

Team members are: (front row, left to right) Matthew Knutson, Ethan Kurka, Brendan Bertamus and Brent Citterman. Back Row: Dylan Tolk, Daniel Harrison, Collin Kor, Peyton Nuy and Coach Aaron Cheadle.

FROM MY BACKYARD

By Byron Higgin, Mascot Publisher



It was a great year for the Minneota boys' basketball team.

But just in case you think it's an aberration, look at what the Minneota Seventh Grade team did last weekend.

The team won the championship in the Pacesetter Region 5 basketball championship and earned a return trip to state at St. Benedicts in St. Joseph on June 20. They were in the state as sixth graders.

From a field of 10 teams, the squad used just eight players and came home with the trophy. They beat Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop 40-24; then defeated Willmar, 43-29 and finally stopped a scrappy St. Paul team, 45-39.

In the championship, who else, but Marshall was the opponent and the local guys took the game, 51-49.

The teams were tied going into the final seconds of the game with Minneota scoring a bucket to

take the championship.

This season the squad posted a 16-4 record.

One thing I've noticed about Minneota is that volunteers take the time to build the programs from the bottom — so it's no surprise when they reach the top.

This team was coached by Aaron Cheadle. Here's a photo of the squad:

LAUGH A LITTLE: An office technician got a call from a user. The user told the tech that her computer was not working. She described the problem and the tech concluded that the computer needed to be brought in and serviced. He told her to "Unplug the power cord and bring it up here and I will fix it." About 15 minutes later she shows up at his door with the power cord in her hand.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: As my Ole Pappy used to say, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Obviously Ole Pappy valued having something secure rather than hoping for more. Ole Pappy, you were wise.