**The Hoven Service Club held their annual banquet Saturday, February 26th at the American Legion Hall. The aroma of good food filled the air and the hall was tastefully decorated with Hoven's history of old business memorabilia that people have saved for generations and shared with the club. Some of the oldest being a slide yardstick from Pickarts grain company and a wallet from First State Bank of Hoven. Co-chairman Sarah Colombe called the meeting to order to go over the past year's activities and discuss how we can make this year more successful.**

**Hoven junior Cadynce Mastel and senior Isabella Sautner, Hoven’s Snow Queens opened the speaking agenda by telling what they have all done in there reign representing Hoven so far this year. Such Poise and Beauty. They also did the drawings and distributed the 10 door prizes given away.**

**Next up with the assessment of the past year's activities and expenses was Treasurer Suzi Vail. From the membership Drive to appreciation picnic, summer rec, 4-H achievement days, harvest craft fair, holiday promotions from turkeys to Santa's gift bags and ads in tourism magazine promoting our "Cleanest Little City", we covered it all. Mayor Norm Stethem gave a very informative talk on the goings-on of the city from streets, covid 19 lock down, bar refurbishing, equipment, reroofing pool house, fuel system at airport, law enforcement security lights and water, everything we take for granted he is behind it.**

**Fire Chief Ron Baker discuss the challenges of the local fire department thanking all the essential men that come out for every fire. Last but not least we were glad to have Walworth County Commissioner Duane Molr and auditor Deb Kahl take the time to come speak on the future plans for Walworth County.**

**At the close of the banquet I almost cried as all the guests got up clearing tables & picked up tables and chairs and didn't leave till everything was cleaned up. What a shining example of community spirit. We just lost a true Hovenite when Eileen joined the angels. She was at every school function, Church activity and was the true heart & soul of the Legion Auxiliary. Who is going to step up to carry us into the future? What are their plans to preserve our town and businesses, it is up to this next generation. Do you want to see businesses close as you shop online? Do you want to do away with Santa and the small town Christmas. We have many young people moving back that come for the small-town atmosphere.**