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Which team do you want to win Super Bowl LVI?



Cincinnati

Los Angeles Rams 34%

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What is your favorite Winter Olympics event?

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DID YOU KNOW?

Trainer teaches football in 1894

As area residents get set for Super Bowl Sunday, it's worth noting that football gets its start locally in 1894.

A story in the Citizen's 1970 Čentennial Edition reported, "Supt. A. N. Farmer procured a trainer from a University for about a week in 1894 to teach the kids to play the rough and tumble sport."

The story noted there was "plenty of talent and enthusiasm" for the sport.

During the week that the trainer was in Windom, he had the boys practicing every day. Some even staved overtime to learn the finer points of the game. Windom's boys won all of their games that fall. It became a school sport the next year.

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through an iPad at home.

Her escort for coronation,

her place.

Vance Koch, participated in

Fortunately, Queen Sofia

was well enough to return

to school for a quick photo

with King Alex before re-

turning home to recooper-

WINDOM'S WINTERFEST ROYAL court includes, from left, front: Queen candidates Brooklyn Paulson and Mikalah Konz, King Alex Garcia, and queen candidates Claire Walinga, Lucy

Stevens and Lexi Haken. Back: King candidates Alex Altman, Zach Espenson, Dylan Serreyn, Wyatt Haugen and Sam Yusuf.

Cottonwood County



with King Alex on Monday.

VANCE

escort stand-

in for Sofia

holds the

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queen.

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Francalanci,

SUBMITTED **QUEEN SOFIA Francalanci** returned to school for a photo

the right card.

And in the end, Alex Garcia and Sofia Francalanci, through her stand-in escort Vance Koch, were holding the necessary king and queen playing cards during coronation in the Windom Area Middle High School Gold Gym Monday morn-

Crowning the king and

queen to kick off Windom's

Winterfest 2022 week-long

festivities required holding

For the crowning, each candidate was given a large playing card and when instructed each held up their playing card. The candidate – Alex — with the king among the king candidates

(ing, queen draw right cards

was crowned king; the candidate — Sofia — with the queen among the queen candidates was crowned queen.

There was a little twist to this year's crowning, however. Sofia, an Italian exchange student staying with the Mike and Ashley Johnson family in Windom, was a bit under the weather and wasn't able to attend coronation, only listening



GRACE SHERMAN provided a vocal solo for entertainment.

EDA to discuss apartment projects Monday

■ Construction at the Cemstone site is expected to begin in the spring.

Windom's south Cottonwood Lake housing development is expected to take another step forward at Monday's regular meeting of the Windom Economic Development Authority.

At Monday's meeting, the board is expected to receive feedback from apartment complex developers regarding Tax Increment Financ-

ing requests. It appears the project will include an apartment complex with 35 to 40 units. In addition, there are plans for seven lakeshore lots, four more single family lots and four townhomes.

 $Construction \ at \ the \ site$ is expected to begin in the spring. There are also plans for a second phase, which would bring four more lakeshore lots, plus nine single family lots.

Last fall, the EDA board unanimously approved a letter of intent to purchase the 34-acre Cemstone concrete plant site. The price is \$1.15 million, with \$50,000 due at closing, another \$500,000 this spring and \$575,000 due

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in the spring of 2023. Mayor Dominic Jones has stressed that the city council insists tax dollars are not used to fund this project.

Cemstone's new site

In addition to the city's letter of intent, the EDA board has approved Cemstone's letter of intent to purchase nearly six acres for a new concrete plant at the southeast edge of North Windom Industrial Park.

Windom Economic Development Director Drew Hage says that property's price is \$102,060, based on the market price for that area.

Crews wrap-up work on hospital remodel

■The newly renovated emergency department features a new triage with four new treatment rooms, as well as a nurses station.

Windom Area Health now has a much improved emergency department and improved ventilation, thanks to a pair of recently completed renovation projects.

The two projects each came in at \$1.4 million. Kraus-Anderson was hired as the general contractor to oversee the projects.

The emergency department renovation covers 4,200 square feet and features a new triage with four new treatment rooms, as well as a nurses station, cardiac rehabilitation room, trauma room and anti-ligature room for behavioral health patients.

The mechanical and medical equipment upgrades were necessary to meet the changing needs of the community.

Meanwhile, the other renovation covers 5,000 square feet and addresses the hospital's air handler.

The new air handler replaces several units that have been in service since the 1970s. The new handler also will provide ventilation in the Emergency Department's renovated area.

The two projects are part of a large Master Service Agreement Kraus-Anderson has with the hospital.

Part of a trend

The recent remodeling project comes as no surprise to those who have been paying attention to the hospital's goals and activities of the past decade.

The Windom Area Health board and its leadership have clearly focused on keeping the hospital up to date on facilities, equipment and staff.

The most notable example of that involved the \$12 million expansion that began in the fall of 2014. That project featured a new surgery area that covers 8,500 square feet, plus a 7,100 square foot area that includes an outreach clinic, lobby and reception

That hospital project was completed during the fall of

Klosterbuer enjoys giving back to her community

■Among Mary Klosterbuer's goals after retiring in 2010 was to give back to Windom.

Moments after being told she was nominated for the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award, Mary Klosterbuer was silent.

"I was speechless," Klosterbuer confessed later. "I think as the days and weeks have gone by since the banquet, I feel more blessed about it. There are so many other people in Windom who are doing wonderful things, people who could and should

be getting this award." The award annually goes to someone who spends many years supporting and helping the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce.

At last fall's Windom Area Chamber of Commerce Gala, as Klosterbuer was presented with the honor, the words "selfless" and "giving back' came up multiple times. Those are words that aptly describe the Ellsworth native's activities since moving

to Windom in the fall of 1969. She arrived as an elementary teacher and spent all 41 years of her teaching career in a fourth grade classroom.

That is unheard of that someone teaches the same grade the entire time,' Klosterbuer said with a laugh

What community-oriented things have you done over the years, since retiring from teaching?

KLOSTERBUER: In 2002, Mayor Coralee Krueger appointed me to the hospital board. I took the leap and I'm super glad I did. I learned so much in doing that.

I served nine years on the board, five as board chair. When I ended my term on the governing board, there was an opening for president of the hospital auxiliary. I agreed to slide over to that position and have been in that position since 2011.

A couple of other organizations I belong to include PEO, whose purpose is to provide education for women,

and also my church work I am starting my fifth year

as the Clerk of Session at First Presbyterian. I have also helped with Riverfest and now am working with Windom's Integration Committee. We mentor people who are new to town.

Klosterbuer

Also, I serve on the board for one of Windom's newest



Foundation. When I heard they were meeting to form a local foundation, I knew Windom had tried twice before and failed to get it off the ground. This time, I called a bunch of people and was able to get 12 to 15 there for the meeting. I was so grateful to all who said yes and stepped forward.

What makes you want to volunteer and be a part of so many things?

SEE AWARD • PAGE 7

INSIDE EDGE

Council appoints

four to city boards

Council moved closer to

wrapping up its board ap-

At last week's meeting,

the council approved the

following appointments:

Malakowsky, WINDOM

· Danny Martinez and

That leaves three more

Paul Johnson, park and

recreation board.

· Tom Seigfreid, **Economic Development**

city commission seats

unfilled: telecommunica-

tions board, park and rec-

reation board and airport

is getting set to create an

ad hoc committee includ-

ing some members of

the two departments.

for Saturday

yards & Winery.

the library and commu-

nity center boards. That

committee will explore av-

enues for sharing between

Dueling pianos set

A festive evening of

music and fun is coming

Dueling Pianos take the

stage at Round Lake Vine-

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In addition, the council

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Lakefield man faces 3 felony drug charges

Law enforcement received a tip about "magic mushrooms."

A 33-year-old Lakefield man has been charged with three counts of fourthdegree drug possession with intent to sell—schedule 1, 2 or 3 narcotic, but not mari-

According to the complaint, the Mt. Lake police department was contacted by a party that observed mushrooms being grown in a closet at a residence. The reporting party stated they had heard John Spillman talk to his girlfriend about growing "magic mush-rooms." The reporting party

FELONY CASES

also had taken pictures of glass jars that were labeled with psilocybin mushroom names.

A search warrant was executed, with Spillman telling the officer he was attempting to grow "gourmet mushrooms," which he ate and gave to co-workers.

Law enforcement recovered 35 mason jars with suspected psilocybin mushrooms, 46 plastic containers with a white moldy substance and 11 syringes, including seven syringes labeled with common psilocybin mushroom names. The search also yielded two scales and other drug paraphernalia, including pipes, marijuana wax residue, bongs, empty THC containers and marijuana plant

The search also yielded two notebooks containing the names of spore samples, the names of possible suppliers and what appeared to be a recipe.

Each count carries a possible maximum sentence of 15 years in prison, a \$100,000

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DISTRICT COURT

Speeding: Courtney M. Christiansen, Circle Pines, \$130; Mason J. Endsley, Sioux Falls, \$140; Hawa A. Farah, Sioux City, Iowa, \$120; Sharlett O. Glidden, Bingham Lake, \$130; Timothy G. Goldammer, Mitchell, S.D., \$220; Anika J. Grant, Zimmerman, \$140; Bailee J. Jovanovich, Mankato, \$120; Caleb M. Long, Hutchinson, \$140; David K. Omae, Minnetonka, \$140; Jennifer L. O'Malley, Cottage Grove, \$140; Robert J. Peace, Vernon Center, \$130; Manuel A. Sanchez Rodriguez, South Sioux City, Neb., \$140.

DWI: Jose A. Rios Herrera, Windom, \$510, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, unsupervised probation for one year, attend MADD Impact Panel, complete chemical dependency assessment and follow all recommendations of evaluation; (gross misdemeanor): Ray S.J. Treadwell-Mason, Woodbury, \$810, local confinement 365 days, stay 365 days for two years, 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 information as directed, remain lawabiding.

Driving after revocation/uninsured vehicledriver violation: Frank H. Wood, Westbrook, \$480.

Move Over Law violation-two lanes in same direction: Roha K. Abera, Sioux City, Iowa, \$130.

Speeding/no Minnesota driver's license: Meles K. Adris, Sioux Falls, \$480.

No Minnesota driver's license: Hilario A. Benito, Windom, \$180. **Hands-Free Law-access**

video content, images, games or software applications: William H. Hoyles, Trimont, \$130.

Speeding/no Minnesota driver's license: Charlester Jimerson, New Hope, \$330.

Driving after cancellation: Sostenis Ponun, Windom, \$280.

No Minnesota driver's license/following closer than reasonable: Luis A. Rivas Vides, Sioux Falls, \$230.

Marijuana in motor vehicle (less than 1.4 **grams):** Cheyenne Y. Sanders, Ontario, Calif., \$130.

Driving after revocation: Trystan K. Schroeder, Canistota, S.D., \$280; Angel V. Veld, Dundee, \$285; (five counts): Dylan P. Haldeman, Mt. Lake, \$1,425.

Driving without a valid **license:** Daniel Hernandez Lule, Windom, \$180.

Speeding/marijuana in motor vehicle (more than 1.4 grams): Edward L.J. Williams, Ontario, Calif., \$530.

Snow parking violation: Camelia M. Baltazar Felix, St. James, \$25; Michael T. Bogle, Windom, \$34; Remigo N. Miranda Agustin, Windom, \$34; Jose P. Pineda Mejia, Worthington, \$34; Chad E. Swenson, Windom, \$34.

Person's animal inflicts or attempts to inflict bodily injury to any person or animal: Nicholas R. Kulseth, Windom, \$380, local confinement 30 days, stay 30 days for one year, supervised probation for one year, abide by all animal related laws, remain law-abiding, report to agent as directed, pay restitution of \$124.16 before fines, fees and surcharges.

Failure to stop for traffice control signal: Mardi L. Robben, Windom, \$130.

Driving after license has been suspended, revoked or cancelled: Nicolas L.-P. Vail, St. Paul, \$280.

■ THE RECORD

•10:15 a.m. Windom police officers investigated a report of a sexual assault involving a local juvenile female and an adult male from Windom. Upon investigation, officers arrested a 24-year-old Windom man for engaging in sexual penetration of a female child between the ages of 14 and 16. Charges are pending for felony criminal sexual conduct.

Feb. 1

•8:58 a.m. Officers were called to a Windom school regarding a disturbance involving a 13-year-old male. The matter remains under investigation.

Feb. 2

•3:55 p.m. A two-vehicle crash occurred in the parking lot at 1475 17th Street. The mishap involved a 2005 Mercury driven by Elizabeth Rightmire of Windom and a 2005 Pontiac driven by Lyla Christenson of Windom. Both vehicles received minor damage.

Feb. 3

•9:37 a.m. Officers were called to Red Rock Ridge

Windom Electrical Services

ALC regarding a disturbance involving a 9-year-old student. School officials handled the matter internally.

•2:23 p.m. Officers were asked to do a probation check on a 31-year-old Windom man in the central part of Windom. Upon investigation, the man was arrested for testing positive for drugs. a violation of his probation.

Sheriff's report

•7:10 p.m. Cottonwood County deputies received a report of a possible harassment case. The reporting party, a rural Windom man, said he had received multiple harassing texts from a woman. The case remains under investigation.

•9:29 a.m. A rural Westbrook resident contacted police about a possible theft. According to the report, a deed was taken from family members and the person refuses to return it. The reporting party was advised this is a civil matter and that they

should contact an attorney. •4:48 p.m. Deputies received a report that a chain

saw and set of vehicle keys had been taken from a home in the 300 block of Deaver Avenue in Jeffers. The items were taken from an unlocked home and the suspect is known by the resident. The case is under investigation, but deputies noted that this may be a civil matter.

Feb. 5

•8:35 p.m. Deputies received a call from a rural Mt. Lake address regarding a possible scam. The party reported he had received threatening text messages from a number he did not recognize. The texts were demanding money and making threats if he did not pay. The texter sent photos of people who had supposedly been assaulted, to show what could happen if the person did not send money. Upon investigation, copies of the photos were found readily available online, but deputies were unable to track down a suspect. No funds were lost in the scam.

Windom

The event is sponsored by the Windom Area

Chamber of Commerce and Windom Convention and Visitor's Bureau. People can purchase

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

Doors open at 4 p.m., for Saturday's event. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. It is a surf-and-turf meal created by the chef at the winery. The show runs from 7 to 9 p.m.

Transportation (between Windom and the event site) will be offered for an additional charge.

Citizen editorial page places second

The Cottonwood County Citizen's Editorial Page placed second MINNESOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION in the 2021 Minnesota Better News-

paper Contest. Results of the 2021 contest were announced yesterday. The Citizen competed in the Non-Multi Day 1,501-3,000

circulation category. Placing first and third in the 1,501-3,000 circulation category were the Ely Timberjay and Steele County Times, respectively.

Former Windom resident killed

Shelby Woizeschke, formerly of Windom, died in a Feb. 3 shooting in Milford, Iowa.

According to a report from the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Woizeschke died as a result of injuries she sustained from an 8:30 a.m. shooting that occurred in a Milford parking lot.

An hour after the shooting, Christian Goyne-Yarns, 26, of Spirit Lake was arrested in connection with the shooting. He has since been charged with murder in the first degree and a \$1 million cash bond has been set.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Safety report, Goyne-Yarns and Woizeschke had a prior relationship and two children together.

An autopsy is scheduled for later this week.

Correction

The date of the newlyscheduled 2022 Gun & Knife Show at the Windom Community Center was incorrect in last week's Citizen.

The event's date is Oct.

• 80% of Windom's Electric Distribution system has been converted to underground. • In 2021 71% of the power purchased was carbon free. • In 2021 Transmission Costs were greater than the power purchase costs. • Windom's Electric rates are lower than State average rates. Residential customer use 23% of the power purchased by the City. The other 77% is used by commercial and Industrial customers. 507-831-6129 | 444 9th Street | www.firstfloral.com

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Dawn Luitjens

Composition Manager

VIEWPOINTS

Bringing us together

7e often think of the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce as a sort of business booster, which it is, but we tend to overlook the hidden values.

One of the Chamber's best hidden values — its ability to pull an entire community together — has been on display multiple times over the past year. And we're seeing it again already in 2022.

On Saturday night, more than 100 Windom area residents will flock to the Round Lake Winery & Vineyards for a dueling pianos event sponsored by the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce. The event begins with a social hour, followed by dinner and, of course, the usual fun and excitement of a dueling pianos event.

Some may see it as the Chamber simply bringing in an entertainment opportunity for area residents to enjoy. But the true hidden benefit is that it's another excuse for Windom area residents to come together and bond while enjoying an evening.

We saw a lot of that in 2021, courtesy of the Chamber. Remember the Hairball Concert? The Third Thursdays? Night to Unite? Chamber Gala? Christmas By Candlelight?

Those are just a few examples of how the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce brought people together in 2021. While attending these events, we couldn't help but notice the countless situations where people from different walks of life stood together in a food line, or while admiring a classic car, and simply shared a conversation.

For a community like Windom in an era of devisiveness and strife,

I was 12 the first

time I heard a pas-

sion about football

and the Super Bowl

tor lead a discus-

during church.

The Minne-

sota Vikings were

scheduled to play

the Miami Dolphins

in Super Bowl VIII.

It was the topic of

that day's Chil-

dren's sermon.

OUICK VIEWS

- Less than two months into 2022, the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce is already bringing folks together.
- Another upcoming Chamber event is the Farm & Home Show in March.
- Third Thursdays were introduced in 2021 and wellreceived by the community.

these small moments of togetherness are priceless. It's amazing how many future problems can be warded off simply by talking with one another.

Rather than holing up at home, being sucked into some politically devisive website, people need opportunities to come together, talk

Maybe that 5-minute conversation makes one of us recognize that, yes, John Doe has different political views, but he's not a bad guy. Perhaps a brief interaction with someone from a different social or ethnic background will help us put up bridges, rather than

For decades, Windom has been known as a city that pulls together in tough times. If we are to keep that tradition alive, we need interaction. Thank goodness the Chamber is helping make it possible.

In the next few months, we will see things like the Farm & Home Show, Riverfest and more Third Thursdays. The Chamber is doing its part. Now we need to do our part and attend these events.

- Rahn Larson

■OUR READERS RESPOND

What is your prediction for the 2022 Super Bowl?

Lowell Tjentland



"I think the L.A. Rams will win it, 30-20. Their quarterback, Stafford, spent so many years losing in Detroit, he deserves to win something.'

Dan Quade



"I am picking the Cincinnati Bengals, 27-24. I think the Bengals are young and fearless. They will ride the momentum as the underdog."

Jason Rupp



"I've got the Rams, 27-17, although I'd rather see Cincinnati win. Both have good offenses, but Stafford has experience at quarterback

and the Rams defense is superior.

Ron Kuecker



"I'll pick the L. A. Rams, 28-21. Their quarterback, Stafford, has been a nice guy, never a complainer. He deserves a win in the Super

Baseball's winter meeting

DAVE FJELD

Reporter

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I know what you're thinking: "Winter meetings? The owners have locked out the players since December. How could they be having winter meetings, other than negotiations?"

Well, you're correct. It's not "Major League Baseball's" winter meetings; it's "First Nite/Gopher Leagues'" winter meeting.

A quick MLB note here: Owners were scheduled to meet for three days starting Tuesday to make a new offer to the players union. So, time this out: If the owners bring an offer to the players union on Friday (probably won't happen until Monday), and the players accept it (highly unlikely), then there's at least two weeks of paperwork and signing players left to be done. That would take us to Feb. 21. If pitchers and catchers report immediately, they'll need a week before position players report, who will need four or five days to be ready for play. March 3 would be the earliest that spring

What I've been reading online from people who know, that won't happen. In fact, most are now projecting a delay of the start of the regular season, if not lost games.

want to play ball — the teams in the First Nite and Gopher Leagues.

The managers had their winter meeting Sunday and some interest-

I'll note that First Nite League president Scott Bahr of the Jackson Bulls and Gopher League president Brooks Maurer of the Luverne Redbirds scolded the league about some unbecoming on-field conduct last year. Look for teams to be on better behavior this year.

That said, the Minnesota Baseball Association instituted a new rule for 2022. Any player or manager ejected from any league game will be out for the rest of that game and the next two league games. Ouch! But it's a good rule and will

Here's some other things that fans will see this year: · The Tracy En-

gineers have left the Gopher League for the Corn Belt League. That leaves the Gopher with six teams and the First Nite League with eight. Consequently, the Worthington Cubs have agreed to move to the Gopher League.

• That said, there are seven teams in each league, meaning that at playoff time, the top team in each league will receive first-round byes into the Region 13C Tournament. The rest will play off.

• It was noted that there is a shortage of umpires and that some leagues have gone to using just one umpire. The First Nite and Gopher Leagues have not taken that measure, but they are suggesting that if two licensed umpires are hard to come by that using one licensed man in blue and a younger individual wanting to learn to umpire be employed on the bases.

A fourth class?

A proposal has been floated to the MBA state board of possibly adding a fourth class to the MBA.

The state board is considering it, but nothing has been approved and nothing would take effect until, at the earliest, the 2023 season, but more likely the 2024 season.

The proposal is to take the a finite number of the top Class A teams and make them Class AA. The rest of Class A and some of the top Class B teams will form Class A. The rest of the B teams and higher Class C teams would form Class B and the rest would remain in Class C.

Under that proposal, all current First Nite and Gopher League teams would remain in Class C, except Fairmont. After winning the Class C Tournament in 2020, it would be bumped to Class B, at least for a couple of years.

make players toe the

training games could start.

That brings us back to guys who

ing news came from the meeting.

had her second open heart surgery and experienced com-

A special week

in heart month

This week is Congenital

which is special to us. Our

Cora, is a heart warrior!

16-month-old granddaughter,

A year ago at this time our

little Cora was struggling and

spent her days in the hospital

at Rochester. On Feb. 23, she

Heart Defect Awareness Week,

plications. But she finally was back home on April 22. She is now walking, saying able to wean off G-tube feeds

a few words, eating some by mouth and hopefully will be soon. It's fun to see her personality developing and to see her interact with her sister. We also see how she tenses up for every medical appointment.

This is a tough road but this is the road heart warriors walk. Parents of CHD children are amazing! Parents, along with a great medical team, can help these children thrive. What a joy it is to see Cora thriving. God is good!

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I'm sure few of us rahnl@windomnews.com

remember details of the pastor's comments, but I recall being confident the Vikings by two touchdowns, only to see would prevail. Little did we know, this would be one in a series of Vikings disappointments. Super Bowl predictions have never been my strong suit.

I bring this up because you will see four Super Bowl predictions on this page. It's something we do for most Super Bowls. We generally ask for a winner, score and comments.

The most notable prediction came in 2002, when Ryan Squires correctly predicted the New England Patriots would win on a last-second field goal by fellow South Dakota State University alum, Adam Vinatieri.

Since 2013, we've published Super Bowl predictions seven times (not counting this week). Our



Super Bowl pick tradition

RAHN LARSON EDITOR

stellar: 8-20. Like me, many of these contributors predicted mostly with their hearts (and often against the Patriots). Since 2013, Erin

forecasters' record

over that span is not

Elder has come closest to nailing the score, picking the Patriots by 34-27 in 2017. They won, 34-28.

Among the worst years was 2014, when three of four picked the Broncos them lose to Seattle, 43-8.

My pick: Rams 35, Bengals 27.

NEWS & NOTES

- Windom's tree program is in for a big year. Ron Kuecker will share details in a future Citizen column.
- In addition to this year's Arch Allies concert on June 10, the Windom Chamber/ Convention & Visitor's Bureau has booked a Hairball concert for 2023.
- The 2022 Cottonwood County Fair is set for Aug. 10-13.

Lowest unemployment rate on record

In November 2021, the southwest region of Minnesota set a record for the lowest unemployment rate on record at 1.7% Department of **Employment and Economic Devel**opment.

There are nearly two job open-

ings for every job seeker. The labor market continues to be very tight as employers are searching high and low for employees to fill their The region had a labor shortage prior to the pandemic, unfortunately the pandemic has only made

it worse. According to DEED, over 6,000 people left the workforce in Southwest Minnesota since the pandemic and have not yet returned. It is estimated that a third of the workforce that has left is age 55 or

over. The next largest segment is

millennial women who likely left to

care for their children. The childcare shortage or the inability to adjust to virtual learning has made it more difficult to maintain full time employment. While the effects of a prolonged labor shortage can be harmful to companies and the overall economy, it does provide an opportunity for employers to re-evaluate their

hiring and retention strategies.

Here are some strategies employers can implement to help them through these times:

· Focus on retention and organizational culture.

In this labor market, it is imperative to keep your best staff and is often more cost effective than recruiting new staff. Providing flexible work schedules with full-time and

part-time options is important. It will increase retention and provide opportunities for many to rejoin the labor force. It is often the little things that can make a big difference to employees, such as showing appreciation, recognizing work well done, helping staff overcome their weaknesses and

demonstrating that you care about them and their families. These actions will go a long way toward retaining staff.

 Ensure you are providing current and new staff competitive wages.

With growing inflation rates



CARRIE BENDIX GUEST COLUMNIST

and many employers increasing wages and offering hiring bonuses, be sure your company's wages are appropriate for the current market. Check out www.careerforcemn.com to learn more about local labor market data.

 Open your company up to a larger candidate pool by reviewing your job postings to include only the minimum qualifications.

Consider training your own staff for more skilled positions. State and federal financial resources are available to assist companies with this goal.

Contact the local Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council/ CareerForce office in Worthington for more information.

· Utilize social media to announce your job openings.

The ways people look for job openings continues to change and having an online presence with an attractive website and social media engagement is becoming increasingly important.

Check out the Facebook page of the Southwest Minnesota Workforce Development Board at Southwest Minnesota Careers (@ SWMNCareers) where employers can post their jobs for free. Explore how to modernize

operations by adding equipment or automating certain functions of jobs so you can operate with fewer people. The pandemic has transformed and accelerated changes in our

labor market. With COVID variants still active, I believe the labor market is still shifting. To overcome the labor shortage, employers will need to continue to

adapt to the needs and wants of the

job seeker to be competitive. However, employers cannot do it alone. Communities will need to assess what the needs are and implement strategies to strengthen labor force participation, including addressing the childcare shortage, as well as the need for public transportation, and preparing our

Together, we can successfully address our labor force needs.

young adults for great careers.

Carrie Bendix is executive director of the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council.

Public input requested as Windom begins superintendent search

■ Residents of the Windom Aea School District can also take part in a virtual Q&A with the MSBA.

Windom's search for a new superintendent is in its early stages and that's the stage that the Windom School Board is asking for the public's help.

Every resident in the district has the opportunity to have a say in the qualities they desire in the next superintendent through an online survey presently being conducted by the school.

The public survey began Jan. 31 and runs through Monday, Feb. 14. All responses to the survey are anonymous, and the Minnesota School Board Association, which is assisting the district with the search, will summarize and provide an overview of the responses to the school board.

To take the survey online, go to the school's home page at www.windom.k12.mn.us, click on the copy next to the "Superintendent Search" button and click on the

"Windom Superintendent

Search Survey-click here." The survey is available in both English and Spanish.

That will take you to a series of eight questions that can be answered by clicking on your top choices, or typing in your response to the question.

Hard copies of the survey also are available in the Windom Area Middle High School office.

Again, the survey runs through midnight Monday.

But that's not the only way to have input and also learn what others in the district

are desiring in the next superintendent.

Virtual Q&A

To ensure all district residents have access to accurate information regarding search processes and expectations, MSBA will host a virtual question-and-answer session at 4 p.m., Thursday.

Residents are invited to attend and the Zoom link will be available that day on the district website.

Those unable to attend the session, will be able to watch a recording of the session,

which also will be made available on the district website throughout the hiring process.

Those wanting to submit questions anonymously for the Q&A may do so at the same location as the link to the survey. However, the deadline to submit advance questions is Thursday noon.

Questions also may be submitted anonymously during the Zoom session by using the chat box.

Wormstadt leaving

Last month, the Windom

School Board accepted the resignation of Windom Area Schools Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt, effective June 30, after he was named superintendent of the Meade School District in Western South Dakota.

Wormstadt is in his 14th year as superintendent in Windom, during which time the district has seen the construction of a new elementary school, increased enrollment and a positive general fund balance with healthy reserve funds.

Mt. Lake one act takes second at Section 2A festival

■ Mt. Lake's one act play troupe will give a public presentation of the one act tonight.

Mt. Lake's one act play troupe knew the stiff competition they would face in Saturday's Section 2A One Act Play Festival in Wells.

Belle Plaine has been a perennial Section 2A powerhouse in one act play and showed why it has earned that distinction by winning the Section 2A title.

But Mt. Lake turned in a stellar performance as well, capturing the Section 2A runner-up trophy and silver medals.

"I was very happy for my kids, for sure," said director Travis Smith. "They did it. In our eyes, we were winners, especially with seventh- and eighth-graders and this being their first year, and Jamie (Boldt Smith, assistant director) and I being newbies.

"Belle Plaine was phenomenal. Their students were immaculate and a class above everybody else."

Mt. Lake performed "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," a story about Holocaust survivor Raja Englanderova's memories of her time in Terezin, a stopping point for children on their way to the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

Mt. Lake was ranked second by two judges and third by the other. Belle Plaine was ranked first by all three judges.

Smith admitted that his actors did not act with quite the same heightened emotion as they did in the sub-section, but still did an outstanding job. He said he also learned some things at the festival.

"I got to talk with the coach from Belle Plaine and he gave me a few pointers, but just watching plays you can learn a lot," Smith said.

He also pointed out that for Belle Plaine's students involved in one act play, this is those students' only activity during the winter. Whereas many of Mt. Lake's students are involved in other activities throughout the winter.



MT. LAKE HIGH SCHOOL'S one act play cast and crew hold the Section 2A runner-up trophy earned in Wells Saturday. Members of the runner-up production include, from left, front: Areli Capetillo, Elena Stade, Ashlyn Pfeiffer, Brooke Naas, Alana Morey, Olivia Klassen, Ivy Smith, Chloe Anacker and Khya Boldt. Middle: Landon Boldt, Brody Kleven, Devyn Rempel, Sam Stade, Braxton Tollefson. Back: Assistant director Jamie Boldt Smith, Ben Bartsch, Harlan Munning, Mason Fast, Ian Penner, Cole Kleven and director Travis Smith.

"The kids have no reason to hang their heads. They did an amazing job and I was definitely honored to be a part of their lives this year," Smith concluded.

Public performance

Anyone who would like to

see the section runners-up perform their one act may do so tonight (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m., in the Mt. Lake High School Auditorium.

Admission is free and doors open at 6 p.m. United Prairie Bank and Insurance is sponsoring the rights to

perform the play. The Den is covering the cost for opening the auditorium for the performance.

However, because of the Holocaust subject matter, the one act is not suitable for young children.

WWG one act 4th in Section 3A

The competition was stiff for the Westbrook-Walnut Grove one act play troupe at the Section 3A One Act Play Festival in Redwood Falls Saturday.

The Sub-Section 10 champions finished fourth in the festival won by Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. RTR now advances to the State One Act Play Festival Friday at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the campus of St. Catherine University.

Performing "Tracks," WWG turned in a solid performance, but director Julie Danielowski said others were just a notch better.

"The kids did just as good (as sub-section), I just think the competition is tighter at this point," Danielowski said. "You've got the top two from each sub-section, so we were going against the top of the top from four different

SEE WWG • PAGE 7

Windom Area Elementary School honors grades 1-5 second quarter Terrific Kids

Windom Area Elementary School recognized its second-quarter Terrific Kids during two special programs in the school commons one on Jan. 25 for students in grades 1-2 and a second on Thursday for students in grades 3-5.

SECOND QUARTER **TERRIFIC** KIDS in grades 1-2 include, from left, front: Second-graders Jackson

Weller, Adeline Mickelson, Landon Ysker and Nadya Guerrero. Back: First-graders Amelia Pohlman, Paisley Lund, Henry Johnson, Magdalene Lizarde, Cason Boeck.

Each Terrific Kid in each of the programs was introduced, then read a short biography about themselves before being presented a certificate and gift pack provided by local businesses.

On hand for Monday's program were students

in grades 1-2, parents and relatives of the nine Terrific Kids, as well as representatives of the programs sponsor. Kiwanians Sarah Larsen Tade and Jamie Frank, elementary principal, respectively, introduced each of the honorees and presented

each Terrific Kid with their certificate and gift pack. Musical entertainment

during Monday's program was provided by students Tucker Knutson, who performed a violin solo, and Emmalyn Bennett, who performed a piano solo.

On hand for Thursday's program were students in grades 3-5, as well as parents and relatives of the 12 Terrific Kids. Representatives from the Kiwanis Club, Gary Vanderwerf and Maria Ahmed, introduced each of the honorees and presented

each Terrific Kid with a certificate and gift pack.

Musical entertainment during Thursday's program was provided by Brynnley Pletcher and Ethan Buhler, who each performed a piano solo.



DAVE FJELD 2/2 Terrifickids12 (1)



DAVE FJELD 2/2 TerrificKids35 2

SECOND QUAR-TER Terrific Kids in grades 3-5 (above) include. from left, front: Third-graders Hadley Dardis, Briggs Duerksen, Keely Low and Emma **Burton. Middle:** Fourth-graders Liberty Zollner-Koch, Liam Nolte, Miguel Mendoza-Hernandez and Liam Lundquist. Back: Fifthgraders Melarlin **Eliou and Tara Donkersloot (first** quarter); Thrèe-An Jones, Tomasa Juarez De La Cruz, Miguel Guico Gomez and Isabella Damon.



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know.' " (Jeremiah 33:1-3 NIV) The text is calling us to take another step in prayer to go further and deeper in prayer. Maybe this week you could have the best week of prayer you've ever had in your



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We may be locked into discouragement about our health, our family, our community, or our country. But we can humbly approach

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February is American Heart Month, a month that focuses on and brings attention to cardiovascular health.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United

States. Therefore, heart health should be a key focus in one's everyday

These past few years may have caused a lot of stress, fatigue and worry in many people and these factors affect one's heart negatively. The U.S. Department of Health Services recommends making positive lifestyle choices by eating healthy, staying active, quitting smoking, maintaining control of cholesterol levels and blood pressure, drinking alcohol in moderation, and managing stress when it comes to ways of preventing heart disease.

There are modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors when it comes to heart disease. Modifiable risk factors are things that a person has control of and can change. Some examples include: weight, diet, smoking and activity level.

Non-modifiable risk factors are things that a person does not have control over and cannot change, for example: age, race, family history of heart disease and gender.

To start taking control of one's heart health it is important to assess unhealthy habits and work on improving them one day at a time.

The American Heart Association provides a few examples of ways to take control and reclaim one's health. One is to do at least 150 minutes of moderateintensity physical activity a week, getting started with even 30 minutes a week and working your way up to more minutes will result in

Another example is eating healthy and making those good habits in your everyday meals and snacks.

Finally, maintain control over your blood sugar, cho lesterol and blood pressure.

It is great that the nation takes one month and dedicates it to heart health, although the importance of the function and health of the heart is so vital it should be taken into a person's everyday consideration and be a high priority.

Taking one's health and making it a priority will re-

sult in benefits for the mind, body and soul. One way to start making healthy habits into one's everyday lifestyle is through

> what one eats. Below is a heart healthy recipe, provided by Mayo Clinic, that is high in fiber, low in sodium and includes healthy

carbs.

Chicken & Asparagus **Penne Pasta**

INGREDIENTS:

- 11/2 cups uncooked wholegrain penne pasta
- 1 cup asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces (you can substitute for any vegetable of choice)
- 6 ozs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (14.5 ozs.) diced tomatoes, no salt added, includ-
- 2 tsp. dried basil or oregano 1 oz. soft goat cheese, crumbled (about 1 tablespoon)
- 1 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Fill a large pot threequarters full with water and bring to a boil. Add the pasta and cook until tender, 10 to 12 minutes, or according to the package directions. Drain the pasta thoroughly. Set aside.

In a pot, bring 1 inch of water to a boil. Add the asparagus. Cover and steam until tender-crisp, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Spray a large nonstick frying pan with cooking spray. Add the chicken and garlic and saute over medium-high heat. Cook until the chicken is golden brown, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the tomatoes, including their juice, basil or oregano and simmer 1 minute more.

In a large bowl, add the cooked pasta, steamed asparagus, chicken mixture and goat cheese. Toss gently

to mix evenly. Sprinkle each serving with a half tablespoon of

Parmesan cheese and serve. Sources

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OBITUARIES

Beverly Ann Sylwester Beich Ersfeld

Beverly Ann Sylwester Beich Ersfeld, born Feb. 28, 1937, to Melvin and Molly (Jaeger) Sylwester in Gaylord.

She graduated from Gaylord High School in 1955 and married her first husband Deloren Beich, Dec. 4, 1955. This marriage was blessed with four children. Bev and Del lived in Gaylord, Montevideo,

Windom. Del passed away in 1977 and eventually Bev met Ron while he was working in Windom. They were married on July 24, 1983, and have lived in Farmington for almost 40 years.

Bev is survived by her husband, Ron; four children: Sandra (Randy) Hovdet, Lori Twait, Rodney (Lety) Beich, James Beich; three stepchildren: Scott and Tony Ersfeld, and Diane (Tom) Yazzie; nine grandchildren: Arica Svee, Tami Hovdet, Tegan Nelson, Todd Hovdet, Jamie Kammerer, Nicole Beich, Sara Hovdet, Kyle Twait, Laura Sullivan; and two step-grandchildren, Haley and Allison Ersfeld; and 16 greatgrandchildren; along with many other family and

friends.

Bev was a diehard Vikings fan; rarely did she miss watching a game.

Bev was also very involved with VFW organization, holding several district positions. Bev and

Ron enjoyed hosting many pool parties at their home and even had Dave's Backvard BBQ from KSTP-TV there twice, 30 years

A very heartfelt "thank you" to all the caring and attentive staff at Trinity Care Center in Farmington and Allina Hospice, from Bev's entire family.

Funeral service: Saturday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 600 Walnut St., Farmington, MN 55024

Visitation: Friday, Feb. 11, from 5 to 8 p.m., at White Funeral Home, 901 3rd St., Farmington, MN 55024, and also one hour prior to service.

Internment: Castle Rock Valley Cemetery, 25521 Alverno Ave., Castle Rock Township, Dakota County, MN 55024

Memorials preferred to the donor's favorite charity.

White Funeral Home, 651-463-7374

Ladella Joy Anderson

Grace Severson

Grace Severson, 86, of Windom died Feb. 4, 2022, at Good Samaritan Society-Sogge Memorial



in Windom. A celebration of life service will be held Feb. 17, at 11 a.m., at American Lutheran Church in

Windom with Pastor Adam Roberts officiating.

Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Windom. Visitation will be held

Wed., Feb. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., at LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center in Windom. Visitation will continue Thursday at the church for one hour prior to the service.

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

Grace Lena Rudolph was born March 25, 1935, to Louis A. and Lena A. (Tietz) Rudolph in Alton Township. She was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville.

After attending first grade at country school, the school closed and she attended elementary school at Janesville Public School and a Lutheran parochial school. She graduated from Janesville High School in 1953.

She enrolled at Mankato State University and earned a $2\frac{2}{3}$ -year degree in elementary education. In 1960,

she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and later at MSU earned a B.S. plus 45.

After teaching second grade for three years in Kenyon, she taught third grade at Winfair Elementary School for 36 years before retiring in 1995.

In 1962, Grace married Richard "Dick" A. Severson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville. They lived in Windom for 56 years and were blessed with a daughter, Kathy.

Grace was a longtime member of American Lutheran Church in Windom. She also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 206 in Windom and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary.

She enjoyed "Birthday Club" with the girls, golfing, cooking, reading and doing Sudoku puzzles. Her greatest joy was spending time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren.

In retirement, Dick and Grace remained in Windom and spent many winters in Texas, where they enjoyed swimming in the pool, golfing, taking day trips to Mexico and going to dances in the park.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Severson; and sisters, Harriet (Harold) Langenberg and Arnnetta Skelton.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy (Ryan) Nielsen of Lynd; and three grandchildren.

years, ranging from

Ladella "Dodie" Joy Anderson, age 89, of Mankato died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022. Dodie was a mem-

ber of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato for many years and has gone home to her Lord and

A private family gathering will be held at a future date.

Mankato Mortuary assisted the family with arrangements.

Ladella was born June 1, 1932, to Leon Lowe and Ruth (Jackels) Lowe on her grandparents' farm (Lowe family) in rural Westbrook. She attended and graduated from Windom High School, Windom. Ladella was the oldest of 12 children — Ladella, Dennis, Gene, Donald, Janice, Dean, Darryl, Carol, Bill, Mary Beth, Allen and

In 1955, Ladella married Burton L. Anderson. They were married for 66 years and had one daughter, Kim Marie Anderson, who died in June of 2021. Ladella was a hard

worker. She worked numerous jobs over the

banks to retail, including TCF Bank, JC Penny, Brett's Department Store, Foot Locker, Athletic Attic and Contents in Mankato and St. Peter.

She also very much enjoyed visiting with siblings, relatives and friends.

Ladella was an excellent card player, cook and homemaker.

Ladella is survived by siblings Dean Janzen, Darryl Janzen, Bill Eitzen, Mary Beth Overton, and Allen Eitzen. She is also survived by brothers-inlaw and sisters-in-law, along with many nieces and nephews.

Ladella was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Ruth (Jackels) Lowe; husband, Burton L. Anderson; and daughter, Kim Marie Anderson. She was also preceded in death by siblings: Dennis Lowe, Gene Lowe, Donald Lowe, Janice Kirby, Carol Wolk and Goldie Lowe; as well as several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Memorials can be directed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mankato.

■ DEATH NOTICES

Dr. Candy Rice

Dr. Candy (Minion) Rice, 50, of Fargo, N.D., formerly of the Storden-Jeffers area, died Jan. 27, 2022, at her home.

A celebration of life was Friday at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo. Visitation preceded the season.

Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center handled the funeral arrangements.

Randall Pieper

Randall S. Pieper, 49, of La Crosse, Wis., died Feb. 6, 2022, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m., at Dickinson Family Funeral Home, 401 Main St., in Onalaska, Wis., with Father Rick Roberts officiating.

A time of fellowship will follow the service.

Toni Severson

Toni L. Severson, 57, of Windom, formerly of Britton, S.D., died Jan. 20, 2022, at her home in Heron Lake. Inurnment, graveside service and obituary will follow



BARC Chili Feed to be held Sunday in BARC gym

■ Patrons can also sign up to donate toward BARC's 'Utilities for a Day' fundraiser.

The Business, Arts and Recreation Center's "Soup-er Bowl" Chili Feed is set for Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in BARC's West Gym, 1012 5th Ave., near down-

The Windom Area Health

meeting at 6 p.m. at the hospi-

(Formerly Windom Senior Dining,

Thursday: Meatloaf, butternut

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squash, stewed tomatoes.

soup, broccoli, pineapple.

Friday: Chicken wild rice

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baked potato with sour cream,

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eat-in, take-out or delivery.

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In addition to a "Soup-er Bowl" of chili and/or chicken noodle soup, "decadent desserts" will complete the menu. Take-outs also will be available.

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Al-Anon: Presently not meeting.

days — 11 a.m.; Sundays — 4

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be taken with funds raised used to help offset the costs of utilities for the facility. Heating using two boilers is BARC's annual major utility cost.

BARC completed a major repair to one of the boilers in 2021 and a \$3,000 minor repair to replace a leaking tube was completed in November, just prior to the boilers being turned on.

Attendees also will have the opportunity to participate in a long-standing BARC fundraiser of pur-

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-WINDOM AREA SCHOOLS-STUDENTS # WEEK

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chosen because — Sergio is a student who is prepared for class and is engaged during class time frequently participating and contributing with useful information. He has positive attitudes and is a hard worker. He also has a witty sense of humor and is a caring and respectful young man.

Student's comments—I like school because it is a place to learn and grow as a

Student's interests—I like shopping and playing video games. Parent—Sergio Parga Viramontes



Sergio Parga Viramontes Grade 8

Paw Hsi Grade 12

HIGH SCHOOL Chosen because—Paw always pushes

herself to do well in her work. I appreciate having Paw in class because she always respects others and it willing to step out of her comfort zone and try new ideas or activities with a positive attitude. Student's comments—What I enjoy most

friends who I don't see outside of school and talking with the teachers. Student's interests — Outside of school, I mainly hang out with my friends or when

about coming to school is getting to see

I'm not I'll be at work or at home journaling. I sometimes spend time with my family and with our new dog.

Parent — Mu Hsi

Congratulations, Sergio and Paw!

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MOONFACE MARTIN (Eric Cendejas) protests being hauled away by sailors after his real identity is discovered. The ship's purser (Tayler Franz) is disgusted that she's been duped by the imposter padre as passengers look on in disbelief.

Windom Area High School's theater departments presented four performances of "Anything Goes" in the Windom Area Middle High School Lecture Hall Theater, Thursday through Saturday.

The production played to near sell-out audiences during the evening shows and a good crowd for the Saturday afternoon matinee.

Directed by Joni Fischenich with assistance from Rachel Axford, the show featured 34 students as cast and crew.



MOONFACE (Eric Cendejas) distracts Mrs. Harcourt (Kaylan Donchez) as Billy cuts a piece of fur from Mrs. Harcourt's coat to create a fake beard.





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BILLY (ALEX GARCIA), dressed in one of his many stowaway costumes, tries to woo his true love, **Hope Harcourt** (Ella Wilde), as they sing a duet in the first act.



TAKING THE STAGE early in the second act are the Angels (in white), along with Bonnie and Stella, who perform a Rockettes-type dance

routine. They include (from left) Sonia Lopez, Vanessa Garcia, Faith Ford, Virginia Jensen, Valerie Schutz and Claire Walinga.



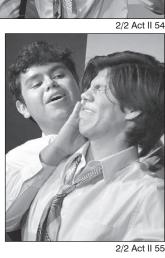
THE ENTIRE CAST of Windom Area High School's winter play "Anything Goes" is on stage for the show's finale, a reprise of "Anything Goes," featuring Reno Sweeney and the cast.



RENO SWEENEY (Lauren Kelly) and Billy (Alex Garcia) team up for the song "You're the Tops" early in the first act.

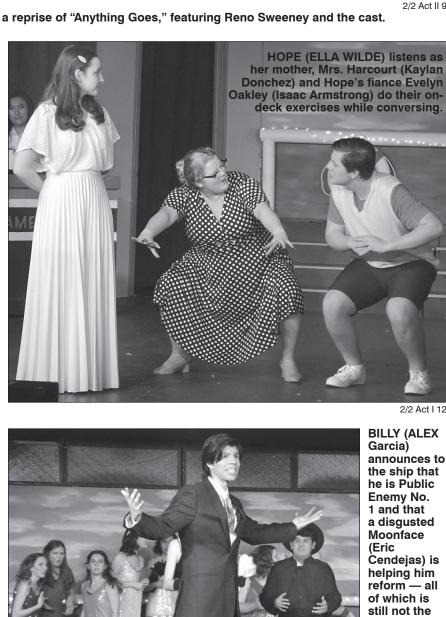


WHILE IN THE ship's brig, Moonface (Eric Cendejas) encourages Billy (Alex Garcia) to "Be Like the Bluebird," in a number by the same title. It was one of the second act's more enjoyable and delightful scenes.



EVELYN OAKLEY (Isaac Armstrong) and Reno Sweeney (Lauren Kelly) are arm-in-arm early in the second act as Evelyn's affections shift from Hope Harcourt to Reno.

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BILLY (ALEX Garcia) announces to the ship that he is Public Enemy No. 1 and that a disgusted Moonface (Eric Cendejas) is helping him

reform — all

of which is

still not the

truth.



MR. WHITNEY (Andres Rodriguez) enjoys the attention from Angels (from left) Joy (Claire Walinga), Purity (Vanessa Garcia), Charity (Sonia Lopez) and Faith (Valerie Schutz).



PINEAPPLE POSSE OF Dylan Serreyn (left) and Ethan Brockman hold trophies for winning the skills competition and being a tournament finalist. The third member of the team, Carter Allen, was unable to attend the tournament.

Pineapple Posse gets state robotics invite

■ Just a couple of teams will compete at a tournament in Princeton Feb. 19.

Add the Pineapple Posse to the list of Windom VEX Robotics teams prepping for the Minnesota State VEX Robotics Championships.

The Posse copped a state berth after winning the skills competition at the Tri-City United VEX Robotics Tournament in Montgomery Saturday. The team of Ethan Brockman and Dylan Serreyn (Carter Allen was unable to attend), racked up 290 points in the skills event to win the competition, earning them the state invitation.

It was an all-around, good day for the Posse. The duo also were half of the runnerup alliance in the 42-team tournament, pairing with a team from Tri-City United.

The Posse also topped the field after qualification matches, going 6-0, then won their Round of 16 match

In the quarterfinals, they coasted to a 139-60 victory and reached the finals with a 168-100 triumph in the semis.

In the title bout, the Posse and Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots dropped a close 177-163 verdict to an alliance of two Mankato East schools.

With the state qualification berth, The Posse join Yippie Ki Yay and Masked Bandits, who earned state

invites to the middle school state tournament earlier in the season.

As for Windom's other teams at Saturday's tournament, the Masked Bandits went 3-2-1 to finish 16th in qualification matches, while Yippie Ki Yay went 3-3 for 22nd. Dino Nuggets and Couch Potatoes both finished 2-4 in qualification matches for 35th and 37th, respec-

All but the Coach Potatoes advanced to the elimination round where the Masked Bandits fell in their Round of 16 match, while both the Dino Nuggets and Yippie Ki Yay won.

In the quarterfinals, Dino Nuggets and Crusaders from Princeton High School earned a 106-80 to advance to the semifinals, while Yippie Ki Yay lost 139-60 to the Posse/Robots tandem. The Nuggets/Crusaders also fell to the Posse/Robots in the semifinals 168-100.

In the skills competition, the Masked Bandits (160 points), Couch Potatoes (140) and Dino Nuggets (110) finished eighth, ninth and 12th, respectively.

A handful of Windom teams will compete in the Rum River Rumble in Princeton on Saturday as a tune-up for the Minnesota State VEX Robotics Championships in St. Cloud on March 3-4.

WAHS opens speech season with fifth at Worthington

■ Windom will take its full team to Luverne on Saturday.

The Windom Area High School speech team opened the 2022 season — in person — at the Worthington Trojan Tournament Saturday, and despite being shorthanded, the local speakers brought home a respectable fifth-place finish.

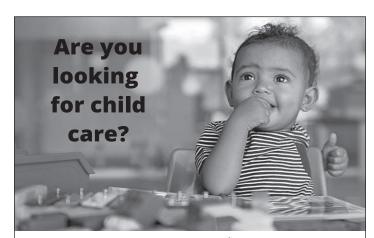
Host Worthington won the tournament with 94 points, followed by Luverne with 86. Minneota was third with 54 points, Adrian fourth with 44 and Windom finished with 42

Windom did not bring its full team to the meet because a number of team members were involved with the winter play on Saturday.

After a year away from competition, junior Moriah Lohrenz returned in fine form, winning the prose category to lead Windom.

Windom's lone returning state qualifier, junior Makenna McNamara, captured a second-place silver medal in original oratory.

Meanwhile, Kaycee Hunter earned Windom's only third-place finish, taking the bronze in creative expression. Harriet Lohse and Ava Van Norman were fourth and sixth, respectively, in drama and Tristyn Maras was fifth in extemporaneous speaking.



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Friday: Flavored French toast, applesauce, orange juice. PreK — Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly sand-

wich, orange juice.

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Tart and crackers, berry fruit cup, apple juice. PreK Crackers and berry fruit cup. Tuesday: Cereal and

graham crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK — Cereal. Wednesday: Breakfast

pizza OR bagel with cream cheese, orange juice. PreK — Half bagel with cream cheese or mini bagel.

Thursday (2-17): Muffin and string cheese, fruit punch juice. PreK — Blueberry

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Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato choice, lettuce, tomato and onion toppings or as a salad, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Turkey sub sandwich.

Friday: Pizza crunchers or cheese pizza, buttered peas, fresh vegetables with dip. MHS alt.: Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly sandwich and yogurt cup.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, tenders or popcorn chicken, corn, vegetables with dip, fruit slushie juice cup. MHS

alt.: Hamburger.
Tuesday: Beef taco with tortilla shell, romaine lettuce, tomatoes and toppings, green beans, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Mini chef salad with toppings, bread sticks.

Wednesday: Barbecued pulled pork on a bun, potato choice, baked beans, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Turkey sandwich.

Thursday (2-17): Cheese or pepperoni pizza, glazed carrots, romaine lettuce salad with dressing, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Ham sandwich

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Monday: Chicken nuggets, corn, red Jell-O.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger hot dish, green beans, apple-Wednesday: Mini corn dog,

baked beans, orange slices. Thursday (2-17): Spaghetti, bread stick, pears.

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everything.

sub-sections." Danielowski said there is also a different type of judging at the section level than the sub-section level. Speech judges typically judge the

Hospital seen a

A KLOSTERBUER: That's an easy one. I feel that

dom, I have been blessed by

this community. So, when

and still am excited, about giving back to Windom. I

want Windom to succeed at

Was this your first

KLOSTERBUER: No. A couple of years ago, when

Glen Taylor was the speaker,

I wanted to hear him. So I

My impression of the

Gala, overall, is that it is ab-

solutely impressive. It is so

nice to get everyone in one

direction. And I cannot say

place, pulling in the same

enough good things about

went with a few friends.

Chamber Gala?

during my time in Win-

I retired, I was excited,

sub-section while the section meet was more theatrical judging.

"Some of the other shows were more artsy than ours," Danielowski said. "But our kids did a great job and to get as far as we did for being such a small school is very good.'

Members of the cast

(Chamber Executive) Tyann Marcy. Getting her as Cham-

Tyann is one of my former

ber director is wonderful.

students, by the way. Kylie Norell, who also got an

award that night, is also a

Ward, who was also up for

the Lifetime Achievement

Award. Nothing makes a

has on the community?

former student, so was Eric

teacher happier than seeing

What kind of impact do you believe the Chamber

A KLOSTERBUER: The Chamber has to be the com-

munity cheerleader and that

is what they are doing right

They are leading the way

and everyone feeds off their

enthusiasm. I became an

individual member of the

way to support business.

Chamber that I have actu-

businesses to belong.

Chamber once I retired as a

I believe so strongly in the

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her students be successful.

include Frederick Plaetz, Elijah Merrick, Payeng Vue, Caitlin Mershon, Phoenix Wekcman Nelson, Alyster Schmidt, ChuYee Vue, Jaden Olson, Elizabeth Wiggins and Jaden Scholl. Mark Mershon is the show's lone crew member and Beth Danielowski is assistant director.

What do you feel are some of Windom's best qualities?

A KLOSTERBUER: For one thing, Windom has an excellent school system. That brought me here.

Windom also has a wonderful hospital. We should be so proud of our hospital. Windom has so many good people and organizations. I ask everyone to volunteer to make Windom better.

What is next for you?

A KLOSTERBUER: My bucket list is getting shorter.

The Windom Area Foundation was truly on my bucket list, but that's underway.

One thing I see in my future is that I would like to someday become a hospice volunteer. It's nothing glamorous, but that is on my bucket list.

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Windom incident brings charges

fine or both.

Butterfield man charged with stalking, damage to property, harassment

A 28-year-old Butterfield man has been charged with felony stalking, harassment and first-degree criminal damage to property.

According to the complaint, a woman contacted the Mt. Lake police department to report being harassed by her ex-boyfriend, Dallas Rogers. The reporting party stated some of the calls threatened violence against her and her current boyfriend. Other calls led the reporting party to believe Rogers was watching her.

On Jan. 8, the reporting party stated she was at a gas station when Rogers parked directly behind her. The next day, she reported receiving several calls from Rogers and reported seeing him drive by her boyfriend's residence in Windom.

That night, the reporting party contacted the Windom police department to report the tires on her vehicle and her boyfriend's vehicle had been slashed, and her boyfriend's vehicle had both taillights broken. Damage to the boyfriend's vehicle was estimated at \$1,600, while damage to her vehicle was estimated at \$600.

While interviewing the victims, the officer learned that Rogers had previously been convicted of domestic assault against the reporting party. The officer also saw the call log of the victim's phone, showing over 200 phone calls and numerous

text messages in a four-day period. The reporting party had recorded several of the calls from Rogers.

On Jan. 9, Rogers called the reporting party several times to make threats. The final call came shortly after a vehicle with loud exhaust left quickly from the alley behind the house. Shortly after, the damage to the vehicles was discovered.

The stalking charge carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$20,000 fine or both. The harassment charge and the property damage charge each have a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Windom incident results in assault charges

A 29-year-old man has been charged with first- and third-degree assault following an incident in Windom. According to the complaint, a woman came to the Law Enforcement Center to speak to an officer about a medical call related to a burn incident.

The victim stated that she got into a fight with Alondre McCoy, Sr., who did not have a permanent residence listed in the complaint.

The victim stated that she and McCoy had gotten into a verbal argument. After leaving for a half-hour, McCoy returned and grabbed the victim's collar and pushed her. When she pushed back, McCoy hit her in the head.

McCoy then grabbed a pot of water that had been boiling on the stove and poured it onto the victim's head.

McCoy called for an ambulance and told dispatch the victim had been burned while cooking.

The victim's head was covered with burns and missing skin, and her cheeks and

eyes were swollen.

The first-degree assault charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a \$30,000 fine or both. The third-degree charge has a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Sex offender charged with failure to register

A 44-year-old man faces two counts of failing to register as a predatory offender, following two separate complaints last fall.

According to the complaint, Theodore Cunningham, who did not have a permanent residence listed in the complaint, was sent a predatory offender registration verification form to his last known address in Storden in September. He had 10 days to return the form but failed to do so.

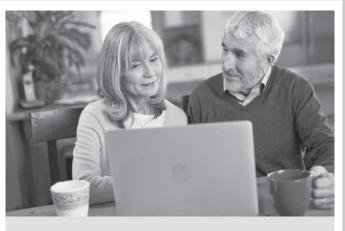
A second form was sent

to the same residence in October. The form was not returned within the required time frame.

In December, a Cotton-wood County deputy was requested to do a predatory offender registration compliance check at the last known residence. The resident at the location stated Cunningham had not lived there for some time, adding he was living on a farm in rural Redwood County. The resident added Cunningham had told her he had updated his address on his registration.

Cunningham's whereabouts are currently unknown.

Each count of failure to fulfill predatory offender registration requirements carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine, with a mandatory minimum sentence of one year and one day in prison.



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Playoff time, already?

That's right. It's already that time of year.

The winter sports season will begin to wind down, starting this week, as section girls hockey playoffs get underway. The section gymnastics meet also is scheduled for Saturday.

Other sports will have their typical frantic sprint to the end of the season before the playoffs

Team wrestling tournaments start Feb. 17. Section boys hockey begins Feb. 22. Section girls basketball starts Feb. 24. Section individual wrestling is scheduled for Feb. 25-26. Section boys basketball begins March 3.

The end of the winter sports season will look a lot more normal this year than a year ago. Last year, because everything started late due to COVID, everything also wrapped up at roughly the same time. The playoffs in most sports overlapped more than they do in a typical year. It was a nightmare for me to try to be in so many different places at

So this year, with things resembling more of a normal postseason, it will still be busy, but I'll find myself not having as many things to cover at the same time.

Best of luck to all our area teams as the winter sports playoffs get underway!

A LOOK BACK

TEN YEARS AGO

After missing the entire winter sports season to date after suffering a concussion during football, Cobra wrestling senior Drake Borsgard made a triumphant return to the lineup in the Cobras' match against Blue Earth Area. Borsgard, a two-time state medalist, recorded a fall to spark the Cobras to a 44-30 victory over the Bucs. Borsgard planned to wrestle in team competition the rest of the season, but would forego wrestling in the individual section tour-

nament. The Eagle boys basketball team sputtered from the free throw line, which led to a 66-58 loss to Fairmont. Windom was 18-of-35 from the line for the game, including just 9-of-24 in the second half. Jake Holt led the Eagles with 16 points. Lee Holt and Collin Lovell added 15 points each.

Windom senior Hannah Steele, the reigning Class A state discus champion, signed to compete on the women's track and field team at the University of Sioux Falls. USF recently made the transition to Division II, and Steele's former throws coach for the Eagle track team, Erin Elder, serves as the throws coach at USF.

The MLBO girls basketball team picked up a victory in the Mt. Lake Christian Tournament, defeating the hosts 39-28. Jessica Sawatzky led the Wolverines with 11 points. Janessa Peters scored 10. Annie Stoesz led MLC with 12 points. Whitney Klassen scored

Eagles fall flat against Cardinals

Luverne used three third-period goals to claim a 5-2 victory Monday.

> By JOEL ALVSTAD joela@windomnews.com

The Windom Area boys hockey team was dominant in nearly every aspect against Luverne Monday night.

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scoring three times in the MnRiv (5-15-1) 3 9 1 third period Was (4-12-1) ... 210 0 to claim a 5-2 RV (2-17)......114 0 victory. Luverne

struck first, scoring just 22 seconds into the game. But the Eagles answered two



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/9 boys hockey 112 at the Windom Arena. Espenson scored a power play goal, but

AS HIS TEAMMATES look on from the bench, Brady Espenson fires a slap shot toward the Luverne net during Monday's game

minutes later, when Sonny Heil whistled a wrist shot

into the Cardinal net. Luverne regained the lead at the 6:03 mark of the opening period, but the Eagles again answered quickly. Brady Espenson fired an offspeed shot through traffic, scoring a power play goal to tie the game at 2-2.

The score remained dead-

locked until the third period, when Luverne's Patrick Kroski broke the tie 1:11 into the period.

This time, as the Eagles attempted to answer, Luverne was able to clear the zone and set up a breakaway for Brock Behrend, who gave Luverne a 4-2 lead.

The Cardinals added a power play goal halfway

through the period for the 5-2 win.

the Eagles took a 5-2 loss to the Cardinals.

Eagle goalie Dan Stubbe finished with 21 saves in the

The Eagles (10-12-1, 7-6-1 Big South) travel to Worthington Monday, then close the regular season Tuesday against Minnesota River at LeSueur.

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Luverne: Owen Sudenga (u/a) 0:22. 2. Windom: Sonny Heii (Zach Espenson) 2:54. 3. Luverne: Kaleb Hein (Patrick Kroski, Elliot Domagala) 6:03. 4. Windom: Brady Espenson (Cragen Porath) 7:00, pp. SECOND PERIOD: No scoring, THIRD PERIOD: 5. Luverne: Kroski (Brady Bork) 1:11. 6. Luverne: Brock Behrend (u/a) 4:59. 7. Luverne: Domagala (Sudenga, Kroski) 8:47, pp. SUMMARY: Shots on goal: Luverne 26, Windom 50. Power plays: Luverne 1-2, Windom 1-8. Goalies: Luverne, Tyler Arends (50 shots, 48 saves); Windom, Dan Stubbe (26 shots, 21 saves).

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SAM THIEL, MARSHALL INDEPENDENT

JOSH GARRISON looks for room to move as two Tiger defenders prepare to try to trap him on the baseline during Friday's game in Marshall.

Tigers rally past Eagles Friday

Marshall's tight defense and hot outside shooting in the second half proved to be the difference Friday, as the Tigers rallied for a 77-72 victory over the Windom Eagles at Marshall.

Windom

held a six-point

halftime edge,

thanks largely

to a parade to

the free throw

Windom went

19-of-23 from

the stripe for

But in the

second half,

the Tigers

line early in

the game.

the game.

Boys **Basketball** Luverne, 6 p.m.

Friday - atHLOF (Fulda), Tuesday — vs. Redwood Valley 6 p.m.

■STANDINGS **BIG SOUTH** WEST DIVISION BOYS BB Mar (13-7)9

clamped Pipe (15-3)......8 JCC (8-12). Wor (5-13)3 Win (7-13)2

down on defense and bombed away from the outside. Marshall was 11-of-24 from three-point

Luv (5-11).....0 range in the game, doing much of that

damage in the second half. Henry Erickson led the Eagles with 28 points. Dylan

Serreyn scored 18, Josh Garrison added 12 and Abe McKibbin chipped in 11.

The Eagles were scheduled to host Adrian-Ellsworth last night (Tuesday).

Windom hosts Luverne Thursday, then travels to Fulda Friday to face Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda. Windom hosts Redwood Valley Tuesday.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): Wormstadt 0-0-0; Garrison 4-2-12; Rothenberger 1-0-3; Macario 0-0-0; McKibbin 4-0-11; Erickson 7-13-28; Serreyn 7-4-18. FG: 23-50 (46%). F7: 19-23 (83%). 3Pt. FG: 7-23 (30% — Garrison 2, Rothenberger, McKibbin 3, Erickson). Fouls: 13. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 26. T0s: 11.

Marshall (FG-FT-TP): Jacobson 6-0-12; Maeyaert 4-0-8; Wilts 8-1-24; Osman 0-0-0; Fenger 1-0-2; Abert 4-0-8; Wilts 8-1-24; Osman 0-0-0; Fenger 1-0-2; Werner 1-0-3; Elton 2-1-7. FG: 31-65 (48%). FT: 4-8 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 11-24 (46% — Wilts 7, Abdi, Werner, Elton 2). Fouls: 18. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 35. T0s: 13.

Eagles top Wolverines

The Windom Eagle boys basketball team got off to a strong start Thursday night, stifling Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey's offense to record a 70-53 victory at Mt. Lake.

The Eagles came out firing from long range in the opening half, knocking down six three-pointers as a team. Meanwhile, the Eagles held

the Wolverines in check throughout the first half, building a 13-point halftime cushion.

In the second half, the Wolverines tried to mount a comeback, cutting the Eagle lead to nine points late. But Windom held MLAC scoreless for the last three minutes of the game, finishing with an 8-0 run to seal the

A quartet of Eagles scored in double figures in the game, led by Henry Erickson and Drew Rothenberger with 15 points each—a careerhigh for Rothenberger. Dylan Serreyn added 14 points and Abe McKibbin scored 11.

Kolby Kremmin and Ashton Toll each scored 13 points for the Wolverines in the loss.

MLAC.

Windom (FG-FT-TP): Wormstadt 1-1-3; Lund 0-0-0; Garrison 0-3-3; Rothenberger 5-0-15; Squires 0-0-0; Macario 3-0-6; Elder 0-0-0; McKibbin 4-0-11; Armstrong 1-0-3; Erickson 5-4-15; Serreyn 7-0-14. FG: 26-53 (49%). FT. 8-13 (62%). 3PL FG: 10-21 (48%—Rothenberger 5, McKibbin 3, Armstrong, Erickson). Fouls: 15. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 32. 70s: 17.

70s: 17.

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Khamvongsa 2-3-9; Kremmin 4-3-13; Oakland 0-0-0; KoWassman 1-0-2; Olson 2-0-5; Toll 6-1-13; Lopez 0-0-0; Moody 0-0-0; KaWassman 1-0-2; Penner 0-0-0; Kewen 2-1-5; Karschnik 2-0-4. FG: 20-56 (36%). FT: 8-11 (73%). 3Pt. FG: 5-24 (21% — Khamvongsa 2, Kremmin 2, Olson). Fouls: 11. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 31. TOs: 17.

Tigers batter Eagle girls Friday

Marshall's relentless defense kept the Windom Eagle girls basketball team from establishing its offense Friday, as the Tigers cruised to an 84-32 victory at Marshall. Marshall

> held the Eagles to 33% shooting

from the field

Windom into

25 turnovers.

turned those

The Tigers

turnovers

into 43

points,

shooting

57% from

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the field for

KJ Huska

Eagles with

12 points.

Kendyl



Thursday — vs. Luverne, 6 p.m. Tuesday — at Redwood Valley,

6 p.m. ■ STANDINGS RIG SOUTH WEST DIVISION

GIRLS BB Team W Mar (17-4) 10 Wor (12-8)8 Luv (15-4)..6

JCC (14-7).....5 Win (8-12). Pipe (6-13).....3 RV (0-23)......0 10

Sammons added nine points.

Windom (FG-F1-TP): KSammons 3-0-9; HadSammons 2-0-4; Nielsen 0-0-0; Dauer 0-0-0; HaiSammons 0-0-0; CHuska 0-0-0; Letcher 0-0-0; KHuska 4-0-12; MHogan 0-0-0; Veenker 1-0-3; Maras 2-0-4; AHogan 0-0-0; FG: 12-36 (33%). FT: 0-2 (0%). 3Pt. FG: 8-24 (33%— KSammons 3, KHuska 4, Veenker). Fouls: 7. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 19. TOs: 25.

Marshall (FG-F1-TP): Drake 0-0-0; Steinbach 13-0-31: Graven 2-1-5: Biella 0-0-0: AJones 1-0-3: Simpolar 13-11. Graven 2-1-5: Biella 0-0-0: AJones 1-0-3: Simpolar 14-0-15.

Natishar (144-17): Diake 0-0-0; Steinfoat 13-0-3; Simpson 7-0-16; Wherry 2-0-4; LJones 2-0-4; Paníka 5-0-11; Andries 0-2-2; Wendorff 1-1-3, F.G: 35-62 (57%). Fr. 4-6 (67%). 3Pt. FG: 10-19 (53%—Steinbach 5, Alones, Simpson 2, Wegner, Paníka). Fouls: 4. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 32. 70s: 6.

Eagles edge Arrows

Both Windom and Pipestone had a shaky night



MARSHALL INDEPENDENT **HADLEY SAMMONS drives** into the lane during Friday's game at Marshall.

from the field Thursday. but the Eagles outscored the Arrows 9-3 from the free throw line, allowing the Eagles to escape with a 49-44 victory at Windom.

The Eagles held a slim two-point halftime lead, but had a strong night from three-point range, hitting 8-of-17 attempts. Windom also closed

the game strong from the stripe, going 6-of-7 as a team in the second half to seal the win.

KJ Huska led the Eagles with 22 points in the win. Hadley Sammons chipped in 11 points.

Pipestone (FG-FT-TP): Wiese 3-0-8; Taubert 3-0-9; AKor 5-3-13; Kal-tubbling 2-0-4; Kyl-tubbling 1-0-2; JKor 3-0-8. FE: 17-55 (31%). FF: 3-5 (60%). 3P: FG: 7-27 (26% — Wiese 2, Taubert 3, JKor 2). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 38. TOs: 19. Window (FG-TTD): KSAPROGOS 0.0 C: HSOR Windom (FG-FT-TP): KSammons 0-0-0; HSammons 2-7-11; Dauer 2-0-5; Huska 7-2-22; Hogan 0-0-0; Veenker 1-0-3; Maras 4-0-8. FG: 16-49 (33%). FT: 9-15 (60%). 3Pt. FG: 8-17 (47% — Dauer, Huska 6, Veenker). Fouls: 8. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 33. TOs: 16.



SAM THIEL, MARSHALL INDEPENDENT KENDYL SAMMONS looks for an open teammate to pass to during Friday's game at Marshall.

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Eagle Boys Basketball



EAGLE BOYS BASKETBALL team members are, from left, front: Teigen Wormstadt, Tristen Gastelo, Dylan Serreyn, Henry Erickson, Bryan Macario and Greyson Elder. Back: Josh Garrison, Carter Vancura, Noah Armstrong, Drew Rothenberger, Abe McKibbin, Zach Squires and Eli Lund.

Eagle Girls Basketball



EAGLE GIRLS BASKETBALL team members are, from left, front: Alivia Letcher, Kendyl Sammons, Anja Nielsen, Hadley Sammons, Charlee Huska and Haidyn Sammons. Back: Manager Alexa O'Donnell, Kaylee Walklin, KJ Huska, Jenna Veenker, Kameron Rupp, Tristyn Maras, Madelyn Hogan and Hannah Dauer. Not pictured: Addison Hogan.

Eagle Gymnastics



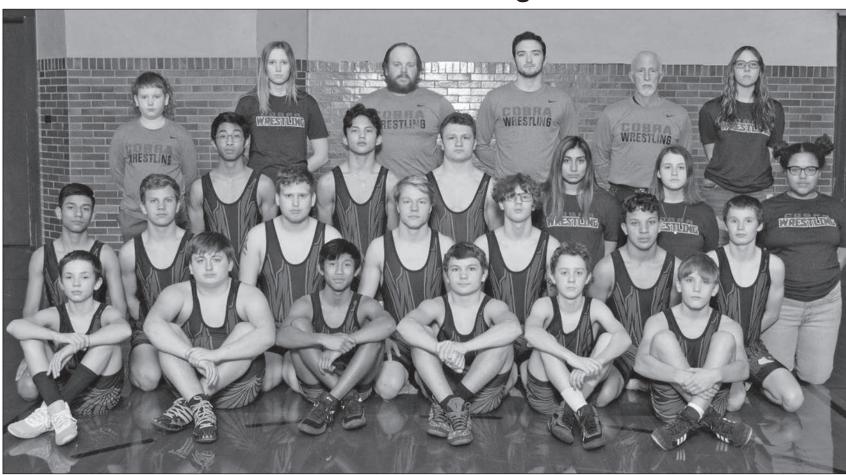
EAGLE GYMNASTICS team members are, from left, front: Jesselle Sosa, Kirstin Nickel, Jenny Jiratchaya Boonsodakorn, Macee Duerksen and Aleena Vetsouvahn. Second row: Addison Evans, Maria Magdalena Yordanova Paneva, Natalia Cabellero and Cinthia Rios Perez. Third row: Naveah Sosa, Jessica Lopez, Lily Youngwirth, Arianna Boldt, Heidi Johnson, Jocelyn Lopez and Leslie Salinas. Back: Addison Colbert, Ada Lund, Brooklyn Paulson, Kadyn Paulson, Harriet Lohse and Ashlyn Altman.

Eagle & Cobra Winter Sports Participants

Cobra Wrestling







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COBRA WRESTLING team members are, from left, front: Carson Wall, Matthew Ekstrom, Preston Xayachak, Aiden Holmberg, Josiah Kestner and Kameron Koerner. Second row: Robinson Paredas, Noah Holmberg, Damien Pohlman, Caden Swoboda, Brayden Stewart, Eagan Maras and Dagen Hansen. Third row: Thavien Xayachak, Tucker Renquist, Micah Holmberg and managers Isabella Vidana, Mareena Jepsen and Zaria Harrington. Back: Managers Braxton Pohlman and Taylor Caldwell, Head Coach Nick Kulseth, Assistant Coaches Joe Fischenich and Dave Fishenich and manager Jadrah Renquist.

Eagle Boys Hockey



EAGLE BOYS HOCKEY team members are, from left, front: Grant Dronen, Vance Koch, Wyatt Haugen, Brady Espenson, Zach Espenson, Zach Rabbe, Ethan Rabbe, Evan Mathis, Dillon Evers and Dan Stubbe. Middle: Manager Hannah Anderson, Ben Purrington, Alex Cory, Andrei Rivera, Nick Espenson, Jackson Veenker, Braydn Evans, Luke Anderson, Wriley Haugen, Chase Hamlett, Ethan Purrington, Adam Dahna and manager Rylie Raverty. Back: Head Coach Travis Janssen, Carter Pigman, Landon Pillatzki, Karson LaCanne, Sonny Heil, Cragen Porath, Charlie Smith, Owen Dahna, Keegan Classen, Brad Gentry and Assistant Coaches Justin Espenson and Jason Espenson.

Eagle Girls Hockey





MICHELLE BAERG eagle girls hockey

EAGLE GIRLS HOCKEY team members are, from left, front: Lacey Simon, Lyvia McManigle, Ellyson Bang, Porsha Myrvold and Jamie Edlin. Middle: Fiona Robillard, Mataya Hall, Kennedi Dronen, Ella Smith, Reagan Haugen, Brooklyn Roll, Aidan Hunt and Kaylie Baerg. Back: Presley Dockter, Ella Dockter, Madelyn Schumacher, Madyson Fredin, Marissa Becker, Marenna Bang, Victoria Robillard and manager Allison Negen. Not pictured: Miranda Cory.



WYATT HAUGEN positions himself for a shot on goal while Ben Purrington (left) skates to establish position for a rebound. The

Eagle boys dropped a 5-2 decision to the Cardinals Monday at the Windom Arena.

BOYS/ Late rally falls short against New Ulm

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Late rally falls short

The Windom Area boys hockey team's late rally came up just short Friday night, as the Eagles dropped a 4-3 decision at New Ulm.

New Ulm jumped to a 4-0 lead in the first two periods before Windom Area began to battle back. Brady Espenson scored with 26 seconds left in the second period, cutting the deficit to 4-1.

Then, late in regulation, the Eagles scored a pair of goals in less than a minute. Espenson scored with 2:44 left on the clock. He then closed out a hat trick with 2:06 remaining in regulation.

In the final minute of the game, New Ulm took a penalty. The Eagles pulled their goalie, setting up a sixon-four skating advantage for the final 43 seconds. But Windom Area was unable to score the tying goal.

Windom Area outshot New Ulm 34-31 in the game. Eagle goalie Dan Stubbe finished with 27 saves.



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/9 boys hockey 129

SONNY HEIL races into the offensive zone to set up an attack during Monday's game against Luverne

Eagle gymnasts close season with win

The Windom Area gymnastics team closed its regular season last Tuesday with a late-evening performance against Redwood Valley at Redwood Falls.

The Eagles ended the night with a 124.925-121.8 victory.

The dual started at 8:01 p.m., due to it being rescheduled to be held the same night as the state caucuses.

Senior Brooklyn Paulson came away with all-around honors at the meet, winning with a 34.45. Paulson placed first on bars (7.95) and was second on vault (8.925), beam (8.525) and floor (8.95).

Ada Lund took fourth allaround (30.7). She finished third on beam (8.0) and fourth on floor (8.0).

Kadyn Paulson was second on bars (7.3). Ashlyn Altman was third on vault (8.5) with Addison Colbert

fourth (8.425). The Eagles will compete in the Section 3A Meet Saturday in Marshall.

Windom Area 124.925, Redwood Valley 121.8

Eagle Results
Vault: Brooklyn Palson 8.925; Ashlyn Altman 8.5;
Addison Colbert 8.425; Ada Lund 7.95; Addison Evans 7.75.
Bars: B. Paulson 7.95; Kadyn Paulson 7.3; Altman 6.85; Lund 6.75; Kirsten Nickel 5.475.
Beam: B. Paulson 8.625; Lund 8.0; Altman 6.9; Nickel 6.85; K. Paulson 6.2.
Floor: B. Paulson 8.95; Lund 8.0; Evans 7.65; Altman 7.3; Aviana Watson 7.25.
All-Around: B. Paulson 34.45; Lund 30.7; Altman 29.55





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Thompson was an athlete ahead of her time

■ Kris (DeClerk) Thompson was a rare post player with quard-like skill on the basketball court.

rowing up in the country north of Windom, Kris (DeClerk) Thompson was much more likely to be seen on a horse than in a

In her elementary years, high school girls' sports were still in their infancy. And even by the time she got to middle school, she had never played organized

"I was content to go out riding horse, and we were active in 4-H growing up," Thompson said. "I had never really given sports much of a thought until I got to sixth

But she enjoyed basketball enough that she wanted to work to improve. She also had coaches she enjoyed playing for.

And she excelled on the basketball court, with her success eventually transferring to volleyball and softball as well.

Her stellar three-sport career has now earned Thompson a spot in the Windom Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony is Thursday at halftime of the boys basketball game against Luverne.

"It's a pretty humbling experience, being selected for such an honor," Thompson said. "There have been a lot of outstanding athletes and coaches to come through Windom, so to be considered among them is quite an

ports weren't on the radar for Thompson Juntil winter of her sixth-grade year, when she was able to play organized basketball for the first time.

She said her middle school coach, Lindsey Cartwright, made the sport fun and sparked a love of the sport in her.

She added that her dad had put a basketball hoop above their garage door and stressed that if she wanted to succeed in the gym, she had to put in the work on the cement.

'There were a lot of times when dad would be grilling supper and I'd be doing the Mikan drill on our basket, a few feet away," Thompson

Thompson added that she had another major strike against her growing up.

"I was a peanut," Thompson said. "I was one of the shortest girls on the basketball team in sixth grade.

Between eighth and ninth grade, Thompson shot up, height-wise, to nearly six feet tall.

But her upbringing as a guard made Thompson a

night at a quadrangular in

unique player among high school girls of that era.

"There were a lot of girls who were good at handling the ball and there were a lot who were good at posting up opponents and scoring," Thompson said. "But there weren't a lot of girls who could do both. I was tall enough that I could post girls up and score inside. But I could handle the ball well enough that I could face the basket and create scoring opportunities."

And those opportunities were plentiful. As a senior, Thompson averaged 18.2 points and 11.8 rebounds per game. Her multi-dimensional skill made her a matchup nightmare and drew plenty of respect from opposing coaches, who named her All-Southwest Conference twice and honorable mention as a sophomore.

"I was able to bring the ball up, because that's what I had done coming up," Thompson said. "I probably handled the ball more than (Assistant) Coach (Sheryl) Flohrs wanted. But Coach Flohrs was such a great coach to play for. She really instilled a love of basketball in me that I still have."

The only regret, she said, was her career overlapped with the heyday of Storden-Jeffers girls basketball.

"I was very good friends with a lot of the SJ girls because I'd play 4-H softball with them or we'd hang out at the fair," Thompson said. "I knew all of the girls in that era really well. The Southwest Conference at that time had some very good teams and a lot of talented players, but SJ was just head and shoulders above everyone in our area at that time.

"As it turns out, I got to play against Darci Steere a bit in college, because she was at North Dakota State and I was just across the river at Moorhead."

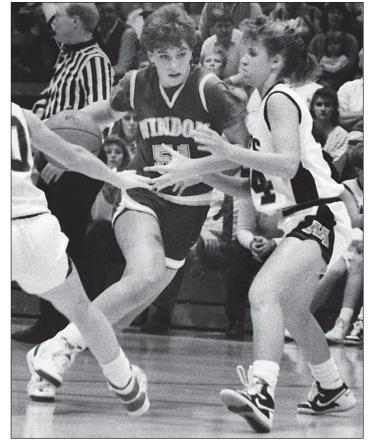
Thile Thompson seemed certain to be a standout in basketball, she admits that volleyball was even further off her radar.

She didn't play volleyball in junior high. And it wasn't until the spring of her freshman year when the idea was even brought to mind.

"I was just walking in the hall one day and Ron Wendorff came up to me, tapped me on the shoulder and asked, 'Kris, why aren't you out for volleyball?'

"When I was in elementary school, the volleyball team had played in the state tournament. But I had never really watched volleyball or played much of it.'

Wendorff was early in his first of three stints as the Eagles' head volley-



KRIS (DECLERK) THOMPSON combined the height of a post player and the skill of a guard during her playing days. Thompson will be inducted into the WAHS Athletic Hall of Fame Thursday.

ball coach—early in what eventually became a Hall of Fame career. His team needed a powerful presence at the net.

'I told Coach Wendorff that I wasn't comfortable bumping or serving the ball," Thompson said. "I didn't want to have to dive onto my knees to pass the ball. But he told me that if I wanted to play in the front row, he'd figure out how to make it work.

"So my sophomore year, I went out for volleyball for the first time.

It didn't take long for Thompson's presence to be felt. She became a feared hitter in a powerful Eagle lineup, earning All-Southwest Conference honors as a

As importantly, though, she said, Thompson's presence on the team sparked an interest in her younger sisters, Kari and Kate.

"Both Kari and Kate went on to play Division I volleyball," Thompson said. "And when I was at Moorhead State, we qualified for the NAIA national tournament in Hawaii. It was the biggest tournament I had ever

"I probably had more individual success in basketball, but I experienced more team success in volleyball. Unfortunately, I injured my shoulder in basketball my junior year at Moorhead, so I wasn't able to play volleyball the fall of my senior year. Until then, I had played

astpitch softball was relatively new as a high school sport during Thompson's playing days.

She found fastpitch had little in common with the co-ed slowpitch softball she played in 4-H.

"I had wanted to be a pitcher, but I couldn't control my release point," Thompson said. "Coach Arlen Rossow was such a kind-hearted person. He worked with me a lot on trying to pitch. But when we realized it wouldn't work, he put me at first base."

Thompson saw plenty of success on the diamond, earning All-District honors twice.

She added that in her one year at University of Minnesota-Crookston, she had tried to play all three sports. Once she transferred to Moorhead State, she settled on just two.

Itimately, basketball wound up opening other doors for Thompson.

After her senior season at Moorhead State, she signed to play professionally in Luxembourg for a year. She also spent a summer playing on the early WNBA exhibition circuit.

But in the fall of 1992, Thompson finished her student teaching, getting her license to teach social studies. She began teaching at Buffalo High School in the fall of 1993, where she also was named head girls basketball coach. She also coached ninth-grade softball.

KRIS (DECLERK) THOMPSON 2022 WAHS Athletic Hall of Fame

EDUCATION: Windom Area High School, 1988; University of Minnesota-Crookston, 1 year; Moorhead State University, 1993 graduate.

FAMILY: Husband, Donnie; Son, Hunter (25); Daughter, Taylor (22)

CURRENT HOMETOWN: Buffalo.

OCCUPATION: Assistant Principal, Buffalo High School; Lead Administrator, Phoenix Learning Center.

HALL OF FAME RESUME: Volleyball

 Letterwinner: 1985, 1986, 1987 • All-Southwest Conference: 1987

Basketball • Letterwinner: 1986, 1987, 1988

• All-SWC Honorable Mention: 1986 · All-Southwest Conference: 1987, 1988 • Daily Globe All-Area: 1988

Team MVP, 1988. Averaged 18.2 points and 11.8

rebounds. Softball

• Letterwinner: 1987, 1988

All-District Team: 1988

Other honors

- · All-NSIC and NAIA All-American in basketball at Moorhead State. • Still holds single-season scoring record at MSU-Moorhead and is fourth on career scoring list.
- Played in two NAIA National Tournaments in volleyball at Moorhead
- · Played one year of professional basketball in Luxembourg and played
- on the early WNBA exhibition circuit in 1992.
- · Was former head girls basketball coach at Buffalo High School.

"I always figured that I'd get my teaching license, teach and coach a few years and that I'd be coaching college basketball somewhere shortly after that," Thompson said. "But I found that I loved teaching. I've been in Buffalo for almost 30 years

"I eventually became an assistant principal. I also had the opportunity to serve on the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors, which was a very rewarding experience to give back to high school sports. And as an administrator, I'm seeing some of the children of girls who played for me walking the halls of Buffalo High School, which is quite an experience."

She and her husband, Donnie, have been busy. Donnie is an assistant principal at St. Francis High School, where he is a former head

baseball coach. Their son, Hunter, played football at St. Scholastica and is getting married in the summer. Daughter, Taylor, is finishing her senior year playing hockey at St. Scholastica.

(1988)

Both her children wound up being hockey players, rather than playing basket-

"I blame the babysitter for that one," Thompson joked. "When the kids were young, their babysitter was a girl who played on the boys hockey team at Buffalo. She went on to be the goalie on the first women's hockey team at the University of Wisconsin, and she convinced them both to play hockey."

Thompson said she is looking forward to returning to Windom for the induction ceremony Thursday and visiting with classmates and former coaches.



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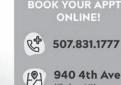
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Micah **Holmberg**



Sport: WML Cobras Wrestling Year: Senior

Parents: Jim and Sue Ellen Holmberg

Micah recorded falls in all three of the Cobras' matches at Friday's New Ulm quadrangular.

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New Ulm.

The Cobras opened with a 45-18 loss to Glencoe-Silver Lake-Lester Prairie. then dropped a 54-18 decision to New Ulm before falling 47-30 to

Redwood Valley.

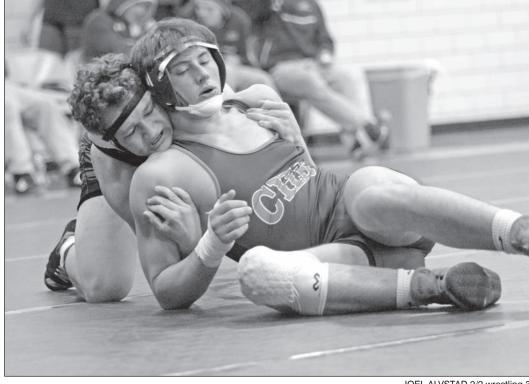
In the opener against GSLLP, the Cobras had falls from Aiden Holmberg (120), Caden Swoboda (138) and Micah Holmberg (182).

Against New Ulm, the Cobras had falls from Eagan Maras (145) and Micah Holmberg (182). Jared Hunter (113) and Swoboda (138) won by decision.

Against Redwood Valley, the Cobras had falls from Kameron Koerner (113), Swoboda (138), Montgomery Bjorklund (152) and Micah Holmberg (182). WML added

a forfeit victory. GSLLP 45, WML 18

106: Brayden Linsmeier (G) dec. Matthew Voehl 6-2. 113: Brody Ruschmeier (G) dec. Jared Hunter 11-4. 120: Aiden Holmberg (W) pin Jackson Wischnack 3:32. 126: Kyle Hagen (G) forfeit. 132: Dylan Bargmann (G) dec. Noah Holmberg 15-13. 138: Caden Swoboda (W) pin Dawson Varpness 0:27. 145: Mason Schilling (G) pin Eagan Maras 2:34. 152: Double



JOEL ALVSTAD 2/2 wrestling 367 MICAH HOLMBERG tries a chin drop during the Cobras' recent match against Canby. Holmberg recorded three falls in last week's New Ulm quadrangular.

forfeit. 160: Jace Cacka (G) pin Montgomery Bjorklund 0:56, 170: Keegan Lemke (G) pin Matthew Ekstrom 1:10. 182: Micah Holmberg (W) pin Jack Cacka 0:42. 195: Aaron Higgins (G) forfeit. 220: Riley Butcher (G) pin Cyrus Bjorklund 0:19. 285: Double forfeit.

New Ulm 54. WML 18

106: Alex Portner (N) dec. Matthew Voehl 6-5. 113: Jared Hunter (W) dec. Tegan Kral 9-4. 120: Parker Kamm (N) pin Aiden Holmberg 1:39, 126: Logan Lee (N) forfeit. 132: Winsten Nienhaus (N) TF Noah Holm-

berg 18-3. 138: Caden Swoboda (W) dec. Marqavion Haefner 5-0. 145: Eagan Maras (W) pin Jamisen Frederickson 2:51. 152: Wyatt Pollard (N) MD Montgomery Bjorklund 9-1. 160: Ryant Wiltscheck (N) forfeit. 170: Ty Frederick (N) pin Matthew Ekstrom 1:57. 182: Micah Holmberg (W) pin Ethan Lieb 0:45. 195: Dylen Carreon (N) forfeit. 220: Julian Hernandez (N) pin Cyrus Bjorklund 0:21. 285: Jaden Drill (N) forfeit.

Redwood Valley 47, WML 30 106: Lucas Fuhr (R) TF Robinson Parades 18-3. 113: Karneron Koerner (W) pin Garet Larsen 4:09.
120: Gavin Brandt (R) pin Jared Hunter 0:32. 126:
Austin Ourada (R) dec. Aiden Holmberg 7-5. 132:
Jordan Matson (R) dec. Noah Holmberg 11-4. 138:
Caden Swoboda (W) pin Zac Guggisberg 1:41. 145:
Lincoln Ourada (R) pin Eagan Maras 6:50 in OT. 152:
Montgomery Bjorklund (W) pin Axel Uhlenkamp 0:48.
160: James Hennen (R) forfeit. 170: Matt Zeug (R) pin Matthew Ekstrom 0:54. 182: Micah Holmberg (W) pin Austin Altmann 2:08. 195: Brode Lydick (R) forfeit.
220: Griffin Evans (R) forfeit. 285: Cyrus Bjorklund (W) forfeit.

Wolverines rally past Rebels Monday

Monday night, the Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey boys basketball team decided that turnabout would be fair play against Murray County Central.

The Rebels ■STANDINGS stifled the RED ROCK Wolverine **BOYS BB** offense in

the first half MLAC (14-4)..10 with a trap-SWC (15-4).....9 ping 2-3 zone MCC (10-10) ...7 defense. In the HBC (8-8)6 second half, the Wolver-Adr/Ell (3-13)...2 ines used the Edg (0-15) 0 10 same tactic,

rallying from a four-point deficit for a 61-53 win at Mt. Lake.

'Their defense really gave us a hard time in the first half," MLAC Coach Shawn Naas said. "But in the second half, we switched to a zone defense, forced some turnovers and were able to turn those into points."

MLAC quickly tied the game to start the second half then slowly worked its way into the lead by trapping the Rebels and forcing tough

The Wolverines were able to expand the lead despite a shaky night from the free throw line.

'We're still missing too many free throws," Naas said. "It would have been a

Area Boys Basketball Schedule Thursday - RRC at Edgerton, 6 p.m.; WWG at MCC (Slayton), 6 p.m.

Friday — SWC at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 7:30 p.m.; WWG at Springfield, 6 p.m. Saturday — MLAC at Madelia, 11:15 a.m.;

RTR at RRC (Lamberton), 5 p.m. Tuesday — MLAC at RRC (Lamberton), 6 p.m.; SWC at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

much more comfortable lead for us in the second half if we would have been able to score from the line.'

Carter Olson led the Wolverines with 20 points. Kolby Kremmin and Ashton Toll each scored 12 points.

MCC (FG-FT-TP): Graphenteen 3-2-10; Paulzine 1-0-3; Dierks 2-2-7; Tentinger 6-1-13; Hoekman 2-0-4; Kleven 5-2-12; Mitchell 2-0-4; Engelkes 0-0-0. FG: 21-52 (40%). FT: 7-14 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 4-18 (22%—Graphenteen 2, Paulzine, Dierks). Fouls: 19. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 25. TOs: 17. MLAC (FG-FT-TP): Khamvongsa 1-4-7; Kremmin 4-2-12; Oakland 0-0-0; KoWassman 1-0-2; Olson 9-1-20; Toll 5-2-12; KaWassman 1-1-3; Kleven 2-1-5; Karschnik 0-0-0. FG: 23-44 (52%). FT: 11-20 (55%). 3PL FG: 4-13 (30% — Khamvongsa, Kremmin 2, 0l-son). Fouls: 18. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 31. TOs: 16.

Hot start lifts Wolverines

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey started hot from the field Friday night and cruised to a 62-44 victory over Edgerton at Mt. Lake.

The Wolverines hit seven three-pointers in the first half, building a 15-point halftime advantage.

The Dutchmen battled to cut the deficit to 10 in the second half, but the Wolverines were able to hold off

any further rally from the visitors.

Carter Olson paced the Wolverines with 23 points. Kolby Kremmin added 15 points in the win.

Edgerton MI AC

Edgerton (FG-FT-TP): Schultz 0-0-0; CBootsma 1-2-4; ABootsma 1-0-2; JacFischer 5-2-14; Buckridge 4-2-12; JarFischer 5-2-12; Carrera 0-0-0. FG: 16-42 (38%). FT: 8-14 (57%). 3Pt. FG: 4-15 (26% — Jac. Fischer 2, Buckridge 2). Fouls: 15. Fouled out: JacFischer. Rebs: 31. TOs: 27.

MLAC (FG-FT-FP): Kharnwongsa 2-0-5; Kremmin 6-0-15; Oakland 1-0-3; KoWassman 0-0-0; Olson 8-4-23; Toll 1-3-5; Lopez 0-0-0; Moody 0-0-0; KaWassman 2-2-6; Penner 0-0-0; Kleven 2-1-5; Karschnik 0-0-0. FG: 22-58 (37%). FF: 10-17 (58%). 3Pt. FG: 8-24 (33%—Kharwongsa, Kremmin 3, Oakland, Olson 3). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 29. TOs: 15.

Patriots top Falcons

Red Rock Central's offense struggled to get going in the first half Friday night, which allowed Hills-Beaver Creek to take a commanding early lead on its way to a 64-48 victory at Hills.

The Falcons were held to six field goals in the first half, shooting 27% from the field. That allowed HBC to race to a 14-point halftime cushion.

RRC tried to battle back in the second half but continued to struggle from the field, finishing the game at

Ashton Juhnke paced the Falcons with 14 points. Joe Strock added 11 points in the

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Simonson 4-0-8; Jackson 0-0-0;

AJuhnke 4-4-14; Holmen 2-0-5; Hansen 1-0-2; Hensch 1-0-2; Strock 3-4-11; Lang 1-0-2; Arkell 2-0-4; Tuhnke 0-0-0. FG: 17-43 (32%). FT: 10-14 (71%). 3Pt. FG: 4-14 (29% — AJuhnke 2, Holmen, Strock). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 37. TOs: 17. HBC (FG-FT-FT): Baker 6-3-15; Deelstra 4-3-12; Raymon 2-0-5; Harnack 1-0-3; Pap 1-0-2; Leenderts 2-0-5; Bundesen 8-0-18; Gehrke 0-0-0; Metzger 0-0-0; Taubert 0-0-0; Tatge 0-1-1; Durst 1-1-3; Scholten 0-0-0; Wiersma 0-0-0. FG: 25-59 (42%). FT: 8-12 (67%). 3Pt. FG: 6-23 (26% — Deelstra, Raymon, Harnack, Leenderts, Bundesen 2). Fouls: 17. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 38. TOs: 10.

Pats surge past WWG

Westbrook-Walnut Grove couldn't keep pace in the second half Thursday night, dropping a 73-62 decision to Hills-Beaver Creek at Westbrook.

The Chargers trailed by two at halftime, but hot shooting from HBC in the second half propelled the Patriots to victory.

HBC shot 55% from the field for the game, including 44% from three-point range.

Cole VanDeWiele and Dan Kleven each scored 16 points for the Chargers. Kole Curry added 11 points.

HBC (FG-FT-TP): Baker 7-5-20; Deelstra 7-0-15; Raymon 0-0-0; Harnack 1-0-3; Leenderts 8-1-21; Bundesen 4-1-10; Metzger 0-0-0; Durst 2-0-4. F6: 29-53 (55%). FT: 7-12 (58%). 3Pt. FG: 8-18 (44% — Baker, 19-18). Hendesen 1-18 (19-18). Fouls: 12. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 27. TOs: 11.

Chargers fall to HLOF

Westbrook-Walnut Grove went cold in the second half JOEL ALVSTAD 2/9 boys basketball 62

DAMON KHAMVONGSA shakes to fake out an Edgerton defender during Friday's game in Mt. Lake. The Wolverine boys picked up a victory over the Dutchmen Friday.

Wednesday afternoon, which allowed Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda to rally for a 57-51 victory.

The game was the resumption of a game that had been suspended due to a medical emergency with an official. The game originally started in Fulda, but was finished Wednesday in Okabena.

When the game resumed, WWG held a 24-14 lead with 1:48 to go in the first half. The rest of the first half was played, with the game then continuing immediately with essentially a time out serving as halftime.

In the second half, HLOF hit seven three-pointers and went 8-of-12 from the line, outscoring WWG 39-27 over the final 18 minutes to secure the win.

Austin Parker led the Chargers with 18 points. Cole VanDeWiele added 16 points in the loss.

WWG (FG-F1-TP): AnVue 0-0-0; AdVue 0-0-0; Curry 2-0-4; Knudson 1-0-2; Parker 7-4-18; Ross 2-0-4; VanDeWiele 6-1-16; Kleven 2-1-5; Marsh 1-02- FG: 1.Fr. 6-12 (50%), 3Pr. FG: 3 (VanDeWiele 3). Fouls: 15. Fouled out: Ross, Kleven. Rebs: na. 70s: na. 10s: na. HLOF (F6-FT-TP): King 2-0-6; Christoffers 0-0-0; Murphy 3-0-8; CDrent 6-4-17; Salentiny 1-1-4; SDrent 6-4-20; Gass 0-0-0; Hattendorf 1-0-2. F6: 19. F7: 9-14 (64%). 3Pt. F6: 10 (King 2, Murphy 2, CDrent, Salentiny, SDrent 4). Fouls: 13. Fouled out: None. Rebs: na. TOs: na.

Saints shoot past Wolverines Monday; Falcons hold off Cougars

The Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey girls basketball team ran into a squad that was red hot on its own floor Monday in St. James.

■ STANDINGS RED ROCK **GIRLS BB**

Team SWC (15-5)....12 HBC (9-9)8 Edg (10-6)8 tory over the WWG (9-10).....5 HLOF (10-11)...5 Adr/EII (4-13)...3 MCC (1-16) 0 11

The Saints drained 10 three-pointers as a team and shot its way to an 80-60 vic-

Wolverines. St. James attacked the lane early in the game, getting MLAC

into some early foul trouble. That allowed the Saints to build a 17-point halftime cushion.

In the second half, the Wolverines tried to mount a rally, doing some attacking of the lane of its own. MLAC went 12-of-13 from the line in the second half.

But every Wolverine rally was answered with a Saint three-pointer, as St. James drained six treys late.

Brooke Naas led MLAC with 24 points. Jaci Tollefson scored 12 points.

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Friday — SWC at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 6 p.m.; RRC at MCC (Slayton), 6 p.m.; Adrian-Ellsworth at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m. Saturday --- YME at WWG (Westbrook), 3 p.m.

Area Girls Basketball Schedule

Monday -- MLAC at HLOF (Fulda), 6 p.m.; RRC at AE (Adrian), 6 p.m.; Edgerton at WWG (Westbrook), 6 p.m.

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): JBrinkman 3-0-6; ABrinkman 1-0-2; Tollefson 3-6-12; Sayavong 0-0-0; Janzen 2-2-6; Green 2-3-7; Schroeder 1-0-3; Rete 0-0-0; Hoek 0-0-0; Naas 7-8-24. FG: 19. FT: 19-22 (86%). 3Pt. FG: 3 (Schroeder, Naas 2). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: na. 70s: na.

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7-05-11a. 705-11a. SJ (FG-FT-TP): JoSwanson 7-0-18; JaSwanson 3-0-8; LSwanson 4-0-10; Haler 1-2-4; Mohlenbrock 1-0-3; Malmgren 4-5-13; Sodeman 7-7-22; Whitney 1-0-2. FG: 28. FT: 14-18 (78%). 3Pt. FG: 10 (JoSwanson 4, JaSwanson 2, LSwanson 2, Mohlenbrock, Sodeman) Fouls: 18. Fouled out: None. Rebs: na. TOs: na.

Falcons sink Cougars

Red Rock Central was able to control the lane Saturday, leading to a 50-36 victory over Cedar Mountain in Morgan.

The Falcons held a 13-point halftime lead behind a good inside-outside game. In the second half, the Falcons pounded the ball inside, scoring all but four of their points as a result of interior shots.

Karli Arkell led the Falcons with 19 points, 13 in the first half. Sondra Rindfleisch

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scored 10 of her 14 in the

second half.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Horning 0-2-2; DeCock 1-0-3; Stavnes 4-2-12; Hubin 0-0-0; Rindfleisch 4-6-14; Hemmingsen 0-0-0; Arkell 9-0-19; FG: 18-62 (295; FT: 10-17 (59%). 3Pt. FG: 4-22 (18% — DeCock, Stavnes 2, Arkell). Fouls: 8. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 47, 70:+14

CM (FG-FT-IP): Baringer 0-1-1; Steffi 2-1-5; Bloemke 1-0-2; Wetter 2-0-4; Larsen 2-1-5; Sandgren 7-1-15; Hacker 2-0-4, FG: 16-5; C9%, FF: 48; 650%, 39; FG: 0-15 (0%). Fouls: 13. Fouled out: Hacker. Rebs: 27, 70-16;

Chargers roll to victory

Westbrook-Walnut Grove turned in a dominant defensive effort Friday, rolling to a 62-27 win over Cedar Mountain in Morgan.

The Chargers held the Cougars to five field goals and 11 points in the first half.

WWG also had the hot hand from outside, hitting 11 three-pointers as a team.

Amelia Sikel led WWG with 21 points in the win. Isabel Klumper chipped in 17 points.

WWG (FG-FT-TP): Jenniges 3-0-9; Klumper 5-5-17; Wahl 3-0-6; Parker 2-1-7; DeSmith 0-0-0; Sikel 7-3-21; Ross 0-0-0; Carter 1-0-2; Knakmuhs 0-0-0; Vue 0-0-0. FG: 21-56 (38%). FT: 9-14 (64%). 3Pt. FG: 11-26 (42% — Jenniges 3, Klumper 2, Parker 2, Sikel 4). Fouls: 8. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 38. TOs: 14. CM (FG-FT-TP): Baringer 0-0-0; Steffl 4-1-9; Bloemke 0-0-0; Heiling 0-0-0; Wetter 0-0-0; Larsen 2-0-4; Sandgren 4-0-8; Hacker 2-2-6. FG: 12-45 (27%). FT:

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3-6 (50%). 3Pt. FG: 0-15 (0%). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 30. TOs: 23.

Patriots race past RRC

Hills-Beaver Creek roared to life, offensively, in the second half Friday night, racing to a 63-49 victory over Red Rock Central at Hills.

RRC held a nine-point halftime lead, but HBC found its touch from the outside in the second half. The Patriots hit nine three-pointers in the game, with nearly all coming after halftime.

RRC had a ragged night from the free throw line and committed 23 turnovers, which combined to allow HBC to rally after halftime.

Karli Arkell led RRC with 18 points. Lilly Stavnes added 11 in the loss.

RRC (FG-FT-TP): Horning 1-0-2; DeCock 3-0-8; Amsden 1-0-3; Stavnes 4-0-11; Hubin 1-0-3; Rindfleisch 2-0-4; Hemmingsen 0-0-0; Arkell 6-6-18. FG: 18-49 (37%). FT: 6-18 (33%). 3Pt. FG: 7-26 (27% — DeCock HBC (FG-FT-TP): Fick 8-5-25; Rauk 1-0-3; Deelstra 4-3-12; Voss 2-3-7; Bork 0-0-0; Steinhoff 2-0-4; Elbers 0-0-0; Moser 1-0-2: Haris 3-1-10. FG: 21-57 (37%). FT: 12-23 (52%). 3Pt. FG: 9-26 (35%—Fick 4, Rauk, Deelstra, Harris 3). Fouls: 16. Fouled out: Moser. Rebs: 40. TOs: 15.

Free throws sink MLAC

Adrian-Ellsworth's Claire Popkes hit two free throws with no time left on the clock Thursday, lifting the Dragons to a 46-45 victory over Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey at Ellsworth.

The Dragons rallied from an 11-point halftime deficit by going 12-of-13 from the line in the second half and ending the game with a 9-4

MLAC was held to 14 second-half points and went 5-of-11 from the line in the second half.

Brooke Naas led the Wolverines with 23 points. Jaci Tollefson finished with 13 points.

MLAC Adrian-Ellsworth ..

MLAC (FG-FT-TP): JBrinkman 1-0-3; ABrinkman 0-0-0; Tollefson 3-7-13; Janzen 0-0-0; Green 0-0-0 Schroeder 2-0-6; Hoek 0-0-0; Naas 9-3-23. I (32%). FT: 10-17 (59%). 3Pt. FG: 5-14 (36%) man, Schroeder 2, Naas 2). Fouls: 14. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 29. TOs: 21.

Chargers top Patriots

Westbrook-Walnut Grove was able to make hay from the free throw line late Thursday, hanging on for a 49-43 victory over Hills-Beaver Creek at Westbrook.

The Chargers led by nine at halftime before HBC mounted a rally with three second-half three-pointers.

But WWG outscored the Patriots 9-1 from the free throw line in the game and scored five of their final

eight points from the line. Amelia Sikel led WWG with 19 points. Addeson Jenniges added 10 points.

HBC (FG-FT-TP): Fick 4-0-10; Rauk 1-0-3; LDeelstra 2-0-6; Voss 3-1-7; Bork 0-0-0; Steinhoff 1-0-2; ODeelstra 0-0-0; Elbers 3-0-7; Moser 4-0-8; Harris 0-0-0. FG: 18-52 (35%), 7T. 1-4 (25%), 3Pt. FG: 6-27 (22%—Fick 2, Rauk, LDeelstra 2, Elbers). Fouls: 15. WWG (FG-FT-IP): Jenniges 4-0-10; Klumper 3-3-9; Parker 2-0-5; DeSmith 0-1-1; Sikel 7-4-19; Carter 2-1. 5; Knakmults 0-0-0. Fc: 18-46 (39%). Fr: 9-17 (53%). 3Pt. FG: 4-20 (20% — Jenniges 2, Parker, Sikel). Fouls 9. Fouled out: None. Rebs: 27. TOs: 8.

WINDOM CHAMBER • FEBRUARY

The Windom Chamber will host monthly Member 2 Member spotlights, where we feature like-minded chamber member businesses on social media, KDOM radio and in the Cottonwood County Citizen. This month, we sat down with two businesses in the travel and lodging industry.

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Built in 2018, the Americann is a lodging staple for Windom visitors and natives. It has a pool, fitness facility, beer/wine dining, and daily hot breakfast. Kathryne Wood, General Manager, told us that every month last year was a busy season. After things opened up post-Covid, they had tons of weddings. "We had weddings every weekend, all the time.



Best time to travel? It depends, Kathryne shared. "Summertime is the best." However, for winter sports enthusiasts, the Americann makes traveling in the winter a whole lot easier. "We are your one-stop-shop." Their pool, breakfast, and commons areas cater to hockey or basketball teams, for example. If you add up the cost of eating off-site even for a breakfast meal, traveling can become pretty expensive. We're grateful for affordable options like Americann in our small town!

THE TRAVEL PLACE, TAMMY BOERST

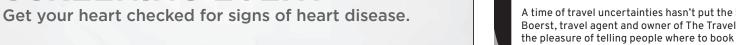
A time of travel uncertainties hasn't put the brakes on for Tammy the pleasure of telling people where to book vacations, year after year. "Who can have a better business than that?" she told us with a big smile. The Travel Place helps families book airline flights, reserve Amtrak tickets and plan complete travel packages, not



Best time to travel? "Winter," Tammy told us, when folks want to get out of the cold. Unfortunately, the pandemic has caused lots of trip cancellations and insurance complications. The benefit of going through a travel agent? "I search and know what to look for for your complete package," Tammy shared. She takes the guesswork out of booking trips and snags hard-to-find discounts. In December, she booked a family a Christmas Eve vacation to Cabo San Lucas in just minutes. June 1. 2021, marked her work anniversary. "I've been doing this for 40 years." We're glad to have expert agents like Tammy in our community!



Watch for the video interviews with the businesses above on the Windom Chamber Facebook page.



Boerst, travel agent and owner of The Travel Place. Tammy has iust in the U.S., but all over the world.



Falcons go 2-1 in matches last week

Red Rock Central couldn't keep pace with Canby Friday night, as the Lancers rolled to a 60-9 victory at Lamber-

The Falcons were held to two victories out of the 14 weight classes.

Keaton Skarupa (220) picked up RRC's only fall of the night, while Evan Bartholomaus (126) won by decision.

RRC takes part in a quadrangular Thursday in Jackson, then closes the season with another quadrangular Friday in Madelia.

Canby 60, RRC 9

106: Eli Greenman (C) pin Marshall Willhite 1:24. 113: Isaac Guzman (C) forfeit. 120: Tallen Merritt (C) forfeit. 126: Evan Bartholomaus (R) dec. Brodryck Gravdal 12-8. 132: Sam Drietz (C) dec. Carter Beranek 5-0. 138: Lane Fink (C) pin Zak Zimmerman 3:26. 145: Lincoln Fink (C) pin Andrew Pankonin 1:35. 152: Sawyer Verhelst (C) pin Bode Determan 0:50. 160: Nick Wagner (C) pin Jacob Amsden 0:55. 170: Alan Malanado (C) forfeit. 182: Double forfeit. 195: Parker Verhelst (C) pin Austin Cowan 1:44. 220: Keaton Skarupa (R) pin Wesley Verhelst 0:14. 285: Gavin Noyes (C) dec. Gavin Hesse 5-3.

Falcons earn sweep

Red Rock Central picked up a sweep of a triangular Thursday in Springfield, defeating Norwood-Young America 37-27 and topping Springfield 36-33.

In the opener, the Falcons fell behind 15-0 early, but

won five of the final six weight classes.

Against NYA, the Falcons had falls from Evan Bartholomaus (126), Jacob Amsden (160) and Austin Cowan (182). Keaton Skarupa (195) won by major decision and Zak Zimmerman (132) won by decision. RRC received two forfeits.

Against Springfield, the Falcons' lone fall was from Carter Beranek (138). Marshall Willhite (106), Bode Determan (145), Amsden (152) and Skarupa (220) added decision wins. RRC

also received three forfeits.

RRC 37, Norwood-Young America 27

106: Nate Venske (N) dec. Marshall Willhite 6-4. 113: Gabriel Michels (N) forfeit. 120: Colin Degn (N) forfeit. 126: Evan Bartholomaus (R) pin Nick Ojeda 3:23. 132: Zak Zimmerman (R) dec. Caleb Michels 13-6. 138: Reese Lentsch (N) dec. Carter Beranek 6-0. 145: Ro Heese Lettisch (N) dec. Catter berähek 0-. 149: Norman Holland (N) dec. Bode Determan 2-0. 152: Carter Storms (N) forfeit. 160: Jacob Amsden (R) pin Bryce Urness 1:09. 170: Vander Mathiowetz (R) prieti. 182: Austin Cowan (R) pin Tanner Neubarth 3:40. 195: Keaton Skarupa (R) MD Lucas Urness 17-8. 220: Double forfeit. 285: Gavin Hesse (R) forfeit

106: Marshall Willhite (R) dec. Nicholas Groebner 6-4. 113: Will Schmidt (S) forfeit. 120: Jonah Skarupa (R) forfeit. 126: Wyatt Schmidt (S) dec. Evan Bartholomaus 3-2. 132: Zak Zimmerman (R) forfeit. 138: Carter Beranek (R) pin Kody Bast 3:19. 145: Bode Determan (R) dec. Paytin Johnson 1-0. 152: Jacob Amsden (R) dec. Alex Moudry 9-2. 160: Ashtin Johnson (S) forfeit. 170: Vander Mathiowetz (R) forfeit. 182: Damian Honeman (S) pin Austin Cowan 4:48. 195: Mitchell Streich (S) forfeit. 220: Keaton Skarupa (R) dec. Sam Rummel 3-1. 285: Shane Skarupa (R) dec. Sam Rummel 3-1. **285**: Shane Clemon (S) forfeit.

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(689— Feb. 9, 16, 2022)

CITY OF WILDER NOTICE OF HEARING ON VACATING OF STREET

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE **Rural Development** Red Rock Rural Water

System: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utility Service, USDA Rural Development

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utility Service (RUS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to Red Rock Rural Water System (RRRWS) for the construction of the Lakes Area Expansion Project in Cottonwood & Murray Counties,

Minnesota. **FURTHER** INFORMA-TION: To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Edward Gilmore, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development, 1810 30th ST NW Faribault MN 55021, 507-332-7418, edward.gilmore@usda.gov. The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at Red Rock Rural Water System 305 W Whited St. Jeffers, MN 56145.

SUPPLEMENTARY IN-**FORMATION:** The proposed project consists of providing rural water service to new rural customers located on the shores of Lake Shetek and Lake Sarah, rural users in Murray County, and the city of Avoca. This project is referred to as the Lakes Area Expansion Project. The expansion area includes the townships of Lake Sarah, Shetek, Mason, Murray, Slayton, Lime Lake, Des Moines River, Bondin, and Belfast in Murray County. Water for the new members will be provided from a combination of RRRWS's current Lake Augusta water source and the new Lindstrom water source. The Lindstrom water source is located 5 miles east of the city of Avoca and will be developed as a part of this project. Water from the Lindstrom Source will be delivered to an elevated tank located west of Lake Shetek, which will serve the

homes. The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): Cottonwood County Citizen on January 12, 2022, and January 19, 2022; Murray County Wheel Herald on January 17, 2022, and January 24, 2022. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notices. The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office as well as the RRRWS office. No public comments were received.

rural area as well as the lake

Based on its EA, commitments made by RRRWS, and no public comments received, RUS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low- income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RUS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RUS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RUS's federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: February 9, 2022 (691—Feb. 9, 2022)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERI- FICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PRO-VIDED BY LAW IS NOT AF-FECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 30, 2009

MORTGAGOR: Debra R. Desorbo and Thomas R. Desorbo, wife and husband.

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICA-TION NUMBER ON MORT-GAGE: 100052211010249652

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Franklin American Mortgage Company

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

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 25.160.0500

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROP-ERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$77,838.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORT-GAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-SIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-UTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRO-DUCTION, ANDARE ABAN-DONED."

Dated: January 31, 2022 Lakeview Loan Servicing,

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 37 - 20-002945 FC

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(692-Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2022)











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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION January 18, 2022 Cottonwood County **Board of Commissioners**

Regular Meeting The Board of Commissioners met at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Larry Anderson, Tom Appel, Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, Kevin Stevens; County Attorney Nick Anderson, County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/ Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Representative Rod Hamilton, Irvin Plotz, Kyle Pillatzki, Kelly Smith, Cory Bartsch, Craig Myers, Travis Winters, and Joel Alvstad.

Routine Items—approved

by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to approve the agenda as amended; to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 regular meeting; to approve January warrants in the amount of \$165,632.22 and broken down as follows: County Revenue Fund -\$98,526.12, Long Term Capital Outlay—\$1,359.98, County Building Fund—\$213.50, Road and Bridge Fund—\$28,859.15, Waste Abatement/Score Fund—\$420.00, Landfill Enterprise Fund — \$36,253.47; adjournment.

Personnel Items — approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to post internally and advertise for a full-time IS Technician; to move Dolf Svoboda II to permanent full-time status as a Jailer/Dispatcher effective February 1, 2022; to accept Todd Dibble's retirement resignation effective April 29, 2022 with appropriate payout of benefits; to post internally and begin advertising for a full-time (32 hours/week) Veterans Service Officer; to allow Sheli Fast, Legal Secretary, to move to the Phased Retirement Option (PRO) after March 19, 2022 and to begin working on a part-time basis; to hire Nickolas Nolt as full-time Jailer/Dispatcher, Brandon Rivera as part-time Jailer/Dispatcher, and Caden Wiens as part-time Jailer/ Dispatcher, all on Range 11, Step A (\$20.61/hour), pending successful completion of all

hiring requirements; to allow Tyann Galer to transfer from full-time Jailer/Dispatcher to the full-time Legal Secretary position at the rate of \$22.52 per hour; to move Craig Borsgard, temporary, part-time custodian, to \$14.25 per hour (3rd year seasonal) effective January 17, 2022; to declare that the County offices were officially closed at Noon on January 14, 2022, due to the inclement weather conditions and in accordance with County Policy No. 420; to accept the resignation from Lonn Engler, full-time Heavy Equipment Operator, effective February 4, 2022, with appropriate payout of benefits; to post internally and advertise for the full-time position of

Heavy Equipment Operator. **Additional Action Items**

approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to accept the bid from S.E.H. for the design of Bridge 17501 in an amount not to exceed \$47,580.00; to adopt resolution 22-01-18 "County Board Support Affirming Cottonwood County's Support for Fully Funding SCORE Grants to Counties;" to reimburse Carson Township \$500 when bill is received for gravel and reshaping pending Carson Township paying the balance of \$500 owed on the \$20,000 invoiced; to accept the agreement with Jackson County for legal services; to have a zero balance of the County Sinking Ditch Fund by the end of

January 2024 and make first payment of \$97,271 in January 2022; to approve the increase of \$122,271.00 on budget line 01-061-6855; to recess as the County Board and to convene as the Ditch Authority; to accept the 2022 ditch assessments as submitted by each commissioner; to adjourn as the Ditch Authority and to reconvene as the County Board; to allow the 2021 Board Chairman, Tom Appel, accept and sign the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant Agreement as presented.

S/Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer S/Donna Gravley, **Board Chair** S/Kelly Thongvivong, **County Coordinator**

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Jackson County Libraries free movie is Feb. 18

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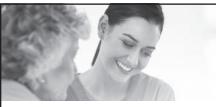
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• Two to four years supervisor/management experience in EMS including experience with employee relations, conflict resolution and critical think-

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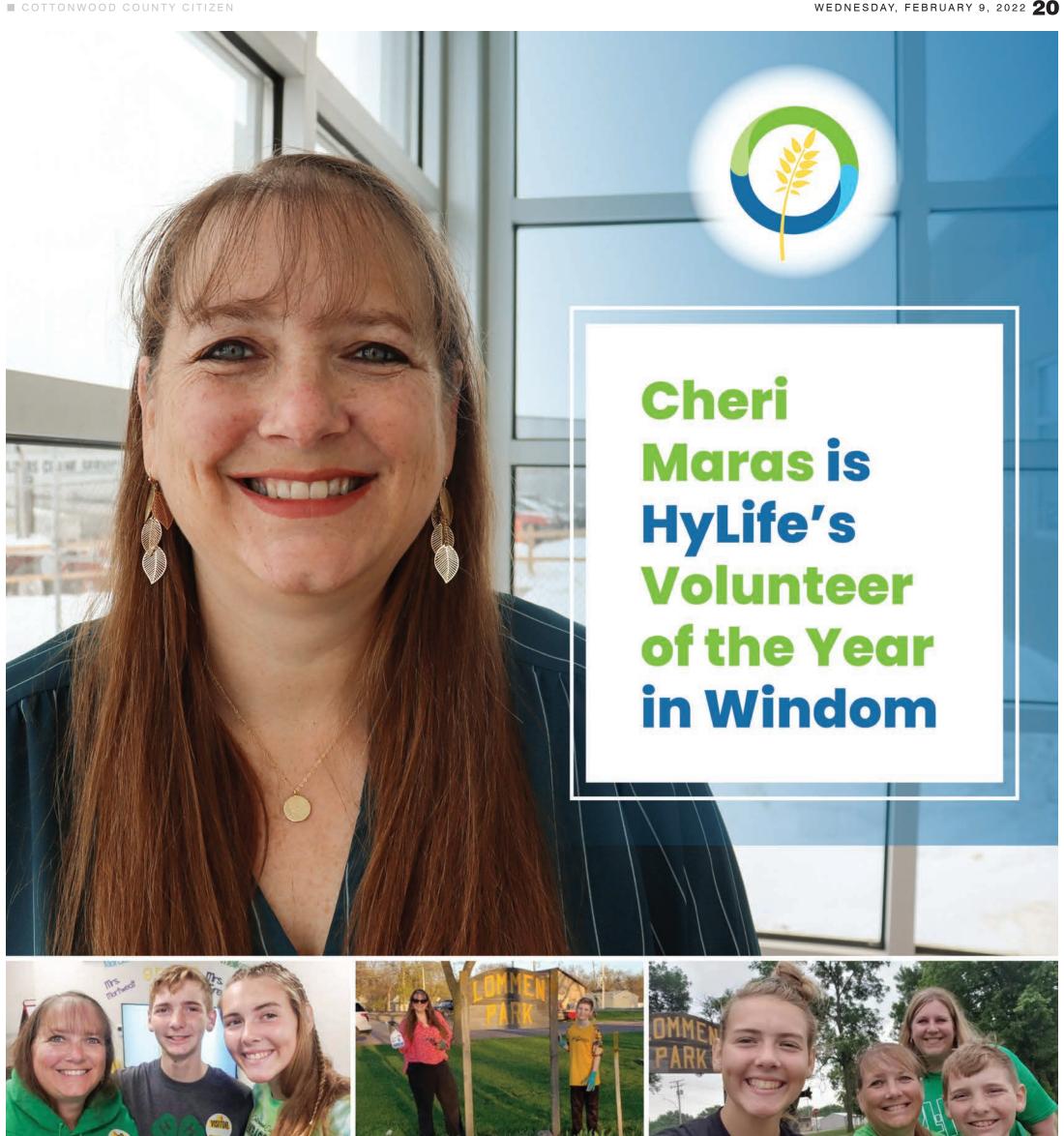
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of her community and has taken an interest volunteering at multiple organizations and groups in Windom since moving here from Mountain Lake 28 years ago. She especially enjoys her involvement with Cottonwood County 4-H, an organization that offers various accessible classes to elementary and middle/ high school aged youths, enabling them to meet and work on service projects for

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Cheri is a devoted member

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