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HAPPENINGS

Winsted Women's Expo, Saturday

Winsted Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Women's Expo Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Blue Note Ballroom in Winsted. Admission is free and the event will feature a variety of vendors. Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for the McLeod Emergency Food

Water hydrant flushing Oct. 14-16

Water hydrant flushing will take place in the city of Winsted Wednesday, Oct. 14 through Friday, Oct. 16. During this time, water may be rusty and water pressure may decrease. The public works department recommeds not washing light-colored clothing during this time. For more information, call the public works department at 320-485-2201.

Fall Food Drive in Lester Prairie this month

Holasek Flower Power Garden Center, 18364 Co. Rd. 9 in Lester Prairie, is hosting its Fall Food Drive to benefit the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf through Saturday, Oct. 31. Everyone who brings in a food donation will receive a free 3-inch mini garden plant.

McLeod Avenue improvement project complete in Winsted

IVAN RACONTEUR Editor

After nearly four years of planning and construction, the McLeod Avenue improvement project in Winsted has reached substantial completion.

City engineer Josh Eckstein of Bolton & Menk presented a brief review of some of the highlights during an assessment hearing for the project which took place during Tuesday's city council meeting.

In addition to street improvements, the project included the addition of sidewalks and a connecting section of trail along Kingsley Street, replacement of watermain, and storm sewer improvements.

One of the key financial components of the project was a \$750,000 MnDOT grant the city received.

Eckstein noted that two parts of the project were subject to assessment under the city's assessment project - street improvements and watermain improvements.

The project was assessed at a 3.13 percent interest rate over a 15-year pe-

Affected residents who choose to prepay their assessments have 30 days during which they can pay the city. After that time, the assessment roll

will be certified to property taxes, and residents will need to pay McLeod County. City Administrator Adam Birkholz

expressed appreciation to residents for their patience during the project.

Following the hearing, the council adopted a resolution approving the assessments.



Winsted city engineer Josh Eckstein of Bolton & Menk (center) presented a summary of the McLeod Avenue project during an assessment hearing for the project during Tuesday's city council meeting.

Bond refinancing

The council approved the isuance of \$3,156,000 in general obligation refunding bonds.

A proposal received from Secuoverall cost of borrowing at a net efconsultant.

The present value savings (net

age of \$22,043 per year.

Odds and ends

In other business, the council:

· Approved election judges for the rity Bank & Trust offered the lowest Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election, including Adam Birkholz, Anthony fective interest rate of 1.0169 percent, Hammes, Justin Heldt, James Lamaccording to Shannon Sweeney of Da- mers, David Meyer, John Schlechter, vid Drown Associates, the city's bond Jamie Stotko, Andrew Traeger, Paige Vick, and Ethel Wolff.

• accepted a \$15,000 donation from of issuance costs) are estimated at the Winsted Fire Department Relief Association to be dedicated to the Payments over the remaining 13- Winsted Volunteer Fire Department's

year term will be reduced by an aver- capital improvement plan.

• accepted a \$2,500 donation from the Winsted Fire Department Relief Association to be dedicated to the Winsted Park Fund.

approved a \$5,000 loan under the city's business beautification forgiveaable loan program to Galen Schlagel, 121 Main Ave. Schlagel contributed \$7,100 in matching funds.

• approved nine \$5,000 grants using Coronavirus Aid, relief, and economic security (CARES) act funds, including five small businesses and four nonprofit organizations.

Littfin Truss joins All-Fab Group

cently joined with the All-Fab Group of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

engineered structural building components for the residential, commercial, and agricultural building construction

Littfin Truss of Winsted re- markets within the midwest US region.

The All-Fab Group currently manages nine operations Littfin Truss manufactures under the All-Fab. Nu-Fab. Olympic, and Pacific brands.

see LITTFIN, 20A

Voters guide starts today

IVAN RACONTEUR Editor

The Herald Journal voters guide begins today, and will be completed in next week's

We will run brief profiles of local candidates in contested races for the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election. We do not include candidates who are running unopposed.



HLWW School Board meets in closed session

NANCY DASHWOOD **Staff Writer**

School Board of the Howard Lake-Waverlysion regarding "possible action technology director. with respect to employment of an employee" Oct. 5.

The school board meeting meeting. was closed to the public pursu-

ant to Minnesota Statutes Sec-

Following the meeting, Superintendent Brad Sellner said Winsted (HLWW) School the topic of the meeting was District met in a closed ses- Eric Sietsema, the district's

Sellner did not disclose if any action was taken in the

PUBLIC NOTICES, 13A

- Wright County public hearing
- Wright County Board minutes
- Schauer
- · Foreclosure, Burkhart

tion 13D.05.

- Lester Prairie School Board minutes
- Wright County Probate Notice,
- - · Probate Hearing, Hyser
 - Wright County Public Accuracy Test HLWW School Board minutes

• City of Waverly general election

Construction is right on schedule for Lester Prairie Schools

ANDREW MEULENERS Staff Writer

Construction on Lester Prairie Schools new building project started May 15 and is on time and on budget.

"We're tracking really well and we are running on schedule," said Paul Osterhus, the construction superintendent with H+U Construction, a statement that was also echoed by Lester Prairie Superintendent Melissa Radeke.

Four and a half months into the project construction has been going as well as can be expected.

'We had to move things around, schedule wise we concentrated a little bit more on the south addition at first. We had it set in the schedule to start the precast part of the operation by October 5. You will see us mobilizing on Monday and actual walls going up Wednesday or Thursday," said Osterhus.

Few Challenges

H+U Construction has had a teamwork," Radeke said.

few challenges on this project.

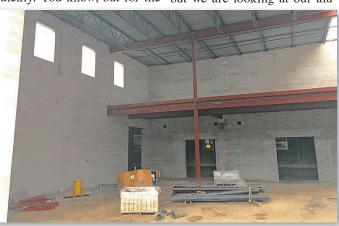
ally smoothly," Osterhus said. **Pandemic issues**

struction due to the pandemic. "There has been no outbreak

on site. So, the workers have all been fine. As far as materials. We've gotten all the materials when we needed them. But we are proactive in that we make sure we expedite and order the materials, early enough so that, you know, we give ourselves a good lead time. But as far as precast, bar joist, and deck, concrete block all that kind of stuff has been right on time,"

Osterhus said. in developing and then presenting to us their preparedness plan. It was really detailed and they made sure to meet with us, to make sure that our preparedplans so that we were all on the same page. So I thought that was really, really some good

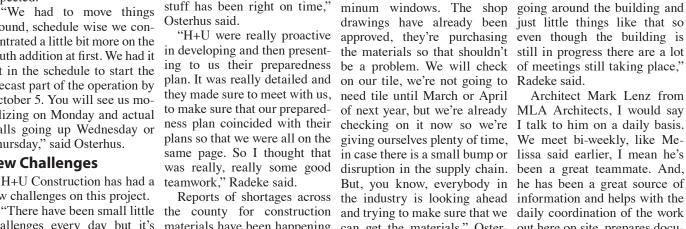
Reports of shortages across challenges every day but it's materials have been happening nothing that we can't overcome since the pandemic hit. H+U I mean, the weather has not construction has had to deal been a challenge, the weather with that on other jobs. "That actually has worked well for is happening in the industry. us. You know this summer. On one of our other jobs we The weather cooperated for the had some issues with some tile most part, it's a nice sandy site. from Italy. On this particular So, when it does rain it dries up job, it has not affected us yet quickly. You know, but for the but we are looking at our alu-



Construction of the new preschool and shop class on the south side.

most part the project's gone re-

As for any affects on the con-



hus said. In good hands

'We are in really good hands with H+U construction and Paul, who has been doing this for 30 years, if I can use the word 'seasoned' and has a lot of expertise, he really looked Big changes in the next ahead on the project and took few weeks really good care of us so we are very fortunate to be in their hands," Radeke said.

update meetings with the H+U brick mockup to make sure said. that the brick is going to match

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

A view looking down on the construction of the north ad-

Architect Mark Lenz from can get the materials," Oster- out here on site, prepares documents in a way that allows me to coordinate the work here in the field," Osterhus said.

"We're really, really proud of the project and I think the community is going to be proud as well," Radeke said.

"The North edition is really going to change, because this precast is only going to take The process has been smooth about two weeks, and all the and communication is a key. walls will be up and it'll make We meet bi-weekly for project a huge difference on this north addition. In that precast west Construction team and the side of the building there's go-MLA Architects team. school ing to be a big bulldog logo up board members Brian Heimerl, there, it's really going to look Chairperson Corbey Hentges sharp right off the bat, as you and myself and so we meet fre- come in on the main side of the quently, just to make sure that school, the community should the project is staying on track drive by the school over the and discussing any issues. We next month and you really see looked at just last week the some big changes," Osterhus



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