

Windom teams high in state skills rankings

■ Windom teams wait for state tournament invitations which are expected to come Monday.

Windom's VEX Robotics teams didn't make a major splash at the Tri-City United VEX Robotics Tournament Saturday, but they did accomplish some key goals.

A couple of teams reached the semifinals of the tournament, but more importantly, Windom teams climbed in the state skills rankings, improving their chances for a state invitation later this month.

Windom's 7192A of seniors Philip Ackerman and Keith Swenson moved from 12th to fifth in the high school rankings, sparked by their robot's successful autonomous mode operation. The duo finished second in the skills competition at the tournament with a whopping 162 points, just seven behind the tournament champion.

Meanwhile, the Masked Bandits of sixth-graders Max Brodin, Jesus Guillen, Mynor Mendoza, Caelen Ralston and Blake Thompson finished fifth in the skills competition at the tournament with 113 points, moving the team into second place in the state middle school skills rankings.

Seventh-graders Avery Fast, Jonah Nauman, Xavier Roberts and Caleb Tibodeau, the Brain Bunch, finished 14th in skills at the tournament with 67 points and moved from 26th to 17th in the state middle school rankings.



JILL DEFRIES

WINDOM ROBOTICS' 7192A of Philip Ackerman and Keith Swenson (left) and Rubber Duckies Porscha Myrvold and Tatum Bramstedt (right) prepare to do battle in a qualification match at the Tri-City United Tournament in Montgomery on Saturday.

"Had they gotten a chance to run their autonomous skills, they would've reached the eighth spot (in the state rankings)," said Adviser Jill Defries, noting that middle school teams' season is now complete.

Qualification round

All six Windom teams had solid showings in the qualification round of Saturday's tournament in Montgomery.

Windom was led by the Pineapple Posse of Dylan Serreyn, Ethan Brockman and Carter Allen, which went 6-1 and finished fourth in the final standings of the 27 teams participating.

Three teams each went 4-3 — the sixth-grade Masked Bandits (eighth), 7192A of Swenson and Ackerman (13th) and the Golden

Eagles of eighth-graders Eric Buss, Lenin Marcy and Braeden Moerke (14th).

The Rubbie Duckies finished 15th with a 3-4 record, while the Brain Bunch went 2-5 for 23rd.

All but the Brain Bunch competed in the elimination round.

Elimination matches

In the elimination round, the Golden Eagles and Rubber Duckies teamed up for a 19-1 round of 16 win, before being ousted, 39-10, by the alliance of Windom's 7192A and Kimball's Men In Black in the quarterfinals. Windom-Kimball lost 16-13 in the semifinals.

"It was a very exciting match and came right down to the last second," Defries said.

Meanwhile, the Masked

Bandits and a team from host Tri-City United got a 26-8 win in the round of 16 before falling 66-4 in the quarterfinals.

The Pineapple Posse teamed up with Static Core from Mankato West and won their quarterfinal match 58-6 before losing 64-5 in the semifinals to the eventual tournament champions.

"Pineapple Posse got stuck on one of the goals and couldn't get out, otherwise their match could have been a totally different outcome," Defries said. "It was a great day overall."

HS teams to Mankato

While Saturday marked the end of the regular season for Windom's three middle school teams. Windom's three high school teams — 7192A, Pineapple Posse and Rubber Duckies — will wrap up their regular season with a tournament in Mankato on Saturday.

"Currently, we have two of our three middle school teams in the top 10 of the state middle school (skills) rankings and two of our three high school teams in the top 10 of the state high school (skills) rankings. But that can all change after the tournament on Saturday," Defries concluded.

"Monday, which is the day that the state invites will be decided. I'm hoping to be able to announce which, if any, of our teams will receive that invite. Little insight has been given as to how those invites will be determined."

■ BULLETIN BOARD

LSS BISTRO

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

Thursday — Signature Meal: Pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots.

Friday: Pub house fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, country blend vegetables.

Monday: Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Tuesday: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas, dinner roll.

Wednesday: Beef roast with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, California Normandy vegetables.

Thursday (4-1): To be announced.

NOTE: Until further notice, meals will not be served at the senior congregate dining site in Windom, but meals can be picked up at the door of the senior dining room or delivered. Call 831-6161 the day

WEEKLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Windom Area Chordhustlers: Currently not meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Lake Drive include: Monday-Friday: Pool and cards for men, 8 a.m.-noon; cards and games for women, beginning at 1 p.m.

prior to the desired dinner and indicate pick-up or delivery.

WINDOM AREA SENIOR CENTER

Activities at the Center, located at 1750 Cottonwood

Windom takes third in RTR meet, Letcher wins

■ WWG/RRC ties for fifth place in the meet with one more meet to go before sub-section.

Allison Letcher captured Windom's lone individual championship in Saturday's RTR Virtually Live Tournament, hosted by the Russell-Tyler-Ruthon speech team.

Her victory helped Windom to its best finish of the season, third place with 31 points, just a point behind runner-up River Valley, while Luverne won the tournament with 47 points.

Meanwhile, Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central finished in a tie for fifth place with Minneota, each scoring 23 points. A total of 15 teams competed in the tournament.

Windom finishes third

Letcher led a dominant Windom effort in original oratory, copping the top spot of three Windom places.

In addition to the senior's title-winning speech, sophomore Makenna McNamara finished second and junior Kaylan Donchez was fourth.

Picking up third-place honors were senior Parker Alvstad in creative expression and freshmen Tristyn Maras in extemporaneous speaking and Grace Sherman in humorous.



Allison Letcher



Makenna McNamara



Parker Alvstad



Grace Sherman



Tristyn Maras



Kaylan Donchez



Dora Larson



Alivia Letcher

Student Art Show opens Sunday at Remick Gallery

■ The exhibit features more than 40 works of art from students in five county schools.

After the pandemic forced cancellation of last year's show, the Cottonwood County Student Art Show returns to the Remick Gallery in 2021.

Staff at the Cottonwood County Historical Society will host the opening reception Sunday, from 2-4 p.m., in the Remick Gallery.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.

The exhibit features art work by senior high students from throughout Cottonwood County including Mt. Lake Public School, Mt. Lake Christian School, Red Rock Central Public School, Westbrook/Walnut Grove Public School and Windom Area Public School.

More than 40 works of art will be displayed with a variety of mediums and themes. All are encouraged to come and vote for their favorite work.

The exhibit runs



THIS ACRYLIC painting by Summer Janzen of Mt. Lake Public was named Best of Show and the People's Choice in 2019.

through April 24.

Those unable to attend Sunday's opening may view the exhibit during the CCHS's regular business hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cottonwood County Historical Society is located at 812 4th Ave., in Windom. For more information, contact the museum at 831-1134.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Robert & Helen Remick Endowment.

PUBLIC NOTICES

COTTONWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Phone: 507-831-1905
(573—March 24, 2021)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

A Public Hearing will be held by the Cottonwood County Commissioners on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 9:02 A.M. in the Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center at 902 Fifth Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, to consider granting a residential property tax abatement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §469.1813. **The Board Meeting will be available through a Microsoft Teams meeting.**

Request submitted by Lindsey A. Cartwright and Jane L. Cartwright. Abatement period — 5 years commencing on first year of taxes payable for full assessed value related to new home. Based on 2021 TNT rates, **estimated** total abatement could be approximately \$2,885.

Property Address: 1424 River Road, Windom, MN 56101

Legal Description of Property: Lots 2 and 3 in Block 1 of the plat of Windom Townhouses and Lot 8 in Block 1 of River Road Addition, all in the City of Windom, Cottonwood County, Minnesota; and

Parcel #: 25-838-0020 & 25-685-0080

All parties interested in commenting on this proposed abatement may either contact the County Coordinator's Office by e-mail: Kelly.Thongvong@co.cottonwood.mn.us or by phone at 507-831-5669 for more information on how to join the meeting by phone, video system, or skype OR may submit written comments to the address below prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE COTTONWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Donna Torkelson,
County Auditor/Treasurer
900 Third Avenue
Windom, MN 56101

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March 2, 2021

Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at the Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom Appel, Donna Gravelly, Norm Holmen, Larry Anderson, Kevin Stevens; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvong, Auditor/Treasurer Donna Torkelson, Kathy Marsh, Drew Hage, Nick Klisch, Gale Bondhus, Jed Rhubee, Steve Nasby, Kelly Smith, Kathy Kretsch, and Joel Alvstad.

Routine Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to approve the agenda; to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting and the February 23, 2021 special meeting; to approve March warrants in the amount of \$65,568.19 and broken down as follows: County Revenue Fund — \$6,390.76, County Building Fund — \$50.00, Road and Bridge Fund — \$51,373.58, Waste Abatement/SCORE — \$60.00, Landfill Enterprise Fund — \$11,693.85; adjournment.

Personnel Items — approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to advertise for 10 seasonal positions for the Public Works Department for the 2021 summer season; to promote Dolf Svoboda II to full-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective March 15, 2021; to move Susan Ebeling, Accounting Assistant, to permanent full-time status effective March 10, 2021; to move Kelly Smith, IS Technician, to permanent full-time status effective March 14, 2021.

Additional Action Items— approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to present the clean out request to the DNR of the attached map and specific details of the clean out as presented; to adopt resolution 21-03-02B "Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatement for new Residential Project". (Palm); to adopt resolution 21-03-02C "Resolution Call-

ing for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatement for new Residential Project".

(Wagner); to adopt resolution 21-03-02D "Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatement for new Residential Project".

(Mau); to amend the Housing Initiative Remodeling Program Guidelines by removing the following sentence: Any subsequent application will only apply to other areas of an existing building(s) that were not previously remodeled into new housing units; to adopt resolution 21-03-02E "Resolution Approving Guidelines and Participation in Cottonwood County Housing Initiative Remodeling Program"; to adopt resolution 21-03-02F "Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Abatement for Remodeling Project" (T&M Development, LLC); to adopt Resolution 21-03-02G "Cottonwood County Tax Policy — Abatement of and Additions to Tax"; to adopt resolution 21-03-02A "Resolution regarding MN Clean Car;" to allow Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC) to adopt the policy that states "MRC supports legislative review of any and all issues of consequence that would bring harm to the culture and/or economy of rural counties. Further, MRC opposed the attempt by the MPCA to adopt the MN Clean Car rule without consulting the legislature, and encourages the Walz administration to withdraw the proposed rule and submit the issue for legislative review;" to adopt resolution 21-03-02 "Resolution of Sponsorship for Sponsoring Agency" (City of Windom); to purchase a ScanPro 3000 from Mid-America Business Systems in the amount of \$9,175.00 to be paid out of the Recorder's Technology Fund; to approve placing Kennedy and Graven Chartered Law Firm on retainer for county business.

S/Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer
S/Thomas D. Appel, Board Chair
S/Kelly Thongvong, County Coordinator