

Shoeboxes share joy of Christmas across the globe

Children in other countries enjoy the gift-filled shoeboxes packed by MLC students.

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Staff Writer

Students at Mt. Lake Christian use shoeboxes to reach out to other children. MLC students and their families packed shoeboxes with a special toy or gift along with school supplies, hygiene items and other fun things. The shoeboxes provide hope and help for children and their families and also share the joy of Christmas.

Students brought the shoeboxes to school and gathered in the music room to pray for the children who will receive a shoebox filled with gifts.

On Thursday, 104 shoeboxes, contributed by MLC students, were delivered to United Methodist Church in Trimont, a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes will be transported to a distribution center in Chicago and then shipped to another country.

Through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of boys and girls in more than 100 countries each year. Until they open a gift-filled shoebox, many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas.

Rachel Knutson, first and second grade teacher at MLC, has been the school's contact person for Operation

Christmas Child for 22 years. "This is the 28th year for Operation Christmas Child. MLC has been doing this for 26 years," Knutson said. "A lot of these kids have never received a gift before. These shoeboxes show kids all over the world the love of Jesus."

MLC students are encouraged to include a personal note and photo of themselves in the shoebox. According to Knutson, many times these are the child's favorite things they receive in the shoebox.

"In the past, when our students have included their address in the letter, some of them have received a thank-you letter," Knutson said.

This year, for the first time, Knutson encouraged students to build a shoebox online. Shoeboxes put together online through Samaritan's Purse are able to enter "closed" countries. Seven online shoeboxes have been created, according to the MLC goal page.

"Building a shoebox online takes less than 10 minutes. It is quick and easy," Knutson said. "One parent was going to use the online method, but her child



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AT MLC pray for the children that will be receiving the shoeboxes they packed.

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wanted the fun of filling a shoebox themselves." Mt. Lake students were able to view videos showing the excitement kids feel when they receive a shoebox.

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MLC ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (from left) **Thaiden Meyer, Makiah Hall and Brielle Green** are excited about sending their gift-filled shoeboxes to children in other countries.



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MLC STUDENTS PUT their gift-filled shoeboxes by the Christmas tree. The shoeboxes will be transported to other countries for children in need.

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 17PR21542
In Re: Estate of GERTIE L. RADTKE, Decedent.
In Re: Estate of EDWARD G. RADTKE, Decedent.
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT, MULTIPLE DECEDENTS
LeRoy G. Radtke, ("Petitioner"), has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent, Multiple Decedents. It is Ordered that on December 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 Third Avenue, Windom, Minnesota 56101, on these petitions.
The petitions represent that each of the Decedents

died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petitions request the Court probate Gertie L. Radtke's Last Will dated August 27, 1993, probate Edward G. Radtke's Last Will dated August 27, 1993, determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled in a consolidated proceeding.
Any objections to the petitions must be raised at the hearing on filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petitions are proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petitions will be granted.
Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set forth the hearing.
Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minn. Stat. 524.1-401 (3).

BY THE COURT
Christina M. Wietzema Pierson, Sheila
Dated: Nov 8 2021 12:36 PM
Christina M. Wietzema Judge of District Court
Sheila Pierson Pierson, Sheila
Dated: Nov 8 2021 12:36 PM
Sheila Pierson Court Administrator
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(658—Nov. 17, 24, 2021)

NOTICE OF Upcoming Work Session
The Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Board of Commissioners will meet for a Work Session on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jackson, MN Government East Cafeteria meeting room: 402

White Street, Door #7 Jackson, Minnesota to review the Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services Organizational Structure.
Dated this 17th day of November 2021
Julie Van Wyhe
Associate Board Secretary
(659—Nov. 24, 2021)

TITLE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 191, 2ND SERIES AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 152.227, TABLE 4, OF SHORELAND ORDINANCE (RE: SIDE YARD SETBACK)
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA, DOES ORDAIN:
To amend SECTION 152.227, TABLE 4, entitled "Setbacks and Size Requirements Regardless of the Classification

of the Waterbody", of the City's Shoreland Ordinance by deleting the current side yard setback and replacing it with the following:
Side yard setback: Same as underlying Zoning District.
ORDINANCE NO. 191, 2ND SERIES:
1st Reading: Windom City Council Meeting—November 2, 2021
2nd Reading: Windom City Council Meeting—November 16, 2021
Adoption: November 16, 2021
Publication: November 24, 2021
Effective Date: November 24, 2021
NOTICE: A COPY OF THE ENTIRE TEXT OF ORDINANCE NO. 191, 2ND SERIES AND A COPY OF THE FOREGOING SECTION (as incorporated into Ordinance No. 191, 2nd Series) ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT www.windom-mn.com OR PRINTED COPIES ARE

AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY ANY PERSON AT:
Building & Zoning Office
Windom City Hall
444 9th Street
Windom, MN 56101
During regular office hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
AND AT:
Windom Public Library
904 4th Avenue
Windom, MN 56101
During regular library hours: Monday—9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday—9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday—9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
This "Title and Summary" approved for publication by the Windom City Council on November 16, 2021.
CITY OF WINDOM
By Dominic Jones, Mayor
Attest: Steven Nasby, City Administrator
(660—Nov. 24, 2021)

official proceedings of

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
November 2, 2021
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
The Board of Commissioners met at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present in person or via teleconference for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom Appel, Donna Gravley, Norm Holmen, Larry Anderson, Kevin Stevens; County Attorney Nick Anderson, County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong, Kathy Marsh, Kay Gross, Jacob Gross, Gale Bondhus, Drew Hage, Nick Klisch, Jed Rhube, Jason Purrington, Jason Rupp, Dan Quade, Rocky Kolar, and Joel Alvstad.
Routine Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to approve the agenda as amended, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021, regular meeting; to approve November warrants in the amount of \$47,945.47 and broken down as follows: County Revenue Fund—\$12,353.44, Long Term Capital Outlay—\$1,713.10, County Building Fund—\$368.09, Ditch Fund—\$5,022.00, Agency Fund—\$7.99, Road and Bridge Fund—\$20,064.57, Waste Abatement/SCORE Fund—\$3,868.97, Landfill En-

terprise Fund—\$4,546.41; adjournment.
Personnel Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to revise the offer to the applicant for the Heavy Equipment Operator position to Range 10, Step I (\$24.13) and accrue vacation as a 4 year employee; to offer Kevin Grunewald the Solid Waste Technician position on Range 10, Step A (\$19.05) pending successful completion of all hiring requirements; to promote David Grev to Deputy Assessor retro to October 25, 2021, and to place him on Range 14D of the 2021 wage matrix.
Additional Action Items—approved by unanimous roll call or regular vote: to approve the Home Initiative—New Construction application submitted by Bargaen, Inc. and resolution 21-11-02; to approve the FY2022 and FY2023 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement in the amount of \$71,388; to allow the County Engineer to advertise for bids on 2022 construction projects.
S/Donna Torkelson, Auditor/Treasurer
S/Thomas D. Appel, Board Chair
S/Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator



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m DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 and FY 2022				ED-00110-44
General Information: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.								
District Name: WINDOM AREA SCHOOLS							District Number: 0177	
Fund	FY 2021 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2021 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2021 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2021 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2022 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2022 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2022 Projected Fund Balances	
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 2,146,274	\$ 2,164,038	\$ 1,724,587	\$ 2,585,725	\$ 2,126,551	\$ 2,629,717	\$ 2,082,559	
General Fund/Other	\$ 3,135,862	\$ 14,535,042	\$ 14,406,200	\$ 3,264,704	\$ 14,063,493	\$ 14,461,178	\$ 2,867,019	
Food Service Fund	\$ 110,073	\$ 832,662	\$ 802,366	\$ 140,369	\$ 904,909	\$ 908,736	\$ 136,542	
Community Service Fund	\$ 95,816	\$ 306,536	\$ 283,737	\$ 118,615	\$ 422,654	\$ 425,445	\$ 115,824	
Building Construction Fund	\$ 5,436,601	\$ 14,073	\$ 4,576,766	\$ 873,909	\$ 170	\$ 311,257	\$ 562,822	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 362,337	\$ 2,253,280	\$ 2,210,238	\$ 405,379	\$ 2,327,188	\$ 2,270,563	\$ 462,004	
Trust Fund	\$ 14,976	\$ 3,047	\$ 6,230	\$ 11,794	\$ 5,024	\$ 4,000	\$ 12,818	
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total - All Funds	\$ 11,301,938	\$ 20,108,679	\$ 24,010,123	\$ 7,400,495	\$ 19,849,986	\$ 21,010,895	\$ 6,239,587	
Long-Term Debt				Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81				
Outstanding July 1, 2020	\$ 29,843,038			Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2021		\$0		
Plus: New Issues	\$ -			Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2021				
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 1,588,110			Total Operating Expenditures		\$ 17,036,004.00		
Outstanding June 30, 2021	\$ 28,254,928			FY 2021 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM		1,140.01		
Short-Term Debt				FY 2021 Operating Cost per ADM				
Certificates of Indebtedness	NONE			\$ 14,943.73				
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	NONE							
The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.								
Comments: NONE								