



The main building of the now KMS Elementary stood for decades as the center-point of the Murdock Public School district. Built in 1918 in the height of a world-

wide pandemic, the structure was a testament to the determination and dedication to education by the populous of the village and surrounds.

Determination in the face of adversity Murdock schoolhouse was built despite conditions of the era

by Cormac Dodd

Many have studied the Spanish Flu outbreak of 1918, a prior epidemic of clear relevance for those who in 2021 seek solutions in another era... in short, seeing what can be learned from the past -- or perhaps catharsis in historical precedent.

Replacing an old schoolhouse, residents of Murdock were determined to leave a legacy which members of Kerkhoven, Murdock and Sunburg school district still profit from today: the elementary school in Murdock.

Still in use after renovations and additions to infrastructure, the school was erected during one of the most tumultuous and fraught years in the town's history, at the fiery intersection of WWI, the Spanish Flu, in what was a year of

of its earlier residents.

"They built a school we still use during the Spanish Flu," said Murdock Elementary Principal Jeffrey Keil. "I think that's special. It shows what they were capable of when they worked together.'

A number of hardships collided in Minnesota in 1918, but the citizens of Murdock still managed to build infrastructure of great consequence.

In 1918, 125,000 cases of influenza were reported in the state of Minnesota, resulting in 7260 deaths. By contrast

ans have noted: alive one day, dead the start of the new year. in three.

The Original Building

A look through the pages of the Murdock Leader, the city's official newspaper before its closure in 1939, shows published news headlines that give one the impression of a town near crisis, especially in January of 1918 when two fires caused destruction and blemished

In an article published on January 24th, later that month, the Minnesota state fire marshall reported a \$339,728 loss statewide the year before. That would be ahead of a year that was epoch-making in terms of its forest fires, a devastation incited by droughts.

To begin the year, on Wednesday, January 10th, the Great Northern Depot burnt in Murdock and

was "utterly ablaze" at approximately 5:00 a.m. F.A. Murphy, an individual who had ventured to the sta-

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toward a blaze so lurid the depot was quickly deemed to be beyond saving.

The Murdock Leader reported the fire could have been prevented. Its genesis was likely a carelessly discarded cigar or cigarette.

"As we go to the press the fire is still burning owing to the fact that they had large quantity of coal in the building. Our citizens have to be thankful that the morning was so calm or many of the adjoining buildings would also have been destroyed," read the article.

These damages were even more lamentable in a community whose highest priority, at least at the start of the year, was the war effort, in a period when frugality at home was the ambient assumption.

October of 1918 would serve as more of a bookend for the year of fires, when a devastating forest fire



fires, devastating much of the state. COVID-19

Lately, KMS schools have grown, absorbing students from outside the district. But even as conversations begin about expanding the site, talk is of additions rather than moving to another location. The structure, new in 1918 and built during a period when person-to-person contact could prove lethal, has served KMS k-6 students well (and prior to consolidation in 1978, all grade levels of Murdock Public School) and is standing evidence of the endurance

cases num-916K ber in the state, resulting 9606 in deaths. And so the death for rate the Spanish Flu was higher than that of CO-VOD-19. As histori-

Murdock's voice at the time, the Leader, spoke of the many perthe ils facing the world at the time of construction. But residents there ture banded together anyway to erect the two-story modern school house. hastened

raged through Minnesota, leaving early hour thousands homeless and killing to meet his wife off the hundreds in Cloquet and Moose train, found Lake.

By that time, too, the Spanish Flu spread through Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The Spanish Flu brought strain and anxieties amid the mass casualty event that was WWI. Onethird of the world's population had become infected with influenza; comparing one pandemic to another, the death rate from the Span-

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Hide collection benefits critical wildlife habitat

by Cormac Dodd

A white bin on the corner of 12th Street and the business alley in Kerkhoven has sprung up again this winter.

Driving across the state, one will encounter many such bins, some white, some orange, on street corners and in front of shops. Hunters can donate deer hides to these locations in the interest of preserving critical wildlife habitat, as accomplished through the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

Mike Kohlman is on the banquet committee for the Swift County Deer Hunters, a local MDHA, and has been a member of the organization for 22 years.

He checks the bin every other day, routinely, peer-



This bin behind Don's Building Center in Kerkhoven has been collecting hides for the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, with proceeds used to heighten wildlife habitat.

ing into a box that, insulated, keeps the hides from the public eye. A resident of Murdock, he handles the Kerkhoven area

for Swift County and drives the 27 miles to Clontarf every few days, whereupon he deliv-(Continued on page 6)

County treasurer: Appoint rather than elect?

by Reed Anfinson

No one showed up at the Swift County Board of Commissioners meeting last November 23 for the public hearing on making the county treasurer's position appointed rather than elected.

No one wrote the county board with an opinion taking the county voters out of the picture on the treasurer's position.

"Are there any comments?" Commissioner Gary Hendrickx, District 1-Appleton, asked.

"I don't think so," Chair Joe Fox, District 4-Hegbert Township, replied.

Hendrickx then moved to close the public hearing with a second by Commissioner Pete Peterson, District 3-south Benson and Torning Township. With no further discus-

sion, the motion passed with Hendrickx, Fox, Peterson, Commissioner Ed Pederson, District 2-north Benson and Benson Township, and Commissioner Eric Rudningen, District 5-Kerkhoven, voting in favor of closing the hearing.

While the public hearing was short, the discussion on passing a resolution to make the treasurer's position appointed and approving a twoyear contract with Treasurer Ron Vadnais was not.

The process for moving the treasurer's position to one appointed by the county board was set in motion last month when Vadnais formally notified commissioners that he would not file for an 11th fouryear term in 2022.

Counties were given the authority to make the change under a law passed by the Minnesota Legislature. Under the state statute, it says counties



Ron Vadnais

can make the change when: (1) There is a vacancy in the office;

(2) The current officeholder (Continued on page 3)



Ted Here

Funny how little things will jog random thoughts and memories. The other day we were having coffee with a young couple and I happened to mention the musical classic, 'Scandinavian Hotshot.' It was performed live, said I, on the Lawrence Welk Show.

Blink. Blink.

Another coffee drinker with us at the table, of my vintage, said, "They've probably never heard of Lawrence Welk."

Dah. I hadn't even thought that Welk and his Champagne Orchestra performed for over three decades, from 1951 to 1982, would be something unknown to these 'kids.' As I recall it was a black and white variety show (later adding color) featuring a lot of big band music and musical acts. To be honest I didn't care for the show... it was for 'old' people.

But one of these acts happened to be Stan Boreson, who sang and played the accordion. Stan was introduced to the television audience by the famous Myron Floren, sort of Welk's Ed McMahon and an accomplished accordionist himself.

Boreson laid down his 'Scandinavian Hotshot' for infamy that show, and it's been watched many times in our household. (Google: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=Q_oo0b0WJEI)

The point isn't really even the act, but rather the perspective that age shines on things. The younger generation does not see issues and events through the same eyes as mine. But hopefully education and awareness will bring to light those events in our history which really do need to stand out and be seen uniformly.

I said in jest that 'Scandinavian Hotshot' would live in infamy. This week, however, passed a date "which will live in infamy." December 7, 1941 was the day in which the Empire of Japan had 'awakened a sleeping giant' (a disputed quote attributed to Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto) by bombing Hawaii's Pearl Harbor.

It was December 8, 1941 when President Franklin Roosevelt made his acclaimed speech to the nation, announcing the unprovoked attack which caused the United States to formally declare war against Japan.

one of the most fundamental, and one we as citizens should remember and honor. Others?

•July 4, 1776. Of course this is where our story as a nation makes a huge leap forward with the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

•July 1-3, 1863. The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War that helped preserve our union. According to the website Britannica, "...Robert E. Lee's invading Army of Northern Virginia sustained a defeat so devastating that it sealed the fate of the Confederacy... Within two years the war was over, and before the end of the decade the South was temporarily transformed by Reconstruction."

•April 4, 1968. On a balcony of a Memphis motel, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. King "had a dream" that one day all people regardless of race or creed could live in harmony and all enjoy the fruits of the 'American Dream.' That dream has not been fulfilled as of yet, but some great strides have been taken. They must continue for the U.S. to be a truly great nation.

•June 17, 1972. The Watergate scandal starts to unfold when burglars are caught in the office of the Democratic National Committee. This led to an intense investigation as the crime was linked to the Nixon Administration, leading to the eventual resignation of President Richard Nixon. The experience has jaded Americans' views of U.S. politics ever since, and many '... gates' have followed. Few political activities are left unscrutinized in its aftermath.

•September 11, 2001. Terrorists hijack three airliners and fly them into the twin towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A fourth crashes before its intended target, possibly the U.S. Capitol, after passengers sacrifice themselves to overtake the hijackers. The U.S. along with the entire world are transformed by this act, which really put terrorism on the main stage. So much innocence was lost that day, and it will truly 'live in infamy.'

These and many other important dates are bipartisan in nature, and are instruments by which we understand ourselves, our nation and world. They are not subject to perspective, shaded by the date on which we were each born. As the old soap opera introduction went, "These are the days of our lives."



Letter to the Editor

More locals rendevous on other side of the globe

To the Editor:

I read with interest Gary Lierman's letter and his dining experience with Lee Egerstrom in Cairo. My husband, Walter, and I had a similar experience. We were visiting Istanbul Turkey and somehow we made a contact with Robert (Bob) Jorgenson (class of 1959, KHS) and wife Joyce (Carlson) both teaching in an American school. They were

so kind to meet us at our hotel in Istanbul from their home across the city. After a lively visit and renewing news of Kerkhoven, they invited us to their home which was part of a gated compound and the school. Joyce cooked an American meal and it was much appreciated. In detail they (Bob and Joyce) explained how we could arrive back to our hotel at night. We followed their directions to our hotel so we

went by taxi, by boat, then city bus and finally to our "home." We safely arrived that night with total strangers.

Thanks, Gary, for reminding me of our Istanbul friends. Kerkhoven always reminds us of our connections whether socially or physically or just genuine friendship.

> Alice C. Nelson Wayzata





Remembering **Bob Dole: "Every** farm was a Defense plant"

by Lee Egerstrom

extremely close friends. For journalists who covered them, however, they had too much in common to keep them apart.

Both were leaders in food and agriculture policy. Both represented largely agrarian states. Both would seek the presidency. Both would devote most of their lives to public service in one capacity or another.



There are many other moments in history which Americans, no matter what generation, should and must know. These are not simple flashes of history... they are blocks which form our foundation. December 7, 1941 is

America has lost another hero. Bob Dole, who died early Sunday, is being remembered for a lot of reasons in obituaries and public salutes. They don't need to be repeated here, but I would like to share with you some Dole moments you wouldn't know.

One occurred over breakfast at a sidewalk café in Rome, near the U.S. Embassy. Sens. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and George McGovern, D-S.D., were at the United Nations World Food Conference in November 1974, three months after Gerald Ford succeeded Richard Nixon as president.

I joined them and two of their agricultural policy aides for breakfast. The entire table conversation was about how Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrived the night before and totally reversed the U.S. food aid policy positions stated and advocated by Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz.

It was an uncomfortable domestic power play staged in front of the world. Neither Dole nor McGovern could see how they could attend that day's conference session without being dragged into the Washington power struggle. It was bad enough that this Washington correspondent for the Ridder Publications newspaper chain was with them, although they both got sympathetic treatment in the article I wrote for the Aberdeen American News and Wichita Eagle.

So what did Dole and Mc-Govern do? They secured a car from the embassy and went on a quick trip to northern Italy to visit sites they were at during World War II.

For hard and fast politicos it seems unconscionable that Dole and McGovern were

Military service in World War II was one of the latter.

McGovern was a pilot who flew bombing missions out of Italy. Dole was horribly injured by a German artillery shell when the Allies were taking Italy. There was a fraternity among members of Congress who served in that war and is represented to this day by the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center at Battle Creek, Mich.

Phillip Hart, wounded at Utah Beach in the Normandy Landing; Daniel Inouye, who lost an arm and became a Medal of Honor recipient for battle heroics in Italy; and Dole, who lost use of his right arm in a similar battle in Italy, were treated for injuries at Battle Creek. All would become U.S. senators.

A former Washington correspondent colleague, Al Eisele, told of an evening session of the Senate when friends Dole and Hart (D-Mich.) were debating amendments to some bill. After lengthy debate one of the senators said to the other, "You must have got some bad blood or something in the Army.'

Insiders in the chambers howled in laughter. What wasn't widely known is that the Army was short of blood for surgery. Dole and Hart were the same blood type. So, when one went into surgery, the other was positioned side by side and his heart and vascular system kept the other alive.

In an earlier column, I mentioned how the 1976 national election was a rarity in that my news bureau focused on the vice presidential candidates and let other media cover the presidential race between Ford and Jimmy Carter. My colleague Eisele covered Sen. Walter Mondale's vice presidential campaign primarily for the readership interests of our St. Paul, Duluth and Grand Forks newspapers. I covered Dole's vice presidential campaign primarily for our readers in Kansas.

One morning on the campaign trail, the Dole contingent went through the Sioux City, Iowa stockyards. Camera crews got the pictures of the candidate with livestock, the purpose for the visit. I couldn't resist being a little playful, however.

Senator, are those Spotted Poland China hogs in that pen?" I asked. "Sure looks like it to me," Dole responded.

This was the "softball" question, as media calls them, Dole was looking for. He then gave the traveling media a briefing on how important lard was for making munitions for the military and how those beautiful and heavy hogs in the pen provided both food (Spam) and ammo for Dole's Army.

What I remember from that moment, however, was Dole telling us all that every farm in Iowa and the Midwest "was a Defense plant."

So true. My dad kept raising a Spotted Poland China mix of hogs long after the pork industry scaled back on fat. But I'll never forget the shocked look on a stockyard worker's face when a U.S. senator knew anything about hog breeds. Or a Washington correspondent, for that matter.

FDR's Infamy Speech

President Franklin Roosevelt, December 8, 1941.

Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives:

Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the

maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in the American island of Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to our Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. And while this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or of armed attack.

It will be recorded that

sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace. The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American

the distance of Hawaii from

Japan makes it obvious that

the attack was deliberately

planned many days or even

weeks ago. During the in-

tervening time, the Japanese

government has deliberately

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Swift County treasurer (Continued from page 1)

has notified the county board that the officer will not file for the office;

(3) And there is a signed contract with the county board and the incumbent auditor, treasurer, auditor-treasurer, or recorder that provides that the incumbent officer will be appointed to the position and retain tenure, pay, and benefits equal to or greater than length of service.

At the same time, Vadnais' letter was presented to the county board, a proposed twoyear contract between him and the county for his continued service was also presented. That contract would run from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

Vadnais was elected to his 10th four-year term in November 2018. The term runs from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2022. Officially, it ends the first business day of 2023, which is January 3.

Year one of the proposed contract between him and the county would go from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. Officially, his last day as an elected official would be Jauary 3, 2023, the first business day of the new year.

Then starting January 3, 2023, the county board would appoint Vadnais as the county's financial officer, with his contract running until December 31, 2023.

During this second year of the contract, the county would likely be advertising for someone to fill the position with Vadnais then assisting in the transition process. He could resign his appointed position before the end of the second year of the contract through mutual agreement between him and the county board.

Vadnais was first elected to the treasurer's position in 1982 and rarely faced opposition as he easily was consistently reelected.

Proposed contract and appointing the treasurer The proposed contract does two things: it allows the county to move ahead with making the treasurer's position appointed and establishes retaining Vadnais, the basis for his pay and his title during the contract period.

"The parties wish to execute this contract to provide that the incumbent officer will be appointed to the position and retain tenure, pay and benefits equal to or greater than the officer's length of service," the proposed contract states.

Under the contract, Vadnais retains the title of county treasurer. To cancel the contract requires the mutual consent of the county board and Vadnais.

With the public hearing officially over, the county was free to move to make the position appointed and approve a contract with Vadnais. Both actions were required to move ahead with making the position appointed. Also, four of five county commissioners must vote in favor of the action.

"A supermajority is needed (Continued on page 6)

FDR's Infamy Speech

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the American people in their

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through to absolute victory.

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that we will not only defend

ourselves to the uttermost,

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No matter how long it

against us.

As Commander in Chief

and safety of our nation.

lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday, the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night, the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

And this morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves. The people but will make it very certain that this form of treachery already formed their opinions and well understand the us.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph -- so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7th, 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.

THREE BUNS and a HURFICANER BY ALISON NELSON

O Christmas Tree

"Well, that's not gonna hold," I thought to myself ...

We have had no block of time this season to take a family outing and find our perfect Christmas tree. It's something we look forward to every year, whether that be going out to cut our own, or just choosing one at a nursery. Depending on the schedule, each has been acceptable.

There have been all kinds of conditions for cutting down trees at a tree farm. We've almost gotten our car stuck in muddy ruts at the tree farm. One year we were out in the brown grass in just sweaters and jeans. Jesse got down on the ground to cut the tree and came up with a bunch of burrs on his back; his sweater was never quite the same. We have also hunted for trees in brown grass and layers of long underwear, with people complaining about cold toes and faces.

The Christmas before the triplets were born, Jesse, Axel, and I tromped through many inches of snow, with drifts so high we could put the tree on the roof of our Jeep Cherokee without much reaching. That was good, since the tree was huge and I was quite pregnant.

When there isn't time to get to a tree farm, we stop in at a nursery somewhere and bring home a precut tree. It's not quite the Griswold-esque excitement, but it's a fresh tree, a small business, and a good time.

This year we couldn't even fit that in. On an outing for some miscellaneous necessities the other night, I decided to just bring home a tree. It would be days until we could find time to go, and at that point it almost feels too late.

I found a couple of trees I liked - one for the living room,

and a smaller, spindly one to put by the piano. I went inside to pay while a guy set out tying the trees to the roof of my car.

"Well, that's not gonna hold," I thought to myself, as I came out from paying and saw what he had concocted. I was already a little nervous to be driving it home in the wind. Maybe I was just nervous, and it would be fine. He'd done this many times.

I kept watch through the sunroof, and as I made my way through town, it was pretty clear the trees were not anchored securely. By the time I got out of town they had slid back quite a ways, and off to the side. I could barely see the trunk of the bigger tree anymore. And I had only reached 38 mph.

Alongside Highway 12 I pulled over and adjusted them as best I could, in the dark. I wrapped the loose twine around some branches, but only from the passenger side so I was not standing next to passing traffic. When that seemed a little better, I continued down the shoulder with my flashers on, at only about

18 mph. Good grief, this was going to take all night.

Even that was not enough to keep them from moving. I pulled over again and grabbed the trunk of the little tree to see how well it was held, and took the whole thing off in my hand. When I say little, I mean about six feet tall but gangly, long but lightweight. I opened the back end of the vehicle and threw that tree in there, closed the gate, and went around to the other side.

Now the tree on the top was even less tight. I wrapped some more branches and did what I could to secure, continuing down the side of the road again. It screeched on the roof as I crept along, which re-



ally rubs nerves the long way. A Christmas tree screeching across the car roof is a fingernails-on-a-chalkboard kind of cringing sound. But worse, I think, because neither the fingernails nor the chalkboard are in danger of blowing into oncoming traffic.

I pulled over a final time, grabbed the heavy-duty scissors I keep in the console (seems weird, but it has come in handy many times), and cut the twine. With no coaxing at all, the tree rolled off the roof and into the ditch. Now what? I was still many miles from home, it was minus four degrees, and Jesse was at a meeting.

With traffic whizzing by, I opened the back end again, grabbed the tree, and shoved that one in as far as it would go. Since there were a few feet sticking out, I had to open the window and maneuver the top through, then close the gate again, and hope the window stayed down while I drove the rest of the way.

Relieved, Í got back in the car and put the pedal to the metal. I was spending no more time out that night. Annoyingly, the interior lights stayed on in the car while I drove because the back window was open. But I made it home with no more stops, no more roadside adjustments, no more screeching.

We've had many memorable tree trips - the ruined sweater, the high drifts, the time we brought our new puppy, and once when the twine broke and Jesse held it through the sunroof the rest of the way home. And now this time, where I thought I would "quick grab a tree and be home," as I told my family.

Of course this happened three days after I carefully vacuumed the car, now covered in pine needles. Merry Christmas to all.



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Catholic

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adult choir Christmas program practice 10:30 AM "The Christmas Shoe Tree" Sunday School kids & adult choir Christmas program

Wednesday: 5:45-6:15 PM Supper 6:30-7:55 PM AWANA and Youth Group

6:35-7:30 PM Prayer Meeting

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Youth Pastor Wednesday: 10:30 AM LBS 6PM Choir 6:30PM KFK 6:30 Youth Group Saturday: 6:30AM Men's Bible Study Sunday: 9:15AM Sunday School Program Practice 10:30AM Service 6:30PM Christmas Program Wednesday: 10:30 AM LBS 6PM Choir 6:30PM KFK 6:30 Youth Group w/gift exchange

Lutheran

BUFFALO LAKE LUTHERAN, **BETHESDA LUTHERAN** PARISH **Pastor Michelle Kleene** Wednesday: 6:30pm Bethesda WELCA planning meeting 6:30 Confirmation service project at Mamrelund Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:15 am Buffalo Lake communion & Sunday school program 9:15am Bethesda Sunday School 10:00am Sunday school Christmas program 10:00am Mamrelund communion 6:30 St. John's "Christmas Story thru Song" Tuesday: C&C at Bethesda: 9am Food 9:30am Bible study HOPE LUTHERAN

CHURCH Sunburg, Minnesota Pastor Michelle Kleene Wednesday: 4:30pm Christmas Program Practice and Supper 6:30-8:00pm Confirmation Service Project Mtg. at Mamrelund Sunday: 8:45am Breakfast 9:15am Music/Coffee 9:25-9:55am Sunday School 10am Lay-led Worship/S.S. Christmas Program/Potluck

KERKHOVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Interim Pastor Timothy P. Larson

Wednesday:

6:00 pm Gr. 6-8Confirmation 6:30 pm WELCA Boards meet 6:30-7:30 PM Sunday School Practice 7:00 pm Gr. 9-10 Confirmation 7:00 pm Church Boards Meet 8:00 pm Church Council meets **Thursday:**

Church & Social News

from parishes all around the area

December 8-15

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Worship Service/Noisy Offering, in person and live streamed 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Sunday School Christ-mas program (12/19 in event of weather cancellation) Tuesday: 11:30 am Food truck and NAPS food distribution Wednesday: 11:00 am KLC Delivers Meals on Wheels 6:00 pm Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 7:00 pm Gr. 9-10 Confirmation

MAMRELUND & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Pastor Michelle Kleene Wednesday: 6:30-8pm ACT Parish Confirmation Service Project at Mamrelund Sunday: 10am Mamrelund's Worship 10:45am Mamrelund's Council 6:30pm St. John's Christmas Story through song Wednesday: 4:30pm WELCA's Christmas Potluck Supper at Lynette Sixta

NORWAY LAKE PARISH **Rural New London Rev. Wayne Kopitzke** Wednesday: 5:45 PM Handbell Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grades - FL Family Room Thurday: 10:30 AM FL WELCA Christmas Program Potluck, Installation of Officers Saturday: 9:00 AM Christmas Program Practice - ENL 6:30 PM "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Christmas Program at ENL Sunday: Advent 3 - "Joy" 8:45 AM Worship at ENL, Baptism 9:45 AM Sunday School at ENL 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Discussion - FL 11:00 AM Worship at FL 1:45 PM Pastor leads Worship at Glen Oaks Tuesday: 7:00 PM FL Trust Fund Committee Mtg - FL Wednesday: 6:30 PM Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grades - FL Family Room

> SUNBURG FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rural Sunburg

Rev. Ron Knutson, Pastor Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

Funeral for Joshua Jurek held Friday at Kerkhoven Lutheran

Joshua L. Jurek, 42, of Kerkhoven, died on Saturday, November 27, at his home in Kerkhoven. His funeral was held Friday at the Kerkhoven Lutheran Church.

Joshua was born on July 14, 1979 in Long Beach, CA, the son of James Leroy and Ginger Lee (Maxwell) Jurek. He was baptized in 1992 at the Webster Building in Littleton, CO. He grew up in Littleton, and graduated from Dakota Ridge High School. He attended Redstone College where he studied to be an airplane mechanic. He lived in Littleton, Benson and Kerkhoven.

On June 13, 2015, he was

united in marriage to Kimberly Marie Mitteness on the bride's home farm near Benson. He worked at Transystems in Renville as the daytime manager. He enjoyed painting, fishing, hunting, all things around flying and airplanes as well as playing guitar. He loved spending time with his family.

Joshua is survived by his wife Kimberly of Kerkhoven; his mother Ginger Jurek of Littleton; his children Haley Jurek of Littleton, Mason Jurek of Willmar, Joshua Jurek and Anabelle Jurek of Kerkhoven; and several other relatives and friends. He was preceded in



death by his father James Jurek; grandparents Leonard and Betty Jurek, Bill Maxwell, and Ruby Hobbs.

Swift County treasurer (Continued from page 4)

to move ahead with the resolution, so if there is an issue, I think we need to know that," Hendrickx said. The county's personnel committee went over the contract with Vadnais and sought something positive for both sides, he said. "From our perspective, this was something we could agree to bring to the board."

Members of the personnel committee are Hendrickx, Rudningen, and County Administrator Kelsey Baker.

The proposed contract was in the October 19 county board packet with commissioners asked to review it, Baker said. If any commissioners had questions on any part of the proposed contract, they were to contact Baker or Vadnais with their concerns. The personnel committee would then meet to have an additional conversation about the details of the proposed contract, she said.

If there are questions on the details of the contract, Baker said that she would recommend tabling action and acting on the revised contract at the December 8 meeting. If everyone is okay with the contract, she said the county board could act immediately on it.

Pederson delays action

While praising Vadnais' 39 years of service as the county treasurer, Pederson said he thought there were issues within the proposed contract that might need to be looked at closer. What those issues might be, he did not say.

While the law has been established for some time that allows the county board to make the position appointed, he said, "There are four people who are going to decide that there is no longer going to be an elected treasurer here in Swift County and that the other 9,300 people really don't have that opportunity to do so."

He acknowledged that the public hearing had been advertised and no one had shown up, "So, I think we are past that," Pederson said.

Fox asked Pederson if he wanted to table the action.

"I am certainly in favor of voting for an appointed position, but I don't think it is fair to put the contract in there with that resolution," he said.

Hendrickx said he wants the changes up front in the contract with Vadnais before voting on the resolution to make the treasurer's position appointed. "We have to hear what the concerns are to even go back to Ron and have a conversion" he coid

conversation," he said. While recognizing that Rudningen, Hendrickx, and Baker as the personnel committee had met with Vadnais on the proposed contract, Pederson said, "There are three other county commissioners, too. You can expect that there might be some differences in opinion sometimes on some matters."

Hendrickx replied that the personnel committee is open to differences of opinion but that it had brought the proposed contract to the county board back in October with the intent to bring it forward in November.

If no issues have been raised with the proposed contract, how

does it go back to Vadnais for additional negotiatons? Hendrickx asked.

Pederson admitted that he had missed the instructions to look over the proposed contract and bring any concerns to Baker or other personnel committee members prior to the November 16 meeting.

In the interest of transparency, a public hearing was scheduled to give citizens a chance to bring up concerns, Rudningen said. "However, in all fairness the public should know that if the county goes to an appointed position, what is in the contract it proposes to sign with Vadnais," he added.

The county board doesn't want to be seen as hiding the contract with Vadnais and acting on it after the position has been made appointed, he said.

Rudningen said he would be okay with waiting two more weeks but was ready to immediately act on the resolution and contract.

Pederson said he thinks there is a good chance for unanimous support for making the treasurer's position appointed but not for the contract.

Fox asked Pederson if he had read the contract and if he had concerns, "because when I read it. I had no concerns."

Pederson replied that he had read it and did have some concerns.

Peterson then moved to table the action until the December 8 meeting with a second from Pederson. The motion passed unanimously.



Winter weather is nothing to take for granted, especially when traveling. Each year people are injured or die from exposure from being caught in the cold without proper precautions. Give yourself and your family a a better chance in case the unexpected happens by assembling winter survival kits for all of your vehicles. Keep them inside the vehicle where they will be readily accessible.

Joshua Hamm, Pastor Nathan Kveene, 8:30 am Pack KMS food bags for delivery to KMS Schools

10:30 a.m. Worship

Thanks-Giving toy drive collecting toys for KMS area children

The Kerkhoven Banner is once again collecting toys to be given to local children who otherwise may not receive much for Christmas. Stacy Tostenson will again be coordinating the distribution to parents of those children, as well as selecting toys to buy with monetary donations. Donations will be accepted through December 17. Donors to the 2021 Thanks-Giving Toy Drive for local children are:

Billy & Mona Doering, Kerkhoven

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Olivia Petersen, Murdock Nancy Smith, Kerkhoven Anonymous Marsha McCleary, Kerkhoven John Krouth, Kerkhoven Katie & Ardell Johnson, Kerkhoven Anonymous Karen & Ken Janssen, Kerkhoven Carol & Obert Gjerde, Sunburg Anonymous David & Cathy Holt, Murdock Lynn & John Suter, Murdock Harold & Sharon Petersen, Willmar Jim Meier, Murdock Dean & Diane Shuck, Sunburg Ted & Kari Jo Almen, Kerkhoven Don & Juanita Halverson, Kerkhoven Jerry & Vi Lundberg, Kerkhoven Tom & Tami Freetly, Kerkhoven Doug & Carolyn Anderson, Kerkhoven Allan & Mary Schlagel, DeGraff

Bonnie & Wes Magnuson, Murdock Jean & Ralph Halverson, Kerkhoven Henry & Fernholz families, Murdock Charles & Doris Hagen, Sunburg Benson Gravel, Kerkhoven Bill & Dorothy Broberg, Kerkhoven Carlton & Marsha Nelson, Kerkhoven Don's Building Center, Kerkhoven Gary Leirman, Spicer Miles Morrison, Murdock Reid Morrison, Murdock Oliver 'The Elf' Morrison, Murdock Lyle Stai, Kerkhoven Barb & Dale Erickson, Kerkhoven Jan & Gary Bjorngjeld, Murdock Charles & Kamryn Bracelin, Kerkhoven Mary & Roger Jeseritz, Kerkhoven Dublin Victory 4-H Club Carol & Jim Arends, Kerkhoven Sydney, Lucille & Rory Carlson, Murdock

CARD OF THANKS

The Red Cross held a blood drive in Sunburg on November 29th. The goal was 52 units and 55 units were collected which helps 165 patients. Thank you to the generous donors, volunteers Cheryl, Deloris, Nancy and Arnie for helping, and to Hope Lutheran Church for hosting the blood drive.

Kathy Peterson and Pat Berg, Sunburg Blood Drive Coordinators

THE KIT SHOULD INCLUDE:

•Three-pound coffee can, candle stubs and matches which can be used to melt snow for additional drinking water

•Metal or plastic cup •Red bandanna and a plastic whistle to alert rescuers to your location

•Pencil and paper

•First aid kit, including any essential medications •Plastic flashlight with spare batteries (reverse the batteries to avoid accidental switching and burnout, and replace batteries yearly)

•Two large plastic garbage bags, safety pins (bags are for insulation for feet, safety pins keep the bags together) •Snack foods for energy, such as candy bars.

Some other items that you should carry include gloves or mittens, winter boots, a blanket and/or sleeping bag, jumper cables, a basic toolbox, shovel, bag of sand or other grit for traction, tow cable or chain, road flares and reflectors. You could also consider an extra set of dry clothing or a snowmobile suit.

Whenever traveling in winter, call ahead to your destination and tell when you intend to leave, your travel route, and your expected time of arrival.

If you become stranded, never leave your vehicle. Your chances of survival greatly increase if you stay put.

Consider carrying a cellular phone for use during emergencies. Find a safe place to pull off the road when you need to make a call.

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I would like to thank everyone for thinking of me through Doug's passing, and for all the kindness, thoughts, prayers and goodies that I received.

Special thanks to all my little and big friends on Third Street for the beautiful seasonal planter. I really appreciate your kindness.

Ruthie Ashburn

The Hidden Paradise

by Alma Contreras Lopez

The Rebolledo Soto family lived some years in Minnesota, the children of this family attended KMS, but one day they had to return to Mexico. Silvia Soto used to tell me about the beauty of the town of her husband, Osiris Rebolledo, but in my mind, I could not visualize its beauty.

It was until last summer, where after about 5 years without seeing them, I decided to go visit them in Tolantongo, and my surprise was an oasis, a wonder in front of my eyes as we got closer and closer to their place.

This oasis is known as Las Grutas de Tolantongo, it is a true spectacle because the climate looks semi-desert in appearance, but as you go down to the canyon, it is as if a paradise opens as you go by. And the turquoise and warm water.

The most famous caves in the state of Hidalgo - and which now head an entire corridor of thermal water spas are made up of a set of caves (the largest contains geological formations such as stalactites and stalagmites at a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius) and tunnels, inserted in a mountain and bathed all of them with thermal waters that flow into a river with the same characteristics. In a natural way, dozens of pools were formed, where the hot water stagnates, which function as a natural jacuzzi or wading pool.

Incredible what nature offers us in that considerable section of a canyon for which you must go down a spiral path, from the height of the closest town, Cardonal, until vou reach that corner near the center of the earth, where miracles happen. By the way, that spiral downhill was a bit scary, but the view and the destination were worth it.

In the 80s, the place was visited mainly by adult and hippie tourists, who installed tents in sections on the banks of the river. There were no services that would guarantee a comfortable stay, although for some, that was the charm: a vacation close to how paradise should have been, all away from civilization.

However, already in the early 90s, the transformation began with the construction of a hotel. During recent years, the Tolantongo Grottoes underwent a total transformation, and with resources from the Hidalgo Tourism Secretariat, and a group of people from the community, of which the Rebolledo's family has been a member since the beginning of the grottoes as a tourist destination. This group was able to set up cooperatives and invest to turn the magical place into a luxury family spa, preserving the best of what is naturally formed with innovations that make it more practical and enjoyable.

Thus, where before there were small paths, now there are stairs and paved paths to walk on. To cross the river and reach the other side, the municipality of Las Glorias (an area that looks like, taken from the Avatar movie), was done

by defying the force of the river, and if at all with the help of a rope tied to a tree. Now there is a suspension bridge, hotels, cabins for rent, and tents. Tourism now enjoys

thermal pools, wading pools,

and divisions that make the wide river less wild and dangerous. There are also restaurants, where is sell the best piña colada, in addition, the largest zip line in Hidalgo that reaches 2 kilometers through which you can admire the landscape from all lengths and breadth, without a doubt, one of the best experiences and the best in the company of friends. Prices are affordable for this place that remains open all vear

The Rebolledo Soto family told me that people from Minnesota have already come to enjoy this oasis, so if you ever go to Mexico City, do not hesitate to take a tour of this paradise, I assure you that you will not regret it.

Word of the week: Decem-

Spanish: diciembre

Pronunciacion: dee-see-em

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Alma Contreras Lopez

tuvieron que volver a México. Silvia soto olía platicarme de la belleza del pueblo de su esposo, Osiris Rebolledo, pero mi mente no alcanzaba a visualizar la belleza de este.

por Alma

Contreras

Lopez

Rebolledo Soto

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los hijos de esta

eron a KMS,

pero un día

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La

familia

en

Fue hasta el verano de este año, donde después de alrededor de 5 años de no verlos, me decidí a ir a visitarlos a Tolantongo, y mi sorpresa fue un oasis, una maravilla.

A este oasis se le conoce como, Las Grutas de Tolantongo, es un verdadero espectáculo porque en apariencia el clima se ve semi desértico, pero al ir bajando a la barranca es como si un paraíso se abriera al ir pasando. Y el agua color turquesa y, además calientita.

Las Grutas más famosas de Hidalgo - y que ahora encabezan todo un corredor de balnearios de aguas termales- están formadas por un conjunto de cuevas (la mayor contiene formaciones geológicas como estalactitas y estalagmitas a una temperatura de 38 grados centígrados) y túneles, insertos en una montaña y bañados todos ellos de aguas termales que desembocan en un río con las mismas características. De manera natural, se formaron

El Paraiso Escondido

decenas de pozas en donde se estanca el agua caliente, que funcionan como jacuzzi natural o chapoteadero. familia

Increíble lo que la naturaleza nos ofrece en ese considerable tramo de una barranca para la cual hay que bajar por un camino en espiral, desde la altura que se encuentra el poblado más cercano, Cardonal, hasta llegar a ese rincón cercano al centro de la tierra donde se suceden los milagros. Por cierto, esa bajada en espiral lo baje con un poco de susto, pero la vista y el destino valieron la pena.

En los años 80 el lugar era visitado sobre todo por turismo adulto e hippies que instalaba casas de campaña en tramos a la vera del río. No existían los servicios que garantizaran una estancia cómoda, aunque para algunos ahí radicaba el encanto: unas vacaciones cercanas a como debió ser el paraíso, todo alejados de la civilización.

Sin embargo, ya a inicios de los 90, se inició con la transformación con la construcción de un hotel. Durante los años recientes las Grutas de Tolantongo sufrieron una transformación total, y con recursos de la Secretaría de Turismo de Hidalgo, los comuneros de los ejidos, de los cuales la familia Rebolledo a sido miembro desde los inicios de las grutas como destino turístico, en la que forman parte activa en la actualidad; ese grupo perteneciente a la comunidad pudieron armar cooperativas e invertir para convertir al mágico lugar en un balneario familiar de lujo,

conservando lo mejor de lo formado naturalmente con innovaciones que lo hacen más práctico y agradable.

Así, donde antes había pequeños senderos, ahora hay escaleras y caminos pavimentados por donde andar. Para cruzar el río y alcanzar el otro lado, municipio de las Glorias (donde existe una zona como sacada de la cinta Avatar), se hacía desafiando la fuerza del río, v si acaso con la avuda de una cuerda atada a un árbol. Ahora existe un puente colgante, hoteles, cabañas en renta y casas de campaña. El turismo ahora disfruta de albercas y chapoteaderos de agua termal, y divisiones que hacen al ancho río menos salvaje y peligroso. también hay restaurantes, en los que venden una de las mejores piñas coladas, además, la tirolesa más grande de Hidalgo que alcanza los 2 kilómetros y por la que se puede admirar el paisaje a todo lo largo y ancho, sin duda una de las mejores experiencias y lo mejor en compañía de amigos. Los precios son accesibles para este lugar que permanece abierto todo el año.

La familia Rebolledo Soto me cometo que personas oriundas de Minnesota ya han ido a disfrutar de este oasis, así que, si algún día va a México, no dude en darse una vuelta por este paraíso, le aseguro que no se arrepentirá.

Palabra de la semana: diciembre Inglés: december

Pronunciación: DI-SÉM-BER

Looking Back

25 years ago... December 1996

Sis, boom, bah... Kathy Kavanagh gave it her all and then some in cheering the school staff basketball team on to a narrow victory over the businessmen during a fundraiser for the Pillsbury Community Swimming Pool. Also seen is cheerleader Pam Skoglund.

50 years ago... December 1971

Murdock farmer wins state award for conservation RUSSELL Olson of Mur-

ock, along with 48 farmers from around the state, received a distinguished service award for his sound use, management and conservation of resources at the 35th state convention of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation districts held in St. Cloud Nov. 28-30. Swift county was one of seven soil and water conservation districts which received superior awards at the affair. Other districts which received the top rating were: Big Stone, Stearns, Wilken, Kanabec, Brown and West Otter Tail.

The Eagles had the brakes on Commerford, Murdock scoring ace, throughout the first half, but he started getting away as the game wore on, counting seven points in the final stanza, for a total of nine all evening. Even so, that was a commendable job of guarding against Tick who counted 19 points against Willmar only a week ago.

It was Commerford who opened the scoring when he took the ball on a side shot and dropped it neatly.

Jim Homme for the Eagles retaliated almost immediately with a one arm shot from the side, and then dropped another a few mements later to put Kerk in the lead, 4 to 2. Helgeson made a free throw good and then Bill Doering doubled this effort with two successful gift shots, making the score 6 to 3. Krattenmaker, for Murdock, sank a long one to tighten things up a bit, but Sheldon Baker sank a onearmer to make the score 8 to 5 as the quarter ended.



Murdock school

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ish Flu is currently 10-15% higher than that of COVID-19.

In 1918, fires continued. Drought would blight Minnesota's crops that year, and it proved to be a catalyst for fire.

The fires abounded in quick succession. The next week's Murdock Leader, published January 17th, reported another fire -- on this occasion beginning at the school early Monday morning as children were filtering into the hallways after a weekend of relaxation.

Dismissed in military fashion by their administrators, no student was harmed in the blaze that did considerable damage to the school. What the report identified in particular was an incompetent fire department that day whose lukewarm response was responsible for much of the devastation.

'We are told to conserve ll by government officials because of the war and this ought to be put into practice by public officials as well as by private individuals. There is no use in putting taxpayers' money into an apparatus for fighting fire and then have it frozen up when it is most needed," reported the Murdock Leader. And in 1918, locally, when fires were all too ubiquitous, when commodity prices soared -- while abroad the fatalities were mounting in the fight against the Central Powers in World War I -- those in Murdock built a school. The notorious Anti-German propaganda ran high and low in the newspapers in town printed weekly. Gossips were the enemy of the country. Loose lips sank ships. Certain days of the week, Murdock citizens abstained from eating meat to show solidarity with those serving overseas. Many were behind the war effort, and emphatically. One man in the capital who refused to carry an American flag was treated harshly by a

crowd

1918 was the year of the Spanish Flu, the year of the fire, the year when the school burnt, a new school built -and the old schoolhouse sold to the local Reverend Koller of the Catholic Church for \$1100 during an auction.

But residents of Murdock resolved to invest in infrastructure despite challenging times.

The Renovations

In 1952, a need for additional facilities was becoming more evident. In that period, contacts with Haarstick, Lundgren and Associates, Architects and Engineers of St. Paul had been established -- a company from whom the district solicited advice concerning opportunities for expansion.

On January 23rd, 1952, a special election was called to consider the addition of three elementary classrooms and hot lunch and music combination rooms at a cost of \$95,000, ultimately a prospect rejected by the district, according to the Murdock Centennial book. December of 1954 brought along with it the completion of several additions to the 1918 original building, a kitchen and a lunchroom added to the north end of the building. In the interest of finding solutions to problems in a number of districts, conversations about district consolidation began to occur in this period. A local election resulted in the Joint Independent Consolidated District No. 782 of Swift and Chippewa Counties. In light of the new consolidation, the Board of Education asked citizens to vote bonds to fund the remodeling of the 1918 structure. The voters approved a bond issue of \$400,000 on February 27th, 1958. The building has been improved several times since.

PG 5

School club's scholarship goes to Refsland

LOREN Refsland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Refsland, of Kerkhoven, has been named winner of the Kerkhoven-Sunburg high school Industrial Arts club's \$50 scholarship to a past member who has contributed to the growth of the Industrial Arts club.

Loren is majoring in drafting at Willmar Technical Institute and was a member of the Industrial Arts club for six years.

The club has given \$800.00 in scholarships to date.

75 years ago... December 1946

Eagles Show Promise In Win Över Murdock

Coach Vern Kemp unveiled his brand new 1946-47 models-the Little Eagles and the Big Eagles-at Murdock Tuesday night, and the wildly cheering Kerkhoven throng which saw them went home satisfied.

The Little Eagles won 15 to 14 and the deluxe edition turned out a 28 to 18 win.

Fans agreed that the deluxers were a pretty smooth operating machine, particularly in the first half, when they turned in a flash of power to lead 19 to 7. But the spark seemed to be missing in the last half.

The Eagles flashed their best form in the second quarter and it looked for a time as thought the game might be a walk-away.

Christenson opened with a free throw, followed by two successive field goals by Homme. Dahl connected for Murdock and then Kerk began connecting at the free throw line with one by Doering, another by Dowswell, a field goal by Baker and a singleton by Homme, to end the half, 19 to 7.

The Murdock team fought back with everything it had in the last half and outscored the Eagles in field goals, five goals to three.

Commerford was particularly effective in the third quarter, again making the opening field goal. Dowswell scored two points, and then Commerford sank another from close in. Homme dropped a free throw and Krattenmaker scored from the field, followed by another free throw by Homme. Commerford made a free throw good and then Baker scored two points for Kerkhoven, ending the third period at 25 to 14.

Commerford scored first in the final quarter and Dowswell matched that a few moments later. Walsh scored a field goal and Christenson made good from the free throw line to complete the scoring and ending the game 28 to 18.

Outstanding feature of the Eagles play was their passing and ball handling. Moreover the team played as a unit and seemed able to work the ball in for close-up shots. Their defensive play was excellent, too, and Murdock found it difficult to penetrate beyond the free throw mark. A weakness appeared to be the fact

that they frequently missed set-up shots, and this was particularly noticeable in the last half. However, this was to be expected in the first game.

Homme was high-point for Kerk with 11, and Commerford had 9 points for the Murdock point honors.

100 years ago... December 1921

SUNBURG

It is understood that a party in the form of a public dance will take place at the hall in the near future. The town board has adopted rules and regulations for the conduct of public dances in the town, which will be fully enforced. One of the rules is that no boy or girl under the age of 18 can participate or be permitted entrance into the hall. Anything in the form of so-called moonshine or intoxicants will not be permitted on the premises. The rules and regulations are of such a nature that they will receive the hearty approval of all whose sympathies are favorable to decent conduct and behavior and we are sure that a large majority of both old and young are in sympathy with this idea.

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Boys basketball

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extended varsity action, each scoring eight points including a pair of threes. Gavin Thorson added two from long range for his six points. Holloway also led with six rebounds, had two steals and four blocked shots while Gareis had a productive effort with five boards, four assists and two steals. "Jared and Isaac (Rudningen) did a good job of taking care of the ball with their pressure defense," Fragodt said. "I was very pleased with how some of our young players handled the pressure also. Hunter (Kallstrom) and DeAndre jumped right in and they are going to help us a lot this year.

KMS 23 20 - 43 BBE 27 29 - 56

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa (1-0): 12-30 FG (822 2-pt)... 8-14 FT... 42 Rebounds... 10 Fouls... Individual scoring: Kaden Pieper 20, Will VanBeck 2, Tanner Shelton 2, Gannon Walsh 9, Easton Hagen 3, Luke Dingmann 12, Gavin Kampsen 6, Ben Thonvold 2... 3-point shots: Dingmann 3, Walsh 3, Pieper 2... Rebound leaders: Kampsen 11, Dingmann 10... Assists leader: Van Beck 3... Steals leader: Van Beck 3... Blocked shots: None.

KMS (0-1): 12-30 FG (6-17 3-pt)... 1-3 FT... 25 Rebounds (5 off/20 def)... 15 Fouls... Individual scoring (fg-ft-tot): Jacob Gareis 1-0-2, Isaac Rudningen 3-0-6, DeAndre Holloway 3-0-8, Jared Cortez 3-0-8, Gavin Thorson 2-0-6, Gage Thorson 3-1-7, Drew Johnson 1-0-2, Hunter Kallstrom 2-0-4... 3-point shots: Holloway 2, Cortez 2, Gav. Thorson 2... Rebounds: Gareis 5, Rudningen 1, Holloway 6, Cortez 5, Gav. Thorson 2, Gage Thorson 1, John-

son 1, Kallstrom 3... Assists: Gareis 4, Rudningen 4, Holloway 3, Cortez 2, Gv. Thorson 1, Gg. Thorson 1... Steals: Gareis 2, Holloway 2, Corte 1, Gv. Thorson 1, Gg. Thorson 1, Johnson 1... Blocked shos: Holloway 4, Gv. Thorson 1.

KMS 63, Canby 52

Holloway, in his second varsity start, led the Fighting Saints to the 56-43 win over the Lancers. The young forward notched a doubledouble with a game-high 20 points and 15 rebounds. He also blocked three shots in the Camden Conference win.

The Saints outscored Canby in both halves, taking command in the first with a 29-20 advantage at the break then outscoring their hosts 34-32 in the second for the double digit win. "I did think that when we handled the pressure that we got some easy looks," Fragodt said. "DeAndre had a great game all around. He was able to get to the basket and had many offensive rebounds. Defensively we were really good in the first half. Drew was able to get some steals early that got us off to a fast start. It was ugly at times but a win is a win.

Besides Holloway's big night, forward, Gage Thorson scored 12 points and sophomore guard Jared Cortez counted for nine points and dished out five assists. Johnson had an active defensive effort with six steals

KMS 29 34 - 63 Canby 20 32 - 52

Canby (1-1): 15 FG (4 3-pt)... 10-

13... Rebounds not available... 26

fouls... Individual scoring: Evan Weber

12, Michael Tol 5, Ty Stoks 7, Dylan

Houseman 6, Trevor Gray 8, Kolton Duis 9, Nathan Prokop 5... 3-point shots: Duis 1, Stoks 1, Weber 2... Re-bounds, Assists, Steals, Blocked shots

Wagner nabbed two rebounds,

leaders: Not available.

but the Jaguars built a lead on a couple of runs that

KMS couldn't counter. Shown for KMS are Drew John-

KMS (1-1): 24 FG (13-pt)... 12-28 FT... 26 Rebounds (12 off/14 def)... 13 Fouls... Individual scoring: Jacob Gareis 1-0-2, Isaac Rudningen 2-3-7, DeAndre Holloway 7-3-20, Jared Cor-

tez 3-3-9, Gavin Thorson 3-3-6, Gage Thorson 5-2-12, Drew Johnson 3-1-7... 3-point shots: Holloway 1... Rebounds Gareis 1, Rudningen 4, Holloway 15,

Olson, Bonanza Valley Voice

Gage Thorson 2, Malaki Lee 1, Johnson

4... Assist leader: Gareis 1, Rudningen 6, Holloway 2, Gav. Thorson 3, Gage

Center) and Gage Thorson. --photo courtesy of Randy

Thorson 1, Cortez 5, Johnson 1... Steal leader: Gareis 1, Rudnnigen 1, Hol-loway 1, Cortez 2, Gav. Thorson 1, Johnson 6 ... Blocked shots: Holloway

3, Gag. Thorson 1.

Girls basketball (Continued from page 10)

before opening at home with a tough match-up on Thursday night with Central Minnesota Christian. The Saints take to the road and a non-conference game with Browerville-Eagle Valley on Saturday and travel to take on Renville County West next Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Shooting just over 33 percent from the floor is not a recipe for success, something the Lady Saints found out first hand as they opened their season versus ACGC. On the other hand, the Falcons overcame a game in which they committed 36 turnovers to still come out on top. "It's not very often you lose a game when you win the turnover margin by 19, but that is how much we struggled putting the ball in the hoop," coach Johnson said. The Saints turned the ball over ust 17 times in the contest but

of the half to out-score KMS 10-4 and led at the break, 29-24.

ACGC opened the second half scoring before Shakira Olson drilled a trey to pull back within four points at 31-27 but that is as close as KMS would get as the hosts did just enough to stay out of reach. Another short run expanded the Falcons' lead back to 10 at 43-33 with some eight minutes remaining.

The Saints continued to battle, narrowing the margin back to within four points but with about a minute left Ruby Klinger hit another for the dagger. Olson would score again for the Saints on an inbounds play but it would be too little, too late as the Falcons took a seven-point win.

Klinger led the ACGC offense with 19 points, followed

dished out three assists and had as many steals. Another youngster, Hacker added four points along with two assists, four steals and a blocked shot. Julia Carlson led KMS with eight rebounds followed by Hayley Demuth with six. She also scored six points as she

> hit a pair of three-pointers. The Saints' preliminary games were more successful. "Both the JV and C team picked up convincing victories so that was fun to see," Johnson added.

KMS 24 24 - 48 ACGC 29 26 - 55

Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City (1-0): 23-43 FG (2-9 3-pt)... 3-5 FT... 46 Rebounds... 22 Fouls... Individual scoring: Elli Roemeling 8, Mikaili Johnson 2. Brooke Taatow 2. Brooke Schultz 2. Ruby Klinger 19, Mackenzie Powers 9, Grace Kaelher 13... 3-point shots: Pow-ers 1, Kaelher 1... Rebound leaders: Roemeling 13, Klinger 10, Kaehler 8... Assists leader: Roemeling 5... Steals leader: Johnson 5, Roemeling 4... Blocked shots: Kaelher 3. KMS (0-1): 11-37 FG (3-25 3-pt)... 17-25 FT... Rebounds: 29 (Off. 15/Def. 14)... 12 Fouls... Individual scoring (fgft-tot): Acelynn Hacker 2-0-4, Anissa Demuth 0-2-2, Emily Wagner 5-0-10, Julia Carlson 1-1-3, Josie Gjerde 2-9-14, Shakira Olson 3-1-9, Hayley Demuth 1-4-6... 3-point shots: J. Gjerde 1, Olson 2... Rebounds: Grace Collins 2, Hacker 2, Elsa Gjerde 1, Wagner 2, Carlson 8, J. Gjerde 4, H. Demuth 6... Assists: E. Gjerde 2, Wagner 3, Carl-son 1, H. Demuth 1... Steals: Hacker 4, A. Demuth 1, Wagner 3, Carlson 1, J. Gjerde 1, Olson 7... Blocked shots: Hacker 1

Hides For Habitat (Continued from page 1)

ers the hides to a shop owned by one of the Swift County members.

In Clontarf, the hides are laid on a pallet until ready to be salted, the application of a preserving agent, and later sold at a price determined by the fur trader, one subject to changes according to the cost of fur. These are not negotiations: the fur trader names the price and the association accepts the offer. The money is put toward the acquisition of natural wildlife habitat, for which the Deer Hunters often partner with the DNR and Pheasants Forever.

Some of the local land acquired is a stretch, now public hunting property, north of Kerkhoven astride Highway 9 and now available to local hunters. For the property, the Swift County Deer Hunters paid a third, the DNR a third, and Pheasants Forever a third.

year, but the average number of deer hides collected in the county from November forward is between 150 and 200. This year has been a profitable

and busy one. "I kind of think we'll be over 200 this year, so I believe it will be a good year. I think more and more people know the boxes are the there," Kohlman said. "It's kind of word of mouth. We've never advertised and over the years have received more hides.'

The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association seeks to build Minnesota hunting and conservation legacy through habitat, education, and advocacy. To this end, they provide supplemental food sources for wildlife during the winter through the installation of food plots--mainly common agricultural crops are used such as corn or alfalfa. Although bow hunting season opens in September, the box or bin generally appears in Kerkhoven November 1st, because beforehand and throughout bow season the weather is too warm for the bins. At the yearly banquet, an event Kohlman helps to plan, a sign-up sheet circles the room and members or locals can request a food plot on their land. The upcoming banquet will be February 4th, and the Association expects some 300 members to attend. Later, Kohlman and others conduct site visits to determine which properties are most conducive to wildlife habitat and therefore most likely to benefit from the distribution of seeds.

Of the 2021 hunting season itself, Kohlman has heard mixed reviews, with some suggesting the season has been great, while others have seen few deer. The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association hope to acquire more land that benefits hunters and wildlife in the coming years, while promoting conservation advocacy.





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were a dismal 11 of 37 from the field and hit on just three of 25 three-point attempts in the 55-48 loss.

The Saints played catch-up through the first several minutes of the contest, trailing early by as much as 15-5 before they began chipping away. Emily Wagner, a freshman, stole the ball and her score pulled the Saints within 17-15. Moments later, Josie Gjerde connected on a three-pointer and the Falcons led just 19-18. Acelynn Hacker, just an eighth grader, scored to put KMS up 20-19.

The hosts quickly went back in front. With KMS unable to sustain any kind of offense, the Falcons took advantage over the final few minutes

by Grace Kaelher with 13. The Falcons held the edge on the boards with 46 rebounds to KMS' 29. Elli Roemeling led with 13 followed by Klinger's 10 as she recorded a doubledouble.

"We will learn from our mistakes and build on what we did well in this one,' Johnson stated following the loss. Gjerde led KMS with a 14-point effort (nine of which came from the free throw line) followed by Wagner, in her first varsity action, with 10. "Josie did a good job getting us into the offense," Johnson said. "She led us in scoring and only had one turnover. Emily did a lot of nice things in her varsity debut for us."

Besides her 10 points,

The price of fur is affected by international markets and an international supply chain driven by demand, but blemishes and bullet holes can also determine a fur trader's assessment of the hides. In the COVID-19 era, fur prices have been low due to travel restrictions and other impacts.

A lifelong dear hunter, Kohlman is one of nine chapter committee members, most of whom live in the Benson area. Each member makes their own rounds, responsible for a local bin--Swift Falls, Clontarg, Kerkhoven, and many more.

Profits vary, the number of hides donated differ year to

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KMS wrestlers place fifth at Big Lake (Continued from page 10)

*138: KMS open. Champion: Dylan Enriquez, Sartell. *145: Ely Johnson, Seeded 4th,

placed 6th. Johnson mét Diego Pitt, á Minnetonka senior and was unable to score as Pitt dominated him to win a 7-0 decision. In wrestlebacks, after a scoreless first, Johnson turned Kaden Brooks (Sar, sr) for two back points in the second period before a Brooks reversal tied it at 2-2. Brooks let Johnson up to start the 3rd and they fought to a stand-off as the KMS senior made the escape point stand up for the 3-2 win. Johnson then fell to the 5th place match after losing a 4-0 decision to Dillon Browen (BL) and a meeting with Nicholas Leibold (Roy, 10th grade). Johnson held a lead midway through the 2nd period when Liebold put Johnson down to his back and pinned him at 3:38. Champion: Tracy Radunz, Pierz

*152: Jett Olson, Unseeded, Placed 4th. Lost 11-3 major decision to Ashton Lipinski (Sar); In wrestlebacks, de-feated Myles Reichman (MA) 7-0 deci-sion; Defeated John Mead (PCHF), 13-2 major decision: Lost 3rd place match to Jacob Leblanc (Prz), 3-2 decision. Champion: Ashton Lipinski, Sartell.

*160: Coy Gunderson, Seeded

2nd, placed 2nd. Pinned Isaac Nelson Sar) in 1:38; Pinned Jimmy Johnson (PCHF) in 1:38. The 4th ranked KMS senior and Royalton's 3rd ranked Jacob Leibold, also a senior, clashed in the finals and it was a near stand-off from start to finish. Neither scored in the first period and Gunderson began the second in the top opposition. He was able to break Leibold down several times in the first minute but just over half ways through the period, reelinquished an escape. Trailing 1-0 and with the Royalton wrestler riding in the third, Gunderson was not able to score a point as Leibold rode him out the final two minutes for a hardearned, 1-0 win. Champion: Jacob Leibold, Royalton.

⁺170: Aaron Jones, Unseeded, Placed 6th. Lost 16-1 tech fall in 5:27 to Marco Christianson (Mtk); In wrestlebacks, the KMS freshman battled hard to come away with a 9-5 win over Derrick Pryzbilla (Prz, 11th grade); He then lost twice by fall, in 3:45 to Dalton Fredricks (MA) and in the 5th place match, in 2:12 to Hunter Novitzki (Roy). Champion: Marco Christianson, Minnetonks.

*182: KMS open. Champion: Gabe Goreicki, Royalton.

*195: Masyn Olson, Seeded 1st, placed 2nd. Olson scored a late first period takedown before an early second period escape made it 2-1 in his match with Kaden Holm (Roy. He switched Holm early in the 3rd to go up 4-1 before another escape narrowed the margin to 4-2... that's how the match ended. The Saints junior had an easier time in the semi's when he needed just 1:17 to take out Keegan Foote (Mtk) in and advance to a finals match with Will Budge (Sar). Olson escaped in the 2nd period to go up 1-0. Budge tied it in the 3rd, then managed to score a take down and held on to win the 3-1 decision, Olson settling for a runner-up fin-ish. Will Budge (Sar). Champion: Will Budge, Sartell.

220: Colin Johnson, Unseeded, placed 6th. The KMS sophomore trailed in his first round match 8-0 before losing by fall at 2:27 to Justin Matson (PČHF, Sr.); In wrestlebacks, drew a bye, then a second period escape and take down put him up 3-0 over Dane Hoffman (Prz, Sr). Half ways through the period, Hoffman rolled through on Johnson, putting him right to his back and scored a pin 2:59. In his 5th place match with Alex Hanrahan (BL, Sr.), Johnson overcame a 2-0 deficit to take

a 6-4 lead in a wild 3rd period. But Hanrahan escaped and, with the toweltapper on the mat, scored a takedown then turned him for the pin with one second left in the match. Champion: Justin Matson, Pine City-Hinckley-Finlayson.

*285: Jason Jones, Seeded 1st, placed 3rd. Bye; Lost by fall in 1:56 to Jeremy Mugg (Roy, Sr) when Mugg took him down to his back for the pin with four seconds left it he first period. In wrestlebacks, bye; In his 3rd place match, Jones scored the initial takedown on Tucker Mugg (Sar, Jr.) before powering him to his back for the pin

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at L44. Champion: Kane LaPointe, Big Lake.

Up next for the Saints is a trip to Worthington for a tri with the hosts and Pipestone on Thursday night before a home meet next Tuesday. Coming here will be Border West and Dawson/Boyd-LQPV-Montevideo United. The order has yet to be determined but KMS will wrestle the first and third dual with action on the home mat beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PUBLIC NUI-SANCE EXISTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, WHETHER ABATEMENT OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF MURDOCK IS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY, AND DE-TERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE PRIVATE PROPERTY.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., in the Murdock City Hall, 300 Frederick St., Murdock, Minnesota, during the regular meeting of the Murdock City Council, the Council will hold a public hearing to consider the abatement, by the City of Murdock, of an alleged nuisance condition on private property located at 632 Main Avenue, Murdock, Minnesota, consisting of a dilapidated building, an unlicensed vehicle, and an accumulation of old car parts, tires, broken electronic equipment, trash, rubbish and worthless or unused materials or articles, and the special assessment for costs of abatement of said nuisance condition against the above property which is legally described as follows:

Parcel 1

Part of Bresnahan's Addition to the City of Murdock, Swift County, Minnesota, described as follow: Commencing at a point on the north right of way line of Main Avenue which is 25 feet west of the southwest corner of Lot Seven (7), Block Twelve (12) of said Bresnahan's Addition; thence northeasterly, perpendicular to said north right of way line of Main Avenue, a distance of 120 feet; thence northwesterly, parallel to said north right of way line of Main Avenue, a distance of 75 feet; thence southwesterly, perpendicular to said north right of way line of Main Avenue, a distance of 120 feet to the north side of Main Avenue; thence southeasterly along the north right of way line of Main Avenue a distance of 75 feet to the point of beginning

Address: 632 Main Avenue, Murdock, MN 56271

Owner: Elizabeth Naig

The Council shall first determine whether a public nuisance exists on the abovenamed real property based on whether the conditions unreasonably annoy, injure, or endanger the safety, health, morals, comfort, or repose of any considerable number of members of the public.

Second the Council shall



i. CHIPPEWA AND SWIFT JOINT COUNTY DITCH 9

ii. CHIPPEWA AND SWIFT COUNTY JOINT Drainage Authority

iii. KRAGERO AND BIG BEND TOWNSHIP, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, Minnesota

iv. ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 15-18675

v. General Notice

- Chippewa and Swift Joint County Drainage Authority (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the 1. following Project:
- Chippewa and Swift Joint County Ditch No. 9 2. (JCD 9)-Bid Package 1
- 3. ISG (the Engineer) Project No. 15-18675
- Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by ISG (the Engineer) electronically through QuestCDN until December 30 at 10:00 AM local time. At that time 4. the Bids received will be posted publicly online.
- The project includes the following major quantities of 5. Work:
 - 1. Open ditch cleaning with spoil removal through wetland/cattail marsh areas. 2. The installation and removal of construction mats
 - used for access.
 - 3. Hauling of spoil out of wetland areas and leveling in offsite upland areas.
 - 4. Site erosion control and stabilization including seeding, bio-roll, and rip rap

2. Obtaining the Bidding Documents

- Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can 1. be found at the following designated website:
- 2. Quest Construction Data Network (QuestCDN)
- 3. www.questcdn.com
- 4. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 8086872. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.
- 5. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in even of source other than the designated website. either electronic or paper format. The designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated web site will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated sources.
- 6. Bidding Documents may be purchased for download online through QuestCDN for a fee of \$15.00.
- The bidder must electronically submit the proposal online using the designated website. The bidder must pay an online bidding fee off \$30.00.
- 8. A pre-bid conference call for the Project will be held on December 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM. Attendance at the pre-bid conference call is encouraged but not required.
 - a. Virtual Meeting Room:.....https://tinyurl.com/yck472pd
- b. Phone Number:(612) 474-1960
- c. Conference ID Number:...781 672 803





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determine whether abatement/ removal of the public nuisance by the City of Murdock is reasonable and necessary and the time limit in which the property owners/occupants have to remove the public nuisance prior to the City of Murdock entering premises and removing the offending item or items and cleaning up the nuisance.

If a condition is determined to be a public nuisance and must be abated by the City of Murdock, the special assessment is estimated to be the following minimum amount for the above-described property:

<u>\$800.00</u>

A reasonable estimate of the impact of the special assessments will be available at the hearing for review. Written and oral objections regarding the proposed special assessments against the abovenamed properties will be con-

sidered at the public hearing. NO APPEAL MAY BE TAKEN AS TO THE AMOUNT OF THE SPECIAL ASSESS-MENTS UNLESS A WRITTEN OBJECTION SIGNED BY THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNER IS FILED WITH THE MURDOCK CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THIS PUBLIC HEARING OR PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDING OFFI-CER AT THE PUBLIC HEAR-ING.

PURSUANT TO MINNE-SOTA STATUTE SECTION 429.081, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE ADOP-TION OF THE SPECIAL AS-SESSMENTS, ANY AFFECT-ED PROPERTY OWNER WHO IS NOT PRECLUDED BY FAILURE TO OBJECT PRIOR TO OR AT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS HEARING MAY APPEAL TO THE DISTRICT COURT BY SERVING NOTICE UPON THE MAYOR OF MURDOCK OR THE MURDOCK CITY CLERK, AND BY FILING SAID NOTICE WITH THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF SERVING NÒTIĆE UPON THE MAYOR OF MURDOCK OR THE MURDOCK CITY CLERK

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 435.193 to

1.03 INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

- By: Mark Origer, P.E.
- Title: Civil Engineer

Date: December 3, 2021

END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS B22, 23, 24c

435.195, any county, statutory or home rule charter city, or town making special assessments may in its discretion defer the payment of that special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments, and homeowner shall make application for deferred payment of special assessments on forms prescribed by the county auditor of the county in which the homestead is located.

Adoption by the Council of the proposed special assessments may be taken at the hearing, and the property owners have the right to prepay the entire special assessments to the City of Murdock, and partial prepayment has not been authorized by ordinance. Prepayment of the entire special assessments may be made no later than 14 days after the date the resolution is passed.

Kim Diederich, City Clerk City of Murdock B22 & 23c

KMS PUBLIC SCHOOL Independent District No. 775 Board of Education **REGULAR MEETING** Monday, December 13, 2021 7:30 PM KMS High School 302 North 15th Street Kerkhoven, MN 56252

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order 2. Approve meeting agenda 3. Public comment Approve minutes

5. Approve bills and electronic fund transfers

6. Trailblazers Presentation 7. Approve Re-ssued FY21 Audit reports

8. FY2022 Budget Updates 9. Certify Final 2021 Payable 2022 Levy

Project Oversight Committee report

Personnel: transfers, 11. appointments and resignations 12. Dec 1, PK-12 ennrollment

- 13. Principal reports
- 14. Policy Updates
- 15. Superintendent's report
- 16. Other reports
- 17. Adjourn
- B22c

PILLSBURY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Pillsbury Township board has changed its meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the month of December 2021, and the months of January and February 2022. These meetings will be held at the Bill and Dorothy Broberg residence located at 845 150th Ave. SE, Kerkhoven on the second Tuesday of the month.

On Tuesday, March 8th, 2022, the Pillsbury Township board will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Kerkhoven fire department training room prior to the Pillsbury Township Annual Meeting which is scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m. at this same location.

Lyle Stai Pillsbury Township Clerk B21 & 22c ----- Level: Advanced

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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COUNT&/Minnesota **Financial Statement**

SWIFT COUNTY P.O. BOX 207 **BENSON, MN** 56215

For the year ended December 31, 2020

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Swift County for interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to Kimberly Saterbak, County Auditor at (320) 843-4069.

SWIFT

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON THE SWIFT COUNTY WEBSITE (www.swiftcounty.com),

UPON REQUEST BY CALLING (320) 843-4069 OR BY WRITING TO

THE SWIFT COUNTY AUDITOR, PO BOX 207, BENSON, MN 56215.

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Governmental Activities Expenses by Function 2020



2020 COUNTY OFFICIALS

1 st District Commissioner	Gary Hendrickx	(320) 808-7082
2 nd District Commissioner	Edward Pederson	(320) 843-3378
3 rd District Commissioner	Pete Peterson	(320) 843-5376
4 th District Commissioner	Joe Fox	(320) 394-2157
5 th District Commissioner	Eric Rudningen	(320) 264-0216
County Administrator	Kelsey Baker	(320) 314-8399
County Auditor	Kimberly Saterbak	(320) 843-4069
County Assessor	Joe Tschida	(320) 842-5891
County Attorney	Danielle Olson	(320) 843-2134
County Recorder	Carla Roberts	(320) 843-3377
County Sheriff	John Holtz	(320) 843-3133
County Treasurer	Ron Vadnais	(320) 843-3544

		For th	e Year Ended D	ecember 31, 20	20				
	General	Road and Bridge	Welfare	Revolving Loan	Solid Waste	Ditch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Government Funds
	\$ 5,871,654	\$ 1,968,520	\$ 2,985,395	\$-	\$ 83,624	\$-	\$ 357,864	\$-	\$ 11,267,05
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Investments	214,966	-	-	13,261	-	-	3,448	27,016	258,69
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Government	5,069,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,069,79
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REVENUES OVER		-							
XPENDITURES	686,187	618,155	557,464	59,138	23,869	249,098	(400,446)	27,016	1,820,48
NCING SOURCES (USES)		70,087	45,842						115,92
Jut	(133,884)	70,087	40,042	-	-	-	-	-	(133,88
rom Sale of Assets	5,118	- 97,850	1.111		- 12.990	-		-	117,06
her Financing	5,116	97,850	1,111	-	12,990	-	-	-	117,00
s (Uses)	(128,766)	167,937	46,953	-	12,990	-	-	-	99,11
NET POSITION	557,421	786,092	604,417	59,138	36,859	249,098	(400,446)	27,016	1,919,59
Beginning of Year	6,024,753	8,310,922	3,730,901	613,511	288,623	(440,372)	7,724,488	(135,804)	26,117,02
IN INVENTORIES	-	80,567	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,56
ON - END OF YEAR	\$ 6,582,174	\$ 9,177,581	\$ 4,335,318	\$ 672,649	\$ 325,482	\$ (191,274)	\$ 7,324,042	\$ (108,788)	\$ 28,117,18

mary Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds

				December	·31,	2020								
														Total
		1	Road and			Revolving				Debt		Capital	G	overnmental
	 Seneral		Bridge	 Welfare		Loan	Sc	lid Waste	 Ditch	 Service	P	rojects		Funds
Cash														
Cash and Pooled Investments	\$ 4,641,558	\$	9,106,032	\$ 3,794,647	\$	672,649	\$	368,200	\$ 138,353	\$ 480,482	\$	-	\$	19,201,921
Taxes Receivable	58,494		19,738	31,408		-		554	-	-		-		110,194
Restricted Cash	-		-	-		-		-	-	600,000		-		600,000
Special Assessment Receivable	-		-	-		-		126,192	373,991	3,668		-		503,851
Accounts Receivable	61,497		45,360	326,232		-		-	-	-		-		433,089
Accrued Interest	24,225		-	-		-		-	-	-		-		24,225
Loans Receivable	-		-	18,180		417,401		-	-	6,845,000		-		7,280,581
Due from Compenent Unit	1,355,135		-	-		-		-	-	-		-		1,355,135
Due from Other Funds	575,619		-	-		-		-	-	-		-		575,619
Due from Other Governments	280,565		2,621,749	490,949		-		-	141,461	-		-		3,534,724
Advances to Other Governments	2,000		-	-		-		-	-	-				2,000
Prepaid Items	98,125		22,606	35,484		-		6,846	-	-		-		163,061
Inventories	 -		299,934	 -		-		-	 -	-		-		299,934
Total Revenues	\$ 7,097,218	\$	12,115,419	\$ 4,696,900	\$	1,090,050	\$	501,792	\$ 653,805	\$ 7,929,150	\$	-	\$	34,084,334
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of														
Resources, and Fund Balances														
Liabilities														
Accounts Payable	211,905		133,714	156,319		-		32,479	9,355	1,000		-		544,772
Salaries Payable	142,073		43,743	103,365		-		15,327	-	-		-		304,508
Accrued Payroll Taxes	17,482		18,562	11,361		-		1,680	-	-		-		49,085
Contract Payable	-		325,338	-		-		-	-	-		-		325,338
Due to Other Funds	-		-	5,098		-		-	461,733	-		108,788		575,619
Due to Other Governments	-		-	15,588		-		-	-	-		-		15,588
Custodial Deposits	-		-	-		-		-	-	600,000		-		600,000
Unearned Revenue	77,275		-	-		-		-	-	-		-		77,275
Total Liabilities	 448.735		521.357	 291,731		-		49.486	 471.088	 601.000		108.788		2.492.185

A User's Guide to County Financial Statements **Basic Financial Statements**

Swift County's basic financial statements consist of three parts: government-v vide financial staten ents fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis and certain budgetary comparison schedules are required to accompany the basic financial statements, and therefore, are included as required supplementary information.

Government-wide financial statements display information about the county's financial reporting entity as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities.

Fund financial statements display separate financial information for the county's governmental and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary fund information is presented in aggregate by fund type.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information and disclosure for information in the

financial statements

Governmental activities are generally activities of the county financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues

Financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (county), organizations for which the county is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the county are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The nucleus of a county's financial reporting entity is the primary government, the county.

Primary government is a term used in connection with defining the financial reporting entity. The primary government is the focus of the financial reporting entity. For the county, the primary government presents the financial activities, funds, or accounts directly under the control of the county board.

Discretely presented component units while part of the reporting entity, are presented in separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the county.

County Governmental Fund Types

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the county. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specified purposes.

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal, interest, and related costs of general long-term debt.

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or

construction of major capital facilities.

County Propriety Fund Types

Internal Service Funds are used to account for the financing of the goods or services provided by one county department to another, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

County Fiduciary Fund Types

Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the county as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds; for example, taxes collected and held by a county for a school district

Character Classification of County Expenditures

The county's governmental expenditures are classified by character or the periods expenditures are presumed to benefit. The county has the following character classification:

Current operating expenditures are presumed to benefit the current fiscal period.

Debt services are presumed to benefit prior fiscal periods as well as current and future periods and include amounts expended for the payment of principal, interest, and other costs associated with debt. Capital outlays are presumed to benefit current and future fiscal periods and include amounts expended for

the construction or acquisition of county capital assets.

Intergovernmental represents sources transferred by the county to other governments.

Classification of County Functions

Functions are a group of related activities aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which the county is responsible. The county has the following function classifications: The general government function includes expenditures for general county activities such as the county

commissioners, county attorney's office, county treasurer's office, county assessor's office, the planning and zoning office, and other county general service offices

Public safety related to the objective of protection of person and property and includes expenditures for corrections activities, operations of the sheriff's department, civil defense, and emergency services Highways and streets include expenditures relating to the construction and maintenance of county highways and streets.

Sanitation involves expenditures for the removal and disposal of waste and includes county solid waste collection and disposal, recycling, and sanitary sewer program.

Human services represent activities designed to provide public assistance and instructional care for individuals unable to provide essential needs for themselves. These programs include child support collection, child welfare, chemical dependency, medical assistance, and others.

Health involves all activities involved in the conservation and improvement of public health. This function includes expenditures for the

county public health department, home health aide services, other nursing services, maternal and child health, supplemental nutrition programs, and programs to protect public and private water systems Culture and recreation involves cultural and recreational activities maintained for the benefit of county residents and visitors. These activities include county libraries, parks, and other recreation programs. Conservation involved activities designed to conserve and develop such natural resources as water, soil, and forests and includes such programs as soil and water conservation county extension, water planning, and other.

Economic development activities are directed toward economically developing the area encompassed by the county and providing assistance to and opportunity for economically disadvantaged persons or businesses.

eferred Inflows of Resources									
Unavailable Taxes	58,494	19,738	31,408	-	554	-	3,668	-	113,862
Unavailable Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	126,192	373,991	-	-	500,183
Unavailable Grants	-	2,394,460	34,772	-	-	-	-	-	2,429,232
Unavailable Loan Receivable	-	-	-	417,401	-	-	-	-	417,401
Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year	7,815	2,283	3,671	-	78	-	440	-	14,287
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	66,309	2,416,481	69,851	417,401	126,824	373,991	4,108	-	3,474,965
und Balances									
Nonspendable	1,455,260	322,540	35,484	-	6,846	-		-	1,820,130
Restricted	746,037	-	-	672,649	-	-	7,324,042	-	8,742,728
Committed	-	8,855,041	4,299,834	-	318,636	-	-	-	13,473,511
Unassigned	4,380,877	-	-	-	-	(191,274)	-	(108,788)	4,080,815
Total Fund Balances	6,582,174	9,177,581	4,335,318	672,649	325,482	(191,274)	7,324,042	(108,788)	28,117,184
al Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of									
Resources & Fund Balances	\$ 7,097,218	\$ 12 115 419	\$ 4,696,900	\$ 1,090,050	\$ 501 792	\$ 653,805	\$ 7 929 150	\$ -	\$ 34 084 334

Summary of Swift Cour Statement of Net Position - Govern December 31, 2020	mental Activities		ft County's Statem Ir Ended Decembe	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in	
ASSETS				Program	 Net Position Governmental
Current and Other Assets	\$ 34,910,435		Expenses	Revenues	Activities
Capital and Noncurrent Assets	71,482,139	FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS			
Total Assets	\$ 106.392.574	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			
		General Government	\$ 5,163,782	\$ 2,175,424	\$ (2,988,358)
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,177,139	Public Safety	2,917,891	413,113	(2,504,778)
		Highways and Streets	5,351,458	6,324,987	973,529
Current Liabilities	3.743.626	Sanitation	1,323,249	1,187,282	(135,967)
Long-Term Liabilities	18,250,429	Human Services	5,647,784	2,931,580	(2,716,204)
5		Health	512,616	262,558	(250,058)
Total Liabilities	\$ 21,994,055	Culture and Recreation	484,018	122,489	(361,529)
		Conservation of Natural Resources	234,365	700,051	465,686
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 1,088,254	Economic Development	388,000	388,898	898
		Interest	336,122	-	 (336,122)
Net Position		Total Government Activities	22,359,285	14,506,382	 (7,852,903)
Net Investment in Capital Assets	65,663,908		General revenues		
Restricted	4,458,710		Taxes		\$ 11,306,660
Unrestricted	14,364,786		Other general re	venue	 1,572,679
Total Net Position	\$ 84,487,404		Total general rev		\$ 12,879,339
			Change in net po	sition	\$ 5,026,436

Summary of Swift County's **Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities** December 31, 2020

Governmental

	Governmental							
	Activities							
		2020		2019				
REVENUES								
Program Revenue								
Fees, Charges, Fines, and Other	\$	3,344,377	\$	3,461,830				
Operating Grants and Contributions		7,109,248		4,874,964				
Capital Grants and Contributions		4,052,757		3,100,669				
General Revenue								
Property Taxes		11,187,251		10,590,730				
Unrestricted State Aid		873,104		848,425				
Investment Earnings		245,430		408,195				
Other		573,554		522,155				
Total Revenues		27,385,721		23,806,968				
EXPENSES								
General Government		5,163,782		4,420,397				
Public Safety		2,917,891		3,015,833				
Highways and Streets		5,351,458		4,822,902				
Sanitation		1,323,249		1,239,874				
Human Services		5,647,784		5,500,356				
Health		512,616		114,544				
Culture and Recreation		484,018		72,248				
Conservation of Natural Resources		234,365		935,646				
Economic Development		388,000		-				
Interest		336,122		362,547				
Total Expenses		22,359,285		20,484,347				
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		5,026,436		3,322,621				
Net Position - Beginning of Year		79,460,968		76,206,888				
Change in Accounting Principle		-		(68,541)				
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$	84,487,404	\$	79,460,968				
	_		_					

A Summary of Fiduciary Net Position For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

		Priva	al Welfare te-Purpose ust Fund		ustodial Funds
	Assets				
	Cash and Pooled Investments	\$	54,775	\$	462,615
_	Taxes For Other Governments		-		257,082
	Total Assets	\$	54,775	\$	719,697
C	Liabilities				
4	Due to Others	\$	-	\$	326,711
a	Due to Other Governments		-		132,514
5					
2	Total Liabilities	\$	-	\$	459,225
5					
5	Deferred Inflows of Resources				
5 5 5	Property Taxes Collected for Subsequent Period				9,746
3	Net Position				
	Restricted for:				
	Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	\$	54,775	\$	250,726
7		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
3					
3 2	A Summary of Internal Service	Net P	osition		
4	For the Year Ended Decemb				
6	Assets	ei 51,	2020		
4					
3	Cash and Pooled Investments		\$ 1,341,		
3	Accounts Receivable	_	660,	472	_
	Total Assets	_	2,001,	720	_
7					
7	Liabilities				
	Accounts Payable		742,	741	
1		-	,,		-
3	Net Position				
<u>1)</u> 3					
3	Unrestricted	_	\$ 1,258,	979	_



SWIFT COUNTY P.O. BOX 207 **BENSON, MN** 56215

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For the year ended December 31, 2020

Name of Recipien 180 Degrees, Inc. 24,964.10 2853 School District Treasure 6.346.54 298,215.17 6W Department Of Community Corn 775 School District Treasurer 36,588.99 Agralite Cooperative 5,568.62 Albany Recycling Center 12,684.47 Alliance Pipeline 8,768.28 American Communications Inc 5,600.00 American Solutions For Business 6.646.80 American Surplus & MFG 19,190.00 American Welding & Gas, Inc 6,629.72 Anderson Family Hair 6,000.00 Anoka County Treasury Office 12,800.00 Appleton Area Chamber Of Commerc 6.000.00 Appleton Area Health Services 90,430.00 Appleton Dental Care PA 6,000.00 Appleton Power Equipment 7,186.05 Appleton Press 30,365.94 Appleton Project/The 414,082.50 80,678.46 Ascheman Oil Association Of Minnesota Counties 23,434.00 Auto Value Benson 5,778.23 Avera Medical Group Marshall 5,382.47 Backstreet Printing 7,491.77 Becker County Sheriff's Office 6,900.01 Bennett Office Technologies Benson Area Chamber of Commerce 13.317.22 6,000.00 Benson Bakery And Coffee Shop Benson Body Shop 6,268.75 13,241.98 Benson Bowler 15,163.74 Benson Family Eyecare Benson Golf Club 10,800.00 6,000.00 Benson ISD 777, Acct 31127-101 36.064.47 Benson Laundry 5,074.30 Benson Municipal Utilities 104,160.16 Bolton & Menk, Inc 23,301.00 Borman/Scott 13,800.00 Bouwman/Barry 19.234.00 Brinks 104 Club 6,000.00 Brinks Beer Joint & Grill 6,000.00 Brock White Company 11,250.00 Burns and/Michael 11,336.32 10,300.00 9,369.65 Buttweiler's Do-All Inc CDW Government, Inc CEE VI Drug & Gang Task Force 46,870.00 41,262.33 Center Point Energy Central Specialties Inc 3,059,755.92 CenturyLink 6,718.35 Holmgren/Duan Chamberlain Oil Co 11,593.04 Hometown Flooring & Blinds, LCC

Name of Recipient	
Charter Communications	2
Chippewa County Auditor-Treas	2
Chippewa River Watershed	1
City of St Cloud/Cashier	
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	5
Clontarf First Responders	2
CNH America LLC	3
Comm of MMB, Treas Div	3
Commerford Gravel Inc.	21
Contech Engineered Solutions LLC	3
CO-OP Credit Union	27
Counties Providing Technology	8
Country Floral	
Countryside Public Health	32
Countyline First Responders	1
Craig's Inc	5
Daber, LLC	
Danvers First Responders	
Darold's Super Valu	
DEMARCE THEATER	
Dept of Corrections	5
Diederich/Becci	
Discovery Kids	2
Divine House	2
Domat's Family Foods	
Dooley Petroleum, Inc.	6
E & M Electric LLP	1
Election Systems & Software Inc	11
Ellingson Plumbing	
Farstad Oil, Inc.	1
Federated Telephone	1
Fire Safety USA Inc	
Gabriel House, LLC	
Geo Comm Inc	
Geyer Recycling	7
Glacial Plains Cooperative	1
Go Set Ready Coffee	
Golden/Alan	1
Greater Mn Family Services	5
Guardian Fleet Safety	2
Hanny's Bar and Grill	
Hard Rock Screening Llc	2
Hawleys Inc	1
Headwaters Media	
Heartland Girls Ranch	1
HELLO WORLD LLC	
High Voltage Spa, Inc	

Amount	Name of Recipient	
23,523.52	HP Inc	3
28,220.71	I State Truck Center	8
13,400.00	Information Systems Corportation	(
5,139.86	Innovative Office Solutions LLC	4
6,157.75	JED-AIRE Aviation, LLC	
23,020.00	JML Group	
38,180.52	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	
32,553.50	Johnson Feed Inc	
12,287.99	Jones & Patock PA	
84,826.77	K & K Tiling Inc	3
7,721.44	Kandiyohi County	
85,857.54	Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Dept	3
6,000.00	Kerkhoven Banner	
25,550.50	Kluver Law Office & Mediation Center PLL	-
16,344.71	K-Madsen Consulting	1
52,399.88	Knowink	-
6,000.00	Lake Area Discovery Center	
6,630.53	Landwehr Construction	3
6,392.63	Larson and Bolduc Construction, Inc.	
6,084.00	Larson Gravel & Construction Inc	
6,745.00	Larson/Alex C	
6,000.00	LEGACY PRINTWEAR	
20,131.93	Lehmann/Pamela G	
22,140.35	LETG, LLC	1
7,516.12	Lincoln National Corporation	
50,372.10	Loffler Companies	
10,713.92	Lutheran Social Services Of Minnesota-FC	3
15,798.84	Lutheran Social Services Of Mn	3
5,776.24	Macqueen Equipment Inc	
13,165.45	Mactek Systems Inc	
13,809.14	Marco Technologies LLC	-
8,950.00	Marsh & McLennan Agency-RJF Division	
6,000.00	Mattheisen Disposal, Inc	-
5,250.00	McMahon Counseling and Consultation Serv	3
74,656.00	MEI Total Elevator Solutions	
1,307.83	MH Woodworking	
6,000.00	Midstates Hydraulics & Machine Inc Midwest Machinery Co	
16,300.00 58,370.17	Midwest Monitoring & Surveillance	2
25,792.19	MILLife	35
6,000.00	MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust	19
20,400.00	MN Dept Of Revenue Sales Tax	- 10
1,675.94	MN Dept Of Transportation	-
7,877.00	MN Human Services	1
1,877.00	MN Pollution Control	1
5,250.00	MN Sheriff's Association	
6,000.00	MNCCC Lockbox	
9.470.00	Morris Electronics	

8,057.15

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Amount	Name of Recipient	
31,873.94	Motorola	
32,596.76	MSOP MN Sex Offender Program 462	
51,177.00	Mueller Law Firm PA	
7,383.05	Naig &/Matt	
6,000.00	Nelson International Div.	
6,000.00	NEOGOV	
5,908.53	Newman Traffic Signs	
6,955.20	NIETFELD-SUNDERMANN/RHONDA	
5,830.00	Nolan Baker Ford Sales	1
31,542.29	North Central International LLC	
8,896.38	Northern Geo LLC	
9,657.78	Northern Lights Trail Snowmobile Club	
9,881.00	Northland Counseling Center Inc	
0,802.50	Northland Securities Inc	8
3,250.00	Northside Automotive Supply	
1,585.00	Northwood Childrens Home-Main	
5,601.33	Office Of MNIT Services	
3,477.50	Ottertail Power Company	
6,000.00	Paddle Bar	
5,171.23	Patrick's Pub & Grill	
8,216.00	Peg's Place	
6,000.00	Pemberton Sorlie Rufer & Kershner PLLP	
5,086.70	Pflipsen Trucking LLC	1
37,833.01	PFM Asset Management LLC (Magic)	7,5
8,740.90	Pictometry International Corp	
7,901.37	Pinehaven Youth and Family Services, Inc	
86,569.07	Pioneer Public Television	
30,094.04	Pioneerland Library System	1
5,639.76	Port of Crow Wing County	
5,044.00	Powerplan Prairie Five CAC	1
12,859.75 9,232.00		
	Prairie Five Cac, Inc.	
4,261.27	Prairie Lakes Youth Programs Prairie Lakes Youth Programs-Boys Group	4
3,465.00	Prairie Playhouse	1
6,555.11		1.0
6,000.00 5,090.05	PreferredOne Insurance Company Presbyterian Family Foundation, Inc.	1,6
7,382.83	RANGER CHEVROLET	
7,562.65 13,234.27		
5,254.27 51,494.03	RDO Equipment Co Rem-Sils, Inc.	
97,514.00	Riley Brothers Construction Inc	1
1,497.00	Riley Bus Service Inc	1
1,497.00	Rinke Noonan	
10,616.03	River City Data	
1,057.46	Roberts/John V	
5,541.22	Royal Tire Inc	
2,712.00	Runnings Supply, Inc.	
59,565.74	Rustad Bus Service	
13,303.74	Nustuu bus service	

Swift County Payment to Vendors over \$5,000 For Year 2020

23,992.60	Safe Avenues
43,151.40	Sandy's Cafe, LLC
11,700.00	Schlief and/David
12,400.00	SeaChange Printing & Marketing Services
9,761.74	SEWearable Designs, Inc
6,711.00	Sherrie's Cafe
16,065.98	Shooters Bar & Grill
54,605.00	Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC
21,916.80	Soil Conservation Office
5,000.87	Southside Body Shop & Glass
6,000.00	St Peter RTC - 472
45,178.54	Stan Olson & Shawn Tolifson Construction
6,763.86	State of MN - Dept of Revenue
74,861.26	Sun Life Financial-246468
8,519.92	Swift County Benson Hospital
27,599.20	Swift County DAC
10,800.00	Swift County Environmental Services
9,776.30	SWIFT COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
6,000.00	Swift County Historical Society
6,000.00	Swift County HRA
6,000.00	Swift County Monitor News
26,573.48	Swift County Parks And Drainage
71,714.05	Swift Machine & Fab LLC
33,673.19	Tangen, Attorney/Neil
36,804.57	Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center
53,778.96	Tinjum Appraisal Company Inc
13,583.40	Titan Machinery
39,661.00	Tolifson/Jody
25,317.00	Toms Service
44,285.49	Tosel/Julie
10,000.00	TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
6,902.66	Treasurer, Appleton Township
34,861.24	Treasurer, Benson Township
36,258.76	Treasurer, Camp Lake Township
12,430.86	Treasurer, Cashel Township
12,007.83	Treasurer, City Of Appleton
5,901.87	Treasurer, City Of Clontarf
26,552.80	Treasurer, City Of Danvers
52,229.84	Treasurer, City Of Degraff
5,622.01	Treasurer, City Of Holloway
95,470.26	Treasurer, Clontarf Township
6,000.00	Treasurer, Dublin Township
16,682.50	Treasurer, Edison Township
16,709.01	Treasurer, Fairfield Township
9,320.00	Treasurer, Hayes Township
25,441.41	Treasurer, Hegbert Township
9,075.82	Treasurer, Kerkhoven Township
6,000.00	Treasurer, Kildare Township
7 500 66	

Name of Recipien

	Amount	Name of Recipient	
	6,500.00	Treasurer, Marysland Township	
	6,000.00	Treasurer, Moyer Township	
	17,022.00	Treasurer, Pillsbury Township	
;	53,715.94	Treasurer, Shible Township	
	6,063.00	Treasurer, Six Mile Grove Twp.	
	6,000.00	Treasurer, Swenoda Township	
	6,000.00	Treasurer, Tara Township	
	21,211.23	Treasurer, Torning Township	
	107,913.29	Treasurer, West Bank Township	
	15,740.12	Treasurer/State Of Mn	
	31,835.10	Tritech Software Systems	
n	29,658.00	TrueNorth Steel	
	32,054.65	Tyler Technologies, Inc	
	20,299.63	U S Postal Service	
	203,882.76	UCP OF CENTRAL MN	
	118,185.73	University Of Minnesota	
	10,809.82	Upper MN River Watershed District	
	53,314.02	Us AutoForce	
	37,924.00	Vadnais/Alicia	
	66,149.14	Valley Lake Boy's Home, Inc.	
	24,936.13	Van Heuveln General Contracting Inc	
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Mamre Township

Notice is hereby given that affidavit of candidacy for the positions of one (1) Supervisor (3-year position) and one (1) Clerk (2-year position) can be filed with a \$2.00 fee with Mamre Township Clerk Kim Van Heuveln at her home 9820 135th St. NW, Pennock between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. December 28, 2021 through January 11, 2022. Please call 320-905-4630 for an appointment. March 8, 2022 will be the Township Annual Election and Annual Meeting at the Mamre Town Hall.

Kim Van Heuveln,Clerk B22 & 23c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING ON PROPOSED** VACATION OF STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF MURDOCK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that a public hearing wIII be held on December 22, 2021 beginning at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Murdock City Hall, 300 Frederick St., Murdock, Minnesota, during the regular meeting of the Murdock City Council, for the purpose of obtaining input from the public on the following proposed resolution to vacate certain streets within the City of Murdock:

RESOLUTION TO VACATE PUBLIC STREETS

WHEREAS, the question of the vacation of the public streets described below came before the council on its own motion and a public hearing has been held on the issue as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, each affected owner of property has received notice by mail of the proposed vacation at least ten (I0) days prior to the public hearing and notice of the public hearing has been published and posted as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City and of the public to vacate the public streets described below because said streets are not required for general public access, are unimproved and there are no plans for future improvement.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following described public streets within the City of Murdock, be vacated in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota:

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> Kim Diederich City Clerk B22 & 23c

Swift County **Court Report**

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Elizabeth A. Schramel, Benson, instruction permit violation - person over 18 years requirements. \$140. Kayden L. Wenninger, Silvis, IL, underage drink/drive. Convicted. \$300 and 10 days, stay 10 days for 6 months. Probation -Adult(unsupervised probation, 6 mo.). Condition - Adult(do not use or possess alcohol or drugs except as prescribed, if under the age of 21. Do not drive without a valid license.

Drew A. Gilbertson, Montevideo, speed 1-10 miles per hr over the limit 70/60. \$130.

Swift County Sheriff Department

John J. Erickson, Annandale, drivers license - driving after revocation. \$290. Garica C. Dagoberto, Danvers, driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type, \$190.

Minnesota State Patrol

Jodi L. Shepersky, Belgrade, speed 30 zone 40/30. \$130. Michael P. Wrobleski, DeGraff, seat belt required · driver and passengers must use. \$115. Nikola Palavestric, Apt., WA, hands-free law - engage in cellular phone or video

Paul A. Foley, Dassel, speed 1-10 miles per hr over the limit 43/30. \$140. James M. Rusthoven, Minneapolis, driving after cancellation. \$290. David C. Rutherford, Appleton, driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. \$190. Driver who is not owner must later produce proof of insurance if required. \$200. Driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type. \$190. Driving after revocation. \$290. Jennifer M. Ell, Aberdeen, SD, speed 1-10 miles per hr over the limit 43/30. \$140.

Felonies

Kyle L. Rose, Pequot Lakes. Perjury-Court Document (Not applicable - GOC). Guilty. Convicted. Stay of Imposition Pursuant to M.S. 609.135. Local Confinement (2 Days Credit for time served: 2 Days) \$240.00. Probation -Adult (Unsupervised probation, 1. Yr). Condition - Adult(Write letter of apology, write letter of apology to The Honorable David L. Mennis; letter shall be approved by Swift County Attorney's Office then filed with

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Benson Police Department

Eyan A. Herigon, Benson, instruction permit violation person over 18 years - requirements. \$140. Brandon R. Śmith, Benson, fireworks less than 35 pounds. \$140. Sherrie J. A. Harrison, Benson, driving without a valid license. \$220.

Swift County Sheriff Department

John R. Glimsdal, Lake Lillian, driving after cancella-tion. \$290. Kaleb L. Brown, Appleton, speeding - exceed limit 74/55. \$150. Vitoria N. Hindersmann, Willmar, speeding - exceed limit 70/60. \$130. Werner J. I. Lapoyeu-Ramos, Worthington, drivers license driving after suspension. \$290. Speeding - exceed limit 67/55. \$50

Michael L. Burch, Benson, driving after revocation. \$290.

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Benson Police Department

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Benson-KMS JV gymnasts open season with a win

Saints lose to BBE, 56-43; Holloway leads 63-52 win over Canby

by Wally Loven

The KMS boys traveled to Brooten to face Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa in a non-conference tilt last week Thursday, and lost 56-43 to the Jaguars. It was the season opener for both teams. "We knew going in that BBE was a very good team... they returned a lot of players from last year and were just one game away from state," Saints head coach Matt Fragodt stated after the loss "I knew we were going to see where we were early in the season.

The Saints opened Cam-den Conference play this past Monday at Canby and, led by sophomore forward DeAndre Holloway's 20 points, picked up their first win of the season, 56-43. "It was a rough and tough game," Fragodt stated on Tuesday morning. "The game got really physical in the second half ... we struggled at times when that happened.'

The boys will face MAC-CRAY in Clara City on Friday night, then host Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley at home in a non-conference game on Saturday, Dec. 11.

BBE 56, KMS 43

Down by just four points at the half, the Saints saw the deficit quickly expand to 15 as BBE came out with a barrage of three-pointers and a 38-23 lead with less than five minutes off the clock. The big lead was more than the Saints could overcome as the Jaguars went on to the 56-43 win.

But for the game opening bucket, the Saints trailed throughout most of a very close first 18 minutes. The

score was tied at 12 apiece on a Gavin Thorson three-pointer, and again at 18. BBE managed to open the spread to 25-18 with some over three minutes left in the half but the Saints rallied back to trail by just two points when the Jags closed out the scoring with about 45 seconds left.

The Jaguars came out on fire in the second half ... Gannon Walsh opened with a three-pointer, then it was Luke Dingman twice in a few seconds before Will VanBeck drove the basket for two more and the 38-23 lead with just 4:15 played in the second half. Isaac Rudningen scored to stop the bleeding before DeAndre Holloway connected on a three-pointer, quickly matched by BBE's Kaden Peiper. Gage Thorson later capitalized on a three-point play, scoring a bucked and converting the only free throw the Saints made on the night (one for just three attempts), to make it 43-33 with 10:20 to play.

Another BBE three-pointer and later another, Dingman's third of the night, put the lead back up to 15 points. After Holloway hit his second three, BBE went into an offensive 'freeze' to close out the win. Peiper led all scorers with a 20-point night while Dingman finished with a double-double, 12 points and 10 rebounds. "I thought we played well for 32 minutes," Fragodt commented. "They went on that run right out of halftime and that was the difference."

The Saints' offense was pretty well balanced with Cortez and Holloway, a 6'6" sophomore forward in his first (Continued on page 6)



Drew Johnson snared a rebound in the Saints opening game at BBE last week. --photo courtesy of Randy Olson, Bonanza Valley Voice

Trey Gunderson lone champ, Fighting Saints 5th at Big Lake Invite

by Wally Loven

The Fighting Saints grapplers kicked off the new season this past Friday, placing fifth among eight teams at very competitive Big Lake Invitational. The Saints came out quite well in the tournament considering that they wrestled with five open weights. Four of KMS' nine wrestlers reached the finals, Trey and Coy Gunderson, Noah John-son and Masyn Olson. Only Trey Gunderson came home with a gold medal. Jason Jones finished with a third place medal, Jett Olson placed fourth and Ely Johnson, Aaron

for fifth place.

Two teams went into the day listed in the state rankings. Big Lake holds the seventh spot in Class AA while Royalton/Upsala is ranked fourth in Class A. The Royals edged the hosts 207 to 204.5 for the team title. Following Big Lake was (A) Minnewaska Area 168, and (AA) Sartell 135.5, then KMS with 117, (AAA) Minnetonka at 115.5, (AA) Pine City/Hinckley Finlayson 95 and (A) Pierz 79.5.

Sartell dominated the finials as they claimed four individual champions while Big Lake nailed down three. Royalton had two champs as

out an individual champion. Here are KMS' Individual results and a few highlights:

106: Trey Gunderson, Seeded 1st, placed 1st. The Saints top ranked 8th grader wrestled a total of 3:17 on his way to his title. In his opening match with Alex Hendrickson (Sar), his fourth take down of the first period had his opponent right to his back. The pin came at 1:07. He did the same in his semi-final match with (Mtka) Isabella Heany, getting the fall at :47 following his second take down. Gunderson drew Roualton/Upsala & Roy Simmons. He led 2-0 early in the 1st period before muscling Simmons to his back for his third pin of the day at 1:23. Champion:

Trey Gunderson, KMS. *113: KMS open. Champion: Char-

placed 2nd. Braxton Peetz (PCHF) got in early on a single leg but Johnson came out of it with a beautiful throw, putting Peetz right to his back. The pin came at 1:04 of the first period. Next up, Johnson needed an over-time period to defeat Chase Smith (MA, 9th grade) after surrender in a third period reversal that tied it up at 4-4. The KMS junior battled his way through a scramble before scoring the take down for the sudden victory, 6-4 decision. Big Lake's 4th ranked senior, Cash Sixber ry, quickly scored three takedowns, the third put Johnson right to his back for the pin and the title at 1:14. Champion: Cash Sixberry, Sartell. *126: KMS open. Champion: Chris

tian Noble, Big Lake. *132: KMS open. Champion: Spen

by Pam Rohner Swart

The Benson-KMS gymnastics team had a strong season opener. They earned 123.550 points to beat Marshall's 96.05.

On vault, Gwen Wilcox came in first with 8.35, Mya McGeary was in second with 8.15, and Sophia Hilleran in third place with 8.1. Also competing on junior varsity vault were Hannah Rosen, 7.9; Brooke Hoberg, 7.6; Sophia Krusemark, 7.55; Emma Krusemark, 7.4; and Elise Duncan 7.25.

On uneven bars, in first place, Gwen Wilcox, 7.5; second, Emma Krusemark ,7.2; third, Mya McGeary, 7.1. Also competing were Brooke Hoberg, 6.9; Olivia Noble, 6.4; Ava Noble, 6.1; Sophie Hilleran, 5.4; and Taylor Vanheuveln, 5.3.

On balance beam, in first place, Taylor Rohner Swart with 7.9; in second Olivia Noble, 7.8; third, Mya McGeary, 7.5. Also competing were: Torie Andrews, 6.9; Sophia Hilleren, 6.6; Ava Noble, 6.3; Hannah Rosen, 6.2; and Maddie Anderson, 6.1.

In floor exercise, in first was Mya McGeary, 8.5; second, Sophia Hilleren, 8.0; Elise Duncan, 7.95; Sophia Krusemark, 7.8; Brooke Hoberg, 7.1; Taylor Vanheuveln, 7.0; Grace Nagler, 6.9; and Alysse Swanson, 6.8.

All around, in first place was Mya McGeary, 31.25. In second, Sophia Hilleren, 28.1; and in third place Naomi Sternke, Marshall, with 22.95.

came up short in their matches Area was the lone team with-

by Wally Loven

opened last week, Tuesday, in

Grove City, a non-conference

game with Atwater-Cosmos-

Grove City. The Lady Saints

got their season off to a frigid

night shooting the ball, result-

ing in a disappointing 55-48

loss to the Falcons. While the

The KMS girls' new season

ACGC spoils Lady

Saints' opener, 55-48

Jones and Colin Johnson all did Minnetonka. Minnewaska

the field, connecting on over

53 percent of their field goal attempts. "They are a very

young and upcoming team,'

Saints coach Justin Johnson

stated afterward. "They shot

the ball really well tonight and

we shot poorly. That was the difference."

ahead with four games in

The girls have a busy week

lie Palm, Mntka.

cer Johnson, Sartell. *120: Noah Johnson, Seeded 3rd, (Continued on page 6)

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Benson-KMS gymnastics second at Morris Invite

by Pam Rohner Swart

There was tough competition against NLS at the Morris Tournament held Saturday, December 4th. The B-KMS gymnasts gave it their all and came in second behind NLS.

NLS scored 139.7 for the win, in second was Benson-KMS with 134.1, in third Morris with 119.2 and in fourth, Park Rapids with 115.6.

Each team had the opportunity to have eight gymnasts per rotation with five going toward each team's total score. On floor exercise Libby McGeary earned first place with 9.5 and Elise Duncan earned fifth place with 8.9. Also competing on floor were Gwen Wilcox, 8.7; Mya Mc-Geary, 8.45; Lexie Hoberg, 8.4; Torie Andrews, 8.2; and Olivia Noble, 7.9.

On uneven bars Libby Mc-

Geary placed first with 8.9, in fifth was Elise Duncan with 8.3. Also competing on bars were Taylor Rohner Swart, 8.1; Torie Andrews, 7.8; Gwen Wilcox, 7.3; Lexie Hoberg, 7.2; Olivia Noble, 6.9; and Mya McGeary, 5.6.

On balance beam in third place was Elise Duncan with 8.6 and in fifth place was Hannah Rosen with 8.2. Also competing on beam were L. Hoberg, 7.7; O. Noble, 7.2; L. McGeary, 6.7; Rohner Swart, 6.3; M. McGeary, 6.1; and Wilcox, 5.5.

Competing on vault were L. McGeary, 9.1; Andrews and Wilcox with 8.5, A. Hoberg, 8.4; Rohner Swart, 8.3; O. Noble, 8.2; and Rosen with 8.1.

In the all around Libby McGeary placed third with 34.2 and Lexie Hoberg placed fourth with 31.7.

Saints had difficulty buying eight days, starting at MACa basket, ACGC countered CRAY last night, Tuesday, with very good success from (Continued on page 6) CITIZENS ALLIANCE BANK ANNUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION MEAL & OPEN HOUSE Fulay, December MEAL: BANK LOBBY 11:00AM - 2:00PM OPEN HOUSE: BANK LOBBY 9:00AM - 4:00PM PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM AND/OR MONETARY DONATION TO HELP SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD SHELF! 520 MAIN AVENUE, PO BOX 50 MURDOCK, MN 56271 1 RK WWW.CITIZENSALLIANCEBANK.COM







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Senior-laden Saints look to experience, depth as keys to successful season

TMS Winter Sports Preview

by Wally Loven

Fighting Saints boys basketball head man Matt Fragodt hopes that the return of four starters and eight seniors will help his team to expand on the six wins of a year ago as he begins



Gavin Thorson was on the court for a lot of minutes the past two seasons. At 6'1", "Gavin is a good enough shooter that when he is on, look out," coach Matt Fragodt noted.

his eighth season at the helm. But for all-purpose 'blue-collar' worker Isaac Call, his entire team is back. It will not be easy to replace the elder of the two Call brothers however, as Isaac wrapped up an outstanding career with 639 points, 220 of them coming as a senior (12.2 ppg). The Saints' leading scorer last season also led the team with 252 rebounds, 143 assists and 123 steals in his four seasons as a starter.

Starters returning to a team that finished with a 6-13 record, 5-11 in Camden Conference play, are sharpshooting senior guard Alex Call, along with two more seniors in Gage Thorson and Drew Johnson, both forwards, plus junior guard Isaac Rudningen. Call will begin the season on the shelf due to a football injury with hopes of a full return by the end of January. Until then the remaining returning starters will be joined by Jared Cortez, a sophomore and a guard, along with seniors Gavin Thorson and Jacob Garies, with Hunter Kallstrom, a soph, all vying for the fifth starting spot.

Last season got off to a weird beginning with all of the unknowns created by the pandemic and the restrictions that came into play with COVID. To top that off, Alex Call suffered an injury in the season opener that sidelined him for a good part of the year then another injury put him out of action for a few more games, returning to the line-up with just 10 games remaining in the regular season. After a win over Ortonville and then defeating Dawson/Boyd in the season finale, the Saints appeared to be heading into the Section 6A play-off game with Ortonville on a high note. Instead, the end came quickly when they learned that a previous opponent had tested positive, automatically invoking a 10-day quarantine... their season came to a sudden and disappointing end.

Looking ahead to what hopefully will be a more 'normal' season, nothing will come easy for the KMS boys in the ever-tough Camden Conference. Both Lac qui Parle Valley and Central Minnesota Christian finished the year at 8-2 in conference and 14-2 overall. The two teams split their two regular season meetings, then CMCS defeated the Eagles before knocking off Southwest Minnesota Christian for the 3A title and a Class A State Tourney berth. They lost their first round game to Sleepy Eye St. Mary's.

That said, coach Fragodt gives the nod to CMCS as the 'team to beat' in the Camden North. Minneota's 7-1 mark in the South was good for that title. The Vikings were ousted from 3A play by LQPV. "CMČS will be a favorite again this year," Fragodt stated. "The rest will be very tough overall. There were some star players that graduated last year though from a lot of the (North) teams. I also think the South teams are going to be very strong this year.'

Besides CMCS and LQPV, Renville County West (11-5/13-6) and MACCRAY (8-9/8-11) finished ahead of KMS in the North, while Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (10-6/12-7), Tracy-Milroy-Balaton (10-6/10-9) and Lakeview (8-8/8-9) were at or above the .500 mark in loop games.

Fragodt feels that the road through Section 6A will also have more than its share of bumps. "Our section might be the toughest in the state," he said. "Hancock finished second in the state last year and they have some players



Gage Thorson, a senior forward listed at 6'1", begins his third varsity season and second as full-time starter. "Gage has improved every year he has been at the varsity level," coach Matt Fragodt said.

back. BBE, Ashby and Wheaton will all have strong teams. The North half is also very tough too, with New York Mills, Henning and Breckenridge.'

Ashby went into 6A South with an undefeated mark last season at 17-0 but were trounced by West Central Area (15-5, but who are now bumped to 3AA), who in turn lost to Hancock in over-time. The Owls then defeated North champion, Mahnomen-Waubun (21-1, and a 75-72 semi-final winner over NYM, 17-3), their only loss of the season, 72-71. Hancock went on to defeat Nevis and S.E. St. Mary's in the state tourney before losing, 61-60, to Hayfield in the Class A finals.

Besides competition from the above, the Saints will have to contend with the likes of BBE (16-5 and lost to Nevis in 5A semi-finals last year) and Benson (8-11 in Section 3, Class

AA), both newcomers to 6A, plus holdovers Parkers Prairie (15-5) and W/H-N (7-7) in the South. The North also had Henning at 14-6 and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy of Fergus Falls at 12-6, finishing over the .500 mark, plus newly added Breckenridge (13-7 in 8AA last season).

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So how does coach Fragodt see this year's Saints fitting into what looks, at least on paper, to be a pretty rugged season ahead? "We return a team that only lost the one senior and our depth is incredible," he stated. "Our team has lots of experience and that will help with the loss of Alex for the beginning of the year. We have some very talented young players that will go along with our eight seniors. The team is ready to go, especially on how last year ended with being quarantined during the start of the playoffs.'

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Sharpshooting senior guard Alex Call will begin the season on the shelf due to a football injury, with hopes of a full return by the end of January. "Alex is one of the best players in the Camden Conference," coach Matt Fragodt stated. "He has led our team in points per game for the past two years and can put up points from anywhere on the floor, outside and inside."



Isaac Rudningen has been the point guard for the past two years. Coach Matt Fragodt stated, "He has a knack for being able to get to the hoop and finish."

Boys Hoops

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Fragodt gave a thumbnail sketch of his starters and key players, what he expects of them and what they bring to the floor on a nightly basis:

With Call sidelined, Fragodt will look to his two (possibly three) seniors and three-year starter, junior Isaac Rudningen, along with a sophomore, Cortez, to provide leadership. Gage Thorson, a senior forward listed at 6'1", begins his third varsity season and second as full-time starter. "Gage has improved every year he has been at the varsity level," Fragodt said. "He will again be looked at to be more of a scorer. He is a very smart player and puts himself in spots to succeed." Thorson added 147 points last season, bringing his career total 237 going into his final season. His 8.2 ppg average was good for fourth highest on the team last season. He also snared 83 rebounds, dished out 20 assists and had 19 steals.

The second senior and a six-foot forward, Drew Johnson, is one of the Saints' sparkplugs. "He is a very strong defensive player," Fragodt said. "He is the guy that gives our team a lot of energy when he makes hustle plays." Also going into his second full season as a starter, Johnson averaged 4.2 ppg (75 points as a junior) and was the Saints' third leading rebounder with 67 boards. He also contributed 31 assists and 26 steals (both good for third on the team) last season. His 45 points as a sophomore leaves him at 120 career points with a year to go.

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Rudningen broke into the starting line-up as a freshman and pumped in 171 points in his first varsity season. His 176 points last season (9.2 ppg) was good for second on the Saints' squad, and he begins his junior season at 346 total points. He was also second with 49 assists and 33 steals to go with his 63 rebounds, which earned him a spot on the Camden Conference Honorable mention squad. Listed at 6'1", "Isaac has been our point guard for the past two years," Fragodt stated. "He is really reliable handling the ball... he has a knack for being able to get to the hoop and finish. He has become a lot stronger and can defend against anyone."

Cortez broke into the starting line-up during his freshman season and was very productive... 126 points (7.0 ppg. avg), had 44 rebounds, 15 assists, along with 15 steals. A guard, "He moved up to the varsity level late last season and finished out the year on a high note," the coach said. "This year he will be a full time varsity player and can shoot the ball very well. He is one of the smartest players I have coached. Jared will also be able to play the point for us in different situations."

The three most likely candidates at this early date to fill that fifth starter spot include a pair of seniors, Gavin Thorson and Garies, along with a sophomore, Kallstrom. Thorson was on the court for a lot of minutes the past two seasons, scoring 54 points as a 10th grader and adding another 56 last season, averaging 3.2 ppg. He also nabbed 34 rebounds, had 12 assists and nine steals. At 6'1", "Gavin is a good enough shooter that when he is on, look out," coach Fragodt noted. "As long as his confidence is high he is a tough player."

Garies was used sparingly last season but the guard brings a lot of hustle and great work ethic to the floor. "Jacob is a very hard worker," Fragodt said of the senior. "He does all the things that make a great team a great team." His playing time increased as time went on last season and finished averaging a point per game, dished out five assists and nabbed 29 rebounds and had four steals

Kallstrom also saw more and more playing time later in the season and won a full-time spot on the varsity bench. In somewhat limited minutes, he pulled down 26 rebounds, had six assists and four steals to his credit. Kallstrom will give the Saints some much needed size and muscle. "Hunter has become a very strong player," Fragodt said of the 6' soph. "We saw it in football and his strength really helps him. He is also very athletic. He is not afraid to go down in the trenches and make things happen."

Junior Jaiden Henjum, a 6'1" guard, will see an expanded role this season after getting his feet wet at the varsity level a year ago. He picked up a dozen points in somewhat limited time as a sophomore.

Another player to watch for is a 6'6" sophomore, DeAndre Holloway.

This group will have to carry the load through the early going until the hopeful return of the 6'3" shooting guard Call. "Alex is one of the best players in the Camden Conference," coach Fragodt stated. "He has led our team in points per game for the past two years and can put up points from anywhere on the floor, outside and inside. His injury will keep him out until February and we are looking forward to his return."

Injuries have kept Call from moving high up the career scoring ladder here after missing about half of his junior season. He came back to score 148 points in the 10 games in which he played. The long-range sharpshooter hit 15 of his 58 field goals from beyond the arc last season as he averaged 14.8 ppg after his return. He now sits at (unofficially) 949 career points and should be available for about the final 10 regular season games in his final year. He also finished last year with 55 rebounds along with 15 assists and as many steals.

Here is the KMS boy's roster for 2021-22: Seniors: Alex Call, Adam Froehlich, Jacob Garies, Drew Johnson, Tanner Ronholdt, Gage Thorson, Gavin Thorson, Melvin Viksboom.

Juniors: Travis Engelke, Jaiden Henjum, Jacolby Nash, Daniel Reisinger, Isaac Rudningen, Cory Starr, Jacob Walsh.

Sophomores: Connor Auge, Carter Auspus, Landon Bratsch, Jared Cortez, Bruno Dalgadillo, Logan Duke, Zavier Gonzalezs, DeAndre Holloway, Luke Jeseritz, Hunter Kallstrom, Malaki Lee, Ethan Moat, Quin Peterson, Beau Quisberg, Austin Simmonds, Evan Zimmer.

Freshmen: Boyd Doering, Matthew Garies, Clayton Olson, Luisao Padilla.



Drew Johnson is one of the Saints' sparkplugs. "He is the guy that gives our team a lot of energy when he makes hustle plays," coach Matt Fragodt said.



Lady Saints look to experience, depth as they embark on new 'hoops' season

TMS Winter Sports Preview

by Wally Loven

"This should be the deepest team that I have had so far," commented Saints head girls hoops coach Justin Johnson as he enters his fourth year at the helm. "If we can improve each day and be fundamentally sound we should have a very competitive season." Johnson's optimism comes as a result of six returning players, three of them starters, with extensive varsity experience. That's not to say there are no holes to fill... the two seniors gone from their 6-14 finish a year ago leave big shoes to fill as Johnson looks to replace his top scorer and top rebound-

Gone are Maret Gjerde, who led the Saints' offense with a 14.2 ppg average, tallying 283 points in her final year including a team-leading 52 three-pointers. She finished her high school career with 903 total points. Gjerde also led or was among the top with 48 assists, nabbed 88 rebounds and had 41 steals. Lauren Krieger was the team sparkplug... Not the big offensive threat (215 career points) but a tenacious

Hayley Demuth begins her second season as a starter at the post. "Hayley is looking stronger and more confident in the post than a season ago," coach Justin Johnson stated. "She is a very good low post defender and is long enough to help control the paint." A summer knee injury slowed her progress some. "But she should be ready to go," Johnson added. rebounder (team high 151) to go with 40 steals. Johnson acknowledged that filling their shoes will not be an easy task. "Maret was by far our best offensive weapon a season ago and Lauren had a motor that just never stopped. They will be tough to replace."

Johnson will look to his three returning starters and captains to step up, including a pair of seniors, Grace Collins and Hayley Demuth, along with Josie Gjerde, a junior. They, along with two more juniors, Julia Carlson and Shakira Olson, have been projected as the early starters but Johnson expects competition, significant minutes and contributions from several others including another junior, Elsa Gjerde, who played a significant role off the bench last season. Also in the mix will be a pair of freshmen with no varsity experience, Emily Wagner and Maddie Luft (for KMS... Luft was a varsity player for YME last season). Coach Johnson and his staff of Tracy Hagen (JV), Ryan Luft (C-Squad), Luke Armstrong (eighth grade), and Taylor Erickson (seventh grade) will be left to sort that all out.

In recapping last season, the Saints' 5-11 Camden Conference North record placed them behind Lac qui Parle Valley (9-0), MACCRAY (7-3) and CMCS (7-3), and ahead of RCW (3-6) and D/B (0-10). The girls came on at the end of the season to win three of their final six regular season games before a Section 5A win over Laporte. Their season ended with a hard fought, 51-47, loss to Browerville-Eagle Valley.

Looking ahead to the coming season, the Saints face much the same battles as usual in the ever-competitive Camden but have been moved to Section 6A after a six-year stint in 5A and will see a new set of teams come season's end. "I expect that CMCS is the likely favor-ite in the Camden North," Johnson predicted. "MACCRAY will have a solid team as well. If we progress and play up to our ability, we should be in contention." And in the South? Who else... "Minnneota," he said. The Vikings were unbeaten last season at 25-0 and the Class A State champs. They are 86-2 over the past three seasons with two state titles (possibly a third had a tournament been completed in the 2019-20 season).

Johnson's pick for the team to beat in KMS' new section is Hancock. The Owls went to the 6A semi-finals with an 18-0 mark where their season ended, a 50-49 to West Central Area their lone loss. WCA then defeated Henning to advance to the Class A State Tourney where they were ousted by BBE.

Others in the South finishing last season over the .500 mark were Parkers Prairie at 15-4, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley at 9-7 and Wheaton/Herman-Norcross at 9-8. Rounding KMS' half are Ashby (3-15), Benson (moved from 3AA, 4-13), Brandon-Evansville (9-10) and Ortonville (1-19).

WCA (17-6) and Battle Lake (8-11) now move to the North along with Breckenridge (12-7, down from 8AA). They are joined by Ada-Borup (6-12), Henning (20-2), Hillcrest Lutheran Academy (6-12), Lake Park-Audubon (13-3), Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdahl (6-10), New York Mills (14-5), Park Christian (7-12), Rothsay (3-16) and Underwood (17-4).



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Grace Collins, senior guard, begins her second season as a starter. "Grace's confidence grew as the sea-son progressed last year," coach Jus-tin Johnson noted. "We will need her to take on more responsibility with the ball in her hands this season. She is very quick and is one of our better shooters.

Johnson talked about the Saints' prospects for the coming season. "Besides the six girls that got a lot of experience at the varsity level last season, we are likely mixing in two or three very young girls that we feel are making big contributions," he said. "Our strength will be our overall athleticism so we're hoping to play a style of basketball that matches that athleticism." He shares a bit about his individuals: (Continued on page 16)

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Collins, senior guard, begins her second season as a starter. She averaged 3.5 ppg (71 points) last season and added 18 assists, 60 rebounds, 22 steals and also blocked five shots. "Grace's confidence grew as the season progressed last year," her coach noted. "We will need her to take on more responsibility with the ball in her hands this season. She is very quick and is one of our better shooters.

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Demuth begins her second season as a starter at the post. She scored 123 points in her junior



Junior Shakira Olson moves from a top bench player as a sophomore into the starting line-up. Her versatility allows her to split her time as either a guard or to play the post. Coach Justin Johnson refers to Olson as the team's 'Swiss Army knife.'

season (6.8 ppg avg.) including 11 three-pointers. She also snared 60 rebounds, had 14 steals and a team-high 11 blocked shots. "Hayley is looking stronger and more confident in the post than a season ago," Johnson stated. "She is a very good low post defender and is long enough to help control the paint." A summer knee injury slowed her progress some. "But she should be ready to go," Johnson added.

"Julia had a nice sophomore season for us and we need her to take another leap forward this year," Johnson said of Carlson, his undersized junior post player. She picked up valuable experience coming off the bench much of last season, earning the Saints' 'Most Improved Player' award. Carlson counted seven threepointers among her 99 points scored, a 5.0 ppg avg., and posted KMS' best field goal percentage (42.2%). She also dragged in 65 rebounds and dished out 15 assists. "For what she lacks



Josie Gjerde earned Camden Conference Honorable Mention honors last season after pumping in 138 points as a sophomore, the Saints' second leading scorer. "Josie will take full responsibility at point quard and we will be asking a lot of her," coach Justin Johnson said of the junior. "She is our best ball handler and our leading scorer of returning players. She is also likely our most consistent shooter," he added.

in size at the post, Julia is not lacking in toughness," Johnson added. "And she has a great outside shot as well."

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Johnson's fourth starter and tri-captain, Josie Gjerde, earned Camden Conference Honorable Mention honors last season after pumping in 138 points as a sophomore (6.9 ppg), the Saints' second leading scorer. Gjerde knocked down 16 shots from beyond the arc and hit 67.4% from the free throw line, had 18 steals, blocked five shots, and her 108 rebounds were a Saints' second best. "Josie will take full responsibility at point guard and we will be asking a lot of her,' Johnson said of the junior. "She is our best ball handler and our leading scorer of returning players. She is also likely our most consistent shooter," he added.

Another junior, Shakira Olson moves from a top bench player as a sophomore into the starting line-up. Her versatility allows her to split her time as either a guard or to play the post. She scored 40 points last season, nabbed 26 rebounds, had 13 steals, five assists and a pair of blocked shots. Johnson refers to Olson as the team's 'Swiss Army knife.' "We like what she has to offer at both the guard and post positions," the coach stated. "She is long and athletic and will be a tough match-up for most teams.

Elsa Gjerde spent her sophomore year as a 'super-sub,' a role that every team desperately needs to be a success, and that may again be her role. She found the range on three threepointers last season while averaging just under 15 minutes played per game. Despite her somewhat limited playing time, her 31 assists were third best on the team. See also had 29 rebounds and 16 steals. "Elsa is not a flashy player but does the small things well," Johnson said. "Her biggest strength is her defense but she can score from long range also. We look for her to knock down some deep balls for us."

Johnson is also counting on a pair of freshmen to bolster his line-up. It appears that Wagner is ready to take the leap to the varsity floor and contribute. "We're looking for Emily to play big minutes for us this year," commented Johnson. 'She is incredibly quick and anticipates very well on defense.

Another newcomer expected to make an impact as a freshman is Maddie Luft, the daughter of C-team coach Ryan (former KMS boys head coach). "Maddie will give us some great length that we have not had around here in a while. She has the ability to impact the game on both ends of the floor," Johnson said of the new arrival to KMS. "She will be a bit limited early in the season as she is coming back from a knee injury." Johnson added that once up to full speed, Luft could slide right into the starting line-up somewhere.

It's not often that an eighth grader finds her way to the varsity floor but Acelynn Hacker may be the exception this season. Johnson sees this youngster as a possibility to contribute. "Acelynn has a chance to earn major minutes as well," he said. "She is another very athletic guard that could give a defense fits.'

Here are the Saints rosters: (No roster as yet for seventh and eighth grade)

Seniors: Grace Collins, Hayley Demuth, Karla Padilla.

Juniors: Julia Carlson, Shae Fath, Elsa Gjerde, Josie Gjerde, Kenadie Hamstad, Alana Hettver, Shakira Olson, Katlyn Peters.



"Julia had a nice sophomore season for us and we need her to take another leap forward this year," coach Justin Johnson said of Julia Carlson, his undersized junior post player. She picked up valuable experience coming off the bench much of last season, earning the Saints' 'Most Improved Player' award. "For what she lacks in size at the post, Julia is not lacking in toughness," Johnson added. "And she has a great outside shot as well.

Sophomores: Anissa Demuth, Katelynn Marquardt, Sophia Oerter, Eben Overcash, Lilly Ronholdt, Caleigh Wilke.

Freshmen: Avery Davis, Maddie Luft, Gabby Miller, Ella Molenaar, Savanah Peterson, Alissa Thompson, Emily Wagner, Kaliyah Walker, Izzy Wirth, Emily Zurn.

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Senior Coy Gunderson has a 155-32 record going into this season, including 78 pins. He is ranked 4th in Class A at 160 pounds. Gunderson qualified for the state tournament last season.



Chase Magaard is a junior with a 129-34 career record, and would be counted on as one of the top performers for the Saints this season. However, Magaard is out indefinitely with a back injury sustained during the football season.

Coy Gunderson, Chase Magaard lead KMS wrestlers into new mat season

TMS Winter Sports Preview

by Wally Loven

The KMS boys hit the wrestling room mats at full throttle a couple of weeks ago with hopes of improving on a 25-7 dual meet record from their last season.

With 30 wrestlers reporting for workouts, a staff of co-head coaches Craig Johnson and Trevor Mahlum, and Todd Johnson, Jesse Engler, Zach Weddington, Mark Gunderson, Tyler Carlson and Cody Peters will be honing the boys skills in preparation for the new season.

They will be looking to replace a trio of seniors that posted a total of 78 wins in 2020-21... Hunter Wilts was 18-19 last season, returning to the mat after injures plagued him for several seasons. Also gone are two-time state tourney vet, Rick Jones (33-5, 22 pins last season and a 119-54 career record including 64 pins) and Brody Forsell (27-9, 11 pins as a senior, 83-77 career record with 60 pins). Also gone is Brandon Kallstrom, who missed most of his junior and all of his senior season to injury. His career ended with 20 wins against 58 losses and five falls.

The team returns a small nucleus of quality wrestlers, particularly in the lower weights. Three-time state tourney veteran Coy Gunderson, who placed fourth in the 'Super-Section'

-- last year's version of the state tournament -- leads the way. Now a senior, Gunderson has 155 career wins to his credit as he heads into his final season. He would be joined by another seasoned veteran in Chase Magaard but the junior with a 129-34 career record (34-4 with eight pins last year) is out indefinitely with a back injury sustained during the football season

A full slate of action is scheduled with five triangular duals, a quadrangular dual and the Osakis Dual Tournament. Invitational tournaments are back on the table after a year off due to COVID and the Saints are lined up to take part in individual tourneys at Big Lake, the Redwood River Classic in Redwood Falls, at Benson, at Ogilvie, at the Big Ole in Alexandria, at St. Agnes, at Red Rock Central High School in Lamberton, at Murray County Central, and wrap up the season at the MAHACA Classic in Morris. The Saints will host four tri meets with Border West, United, Minneota, Paynesville, Quad County, West Central Area and ROCORI coming here. They are looking for a team to take the place of BOLD in the final tri.

The Saints jump right into Team Section 5A tournament, following the MAHACA Classic. They knocked off Benson to advance to the 'final four' last season where they were eliminated by two-time state champion Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville. BBE then unseated LPGE-B before losing in the state Class A preliminary ('Super Section') where the Jaguars were ousted by Bertha-Hewitt, who eventually lost the state title to Kimball.

The Saints advanced wrestlers at 10 weights through the 5A individual preliminary rounds to the Section 5/6 'Super Section' state qualifier (a format developed for the pandemic). Besides the three seniors, that group included Trey Gunderson, Ely Johnson, Tanner Wilts, Coy Gunderson, Magaard, Masyn Olson and Jason Jones. Of the underclassmen, only C. Gunderson advanced to the final rounds of the state tournament.

Looking ahead to the coming season, the Saints find themselves a bit shorthanded as several boys have opted not to wrestle. Of the 29 that make up the team, 14 of them are 7th and 8th graders. Trey Gunderson is the only one of that group that has wrestled a varsity match. He had an outstanding first year, posting 32 wins in his seventh grade season. This will be a very 'green' group that takes the mat as the two Gunderson's have 64 wins to their credit while the other nine weights (if three are left open) taking part in the Big Lake opener have a total of just 86 wins.

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Hopefully, with a season behind them, the Saints will be ready to compete with some of the muscle of a realigned Section 5A. The state high school league reshuffled things again for the next two seasons... no favor to the Fighting Saints. While (10th ranked, moved to 7A) LPGE/B is out, second ranked BBE remains the odds-on favorite and fourth ranked Minneota and fifth ranked ACGC are in. Canby also is assigned to 5A. Along with LPGE/B, Quad County and Osakis were reassigned.

The following lined up for the opening matches at Big Lake last Friday. Included are individual statistics and some highlights from last season:

*106: Trey Gunderson, 8th grade. 32-5, 12 pins (career same), 67 takedowns, 163 team points... Goes into the season ranked #1 at 106. Won twice to advance to 5/6A Super Section where he placed 3rd before losing a true 2nd



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match, falling short of the state final four. *113: Open.

*120: Noah Johnson, 11th grade, 12-7, 5 pins (15-18, 7 pins career), 14 takedowns, 68 team points... Did not participate in individual sections.

*126: Open.

*132: Open.

*138: Logan Johnson, 9th grade... First varsity action.

*145: Ely Johnson, Senior, 22-14, 15 pins, (61-54, 31 pins career), 36 takedowns, 135 team points... Advanced to 5/6-SS with a win loss, and a win, but did not place.

*152: Jett Olson, 9th grade, 26-9, 11 pins, (43-36, 19 pins career), 34 takedowns, 128 team points... At 138, lost both section matches.

*160: Coy Gunderson, Senior, 34-6, 22 pins (155-32, 78 pins career), 144 takedowns, 192 team points all were team high last season... Goes into the season ranked 4th at 160 pounds... At 132, won twice to advance to 5/6-SS, then on to a 4th.

*170: Aaron Jones, 8th grade, 1-2, (1-13 career)... Beginning first full season as varsity starter.

*182: Owen Kidrowski, 10th grade, 2-0, 1 pin (2-6, 1 pin career), 1 pin, 12 team points... Beginning first full season as a varsity starter.

*195: Masyn Olson, 11th grade, 18-17, 8 pins (40-54, 18 pins career), 27 takedowns, 91 team points... Won two matches to advance to 5/6-SS where he lost twice and was eliminated. *220: Collin Johnson, 10th grade, 8-23, 3



At 195 pound, Masyn Olson, a junior, brings a 40-54 career record to the mat this season.

pins (10-47, 5 pins career), 4 takedowns, 48 team points... Lost twice in section tourney.

*285: Jason Jones, 11th grade, 15-21, 10 pins (37-46, 25 pins), 21 takedowns, 85 team points... Lost his first section match then won twice to advance to 5/6-SS, won a wrestle back match following a loss before bowing out.

Magaard, now a junior, will be conspicuously missing from the line-up and may perhaps miss the entire season. He was 34-4 last season with 18 pins (129-34 with 59 pins in his career). He advanced to the 5/6A-SS and placed third. Another regular, Luke Froehlich, also a junior, will work his way into the line-up when individuals begin to settle into their weights as the season goes along. Froehlich was 9-25 with four pins (13-39, 6 pins career) in his sophomore season.

Here is the KMS wrestling roster:

Seniors: Coy Gunderson, Ely Johnson. Juniors: Luke Froehlich, Noah Johnson, Jason Jones, Chase Magaard, Masyn Olson. Sophomores: Collin Johnson, Landon Johnson, Owen Kidrowski.

Freshmen: Logan Johnson, Jett Olson, Adamaris Chedle-Rodriguez, Joshua Jones, Logan Rudningen, Connor Wilts.

Eighth Grade: Noah Collins, Gavin Feldman, Cole Froehlich, Trey Gunderson, Ethan Linhoff, Colton Noble.

Seventh grade: Gage Feldman, Shane Froehlich, Jake Holtkamp, Oswaldo Merino, Tayton Nielson, Colin Peters, Wyatt Rudningen,



Jason Jones will again wrestle heaveweight for the Saints. He is a junior with a 15-21 record last season, including 10 pins.



Luke Froehlich is a junior this year, and he had gained some mat experience last season. Froehlich will be fighting for a stop on the varsity roster.



Sophomore Collin Johnson is slated to start the season at 220 pounds for this year's Saints wrestling team.



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Experienced Benson-KMS gymnasts looking for a great season ahead

TMS Winter Sports Preview

by Pam Rohner Swart

Back to a normal season, only better! The Benson-KMS gymnastics team is practicing in their new Benson Activity Center and the gymnasts skill level has been soaring. Returning to the varsity line up are seniors Taylor Rohner Swart and Torie Andrews, juniors Libby McGeary, Hannah Rosen and Emma Krusemark, sophomore Olivia Noble, and freshmen Gwen Wilcox, and Elise Duncan. Also on the varsity line up this year are sophomore Sophie Hilleren and freshmen Mya McGeary and Alexis Hoberg.

Head coach Kathy Ahrndt, who's been coaching in Benson for 30 years, commented,

"The Benson-KMS varsity gymnastics team has a lot of depth this season with an 11-member squad filling the five competitive spots on each event. Against Marshall, the season opener, the team scored 135.05 points and many gymnasts tallied personal best scores. It was a terrific start and we hope to build on this momentum as the season progresses."

Last year Libby McGeary won the first ever state gold medal for the Benson-KMS gymnastics program. She also qualified to state in 2020, placing 19th overall in the all around. Last winter she improved to 13th overall in the all around (36.15) during the Class A meet, while placing first on the balance beam (9.6), 26th on the floor exercise (9.0), 32nd on the uneven bars (8.575) and 37th on the vault (8.975).

Two seniors were lost to graduation: Makenna Kelley, who earned All-WCC honors in gymnastics four times, and Ali Johnson.

This year's captains are Taylor Rohner Swart, Torie Andrews, Libby McGeary, Hannh Rosen and Emma Krusemark. Team manager is Ellie Krusemark.

The JV roster will include sophomores Maddie Anderson, Arianna Nagler, Alysse Swanson and Abby Hanson, freshman Elsie Tolifson, Trinity Schmidt and Mikayla Mortenson, and eighth graders Taylor Van Heuveln, Ava Noble, Chloe Naig, Grace Nagler, Sophia Krusemark, Brooke Hoberg and Keala Carroll.

Assistant Coaches are Julie Carroll, Kris

Noble, Dave Krusemark, Anne Duncan and Karli Aschman.

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The remaining schedule is as follows: Dec. 9 at home vs. Litchfield Dec. 16 at Melrose Dec. 21 at NLS Jan. 4 at home vs. Morris Jan. 11 at home vs. Paynesville

- Jan. 15 at Maple Lake Tournament
- Jan.20 at home vs. LPGE Jan. 25 at Redwood Falls
- Feb. 4 at home for Conference Meet
- Feb. 12 Section Meet atTBD



Senior Taylor Rohner Swart is shown perfroming on bars. She is one of the captains of this year's BKMS gymnastics team.



Olivia Noble, a sophomore is pictured doing a flip during her floor exercise routine. --photos by Pam Rohner Swart





Here are the KMS girls on this year's Benson-KMS gymnastics team. Shown from left are: (front) Ava Noble, Taylor Vanheuveln and Olivia Noble; (back) Alysse Swanson, Taylor Rohner Swart, Abby Hanson and Maddie Anderson. --photo by Pam Rohner Swart





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Senior Jacob Garies brings a lot of hustle and great work ethic to the floor. "Jacob is a very hard worker," coach Matt Fragodt said of the senior guard. "He does all the things that make a great team a great team."



Elsa Gjerde spent her sophomore year as a 'supersub,' a role that every team desperately needs to be a success, and that may again be her role. She found the range on three three-pointers last season while averaging just under 15 minutes played per game.

Hunter Kallstrom will give the Saints some much needed size and muscle. "Hunter has become a very strong player," Fragodt said of the 6' soph. "He is also very athletic. He is not afraid to go down in the trenches and make things happen."

Jared Cortez broke into the starting line-up during his freshman season and was very productive. "He finished out the year on a high note," the coach Matt Fragodt said. "This year he will be a full time varsity player and can shoot the ball very well."

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