

## Hackers, who are they?

A person in a hooded sweatshirt staring at a laptop looking at 1's and 0's. That was what I envisioned when I thought of a hacker. Or, at least that's how society as a whole interprets hackers, probably because in today's world the word "hacker" carries a negative connotation.

It wasn't always this way, hackers used to be viewed as technology enthusiasts that wanted to customize, optimize and tinker. Look at Alan Turing, for instance. He hacked into the German "enigma" encryption communication system cutting World War II short by an estimated two to four years.

Here are two of the modern day hackers:

• White Hat Hackers are types of hackers that are certified to hack systems and usually work for the government or can work for private organizations to



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help those organizations test their level of security. By doing so they can help identify weak points in their infrastructure and fix them. They also can be

called penetration testers or for short pentesters.

• Black Hat Hackers are the opposite. They attack systems where they do not have authorized entry to either steal the data or destroy the data they get access to. They want to cause harm and profit from it.

There are a few other "hats" out there and not all of them have malicious intentions. Some of them are there to help us become better computer/internet users.

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## REMEMBER WHEN



Photo courtesy of COTTONWOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

These six boys huddling together for a photo on an apparently chilly day in the winter of 1943-44 were part of Double Lakes Country School District 58. The names of the boys were not provided, but their teacher was Bernece Sykora.

*If you have an interesting photo taken at least 15 years ago, bring it to the Citizen office and tell us about it. If you can't make it to the office, mail it with identification. We welcome pictures from everyone.*

## FJELD/Local shepherds ready for Jesus' birth

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These shepherds had trained all of their lives for this very moment. To the common passerby, seeing a baby in a manger meant very little; however, to the shepherd who prepared lambs for the temple sacrifice, it was a sign of the coming Messiah. They were keenly aware that the Messiah would one day free the people from their sins.

A baby, announced by a heavenly choir, lying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes was more than they could handle — they "came with haste." They immediately recognized the sign — this baby was the One born to die for the sins of the world.

And, amazingly, when Jesus did give his life for us on the cross of Calvary, he died at the same time that the Jewish perpetual sacrifice was being given in the temple in Jerusalem. This sacrifice, which is forgotten by almost everyone, was perhaps the most memorable of all the Jewish sacrifices, since it happened every day, twice a day. According to the Jewish Torah itself, twice a day, in the morning and the evening, an unblemished male lamb was to be sacrificed in the sanctuary of the

temple and offered along with an un-bloody sacrifice of flour and wine (see Numbers 28:1-8; Exodus 29:38-42).

Therefore, when we remember our Lord Jesus Christ through the Lord's Supper, we worship a Savior who was born to die for us. And the bread and the cup further remind us that he fulfilled every prophecy, all 333 prophecies about the coming Messiah. From the shepherds, who wrapped their sacrificial lambs in swaddling clothes and placed them in a manger, to the priests in the temple, to the sacrifices in the temple, Jesus is the only one who could possibly be the long awaited Messiah, the Lord, the King of Kings.

At this Christmas season, we praise Him and thank Him for being born to dwell among us. But, more than that, (He was) wrapped in the swaddling clothes of preparation, just like a sacrificial lamb, and placed in a manger, just like a sacrificial lamb...prepared as one who would give his life for our sins. His very name, Jesus, means Savior. He was born to die and for that we are eternally grateful. Praise the name of the Lord our God! Praise the name of Jesus born to take away our sins!

And now we understand the "sign" of swaddling clothes and "lying in a manger."

Merry Christmas, everyone!

## REFLECTIONS

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 21, 2011

Each Christmas, the Jeff and Betty Fredin home at 1325 6th Ave., in Windom always looks like a real-life gingerbread house. The multi-colored lights that line the roof edge on the Swiss chalet-looking home look like gumdrops while the white lights that adorn trees and shrubs around the home offer a semblance of snow in a year where there is no snow.

Don Pankratz says the support he received from people all across Cottonwood County has been crucial to the DAC's success. He retires at the end of the month as DAC director after 41 years.

It's official. Ed and Gayleen Woizeschke of Windom will appear on the next episode of "American Pickers." The popular TV show is on the History Channel.

Heidi Drexler and Mike Junker of Windom hold \$500 in Windom Chamber Bucks after turning in the winning ticket at the Windom Chamber Office. It was the big prize in the Chamber's four-week Shop Windom Bucks Jackpot, which doled out \$1,000 during the Christmas shopping season.

Winfair Elementary third-graders swapped exchanging gifts this Christmas for giving the gift of music. Instead of exchanging gifts, third-graders shared their gift of music with residents at Mikkelsen Manor in Windom. A group of students even signed the words to the popular Christmas carol, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." Signing and singing were Lilly Quiram, Dallas Anderson, Tori Vesey, Morgan Muller, Ciera Visker, Kiana Peters and Kaleb LaCanne.

Senior Nick Riordan hammed it up as a ballerina during a ballet tune of the Eagle Concert Choir's rendition of "Variations on Fa-La-La." The choir sang various classical selections using the words "fa-la-la" with the selection centered around the Christmas carol, "Deck the Halls." It was one of the numbers in the Sounds of the Season concert.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 25, 1996

Last week's heavy snow was welcomed by more than just folks who yearn for a white Christmas. Will Schwalbach was one of several youngsters who spent a lot of time sliding down Abby Park Hill.

Two Red Rock Central ju-

niors in the local FFA chapter won regional contests in leadership events. Bill Tjentland won the regional extemporaneous contest and Anna Kelsey won the regional public speaking event. Linnea Kelsey gave the FFA Creed at the same contest and placed third in the region.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove sophomore Kari Enstad has been selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. Kari is the daughter of Don and Carolyn Enstad.

Five-year-old Megan Schenk of Windom was well-prepared when she went to visit Santa Claus at Santaland in Windom. She delivered a homemade ornament, a poem and her Christmas list. Megan is the daughter of Mark and Brenda Schenk of Windom.

Moms and kids braved the cold weather to spend some time at Early Childhood Family Education's Happy Holly Days program at Area Central. There were ornaments and picture frames to make, books to read, songs to sing and cookies to decorate. Among the families to attend were Nancy Kelly, who read to her 5-year-old son, Jack, and Dodie Hagel who crafted an ornament from a pinecone with her 4-year-old daughter, Raya.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 21, 1971

Paul Dokken, Jon Skillingstad and Rick Larson are three young men with their feet on the ground. But not too often. In fact, it was extremely difficult for the Citizen to find all three on the ground at the same time, long enough to get a picture. The reason is all three have taken up flying. Paul, just 17, already has his private license. He earned his license on his 17th birthday in October, an unusual accomplishment. Rick, who turned 17 last week, has five hours of instruction to go before he can take his tests for a license. Jon is still only 16, but he took his first solo flight earlier this month.

An unusual "tree" greets persons at the Windom Post Office. Employees wanted a tree and decorations, but had no funds for that purpose. Don Van Norman solved the problem of a tree by going into a grove and picking up a large branch from an oak tree. Employees took up a collection and raised enough money to buy lights and several decorations. Christmas tree ball ornaments were donated. "Some people like it and others don't," says Postmaster Bill Silliman. But everyone agrees the tree is different.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, Dec. 28

The Dinner Table, a monthly meal open to all, is now serving both in-person and drive-thru meals, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For in-person dining, enter First Presbyterian Church through the east doors, or to pick up a drive-thru meal see organizers in the alley by the church at 336 11th St., to receive your meal. Enter the alley from Third Avenue and drive west.

### LSS BISTRO

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

Thursday: Turkey stuffing casserole, mixed vegetables, sliced apples.

Friday-Monday: Closed for Christmas.

Tuesday: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli florets.

Wednesday: Beef chili with beans, romaine salad with dressing, corn muffin.

Thursday (12-30) — New Year's Eve Party: Lasagna, California Normandy vegetables, peaches, bread stick.

### WEEKLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

**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.

**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.,



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

*"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Windom Lions Club! We were happy to serve you in 2021 and look forward to 2022!"*

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

**BARC** Second Floor.  
**TOPS:** Thursdays — 5 p.m., weigh-ins, 5:30 p.m., meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 336 11th St., Windom.  
**WIC Clinics:** Mondays-Fridays — By appointment 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Community Health Services, 235 9th St., Windom: 1-800-247-1401 or 831-1987.  
**Windom Area Chordhustlers:** Mondays — 7:30-9:30 p.m., Church of God Prophecy, 580 Cindy St., Windom.  
**Windom Kiwanis Club:** Thursdays — Noon, River City Eatery.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

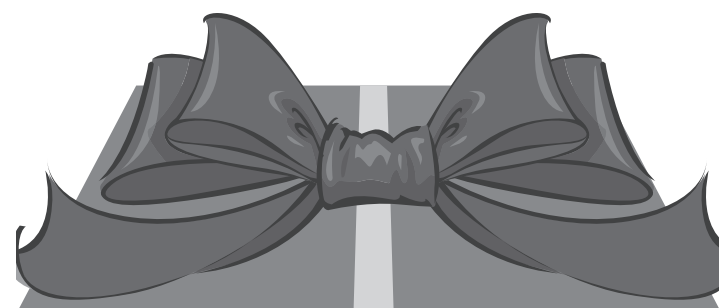
### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 15, 2013 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$71,428.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Terry P. Schmit, A Single Man MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting Solely as a nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100146410001720600 SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC LENDER: Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Cottonwood County Minnesota, on August 16, 2013, as Document No. 270671. ASSIGNED TO: Wells

Fargo Bank N.A. by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 02/24/2014 and recorded on 02/25/2014 as Document No. 272211. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust I by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 05/05/2021 and recorded on 05/05/2021 as Document No. 291183. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1 in Block 4 Hutton and Collins; Subdivision in the Village (now city) of Windom in Cottonwood County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 61 10TH ST, WINDOM, MN 56101 PROPERTY I.D.: 25-352-0150 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Cottonwood THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three and 98/100 (\$72,493.98) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration re-

quirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM on February 18, 2022 PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 902 5th Ave., Windom MN 56101 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on August 18, 2022, or the next business day if August 18, 2022 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION

BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: December 15, 2021 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust I Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinburgh Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 21MN00153-1 A-4738715 12/15/2021, 12/22/2021, 12/29/2021, 01/05/2022, 01/12/2022, 01/19/2022 (665—Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2021, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2022)



### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S EARLY AD DEADLINES

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA PEACH  
Wed., Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. for Wed., Dec. 22 publication  
Wed., Dec. 22 at noon for Wed., Dec. 29 publication

COTTONWOOD COUNTY CITIZEN and OBSERVER/ADVOCATE  
Thurs., Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. for Wed., Dec. 29 publication  
Thurs., Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. for Wed., Jan. 5 publication

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