections to the petition for appointment of the personal representative must be filed prior to the hearing with the Cottonwood County Court Administration office by:

efiling (electronic filing); email: 5thCottonwoodCourt-Admin@courts.state.mn.us or mail at P.O. Box 97, Windom, MN 56101. Any interested person planning on attending the hearing should contact Court Administration at 507-831-7003.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be

BY THE COURT

Christina M. Wietzema Judge of District Court Sheila Pierson Court Administrator By: Sheila Pierson November 27, 2021 Attorney for Petitioner Ronald J. Schramel Schramel Law Office 910 Fourth Avenue PO Box 505 Windom, MN, 56101 Attorney License No: Telephone: (507) 831-1301 Email: schramellaw@ windomnet.com (663—Dec. 8, 15, 2021)



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING September 13, 2021

The Windom Board of Education met in regular session on Monday September 13, 2021 at 6:31p.m. in the Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Brugman, Bordewyk, Jones, Klassen, LaCanne, Mews, Stevens, Bus Mgr Pfeffer and Supt. Wormstadt. Absent: None Chair Brugman called the meeting to order with the of Allegiance.

The board recognized retiree Rachel Kuttii-Axford for her 32 years of service.

MSP Jones/Mews to approve the agenda with the following changes Item 11 will be an action item.

Member Stevens introduced resolution 091321A relating to various donations in the amount of 288.00 and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to accept the donations on behalf of Independent School District No. 177 to be used for the benefit of the students of the Windom School District. Member Bordewyk seconded the motion. Upon vote, Resolution 091321A passed unanimously.

There were no requests to address the board in open

MSPBordewyk/LaCanne to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of previous minutes (August 9, August 23rd and August 31st); Approve bills and wire transfers; Approve Financial Report; Approve extension of 2 weeks for FMLA #22-4 from 9/7/21-9/19/21; Approve FMLA request #22-5 for 12 weeks beginning September 07th, 2021 and continuing until December 1st, 2021; Approve resignation of Jordyn Alm, Elementary Paraprofessional effective August 31, 2021; Approve resignation of Rayghn Baerg, Elementary Paraprofessional effective August 24, 2021; Approve resignation of Jeremiah Huff, Paraprofessional effective August 17, 2021; Approve resignation of Sydney Paulson, Paraprofessional effective August 13, 2021; Approve resignation of Rachel Aamot, Paraprofessional effective August 19, 2021; Approve reduction in contract hours for Tammy Anderson, Elementary Paraprofessional from 8 hours to 7 hours/day; Approve hiring Cassidy Back, Paraprofessional 6.75 hours effective the 21-22 school year.; Approve hiring Casey Harrington, Paraprofessional 7.25 hours effective the 21-22 school year; Approve hiring Cheryl Hussong as Paraprofessional 7.5 hours, effective 21-22 school year; Approve hiring Cathy Martinsen as Paraprofessional 6.75 hours, effective 21-22 school year; Approve hiring Christina Mesner, Paraprofessional, 6.75 hrs effective 21-22 school year; Approve hiring Renee Schroeder as Paraprofessional 6.5 hours, effective 21-22 School year; Approve hiring Mia Peterson as Paraprofessional 6.75 hours, effective the 21-22 school year; Approve hiring Rhea Schultz as Paraprofessional 8 hours, effective 21-22 school year; Approve hiring Heather Zuehlke as Paraprofessional 6.5 hours effective 21-22 school year; Approve increase hours for Matt Onken, Paraprofessional from 6.5 to 7.25 beginning September 9, 2021; Approve hiring Tammy Alm, as Paraprofessional 6.75 hour, effective the 21-22 school year; Approve hiring Sue Rempel as Paraprofessional 6.5 hours, effective the 21-22

school year. Jamie reported Windom Elementary students and staff had a fantastic start to the school year. Entrance Conferences went smoothly on Tuesday and Wednesday followed by a great First Day on Thursday. Students have quickly learned how to navigate the breakfast and lunch lines. This is the first time we have used the Commons

as it was designed. Overall, it works very well. During the first day, students rotated through stations to learn the expectations of respect and responsibility for the cafeteria, bus, and playground. Early Childhood Screening took place on August 23 & 24. There were 91 students screened and referred 29 for further evaluation. Fall Star Reading and Math Assessments are underway. Fire Safety Week is scheduled for October 4-8 and ALICE Safety Week is scheduled for October 11-15.

Principal Bryan reported that all have settled back into school for the 21-22 school year. The vision is that all students graduate with the knowledge and skills needed to be productive and engaged citizens. We plan to work through the team to identify the mission & values of our MSHS incoordination with the strategic planning the board plans to undertake. Homecoming is planned for October 4-8. Our Eagle Pride focus this month is classroom expectations—our teachers are teaching positive respectful and responsible behavior in all classrooms throughout the month of September and rewarding positive behavior with Eagle Pride referrals.

Superintendent Wormstadt reported that bus driver shortages have caused a combination of routes and some delays at times. This shortage is a statewide issue. Currently, Palmer has one more driver starting next week and a few more in process to become licensed. We will need more drivers for routes to be run as scheduled and activity trips. We are still in need of four paraprofessionals. Current enrollment is 1256 Prek-12. Presented numbers by grade

Tentative dates for the community informational meetings at the Elementary school are Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm, Monday, October 18 at 7:00 pm Informational Insert in the Citizen and the Shopper early October.

No board committee meetings to report on.

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

MSP Klassen/Mews to approve the 2021-2022 Coaching Assignments.

December 9th as date at 6 p.m. at the Windom City Council Chambers. for Truth in Taxation Hearing. Reviewed current Proposed 2021 Payable 2022 Property Tax Levy Certification Limitation numbers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

MINUTES WORK SESSION MEETING September 27, 2021

The Windom Board of Education met in a work session meeting on Monday September 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Bordewyk, Brugman, Jones, Klassen, LaCanne, Mews and Bus Mgr Pfeffer. Absent: Stevens and Supt. Wormstadt. Chair Brugman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MSP LaCanne/Mews to approve the agenda with the addition of 16a. Open Forum discussion. All board members voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP Bordewyk/LaCanne to approve project application and project certification for payment, building parking lot & LTFM payment for CTE/ Elementary in the amount of \$22,545.33. All board members voted in favor; the motion

MSP Jones/Mews to approve the hiring of an additional paraprofessional at 6.75 hours for the MS/HS due to a new student. All board members voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP Bordewyk/Klassen to approve the dissolution of the Gymnastics Cooperative to add another school. All board members voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP Mews/Jones to approve Gymnastics Cooperative with Windom High School, Mountain Lake Public School, and Mountain Lake Christian. All board members voted in favor; the motion

MSP Jones/Bordewyk to approve the 2021 Payable 2022 Property Tax Levy Certification Limitation. Bus Mgr Pfeffer explained that the Operating Referendum and Ag to School bond credit is not included at this time but will be added when information becomes available. All board members voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP Bordewyk/LaCanne to approve the Auto Insurance Renewal. All board members voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP LaCanne/Bordewyk to approve the Education-Windom teachers union contract for July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2023. Year one wage increase is 3.31% and year two wage increase will be 3.35% this includes salary, health insurance, and all other benefits. All board members voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP Klassen /Jones to approve the MOU with Education Minnesota-Windom teachers union allowing teachers who have not used personal days to request sub pay for this time by May 15, 2022 and payable in June 2022. All board members voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP Bordewyk / Klassen to approve resolution relating to appointing election judges and absentee ballot board members for the November 2, 2021 school district special election. Roll call was taken, Klassen, Jones, Bordewyk, Mews, LaCanne and Chair Brugman voted in favor; the motion passed.

MSP Klassen/ Jones to approve resolution nominating a candidate for the Board of Directors of the SWWC Service Cooperative. Bordewyk MSP Bordewyk/Klassen and Klassen nominated Chair Brugman. Roll call was taken, Klassen, Jones, Bordewyk, Mews, LaCanne and Chair Brugman voted in favor: the motion passed.

Melissa Pletcher, School Social Worker presented on the benefits and potential risks of a school therapy dog. Research has proven a therapy dog improves relationships, attitudes towards learning and motivation, confidence, attendance, and academic achievement. Therapy dogs have also proven to reduce stress and anxiety. Potential risks can include allergies and fear of dogs. A plan has been put into place to minimize these risks. When speaking with Windom students about what helped them through last school year during Covid and distance learning many students told Mrs. Pletcher it was their animals. Mrs. Pletcher has gone through extensive training with her dog Chaz and would plan to have Chaz in school for 2 half days to start. Parents would need to sign a consent or opt out letter for each of their children.

Bus Mgr Pfeffer presented on the referendum renewal and capital tech levy informational flyer. This flyer will be going into the local newspaper and information will also be posted on the district website. The information provided will help the public understand and answer questions they may have on the referendum renewal and capital tech levy.

In other business, Chair Brugman talked about the Open Forum Policy 206 which is located on the district website. This policy is to be followed when a member of the public would like to address the board. Board members were encouraged to read through the policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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

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

> **MINUTES** REGULAR MEETING October 11, 2021

The Windom Board of Education met in regular session on Monday October 11, 2021 at 6:32 p.m. in the Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Brugman, Jones, Klassen, LaCanne, Mews, Stevens, Bus Mgr Pfeffer and Supt. Wormstadt. Absent: Bordewyk Chair Brugman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MSP Jones/Mews to approve amended agenda. Member Klassen intro-

duced resolution 101121A relating to various donations in the amount of \$50 and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to accept the donations on behalf of Independent School District No. 177 to be used for the benefit of the students of the Windom School District. Member Mews seconded the motion. Upon vote, Resolution 101121A passed unanimously.

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

MSP LaCanne/Klassen to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of previous minutes (09.13.21 and 09.27.21); approve bills and wire transfers; approve Financial Report; approve resignation of Mia Peterson, Paraprofessional effective September 21, 2021; approve reduction of hours of Heather VanDyke, Human Resources/ Business office from 40 hours per week to 30 hours per week effective October 11, 2021; approve hiring Jordyn Alm as Paraprofessional, 6.5 hours effective October 11, 2021; approve hiring Pedro Carbo as Paraprofessional, 6.5 hours effective September 21,2021; approve hiring Debra Jones as Paraprofessional 7 hours. effective September 24, 2021; approve hiring Ashly Pena as Paraprofessional 7.5 hours, effective September 16, 2021; approve hiring MacKayla Garrison as Paraprofessional 6.75 hours, effective September 29, 2021; approve increasing Paraprofessional Julie Donchez's contract by .25 hours per day from 6.5 to effective September 28, 202; approve increasing Paraprofessional Heather Rahn's contract by .75 hours per day from 6.75 to 7.5 effective on September 13, 2021; approve increasing Paraprofessional Heather Zuehlke's contract hours by 1.25 hours per day from 6.5 to 7.75 for bus riding duties effective Monday, September 13th, 2021; approve increasing food service time at Windom Area Elementary by 3.25 hours in the Cooks assistant position; approve increase Food Service Cook Assistant Brenda Pullar, contract hours by 3.25 hours effective Monday, October 11, 2021; approve additional 3.5 paraprofessional hours for the elementary school due to student needs.

Principal Frank reported that last week was Fire Safety week. Classes visited the fire station and learned about fire prevention as well as actions to take if there is a fire. There was a fire truck parade at the school on Friday. This week is School Safety Week. We will be practicing ALICE drills including the barricade, lockdown, and full ALICE drills.

Teachers will be utilizing the ing paraprofessional needs. book, "I'm not Scared I'm Prepared! This teaches students what to do if a "wolf" ever enters the building. Teachers met as PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) last week to analyze fall benchmark data. They looked at accuracy, fluency, and comprehension scores to determine interventions needed for each student. All teachers, including classroom, special education, intervention, and EL, are working together to ensure all student's needs are met as we continue to navigate the learning loss caused by the pandemic. This takes a tremendous amount of communication and planning. Grandparents Day is October 25 from 3:15- 3:45 for grades K-4. The Elementary PTO is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 29 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Principal Bryan reported the Eagle Pride focus for October is hallway behavior. STAR testing wrapped up and we are using the fall benchmarks to intervene and help all students. Juniors can take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13, we are also hosting a FAFSA night for seniors & parents on October 13 at 5:45 PM Homeroom club time has started. We are partnering with SWMHC to offer a program called Healthy Mindsets in Healthy Body's. Friday Oct. 1 Jenni Squires and Principal Joyce attended a concurrent enrollment advisory board meeting in Mankato & on Tuesday, Oct. 5 Mr. Joyce attended a law seminar with area principals. School safety week at the MSHS will be Oct. 25-29. NHS Induction is Monday, Oct. 25. We are coordinating with American Legion Post 206 for the Veteran's Day program. Early graduation plans have started. The planning for 2022-2023 schedule of course offerings for students is underway as well.

Superintendent Wormstadt presented a COVID update. ESSER II application has been submitted for HVAC replacements; the remainder has not been budgeted to date. There is \$140,000 of Learning recovery funds have been designated with the remainder has not been assigned.

There will be a buildings and grounds meeting November 4th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the HVAC replacement. MREA fall conference is scheduled for November 14-16. MSBA conference is scheduled for January 13-14 registration opens Oct. 11th. The NSBA conference is scheduled for April 2-4. Registration opens October 21st.

MSP Stevens/Jones to approve project application and project certification for payment, building parking lot & LTFM payments totaling \$10,469.70.

MSP Jones/Klassen to approve additional EL teaching position 1.0 FTE at the Elementary.

MSP Jones/Klassen to approve addition of .25 Human Resources positions

MSP LaCanne/Mews to approve 2021-2022 Lane Changes MSP LaCanne/Stevens to approve Therapy Dog Policy

MSP Mews/LaCanne to Approve Baker's square fun-

MSP Stevens/Klassen to approve Notice of Locations Where Ballots will be counted. MSP Klassen/Mews to approve Notice of Testing of

Optical Scan Voting System. MSP Mews/LaCanne to approve the updated 2021-2022 coaching Assignments.

Discussion held on the starting of an IRHS (International Robotics Honor Society) chapter at the Windom Area school district. Jill Defries presented information about the organization and the criteria that is needed by students to be inducted into the International Robotics Honor Society.

Discussion held on upcom-

Information on the upcoming referendum and capital tech levy was presented by Supt Wormstadt. Information can be found on the Windom Schools website. Community informational meetings will be held Wednesday, October 13 at 7 pm and Monday, October 18 at 7 pm in the Windom Area Elementary commons.

Discussion was held regarding Teacher and Staff recruitment. Supt Wormstadt has requested to be part of a grant with the MDE regarding a Teachers of Color Program. Supt Wormstadt has met with HyLife regarding possible recruitment efforts from Puerto Rico and presented information on this process.

MSP Jones/Stevens to approve Music Dept Fundraiser. MSP Klassen/Mews to approve hiring Matthew Strum Vocal Music teacher 1.0 FTE

for the 2021-2022 School year. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Barbara Jones, Clerk

Don Brugman, Chair Attest: Barbara Jones, Clerk

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

MINUTES WORK SESSION MEETING October 25, 2021

The Windom Board of Education met in a work session meeting on Monday October 25, 2021, at 6:31 p.m. in Windom City Council Chambers. Members present: Brugman, Jones, Klassen, LaCanne, Mews, Stevens, Supt. Wormstadt and Bus Mgr Pfeffer. Chair Brugman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MSP Klassen/Jones to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of item #8.

MSP Mews/LaCanne to approve the project payments of the CTE/Elementary in the amount of \$6066.46.

MSP Jones/LaCanne to approve the resignation of Casey Harrington, Paraprofessional effective 10/08/2021. Voting for Klassen, Jones, Brugman, Mews, LaCanne. Voting against Stevens.

MSP Jones/Mews to approve the hiring of Amanda Miller as HR/Finance Asst. 20 hours per week effective 10/08/2021. MSP Stevens/Jones to ap-

prove the addition of an International Robotics Honor Society Chapter at Windom MSP LaCanne/Jones to

approve an additional 2 paraprofessionals at 6.5 hours at the Windom Elementary due to student need. MSP Jones/Stevens to ap-

prove the Renewal of Property and Liability Insurance and other Insurance effective 10/28/2021 in the amount \$106,202.92. Discussion held about solar

panel projects. The State of Minnesota has approved an \$8 million grant for school districts outside of the XCEL service to place solar panels on or near their buildings next spring. Buildings and Grounds committee will do further research on this.

Review budget to actual % for FY 2022 as of October 2021. Current COVID numbers remain low.

Discussion on teacher recruitment, retention and early resignation incentives. Discussed the Come Teach in Minnesota Program, which is a hiring and retention bonus program. Discussion on developing an all-encompassing retention system for current employees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

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TIME OUT

Joel Alvstad Sports Editor



The straw that broke the back

I'll admit that I had a bad feeling, hours before Sunday's Vikings game at Detroit.

The Vikings should have lost to the Lions the first time around. And, as Sunday progressed, it was easy to see the same pattern of an inferior team, being allowed to hang

Lions Coach Dan Campbell strikes me as a guy like former Vikings Coach Mike Tice—a hardnosed, likeable guy who is a bumbling doofus as a coach. Campbell singlehandedly tried to giftwrap a Vikings win by going for fourth down from inside the team's own 30 in the fourth quarter.

But the Vikings' downfall all season has been defense in the final two minutes of halves, and that was the case yet again Sunday. After scoring to take the lead, the Vikings went ultra-conservative on defense, allowing the Lions to march right down the field, score with time expiring and grab their first win.

It isn't Kirk Cousins' fault the defense can't stop anyone. Defense was supposed to be Mike Zimmer's forte. This year, it's been nothing shy of atrocious

It's time for the Vikings to move on from Zimmer.

A LOOK BACK

TEN YEARS AGO

The Windom Area boys hockey team Improved to 2-1 on the young season with a 7-0 shutout win over Mankato East. Travis Janssen netted a hat trick while Joe Voth added a pair of goals. Tyler McGowan finished with 13 saves.

The Cobra wrestling team had three champions and captured the team title at the Don Hall Glencoe-Silver Lake Tournament. Individual champs for the Cobras were Jared Willaby at 120 pounds, Tim Larson at 170 and Vince Johnson at 195.

The Eagle girls basketball team couldn't overcome a poor first half from the line and a poor second half from the field, falling 48-33 to Springfield. Kelcey Olson led the Eagles with six points in the loss.

The MLBO girls basketball team snapped a two-year Red Rock Conference losing streak, defeating Southwest Star Concept 54-44 in Butterfield. Janessa Peters and Brittany Wenner each scored 15 points in the Wolverine

victory. The Red Rock Central boys basketball team made an early-season statement, picking up a 57-45 win over defending state champion Springfield. Henry Rogotzke poured in 13 of his game-high 21 points in the second half. Jeff De-Cock scored 15 of his 20 points in the first half for the Falcons.

MLBO senior center/ nose tackle Jordan Kirk solidified his spot as one of the top small-school football linemen in the state by being named Honorable Mention All-State by the Associated Press.

Shot clocks get green light a shot clock may prove to be

The MSHSL will adopt shot clocks for all games, starting in 2023-24.

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

After years of debate, the shot clock era will officially begin for Minnesota high school basketball during the

2023-24 school year. At Thursday's meeting, the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors unanimously approved the adoption of a 35-second shot clock for all varsity contests, beginning with the 2023-24 season.

Minnesota currently allows schools to use shot clocks for non-conference games and holiday tournaments if both participating schools agree to it.

Adoption of a shot clock has long had overwhelming support from the state's coaches. However, in the past, the additional cost for equipment and manpower proved to be a sticking point for activities directors and school administrators.

But that sticking point seems to be fading, which was one reason the MSHSL board unanimously approved the measure.

However, the change will take some getting used to.

Two gyms to equip For Windom, the move to in the Gold Gym if we have multiple home events on the

twice as expensive up front

as it is for other districts. Windom Activities Direc-

tor Jeremy O'Donnell said

that Windom's coaches, as

well as administration, all

believe the move to a shot

"But we have two gyms

that both get used for basket-

ball," O'Donnell said. "The

clock is a good one.

Blue Gym is our main gym, but we do have some games same night—especially if one is gymnastics, which has to be in the Blue Gym. Our coaches also like having the atmosphere of a game in the Gold Gym every now and

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BRADY ESPENSON slices between a pair of Austin defenders to netted a hat trick and had two assists in the Eagles' 12-0 victory

Eagles rebound, rout Packers

After a disappointing opener, the Eagle boys fired on all cylinders Saturday afternoon.

By JOEL ALVSTAD

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After a disappointing season opener Thursday, the Windom Area boys hockey team looked like a different team Saturday at the Windom Arena.

The Eagles won races to pucks and scored early and often Saturday, rolling to a 12-0 victory over Austin in the team's home opener.

The game saw three Eagles score their first career varsity goals, and also saw Eagle goalie Dan Stubbe record the first shutout of his career.

"We didn't have a good performance on Thursday, so

Boys **Hockey** Waseca, 7 p.m Friday — vs.

ute."

come out and play with a higher energy level from the start," Eagle Coach Travis Janssen said. "We seemed to win every Tuesday — at

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KENDYL SAMMONS drives to the bucket during Friday's game

against HLOF. Beginning in the 2023-24 season, teams will have

35 seconds per possession to attempt a shot.

battle or race for a loose puck. We had the puck in our offensive zone most of the game and we had a lot of guys contrib-

The Eagles scored 47 seconds into the game when Sonny Heil rifled a wrist shot over the shoulder of the Austin goalie. Moments later. Karson LaCanne swooped in to stuff home a rebound for his first career goal and a 2-0 lead. Brady Espenson then netted back-toback goals, giving the Eagles a quick 4-0 lead.

The Eagles tacked on three more goals within second period. Heil opened the scoring in the period after penalties by each team. The Eagles then had a brief power play, with Zach Espenson bombing in a goal from the point. Ethan Purrington gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead 36 seconds later.

"Our guys did a great job just keeping the pressure on in the offensive end," Janssen said. "Every line did a great job working the puck around and getting good offensive chances."

The Eagles then ended the period with three more goals within a one-minute span. Zach Rabbe scored his first career goal at the 11:15 mark, followed by a goal from Keegan Classen and another from Cragen Porath.

Brady Espenson capped a hat trick early in the third period, while Dillon Evers ended the scoring with his first career goal.

Windom Area outshot

stopping all nine shots he faced for the shutout win.

"It's surprising to me that this was Dan's first career shutout because he's played well enough to have four or five more," Janssen said. "He didn't face many shots, but Austin had a couple of spurts with good offensive pressure and Dan turned everything away.'

The Eagles were scheduled to play at Marshall Tuesday. Windom Area hosts Waseca Thursday and Morris-Benson Area Friday.

Windom Area travels to Luverne Tuesday.

"Waseca is a team that gave us some trouble last year and Morris-Benson has gotten very competitive the last couple of seasons," Janssen said. "We'll have a couple of good, tough tests on back-to-back nights.'

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Boys fall in opener

After advancing to the Section 3AA South championship a season ago. the Windom Eagles didn't hesitate to jump into a tougher schedule to start the 2021-22 season.



Tuesday — at

Thursday, Windom traveled to St. Peter to take on a Saints team that returned plenty of experience and

height—two things in relatively short supply for the Eagles.

The Saints used their length to harass the Eagle offense. Meanwhile, their abundance of height in the lane created foul problems for the Eagles from the start.

St. Peter jumped to a 15-point halftime lead and cruised to a 69-47 victory.

"St. Peter has a really nice team," Eagle Coach Mitch Boeck said. "And over half of the guvs who played for us are guys who have never seen the varsity floor before. It's going to take a little bit of time to get our newcomers on the same page

as our returners. I don't

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BEN CAMP, ST. PETER HERALD **HENRY ERICKSON tries** to slice to the bucket during Thursday's seasonopening game at St. Peter. Erickson scored 17 points in the Eagles' 69-47 loss.

JOEL ALVSTAD 12/8 girls basketball 181 KJ HUSKA wins a battle for a loose ball to start a fast break for the Eagles during Friday's game against HLOF. The Eagle girls picked up back-to-back wins Friday and Saturday.

Girls win two, but suffer significant loss

The Windom Eagle girls basketball team took an early lead and made it stick Saturday afternoon, claiming a 69-54 victory over Tri-City United as part of the Big South Conference Showcase in New Ulm. The Eagles



turned in a balanced offensive performance, with a strong effort from outside as well as in the lane.

That interior performance came one night after junior center Kameron Rupp suffered a knee injury against Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda.

It is feared that Rupp will miss the rest of the season with a possible ACL tear.

Windom also had a good defensive performance, holding the Titans to $30\,\%$ from the field and forcing 16 turnovers.

K.J. Huska drained eight three-pointers and led the Eagles with 26 points in the victory. Hadley Sammons added 18 points and 10 assists, while Tristyn Maras finished with 12 points and 18 rebounds.

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WOLVERINE JUNIOR Brooke Naas tries to power her way to opening game. Naas scored 19 points in the Wolverines' 78-40 the hoop through the Luverne defense during MLAC's season- loss to the Cardinals.

Falcons batter Jaguars inside for Monday win

Renville County West had no answer for Red Rock Central in the lane Monday night, as the Falcons rolled to a 56-27 victory over the Jaguars at Lamberton.

The Falcons outrebounded the Jaguars 66-32, including pulling down 29 offensive rebounds. That led to 32 points in the paint for RRC.

Karli Arkell paced the Falcons with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Sondra Rindfleisch added 13 points and 13 rebounds.

RRC (3-0) hosts Adrian-Ellsworth Thursday, then gets a tough test Saturday when it travels to Sleepy Eye St. Mary's.

RCW (FG-FT-TP): Tanner 1-0-3; HBratsch 3-3-9; JBratsch 0-0-0; Ridler 0-0-0; Lippert 2-2-8; Jakel 0-0-0; Winzenberg 0-0-0; Pharr 1-1-3; Roxberg 2-0-4. FG: 9-50 (18%). FT: 6-12 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 3-11 (27%—Tanner, Lippert 22, Pouls: 11. Fouled out: Roxberg. Rebs: 32. TOs: 24.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Horning 0-0-0; DeCock 2-0-5; Amsden 2-2-8; Stavnes 4-0-9; Hubin 0-0-0; Myers 1-0-2; Rindfleisch 4-5-13; Hemmingsen 1-0-2; Cowan 0-0-0; Arkell 7-3-17; Irlbeck 0-0-0. FG: 21-71 (30%). FT: 10-20 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 4-13 (31%—DeCock, Amsden 2, Stavnes). Fouls: 15. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 66. TOs: 21.

Mavs drop Wolverines

In a rematch of last year's playoffs, the Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey girls basketball team couldn't shake off a sluggish start Friday night, falling 61-53 to Martin County West at Sherburn.

The Wolverines trailed by seven at halftime and tried to make up the deficit by bombing away from the outside in the second half. But a poor night from the free throw line prevented the Wolverines from completing the comeback.

Brooke Naas led MLAC with 26 points. Kate Janzen added eight points in the

Area Girls Basketball Schedule Thursday — HLOF at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 6 p.m.; Adrian-Ellsworth at RRC (Lamberton), 6 p.m.;

WWG at Edgerton, 6 p.m. Saturday -- RRC at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's,

Tuesday — MLAC at MCC (Slayton), 6 p.m.; RRC at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): JBrinkman 2-0-4; ABrinkman 2-0-4; Tollefson 2-1-5; Janzen 4-0-8; Green 1-1-3; Schroeder 1-0-3; Naas 10-2-26. FG: 22-62 (36%). FT: 4-12 (33%). 3Pt. FG: 5-27 (19% — Schroeder, Naas 4). Fouls: 11. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 33. TOs: 15. MCW (FG-FT-TP): Matejka 1-0-2; Larson 5-0-10; Reyes 5-5-7; Borchardf 5-0-10; Sanders 1-0-2; Carlson 3-1-7; TAnderson 0-0-0; EAnderson 5-2-13. FG: 25-56 (45%). FT: 8-13 (62%). 3Pt. FG: 3-9 (33% — Reyes 2, EAnderson). Fouls: 11. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 41. TOs: 19.

Falcons rally for win

The Red Rock Central girls basketball team rallied from a four-point halftime deficit Thursday night, outscoring Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 37-24 in the second half to claim a 66-57 victory at Tyler.

RRC overcame 39 turnovers by pounding the ball inside in the second half. The Falcons shot 56% from the field for the game, including 59% from two-point range.

Karli Arkell led the Falcons with 24 points. Sondra Rindfleisch added 12 points and Emily DeCock scored 10 in the win.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Erickson 0-0-0; Horning 0-1-1; DeCock 3-1-10; Amsden 2-4-8; Stavnes 4-0-9; Rindfleisch 4-4-12; Hemmingsen 1-0-2; Arkell 10-4-24, FG: 24-43 (56%), FT: 14-20 (70%), 3Pt. FG: 4-9 (44% — DeCock 3, Stavnes). Fouls: 18. Fouled out: Stavnes, Rindfleisch. Rebs: 48. TOs: 15. Staviles, Hindhelson. *Hebs:* 48. *IUS:* 15.

RTR (FG-FT-IP): Novak 0-0-0; Tielses 6-0-12;
Schreurs 4-2-10; Burns 0-0-0; O'Leary 0-0-0;
Thomsen 6-0-14; Hebes 5-1-11; Carr 0-0-0; Borresen 0-0-0; Swanson 3-0-6; Lawrence 0-0-0; Serreyn 2-0-4. *FG:* 26-72 (36%). *FT:* 3-7 (43%). *3Pt. FG:* 2-9 (22%—Thomsen 2). *Fouls:* 18. *Fouled out:* None. *Rebs:* 34. *TOs:* 27.

Chargers top RCW

Westbrook-Walnut Grove pulled away in the second

half Thursday night, surging to a 53-32 victory over Renville County West in Westbrook.

The Chargers held a six-point halftime lead, but outscored RCW 29-14 in the second half.

WWG bombed away from outside, hitting 10 threepointers in the victory.

Addeson Jenniges rained in a career-high 16 points in the win. Isabel Klumper added 15 points.

RCW (FG-FT-TP): Tanner 0-0-0; HBratsch 5-0-10; JBratsch 0-0-0; Ridler 0-0-0; Lippert 4-0-10; Jakel 1-4-6; Pharr 3-0-6, FG: 13-39 (33%), FT: 4-6 (67%), 3Pt. FG: 2-12 (17% — Lippert 2), Fouls: 16. Fouled out: JBratsch. Rebs: 29. 70s: 16.

WWG (FG-FT-TP) Jenniges 5-2-16; Klumper 5-4-15; Wahl 3-1-8; Parker 0-0-0; DeSmith 1-2-5; Wiggins 1-0-3; Sikel 2-0-6; Knakmuhs 0-0-0, FG: 17-48 (45%), FT: 9-15 (60%), 3Pt. FG: 10-25 (40% —Jenniges 4, Klumper, Wahl, DeSmith, Wiggins, Sikel 2). Fouls: 11. Fouled out: Wiggins. Rebs: 26. 70s: 7.

Falcons topple Tigers

Red Rock Central opened its season with a strong defensive performance Tuesday night, claiming a 55-40 victory over Springfield in Lamberton.

The Falcons dominated the glass in the win, outrebounding the Tigers 39-28 in the game. That edge on the glass helped RRC build a 13-point halftime lead.

Karli Arkell led the Falcons with 17 points. Lilly Stavnes added nine points in the win.

Springfield ...

Springfield (FG-FT-TP): LMcCone 2-2-6; Novotny 0-0-0; EMcCone 0-0-0; Pabst 3-0-6; Digmann 2-1-5; Hauger 2-2-6; Wells 0-0-0; Dauer 0-0-0; Roiger 3-1-8; Surm 2-1-7; Rasmussen 0-0-0; Ploeger 0-2-2. FG: 14-46 (30%). FT. 9-17 (53%). 3Pt. FG: 3-18 (17%—Roiger, Sturm 2). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs.: 29. TOs: 21.

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RRC (FG-FT-TP): Erickson 0-0-0; Horning 1-0-2; DeCock 3-0-8; Amsden 2-0-4; Stavnes 3-0-9; Hubin 0-0-0; Myers 0-2-2; Rindfleisch 2-4-8; Hemmingsen 2-0-5; Arkell 5-6-17. FG: 18-53 (34%). FT: 12-21 (57%). 3Pt. FG: 7-27 (26%—DeCock 2, Stavnes 3, Hemmingsen, Arkell). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None.

Chargers rout Madelia

Westbrook-Walnut Grove dominated on both ends of the floor Tuesday night, claiming its first win of the season with a 72-10 win at Madelia.

The Chargers held the Blackhawks to 8% shooting for the game, with just three field goals made.

WWG held a 48-1 halftime lead.

Isabel Klumper led WWG with 22 points in the win. Abby Wiggins scored 21 and Amelia Sickel added 12.

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jenniges 3-0-7; Klumper 9-0-22; Wahl 1-1-3; DeSmith 1-0-3; Wiggins 10-1-21; Sikel 3-5-12; Vue 0-0-0; Carter 2-0-4; Knakmuhs 0-0-0. FG: 29-63 (46%). FF. 7-15 (47%). 3P. FG: 7-21 (33% — Jenniges, Klumper 4, DeSmith, Sikel). Fouls: 7. Fouled out. None. Rebs: 43. TOs: 12. Madelia (FG-FT-TP): Grebene 0-0-0; Bergeman 2-1-6; Hemmingsen 0-2-2; Ibeling 0-0-0; Glover 1-0-2; Lugo 0-0-0; DeVlaeminck 0-0-0; Facindo 0-0-0. FG: 3-37 (8%). FT. 3-6 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 1-23 (4% — Bergeman). Fouls: 13. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 24. TOs: 32.

MLAC drops opener

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey sputtered on offense out of the blocks Tuesday night, dropping its season opener 78-40 to Luverne in Mt. Lake.

The Cardinals' length and quickness created problems for the Wolverines, who shot 29% from the field and committed 26 turnovers in the game.

Brooke Naas led the Wolverines with 19 points. Riley Schroeder added eight points in the loss.

Luverne (FG-FT-TP): CWagner 2-2-6; Beyer 5-1-13; VerSteeg 4-0-9; Sehr 6-5-18; EWagner 7-0-14; Stegenga 3-1-9; John 2-0-4; Smith 1-0-2; Serie 0-1-1; Voorhees 0-0-0; Schmuck 1-0-2; Hart 0-0-0. FG: 31-58 (59%). FT: 10-17 (59%). 3Pt: FG: 6-13 (46%—Beyer 2, VerSteeg, Sehr, Stegenga 2). Fouls: 11. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 42. TOs: 27. MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Birnkman 0-0-0; ABrinkman 2-0-5; Tollefson 1-0-2; Sayavong 0-0-0; Janzen 2-0-4; Green 0-2-2; Schroeder 3-0-8; Rete 0-0-0; Hoek 0-0; Naas 6-3-19. FG: 14-49 (29%). FT: 5-8 (63%). 3Pt. FG: 7-20 (35%—ABrinkman, Schroeder 2, Naas 4). Fouls: 17. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 22. TOs: 26.

Magic tops Eagles in season opener

The Windom Area gymnastics team got the 2021-22 season off to a tough start last Tuesday night, taking a 124.15-122.85 loss to Martin County Area in Fairmont.

Senior Brooklyn Paulson led the way for the Eagles, capturing all-around honors for the meet with a score of 33.0. She also placed first on beam (8.85) and floor (8.4) and was second on bars (7.1) and vault

Kadyn Paulson added a first-place finish on bars (7.275) and finished fourth all-around (29.875). She

placed third on vault (8.5). Ashlyn Altman added a runner-up all-around score of 30.425, taking third on floor (7.85).

The Eagles host Jackson County Central Thursday, then head to St. James for the Snowflake Invite on Saturday.

MCA 124.15, Windom Area 122.85.

Eagle Results Vault: Brooklyn Paulson 8.65; Kadyn Paulson 8.5; Addison Colbert 8.35; Ashlyn Altman 8.2; Ada

Eurit 7.7.

Bars: K., Paulson 7.275; B. Paulson 7.1; Altman 6.75; Lund 6.275.

Beam: B. Paulson 8.85; Altman 7.625; Lund 7.3; K. Paulson 6.8; Aviana Watson 6.4.

Floor: B. Paulson 8.4; Altman 7.85; Lund 7.625; K. Paulson 7.3; Watson 6.05.

Falcons have two champs at Flandreau

Red Rock Central had two champions and two runners-up Saturday at the Flandreau (S.D.) Booster Club Tournament.

That led the Falcons to a fifth-place team score of 108 points. Madison, S.D., won the team title with $187\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Evan Bartholomaus captured the title at 126 pounds, earning a pair of falls before defeating Gavin Kloos of Deuel, S.D., 9-7 in overtime for the title.

At 220 pounds, Keaton Skarupa picked up a pair of falls before defeating Alex Swedlund of Madison, S.D., 5-2 in the championship.

Åt 182 pounds, Vander Mathiowetz finished second, recording two falls and a decision win before falling 8-6 in overtime to Joe Hornick of Sioux Valley, S.D.

At heavyweight, Gavin Hesse recorded a fall, then dropped a 5-0 decision to Shane Clemon of Spring-

Zak Zimmerman (132) and Austin Cowan (195) each added fourth-place finishes.

FLANDREAU BOOSTER CLUB TOURNEY

Team results: 1. Madison (SD) 187½. 2. Howard (SD) 138. 3. Deuel (SD) 121. 4. Elk Point-Jefferson (SD) 111. 5. RRC 108. 6. Sioux Valley (SD) 107½. 7. Springfield 69½. 8. Flandreau (SD) 68. 9. Luverne 61½. 10. Garretson (SD) 57. 11. Chester (SD) 22. 12. Viborg-Hurley (SD) 11. Falcon Results

106: Gavin Willardson pin Levi Top (Garretson) 3:16; Conner Giedd (Howard) pin Willardson 0:28; Brody Kopp (Luverne) pin Willardson 0:57. 113: Open.

120: Open. 126: Evan Bartholomaus pin Jessy Stalford (Ches-ter) 0:54; Bartholomaus pin Gunner Ewing (EPJ) 0:37; Bartholomaus dec. Gavin Kloos (SV) 9-7 in OT. *Champion*132: Zak Zimmerman pin Wyatt Hardt (SV) 0:45;

Jaxon Quail (Deuel) dec. Zimmerman 6-5; Blake Johnson (Madison) pin Zimmerman 2:30. *Fourth*

place
138: Zach Bradley (Luverne) pin Carter Beranek
1:33; Beranek pin CJ Fitzsimmons (Deuel) 1:42; Beranek pin Hunter Geary (EPJ) 1:47; Karsyn Feldhaus
(Howard) MD Beranek 11-2.

(Howard) MD Beranek 11-2.'
145: Jess Englert (Madison) pin Andrew Pankonin
1:10; Noah Thooft (EPJ) pin Pankonin 0:52.
152: Bode Determan pin Joe Jensen (Springfield)
2:27: Jack Neises (Howard) pin Determan 1:12;
Determan medically defaults.
152 (unattached): Lucas Hueser (EPJ) pin Jacob
Amsden 1:47; Amsden pin Cole Schleuter (Garretson) 2:35; Amsden def. Bode Determan (RRC)

by medical default; Brayden Ripka (Luverne) pin Amsden 1:53.

160: Open. 170: Lucas Johnson (Madison) pin Nick Marsh 3.27; Adam Hulscher (Garretson) pin Mick Marsh 3.31.

182: Vander Mathiowetz pin Damian Honeman (Springfield) 1:52; Mathiowetz pin Damian Honeman (Deuil) 0:57; Mathiowetz dec. Gavin Jacobs (EPJ) 7-6; Joe Nornick (SV) dec. Mathiowetz 8-6 in 0.7.

7-6, Joe Norlinck (sy) dec. Matlinowetz 8-6 in 01. Second place
195: Justin Granum (Deuel) dec. Austin Cowan
5-2; Cowan MD Braxton Bjorklund (Madison) 13-2; Cowan pin Owen Peters (Flandreau) 3:27; Matchell Streich (Springfield) dec. Cowan 3-1. Fourth place
220: Keaton Skarupa pin Sam Rummel (Springfield) 3:32; Skarupa pin Owen VandeWeerd (SV) 1:29; Skarupa dec. Alex Swedlund (Madison) 5-2.

Champion285: Gavin Hesse pin Tayt Gran (Madison) 0:32;Shane Clemon (Springfield) dec. Hesse 5-0. Second

Falcons fall twice

The Red Rock Central wrestling team opened its season Thursday with a pair of setbacks in a triangular at Fulda.

The Falcons opened with a 43-36 loss to Fulda-Murray County Central. Earning falls for the Falcons in the loss were Evan Bartholomaus (126), Zak Zimmerman (132), Carter Beranek (138), Bode Determan (152), Nick Marsh (170) and Vander Mathiowetz

RRC then dropped the nightcap 47-18 to Pipestone. Keaton Skarupa (220) picked up the lone Falcon fall, while Determan (152) and Jacob Amsden (160) won by decision. RRC added one forfeit victory.

FMCC 43, RRC 36

106: Teague Meyer (F) pin Gavin Willardson 1:27.
113: Torrin Clarke (F) forfeit. 120: Christian Kuball (F) forfeit. 126: Evan Bartholomaus (R) pin Noah Mathiowetz 1:44. 132: Zak Zimmerman (R) pin Denver Ash 0:29. 138: Carter Beranek (R) pin Aiden Lorenzen 4:34. 145: Owen Olsem (F) pin Andrew Pankonin 0:41. 152: Bode Determan (R) pin Jaxon Wendorff 1:52. 160: Carson Klein (F) dec. Jacob Amsden 3-0. 170: Nick Marsh (R) pin Devin Landsman 0:50. 182: Vander Mathiowetz (R) pin Colby Kesteloot 0:15. 195: Christian Kuball (F) MD Austin Cowan 13-3. 220: Ryder Henning (F) pin Austin Cowan 13-3. **220:** Ryder Henning (F) pin Keaton Skarupa 1:09. **285:** Rylan Klein (F) pin Gavin

Pipestone 47, RRC 18

106: Haden Mulvhill (P) MD Gavin Willardson 10-2.
113: Brayden Burmeister (P) forfeit. 120: Angel
Garcia (P) forfeit. 126: JJ Martens (P) dec. Evan
Bartholomaus 8-2. 132: Hudson Burnett (P) forfeit.
138: Davis Budden (P) dec. Zak Zimmerman 1-0.
145: Nate Bobendrier (P) pin Carter Beranek 3:05.
152: Bode Determan (R) dec. Gavin Olson 11-7.
160: Jacob Amsden (R) dec. Bode Bruns 9-2. 170:
Jackson Melcher (P) pin Nick Marsh 0:51. 182:
Vander Mathiowetz (R) forfeit. 195: Aiden Voss (P)
dec. Austin Cowan 5-1. 220: Keaton Skarupa (R)
Jin Seth Gawerecki 1:11. 285: Jayden Hoss (P) MD
Gavin Hesse 11-1.

Three Cobras place at Glencoe Tourney, team takes 9th

The Windom-Mt. Lake wrestling team was a skeleton crew Saturday as it traveled to Glencoe for the Don Hall Tournament.

The Cobras had six open weights for the tournament. WML had three medalists in the tournament and captured ninth place in the team standings. WML finished with 44

points for the day. Watertown-Mayer/Mayer Lutheran won the team title with 221 points.

Individually, two Cobras each finished in fourth place.

At 106 pounds, Preston Xayachak won his opening bout before losing by fall in the semifinals. Xayachak earned a fall in the wrestlebacks, but was forced to give up an injury default to end his tournament.

At 195 pounds, Micah Holmberg earned a fall, but lost in the semifinals. Holmberg then won a fall in the wrestlebacks before dropping an 11-3 major decision to finish fourth.

The only other Cobra placewinner came at 132 pounds, where Tucker Renquist finished in sixth place. The Cobras open the dual

portion of their season Thursday with a four-team meet at Adrian. WML then heads to Jackson on Saturday for the JCC Tournament.

GSLLP DON HALL TOURNAMENT

Team results: 1. Watertown-Mayer/Mayer Lutheran 221. 2. JCC 215. 3. Kimball 194½. 4. Zumbrota-Mazeppa 151. 5. New Ulm 91. 6. Glencoe-Silver Lake-Lester Prairie 78. 7. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted 69. 8. St. Clair/Mankato Loyola 62½. 9. WML 44. 10. BOLD 39. 11. LeSueur-Henderson 30. Cobra Results

(JCC) def. Xayachak by injury default. Fourth place 113: Brody Ruschmeier (GSLLP) pin Law Mu 2:28; Elijah Rieser (NU) pin Mu 2:22. 120: Aaron Bury (WMML) pin Jared Hunter 1:22;

106: Preston Xayachak MD Isaac Rodriguez (JCC) 22-14; Titan Friederichs (WMML) pin Xayachak 2:50; Xay-achak pin Kane Johnson (NU) 1:54; Isaac Rodriguez

Hunter pin Mason Danelke (Kimball) 5:08; Ben Dahlin (JCC) dec. Hunter 11-4.

120 (unattached): Simon Kruse (SCML) pin Aiden Holmberg 5:31; Aaron Bury (WMML) dec. Holmberg 10-3.

10-3.

10-3.

126: Logan Lee (NU) dec. Tido Xayachak 10-5; Tony Baumann (HLWM) dec. Xayachak 14-8.

132: Lucas Schiell (ZM) MD Tucker Renquist 10-0; Renquist pin Kyle Hagen (GSLLP) 3:38; Winsten Nienhaus (NU) dec. Renquist 6-1; Eli Kruse (SCML) pin Renquist 1:00. Strib place

138: Ben Murray (ZM) pin Noah Holmberg 3:27; Holmberg pin Wyatt Genelin 1:11; Lucas Jurek (Kimball) pin Holmberg 1:41.

145: Open.

152: Bryce Burkee (WMML) pin Montgomery Bjorklund 0:45; Bjorklund dec. Dawson Varpness (GSLLP) 6-1; Lucas Vaughan (SCML) pin Bjorklund 1:51.

160: Open.

182: Open.

195: Micah Holmberg pin Ben Walechka (SCML) 0:29; Carter Holtz (Kimball) TF Holmberg 17-1; Holmberg pin Aaron Higgins (GSLLP) 1:19; Jackson Drahos (WMML) MD Holmberg 11-3. Fourth place

220: Open. 126: Logan Lee (NU) dec. Tido Xavachak 10-5: Tony

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK **Brady**



Espenson

Sport: Windom Area Eagles Boys Hockey Year: Junior

Parents: Marty and Patty Espenson

Brady netted a hat trick and had two assists in the Eagles' 12-0 victory over Austin Saturday.

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Falcons slide to 0-2 with Monday loss to RCW

Renville County West's defense forced several miscues. which ground Red Rock Central's attack to a halt Monday night.

That allowed the Jaguars to build a commanding early lead on their way to a 69-36 victory at Renville.

RCW was able to do damage inside and outside, shooting 60% from the field as a team.

The hot start from the field allowed the Jaguars to take a 44-21 halftime lead. RRC was then held to 15 second-half points.

Isaac Simonson led the Falcons with 13 points. Joe Strock added 12 in the loss. RRC (0-2) is off until

Saturday, when it plays at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Simonson 5-2-13; Jackson 0-0-0; Vold 0-0-0; Holmen 2-0-5; Hansen 0-0-0; Hensch 1-0-2; Strock 4-4-12; Lang 1-0-2; Horning 0-0-0; Arkell 1-0-2; Juhnke 0-0-0; *FG*: 14-39 (36%). *FT*: 6-12 (50%). *3Pt*. *FG*: 2-4 (50% — Simonson, Holmen). Fouls: 10. Fouled out: Strock. *Rebs*: 18. *T0s*: 30. RCW (FG-FT-TP): ASchrupp 4-0-10; RSchrupp 1-0-2; Gasca 0-0-0; Hoen 3-0-6; Nauman 1-0-2; Allex 0-0-0; Miller 5-0-13; Froland 11-2-24; Bruns 0-0-0; Hale 0-0-0; Serbus 6-0-12; FG: 30-50 (60%), FT: 2-8 (25%). 3Pt. FG: 5-11 (45% — ASchrupp 2, Miller 3). Fouls: 10. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 26. TOs: 17.

Chargers go cold in loss

Westbrook-Walnut Grove had a rough night from the field Saturday, falling 45-38 to Martin County West at Trimont.

Area Boys Basketball Schedule Thursday—MLAC at Madelia, 6 p.m.

Friday—MLAC at AE (Adrian), 6 p.m.; HBC at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

Saturday — RRC at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's, 6 p.m.; WWG vs. JCC (at Pipestone), 4:30 p.m. Tuesday — YME at RRC (Lamberton), 5 p.m.

The Chargers shot just 24% from the floor for the game, including just 21% on two-point shots.

Dan Kleven led the Chargers with 13 points in the loss. Cole VanDeWiele and Austin Parker each scored seven points.

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Vue 2-0-5; Knakmuhs 0-0-0; Curry 0-0-0; Jenniges 0-0-0; Knudson 0-0-0; Parker 2-3-7; Ross 0-6-6; VanDeWiele 2-1-7; Kleven 5-1-13. F6: 11-45 (24%). F7: 11-20 (55%). 39t. F6; 5-17 (29%— Vue, VanDeWiele 2, Kleven 2). Fouls: 18. Fouled out: Curry, Knudson. Rebs: 29. T0s: 15. MCW (FG-FT-TP): Finke 0-0-0; Leiding 1-0-3; Bachenberg 0-0-0; Forsberg 0-0-0; Runkel 0-1-1; Weber 4-1-11; Sinn 6-1-14; Kascht 0-0-0; Owens 0-1-1; Anderson 5-5-17. FG: 15-43 (35%). FT: 9-16 (56%). 3Pt. derson 5-5-17. FG: 15-43 (35%). FI: 9-10 (30%). Gr. FG: 6-18 (33% — Leiding, Weber 2, Sinn, Anderson 2). Fouls: 16. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 38. TOs: 19.

Wolverines win opener

The Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey boys basketball team surged in the second half Friday night, pulling away for a 79-69 season-opening win at St. James.

The Wolverines held a slim two-point halftime lead, but knocked down four three-pointers and attacked the basket throughout the

second half.

MLAC ended the game going 25-of-31 from the free throw line.

Five Wolverines finished the game scoring in double figures, led by Damon Khamvongsa with 17 points. Carter Olson scored 15, Kolby Kremmin had 13 and Kade Wassman and Cole Kleven each added 10.

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Khamvongsa 4-8-17; Kremmin 4-3-13; KoWassman 2-3-8; Olson 5-4-15; Banks 0-0-0; Toll 3-0-6; KaWassman 2-5-10; Kleven 4-2-10; Wall 0-0-0. FG: 24-51 (47%). FT: 25-31 (80%). 3Pt. FG: 6-20 (30% — Khamvongsa, Kremmin 2, KoWassman, Olson, KaWassman). Fouls: 21. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 31. TOs: 16.

St. James (FG-FT-TP): Anderson 0-1-1; Firchau 0-0-0; Balbuena 1-2-4; Flohrs 3-0-6; Stresemann 1-0-3; CJones 1-3-6; HJones 12-18-43; Olson 1-0-3; Stevens 1-0-3. FG: 20-47 (42%). FT. 24-33 (72%). Olson, Stevens). Fouls: 25. Fouled out: CJones. Rebs. 24. TOs: 18.

Chargers win opener

Westbrook-Walnut Grove got off to a strong start to its season Friday night, building an early lead and claiming a 75-60 victory over Yellow Medicine East at Granite Falls.

The Chargers shot 57% from the field for the game and made 20-of-39 from the free throw line. That hot shooting allowed WWG to build a 14-point halftime cushion on its way to victory.

Kole Curry led WWG with

21 points in the victory. Cole VanDeWiele added 18 points and Austin Parker scored 11.

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Vue 0-0-0; Knakmuhs 0-0-0; Curry 6-8-21; Jenniges 1-0-3; Knudson 2-2-6; Parker 5-1-11; Ross 1-4-7; VanDeWiele 6-2-18; Kleven 3-3-9. FG: 24-42 (57%). FT: 20-39 (51%). 3Pt. FG: 7-13 (54%—Curry, Jenniges, Ross, VanDeWiele 4). Fouls: 20. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 29. TOs: 22. zu. rouneu our. None. Hebs: 29. 10s: 22.

YME (FG-FT-TP): Knapper 3-0-8; Dahlager 6-0-12; Jimenez 0-0-0; Tarin 0-0-0; LaRose 3-0-7; Clarke 0-0-0; Mikel 2-0-4; Anderson 1-1-3; Peterson 0-0-0; Berends 0-0-0; Eakes 1-4-6; Sneller 5-1-11; Torvick 3-1-9. FG: 24-55 (44%). Fr. 7-17 (41%). 3Pt. FG: 5-22 (23% — Knapper 2, LaRose, Torvick 2). Fouls: 33. Fouled out: Jimenez, Eakes, Sneller. Rebs: 35. 70s: 29.

Falcons drop opener

Red Rock Central got off to a sluggish start to the season Thursday, falling 61-35 at Springfield.

The Falcons couldn't overcome 23 turnovers or a frigid 34% shooting night, as Springfield raced to a 17-point halftime lead.

Corey Arkell led the Falcons with 13 points. Joe Strock added eight points in the loss.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Simonson 3-0-6; Vold 0-0-0; Holmen 1-1-3; Hansen 0-0-0; Hensch 1-2-4; Strock 3-1-8; Lang 0-0-0; Horning 0-1-1; Arkell 5-1-13; Juhnke 0-0-0. FG: 14-41 (34%). FT: 5-12 (42%). 3Pt. FG: 2-10 (20%—Strock, Arkell). Fouls: 9. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 28. TOs: 23.

Rebs: 28. TOs: 23.
Springfield (FG-FT-P): Richert 4-0-8; Hensch 0-0-0; Buerkle 2-1-5; Potter 3-0-8; Hillesheim 3-2-8; Sturm 4-1-9; Vogel 3-0-7; Hauger 2-0-5; Coffland 1-2-5; Kettner 1-0-2; Jensen 0-0-0; Rosenstengel 0-0-0; Krick 4-0-8; Wallin 0-0-0; Thram 0-0-0. FG: 27-61 (44%), FF: 6-12 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 5-19 (26%)—Potter 2, Vogel, Hauger, Coffland). Fouls: 16. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 38. TOs: 13.

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0-0-0; CHuska 0-0-0; KHuska 8-2-26; Hogan 2-0-4; Veenker 0-0-0; Maras 4-4-12. FG: 23-64 (36%). FT: 12-19 (63%). 3Pt. FG: 11-34 (32%—KSammons 3, KHuska 8). Fouls: 13. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 49. 70s: 15.

70s: 15.

TCU (FG-FT-IP): Lang 2-0-6; Whipps 0-0-0; Tiede 1-3-5; Hennen 1-0-2; Marcussen 4-2-10; Closser 5-0-14; GDahlke 3-2-9; Cooper 0-0-0; Turek 0-2-2; Krocak 0-0-0; LDahlke 3-0-6. F6: 19-64 (30%). F7: 9-11 (82%). 3Pt. F6: 7-25 (28% — Lang 2, Closser 4, GDahlke). Fouls: 16. Fouled out: Closser. Rebs: 38. 70s: 16.

Eagles top Coyotes

The Windom Eagle girls basketball team pulled away in the second half Friday night, topping Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda 81-59 at Windom.

The game was tight much of the way, with the Eagles holding a nine-point halftime lead. HLOF eventually was able to cut the deficit to five early in the second half, but the Eagles pulled away with buckets from the perimeter.

Hadley Sammons led the Eagles with a career-hightying 32 points. K.J. Huska poured in 25 points in the

HLOF (FG-FT-TP): Hermeling 1-3-6: White 0-3-3; SFisher 0-0-0; Fest 3-2-9; Evers 6-8-20; Reith 0-0-0; Madison 5-5-17; Afrisher 2-0-4. FG: 17-61 (28%). F7: 21-36 (58%). 3Pt. FG: 41-7 (24% — Hermeling, Fest, Madison 2). Fouls: 16. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 46. 70s; 31.

46. 70s: 31.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): KSammons 1-0-3; HadSammons 9-11-32; Nielsen 1-0-3; Dauer 1-0-3; HalSammons 0-0-0; CHuska 0-0-0; Rupp 0-0-0; Letcher 0-0-0; KHuska 9-2-25; MHogan 2-0-6; Veenker 0-0-0: Maras 4-1-9; AHogan 0-0-0. FG: 27-68 (40%). FT: 14-22 (64%). 3Pt. FG: 13-33 (39% — KSammons, HadSammons 3, Nielsen, Dauer, KHuska 5, MHogan 2). Fouls: 27. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 46. 70s: 27.

Cardinals sink Eagles

The Windom Eagle girls basketball team went cold in the second half Tuesday night, falling 64-45 at Fairmont.

Fairmont led by six points at halftime, but pulled away in the second half by forcing the Eagles into 25 turnovers for the game.

Windom shot 35% from the field, but had 21 fewer shot attempts than the Car-

Tristyn Maras led the Eagles with 10 points. Hadley Sammons, Kameron Rupp and K.J. Huska scored eight points each.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): KSammons 0-0-0; HSammons 4-0-8; Nielsen 0-0-0; Dauer 1-0-2; Rupp 4-0-8; Letcher 1-0-3; Huska 3-0-8; Hogan 1-0-3; Veenker 1-0-3; Mars 3-4-10. FG: 18-51 (35%). FT: 4-4 (100%). 3Pt. FG: 5-18 (26% — Letcher, KHuska 2, Hogan, Veenker). Fouls: 11. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 26. 70s: 25. Fairmont (FG-FT-TP): Totzke 0-0-0; Terfehr 1-0-3; ABusche 0-0-0; Quiring 6-0-15; Ortega 0-0-0; Pend-



JOEL ALVSTAD 12/8 girls basketball 276 MADI HOGAN applies tight defensive pressure during the Eagles' 81-56 victory Friday over HLOF.

ergast 3-0-7; Geerdes 0-0-0; Schultz 2-0-5; KBusche Cihoski 1-0-2; Becker 7-3-17. FG: 25-73 (34%). FT:

6-10 (60%). 3Pt. FG: 8-30 (27% — Terfehr, Quiring 3, Pendergast, Schultz, Gudahl 2). Fouls: 10. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 47. TOs: 15.

HOCKEY/

Eagles regroup after opening loss

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FIRST PERIOD: 1. Windom: Sonny Heil (Wyatt Haugen, Zach Espenson) 0:47. 2. Windom: Karson LaCanne (Ethan Purington, Z. Espenson) 3:20. 3. Windom: Brady Espenson (Heil, Cragen Porath) 5:29. Windom: Brady Espenson (Heil, Cragen Porath) 5:29.
4. Windom: B. Espenson (Heil, Cragen Porath) 5:29.
4. Windom: B. Espenson (Heil, C. Espenson) 6:08.
SECOND PERIOD: 5. Windom: Heil (B. Espenson),
LaCanne) 3:08. 6. Windom: Z. Espenson (B. Espenson,
LaCanne) 3:08. 6. Windom: Z. Espenson (B. Espenson,
Kriley Haugen) 3:30, pp. 7. Windom: E. Purrington
LaCanne) 4:06. 8. Windom: Zach Rabbe (Keegan
Classen, Vance Koch) 11:15. 9. Windom: Classen
(Wr. Haugen, E. Purrington) 11:37. 70. Windom: B.
Espenson (Wy. Haugen, Z. Rabbe) 4:45. 12. Windom: Dillon Evers (I/a) 16:15.
SUMMARY: Shots on goal: Austin 9. Windom
59. Power plays: Austin 0-3, Windom 1-2. Goalies:
Austin, Ethan Knox (9 shots, 5 saves), Darren Plunkett
(50 shots, 42 saves); Windom, Dan Stubbe (9 shots, 9 saves).

Eagles fall in opener

The Windom Area boys hockey team got the season off to a shaky start Thursday night, falling 8-1 at Waconia.

The Wildcats peppered the Eagle net with 39 shots in the game, 38 coming in the first two periods. Waconia scored a power play goal and two shorthanded goals in a five-goal second period.

Windom Area's lone goal was an unassisted power play goal from Brady Es-



JOEL ALVSTAD 12/8 boys hockey 63

EVAN MATHIS (left) and Ethan Rabbe battle in the corner for a loose puck during Saturday's game against Austin. The Eagle boys regrouped after a season-opening loss to claim a 12-0 victory over the Packers Saturday.

penson with 2:35 left in the second period.

Goalie Dan Stubbe finished with 31 saves in the loss.

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Waconia: Colton Rieck (Gavin Brink) 4:00. 2. Waconia: Rieck (Aaron Hayes) 10:06. 3. Waconia: Brett Siddons (Zach Sorenson) 14:04. SECOND PERIOD: 4. Waconia: Siddons (Drew Vacek, Luc Nessa) 1:35. 5. Waconia: Siddons (Tyson Wiese) 8:59, pp. 6. Waconia: Sorenson (Siddons) 10:15, shorthanded. 7. Waconia: Cole Machtemes (Chase Mielke) 13:40, shorthanded. *8. Windom:* Brady Espenson (u/a) 14:25, pp. 9. *Waconia:* Hayes (Aiden Atkinson) 15:59. THIRD PERIOD: No scoring. SUMMARY: Shots on goal: Windom 16, Waconia 39. Power plays: Windom 1-2, Waconia 1-3 (2 shorthanded). Gadlies: Windom, Dan Stubbe (39 shots, 31 saves); Waconia, Matthew Johnson (16 shots, 15 saves).

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deficit to 5-3 early in the second period, but United scored four unanswered goals over the last 30 mintury, 3 p.m. utes of the Tuesday - at game to claim Luverne, 5:30 the win.

Elly Bang got the Eagles on the board in the first period off an assist from Toria Robillard. A goal from Reagan Haugen early in the second cut the deficit to 3-2, and a goal from Presley Dockter at the 4:07

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But United scored late in the second to make the score 6-3, then tacked on three more goals in the third.

Goalie Kaylie Baerg finished with 33 saves in the

Eagles top Trojans

The Windom Area girls hockey team improved to 2-2 on the season Thursday night with a 3-1 victory at Worthington.

Windom Area jumped to

the lead with 7:03 remaining in the first period when Presley Dockter intercepted a pass and scored an unassisted goal.

Then, with 9:08 left in the second, Madyson Fredin picked off a clearing attempt by the Trojans and stuffed the puck into the net for her first goal of the season.

After the Trojans cut the deficit to 2-1 early in the third period, the Eagles iced the win when Elly Bang scored off an assist from Dockter with 5:54 to play.

Goalie Kaylie Baerg finished with 27 saves in the

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Windom: Presley Dockter (u/a) 9:57. SECOND PERIOD: 2. Windom: Madyson Fredin (u/a) 7:57. THIRD PERIOD: 3. Worthington: Angie Randgaard (Riley Nickel, Rosamaria Rodriguez) 2:25. 4. Windom: Elly Bang (P. Dockter) 11:06.

SUMMARY: Shots on goal: Windom 23, Worthington 28. Power plays: Windom 0-5, Worthington 0-1. Goalies: Windom, Kaylie Baerg (28 shots, 27 saves); Worthington, Lilyan Newman (23 shots, 20 saves).



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MSHSL/ Shot clocks had support of coaches

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"For now, our plans are to equip both gyms with shot clocks, so that will be an added expense."

O'Donnell also said having a shot clock means having to find, and pay, at least one extra person per game.

"Honestly, our bigger concern is finding someone to operate the shot clock and training them in how to do it correctly," O'Donnell said.

But the up-front cost, at least in the Blue Gym, may not be quite as significant.

"It all comes down to what kind of system we'd want," O'Donnell said. "But we'd be able to find, quite easily, shot clocks that are compatible with our current system. I know that Daktronics has been anticipating this and has a variety of options we can choose from. We also have much of the infrastructure already purchased to install the shot clocks. And if we wanted to put in LED lights in the backboards to sync with the horns, that wouldn't be that difficult to do, either."

A delicate balance

Mt. Lake Area Activities Director Tim Kirk acknowledged that the move to a shot clock brings the game more in-line with the collegiate and professional games.

But as a small-school administrator, Kirk isn't necessarily in favor of it.

"I'm not surprised," Kirk said. "As a spectator, I like it. As an AD, I don't. Not only is there the equipment expense—we also have to find another person to run it, and it's getting harder and harder to get workers for games. We also have limitations with the size of our scorer's table.

"If you have a clock person, shot clock and book keepers, it's going to be pretty crowded.'

Kirk estimated a set of shot clocks will cost roughly

Kirk added that he has other considerations to think about—the pairing agreement with Comfrey, in particular.

"I would imagine that Comfrey will still buy and install shot clocks for their gym, but that's a pretty significant expense if there are only four varsity games there in a year," Kirk said. "Right now, we try to get at least two boys games and two girls games a season up in Comfrey. At the same time, I know Comfrey doesn't want to force us to play all the varsity games in



JOEL ALVSTAD 12/8 girls basketball 43 JACI TOLLEFSON races upcourt past the Luverne defense during last Tuesday's season-opening game.

"It might lead to us having to revisit things in our pairing agreement concerning how many games are up in Comfrey during the winter season. If I'm told to schedule more games in Comfrey, I will. But this decision by the MSHSL kind of forces Comfrey's hand a little bit.'

But as a phy. ed. teacher, Kirk noted the shot clocks needed to be securely in place in their location, above the basketball backboards.

"Otherwise, it gives those kids in gym class another target," Kirk said.

Widespread support

Coaches in the area expressed widespread support for the addition of a shot clock, noting that its actual impact on the game would probably be minimal.

"In order to run 35 seconds off during a possession, you'd have to reverse the ball four or five times,' MLAC boys basketball coach Shawn Naas said. "You don't really see a lot of teams doing that right now. Where a shot clock would come into play would be end-of-half and end-of-game situations, where you might see teams try to put up a quicker shot in order to get another offensive possession at the end of the half."

Naas noted college basketball was beginning to implement a shot clock while he was in college.

"There was a bit of an adjustment as a player, and there were adjustments for the officials and the scoring table," Naas said. "But after the first few games, everyone was used to it.'

One coach with previous experience coaching with a shot clock is Red Rock Central girls basketball coach Adam Schumacher, who was at West Fargo High School before taking a position at

"The game has become faster, more skilled and more guard-oriented, so you don't see many lengthy offensive possessions,"

Schumacher said. "However, during our season-opener against Springfield, if we would have had a shot clock, Springfield would have had shot clock violations on its first three or four possessions.'

Windom boys basketball coach Mitch Boeck and girls basketball coach Jacob Johnson have each coached a game with a shot clock against a South Dakota opponent.

Boeck said that the endof-half and end-of-game situations will see the biggest impact, but added teams could try different things because of a shot clock.

'You could see teams changing defenses, midpossession, in the case of the shot clock winding down, Boeck said. "A lot of college teams do that now, where they'll start out in a zone and switch to a man defense in a late-clock situation."

Johnson's Eagle girls will have a game in South Dakota later this month.

'It's going to be a great opportunity, especially for our younger girls," Johnson said. "I wouldn't mind having us play more games with the shot clock. It would be great if we can get everything in place and use it as early as possible.

"I think it's great for high school basketball. It aligns the game with the next level. And I think it could clean up end-of-game situations, where you might not see teams fouling as much. They can maybe take the approach of trying to get a defensive stop. But, to be honest, most of our team's possessions are 10 to 15 seconds long, so not much would change.'

Ultimately, Johnson said that the change likely will be looked at, years from now, like a similar rule change that has stood the test of

'Maybe someday we'll look back on it like we do with the addition of the three-point line, where you can't think of the game without it," Johnson said.

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BOYS/ Foul trouble hurts Eagles

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know if it was nerves or excitement, but we played at a different pace than we're

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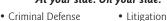
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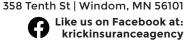
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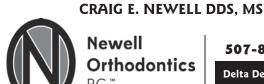
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