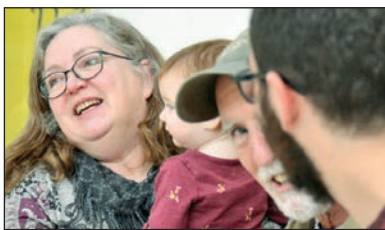


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Windom staff tab longtime ELL instructor as Teacher of the Year

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How much do you plan to spend on Christmas gift giving this year?

- About the same..... **54%**
- Less than last year **31%**
- More than last year **15%**

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How concerned are you about the omicron COVID-19 variant?

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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.

WEATHER

A look back...

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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. DAVE FJELD 12/8 winlights 17

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 Eve and morning.



THIS GINGERBREAD couple and their inflatable dog can be found in the 1100 block of River Road. 12/8 winlights 39



THE BUSSA RESIDENCE also features the Grinch, his dog Max and Cindy Lou Hoo on the roof. 12/8 winlights 22



THIS HOME ON 11th Avenue is outlined in lights, but also features a number of lighted decorations and characters in the yard. 12/8 winlights 33



FOR A REAL MENAGERIE of lights — and music — in the Red Leaf Court area of Windom. Lights, figurines and music make this a must-see display. 12/8 winlights 42

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 vinyl chloride from an older, unlined portion of the landfill.

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

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

GARY GILBERT
ON-SITE ENGINEER AT LANDFILL

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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 at home.

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 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.

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



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

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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 WAMHS 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 students but also the other staff members who work and interact with them."

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

JONI FISCHENICH, Windom EL teacher, holding her 18-month-old granddaughter Addison, was all smiles after she was announced as Windom Area Schools 2021-22 Teacher of the Year Wednesday afternoon. On hand for the announcement were Joni's husband, Dave (peeking out) and sons, Sam and Joe, as well as Sam's wife, Kelsey.

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 p.m.

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 tree.

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.



SUBMITTED

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 parents.

In nominating Llubinka for the honor, FACS instructor Caitlyn Gilbertson wrote: "Llubinka continues to go above and beyond in assisting students with disadvantaged 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 Ngioriaki, Douglas Jiminez and Rudi Miranda.

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So 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 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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Festival of Trees on display at CCHS through Dec. 23

Patrons may vote for their favorite tree by placing a quarter per vote in the container at the tree's base.

The Cottonwood County Historical Society is hosting its annual Festival of Trees exhibit in the Remick Gallery.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular business hours: 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 Windom.

The exhibit also will be open during Windom's Christmas by Candlelight on Dec. 16, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit returns after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The 2021 display features 13 trees decorated by individuals, businesses and organizations. (See the box below for those sponsoring trees this year.)

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.

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EIRIKSSON/ *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.

Q So, you're like the quarterback, right?

A 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.

Q What led you to the Windom HyLife plant?

A 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.

Q 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.

Q 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.

Q What is your biggest challenge?

A 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.

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 us.

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.

Q 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.

Q 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.

Q 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 the vision still lives on with the management team."

THOR EIRIKSSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR HyLIFE

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

A 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.

Q 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.

Q What is the best part about working for HyLife?

A EIRIKSSON: Our leadership 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.

Q 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.

Q 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.

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

A 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.

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

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

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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 around.

Lions Coach Dan Campbell strikes me as a guy like former Vikings Coach Mike Tice—a hard-nosed, likeable guy who is a bumbling doofus as a coach. Campbell single-handedly tried to gift-wrap 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 DeCock 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.



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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.

Shot clocks get green light

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

By JOEL ALVSTAD
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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

a shot clock may prove to be twice as expensive up front as it is for other districts.

Windom Activities Director Jeremy O'Donnell said that Windom's coaches, as well as administration, all believe the move to a shot clock is a good one.

"But we have two gyms that both get used for basketball," O'Donnell said. "The Blue Gym is our main gym, but we do have some games in the Gold Gym if we have multiple home events on the 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 then.

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BRADY ESPENSON slices between a pair of Austin defenders to set up a shot on goal during Saturday's home opener. Espenson netted a hat trick and had two assists in the Eagles' 12-0 victory over the Packers Saturday.

Eagles rebound, rout Packers

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

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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

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

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-to-back goals, giving the Eagles a quick 4-0 lead.

The Eagles tacked on three more goals within

a one-minute span in the 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

Austin 59-9, with Stubbe 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.



Boys Basketball
 Saturday—vs. BEA (at Pipestone), 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday—at Pipestone, 6 p.m.

On 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 guys 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 season-opening game at St. Peter. Erickson scored 17 points in the Eagles' 69-47 loss.



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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.



Girls Basketball
 Friday—vs. MCC, 6 p.m.

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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