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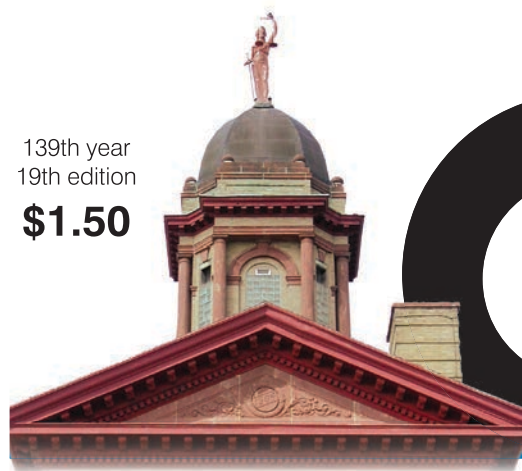
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Last Week's Results

Do you believe the Minnesota Legislature will need a special summer session to complete its work?

Yes **58%**
 No **42%**

Next Week

Do you agree with the Supreme Court's preliminary draft that would overturn Roe v. Wade?

Vote at www.windomnews.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Another cold April



If you thought April was cold, you wouldn't be mistaken.

The average high temperature for the month was 50 degrees, while the average low was 32 degrees.

The past three years, the average high has been 56 to 57 degrees and the average low from 33 to 37 degrees.

Last month, there were 15 days below 50 degrees and just four days above 60 degrees. The high temperature was 79 on April 23 and the low 20 on April 18.

Windom also saw 1.7 inches of snow and 1.77 inches of precipitation.

WEATHER

A look back . . .

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Tues.	56	35	—
Wed.	60	40	—
Thurs.	59	47	.20
Fri.	72	51	—
Sat.	75	54	—
Sun.	65	54	.21
Mon.	87	56	—

Ukrainian connection

Windom native has close ties and clear understanding of Ukrainians' plight

By LINDA MIX

According to a recent report by WCCO radio, there are approximately 17,000 Ukrainians living in Minnesota.

This does not take into account the many families who have ties with friends and relatives living in Ukraine. These are especially difficult times for these Minnesotans as the world witnesses a terrible injustice being forced on a people who are fighting to keep the freedom they deserve.

Among those with local ties is Rev. Fred Vanderwerf of Mankato who understands and has lived with the people of Ukraine. His connection is still strong and he watches as Putin tries to obliterate the people Vanderwerf grew to know and love.

A Windom native

While growing up in Windom, Fred always knew he wanted a cross cultural experience in life.

He delivered the Shopper, went to Windom Area High School and graduated with the class of 1988. From there he went on to North Central College and then worked with Campus Ministry and the Wesley Foundation at Iowa State University. But he knew he wanted to live abroad.

His dad, Gary Vanderwerf of Windom, had been to Ukraine for work and still had some contacts there. This gave Fred the idea to write to one of these people and see if he could spend time in Ukraine. They accepted him, but first, he needed to raise funds to get there.

Fred spent time on an Alaskan fishing boat and worked for Bob Lindaman and others until he finally saved the money he needed. It was 1995 and he was ready to fly to Ukraine to spend six months with a family in the town of Vinnytsia.

It was with a journalist family during his time there, that Fred knew the ministry was his calling. The family with whom he was living insisted he take language classes in Ukrainian; however, he also found himself sharing faith with people he met and decided it was time to get real training in ministry.

Entering the ministry

Fred came home and entered Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. It was there he met his future wife, Stacy. But he was going back to Russia first.

He was awarded an internship at a small church in the town of Kerch on the Crimean peninsula



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAT CHRISTMAN, MANKATO FREE PRESS
WINDOM NATIVE FRED VANDERWERF lived in Ukraine from 2000 to 2008. He still has many friends living in Ukraine.

“They just want to be a people and even though they got their independence 30 years ago, they have to keep fighting to remain free.”

REV. FRED VANDERWERF

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which was now occupied by Russians. His interest in UMC missions grew and he wanted to get involved working in the missions field.

He returned to the states, reunited with Stacy and asked her to marry him. They completed their degree studies and were invited by the United Methodist Bishop in Moscow to establish a UMC ministry in the town of Lviv in Ukraine.

Returning to Ukraine

In January of 2000, they both returned to the Ukraine to begin their journey of planting a UMC ministry in Lviv.

They enrolled in a language school and found many local people also wanted to learn

English; hence, an “English Club” was formed to help others speak English. Then, a university student ministry was created at the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

A smile crossed Fred's face when he spoke of the “students he had gotten to know” and how many had found success in various areas including attending MIT, dancing professionally and creating a software company. But the smile faded when he spoke of those still in Ukraine and their fight to remain free.

He has friends there who have stayed in subway tunnels to avoid air raids. He still has contact with them through the internet.

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Walker named new elementary asst. principal

■ The school board will seek a \$102,000 grant with iDeal Energies to install solar panels at WAMHS and WAES.

Tyson Walker, who has served as principal in the Butterfield-Odin School District the past five years, was named Windom

Area Elementary School's new assistant principal. The announcement came during Monday's regular board meeting in the Windom City Hall council chambers.

Walker was one of five finalists for the job, all of whom were interviewed by school board members, incoming superintendent Jamie Frank and newly named Elementary Principal Dane Nielsen.

Ultimately, the decision to hire Walker was made by Frank and Nielsen.

Walker will begin his duties July 1.

Retirees recognized

Three Windom Area Schools staff were recognized at the beginning of Monday's meeting for 98 years of combined school instruction.

All three will retire at the end of the

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Local tree project to begin Monday

■ The Windom Street and Parks staff will assist by drilling holes for the trees and maintaining those planted in city parks.

Starting next Wednesday, Windom will become a bit more heavily wooded.

That's when the tree planting aspect of Windom's 2022 tree program gets underway. The city street and parks department will be busy drilling holes as volunteers from the Conservation Reserve Program follow-up by planting trees in yards all over town.

In all, Windom is slated to receive 110 trees, 60 of which will be planted in residential areas and roughly 50 in the Windom Recreation Area. City crews will maintain those planted in city parks. Once the residential trees are in place, residents have agreed to pay a \$25 fee and take good care of the new trees, watering them regularly.

Funding and benefits

Although the project relies on city and county contributions, it is funded mostly through a state grant that promotes wellhead protection. Trees are great allies of clean drinking water as roots soak up plenty of storm water and the pollutants along with it.

Dave Bucklin, a tree specialist with the Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District, says the grant specifically targets

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Work begins at Kwik Trip convenience store site

■ Plans are for the new Kwik Trip convenience store to open on Sept. 9.

One of Windom's largest commercial business projects in some time is well underway at the south edge of town.

Crews are doing dirt work on the former Cenex lot near the junction of highways 60 and 71 in preparation for a new Kwik Trip convenience store.

“They move pretty quickly,” said Will Welch of Kwik Trip. “People will see progress week by week, and by Labor Day weekend it will be done. Then on Sept. 9, a week later, at 5 a.m., we will open the doors.”

Welch said the hiring

process is well underway. Paulette McNab of Fulda is the store leader.

“I would say, optimally, we will have between 40 and 50 employees,” Welch said. “We will be hiring all summer.”

The store will be what Welch describes as the latest version of Kwik Trip stores (there are over 800 stores, nationwide). At 10,000 square feet, it is much larger than the earlier versions.

“I would say it is very similar to the Kwik Trip store you see on the (Minnesota State University) campus in Mankato,” Welch said. “That was a model store where we were trying new concepts a couple of years ago. This won't be exactly the same, but there are some similar-



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THE FORMER CENEX CONVENIENCE store and service center site looks much different these days. On Sept. 9 a new Kwik Trip convenience store will open its doors at this location.

ties.”

The Windom store will be open seven days a week and 24 hours per day. It will have 10 pumps (with filling stations on each side) for gas customers, plus three diesel fuel lanes at the side of the building for semi trucks.

Also, the store will have a traditional single-lane car wash with the option of touch free, or soft touch washes.

Inside, the store will offer convenience items, plus things like vegetables, eggs, milk, bread, fruits, pastries

and much more. “We try to give exceptional guest service for each person who comes in,” Welch said. “Once they are inside,

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■ THE RECORD

Speeding: Emilee L. Adams, Minneapolis, \$140; Nathaniel C. Boyd, Duluth, \$120; Kenneth J. Johnson, St. Peter, \$220; Logan J. Jones, Sioux Falls, \$120; Charity F. Korenkiewicz, Salem, Conn., \$140; Ryinn A. Lindahl, Woodbury, \$140; Austin L. Meier, Bingham Lake, \$130; John C. Overby, Vermillion, S.D., \$220; Kathleen M. Pett-Haddock, Sioux Falls, \$140; Zoe R. Roberts, Newport, \$130; Ariel R.A. Simon, Bingham Lake, \$130; David G. Taylor, Minneapolis, \$120; Jamie K. Thoene, Ponca, Neb., \$130; Derick W. Wilterdink, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., \$130; Drayton L. Klassen, Mt. Lake, \$120; William P. Byrne, Waterville, \$140; Joshua J. Peterson, Windom, \$120.

Uninsured vehicle-driver violation: Lorri A. Wood, Westbrook, \$280.

Failure to license portable shelter when required: Alyssa M. Derickson, Windom, \$130.

Open bottle-18 or older (passenger)/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Emmanuel A. Addo, Oakdale, \$380.

No Minnesota driver's license: Miranda P. Alvaro, Worthington, \$180; Francisco P. Vasquez, Mt. Lake, \$180.

Speeding/driving after revocation: Narielle V. Bolden, St. Paul, \$420.

Duty to drive with due care: Kevin M. Carr, Sioux City, Iowa, \$120.

Hands-Free Law-access video content, images, games or software applications: Karli C. Cavness, Rushmore, \$130; Eric E. Parrish, Worthington, \$130.

Hands-Free Law-engage in cellular phone or video call: Jada M. Chester, Jeffers, \$130.

Seat belt violation: Garth C. Dammann, Sanborn, \$105; Zachery J. Leckey, Rochester, \$105; Timothy W. McCaw, Omaha, Neb., \$105.

No Minnesota driver's license/license plate not securely fastened: Hector R. Felix Ortiz, Windom, \$210.

Speeding/Hands-Free Law-second or subsequent offense: Segen D. Fissiha, Sioux Falls, \$395.

Speeding/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Edson T. Flores Bleess, Mt. Lake, \$330.

Seat belt violation/no Minnesota registration: Michael F. Johnson, Windom, \$205.

Expired registration/failure to provide appli-

cation for registration or transfer within 10 days/no proof of motor vehicle insurance: Roberto Y. Rodriguez Pupo, Houston, Texas, \$410.

Speeding/seat belt violation: Nick P. Rodriguez, Mason City, Iowa, \$155.

Speeding/instruction permit violation (18 years or older): Demarquis R. Sailes, St. Paul, \$170.

Driving after cancellation: Jiovany B.S. Soto, Fulda, \$280; inimical to public safety (gross misdemeanor): Jon I. Broden, Windom, \$580, local confinement 180 days, stay 180 days for one year, supervised probation for one year, have no same or similar violations for one year, remain law-abiding, report to agent as directed.

No Minnesota registration: Tara L. Stumpf, St. Paul, \$180.

Failure to stop for school bus: Milton L. Maldonado-Vazquez, Windom, \$580, local confinement 10 days, stay 10 days for one year, unsupervised probation for one year, no misdemeanor or greater violations for one year.

Disorderly conduct: Esther Ngirdengoll, Windom, \$480, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, supervised probation for one year, no contact with victim(s) unless approved by agent, report to agent as directed, no use or possession of alcohol, controlled substance or drugs with the exception of prescribed medications, random testing as requested by law enforcement or probation; Bonny Uleungchong, Windom, \$480, local confinement 90 days, stay 90 days for one year, supervised probation for one year, no use or possession of alcohol, controlled substance or drugs with the exception of prescribed medications, random testing, no contact with victim(s) unless victim requests contact and approved by probation, do not enter victim's residence, report to agent and sign releases of information as directed.

Speeding/failure to provide proof of insurance: Stefania Valencia, Sioux Falls, \$420.

Driving without a valid license/operate unregistered vehicle or vehicle without plates on public streets or highways: Eric J. Zongker, Omaha, Neb., \$280.

Delicious venture

JOHN GIBEAU WORKS INSIDE his new food truck, built specifically for Jo-Jo's Barbecue. In addition to operating regularly in Windom, John will do special events, such as the June 12 Riverfest community breakfast at Tegels Park.



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Gibeau turns hobby into Jo-Jo's BBQ

■ The new local food truck will operate in Windom three days per week starting in June.

Every now and then, a hobby becomes a little more than just a hobby.

That was the case for John Gibeau of Ceylon, who has become somewhat of a local fixture. Gibeau will soon become a bit more well known as he opens his new food truck business, Jo-Jo's Barbecue.

Many local residents recognize Gibeau as a longtime employee and current office manager of the Jim Johnson agency of American Family Insurance in Windom and Mt. Lake. Those who visited the recent Windom prom found him in a different setting, serving guests from inside his food truck.

"I have always had an interest in barbecue and did some competitions," Gibeau said. "I thought right now might be a time when people would appreciate having a dining option where they could do it outside."

The idea came to Gibeau during the winter of 2020-21, as he was in the hospital recovering from COVID.

"You start thinking about things you haven't done," Gibeau said. "I guess you become more motivated to do things."

Gibeau approached a business partner and learned that he would, indeed, like to be a part of this venture.

Jo-Jo's is deeply rooted in family. Its name refers to John's 8-year-old daughter,

"I thought right now might be a time when people would appreciate having a dining option where they could do it outside."

JOHN GIBEAU
OWNER OF JO-JO'S BARBECUE

Josephine. And, John's son, Ethan, has agreed to run the operation during the week.

Restaurant experience

The food business and serving customers is nothing new to Gibeau. When he was a teenager, his family owned a restaurant in Ceylon.

Gibeau started doing cooking there and also waited tables. About 10 years ago, he bought his first smoker.

"I just felt I had a knack for it," Gibeau recalled.

About four months later, he entered his first competition, placing seventh out of 40 competitors. From there, the hobby evolved.

"Your family is your guinea pigs, in some respects," Gibeau said with a grin. "I cooked for my family and made food for some others. They have enjoyed it and I think now a lot of people enjoy it. I feel like I possess a

certain skill set."

Gibeau has a staff of five, including himself and Ethan.

The business offers about 15 different products, including such things as pulled pork, pulled brisket, sliced brisket, frenched chicken legs and much more.

Area locations

Gibeau expects to set up alongside the laundromat located near Highway 60-71, across from Toro. He will also operate a few evenings at different businesses in town.

"We plan to do two or three days a week," Gibeau said. "We'll be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. We may also be open during some weekends. We will play that by ear, based on weather and what we are up to."

Jo-Jo's Barbecue will also operate at some county fairs, Riverfest, Pow Wow and other events. And, the food truck is available for graduations, weddings and various special events during the course of the year.

"Our goal has always been, since its inception, to bring a superior food product to as many people as we can connect with," Gibeau said. "We feel our smoked meat is the best in the area."

"It is not just about price, but about getting a good amount of food for a good price. We do not want people to walk away hungry. We want them to feel satisfied."

INSIDE EDGE

HyLife to sponsor Riverfest 5K event

Plans are set for a new 5K walk/run event at this year's Windom Riverfest.

Sponsored by HyLife, the "HyLife HyFive 5K Community HyLife Run"

is set for June 11 at 9 a.m. Participants are invited to either walk or run competitively in the event.

An ad in this weekend's Shopper includes registration information for the event. Anyone who signs up by May 19 will receive a free performance material event t-shirt.

Proceeds from the HyFive 5K registration go to the Windom Area Hospital Foundation.

For updates, see future editions of the Cottonwood County Citizen and Citizen eEdition.

Torkelson elected to MACO board

Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson was recently elected to the Minnesota Association of County Officers board of directors.

Also elected to the board were Doug Hansen, recording supervisor at Crow

Wing County and Vicki Doehling, Douglas County auditor treasurer. In addition, Kathy Dietz, Sibley County Recorder, was appointed to fill a one-year vacancy.

Sharon Budin, Le Sueur County recorder, was elected president of the organization for 2022.

The Minnesota Association of County Officers is comprised of county auditors, treasurers, recorders, financial officers and registrars in Minnesota. All 87 Minnesota counties are members.

Citywide cleanup set for May 21

Windom residents are already beginning to examine their household "junk items" in preparation for the May 21 citywide cleanup.

That's when the annual clean-up will be held this year.

This year, residents will get an extra break when they discard old TVs as part of the cleanup. At a recent meeting, the city council voted to give a 10% deduction for TVs. Each household can get the discount on up to two TVs.

A number of items will be recycled for free this year. Check for an ad listing those items (plus the rules) in Saturday's edition of the Shopper.

Citywide clean-ups have already been held in Jeffers and Mt. Lake. However, for residents of Westbrook and Storden there is still time to bring junk to the curb. Both of those citywide clean-ups are scheduled for May 16.

Correction

A story in last week's Citizen incorrectly reported that the Riverfest parade line-up would begin at 5 p.m. on June 11.

The parade line-up actually runs from 4-5 p.m.

■ POLICE REPORT

May 3

• 11:29 p.m. An officer told the manager of River View Apartments a resident was smoking marijuana in a nearby apartment. Upon investigation, the resident denied allegations.

• 3:06 p.m. A hit-and-run crash was reported near the intersection of ninth street and 17th street. A 2009 GMC SUV was parked and waiting in a school pickup line when an unknown silver vehicle backed into the vehicle and left the scene. The SUV, which is owned by Emily Peterson of Windom, received minor damage.

• 3:25 p.m. A resident reported their garbage container disappeared and had been missing for two weeks. Upon investigation, the container was found along the curb, across the street. Wind was a factor.

• 7:45 p.m. Officers received a report regarding concern for the welfare of a Windom man. Reports were that the man wanted to jump from a second story window. The man did not jump and the matter was resolved.

May 4

• 6:04 p.m. Officers were called to the 1500 block of River Road for a report of damage to property. Upon investigation, a 41-year-old Windom man was arrested on a probation violation and a possible charge for gross misdemeanor damage to property. After review by the county attorney, however, no charges were filed.

May 6

• 5:30 a.m. Officers received a report that a 15-year-old Windom female ran away from home. She was last seen at 4:30 a.m.

The girl was later found and reported that she had needed to go for a walk.

• 11:41 a.m. Officers were called to the 1400 block of 17th Street regarding a dog that was left outside on a patio with no food or water. Upon investigation, officers warned the dog's owner that future calls of this nature would result in citations.

• 8:47 p.m. Officers received a request from a woman about a Windom man suspected of being in her garage. Upon investigation, the man was found, but the woman chose not to press charges.

May 7

• 3:55 p.m. A resident in the 800 block of 12th Street reported finding a lawn mower in their yard. Upon investigation, the mower was taken by police for safekeeping. Anyone missing a mower can claim it at the Law Enforcement Center.

• 7:35 p.m. Officers assisted with a vehicle pursuit that started in Watonwan County and traveled through Windom on Highway 60. Windom officers remained in pursuit until the chase reached Worthington. The suspect was later apprehended in Osceola County, Iowa.

May 8

• 1:41 p.m. Officers were advised by a Windom woman that a Windom man was kicking at the front door and trying to enter her daughter's home in the 1400 block of 17th Street. Upon investigation, a 50-year-old Windom man was arrested on two warrants for second degree assault and second degree drug sale, both felonies. Possible additional charges for burglary are pending against the suspect.

• 1:02 p.m. Officers received a report of an 11-year-old boy who was missing. Earlier in the day, the boy told his parents he would go running near the high school, but never returned. The boy was located a short time later.

May 9

• 1:24 a.m. While patrolling on 16th Street, an officer observed a westbound vehicle cross the center line. Upon investigation, charges are pending against a 33-year-old Windom man for second-degree DWI, driving without a valid driver's license and operating a vehicle with expired registration. The matter is under review by the county attorney's office.

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■ SHERIFF'S REPORT

May 4

• 7:12 p.m. Cottonwood County deputies received a report by a motorist that two people appeared to be arguing while standing near a vehicle that was parked along Highway 60 near County Road 47. Upon investigation, a 34-year-old Windom man was arrested on suspicion of domestic assault.

• 8:04 p.m. A disturbance was reported in Jeffers. Upon investigation, it was determined to be a verbal argument. The parties were separated.

May 5

• 3:09 p.m. Deputies received a report of property that was not returned. The caller told police he took a vehicle to a rural residence to get repaired. The party had the vehicle for several years and now the owner wanted it back. The man was told this was a civil matter.

• 5:23 p.m. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a crash near the intersection

of County Road 8 and Highway 30, near Darfur.

May 7

• 8:16 p.m. A motorist reported seeing two vehicles parked along the side of the road on Highway 71 and the parties, who were outside the vehicle, appeared to be arguing. Upon investigation, officers located a man along the road who said he got into a verbal argument with his wife and eventually got out of the vehicle and walked away. The man's wife then drove away. Deputies took the man to Windom, where he received a ride back to his home near Alpha.

May 8

• 9:52 a.m. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a crash that occurred near the intersection of Highway 30 and County Road 7 at Westbrook.

• 12:34 p.m. Deputies assisted the Windom Police Department with the arrest of a 50-year-old man on an outstanding warrant.

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A level playing field

As Minnesota lawmakers move toward the May 23 deadline for the Minnesota Legislative Session, funding-related issues will no doubt face increasing scrutiny.

In an ideal world, the most important and logical issues should rise to the top of the list while other, more frivolous requests sink to the bottom. Too often, politics gets in the way.

This year, state lawmakers have received what we feel is a worthwhile proposal supported by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association. It is one that ultimately creates a level playing field for county attorneys in rural areas, such as ours.

Essentially, the proposal calls for the state attorney general's office to assist county attorneys in cases in the following areas: violent crime, white collar crime, financial exploitation, federal habeas corpus petitions and multi-county prosecutions of drug or human trafficking.

"The budget request will address the issue of inadequate criminal division resources for the attorney general to adequately respond to county attorneys' requests in those difficult cases," says Mark Metz, president of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association.

For years, the state attorney general's office has assisted with murders and other tough criminal cases. However, in more recent years the number of areas where the state can assist has decreased due to lack of staff.

Considering that Cottonwood County has just two attorneys

QUICK VIEWS

■ Rural county attorneys are at a disadvantage when trying human trafficking and violent crimes.

■ The solution is increased funding for criminal division of the state attorney general's office.

■ Lawmakers should cut through the politics to make this happen.

in its County Attorney's office, it sometimes has a lack of expertise in handling such cases as sex and human trafficking. In addition, prosecution of these cases can sometimes overwhelm a small office that is already up to its ears in other local prosecutions (the half-page district court results listed in last week's Citizen is a good example).

Meanwhile, the state public defender's office can bring in its most experienced defense attorneys to represent the defendants in those types of cases.

So, when it comes to trying cases related to violent crimes, drug trafficking and human trafficking the playing field is tilted toward the defendants. We hope Sen. Bill Weber of Luverne and Rep. Rod Hamilton recognize that this support from the state attorney general's office (which will obviously require a funding increase for that department) is not just a want — it is a critical need.

We urge our lawmakers to find a way to make this happen.

— Rahn Larson

The end of the Hamilton era

Minnesota's Legislative Session is slated to end May 23, which is also the final day for retiring Rep. Rod Hamilton of Mt. Lake.

To steal (and adjust) a phrase from our 37th president, "We won't have Hamilton to kick around anymore."

I say it tongue-in-cheek because we all know that if

there is one representative who does not get kicked around often, it is Hamilton. His career, which started in 2004, has been superb.

I've been in the newspaper business since 1985, officially. He is one of the best two or three state lawmakers I've had the pleasure to cover.

From an editorial standpoint, we haven't always agreed with all of Hamilton's stances. But we've always respected the way he represents his constituents — all of them.

That last part is especially meaningful to me, as an independent. Rod is a Republican and his votes mostly reflect that, but he has always put his district ahead of partisan politics.

"I represent the people of my district, first and foremost," he often said.

That was the case in 2008, when



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Rod crossed party lines on a gas tax vote which ultimately brought the 50-year Highway 60 four-lane expansion to reality.

"Just build the damn highway," Hamilton famously said at the time.

Let's not forget that Rod accomplished far more while in office. For instance, he delivered the Lewis and Clark Rural Water

System which provides a reliable source of drinking water. He also prioritized funding for our long-term care facilities, as well as funding equity for our schools and nursing homes.

I've often said everyone should take a walk through the state capitol and simply observe lawmakers. Some seem invisible, weary, self-indulgent and hardly effective. Others appear focused, tireless, outgoing — difference-makers. The best of the latter group has another great quality: they are consensus builders.

I've always said, "Give me the consensus builders and difference-makers, regardless of party. They make great things happen while serving all of us."

I've seen Rod in action at the state capitol. He checks every box.

Rod Hamilton will be greatly missed — by all of us.

OUR READERS RESPOND

What is your favorite piece of playground equipment at Windom Area Elementary?

Paisly Henderson

■ SECOND GRADE



"The jungle gym because it's fun to climb on."

Rose Myers

■ THIRD GRADE



"I like the spider web because I like climbing on it and it's easier to climb on than the jungle gym."

Charlie Nelson

■ SECOND GRADE



"I like the slides and one slide you can climb on. I like it because you can go fast down them."

Eli Maznio

■ FOURTH GRADE



"I like the UFO spinner and the spider web. I can climb on the spider web and I like spinning around on the spinner."

Playground fun

I paid a visit to the Windom Area Elementary School playground on Tuesday morning with the idea of getting answers to a Readers Respond question (above) from four of the school's elementary students.

It was a slightly cool, but perfect day for children to spend time outside before the day's first school bell rang.

I hit the right day.

As I pulled into the parking lot, I could already hear a distinctive high-pitched din coming from the playground area. Yes, indeed, virtually ever piece of playground equipment was being utilized by energetic youth. And, judging from the buzz around the playground, everyone was having a good time.

That was nice to see, especially after the awful "spring" we've had thus far and with summer looking like it's prepared to settle in today.

I was curious as to what students enjoy on the playground these days — the reason for this week's question. Although there were only four responses, the climbing apparatuses seem to be the most popular attraction. Two of the students quickly mentioned the spider web, which offers climbers a strong, but little more flexible option than the traditional metal jungle gym bars.

I was glad to hear slides were still a popular item on the playground and I noticed, in the distance, youth giving the swings a workout.

As much as things change with children today, they still appreciate the basics of a playground — climbing, swinging, sliding and spinning. But those weren't the only activities going on.

Next to the playground equipment was a group of mostly boys (maybe all boys) playing soccer.

Back in my elementary days, in the late 1960s and early '70s, slides, swings, jungle gyms and merry-go-rounds were popular, albeit not as fancy as today's offerings, but



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every bit as functional. And I'm guessing a generation or three before me, those same pieces of equipment were a hit with children.

However, there was one alternative once spring rolled around.

Home run derby

When I got into the mid to late elementary years, sports came to the forefront. Whatever the season,

that's the sport we played, although basketball was played mostly in the fall and spring, while football and King of the Hill ruled the winter.

But spring also was a time for baseball, although we weren't allowed baseballs on the playground, but softballs instead.

Nevertheless, we played with a softball as though it were a baseball. We used half of a tennis racket for our diamond and the backstop fence of the tennis court as our "green monster" home run fence.

Needless to say, it wasn't difficult hitting a home run over a fence that was just 40 or 50 feet away from home plate, but we still took pride in knocking it over "the wall." In fact, we did it with enough regularity that we started keeping track of our roundtrippers throughout the spring. Every noon hour was spent playing "baseball" with each corner of one half of the tennis court as a base.

Once in a while there was an inside-the-park four-baser when hit to the deep right field fence, but those were few and far between. We wanted to clear that fence in "left" and "left-center field."

We even kept track of our home runs. I always remembered my classmate, John Sherlin, with an amazing 72 home runs, twice the number I had collected in our noon-hour exhibition games.

As long as there are playgrounds, there will be fun for kids, whether on equipment or grass — or, in our case, concrete.

QUICK HIT

Joel Alvstad
Sports Editor



Prohibition doesn't work

In 1919, a Constitutional amendment was passed, prohibiting the production, sale and use of alcohol. Despite that, alcohol use actually rose during the 1920s.

Alcohol has since been legalized, but with an age limit imposed. Still, that hasn't kept underage people from using alcohol.

Drugs like marijuana have long been considered illegal. Despite that, marijuana use is quite prevalent.

At some point, laws have been passed to outlaw same-sex marriage, interracial marriage and even contraception. All failed.

Banning abortion won't eliminate it. Like alcohol in the '20s, someone who wants it will be able to get it. If people really want to reduce abortion, they should focus on what works: comprehensive sex education and easier access to contraception.

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A few tips on how to stay safe on your computer

My senior project is to give you several tips for online computer safety.

Sadly, in today's world, scams and viruses are an everyday thing. At this point, we have all more than likely, have been on the receiving end of many scam attempts.

Staying safe on your computer can be a little more complicated than dealing with a cell phone scam where you can just simply hang up. Here are six tips on how to stay safe online.

Let's get right into it!

Trustable antivirus

Make sure you have a trusted antivirus software installed on your computer.

Some highly rated options include: Norton, Bitdefender and Malwarebytes. They all have easy-to-follow instructions on how to download onto your system.

The downside though is that they are not free. Most will run between \$20 and \$80 per year.

Now, what if you can't afford to purchase an antivirus software? Windows PCs have a built-in free antivirus called Windows Defender. It doesn't have all the bells and whistles of those that I mentioned above, but it can effectively detect

and block most malware.

Safe browsing

2. Make sure you are browsing a safe website.

How do you make sure it is safe? A lock or padlock icon to the right of the URL or website domain indicates it is a secure site.

Also, a secure website should begin with "https" rather than "http."

Clicking on ads

Don't click on Ads. Clicking on ads is very risky because an ad can lead you to a website you didn't think you'd be going to. By the time you realize something isn't right, your computer has already been infected with malware.

If you see an ad for a product that you are interested in, look up that product on a trusted site like Amazon, Target, or Google rather than clicking on an ad.

Updated software

Keep any type of software on

your computer up to date.

The developers of these programs are constantly monitoring these scammers and fixing bugs that could be exploited by hackers. If you don't stay up to date with your software, your PC is vulnerable.

Most of the antivirus programs have an "auto update" feature

that will automatically update your computer as soon as one is available.

Opening links, attachments

Be careful when opening links or attachments within emails.

According to Microsoft, 4.8 percent of Windows virus infections happen because the computer user clicked on something that was unsafe via email. Some hackers can disguise themselves as someone you may know and send you a link to something that could harm your computer.

A good way of identifying this would be to ask yourself a couple questions: Is this something that this person would realistically



MITCHELL HAKEN
GUEST COLUMNIST

Pineapple Posse has sweet meet

Windom Eagles Robotics team turns in solid 7-3 finish in qualification matches at VEX Robotics World Championship.

By **DAVE FJELD**
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If there was any question the Windom Eagles Robotics "Pineapple Posse" trio of senior Dylan Serreyn and juniors Carter Allen and Ethan Brockman belonged in the 820 teams at the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championship, they answered that question with an emphatic, "Yes!"

The trio, who were making their first appearance in the world championships, went all the way to the semifinals of their division before falling to the defending world champions.

That made them one of just 80 teams — from the 820 — that was still competing late on Saturday afternoon.

"It was amazing," said their coach, Jill Defries.

Ultimately, the Pineapple Posse lost to the alliance of Paradigm from Redwood City, Calif., and DVHS Robotics from Dougherty Valley High School in California. Windom allied with Pelmen from Northwest Academy of Sciences in Sammamish, Wash. The Posse/Pelmen alliance fell 226-77, but . . .

"The game was much, much closer than the score shows," Serreyn notes. More on that later.

Qualification matches

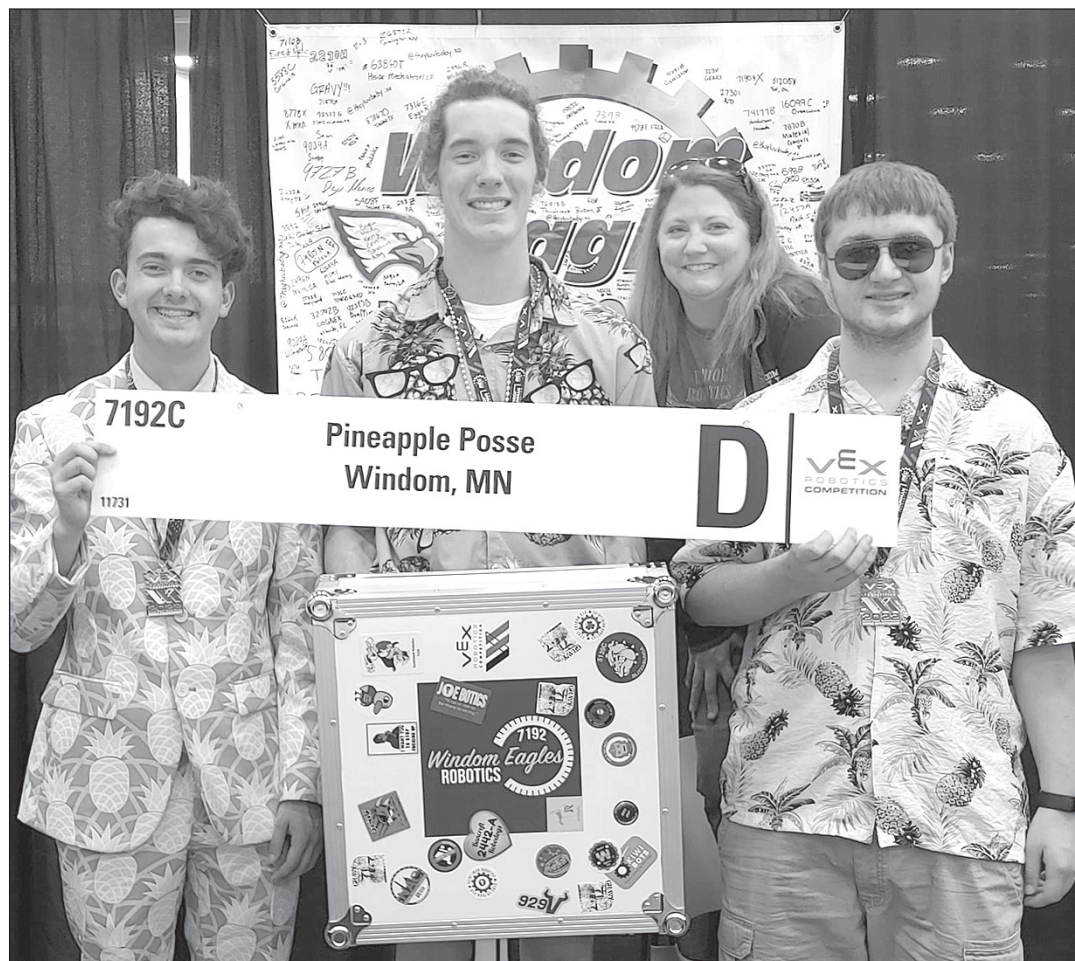
The 820 teams, from almost every state in the U.S. and 24 other countries, were divided into 10 divisions of 82 teams each. Windom's Pineapple Posse competed in the Design Division against teams from 29 other states and the countries of Canada, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Ireland, Mexico, Panama and Turkey.

The team went 4-3 in qualification matches on Friday, the first day of competition, then went 3-0 on Saturday to finish 17th out of the 82 teams in their division with a 7-3 record.

"It's nice to have all those qualification matches to see what's going wrong with your robot," says Serreyn, the senior member of the trio. "But this was one of the first tournaments we had where nothing went wrong."

In their final qualification match, the Posse was paired with Pelmen. They worked so well together that the Posse picked Pelmen with which to team for the elimination round. Pelmen was ranked 26th and finished with a 6-4 mark.

"We liked how we worked together so we decided to



WINDOM EAGLES ROBOTICS' Pineapple Posse posed for their official Vex Robotics World Championship team photo in Dallas. With a well-wishing banner behind them and their robot's carrying case in front of them, the team includes (from left) Carter Allen, programmer; Dylan Serreyn, robot builder; Adviser Jill Defries; and Ethan Brockman, robot driver.



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CARTER ALLEN
PINEAPPLE POSSE PROGRAMMER

pick them for the elimination rounds," Serreyn said. "That was one of our best alliance selections of the year," Allen added.

Defries agreed. "In the last qualification match, the communication was just phenomenal between the two teams," Defries said. "We were able to put goals on the platform and they were not, and both of us could park. The other team could get the rings. So, the goal was that they would worry about the rings, park and then we would put up as many of the mobile goals as we could."

It turned out to be a pretty solid combination. However, Serreyn said the key to winning is controlling the first 10 seconds of the 1 minute, 45 second bout.

"If you can control scoring objects right away . . ." Serreyn explained. ". . . then all you have to do is play defense," Allen chimed in.

Another key on Saturday was Brockman, the team's robot driver.

"Ethan's driving was just — he must have been in a zone or something, because he was incredible," Defries said.

Did Brockman agree? "I guess so. That was what

everybody was telling me," said the humble Brockman.

Elimination round

In their first two elimination matches, the Posse/Pelmen alliance was in charge early.

As the No. 13 seed, they upset the No. 4 seed, 184-178, in the Round of 16. That alliance was comprised of Revenge of the Cady from Davis High School in Utah and KHU Inventors, a home-school team from Puerto Rico, which won the division's Create Award.

"In these better team competitions, you never really know (how you're doing) until they show the score, because everyone has this many rings and this many goals, and you're both parked. It's always down to 10 or 15 points," Allen confirms.

In the quarterfinals, Posse/Pelmen edged the No. 12 seed (which pulled off an upset of the No. 5 seed), 214-211. The No. 12 seed included Lancer Robotics and Crusaders E from high schools in Hawaii. Lancer Robotics won the division's Design Award.

Semifinal match

In the semifinals against the defending world champs,

Defries said everyone watching their semifinal match, at one point, began chanting "Pineapple! Pineapple!" because teams watching tend to root for the underdog. It was started by a team from Sauk Rapids that got behind the Posse after the Sauk Rapids team didn't make it into the elimination round.

"They got the crowd going and having them chant, 'Pineapple! Pineapple!' was so great," Defries said.

"We weren't expecting that," Brockman said. "It was nice to get some cheering from the crowd."

"We may not have been the best team there, but we were pretty popular," Allen added with a smile, referring to the pineapple print garb the team wears to its tournaments. "Yes, it has a lot to do with the outfits."

But Posse/Pelmen lost the autonomous period, which gave Paradigm/DVHS Robotics the upper hand.

Although the 226-77 final score appears to be a sound thrashing, big points are scored when both teams park on the platform at the end of the match. Posse/Pelmen thought they had accomplished that feat.

"When the match ends, they shut down all the electronics and motors. Our wheels weren't locked in place so we slid backward," Brockman explained. "Then the goal fell and we fell."

"We all thought they got it and the crowd went crazy. Then the whole crowd went, 'Noooooo!'" Defries said.

"But even if they had got the double park, they still would have lost by 20 points.

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2nd-graders take part in Auxiliary coloring contest

Flags to be given away during the American Legion Auxiliary's annual poppy distribution, May 26-28.

Windom Area Elementary School second-graders are encouraged to get their crayons ready for the annual Windom American Legion Auxiliary coloring contest.

Jean Hoppe, president of the local auxiliary, announced the start of the second annual poppy coloring contest. Through their teachers, all Windom second-graders are invited to participate in the contest by coloring their best on a poppy picture taken from the "American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Coloring Book."

The book briefly tells the story of how poppies became a way of symbolizing the sacrifices made by fallen servicemembers. It also includes the poem "In Flanders Fields" and how the American Legion Auxiliary started the poppy program.

The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is included on the eight-page booklet's back page.

Last year 71 students participated in the contest with first, second and third place winners chosen from each of the classes.

All colored pictures will be displayed in Windom store windows for National Poppy Day on May 27.

There's no cost to enter and winners will receive a cone from Dairy Queen in



WINDOM second-graders are invited to color any page from this booklet to enter the coloring contest.

Windom, which is co-sponsoring the contest.

Poppy distribution

The local auxiliary also has something for the adults.

In conjunction with the coloring contest, the Windom Legion Auxiliary will be at Hy-Vee in Windom, May 26-28, for their annual poppy distribution. Customers giving a donation for a poppy will be eligible to register for a 3-by-5-foot flag from the auxiliary. One flag will be given away each day.

Auxiliary centennial

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary in Windom.

The organization's charter was signed on June 22, 1922.

A list of the charter's membership roll from 1922 is listed in the box below.

American Legion Auxiliary - Unit of Windom Post 206

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- Mrs. W.A. Cook
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Red Cross blood drive in Windom on May 24

Use the Red Cross Rapid Pass to save up to 15 minutes on our donation process.

Windom Women of Today is coordinating a Red Cross blood drive May 24, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Windom Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Drive, in Windom.

Donors of all blood types — especially type O and those giving platelets — are urged to make an appointment to give now and help ensure hospital shelves are stocked with blood products during the busy summer months.

Summer is traditionally a time when blood donations decline. The need for blood doesn't take a

holiday break — patients still depend on lifesaving transfusions.

Donors are needed now to prevent further delays to patient care. Schedule an appointment to give blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org and entering: MtLakeMN, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Antibody testing

COVID-19 antibody testing is presently being conducted. Your donation may help some with COVID-19. For more information go

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SPRING, SPRING, SPRING! Can you smell the fresh breeze through my open window? Ahhh!

I love the freshness of spring each year. I walk taller, feel healthier, enjoy more color in my face and a there's boost in my energy. Everything about spring breathes of life and newness. I love seeing green fields, my baby calves reaching up for a drink from Mama and running with tails in the air. I can't help but lift my face to thank Jesus for the smile He gave me through His wonderful creation of springtime.

I guess that's why I love Isaiah 42:10, which draws a picture of a world reveling in the joy of praising God. I can almost hear it. It's amazing how God — our Father, the Alpha and the Omega, the One Who Was and Is and Is to Come — is Lord not only of our past, but also of our future. He is Lord of all that will be new as he makes it beautiful in his time (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Imagine the newness experienced by people whose lives spanned the time before Jesus' birth until after His death. The handful of His people who believed in Him back then felt not only the longing for the Messiah but also the new joy that He arrived at last!

If spring-like praise has faded in your heart, ask Jesus to plant in you fresh seeds of joy.

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Red, white & blue . . . we remember you

Memorial Day is May 30th and a day to remember those who have died serving in the United States military.

As a former president once said, "Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice."

While we take a moment to remember all of those who have fallen, it also has become a holiday among many people to go camping and get away with family for the weekend, and to attend memorial parades and concerts to honor their sacrifice.

With these family gatherings and celebrations, an array of festive foods are served, often including the patriotic themes of red, white and blue. For this Memorial Day weekend, consider using strawberries, raspberries and blueberries as healthy ingredients to represent these colors!

Blueberries, in particular, offer many health benefits and are easily incorporated into yogurt, oatmeal or blended into a smoothie. Medical News Today states blueberries have been shown to protect against heart disease and cancer, and help maintain bone strength, mental health and blood pressure.

According to the Mayo Clinic, a half cup of blueberries contains 25% of the recommended daily value for vitamin C and 3 grams of dietary fiber. Check out these healthy recipes below that incorporate blueberries below:

Patriotic Fruit Kabob

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pkg. strawberries and/or raspberries
- 1 pkg. blueberries
- 2-3 bananas

DIRECTIONS:

1. Rinse off all fruits.
2. If using strawberries, cut them in half; if using raspberries, keep them as they are.
3. Slice the banana into medium-sized slices.



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4. Take the kabob.
5. Start with your red fruit and slide that to one end on the kabob.
6. Take a slice of the banana and slide onto the kabob next to the red fruit.

7. Then take your blueberry and put on the kabob next to the banana.
8. Repeat this process, maintaining the red, white and blue pattern until the kabob is full.
9. Repeat this using however many kabobs you would like.
10. Serve and enjoy!

Red, White & Blue Pops

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 12 oz. bag frozen blueberries, defrosted
- 6 Tbsp. agave, divided (you can also use honey)
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- ½ cup milk (you can use cow's milk, almond, rice or soy)
- 1 12 oz. bag frozen raspberries, defrosted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place defrosted blueberries and 2 tablespoons agave or honey in a blender and puree until smooth.
 2. Pour the blueberry puree 1/3 way up each popsicle mold and freeze for 30-45 minutes.
 3. Combine the yogurt, milk and 2 tablespoons of agave or honey in a bowl and whisk until smooth.
 4. Pour yogurt mixture 2/3 way up the popsicle molds on top of the blueberry mixture, gently tap to even out the yogurt layer and freeze for another 30-45 minutes.
 5. Place defrosted raspberries and 2 tablespoons agave or honey in a blender and blend until smooth.
 6. Finish the popsicles by pouring the raspberry puree over the yogurt, place sticks in and freeze 6 hours to overnight, until frozen through.
- Note:** Because all popsicle molds are different sizes, you may have leftovers. You can refrigerate the remaining berry purees and use as toppings for yogurt, granola, pancakes, etc.

■ OBITUARIES

Marian Torkelson

Marian Torkelson, 88, of Windom died May 2, 2022, at Good Samaritan Society-Sogge Memorial in Windom.



Rev. Mike McInnis officiating.

A celebration of life funeral service was Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Windom with Father Pratap officiating.

Burial was at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Storden. LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center in Windom handled the funeral arrangements.

Nancy Marie Liepold was born Dec. 2, 1951, to Rose and Gene Liepold in Heron Lake. She was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Heron Lake and later confirmed at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom.

She graduated from Windom High School in 1970. In 1970, Nancy married Dale Reinitz at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom. Nancy worked for Sperry Univac Corp. for 13 years. Later, Nancy and Dale purchased the Skateland Rollerdrome and ran it for 17 years. Nancy was known as "mom" by many at the Rollerdrome.

For many years, Nancy and Dale also participated in Clowns on Wheels and performed in many area parades. She enjoyed driving the four-wheeler with candy while other clowns roamed the streets on their roller skates.

Nancy and Dale enjoyed fishing and camping at East-side Acres in Round Lake. Occasionally, they were joined by their nieces and nephew. Nancy also enjoyed crocheting, making hundreds of blankets and other items for family and friends. In later years, she and Dale enjoyed bingo at various locations.

She will be remembered for her smile, laugh and heart. She was preceded in death by her father, Gene Liepold Jr.; mother, Rose (Gerald) Veenker; and a brother, Randy Veenker.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Dale Reinitz; a daughter, Karla (Harry) Waltner of Tea, S.D.; four grandchildren; a brother, Timothy (Michelle) Liepold Sr. of Rochester; and a sister, Deb (Ted) Horkey of Windom.

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Nancy Reinitz

Nancy Reinitz, 70, of Windom died May 1, 2022, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls.



Rev. Mike McInnis officiating.

A celebration of life funeral service was Friday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom with Father Pratap officiating.

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James Derickson

James Derickson, 91, of Lambertton died May 9, 2022, at Valley View Manor Care Center in Lambertton.



Rev. Mike McInnis officiating.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m., at Highwater Lutheran Church in rural Lambertton with Pastor Michael Stangeland officiating.

Interment will be at Highwater Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m., with a time for stories at 7 p.m., at Sturm Funeral Home, Lambertton Chapel. Visitation will continue Monday at the church for one hour prior to the service.

Sturm Funeral Home, Lambertton Chapel is handling the funeral arrangements.

James Stuart Derickson was born Aug. 31, 1930, to Alvin and Myrtle (Mattison) Derickson in Highwater Township of Cottonwood County.

In 1954, James married Ella Klingenberg at United Methodist Church in Morgan.

James' passion, enjoyment, hobby and life was farming.

He was a member of Highwater Lutheran Church in rural Lambertton, where he served on the church council. He also served on the Highwater Township board for over 30 years, as well as the Lambertton Elevator board and Southwest Regional Development Commission.

He and Ella were members of the Boots and Bows Square Dance Club and enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Norway and Australia.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: Harold, Arnold and Alvin; and sisters: Ethel Swanson, Ellen Schmitz and Dorothy Muires.

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Donna Hanson

Donna Hanson, 87, of rural Heron Lake died May 6, 2022, at Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington.



Rev. Mike McInnis officiating.

A celebration of life service was Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Heron Lake with Pastor Kathy Brandt officiating.

Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery in Heron Lake. LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center in Windom handled the funeral arrangements.

Donna Mae Smith was born Aug. 23, 1934, to Roland and Helen (Wray) Smith in Heron Lake. She received her early education in a country school in Southbrook Township of Cottonwood County before attending and then graduating from Heron Lake High School in 1952.

Donna worked for a short time as a telephone operator before marrying David Hanson in 1953 at United Methodist Church in Heron Lake. They were blessed with three daughters: Jayne, Christine and Sandra.

After David was discharged from military service, Donna and David farmed in Southbrook Township until 1966 when they purchased their farm in Springfield Township.

In the fall of 1995, they retired from farming. After David's death in 2000, Donna continued living on the farm and took pride in maintaining the acreage for her family to enjoy.

She was recently placed in hospice care at Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington. Donna was a lifetime member of United Methodist Church in Heron Lake, where she served as a Sunday School teacher and member of United Methodist Women. She also was a member of Cottonwood County Home Extension.

Donna enjoyed sewing, crocheting, embroidery, playing piano, collecting old music, family gatherings, traveling and family genealogy.

In addition to her husband David, Donna was preceded in death by a sister, Marie (Ed) Legg.

Survivors include her three daughters: Jayne (Thomas) Miranowski of Heron Lake, Christine (Mark Buss) Anderson of Marshall and Sandra (Michael) Griese of Mt. Lake; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Jean (Ken) Swenson of Marshfield, Wis., and Patricia (Gordy) Peters of Burnsville.

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POSSE/ Team enjoys entire tournament experience

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So, that made it a little easier to accept the loss."

Tournament finals

Paradigm/DVHS Robotics went on to win the Design Division and then competed in the championship round. However, the team was eliminated 236-235 in the Round of 16.

An alliance of teams from Erlanger, Ky., and San Jose, Calif., took the overall crown, defeating an alliance of teams from Kentucky and Florida.

The experience

So, what was the experience like? "I didn't know what to expect, but it was really fun," Allen said. "Aside from the competition, all the teams handed out these little gifts and you got to go around and talk to other teams and grab a gift. I've got like 30 wristbands from different teams. One team gave out a bag of

rice." Serreyn enjoyed the trip because they were able to see and meet new teams.

"When we go to robotics tournaments in Minnesota, we are usually playing with the same 25 or 30 teams," Serreyn explained. "We go to this tournament and we don't even see them. It's everybody from all across the world. It's fun to be able to communicate with different teams and come up with different strategies and see how everybody else does things."

The future

With Serreyn graduat-

ing later this month, what's ahead for both Serreyn and the two remaining members of the Pineapple Posse?

Serreyn is headed to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., to study robotics engineering.

Brockman and Allen, who will be seniors next year, are still contemplating whether or not they will continue with the program next year. You see, each of the three had their specialty — Brockman was the team's robot driver; Allen was the team's programmer; and Serreyn was the trio's robot builder.

If the two continue, they

will need to find a new robot builder, or one of them needs to learn how to build the robot.

However, the three admit they will miss the chemistry they made this year.

"This has been more a friend group thing — all three of us together," Brockman said.

"It was nice being on a team because we're all friends outside of robotics. We all work together pretty well," Serreyn concluded.

They proved that.



■ BULLETIN BOARD

LSS BISTRO

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

Thursday: Ham with raisin sauce, au gratin potatoes, peas, dinner roll.

Friday — Cook's Choice: Beef stroganoff with noodles, peas, pears.

Monday: Fish patty on a bun with tartar sauce, cheesy hash browns, baked beans.

Tuesday: Chicken salad on a croissant, coleslaw, tropical fruit.

Wednesday: Lasagna, California Normandy vegetables, peaches, bread stick.

Thursday (5-19): Swedish meatballs, scalloped potatoes, carrots.

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

WINDOM AREA SR. CENTER

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

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

WINDOM LIONS CLUB



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

ACTIVITIES: Windom's Riverfest celebration is just around the corner!

Join us for the Judd Hoos band on Saturday, June 11. More details to come!

WEEKLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

Immunizations: Mondays-Fridays — By appointment, Community Health Services,

235 9th St., Windom. Contact: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987.

NA: Wednesdays — 7-8 p.m., BARC Second Floor.

TOPS: Thursdays — 5 p.m., weigh-ins, 5:30 p.m., meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St., Windom.

WIC Clinics: Mondays-Fridays — By appointment 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987.

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

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

FREE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have the birth of your child or grandchild announced in the Citizen, please contact Citizen Publishing with the information. You may call the Citizen at (507) 831-3455 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.), email us at: citizen@windomnews.com, or send the information to: Citizen Publishing, Box 309, Windom, MN 56101.

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

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FFA honors members at banquet

■ This was Windom's first public FFA banquet since spring 2019.

After the pandemic cancelled the 2020 FFA banquet and restrictions limited the 2021 banquet to family members only, the Windom FFA program welcomed back the public for a normal banquet Friday evening in the Windom Area High School commons.

The banquet was an opportunity for local FFA'ers to recognize members with certificates, plaques and other honors for the work and accomplishments from the past year.

After a meal of tacos in a bag and cake, Windom FFA president Tayler Franz welcomed those gathered.

Career Development Event teams were recognized, as well as those individuals who earned academic achievements for maintaining a 3.5 GPA during their high school career.

Scholarship Awards were presented to the FFA'er with the highest GPA in each class, grades 9-12. Leadership Awards were presented to one individual in each of grades 8-12, who have been extremely active and outstanding role models to others in their class.

Discovery, Greenhand and Chapter degrees were presented to individuals.

The organization also recognized the top individuals in fruit sales, the club's primary fundraiser for the year. Seventeen members were involved in fruit sales and sold a total of \$13,430 in fruit.

The top sellers in each grade included: Dagen Hansen, seventh grade; Lizzie Bramstedt, eighth grade;



DAVE FJELD 5/11 FFAbanquet 21

2022-23 WINDOM FFA OFFICERS include (from left) Tristyn Maras, secretary; Ella Smith, vice president; Peyton Winters, president; Ashlyn Altman, treasurer; and Brooklyn Roll, reporter.

Claire Veenker, freshman; Kaycee Hunter, sophomore; Peyton Winters, junior; and Braden Yonker, senior. Winters was the top overall seller with more than \$2,200 in sales.

Businesses and community members were recognized for the support they've provided to the FFA program throughout the year.

Windom FFA's seniors also were recognized with each receiving a plaque. This year's seniors include: Alex Altman, Dodge Byam, Zach Espenson, Faith Ford, Tayler Franz, Wyatt Haugen, Braydon Kreofsky, Ethan Rabbe, Zach Rabbe, Valerie Schutz and Braden Yonker.

Before door prizes were given away at the end of the evening, the 2022-23 Windom FFA officer team was announced. They are: Peyton Winters, president; Ella Smith, vice president; Tristyn Maras, secretary; Ashlyn Altman, treasurer; and Brooklyn Roll, reporter.



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CHAPTER DEGREES were presented to (from left) Toria Robillard, Tristyn Maras and Wriley Haugen. Not pictured: Rylie Raverty.



5/11 FFAbanquet 15

GREENHAND DEGREE RECIPIENTS include (from left) Saydie Raverty, Brooklyn Roll and Addisyn Powers. Not pictured: Claire Veenker, Gabriella Symens-Otero, Kenley Powers, Lyvia McManigle, Madison Green and Zaria Harrington.



5/11 FFAbanquet 9

DISCOVERY DEGREES were presented to (from left) Edson Ford, Fiona Robillard, Tyler Maras, Lizabeth Bramstedt and Jacob Winters. Not pictured: Lincoln Rupp, Eagan Maras, Kennady Dronen, Trent Rothenberger, Wilson Hochstein and Madison Burton.



5/11 FFAbanquet 8

CLASS LEADERSHIP AWARDS were presented to (from left) Fiona Robillard, eighth grade; Peyton Winters, junior; Alex Altman, senior; Ashlyn Altman, sophomore. Not pictured: Claire Veenker, freshman.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS were presented to Elliot Espenson, junior; and Valerie Schutz, senior. Not pictured: Claire Veenker, freshman; and Rylie Raverty, sophomore.



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5/11 FFAbanquet 2

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES were presented to (from left) Peyton Winters, Faith Ford, Valerie Schutz, Tayler Franz, Elliot Espenson, Ashlyn Altman, Tristyn Maras, Toria Robillard, Cooper Bramstedt, Wyatt Haugen and Rebekah

Johnson. Not pictured: Gabriella Symens-Otero, Taylor Caldwell, Kenley Powers, Rylie Raverty, Madison Green and Claire Veenker.

Mt. Lake FFA vet science team finishes third at state

■ Results for the small animal/vet science and horse evaluation CDEs were delayed.

When results from the Minnesota FFA State Convention's small animal/veterinary science Career Development Event were finally released, one Cottonwood County team was among the top five.

Mt. Lake's team of Mee-sha Hoek, Brody Kleven, Brooke Naas and Kaelynn Pietsch placed third in the CDE and all four team members earned gold status.

Hoek finished just out of the top 10 in 11th place, followed by Kleven in 15th, Naas in 20th place and Pietsch, 36th.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove, meanwhile, finished 18th, led by Cole VanDeWiele in 31st place and Orio Knakmuhs in 44th. Both earned gold awards.

Windom, meanwhile, finished 34th.

Results also were finally released Friday for the

STATE FFA CONVENTION

SMALL ANIMAL/VET SCIENCE
55 teams / 208 individuals

- Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted
- 3. Mt. Lake** Gold
11. Mee-sha Hoek Gold
15. Brody Kleven..... Gold
20. Brooke Naas Gold
36. Kaelynn Pietsch Gold
- 18. Westbrook-Walnut Grove** Gold
31. Cole VanDeWiele .. Gold
44. Orion Knakmuhs .. Gold
108. Anna Byers Silver
113. Morgan Ryder ... Silver

- 34. Windom** Bronze
58. Rylie Raverty Gold
71. Valerie Schutz Silver
187. Fiona Robillard . Bronze
190. Kaycee Hunter . Bronze

HORSE EVALUATION
57 teams / 199 individuals

- Buffalo
- 47. Windom** Bronze
120. Toria Robillard ... Silver
125. Saydie Raverty .. Silver
177. Ella Smith Bronze
181. Addisyn Powers . Bronze

horse evaluation CDE. Windom's team placed 47th.

Results of those two CDEs were delayed due to a one-week review of results.

■ SCHOOL MENUS May 12-19

Red Rock Central

BREAKFAST MENU

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

Thursday: Brekkie.

Friday: French toast.

Monday: Breakfast pizza.

Tuesday: Pancake on a stick.

Wednesday: Muffins.

Thursday (5-19): Long Johns.

LUNCH MENU

(All meals served with milk,

but are subject to change.)

Thursday: Croissants, carrots, apples.

Friday: Cheeseburger, ranch wedges, fruit.

Monday: Chicken patty, green bean bake, fruit.

Tuesday: Hot turkey over mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce.

Wednesday: Italian dunkers, lettuce salad, fruit.

Thursday (5-19): Tater Tot hot dish, mixed veggies, fruit.

BLOOD/ Antibody testing now occurring

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online to: RedCrossBlood.org/AntibodyTesting

Plasma from routine donations that have high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to help meet the needs of COVID-19 patients with a weakened immune system.

The Red Cross first tested donations for COVID-19 antibodies earlier in the

pandemic to provide convalescent plasma for patients. When infection rates decreased and new treatment options became available, the Red Cross discontinued the program.

With a recent surge of new variants, hospitals began seeking more treatments for their most vulnerable patients. New clinical trial data has shown that convalescent plasma may benefit immunocompromised patients. The Red Cross is continuing this program to ensure doctors have every tool available to support treatment.

— WINDOM AREA SCHOOLS — STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chosen because—Jonah tries his best. He cares. He is good to his peers. He respects adults. He enjoys being at school.

Student's comments—One thing that I really enjoy about school is the fun electives, and probably Industrial tech and Facs are my favorite. I just loved how they were set up and although 6th grade was a big step I really like walking to my classes and everything is really starting to make sense.

Student's interests—Outside of school I enjoy hockey, baseball, and being outside.

Parents—Eric and Christy Lohse



Jonah Lohse
Grade 6

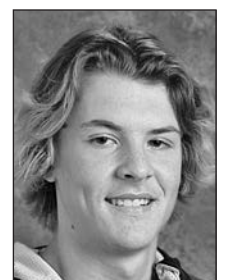
HIGH SCHOOL

Chosen because—Zach is being chosen for: challenging himself with college level classes, working hard in his classes to be successful, and not giving up when things get difficult.

Student's comments—What I enjoy most about school is hanging out with friends and I've really enjoyed getting a jump start on college with some of my college classes.

Student's interests—Boating, hunting, and hanging out with friends

Parents—Justin and Brittany Espenson



Zach Espenson
Grade 12

Congratulations, Jonah and Zach!

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■ SCHOOL MENUS May 12-19

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BREAKFAST MENU

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

Windom Area/ELC/RRRLC

Thursday: Pop Tart and cracker, apple juice. PreK: Crackers.

Friday: Doughnuts OR long john roll, fruit punch juice. PreK: Half long john or doughnuts, Craisins.

Monday: Cereal bar and string cheese, Craisins, apple juice. PreK: Cereal for Head

Start; cereal bar for Bridges.

Tuesday: Mini French toast, applesauce, fruit punch juice. PreK: Banana bread.

Wednesday: Banana bread, orange juice. PreK: Blueberry muffin.

Thursday (5-19): Cereal and graham crackers, fruit punch juice. PreK: Graham crackers.

LUNCH MENU

(All meals at all schools include 1% white or skim white, chocolate or strawberry milk.)

Thursday: Chicken strips, nuggets or popcorn chicken,

corn, fresh broccoli with dip, variety fruit. MHS alt.: Corn dog.

Friday: Pepperoni or cheese pizza, steamed peas, romaine lettuce salad with dressing, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Turkey and cheese sandwich, baked chips.

Monday: Pork chop patty with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit variety. MHS alt. and SWWC: Breaded beef patty or Salisbury steak.

Tuesday: Shrimp poppers

and string cheese, baked beans, fresh vegetables with ranch, fruit cup. MHS alt.: Pulled pork on a bun.

Wednesday: Beef nachos with cheese sauce, tortilla chips, lettuce and toppings, corn, fruit variety. MHS alt.: Mini chef salad with toppings, bread stick, chips.

Thursday (5-19): Cake and sausage on a stick with syrup, tri-tater, baby carrots with dip, rosy apples or sauce. PreK and MHS: Go-Gurt with entree. MHS alt.: Beef hot dog.



DEANNA ANDERSON 5/11 writers 2847

MLC STUDENTS WINNING individual medals in the Creative Writing Contest, sponsored by Southwest West Central Service Cooperative and Southwest Minnesota State University, include,

from left: Caleb Fast, Isaiah Rete, Zach Klassen, Addyson Hall (front), Meghan Johnson, Fairlane Penner and Cristy Renteria-Rojas. Not pictured: Hattie Klassen.

MLC students win medals in writing contest

■ Mt. Lake Christian students were honored for their writing talents and won back-to-back school awards.

Mt. Lake Christian students recently brought home top honors from the Creative Writing Contest Awards ceremony and reception held at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

MLC received the award for the most winning entries in this year's contest. A plaque was presented to MLC "in recognition of the school's encouragement to

develop young writers."

MLC also won the award for most winning entries last year, as well as previous years, according to Esther Klassen, MLC high school English teacher.

"This is a great program to help encourage and highlight young writers. We are very proud of our students and their creativity and talent in writing," Klassen said.

Grades 3-12 MLC students participated in the Creative Writing Contest.

First place winners in-

clude Addyson Hall, fourth grade; Fairlane Penner and Cristy Renteria-Rojas, eighth grade.

Second place winners were Caleb Fast, eighth grade; Meghan Johnson and Zach Klassen, 10th grade.

Third place honors went to Hattie Klassen, third grade; Cristy Renteria-Rojas, eighth grade; and Isaiah Rete, ninth grade.

Sixty-nine students in Southwest and West Central Minnesota entered the writing contest in hopes

of getting a first, second or third place medal in categories of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

First-place winners received a \$20 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble, while first-place 11th- and 12th-graders received a \$2,000 scholarship to SMSU.

The Creative Writing Contest is designed to encourage the love of language and writing for all students.

Southwest West Central Cooperative and SMSU partnered for this event.

SCHOOL/ New retirees have 98 years combined service to schools

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current school year.

They are:

• Jim Axford, who has taught in the Windom Area School District since the fall of 1995 — 27 years. He also spent five years in the Jackson School District. Axford came to Windom as a band instructor, but since then has served the district in a plethora of capacities.

• Betty Smith, who has been employed as an administrative assistant in student services for the past 31 years — all with Windom Area Schools.

• Devera Warner, who has spent all 34 years of her teaching career in the Windom district as a special education teacher.

School board members and Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt thanked the three for their many years of service instructing and assisting students.

Board OKs solar grant

The Windom School Board moved forward with plans to seek a \$102,000 solar grant with iDeal Energies.

If they receive the grant, the funds will cover the cost of installation and maintenance (for 20 years) of solar panels on the roofs of Windom Area Middle High School and Windom Area Elementary School.

There will be very little cost to the district for those 20 years.

"I struggle to find reasons not to move forward with this," said school board

member Joel Bordewyk, who was acting as board chair in the absence of Dustin Stevens.

The pact with iDeal Energies also provides curriculum for solar instruction to students.

If they receive the grant, installation of the panels will happen in early fall with iDeal Energies working around the school's schedule.

Washington D.C. trip

Windom Area High School social studies teachers Emily Riordan, James Burton and Sydney Mortenson presented plans for a Washington, D.C., trip tentatively set for June 12-21, 2023.

The trip is limited to 40 students in grades 9-12 with upperclassmen receiving the first opportunity to register. Sign-up is expected to be completed by May 22. The trip, which is expected to cost about \$1,700, possibly less with grant funding, also includes five chaperones. Four payments will be made periodically during the 2022-23 school year.

The trip includes museum stops in Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., as well as Nashville, Atlanta and Charleston, S.C., before arriving in Washington, D.C.

In the nation's capital, students will take night and day walks of the National Mall and a capitol tour, visit the Smithsonian museums, take a historic riding tour of D.C., and visit Mount Vernon.

On the way home, visits will include stops in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis.

The board approved the trip.

Eagle Path scholarships

Eagle Path Manufacturing has been doing some profitable work since its inception with the 2020-21 school year.

Consequently, the program is doling out its first scholarship money to this year's graduating seniors.

Created by students in the program, students can earn \$100 per semester for working with Eagle Path Manufacturing. This year, eight recipients will receive between \$200 and \$400. They are Wyatt Haugen and Ethan Rabbe, \$400 each; Dalton Riordan, \$300; and Dylan Serrey, Vance Koch, Zach Rabbe, Zach Squires and Carter Vancura, \$200 each.

That's a total of \$2,100 paid out, but still leaves the program with more than \$9,000.

In the 2020-21 school year, the program showed a profit of \$8,394; and in the 2021-22 school year, the program cleared \$6,857.

Over the two years, the program has had total sales of almost \$23,000, while expenses have been just over \$7,700.

Hirings, resignations

In the consent agenda, the board approved several hirings, resignations and two non-renewal of contracts.

The board approved hiring Barbara Van Norman as a special education secretary, retroactive to May 3; Chad Duffy as a middle high school special education teacher beginning with the 2022-23 school year; Jacob Johnson as the district's new activities director, beginning July 1 (see sports section); and Tyler Patterson to a homebound DCD teaching position, retroactive to April 19.

The board also approved the resignation of Jessica

Booker de Carbo, middle high school assistant principal, and Amy Berger, who has been the elementary school nurse the past five years. Middle High School Principal Bryan Joyce said the posting for Carbo's position will be up until May 16.

The board also approved unpaid leave of absence for Maria Cerda Juarez, from May 16 until the end of the school year; and a 12-week Family Medical Leave Act for an employee retroactive to April 11 through July 4.

Contracts for two probationary teachers will not be renewed for the 2022-23 school year. They are Faith Harris and Tyler Vaughn.

Other action

In other business, the school board:

- Accepted donations of a trumpet from Barb Henning, valued at \$200; \$55 from Bethany Lutheran Church in Bergen and Windom Area Hospital Foundation of \$141 for the backpack program; and \$300 from the Toro Foundation on behalf of matching funds from Angela Klassen to be used for paint and supplies for the We Belong mural/Eagle Achievement project.

- Approved resolutions approving tax abatements for properties at 1901 and 1903 Bud Road in Windom.

- Approved moving the start of the May 23 school board work session to 5 p.m. (location to be announced), as to not conflict with the high school Pops Concert that evening.

- Approved the Fiscal Year 2023 preliminary budget.

- Approved payment of \$2,348 for construction of raised garden beds behind the elementary school.

RRC is state's 54th best traditional high school

■ RRC ranked high in MCA tests, one of the measures used for the rankings.

Red Rock Central Schools in Lamberton has been ranked the 54th Best Traditional High School in Minnesota, according to the U.S. News and World Report's annual High School Rankings.

RRC is also third highest ranked rural high school, excluding charter and private schools.

The rankings can be found on the U.S. News and World Report's website at: <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/minnesota/districts/red-rock-central-school-district/red-rock-central-secondary-10547>

"We're so proud to be recognized for our achievements and so proud of our students and staff. Everyone here contributes to making us great," said RRC Superintendent Rodd Lee.

"We measure our success in many different ways and this ranking is a testament to the way we're educating our students and it's also a way to measure our success against other districts.

"It's been a challenging past couple of years for everyone — staff, students, parents and the communities we're a part of. We all continue to do our best to make the most of it and this is one indication that we're on the right track."

Other area high school ranked include Tracy Area (77th), Redwood Valley (137), Murray County Central (157), Springfield (218), Wabasso (244) and Mt. Lake (262).

One of the measures used in the rankings is student assessment scores using the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment

Test. RRC had the highest reading percentage of any area schools with 84% of students testing proficient or higher, as compared to the state average of 60%.

RRC students also had the highest math percentage of any area school with 58%, compared to the state average of 40%.

In science, RRC was at 61% proficient, while the state average was 50%.

Compared to the state averages, RRC students were 18% higher in math, 24% higher in reading and 11% higher in science.

"The teachers work so hard to ensure every student learns and this really shows that even in the most challenging couple of years to be an educator, Red Rock Central staff and students continue to excel. I couldn't be more impressed and proud of everyone," said Greg Ewing, RRC secondary principal.

Voters in the Red Rock Central District supported a \$41 million dollar referendum to build a new PreK-12 building last year. Plans are being finalized and construction is expected to begin in spring 2023 with a planned opening in fall 2024.

About 2022 Rankings

The 2022 edition of Best High Schools includes a numerical ranking of nearly all public high schools nationwide — almost 18,000 of them.

There are rankings within each state and within each census-designated metropolitan area that has three or more high schools, as well as the Best STEM Schools ranking and comprehensive Best Charter Schools and Best Magnet Schools rankings.

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NOTICE

First half of real estate taxes are due and must be postmarked on or before:

Monday, May 16, 2022

Please include payment stub when paying your taxes. Note penalty on reverse side of tax statement for late payment.

Thank You!

Donna Torkelson
Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer

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NOTICE

The Cottonwood County Auditor will be holding a public accuracy test of the County's Optical Scan vote reading machine. The test will be held Friday, May 13th in Room 1 at the Cottonwood County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Donna Torkelson
Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer

NOTICE TO ABSENTEE VOTERS

The Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer Office, located in Room 1 in the Courthouse in Windom will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21st, and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd, for the purpose of voting absentee in the Special Election for Minnesota Congressional District 1.

Donna Torkelson
Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 23, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$101,134.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Cory Pohlman and Apryl Pohlman, husband and wife as joint tenants with right of survivorship

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, its successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: June 23, 2017 Cottonwood County Recorder Document Number: 280600

LOAN MODIFICATION: Dated: October 31, 2020

Recorded: January 13, 2021 Document Number: 290280

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: Guild Mortgage Company

Dated: December 12, 2018

Recorded: December 18, 2018 Cottonwood County Recorder

Document Number: 284677

And assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank, its successors and assigns

Dated: July 8, 2020

Recorded: July 27, 2020 Cottonwood County Recorder

Document Number: 288886

And assigned to: Guild Mortgage Company LLC

Dated: March 21, 2022

Recorded: April 5, 2022 Cottonwood County Recorder

Document Number: 294049

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1005210-0808027432-8

Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Plains Commerce Bank

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Guild Mortgage Company

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood

Property Address: 1409 3rd Ave, Windom, MN 56101

Tax Parcel ID Number: 25-351-0400

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7 and the South One-Half of Lot 8 in Block 4 of Hutton and Collins` Addition in the City of Windom, Cottonwood County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$111,764.51

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the front lobby of the Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center, 902 Fifth Avenue, Windom, Minnesota to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2023, or the next business day if January 28, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY

LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

DATED: April 20, 2022

MORTGAGEE: Guild Mortgage Company LLC

Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A. Attorneys for Mortgagee

7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200

Woodbury, MN 55125 (651) 209-3300

File Number: 050694-F1 (738— April 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 2022)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 20, 2006

MORTGAGOR: Wayne Reinken and Kathleen M Reinken, his wife.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded October 23, 2006 Cottonwood County Recorder, Document No. 251653.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A The Bank of New York as trustee for registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23. Dated April 15, 2022

Recorded April 20, 2022, as Document No. 294179.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1000157-0007385910-6

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: America's Wholesale Lender

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2012 Sweden Avenue, Storden, MN 56174

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 233550220

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The South 25 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lot 4, in Block 4, in Hawthorn Subdivision to the City of Storden, Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$48,830.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$47,226.87

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM

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

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their

personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 21, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

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

Dated: April 21, 2022

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee

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

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

(743— May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 2022)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 18, 2021

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$137,952.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jason R Minion, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Towne Mortgage Company dba AmeriCU Mortgage, its successors and assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: February 19, 2021 Cottonwood County Recorder Document Number: 290598

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: Towne Mortgage Company dba AmeriCU Mortgage

Dated: March 31, 2022

Recorded: March 31, 2022 Cottonwood County Recorder Document Number: 294021

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1000637-0000632586-1

Lender/Broker/Mortgage Originator: Towne Mortgage Company dba AmeriCU Mortgage

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood

Property Address: 632 Edison Ave, Westbrook, MN 56183

Tax Parcel ID Number: 24-266-0060

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 12 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6, Block 1, Wes Ewy Addition to the City of Westbrook, Cottonwood County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$152,271.48

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

PURSUANT to the power of

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: County Sheriff's office, in the front lobby of the Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center, 902 Fifth Avenue, Windom, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on February 01, 2023, or the next business day if February 01, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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DATED: May 2, 2022

MORTGAGEE: Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage

Wilford, Geske & Cook, P.A. Attorneys for Mortgagee

7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200

Woodbury, MN 55125 (651) 209-3300

File Number: 051047-F1 (744— May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 2022)

Cottonwood County Planning Commission

PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

An application has been submitted by Duininck, Inc, requesting a Conditional Use Permit, required by Cottonwood County Zoning Ordinance #36 Hot-mix asphalt plant on the parcel of property described as:

Parcel: The West Half of the Northeast Quarter, Section 12, Township 107 North, Range 36 West, Amboy Township, Cottonwood County, Minnesota

A Public Hearing to consider said Conditional Use Permit will be held by the Cottonwood County Planning Commission on May 26, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. The hearing will be held at the library in the BARC Center 1012 5th Ave Windom, MN 56101. For any questions, please call 507-832-8287

By Order of the Cottonwood County Planning Commission

Alex Schultz, Planning and Zoning Technician

(746— May 11, 2022)

Cottonwood County Planning Commission

PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

An application has been submitted by Robin Quincey, requesting a Conditional Use Permit, required by Cottonwood County Zoning Ordinance #28 House in shoreland in the property described as:

Parcel: The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, T 107 North, Range 38 West, Westbrook Township, Cottonwood County, Minnesota

A Public Hearing to consider said Conditional Use Permit will be held by the

Cottonwood County Planning Commission on May 26, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. The hearing will be held at the library in the BARC Center 1012 5th Ave Windom, MN 56101. For any questions, please call 507-832-8287

By Order of the Cottonwood County Planning Commission

Alex Schultz, Planning and Zoning Technician

(747— May 11, 2022)

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD

DISTRICT COURT

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

[PROBATE DIVISION] Court File No.: 17-PR-22-169

In Re: Estate of Alice Jean Gustafson, Decedent.

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held remotely, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated 1/9/2013, and for the appointment of Mary Kay Klassen, whose address is 1417 6th Ave., Mountain Lake, MN 56159 and Linda Lea Mellick, whose address is 9156 N. Maple St., Hayden, ID 83835 as co-personal representatives of the Decedent's estate in unsupervised administration.

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

the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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

BY THE COURT

Dated: May 6 2022 9:21 AM Christina M. Wietzema

Judge of District Court

Dated: May 6 2022 9:21 AM Sheila Pierson

Court Administrator

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

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

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

(745— May 11, 18, 2022)

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Cottonwood County

Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present in person for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Larry Anderson, Norman Holmen, Donna Gravelly, Kevin Stevens, Tom Appel, County Attorney Nick Anderson, County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Jim Hartshorn, Gale Bondhus, David Grev, Brad Hutchison, Nick Klisch, David Bucklin, Scott Reimer, Troy Rasmussen, Rob Anderson, 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 April 5, 2022 regular meeting as amended; to approve April warrants in the amount of \$162,687.55 and broken down as follows: County Revenue Fund — \$81,120.48, Long Term Capital Outlay — \$3,970.99, County Building Fund — \$5,733.64, Ditch Fund — \$3,341.79, Taxes and Penalties Fund — \$16,363.86, Road and Bridge Fund — \$36,422.47, Waste Abatement/Score Fund — \$329.00; adjournment.

Personnel Items — approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to allow the Assistant Solid Waste Administrator to attend the 2022 Waste Expo in Las Vegas, NV, May 9 – 11; to move Dave Grev to permanent full-time status as Deputy Assessor effective April 25, 2022; to approve the seasonal hire of Tiffany Vande Kieft, Tyler Zieske, Dylan Serreyne, Parker Alvstad, Sam Doorenbos, Zach Squires, and Joshua Hedman pending successful completion of all hiring requirements; to accept the resignation from Doug Jones, Heavy Equipment Operator, effective April 12, 2022, with appropriate payout of benefits; to approve advertising for the three vacant positions of Heavy Equipment Mechanic (40 hours), Heavy Equipment

Operator (40 hours), and Accounting Assistant (32 to 40 hours).

Additional Action Items — approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to adopt Resolution for Adoption of County Commissioner Districts — Plan 1; to adopt resolution 22-04-19B authorizing the Board Chair and County Engineer to sign the MnDOT — CSAH 2 Federal Funding agreement; to accept the low bid from Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$2,925,347.30 for Project 017-602-027 and contingent upon MnDOT approval; to adopt resolution 22-04-19C "Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatement for new Residential Project" (1901 Bud Road); to adopt resolution 22-04-19D "Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatement for new Residential Project" (1903 Bud Road); to approve the MN Wetlands Conservation Act Application submitted by the Economic Development Authority of Windom and CBC DT, LLC; to recess as the County Board and to convene as the Ditch Authority; to allow Chairman Gravelly to sign the letter from the Ditch Authority to MnDOT regarding the County Ditch #42 crossing at Trunk Highway 30; to approve the CD#35 Petition to Repair application and allow Commissioner Anderson to hire an Engineer; to adjourn as the County Board; to adopt resolution 22-04-19A "In support of the Windom TH60 Corridor Study Implementation Plan;" to close the meeting at 11:32 a.m. based on attorney/client privilege to discuss Daniel G. Kamin Windom LLC v. County of Cottonwood, Court file Nos. 17-CV-20-232 and 17-CV-21-38; to open the meeting at 11:39 a.m.; to accept the offer from Daniel G. Kamin Windom LLC for their tax settlement.

S/Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer

S/Donna Gravelly, Board Chair

S/Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW!

Your right to know and be informed about the functions of government is embodied in public notices. Because self government charges all citizens to be informed, the Citizen urges everyone to read

It's that time of year, check and doublecheck for motorcycles

Question: I am a motorcycle rider and would appreciate it if you would write about motorcycle accidents.

Trooper Troy says: Spring is upon us and motorcycles are once again sharing the highways.

Unfortunately, the state has already seen one fatal motorcycle crash this year.

Motorcycle use is at an all-time high and the two primary factors involved in these crashes are "driver inexperience" and "speed." In Minnesota, over half of motorcycle crashes are single vehicle crashes.

No protection

One reason that riders are killed is because the motorcycle itself provides virtually no protection for the riders.

The occupant protection built in to our passenger cars protects us greatly, but cannot be incorporated within a motorcycle. Serious head injuries are common among fatally injured riders.

Helmets are key

This is why helmet use is very important.

- Nationwide, 80% of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death; a



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TIME OUT

Joel Alvstad
Sports Editor



Playoffs rapidly approaching

Every high school sports season seems to come and go quickly. But that always seems to be the case with spring sports more than the others. Spring sports are at the mercy of the weather. A wet, miserable April pushed a lot of sporting events into May.

Yes, it seems like teams have only been playing for a few weeks. But lo and behold, the postseason is already just around the corner.

Girls softball section tournament action actually begins on May 23 and 24, which is less than two weeks from now.

Section 2A softball begins on May 23 to avoid conflict with the May 24 special Congressional District 1 election. At this point, I haven't seen anything telling me other sections are doing the same.

Section 3AA and 3A golf gets going on May 25, with 3AA's initial round spread over two days on May 25 and 26 (girls one day, boys the next). Section 2A does the same, with day one being played May 31 and June 2 at North Links in Mankato.

Sub-section track meets will be held May 26. Windom and MLAC will be traveling to Mapleton. Section track in Section 2A is June 4 at Mankato West. Section 3A track is June 2.

Section baseball is slated to begin May 26 in Section 2A and May 28 in Sections 3AA and 3A.

It's a hectic end to the season. And before you know it, fall will be here.

A LOOK BACK TEN YEARS AGO

Windom senior Hannah Steele increased her own school shot put record at the Sioux Falls Relays, throwing 42-5 1/2. That gave Steele a first-place finish at the meet. She also was the runner-up in the discus with a throw of 125-10.

The Eagle girls golf team captured first place at the Fairmont Invitational, shooting a 371 to win by six strokes over the hosts. Megan Will led the Eagles with an 88, taking fifth overall. Kelsey Hanefeld added a 91. The Eagle boys saw their Fairmont Invite cut somewhat short as a rain shower left three holes unplayable. Windom finished seventh with a score of 173.

The Eagle softball team saw their bats come alive in a 23-0 thrashing of Southwestern United. Windom slugged out 15 hits and had a dazzling pitching performance from freshman Hannah Redmond, who scattered three hits and struck out one to earn her first career varsity victory. Redmond was pitching after the Eagles' main pitcher, Meghan Vesey, was hit in the hand during an earlier game.

The Minnesota DNR expressed concern that invasive Asian carp could enter Southwest Minnesota. The Iowa DNR reported that big head carp and silver carp had been detected in East Lake Okoboji and Big Spirit Lake, and could potentially enter Minnesota lakes or the Des Moines River.

Johnson named new activities director at WAHS

The reins of the Windom Area High School extra-curricular programs will be turned over to a Windom alum.



Jacob Johnson

At Monday's meeting, the Windom School Board approved the hiring of Jacob Johnson to be the new activities director for the school.

Johnson is a 2013 Windom graduate and has taught industrial tech in the district since the 2018-19 school year. He also has been the head girls basketball coach since the 2019-20 school year.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity," Johnson said.

"Growing up as a Windom Eagle, I'm very passionate about the activities at our school and the Windom community. I felt being the AD would be a great way to serve our community, help kids and help our coaches.

"I was very fortunate to have teachers, coaches and advisers who made an impact on me and inspired me to go into education, and I'm excited to serve Windom."

Johnson will take over for Jeremy O'Donnell, who is stepping down as activities director, effective at the end of the current school year. O'Donnell will be returning to the classroom full-time at WAHS next fall.

Johnson's new position will be a .75 FTE activities director and .25 FTE instructor.

"That schedule will

continue to allow me to work with the kids in the Eagle Path Manufacturing program, which is another thing I'm passionate about," Johnson said. "I'll teach that class and the rest of the day will be filled with AD duties."

Johnson also plans to continue in his current role as head girls basketball coach.

"I think being organized and prepared going into the winter sports season is going to be critical," Johnson said. "Winter is one of the busiest times of year for any activities director, but especially for one who also is a coach. I'll need to plan things out well. I also know that, in this role, I'm going to need to be visible at as many activities as possible, and not just basketball."

"I know it's going to be a

challenge, but it's something I look forward to working through."

In high school, Johnson was active in boys basketball and baseball, but was also active in the music department and FFA.

"I had a diverse experience in activities in high school, so I got to see all different aspects," Johnson said. "It's something good for me to be able to draw on."

As a coach, Johnson said he is familiar with the different officials in the region from several sports.

Johnson also drives a bus route for the district and drives the bus for the teams he coaches.

"I'm looking forward to working with Kevin Heggeseth and Palmer Bus to be able to make sure we can get kids safely to and from our

events and have drivers to run routes," Johnson said.

But Johnson added that he has quality connections that will help him tackle his new role.

"We still have a couple of people on staff who have experience as the AD in Jeremy O'Donnell and Dane Nielsen, so I know I can ask them for advice in how to handle things," Johnson said. "But I love being around kids and being around activities. I'm at a lot of activities anyway, so I felt like being the AD would suit me well."

"My hope is that I can be someone who can communicate well with our staff and coaches, parents and students and be an asset for Windom Eagle activities."

Serreyn ties high jump mark

A longtime Windom Eagle track record was matched during Monday's Section 3A True Team Meet, held in Redwood Falls.



Dylan Serreyn

Senior Dylan Serreyn tied the school record on his way to winning the high jump. Serreyn cleared 6-5, matching the record set in 1987 by John Vos.

Serreyn also placed second in the triple jump (44-1/2) and fifth in the long jump (18-5/4). That

led the Eagle boys team to a fourth-place score of 435 points. Luverne won the team title with 573 points.

Windom's girls finished eighth with 335 points. Luverne won the team title with 622 points.

The Eagle boys added a third-place finish from Bryan Macario in the 400 (53.37). Alex Altman took third in the shot put (47-5) and fourth in the discus (127-1).

Windom's 4x400 relay team of Macario, Carter

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Plenty of walleyes for opener

Minnesota anglers will head out on their favorite lakes and streams Saturday, pursuing the elusive walleye during the annual fishing opener.

After an extended drought, a relatively mild winter and an extended cool spring, water conditions are just starting to warm to the point of peak activity for fish.

But Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Manager Ryan Doorenbos said that there is plenty of good walleye fishing within a short drive. "You don't really need to drive 'up north' to have a great day fishing for walleyes," Doorenbos said. "There are several lakes within a short drive of the Windom area that are outstanding lakes for walleye."

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TUCKER RENQUIST dives head-first across home plate in front of the tag, giving the Eagles the lead in Thursday's 2-1 victory over Redwood Valley. The Eagles won three of four games in the past week.

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Building late momentum

The Windom Eagle baseball team hammered out 12 hits, including the season's first home run, during Monday's 14-1 victory over Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial at Lake Crystal.

Windom had three extra-base hits, including a three-run home run from Drew Rothenberger in the top of the sixth punctuating an eight-run inning to put the game out of reach.

The Eagles got on the board with a Braydon Kreofsky RBI single and an error in the first, then added a Tucker Renquist RBI single in the second for a 3-1 lead.

The Eagles added a two-run Kreofsky single in the



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Tuesday—at Pipestone, 5:30 p.m.

Rothenberger's blast over the left-center fence capped the scoring.

Kreofsky had three hits in the win. Rothenberger, Josh Garrison and Hockel had

fourth and a Cody Hockel sacrifice fly in the fifth, building the lead to 6-1.

In the sixth, the Eagles blew the game open. Brady Espenson ripped a three-run double, Hockel added a two-run single and

two hits each.

Henry Erickson worked the first five innings to pick up the pitching win, allowing one run on three hits. He walked two and struck out two.

Score by innings

Windom	ab	r	h	bi	LCWM	ab	r	h	bi
Rothenberger, lf	4	3	2	3	Brockman, 1b	2	1	1	0
Garrison, ss	4	2	2	1	Wells, lf	3	0	0	0
Kreofsky, 3b	4	2	3	3	Mann, dh	2	0	0	0
BEspenson, c	4	0	1	2	Wiens, cf	3	0	1	0
Perrizo, cf	0	1	0	0	Boen, p	2	0	1	0
Haugen, dh	2	1	0	0	Peterson, ph	1	0	0	0
Armstrong, 2b	4	1	1	0	Kloster, 2b	2	0	0	0
Hockel, rf	4	2	2	2	Tesch, c	2	0	0	0
Struck, 1b	3	2	1	0	Dahl, ss	1	0	0	0
Renquist, cf	3	0	1	1	Larson, 3b	2	0	0	0
Zespenson, ph	1	0	0	0					

2B—BEspenson, Garrison, Brockman. HR—Rothenberger. HBP—Rothenberger (by Boen), Mann (by Grant). Sac—Hockel. SB—Haugen, Hockel, Kreofsky 3, Renquist, Rothenberger, Lange.

Windom

Windom (W, 1-0)	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Erickson	5	1	0	3	2	2
Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0

Dronen	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
LCWM	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boen (L)	4	5	3	4	3	2
Brockman	1	5	5	6	0	0
Larson	1	4	1	2	1	0

Eagles split Saturday

The Windom Eagle baseball team needed two games to get the bats going Saturday, splitting a pair of games at Island Park.

In the opener, Fairmont pitcher Jake Crissinger tossed a no-hitter as the Eagles fell 13-0 in five innings to the state's second-ranked Class AA team. Crissinger issued one walk and struck out eight, as the Eagles had just three baserunners in

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Eagles salvage split at home tournament

The Windom Eagle softball team split a pair of games on a sunny Saturday morning at the Windom Recreation Area, going 1-1 at the Windom Tournament.

The Eagles opened the tourney with a 6-3 loss to Fairmont, then claimed a 5-2 victory over Martin County West.

In the opener, the Eagles took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third. Two runs scored on errors and Camryn Elness slashed an RBI single up the middle.

Fairmont rallied to tie the game in the top of the fourth, then used a three-run seventh to take the lead for good.

Elness and Leah Hauge each had two hits in the loss for the Eagles.

Jenna Veenker took the

pitching loss, allowing six runs on six hits. She walked four and struck out seven.

In the nightcap, the Eagles broke a 2-2 tie with three runs in the top of the fifth inning, defeating MCW 5-2.

Windom scored in the second on a wild pitch, then added a run in the fourth on a double steal.

In the fifth inning, Leah Hauge plated a run on a fielder's choice. Jenna Veenker then hit a sacrifice fly that wound up driving in a pair of runs.

Hauge had two hits in the win for the Eagles.

Anja Nielsen earned the pitching win, holding the Mavericks to two hits. She struck out five without a walk.

Score by innings—Game 1

Fairmont	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Fairmont	002	000	3	6	6	4
Windom	003	000	0	3	6	3

Windom hitters: Paulson 0-4; Hauge 2-4, 1 R; O'Donnell 0-2, 1 R; Huska 1-4, 1 R; JVeener 1-3; Elness 2-4, 1 RBI; HVeener 0-3; Writers 0-1; Nielsen 0-1; Skarphol 0-2; Spielman 0-3.

Windom pitchers: JVeener (L, 4-4) 7 IP, 6 R, 4 ER, 6 H, 4 BB, 7 K.

Score by innings—Game 2

Windom	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Windom	010	130	0	5	8	3



CAMRYN ELNESS lines a hot shot up the middle for an RBI during Saturday's game against Fairmont.

MCW

Windom hitters: Paulson 1-2, 1 R; Hauge 2-4, 1 RBI; JVeener 1-3, 2 RBI; Huska 1-4, 1 R, 1 2B; Elness 1-3, 1 R, 1 2B; HVeener 1-2, 1 2B; O'Donnell 0-0; Skarphol 0-3; Nielsen 1-3, 1 R; Spielman 0-3, 1 R.

Windom pitchers: Nielsen (W, 3-1) 7 IP, 2 R, 0 ER, 5

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Lovell no-hits Bulls in Pirates' opener

The Windom Pirates opened the 2022 amateur baseball season with a dominant performance at the plate and on the mound Sunday, defeating the Jackson Bulls 12-0 in five innings at Jackson.

The Pirate offense slugged out 15 hits in the game and raced to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Windom scored in four of its five trips to the plate.

Meanwhile, Pirate pitcher Collin Lovell dominated the Bulls lineup, finishing with a five-inning no-hitter. He walked one and struck out 11. Lovell allowed only two baserunners in the game. The first reached on an error, but was tagged out after rounding first and trying to return to the base. A fifth-inning walk forced Lovell to work from the stretch for the first time in the game.

Windom raced to the lead in the first inning. Alex Fink hit an RBI single and Kyle Espenson and Matt Madsen hit back-to-back two-run doubles.

Kobe Lovell added an RBI triple in the second. Fink hit a two-run single and Espenson added an RBI single in the fourth and David Volk ripped a two-run double in the fifth.



COLLIN LOVELL was in complete control during Sunday's season-opener for the Pirates. Lovell walked one and struck out 11 without allowing a hit in the Pirates' 12-0 win at Jackson.

Fink finished with four hits and four runs scored in the win. Kobe Lovell and Espenson had three hits each.

Score by innings	R	H	E		
Windom.....	510	42	—12	15	1
Jackson.....	000	00	—0	0	0

Windom hitters:	Willaby	0-2	2 R	Riordan	1-4	1 R	Fink	4-4	4 R	3 RBI	KLovell	3-3	3 R	1 RBI	1 2B	1
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Windom pitchers:	CLovell	(W, 1-0)	5 IP	0 R	0 ER	0 H	1 BB	11 K
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JENNA VEENKER winds up to deliver a strike against Fairmont in Saturday's Windom Tournament.

SB/ Eagles sweep Cardinals

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Eagles earn sweep

The Windom Eagles slugged their way to 32 runs in two games Thursday, sweeping a double-header against Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls by scores of 22-0 and 10-3.

In the opener, the Eagles hammered out 10 hits and drew 12 walks. That allowed Windom to plate eight runs in the second inning and 10 in the fourth to put the game away.

Leading 1-0 in the second, the Eagles scored two runs when Kadyon Paulson reached on a fielder's choice. Leah Hauge added an RBI single and Aubri Spielman later hit an RBI double.

Hailey Veenker added an RBI single in the third. Then, in the fourth, Veenker had another RBI single and Peyton Winters hit a two-run single.

K.J. Huska, Jenna Veenker, Hailey Veenker and Spielman had two hits each in the win.

Jenna Veenker earned the pitching victory, toss-

ing a two-hit shutout. She walked one and struck out six.

In the nightcap, the Eagles used a pair of four-run innings to take control of the game. Leading 1-0 in the fourth, Spielman hit an RBI single, two runs scored on double steals and a run came in on an error.

Hailey Veenker and Spielman each added a two-run double in the fifth, giving the Eagles a 9-0 lead. Huska hit an RBI double for the final Eagle run in the sixth inning.

Huska, Spielman and Alexa O'Donnell had two hits each in the win.

Anja Nielsen picked up the pitching win, allowing three runs on six hits. She walked one and struck out eight.

Score by innings—Game 1	R	H	E		
Windom.....	183	(10)	—22	10	0
Redwood Valley.....	000	0	—0	2	4

Windom hitters: Paulson 0-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Caldwell 0-1, 1 R; Hauge 1-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Ngrakred 0-1, 2 R, 1 RBI; O'Donnell 0-2, 1 R; Winters 1-1, 1 R, 2 R; Huska 2-3, 1 R, 1 2B; Smith 0-0, 1 R, 1 RBI; Veenker 2-3, 3 R, 2 RBI; Enness 0-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Hveener 2-3, 3 R, 2 RBI; Skarphol 0-2, 2 R; Spielman 2-3, 3 R, 2 RBI, 1 2B.

Windom pitchers: Jveener (W, 4-3) 4 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 H, 1 BB, 6 K.

Score by innings—Game 2	R	H	E			
Redwood Valley.....	000	003	0	—3	6	1
Windom.....	001	441	X	—10	7	2

Windom hitters: Paulson 0-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Hauge 0-2, 1 R; O'Donnell 2-4, 1 R; Huska 2-4, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Veenker 0-2, 1 R; Nielsen 0-3, 1 R; Skarphol 0-3, 2 R; Hveener 1-1, 3 R, 2 RBI, 1 2B; Spielman 2-3, 3 RBI, 1 2B.

Windom pitchers: Nielsen (W, 2-1) 7 IP, 3 R, 2 ER, 6 H, 1 BB, 8 K.

Eagle boys tie for third at BSC meet Monday

Windy conditions Monday proved tricky to navigate for the Windom boys golf team at GreatLife Golf Course in Worthington.



Golf
Friday—at Worthington, 4:15 p.m.
Monday—at BSC Tourney (Dacotah Ridge, Morton), 9 a.m.
Tuesday—vs. BEA, 4:30 p.m.

The Eagle boys finished tied for third at Monday's Big South Conference West Division meet, scoring a 358. Marshall won the meet with a 329.

The incomplete Eagle girls team

hosted Monday's BSC West Division event at the Windom Country Club. Redwood Valley ran away with the team title, shooting a 352.

The Eagle boys were led by Landon Pillatzki, who scored an 84 to tie him for fifth place, individually. Eli Lund shot an 85, followed by Greyson Elder with a 90 and Carter Rossow with a 99.

For the girls, Ada Lund finished in fourth place, individually, scoring a 93. Miranda Cory shot a 110.

shot a 204 against an incomplete Eagle team.

Windom's boys were led by Eli Lund, who finished second, individually, with a 41. Greyson Elder, Carter Rossow and Landon Pillatzki each shot a 43.

Ada Lund led the Eagle girls, tying for second, individually, with a 49. Miranda Cory shot a 55.

Girls Team Scores: Adrian-Ellsworth 204, Windom incomplete.
Individual Medalist: Josi Altman (AE) 47.
Windom results: Ada Lund 49; Miranda Cory 55.
Boys Team Scores: Windom 170, Adrian-Ellsworth 175.
Individual Medalist: Brock Henning (AE) 40.
Windom results: Eli Lund 41; Greyson Elder 43; Carter Rossow 43; Landon Pillatzki 43; Adam Dahna 53; Alex Cory 54.

Coyotes tie for first

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda/Westbrook-Walnut Grove's boys golf team tied for the low score of the day at Thursday's second leg of the Red Rock Conference Tournament. The boys played at Slayton, while the girls played at Sanborn.

Murray County Central's girls posted the low girls score of the day.

For the boys, HLOF/WWG and Adrian-Ellsworth each shot 369 Thursday. Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey had a 409 and Red Rock Central scored a 434. Adrian-Ellsworth leads the overall team race by four strokes over HLOF/WWG with two events to go.

HLOF/WWG's Sawyer Drent posted the low score of the day Thursday, shooting an 82. Brady Ross had a 92 and Carter Drent shot a 95.

For MLAC, Grant Oakland led the way with a 98. Joey Faber shot a 103. Devyn Rempel and Layken Marcy each scored a 104.

Keagan Steen led RRC with a 100. Charles Dammann shot a 109 and Gavin Willardson scored a 111.

For the girls, MCC scored a 419 Thursday. HLOF/WWG shot a 447. RRC had a 489. MLAC played incomplete. Adrian-Ellsworth maintained the overall team lead with two events to play.

HBC's Tess Van Maanen posted Thursday's low score, shooting a 90.

Elly Bang led HLOF/WWG with a 93. Madelyn Koep shot 108, followed by Kelli Renneke with a 113.

Carlee Sell led RRC with a 113. Lexi Weber and Aryanna Weber each scored a 123.

MLAC's lone player, Olivia Christians, finished with a 114.

Girls Team Scores: MCC 419, Adrian-Ellsworth 420, HLOF/WWG 447, RRC 489, all others incomplete.
Individual Medalist: Tess Van Maanen (HBC) 90.
HLOF/WWG results: Elly Bang 93; Madelyn Koep 108; Kelli Renneke 113; Marenna Bang 133; Marissa Becker 133.

MLAC results: Olivia Christians 114.

RRC results: Carlee Sell 100; Lexi Weber 123; Aryanna Weber 123; Bailey Timm 130.

Boys Team Scores: Adrian-Ellsworth 369, HLOF/WWG 369, MCC 390, HBC 395, SWCE 398, MLAC 409, RRC 434.

Individual Medalist: Sawyer Drent (HLOF/WWG) 82.

Other HLOF/WWG results: Brady Ross 92; Carter Drent 95; Neil Kuehl 100; Evan Madsen 108; Ian Bumgardner 222.

MLAC results: Grant Oakland 98; Joey Faber 103; Devyn Rempel 104; Layken Marcy 104; Aiden Rehnett 108; Landon Rempel 126.



GREYSON ELDER fires a tee shot during Friday's dual meet against Adrian-Ellsworth. Elder shot a 43 in the Eagles' victory.

RRC results: Keagan Steen 100; Charles Dammann 109; Gavin Willardson 111; Matthew Horning 114; Reese Berg 130; Blake Paplow 147.

Eagle boys win

The Windom boys and Red Rock Central girls picked up victories in a triangular held Tuesday at Farmers Golf and Health Club in Sanborn.

Windom's boys shot a 166. Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey was second with a 213 while RRC finished with a 226.

For the girls, RRC shot a 246 against incomplete Windom and MLAC teams.

Windom's boys were led by meet medalist Landon Pillatzki, who shot a 39. Carter Rossow added a 41 while Greyson Elder and Eli Lund each shot 43s.

Devyn Rempel led the MLAC boys with a 50. Grant Oakland added a 51 and Joey Faber shot a 55.

Gavin Willardson paced RRC's boys with a 50. Matthew Horning and Keagan Steen each scored a 57.

For the girls, Windom's Ada Lund was the meet medalist with a 50. Miranda Cory added a 54.

Carlee Sell led RRC's girls with a 53. Lexi Weber shot a 62 and Bailey Timm added a 63.

MLAC's lone golfer, Olivia Christians, finished with a 55.

Girls Team Scores: RRC 246, Windom and MLAC incomplete.

Individual Medalist: Ada Lund (Windom) 50.

Other Windom results: Miranda Cory 54.

MLAC results: Olivia Christians 55.

RRC results: Carlee Sell 53; Lexi Weber 62; Bailey Timm 63; Aryanna Weber 68.

Boys Team Scores: Windom 166, MLAC 213, RRC 226.

Individual Medalist: Landon Pillatzki (Windom) 39.

Other Windom results: Carter Rossow 41; Greyson Elder 43; Eli Lund 43; Alex Cory 51; Adam Dahna 54.

MLAC results: Devyn Rempel 50; Grant Oakland 51;

Joey Faber 55; Aiden Rehnett 57; Layken Marcy 60; Landon Rempel 74.

RRC results: Gavin Willardson 50; Matthew Horning 57; Keagan Steen 57; Blake Paplow 62; Charles Dammann 68; Reese Berg 73.

Coyotes, Rebels split

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda/Westbrook-Walnut Grove earned a split of a golf meet with Murray County Central Tuesday at the Slayton Country Club.

The HLOF/WWG boys claimed a 188-234 win, while MCC's girls edged HLOF 225-229.

For the boys, Sawyer Drent earned meet medalist honors for the Coyotes, shooting a 43. Neil Kuehl added a 46 and Carter Drent shot a 47.

HLOF/WWG's Elly Bang was the girls medalist, shooting a 46. Madelyn Koep added a 57 and Marenna Bang shot a 58.

Girls Team Scores: MCC 225, HLOF/WWG 229.
Individual Medalist: Elly Bang (HLOF/WWG) 46.

Other HLOF/WWG results: Madelyn Koep 57; Marenna Bang 58; Marissa Becker 68.

Boys Team Scores: HLOF/WWG 188, MCC 234.

Individual Medalist: Sawyer Drent (HLOF/WWG) 43.

Other HLOF/WWG results: Neil Kuehl 46; Carter Drent 47; Brady Ross 52; Ian Bumgardner 53.

HLOF/WWG sweeps

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda/Westbrook-Walnut Grove earned a sweep last Monday over Southwest Christian-Egerton in a meet played at Adrian.

Girls Team Scores: HLOF/WWG 225, SWCE incomplete.

Individual Medalist: Kelli Renneke (HLOF/WWG) 52.

Other HLOF/WWG results: Elly Bang 53; Madelyn Koep 57; Marenna Bang 63.

Boys Team Scores: HLOF/WWG 176, SWCE 194.

Individual Medalist: Sawyer Drent (HLOF/WWG) 37.

Other HLOF/WWG results: Carter Drent 45; Neil Kuehl 47; Brady Ross 47; Evan Madsen 56.



K.J. HUSKA fields a ball in front of a baserunner near second base during Saturday's game against Fairmont. The Eagles won three of four games last week, including a sweep over Redwood Valley Thursday.

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Redwood Valley.....000 003 0—3 6 1

Windom.....001 441 X—10 7 2

Windom hitters: Paulson 0-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Hauge 0-2, 1 R; O'Donnell 2-4, 1 R; Huska 2-4, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Veenker 0-2, 1 R; Nielsen 0-3, 1 R; Skarphol 0-3, 2 R; Hveener 1-1, 3 R, 2 RBI, 1 2B; Spielman 2-3, 3 RBI, 1 2B.

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Elliot Espenson

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Wolverines hammer out sweep Thursday

Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey used big innings to take command of both games Thursday, sweeping a doubleheader from Adrian-Ellsworth in Mt. Lake by scores of 10-3 and 15-3.

In the opener, MLAC got on the board in the first inning on a Brooke Naas RBI single. Then, trailing 2-1 in the second, the Wolverines plated six runs, all with two outs in the inning. Naas drew a bases-loaded walk, Alana Morey hit a two-run single and Ella Dockter unloaded a bases-clearing double for a 7-2 lead.

Naas added a two-run double and Morey had an RBI groundout in the third.

Jaci Tollefson had three hits in the win. Naas had two hits and four RBI while Annika Brinkman had two hits.

Kennedie Simon picked up the complete-game pitching win, allowing six hits, walking one and striking out six. In the nightcap, the Wolverines scored in the top of the first on a wild pitch and an error.

In the top of the second, MLAC again mounted a two-out rally. Naas hit a two-run double and Dockter ripped a three-run double. Thaila Sengchan added an RBI double and Meesha Hoek hit an RBI single.

In the third, Morey plated a run with a single and Alexis Romsdahl added a two-run single.

Romsdahl drew a bases-loaded walk in the fifth and Jaci Tollefson plated a run on a fielder's choice.

Naas led the Wolverines with two hits.

Simon picked up the pitching win, allowing five hits, walking two and striking out four.

Score by Innings—Game 1	R	H	E			
Adrian-Ellsworth	020	001	0	3	6	2
MLAC	163	000	X	10	11	0

MLAC hitters: Tollefson 3-4, 3 R; Simon 0-3; Naas 2-3, 2 R, 4 RBI, 1 2B; Morey 1-4, 1 R, 3 RBI; Brinkman 2-3, 1 R, 1 2B; EDockter 1-4, 3 RBI, 1 2B; Baerg 1-1; Romsdahl 0-2; PDockter 0-1; Radtke 0-0; Sengchan 1-3, 2 R; Boldt 0-0, 1 R.

MLAC pitchers: Simon (W, 5-4) 7 IP, 3 R, 3 ER, 6 H, 1 BB, 6 K.

Score by Innings—Game 2	R	H	E		
MLAC	274	02	15	9	2
Adrian-Ellsworth	210	00	3	5	4

MLAC hitters: Tollefson 1-5, 2 R, 1 RBI; Simon 1-4; Naas 2-3, 3 R, 2 RBI, 1 2B; Morey 1-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Brinkman 0-2, 1 R; EDockter 1-3, 1 R, 3 RBI, 1 2B; Radtke 0-0, 1 R; Vidana 0-0, 1 R; Sengchan 1-2, 3 R, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Hoek 1-3, 2 RBI; Romsdahl 1-2, 3 RBI; Kiboldt 0-0, 1 R; Kiboldt 0-0, 1 R.

MLAC pitchers: Simon (W, 6-4) 5 IP, 3 R, 1 ER, 5 H, 2 BB, 4 K.

Falcons fall twice
Red Rock Central/West-



JOEL ALVSTAD 5/11 fastpitch 41

ALANA MOREY rips a line drive for a base hit during Thursday's doubleheader against Adrian-Ellsworth. The Wolverines improved to 6-6 by sweeping the Dragons.

Area Fastpitch Schedule

Thursday—MCC at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 4:30 p.m.; Adrian-Ellsworth at RRC/WWG (Sanborn), 4:30 p.m.

Friday—Nicollet at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 4:30 p.m.

Saturday—RRC/WWG at Marshall Tourney, 9 a.m.

Tuesday—RRC/WWG at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

brook-Walnut Grove couldn't slow down a high-powered Edgerton-Southwest Christian offense Thursday, falling in both games of a doubleheader in Edgerton by scores of 14-4 and 15-2.

In the opener, the Falcons held an early lead, scoring on an error and on a Mercedes Myers two-run home run.

But the Dutchmen rallied with two in the bottom of the first, then scored three in the second to take the lead.

RRC/WWG added a Nora Hemmingsen RBI double in the fourth, but couldn't push another run across the plate.

Myers had three hits in the loss for the Falcons. Hemmingsen added two hits.

Addeson Jenniges took the pitching loss, allowing eight hits and three walks while fanning six.

In the nightcap, the Falcons fell behind early, as the Dutchmen scored five times in the first and three in the

third. Trailing 10-0 in the bottom of the fourth, RRC/WWG scored its only runs of the game on a two-run Reilly Hubin single.

Isabella Rentschler had two hits in the loss for the Falcons.

Natalie Wahl took the pitching loss, allowing eight runs on five hits and five walks in three innings. She struck out two.

Score by Innings—Game 1	R	H	E		
RRC/WWG	301	000	4	7	7
ESWC	230	135	14	8	1

RRC/WWG hitters: Amsden 1-3, 1 R, 1 2B; Sikel 0-2, 1 R; Morin 0-1; Myers 3-3, 1 R, 2 RBI, 1 HR; Rindfleisch 0-3; Rentschler 1-3; Hemmingsen 2-3, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Schoer 0-2; Erickson 0-3; Jenniges 0-2; Radmaker 0-0, 1 R.

RRC/WWG pitchers: Jenniges (L, 2-5) 5.2 IP, 14 R, 2 ER, 8 H, 3 BB, 6 K.

Score by Innings—Game 2	R	H	E		
ESWC	503	25	15	13	0
RRC/WWG	000	20	2	6	3

RRC/WWG hitters: Amsden 0-3; Jenniges 1-3; Myers 1-3; Rindfleisch 1-2; Rentschler 2-3, 1 R; Hemmingsen 0-0; Radmaker 0-1; Schoer 0-2, 1 R; Erickson 0-1; Hubin 1-1, 2 RBI; Wahl 0-1; Ross 0-1.

RRC/WWG pitchers: Wahl (L, 1-3) 3 IP, 9 R, 5 ER, 5 H, 5 BB, 2 K; Ross 2 IP, 7 R, 5 ER, 8 H, 3 BB, 1 K.

Falcons drop Wolverines

Red Rock Central/Westbrook-Walnut Grove used two big offensive innings to establish the lead for good Tuesday, defeating Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey 8-1 at Sanborn.

The Falcons jumped to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first on a Mercedes Myers groundout, a Sondra Rindfleisch RBI single and a wild

pitch.

Then, in the third, the Falcons stretched the lead to 8-0. Ella Erickson drew a bases-loaded walk, Nora Hemmingsen scored on a wild pitch, Hailey Amsden hit an RBI single and Amelia Sikel ripped a two-run double.

MLAC's lone run scored on an Ella Dockter RBI single in the fourth inning. Sikel led the Falcons with three hits. Amsden added two hits in the win.

Annika Brinkman had three hits for the Wolverines. Kennedie Simon and Brooke Naas had two hits each.

Addeson Jenniges earned the pitching win for the Falcons, allowing nine hits and striking out two.

Simon took the loss for the Wolverines, allowing seven runs on five hits. She walked five and struck out three.

Score by Innings	R	H	E			
MLAC	000	100	0	1	9	0
RRC/WWG	305	000	X	8	11	0

RRC/WWG hitters: Tollefson 0-4; Simon 2-3, 1 R; Radtke 0-0; Naas 2-3; Morey 0-3; Brinkman 3-3; EDockter 1-3, 1 RBI; Vidana 0-0; Baerg 0-3; PDockter 0-2; Schumann 1-1; Sengchan 0-3.

RRC/WWG hitters: Amsden 2-4, 1 R, 1 RBI; Sikel 3-4, 1 R, 2 RBI, 2 2B; Myers 1-3, 1 RBI; Rindfleisch 1-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Rentschler 1-4, 1 R; Hemmingsen 1-3, 1 R; Schoer 0-3, 1 R; Erickson 1-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Jenniges 1-2, 1 R.

MLAC pitchers: Simon (L, 4-4) 2.1 IP, 7 R, 6 ER, 5 H, 5 BB, 3 K; Morey 3.2 IP, 1 R, 1 ER, 6 H, 3 BB, 1 K.

RRC/WWG pitchers: Jenniges (W, 2-4) 7 IP, 1 R, 1 ER, 9 H, 0 BB, 2 K.

Wolverine boys take second at Fairmont

The Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey boys track team was sharp Friday, capturing second place in the small school division at the Sentinel Relays, held in Fairmont.

MLAC finished with 111 points. River Valley won the division title with 113 points.

The Wolverine girls finished seventh with 54 points. North Union (Iowa) won the division title with 120 points.

MLAC's boys were paced by double-event winner Tido Xayachak, who won the long jump (19-4¼) and triple jump (36-10). Kody Wassman added a win in the 3,200 (10:36.41). MLAC's 4x800 relay team of Iker Lopez, Caden Swoboda, Ethan Schroeder and Wassman placed first with a time of 8:49.21.

Cayden LaPointe added runner-up finishes in the 110 hurdles (17.00) and 300 hurdles (46.87). Cole Kleven was second in the 400 (56.24). Caden Swoboda placed third in the 1,600 (5:01.66) and pole vault (9-0).

For the girls, Haily Green finished second in the 300 hurdles (53.38) and third in the 100 hurdles (17.88). Kearney Wall added a runner-up finish in the shot put (30-6). Zoe Evers was third in the 400 (1:09.36). Riley Schroeder took third in the pole vault (7-6).

Sentinel Relays Small School Division Girls Results: 1. North Union (Iowa) 120. 2t. St. Clair-Immanuel Lutheran 115½. 2t. River Valley 115½. 4. Fairmont JV 108½. 5. HLOF 70½. 6. MCW 70. 7. MLAC 54. 8. M/7/ML/GHEC 29.

MLAC Results: 200 dash: 5. ZEvans 29.66. 400 dash: 3. ZEvans 1:09.36. 100 HH: 3. HGreen 17.88. 300 LH: 2. HGreen 53.38. 4x200 relay: 6. ZEvans, RSchroeder, TMeyer, HGreen 2:04.42. Pole vault: 3. RSchroeder 7-6. Shot put: 2. KWall 30-6. Discus: 6. KWall 74-0.

Sentinel Relays Small School Division Boys Results: 1. River Valley 113. 2. MLAC 111. 3. Fairmont JV 104. 4. HLOF 103. 5. St. Clair-Immanuel Lutheran 76. 6t. MCW 63. 6t. North Union (Iowa) 63. 8. M/7/ML/GHEC 31. 9. St. James JV 5.

MLAC Results: 100 dash: 5. CKleven 12.32. 200 dash: 6. CLaPointe 25.58. 400 dash: 2. CKleven 58.24. 1,600 run: 3. CSwoboda 5:01.66. 3,200 run: 1. KoWassman 10:36.41. 110 HH: 2. CLaPointe 17.00. 300 IH: 2. CLaPointe 46.87. 4x200 relay: 6. PXayachak, ASaele, TVongkaenchan, LWall 1:46.01. 4x400 relay: 2. ESchroeder, CKleven, MHoImberg, CSwoboda 3:46.08. 4x800 relay: 1. ILopez, CSwoboda, ESchroeder, KoWassman 8:49.21. Sprint medley relay: 4. LWall, PXayachak, ESchroeder, ILopez 4:10.95. Pole vault: 3. CSwoboda 9-0. Long jump: 1. TXayachak 19-4¼. 6. LWall 17-1. Triple jump: 1. TXayachak 36-10. Shot put: 6. MHoImberg 36-2¼. Discus: 5. MHoImberg 106-0.

MLAC girls second

The Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey girls placed second and the boys fourth at Tuesday's St. James Invitational.

The MLAC girls scored 48 points. River Valley won the meet with 126.

MLAC's boys had 46 points. St. James won the meet with 80½.

MLAC's boys were led by the 4x800 relay team of Caden Swoboda, Ethan Schroeder, Zach Klassen and Kody Wassman, which placed first (8:49.72). Swoboda took second in the 1,600 (4:59.74) and Klassen was second in the 800 (2:07.68).

For the girls, Lana Kestner placed first in the 200 (29.75). Haily Green added a win in the 100 hurdles (17.97) and was second in the 300 hurdles (51.02). Kate Janzen was second in the 400 (1:06.81) and 800 (2:41.88). Kearney Wall was second in the shot put (27-9). Tiegan Meyer was second in the high jump (4-4).

St. James Invite Girls Results: 1. River Valley 126. 2. MLAC 48. 3. St. James 42. 4. GFV 23.

MLAC Results: 100 dash: 3. LKestner 14.17; 4. LRete 14.70; 6. RSchroeder 14.77. 200 dash: 1. LKestner 29.75; 5. ZEvans 30.47. 400 dash: 2. KJanzen 1:06.81. 800 run: 2. KJanzen 2:41.88. 100 HH: 1. HGreen 17.97. 300 LH: 2. HGreen 51.02. 4x400 relay: 2. LRete, KJanzen, LKestner, ZEvans 4:43.54. High jump: 2. TMeyer 4-4. Shot put: 2. KWall 27-9; 4. JPeterson 25-4½; 6. BAnacker 24-6½. Discus: 3. KWall 78-8; 5. JPeterson 71-1.

St. James Invite Boys Results: 1. St. James 80½. 2. River Valley 72½. 3. GFV 51. 4. MLAC 46.

MLAC Results: 100 dash: 5. CKleven 12.45. 200 dash: 3. CKleven 25.04; 4. LKlassen 25.09; 6. JLinnscheid 25.28. 400 dash: 3. CKleven 55.35; 4. KoWassman 55.57; 6. LKlassen 56.19. 800 run: 2. ZKlassen 2:07.68; 5. ESchroeder 2:19.96; 6. ILopez 2:21.38. 1,600 run: 2. CSwoboda 4:59.74. 3,200 run: 3. KoWassman 10:39.63. 4x100 relay: 2. TXayachak, CLaPointe, TVongkaenchan, JLinnscheid 49.43. 4x800 relay: 1. CSwoboda, ESchroeder, ZKlassen, KoWassman 8:49.72. Triple jump: 3. JLinnscheid 36-2½; 5. TXayachak 36-1. Shot put: 3. MHoImberg 34-8; 4. KaWassman 34-5. Discus: 3. MHoImberg 97-3.

Chargers run Tuesday

Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central's boys finished eighth with 5 points at Tuesday's Laker Invitational, held at Cottonwood.

Jackson County Central won the meet with 142½ points.

WWG/RRC's girls did not score in the meet. JCC won the team title with 162½.

WWG/RRC's boys finished fourth in the 4x100 relay (48.99). Bowen Hesse added a sixth-place finish in the 110 hurdles (21.00).

Laker Invite Girls Results: 1. JCC 162½. 2. MAC-CRAY/RGW 101. 3. BOLD/BLHS 96½. 4. CMCS 81. 5. Lakeview 44. 6. Wabasso 32. 7. Ortonville.

Laker Invite Boys Results: 1. JCC 142½. 2. BOLD/BLHS 106. 3. MACCRAW/RGW 74½. 4. CMCS 74. 5. Lakeview 67. 6. Ortonville 59. 7. Wabasso 21. 8. WWG/RRC 5.

WWG/RRC Results: 110 HH: 6. BHesse 21.00. 4x100 relay: 4. KCurry, AVue, BYang, LDeSmith 48.99.

FISH/ Cold water poses danger

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season might not be a bad thing because of how cold it's been this spring. The weather during our egg take on Lake Sarah was just miserable. There were some lakes in Northern Minnesota that just had ice out. Fish tend to be most active when the water gets to about 60 degrees, and we're certainly not there yet."

Doorenbos said that Lake Sarah in Murray County remains the premier walleye lake in Southwest Minnesota, but several lakes aren't far behind.

"In the 10-county area I serve, there are a lot of lakes with very good populations of walleye," Doorenbos said. "Our surveys have shown terrific numbers in a lot of lakes. Lake Shetek had a great winter. Kansas Lake in Watonwan County had a great ice fishing season and has a ton of walleyes. Loon Lake, Clear Lake and Round Lake in Jackson County are terrific walleye lakes. Bing-

ham Lake also has a very good walleye population.

"If you take the time you'd spend driving north and put it into fishing locally, you'd catch just as many fish here as you do up there."

Doorenbos added that the Des Moines River, particularly by the Talcot Lake dam, is another ideal spot to target walleye. However, anglers who know where to look for walleyes among the rock riffles at Island Park also can find success.

Doorenbos reminds anglers that the limit has changed for northern pike in recent years, to two fish

daily and a minimum length of 24 inches.

Additionally, he said cold water can raise safety issues.

"Life jackets are critical this time of year," Doorenbos said. "Water temperatures are still cold enough that if someone capsizes, they can potentially go into shock."

"Also, when you pull your boat out, you need to drain your live well and remove any vegetation from the boat, motor and trailer. We want to make sure that zebra mussels and other invasives don't come into our lakes."

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Bad inning spells doom for Wolverines

The wheels fell off for the Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey baseball team in the fourth inning Friday, as the Wolverines fell 15-5 to Mankato Loyola in Mt. Lake.

Loyola blew the game open with a 12-run fourth inning, capitalizing on 11 hits and four Wolverine errors in the game.

MLAC got on the board in the bottom of the second when Kolby Kremmin launched a two-run home run.

Tanner Koetzle added an RBI groundout in the fourth. In the fifth, MLAC scored its final runs on a fielder's choice and a Khalid Fontanez RBI double.

Kremmin took the pitching loss, allowing 13 runs on 10 hits in 3-2/3 innings of work. He walked two and struck out one.

Score by innings	R	H	E	
Mankato Loyola	201	12	15	10
MLAC	002	12	5	7

MLAC hitters: Koetzle 0-3, 1 R; Blom 1-2, 1 R, 1 2B; Simon 1-2, 1 R; Penner 0-1; Apenner 0-0; Blom 0-2; Karschnik 0-1, 1 R, 1 RBI; Fontanez 1-2, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Veerkamp 1-1, 1 R, 1 RBI; Jevens 1-2, 1 R, 1 RBI; Juhnke 0-0.

MLAC pitchers: Kremmin (L, 2-2) 3.2 IP, 13 R, 3 ER, 10 H, 2 BB, 1 K; Vazquez 0.1 IP, 2 R, 0 ER, 0 H, 1 BB, 1 K; Jevens 1 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 K.

Vikings top Falcons

Red Rock Central/Westbrook-Walnut Grove couldn't overcome an early deficit Friday afternoon, taking a 9-6 loss at Minneota.

The Falcons held a 2-0 lead after one inning on RBI singles from Isaac Simonson

and Keaton Skarupa. But the Vikings plated four runs in the bottom of the second, taking the lead for good.

RRC/WWG added an RBI single from Gavin Hesse in the third, the plated a trio of runs in the top of the seventh, highlighted by a two-run Skarupa double.

Simonson, Skarupa and Hesse had two hits each in the loss.

Jayden Lang took the pitching loss, working 4-1/3 innings of relief. He allowed seven runs on six hits, walked one and struck out four.

Score by innings	R	H	E	
RRC/WWG	201	000	3	8
Minneota	040	032	X	9

RRC/WWG hitters: Vold 1-3, 2 R; Jackson 1-4, 1 R; Juhnke 0-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Simonson 2-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Skarupa 2-4, 3 RBI, 1 2B; Hesse 2-4, 1 RBI; Jenniges 0-4; Kleven 1-3; Lang 0-1, 1 R.

Area Baseball Schedule

Thursday—MLAC at MCC (Slayton), 4:30 p.m.; RRC/WWG at AE (Adrian), 4:30 p.m.

Friday—Nicollet at MLAC (Mt. Lake), 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday—MLAC at St. James, 4:30 p.m.; Springfield at RRC/WWG (Lamberton), 4:30 p.m.

Wolverines fall twice

Three disastrous innings doomed the Mt. Lake Area-Comfrey baseball team Thursday, as the Wolverines were swept in a doubleheader by Adrian-Elsworth by scores of 11-4

and 25-1. In the opener, the Wolverines briefly held a lead, but the Dragons used a seven-run fifth inning to take the lead for good.

MLAC scored on an error in the first inning. In the second, Caleb Simon led off with a solo home run and Landon Boldt and Jake Evers hit back-to-back RBI doubles for a 4-2 Wolverine lead.

AE scored single runs in the third and fourth innings, then plated seven in the fifth to seal the win. The Dragons scored three runs on wild pitches and had a two-run single in the inning.

Kolby Kremmin and Boldt had two hits each in the loss. Simon took the pitching loss, allowing 10 unearned runs in five innings on the mound. He walked two and struck out three.

In the nightcap, the Dragons scored seven runs in the second inning, then plated 14 runs in the top of the third, on their way to a 25-1 victory.

The lone Wolverine run scored on an error in the fourth inning.

Sam Stade had two of the Wolverines' four hits. Tyler Dick took the pitching loss, allowing eight runs on five hits in two innings. He walked one and struck out one.

Score by innings—Game 1	R	H	E
MLAC	130	000	0
Adrian-Elsworth	201	170	X

RRC/WWG pitchers: Simonson 1 IP, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 H, 1 BB, 0 K; Lang (L, 0-1) 4.1 IP, 7 R, 6 ER, 6 H, 1 BB, 4 K; Hensch 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K.

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MLAC hitters: Koetzle 0-4; Fontanez 0-2; Veerkamp 0-2; Kremmin 2-3, 1 R, 1 2B; Penner 0-3; Simon 1-3, 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 HR; Blom 1-2, 1 R; Toll 0-1; Moody 0-1; Boldt 2-3, 1 R, 1 2B; Evers 1-3, 2 RBI, 1 2B.

MLAC pitchers: Simon (L, 0-1) 5 IP, 11 R, 1 ER, 8 H, 2 BB, 3 K; Karschnik 1 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K.

Score by innings—Game 2	R	H	E
Adrian-Elsworth	17	14	12
MLAC	000	10	1

MLAC hitters: Koetzle 0-3; Evers 0-3; Kremmin 0-1; Moody 1-1, 1 R; Penner 0-2; Simon 1-2; Boldt 0-2; Blom 0-2; Fontanez 0-2; Stade 2-2.

MLAC pitchers: Dick (L, 0-1) 2 IP, 8 R, 7 ER, 5 H, 1 BB, 1 K; Karschnik 0 IP, 6 R, 4 ER, 1 H, 3 BB, 0 K; Fontanez 0.2 IP, 8 R, 2 ER, 3 H, 1 BB, 1 K; Koetzle 0.1 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 K; Veerkamp 2 IP, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 H, 4 BB, 3 K.

Falcons earn sweep

Red Rock Central/Westbrook-Walnut Grove got off to a good start on offense and made leads stand in both games of a doubleheader Thursday, sweeping Edgerton-Southwest Christian in Lambertton by scores of 8-3 and 9-5.

In the opener, the Falcons took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first on a two-run Keaton Skarupa single. Quintyn Vold added an RBI double in the second.

The Falcons scored twice on an error in the fourth, then got a Jayden Lang RBI groundout in the fifth. In the sixth, Gavin Hesse plated a run with a sacrifice fly and Dan Kleven hit an RBI single.

Vold, Jake Jackson and Skarupa each had two hits. Ashton Juhnke earned the pitching win, working the first 5-2/3 innings. He allowed two runs on three hits, walked five and struck out nine.

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RRC/WWG PITCHER Isaac Simonson delivers a strike during last Tuesday's game against MLAC in Mt. Lake.

In the nightcap, the Falcons took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second on a wild pitch and an error.

RRC/WWG added runs in the third on an error, a balk and a double steal.

In the sixth, Hudson Jenniges scored on a double steal.

The Falcons sealed the win in the seventh as Jackson scored on a double steal, Juhnke scored on a wild pitch and Jenniges hit an RBI single.

Jenniges had three hits in the win for the Falcons.

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The grosbeaks arrived on strong south winds

Backyard bird feeding has grown to the extent that many of us check that out first thing each morning. Although we've all been watching for them it was a surprise to me when suddenly, here they were.



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After way too strong and way too long of south wind, suddenly, there they were last Saturday morning, May 7, on the ground under my bird feeders. They had obviously migrated during the night, and they had been assisted by a wind that flowed south to north. 35 mph!

The arrival of the rose-breasted grosbeak was a beautiful morning sight and avid bird watchers can easily spot them. Their black head, rose-colored vest (or bib if you wish), and contrasting large white belly and sides make them one of the easiest birds to identify.

They are omnivores (eat anything) in their seed selection so they will stop at almost any feeding station. They will eat a variety of seeds from a variety of feeder types and even occasionally stick their beak through the mesh on a suet feeder.

I've been feeding more and

more on the bare ground and birds seem to enjoy the more natural presentation. Keeping it spread thin while leaving a light covering of sticks and leaves is also good. But I'm guessing it is the many dangling, colorful bird feeders that first attract them.

They, like many other birds that appear at our feeding stations, become habituated. If that is good or bad, I'm not totally sure. (More on that a bit later). But I do think it's OK to feed birds, including pheasants. Most return to seeking more natural feed availability when it happens.

The problem with that is more natural habitat is becoming less and less.

Bird feeding also enhances or keeps awake an interest in free-roaming wildlife. People will realize what an unfriendly place we have caused for them, especially with the urbanization of our population.

Now, with bird feeding, we can give them a boost and even maintain a good population. However, let's try to avoid the over humanization of our birds and animals. Let's view them as a population we want to maintain.

Bird flu outbreak

I've had a couple of people ask me whether they should continue to feed the little birds in their backyard as not recommended by some. My first answer is that I am going to continue. The second part is maybe we should be a bit more cautious in view of the bird flu outbreak we are seeing.

There is something about hearing of destruction of millions of laying hens or broilers that frightens us all. Not to mention \$4 a dozen for eggs.

In general most wild birds are merely carriers of the H5N1, or H5N8 avian influ-

enza occurring this spring. And it is mainly aquatic wildlife that is spreading it up the flyway after being exposed to it by congregations of birds "down" south.

The virus is spread by its presence in many ways including saliva, nasal secretions and even feces. It is most likely that fecal contamination is the main form of transmission.

It had been concluded that the last outbreak in 2014 and 2015 was spread from infected, migrating carrier birds into local birds such as starlings, pigeons and sparrows. They then took the virus into barns of laying hens, broilers and turkeys.

Superimpose that introduction onto huge numbers of domesticated birds that are densely populated and overly stressed results in an immune compromised population. Hence the test and depopulate strategy of control has resulted in loss of millions.

This year's outbreak has caused more death loss in wild birds and therefore concern about their congregation and concentration. Thus far I have not heard



THESE FIVE LITTLE birds died around my house over a couple of days. Cause of death was window strike, not bird flu.

of the virus causing deaths of the little birds at our bird feeders. However, it did cause the death of a wigeon duck in South Carolina, many birds at a refuge in Illinois and several thousand snow geese in their flyway.

In addition at our own Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, where they routinely do blood tests on incoming hawks and eagles for bird flu, they have found a much greater positive rate.

Wildlife vets needed

I have long maintained a need for a specialty track for wildlife veterinarians. In place of their long train-

ing for providing medical treatment, surgery and immunization they should be learned in diagnostics and surveillance. I think, based on what I have seen, their basic science instruction remains excellent and well qualifies them for a wildlife specialty.

If the career had been offered to me, at sometime in the past, I'd have willingly accepted it. Just think; no night calls, no bills to collect and fixed income with benefits. The downside; long-distance country calls and time away from family.

Hindsight is only good if we convert it to foresight!

TRACK/ Girls tie for first Thursday

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Vancura, Teigen Wormstadt and Serreyn added a runner-up finish (3:44.49).

Windom's girls were led by a runner-up finish in the 3,200-meter run from Kaylee Walklin (11:47.83). The 4x800 relay team of Hadley Sammons, Lucy Stevens, Hannah Dauer and Walklin placed third (10:44.07).

Section 3A True Team Girls Results: 1. Luverne 622, 2. Canby-Minnetonka 558 1/2, 3. SWCE 491, 4. MCC 417, 5. Pipestone 388, 6. Redwood Valley 378, 7. HBC 363, 8. Windom 335, 9. TMB 309 1/2, 10. Adrian-Ellsworth 187, 11. Lakeview 156.

Section 3A True Team Boys Results: 1. Luverne 573, 2. SWCE 541 1/2, 3. Redwood Valley 521, 4. Windom 435, 5. Pipestone 395 1/2, 6. Canby-Minnetonka 388 1/2, 7.

HBC 330 1/2, 8. TMB 323 1/2, 9. MCC 294, 10. Adrian-Ellsworth 249 1/2, 11. Lakeview 139.

Windom Results: 200 dash: 8. Kbleess 25.01, 400 dash: 3. BMacario 53.37, 1,600 run: 6. ANauman 5:00.25, 3,200 run: 5. ANauman 11:11.57, 6. JGreen 11:11.69, 110 HH: 6. TWormstadt 18.38, 4x400 relay: 2. BMacario, CVancura, TWormstadt, DSerrey 3:44.49, High jump: 1. DSerrey 6-5, Long jump: 5. DSerrey 18-5 1/2, Triple jump: 2. DSerrey 44-1/2, 6. JGeka 39-9 1/2, Shot put: 3. AAltman 47-5, Discus: 4. AAltman 127-1.

Eagle girls tie for first

Windom's girls tied for first in the team standings at Thursday's Trojan Invitational, held in Worthington.

Windom and Worthington tied for the team title with 66 points. Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central was fourth with 55 points.

For the boys, Windom took second with 47 points. WWG/RRC was fourth with 10 points. Worthington won the meet with 95 points.

Windom's girls were led by triple-event individual winner Elliot Espenson, who took first in the 100 hurdles

(19.87), shot put (32-7) and discus (87-1/2).

Lucy Stevens added a win in the 400 (1:07.59). Kaylee Walklin took first in the 800 (2:32.14). Erika Lopez was first in the 1,600 (6:17.49). Emma Holtz won the 300 hurdles (59.71). Windom's team of Hadley Sammons, Hannah Dauer, Jesselle Sosa and Walklin won the 4x800 relay (11:03.56) and the team of Walklin, Dauer, Sammons and Stevens won the 4x400 (4:35.99).

WWG/RRC's girls were led by Riley Parker's third-place finish in the shot put (28-11 1/2).

For the boys, Windom's team of Zach Squires, Aaden Nauman, Bryce Green and Charlie Smith won the 4x800 (9:34.25) and the team of Job Ogeka, Jacob Van Norman, James Erickson and Carter

Vancura won the 4x100 (49.24). Bryan Macario won the 200 (24.61) and 400 (54.51). Charlie Smith won the pole vault (9-0).

WWG/RRC's top finish was a win by Kole Curry in the 100 dash (11.96). WWG/RRC also was second in the 4x100 relay (49.37).

Worthington Invite Girls Results: 1. Windom 66, 11. Worthington 66, 3. Adrian-Ellsworth 35, 4. WWG/RRC 5.

Windom Results: 100 dash: 3. AVanNorman 14.11, 400 dash: 1. LStevens 1:07.59, 5. EEspenson 1:17.81, 800 run: 1. KWalklin 2:32.14, 1,600 run: 1. ELopez 6:17.49, 6. JFrank 7:35.46, 100 HH: 1. EEspenson 19.87, 3. EHoltz 21.14, 4. BFaherty 22.18, 300 LH: 1. EHoltz 59.71, 2. HaisSammons 1:00.27, 4x100 relay: 2. HaisSammons, HDauer, HaisSammons, AVanNorman 58.41, 4x200 relay: 2. MKonz, BFaherty, EHoltz, AVanNorman 2:05.31, 4x400 relay: 1. KWalklin, HDauer, HaisSammons, LStevens 4:35.99, 4x800 relay: 1. HaisSammons, HDauer, JSosa, KWalklin 11:03.56, High jump: 3. EHoltz 4-4, 4. VSchutz 4-4, Pole vault: 4. VRobillard 6-6, Shot put: 1. EEspenson 32-7, Discus: 1. EEspenson 87-1/2.

WWG/RRC Results: 100 dash: 4. IKlumper 14.18, 800 run: 4. CVogel 3:00.79, 4x100 relay: 3. IKlumper, RParker, CVogel, AEvans 1:00.74, Pole vault: 5. RParker 6-0, Long jump: 4. AYang 12-6 1/2, Shot put: 3. RParker 28-11 1/2.

Worthington Invite Boys Results: 1. Worthington 95, 2. Windom 47, 3. Adrian-Ellsworth 32, 4. WWG/RRC 10.

Windom Results: 100 dash: 3. CVancura 12.26, 200 dash: 1. BMacario 24.61, 5. CVancura 25.18, 6. TWormstadt 25.91, 400 dash: 1. BMacario 54.51, 6. Ebordeyik 1:03.43, 1,600 run: 6. JGreen 5:17.68, 3,200 run: 4. ANauman 11:13.38, 110 HH: 3. TWormstadt 18.36, 4. JEricksen 20.85, 300 LH: 2. TWormstadt 47.10, 4x100 relay: 1. JGeka, JVanNorman, JEricksen, CVancura 49.24, 4x200 relay: 2. JGeka, JVanNorman, JEricksen, BMacario 1:43.29, 4x400 relay: 2. Csmith, TGreen, JGreen, ANauman 4:17.81, 4x800 relay: 1. ZSquires, ANauman, BGreen, Csmith 9:34.25, High jump: 4. TWormstadt 4-8, Pole vault: 1. CSmith 9-0, Triple jump: 4. JGeka 36-10 1/2, Shot put: 2. AAltman 43-3 1/2, 5. WVerhage 36-4 1/2, Discus: 3. AAltman 129-7, 5. JRodas 116-7.

WWG/RRC Results: 100 dash: 1. KCurry 11.96, 110 HH: 5. BHeise 21.53, 4x100 relay: 2. KCurry, AVue, BYang, LDeSmith 49.37, Pole vault: 3. BYang 8-0, Long jump: 5. LDeSmith 16-5, 6. KCurry 16-4.

Eagles sixth at New Ulm

Windom's boys and girls each finished in sixth place at Tuesday's New Ulm Invitational.

The Eagle boys scored 75 team points. Marshall won the team title with 135 1/2.

Windom's girls finished with 59 points. Marshall won the team title with 196 points.

Windom's boys were led by Bryan Macario, who won

the 400-meter dash (53.14). Aaden Naumen was second in the 3,200 (10:59.52).

For the girls, Kaylee Walklin captured first in the 3,200 (11:43.85) and second in the 1,600 (5:28.07).

New Ulm Invite Girls Results: 1. Marshall 196, 2. MVL 113, 3. Stibley East 109 1/2, 4. TCU 97 1/2, 5. Redwood Valley 86, 6. Windom 59, 7. New Ulm 33.

Windom Results: 200 dash: 8. LStevens 29.87, 400 dash: 3. LStevens 1:04.37, 1,600 run: 2. KWalklin 5:28.07, 8. HaisSammons 6:04.40, 3,200 run: 1. KWalklin 11:43.85, 300 LH: 8. EEspenson 58.44, 4x100 relay: 8. MDoorems, ELgisa, BFaherty, EHoltz 1:01.76, 4x200 relay: 6. ELopez, HaisSammons, HDauer, AVanNorman 2:02.37, 4x400 relay: 3. ELopez, HDauer, KWalklin, LStevens 4:33.20, 4x800 relay: 3. HaisSammons, HaisSammons, HDauer, ELopez 11:13.44, Long jump: 3. EEspenson 14-6, Shot put: 3. EEspenson 31-5 1/2, Discus: 7. EEspenson 81-5.

New Ulm Invite Boys Results: 1. Marshall 135 1/2, 2. Stibley East 129, 3. MVL 99 1/2, 4. Redwood Valley 98, 5. TCU 83, 6. Windom 75, 7. New Ulm 66.

Windom Results: 400 dash: 1. BMacario 53.14, 800 run: 7. BMacario 2:17.17, 1,600 run: 3. ANauman 4:54.86, 7. CSmith 5:15.82, 3,200 run: 2. ANauman 10:59.52, 3. JGreen 11:10.48, 4. TGreen 11:10.57, 110 HH: 7. TWormstadt 19.30, 4x100 relay: 3. JGeka, JVanNorman, JEricksen, Kbleess 48.97, 4x200 relay: 4. TWormstadt, Kbleess, JVanNorman, CVancura 1:42.09, 4x400 relay: 4. BMacario, CVancura, TWormstadt, ZSquires 4:32.03, 4x800 relay: 6. TGreen, Ebordeyik, ZSquires, JGreen 9:51.56, Pole vault: 7. CSmith 8-6, Shot put: 3. AAltman 45-5 1/2, Discus: 3. AAltman 122-7.

BB/ Eagles win three of four

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the game. Two of Windom's runners were eliminated on double plays.

Chayton Struck took the pitching loss in the opener, allowing seven runs on four hits in 1-1/3 innings. He walked two.

In the nightcap, the Eagles battled from behind, eventually taking a lead in the fourth inning on their way to a 9-7 victory.

Windom scored on an error in the first inning, a Noah Armstrong RBI single in the second and a Wyatt Haugen RBI single in the third.

In the fourth, Josh Garrison hit an RBI single, Braydon Kreofsky drew a bases-loaded walk and Brady Espenson plated a run on a fielder's choice, giving the Eagles a 6-4 lead.

Tucker Renquist hit an RBI single in the fifth and Armstrong had a two-run single in the sixth.

Armstrong and Haugen had three hits each in the

Score by innings—Game 1

Windom	000	00	0	0	2
Fairmont	274	0X	13	11	1

Windom	ab	r	h	bi	Fairmont	ab	r	h	bi
Rothnrbgr, lf	2	0	0	0	Anderson, 3b	2	2	1	2
Erickson, 1b	1	0	0	0	Hackett, ph	0	0	0	0
Kreofsky, 3b	1	0	0	0	Becker, 2b	1	1	0	0
Garrison, ss	2	0	0	0	Jorgenson, c	3	2	2	2
BEspenson, c	2	0	0	0	Koschab, 1b	3	1	2	2
ZEspenson, rf	1	0	0	0	Soelter, ss	3	1	2	2
Grant, ph	1	0	0	0	Pooley, lf	3	0	1	1
Haugen, dh	1	0	0	0	Rodning, cf	1	1	0	0
Gastelo, ph	1	0	0	0	Staubert, ph	1	1	0	0
Armstrong, 2b	1	0	0	0	Schmidke, dh	2	1	1	1
Renquist, cf	1	0	0	0	Vaughn, ph	1	0	0	0
					Meyerdirk, rf	2	2	2	1
					Aukes, ph	1	0	0	0

2B—Pooley, Rodning, Meyerdirk. **HBP**—Erickson (by Crissinger), Becker (by Struck). **SB**—Kreofsky, Anderson, Jorgenson 2, Soelter, Schmidke, Meyerdirk.

Windom	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Struck (L, 1-2)	1.1	7	4	2	0	0
Hockett	1.2	5	4	6	1	1
Renquist	1	0	0	1	0	1
Fairmont	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Crissinger (W)	5	0	0	1	8	8

Score by innings—Game 2

BEA	030	103	0	7	11	2
Windom	111	312	X	9	11	3

BEA	ab	r	h	bi	Windom	ab	r	h	bi
Fering, 2b	3	1	1	0	Rothnrbgr, ss	4	1	0	0
Hicks, cf	5	0	2	0	Garrison, p	3	1	1	1
Harg, 3b	3	1	2	0	Kreofsky, 3b	1	1	1	1
Barke, 1b	2	0	0	0	Erickson, 1b	4	0	0	0
Sturtz, 1b	2	0	0	0	BEspenson, c	3	0	1	1
Meyers, ss	3	0	1	0	Haugen, dh	4	3	3	1
Hubly, c	4	2	2	0	Hockett, lf	3	1	0	0
Kokos, p	4	0	2	1	Armstrong, 2b	3	1	3	3
Langager, rf	3	2	1	0	Renquist, cf	3	1	2	1
Larr, lf	4	1	1	0					

2B—Harg, 3B—Langager. **HBP**—Hockett (by Fering). **SB**—Fering 2, Hubly, Langager 2, Larr, Garrison, Haugen 5, Kreofsky 2.

BEA	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Kokos (L)	3	3	2	3	5	2
Fering	3	6	5	8	2	1
Windom	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Garrison (W, 2-0)	5	4	1	8	5	2
Rothnberger	2	2	2	3	0	3

win. Renquist added a pair of hits.

Garrison picked up the pitching win, allowing four

Score by innings

Redwood Valley	010	000	0	1	5	1
Windom	000	011	X	2	1	1

RV	ab	r	h	bi	Windom	ab	r	h	bi
Blang, 3b	4	0	0	0	Rothnrbgr, lf	2	0	0	0
Pisn-Reck, cf	4	0	1	0	Erickson, 2b	3	0	0	0
Alang, ss	3	0	0	0	Kreofsky, 3b	2	0	0	0
Woodford, 1b	3	0	1	0	Garrison, ss	3	0	0	0
Dikken, dh	3	0	0	0	BEspenson, c	0	1	0	0
Peterson, 2b	1	1	0	0	ZEspenson, rf	2	0	0	0
Gunderson, rf	3	0	2	1	Haugen, dh	1	0	1	0
Elouwagie, c	3	0	0	0	Armstrong, p	2	0	0	0
Bill, lf	3	0	1	0	Renquist, cf	2	1	1	0

HBP—Peterson (by Armstrong). **Sac**—Haugen, Rothnberger. **SB**—Puisen-Reck, Gunderson 2, BEspenson 3, Kreofsky, Renquist.

RV	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Ilouwagie (L)	6	2	2	1	3	11
Windom	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Armstrong (W, 4-0)	6.2	1	1	5	1	2
Kreofsky (S, 2)	0.0	0	0	0	0	0

runs on eight hits in five innings. He walked five and struck out two.

Eagles edge Redwood

The Windom Eagle baseball team didn't have many chances to score, but took advantage of the ones they had Thursday, eking out a 2-1 victory over Redwood Valley at Island Park.

The Eagles were held to just one hit in the game and had only four runners reach base.

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth, Brady Espenson drew a leadoff walk, stole second and third and scored on a safety squeeze bunt from Wyatt Haugen.

Then, in the bottom of the



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NOAH ARMSTRONG kept Redwood Valley off-balance for 6-2/3 innings Thursday, pitching the Eagles to a 2-1 victory over the Cardinals.

sixth, Tucker Renquist beat out a perfect bunt, giving the Eagles their only hit of the game. Renquist then stole second, advanced to third on a Drew Rothenberger

sacrifice bunt and scored on a wild pitch.

Noah Armstrong worked 6-2/3 strong innings to earn the pitching win. He scattered five hits, walked one

and struck out two. Braydon Kreof



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Deadline for Applications:
4:30 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2022

Position Announcement, Job Description and Applications are available at:
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210 10th Street, Windom, MN 56101
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TREES/ Clean water is a goal of the tree program

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trees in the Windom Recreation Area. Jon Ketzenberg, city street and park superintendent, says plans are to plant multiple trees along 16th Street and Lakeview Avenue. Both border the park. "In the Windom Recre-

ation Area, the light soil allows water to soak right through," Bucklin said. "As you plant more trees, it makes the ground more absorptive and you see less runoff into the streets. Once it runs off into the streets it eventually hits the rivers and lakes. It's a straight shot to the water bodies."

Meanwhile, Ketzenberg and his staff have been busy preparing by doing locates for underground utilities.

"It has been a busy time," said Ketzenberg, who noted that workers have also been busy with the usual spring street repairs.

Ketzenberg added that this tree project is good for Windom and he hopes to see the tradition continue. Windom's tree program began in 2011. That was when the city tree commission was formed and a greater focus was placed on local trees.

Starting in 2011, trees have

been planted in parks and residential areas throughout Windom every year, with the exception of 2021.

Ash borer impact

Throughout the process, the tree commission has kept one eye on the state's growing ash borer problem. Each year, reports of ash borer infestations have moved closer to the county. Most recently, ash borers were discovered a few miles

north of Mt. Lake.

Once ash borers reach a community, they have a devastating effect on local ash trees. Windom is heavily populated with ash trees, so the committee has looked to add a cross-section of tree varieties that make the

community less vulnerable to insects and diseases that attack certain types of trees.

The Windom tree commission includes: Steve Fresh, Joanne Kaiser, Jim Knigge, Ron Kuecker, James Nelson and Deborah Polzin. Bucklin is an adviser to the group.

KWIK TRIP/ Traffic changes are linked to new Kwik Trip store

FROM PAGE 1

we try to provide quality products at a great value."

A new wrinkle in this store will be the presence of two self check-out lanes (along with several traditional check-out lanes). This will be the first Kwik Trip in this region to have self check-out lanes.

Welch says it is always a challenge entering a new market, such as Windom.

"There are challenges getting people aware of what we have to offer," Welch said.

Every location has advan-

tages and in Windom Welch sees easy access for trucks.

"For one thing, this is a connection point for two highways," Welch said. "As far as trucks being able to get in and out (of Kwik Trip), this site has a lot of space for them to safely do that. It is a pretty large piece of land."

Three highway lanes

One other change linked to the Kwik Trip project is a transition from four lanes to three in the south Windom stretch of Highway 60-71.

Matt Thibert, a MnDOT engineer, says because Kwik Trip's presence necessitates a traffic change, Kwik Trip will help fund the project.

The highway itself will not change, but there are plans to cut back to three lanes from the bridge area south to

the Highway 60-71 junction. This will be done by re-striping the lanes in that area.

Essentially, there will be one "through lane" in each direction and turn lanes for those making left or right turns. The current left turn lane that enters the Kwik Trip and Lampert's area will be significantly extended, according to Thibert.

However, the most notable change will be the "right-in-right-out" access point at the Subway, Godfather's Pizza area. Thibert said it will be set up so that northbound traffic cannot turn left into that access point. Southbound motorists can still turn right, into that access, but those departing the access can only turn right, toward the south Highway 60-71 junction.

All other traffic will need to enter or exit the service road near Hardee's.

Thibert said material costs have created some delays in this project. He said it is expected to be completed sometime this summer.

Southbound traffic will see lanes taper from two to one just past River's Edge Liquor and before the Des Moines River Bridge. Northbound traffic will transition to four lanes in that same area.

Thibert said in the next few years, MnDOT will monitor the three-lane traffic here as it prepares to possibly make the entire stretch through Windom three lanes with left turn and right turn lanes along the way.

UKRAINIAN/ 'We will not be overcome'

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"They just want to be a people and even though they got their independence 30 years ago, they have to keep fighting to remain free," Fred said.

He also stated the people believe the war started not in 2022, but eight years earlier when Putin's forces invaded and annexed Crimea. They were hoping to go back, but then the war started and now he is not sure they will ever be able to return.

Fred, Stacy and their two sons left for the states in 2008. They reside in Mankato where he is district superintendent of the United Methodist Church.

They have traveled thousands of miles and witnessed life and ministry in a new culture. When they arrived, there were no Methodists in Ukraine; and when they left, there was a vibrant student ministry and many friends left to carry on the teachings and lessons the Vanderwerfs had shared.

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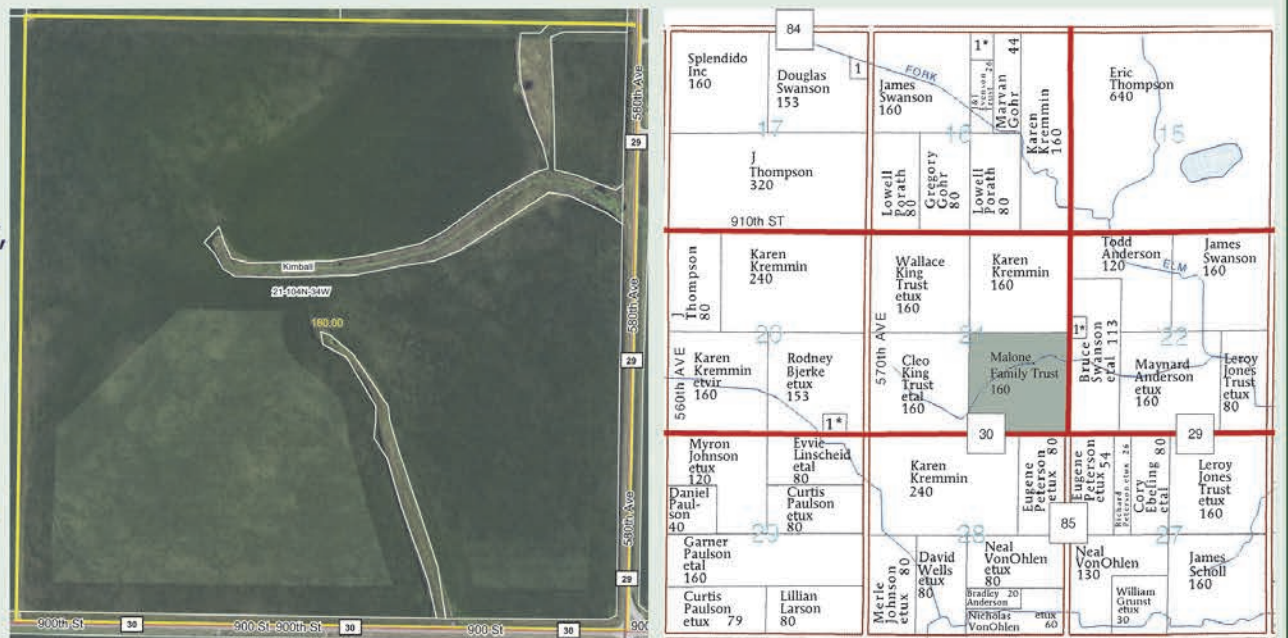
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