



Abby Hennen & Jacob Citterman

## Hennen, Citterman named top athletes

Walerius is Andersen-Christianson music winner

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Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, the annual Minneota Senior Awards and Dollars for Scholars program was broadcast online for the second year in a row.

Seniors and presenters were able to be present in the gymnasium this year for the program, but the public was not. Abby Hennen and Jacob Citterman were named the winners of the Andersen-Christianson Athletic Award given annually to the top female and male senior athletes.

Hennen excelled as a hitter in volleyball, a guard in basketball and a catcher softball during her career. She was All-State in both volleyball and basketball and helped the Vikings win state titles twice in each of those sports. She was also all-Camden Conference in all three sports.

Citterman was an all-conference lineman in football, and an all-conference post player in basketball this season for the Vikings.

The Andersen-Christianson Awards are



Katie Walerius

named after two former Minneota graduates, Bob Andersen (1966) and Tom Christianson (1968), who were killed in an automobile accident in 1970.

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## WALERIUS QUALIFIES FOR FIRST STATE SPEECH

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It seemed only fitting that Katie Walerius would qualify for her first-ever state speech

competition in her senior year. "When I saw that I advanced, I was very excited," she said. "I was happy to see that my speech experience is not over yet. It is very reward-

ing to go to state this year. I have been working towards this goal for years, and it feels great to finally reach it."

Walerius, the lone senior and captain on this year's team,

quickly turned her thoughts to her teammates.

"I am so proud of my team and the work they put in this year," she said. "It has been such a different year, and they

all adapted and gave it their all. I know they did not advance, but they should all be so proud of what they have accomplished this season. I wish them the best of luck next sea-

son."

Walerius placed third in the Original Oratory category in the Section 3A virtual "live" meet on Saturday.

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## Boy Scouts lend helping hands in cleaning up park

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Lost in the shuffle of the Girl Scouts selling those delicious cookies were the local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts performing good deeds recently.

Troop 30, which includes five Cub Scouts and eight Boy Scouts, recently trekked to Vermeersch Park and picked up trash that accumulated over the winter.

"The boys picked up a lot of trash, said Ashleigh Remme, who assists with the Cub Scouts. "I'd say we got around five big trash bags full of stuff."

The scouts, who built and installed several bluebird houses in the conservation area adjacent to the park in recent years, cleaned those all out during their "cleanup" day, too.

"They like to have those all cleaned out so new nests can be built," Remme said.

The scouts used to hold their meetings at Hope Lutheran Church in Minneota, but since the COVID outbreak have not been able to use the church. They now hold meetings at City Hall in Ghent.

Taking advantage of the mild weather this past weekend, the scouts traveled to Camden State Park near Marshall and enjoyed cooking over a campfire. The troop leaders are planning several other outdoor events as the weather begins to warm up.

Justin Knutson in the Boy Scouts troop leader, while Jessica Laleman is the Cub Scout troop leader.

The local Cub and Boy Scouts Troop/Pack 30 perform various projects such as cleaning parks, building bird houses, collecting non-perishable food for the annual Scouts 4 Food Drive to combat hunger in the United States, and much more.



Troop 30 Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts picked up garbage at Vermeersch Park in Ghent recently. The garbage pictured with the boys is approximately 25 percent of the total they picked up at the park and conservation area. Back row, left to right: Branden Johnson, Jents Knutson, Gavin Johnson, Joe Voit. Middle row, left to right: Max Laleman, Jasper Knutson, Dylan Remme. Front row, left to right: Bradley Remme, Conner Boerboom. Contributed photo



Joel Skillings

## Skillings to be inducted into Wrestling Hall

By Scott Thoma  
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Former longtime Minneota wrestling coach Joel Skillings will be inducted into the Dave Bartelma Minnesota High School Coaches Association Wrestling Hall of Fame in October.

"I am honored and I am humbled because it is something that's recognized by your peers," said Skillings recently.

Because last year's ceremony was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic, that banquet will be held May 24 in Benson, while this year's banquet is scheduled for October 30 in Benson.

Skillings was given a choice if he would rather be inducted in May or October.

"I chose October because Christian (his son who currently lives and works in China) will be home then," Skillings noted.

Skillings was notified several weeks

ago that he was chosen for induction, but news didn't spread in town until recently.

"I got a call telling me I was going into the Hall of Fame a while ago," he said. "But I didn't run around town telling everyone about it."

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## April

### Thursday, April 22

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 12:30-6:30 p.m. - Blood Drive at St. Edward's Church  
 1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center  
 3:15 p.m. - Clay Target: Competition at Sportsman's Club, Minneota  
 4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Yellow Medicine East at Minneota  
 4:30 p.m. - Softball: Minneota/Canby vs. MACCRAY at Raymond

### Friday, April 23

1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Golf: Minneota Boys & Girls at Tyler (Canby, Lakeview, Russell-Tyler-Ruthon, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Yellow Medicine East)

### Monday, April 26

1 p.m. - Mahjong at Minneota Senior Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Minneota vs. MACCRAY at Raymond  
 4:30 p.m. - Softball: Minneota/Canby at Montevideo

### Tuesday, April 27

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
 3:15 p.m. - Clay Target: Competition at Sportsman's Club, Minneota  
 4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Murray County Central at Minneota  
 4:30 p.m. - Golf: Boys & Girls at Canby (Canby, Lakeview, Russell-Tyler-Ruthon, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Yellow Medicine East)  
 4:30 p.m. - Softball: Lac qui Parle Valley at Minneota/Canby

### Thursday, April 29

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Tracy-Milroy-Balaton at Minneota  
 4:30 p.m. - Softball: Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg at Minneota/Canby  
 4:30 p.m. - Golf: Minneota Boys & Girls at Tracy

### Friday, April 30

All day - Minneota Citywide Garage Sale  
 1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Minneota vs. Central Minnesota Christian at Prinsburg  
 4:30 p.m. - Golf: Minneota Boys & Girls at Countryside Golf Club, Minneota (Canby, Lakeview, Russell-Tyler-Ruthon, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Yellow Medicine East)

## May

### Saturday, May 1

All day - Minneota Citywide Garage Sale

### Monday, May 3

1 p.m. - Mahjong at Minneota Senior Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Golf: Minneota Boys & Girls at Granite Falls (Canby, Lakeview, Russell-Tyler-Ruthon, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Yellow Medicine East)  
 4:30 p.m. - Softball: Minneota/Canby vs. Yellow Medicine East at Granite Falls

### Tuesday, May 4

9 a.m. - Lyon County board meeting at Government Center, Marshall  
 10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 11 a.m. - Golf: Minneota Boys & Girls at Countryside Golf Club, Minneota (Canby, Lakeview, Russell-Tyler-Ruthon, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Yellow Medicine East)  
 1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center

### Thursday, May 6

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center  
 3:15 p.m. - Clay Target: Competition at Sportsman's Club, Minneota  
 4:15 p.m. - Track and Field: Canby/Minneota Boys & Girls at Tracy  
 4:30 p.m. - Softball: Tracy-Milroy-Balaton vs. Minneota/Canby at Minneota

### Friday, May 7

1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Minneota at Adrian  
 7 p.m. - Minneota High School Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Viking Gym

### Saturday, May 8

3:15 p.m. - Clay Target: Competition at Sportsman's Club, Minneota

### Monday, May 10

4:30 p.m. - Russell-Tyler-Ruthon vs. Canby/Minneota at Minneota  
 6:30 p.m. - Minneota City Council meeting in Council Chambers

### Tuesday, May 11

10 a.m. - Golf: Minneota boys at Ortonville (Ashby, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Minneota, Montevideo, Morris Area, Ortonville, Underwood, West Central Area, Wheaton, Yellow Medicine East)  
 3:15 p.m. - Clay Target: Competition at Sportsman's Club, Minneota  
 4:30 p.m. - Canby at Minneota  
 5:45 p.m. - Minneota EDA meeting in Council Chambers



## Breaking ground

Jamie Gillund, second from right, breaks ground on the new Little Explorers Child Care Center, LLC that will soon be constructed in Ghent. The opening for the center has been pushed back to early fall. Sussner Construction will be doing the constructing and have set a target date of completion in mid-August. The Gillunds will then need to have inspections before they can officially be licensed. The Gillund family pictured left to right, Gunner, 4; Kestler, 8; Daylin, 15; Whitney 6, Skyla, 14; Jamie and Kurt. *Contributed photo*

## Walerius

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The top three finishers in each category advanced to next weekend's virtual "live" state meet.

"We are all extremely proud of Katie," said Minneota coach Kim Gades. "She has worked so hard the last two years when she made the transition to a PA category, and it has shown."

"Katie had a great season last year, but we missed out on subsections and sections, so she didn't get to see where she could take that piece, unfortunately. This year, however, she was undeterred. She took her topic and ran with it. She's been polishing up her performance over the last several weeks, and we're excited to see her compete at the state meet."

The Vikings placed ninth out of the 16 competing teams in Section 3A. Seven of the eight Minneota competitors advanced to the final round.

The others placing and earning team points for the Vikings were:

Joe Voit, fourth in Extemporaneous Speaking, Joey Clark, fourth in Storytelling, Cora Fischer, fifth in Great Speeches, Wyatt Pohlen, sixth in Storytelling, Emma Lipinski, sixth in Great Speeches, and Thomas Belaen, sixth in Storytelling.

Walerius speech for Original Oratory is about cancelling the negative aspects of diet culture.



Katie Walerius

"I chose this topic with the help of my coach (Gades)," said Walerius. "I was struggling to find a topic and she had mentioned diet culture. I immediately loved the idea."

"I think there are so many people who are focused on what the world thinks of them. The goal of my speech is to help people realize that they don't have to look like the world is telling them to. Everyone is different for a reason and we should not go through extreme measures to please others. I hope the message of my speech has reached people."

Walerius has placed high in most of her speeches during the regular season. Still, she was nervous while awaiting the final results.

"While we were waiting for placings to be announced, a few of us on the team were coloring," said Walerius. "Coloring kept my mind busy instead of worrying about results."

While waiting for the final scores, Walerius also passed the time by FaceTiming her mother who was unable to make it to the meet.

Walerius said there were many times during the season when she wasn't confident or pleased with her performance. However, she admitted that she felt her performance on Saturday "was strong".

"I remembered everything I was supposed to say, and I believe I had the right energy level for each part of my speech," she explained. "I was pleased with my performance."

## Senior Awards

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Both boys were heavily involved in sports and music during their high school careers.

Recipients of the Andersen-Christianson Athletic Awards must have participated in two or more sports, is a positive leader both on and off the field of play, and follows all rules and regulations.

The Andersen-Christianson Music Award is awarded to a senior who participates, shows leadership, and is dedicated to the music program and community.

This year's Music Award winner was Katie Walerius. She has been in band since fifth grade, playing the flute, and choir since seventh grade. She also participates in the Worship team both at Sunday services and Wednesday night youth group. Walerius has also competed in solo ensemble contests in a duet as a vocalist and instrumentalist.

There was a total of 76 various scholarships awarded to those in the senior class. Since Minneota Dollars for Scholars began this program in 2001, over \$250,000 has been awarded to Minneota graduates.

The Andersen-Christianson Awards are not chosen by the Dollars for Scholars Committee, but all other scholarships are.

Every senior that applies for a Minneota Dollars for Scholars Scholarship receives money to further their education, provided they meet all criteria. Thirty-nine students from the class of 2020 received a total of 76 scholarships.

Each scholarship has certain criteria which are followed when selecting the recipient. Some of those criteria might be the field of study the student is pursuing. They may also be awarded based on things the student has already done, such as community service projects or participation in

school events such as athletics, drama, or music.

Senior Class President Abby Rost welcomed those in attendance and watching the annual Senior Awards Night event via livestream on Sunday afternoon. She was followed at the podium by Minneota Dollars for Scholars President Sue Buysse before the awards were announced.

**2020-2021 awards & scholarships:**

**Andersen-Christianson Athletic Award** - Jacob Citterman, Abby Hennen

**Andersen-Christianson Music Award** - Kathrin Walerius

**Musser Environmental Consulting Inc. Scholarships** - Braxton Downing, Anne Krier

**Thurmond T. Thurmond Scholarships** - Jacob Hennen, Audra Buysse, Abby Hennen, Abigail Rost, Braeden Panka

**Educator of Tomorrow Scholarship** - Dylan DeSmet

**Dale Yost Memorial Baseball Scholarship** - Carter Schuelke

**State Bank of Taunton Scholarship** - Reid Fier

**Marjorie A. Pesch Teacher's Scholarship** - Dylan DeSmet

**Career and Technical Education Scholarship** - Isabelle Tolk

**Minneota Rotary Educational Scholarships** - Olivia Mahan-Deitte, Jacob Citterman, Caleb Sterzinger

**Universal Forest Products Achievement Scholarships** - Kaitlyn Hansen, Chase Differding

**Franz Nelson Scholarship (Swede Home Lutheran Church)** - Zachary Hennen

**Nels & Junina Nelson Scholarship (Swede Home Lutheran Church)** - Logan Schuelke

**Friends of Swede Home Lutheran Church Scholarship** - Jodi Buysse

**Minneota Manor Scholarships** - Klaire Banks, Barry (Trey) Gronke

**Rev. Richard & Mavis Erickson and Family Scholarship (in memory of Mark & Mary Ann Full)** - Raeann Bruner

**Joseph Fischer Memorial Scholarship** - Thor Fischer

**Curt Breyfogle Memorial Scholarship** - Beau Banish

**Schwan's Educational Scholarship** - Eleanor Pesch

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship** - Joshua Schuelke

**Southwest Sportsmen's Club Scholarships** - McKenzie Monnet, Benjamin Skorczewski

**4.0 Bus Service Scholarship** - Jada Nelson

**Minneota Wrestling Booster Club Scholarship** - Eric Carrasco

**Donny Belaen Memorial Scholarships** - Jada Sterzinger, Cooper VanOverbeke, Kathrin Walerius

**Craig Ahmann Memorial Scholarship** - Abby Hennen

**Pete VanVooren Memorial Scholarship** - Reid Fier

**Jackie Skillings Memorial Scholarship** - Kathrin Walerius

**Jeff & Patricia Peterson Youth in Firearms Sports Award** - McKenzie Monnet

**PEO Chapter AS Scholarship** - Audra Buysse

**Prairie Winds Wellness Scholarship** - Jacob Citterman

**Ruth M. Przymus Memorial Scholarships** - Benjamin Engels, Bishop Drietz

**Eagles Scholarship** - Braxton Downing, Anna Krier

**AgPlus Cooperative Education Scholarship** - Joseph Rybinski

**Ufkin Family Memorial Scholarships** - Anna Krier, Caleb Sterzinger, Abigail Rost

**Emily Ufkin Memorial Scholarship** - Carter Schuelke

**Minneota Dollars for Scholars** - Amberly West, Beau Banish, Klaire Banks, Raeann Bruner, Jasmine Buysse, Jodi Buysse, Jacob Citterman, Braxton Downing, Benjamin Engels, Reid Fier, Thor Fischer, Barry Gronke, Kaitlynn Hanson, Jacob Hennen, Isabelle Kimpe, Olivia Mahan-Deitte, Jada Nielsen, Eleanor Pesch,

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## WRESTLING

### Wrestling squad holds awards banquet

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The Minneota wrestling team held its annual banquet virtually recently due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The seven state entrants were recognized for their accomplishments this season: Destin Fier at 106 pounds, Peyton Gillund at 113, Eric Caarrasco at 120 (5th in state), Zack Fier at 145 (4th), Jonah Gruenes at 152 (3rd), Jackson Esping at 220 (5th) and Jayden Gamrak at 285.

Carrasco earned the Hardest Worker Award, while Jonah Gruenes was named the Most Valuable Teammate. Alex DePestel received the Most Improved Award and Adam DeVlaeminck and Chase Johnson were co-winner of the Building Block Award.

The Vikings finished the season with a 24-5 record under coach Matt Myrvik. The team finished second in the Section 3A tournament.

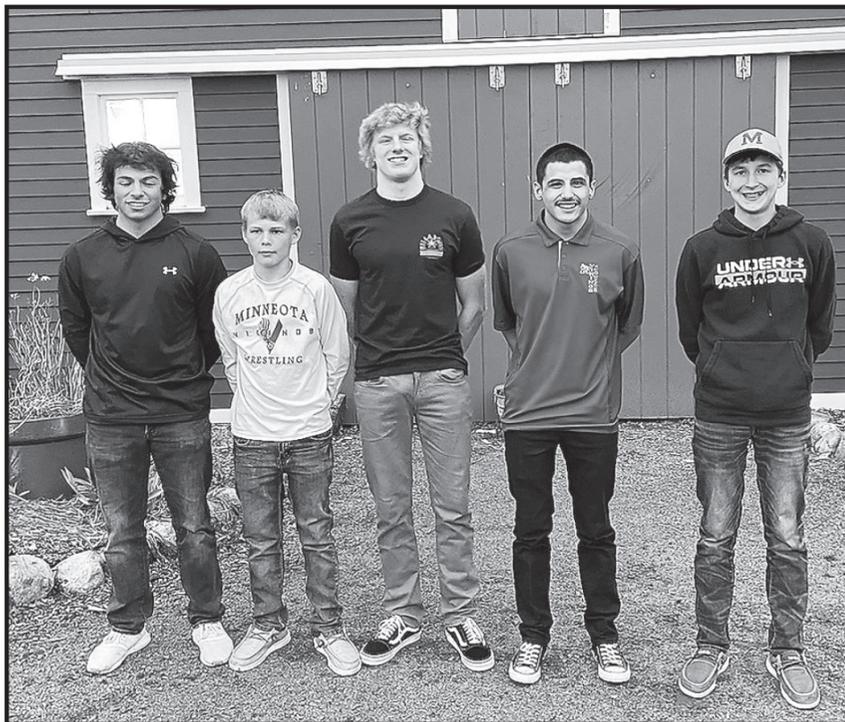
**Letterwinners this year included** (total number of letters in parenthesis): Seniors - Eric Carrasco (5), Trey Gronke (4). Juniors - Jonah Gruenes (4), Jackson Esping (4), Jayden Gamrak (2), Conner Sik (2), Tyler Gronke (2). Sophomores - Zack Fier (4), Peyton Gillund (2), Hudson Scholten (2), Branden Johnson (2). Freshmen - Alex DePestel (3) ... 8th graders - Destin

Fier (2), Eli Gruenes (1), Chase Johnson (1), Noah Gorecki (1), Tyler Lozinski (1). 7th graders - Adam DeVlaeminck (1), Brock Fier (1). Letters of participation went to Kade Lozinski and Troy VanKeulen.

**Finals varsity records**

- Jonah Gruenes 35-3
- Eric Carrasco 31-5
- Jackson Esping 31-6
- Zack Fier 31-6
- Peyton Gillund 25-11
- Jayden Gamrak 25-3
- Destin Fier 23-12
- Hudson Scholten 19-15
- Troy VanKeulen 17-9
- Kade Lozinski 14-7
- Eli Gruenes 11-19
- Adam DeVlaeminck 9-8
- Branden Johnson 8-20
- Brock Fier 5-6
- Trey Gronke 3-2
- Conner Sik 2-12
- Noah Gorecki 1-1
- Chase Johnson 1-1
- Tyler Gronke 0-5
- Browdy Lozinski 0-1
- Kyler Lozinski 0-1

- Most nearfalls - J.Gruenes 39
- Most team points - J.Gruenes 186
- Most takedowns - Z.Fier 56
- Most falls - Z.Fier 19
- Most escapes - Gillund 27
- Most reversals - DePestel 17



These five Minneota wrestlers earned awards as the recent banquet. Left to right: Alex DePestel, Most Improved; Adam DeVlaeminck, Building Block Award; Jonah Gruenes, Most Valuable Teammate; Eric Carrasco, Hardest Worker; and Chase Johnson, Building Block Award. Contributed photo

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Hennen named Camden South Player of the Year

Minneota senior forward Jacob Hennen was selected as the Camden Conference South Boys Basketball Player of the Year, it was announced recently.

Joining Hennen on the All-Conference team from Minneota was Jacob Citterman and Cale Sorensen. AJ Josephson was an Honorable Mention choice.

Rick Halberman of Tracy-Milroy-Balaton was named the Coach of the Year.

**Camden Conference South Player of the Year** - Jacob Hennen, Minneota  
**Coach of the Year** - Rick Halberman, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton



Jacob Hennen

- Minneota** - Jacob Hennen, Jacob Citterman, Cale Sorensen
- Canby** - Will Varcoe
- Lakeview** - Nathan Fenske
- Russell-Tyler-Ruthton** - Aiden Wichmann, Hayden Gravely, Darrik Baartman
- Tracy-Milroy-Balaton** - Tony Nelson, Jake Turner, Christian Wendland
- Yellow Medicine East** - Isaac Jimenez

- (Honorable Mention)**
- Minneota** - AJ Josephson
- Canby** - Evan Weber
- Lakeview** - Colby Marczak, Owen Louwagie
- Russell-Tyler-Ruthton** - Dylan Anderson
- Tracy-Milroy-Balaton** - Noah Swenhaugen
- Yellow Medicine East** - Kyle Chase

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Skillings coached Minneota for 31 seasons and compiled an impressive 559-174-4 record, including a Class A state team championships in 2015, before stepping down two years ago. His victory total is No. 8 all time in Minnesota for all classes.

Skillings was also named the Class A Coach of the Year in 2013 and 2015 during his career. He was also chosen Minneota Coach of the Year for all classes in 2015.

After stepping down as a high school wrestling coach following the 2019 season and joined the Southwest Minnesota State University wrestling staff. He retired as a high school physical education instructor at Minneota last year.

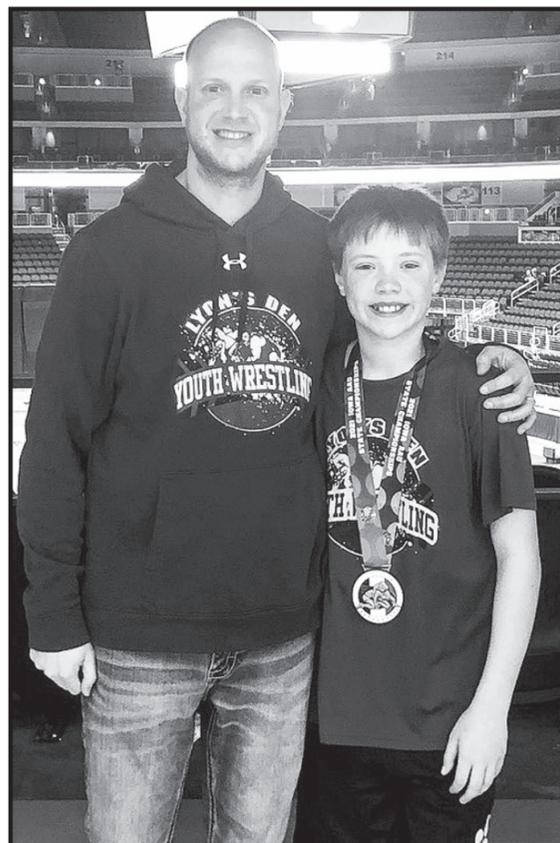
"For me, I am still coaching

and (being inducted) isn't the finishing point of my career," Skillings said. "This honor wouldn't have happened without all the kids and the wonderful people I've met. And most important, I owe a lot to my family, who have been through it all with me."

"It's a reflection of all the kids I got to work with, all the friends I've met along the way, and my family who have been through it all with me."

Skillings will be inducted along with: Tom Campanaro, Contributor; Mark Costello, Athlete; Tom Gravalin, Coach; Gary Heydt, Contributor; Don Krusemark, Coach.

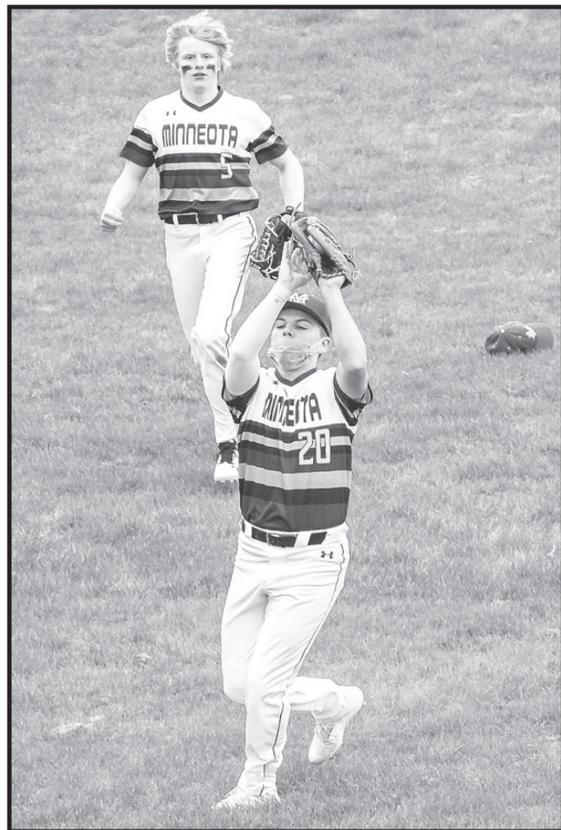
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### Medal for Minneota connection

Ryder Laleman, right, the son of 2000 Minneota graduates Tim, left, and Alyssa Laleman of Rock Rapids, Iowa, placed third at the Northwest District Individual Wrestling Tournament. Tim is the coach of the AAU team from Rock Rapids. Ryder is also the grandson of Jim and Andrea Opdahl and Ed and Bonnie Laleman of Minneota. Contributed photo

## BASEBALL



Above, Minneota's Thor Fischer delivers a pitch to an Edgerton batter on Thursday at K.P. Kompelien Field in Minneota. Fischer and the Vikings shut out Edgerton 7-0. The Vikings also beat Red Rock Central 14-3 on Saturday. No other details were available. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

Left, Ben Skorczewski of Minneota ranges out to the left field to make a catch as left fielder Jonah Gruenes back him up in a home game last Friday against Edgerton. Minneota beat Edgerton 7-0 and also topped Red Rock Central 14-3 on Saturday. No other details were available. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

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**Athlete of the Week:**

**Thor Fischer**  
Senior

Fischer started the baseball season opener on the mound for the Vikings and held Edgerton to two hits and no runs over five innings, while striking out seven in a 7-0 victory.

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This handmade cardboard laminated sign belonged to the former Ted's Bar in Ghent along Highway 68.

## From the Mascot Files

### 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

#### 100 Years Ago (April 22, 1921)

##### Gravel bed discovered on Swanson's land

N.E. Swanson rounded up several teams of men and hired them to uncover a newly-discovered gravel bed on his tract joining the village limits here east of Jefferson Street South. It is said that the gravel bed contains several thousand cubic yards of good gravel.

##### Sigvaldson changes oil company's name

After buying out the business of the Dahl Oil Company here and changing the name to the Home Oil Company, Frank Sigvaldson received notice that the Home Oil Company of Chicago objected to his using the same name, hence Mr. Sigvaldson changed the name to Minneota Oil Company, under which the business will hereafter be conducted.

##### Crowd packs Hall; favor improved streets

Judging by the crowd that packed the Village Hall last week, many village members are in favor of the council's plan to improve the streets here. The result was the council selection two committees; one to canvas and obtain the signatures of property owners whose holdings front on streets to be graded and graveled would signify the owner's readiness to pay for the graveling proving the council pays for the grading; and the other to look after Minneota's interest concerning the Marshall-to-Canby division of the Babcock system, and to urge those in authority over the road work to a recognition of our need of a speedy betterment of this much-traveled section.

#### 75 Years Ago (April 26, 1946)

##### Superintendent urges building new school

Superintendent R.T. Lovell told school board members that Minneota must have a modern, sanitary, fireproof

public school building in order to attract new businesses and trade at a meeting this week. Lovell said the process of borrowing money for a building should come now while interest rates are low. Whether or not the school district should borrow approximately \$120,000 for the purpose of building a new school will be voted on Tuesday, May 14.

##### First threshing of year comes early in Minneota

The first grain threshed in this community in 1946 was some wheat run through the separator at the C.J. Wyffels farm on the east side of town Monday by Charlie T. Sanders and Gene Tremnblay. This community will "scoop" the rest of the state, even the northwest, with the year's first threshing completed. The acreage was small, about 2-3/4 acres, but the yield was good, running just about 30 bushels per acre. There is a little catch, however, as the wheat came from last year's crop, which had been harvested and stacked last summer.

##### Woman dies when rifle discharges accidentally

Mrs. Adolph Hartfield died at the Montevideo Hospital Sunday evening from injuries sustained when a bullet accidentally discharged from an automatic rifle her son was repairing went through her left arm and into her stomach. The accident occurred on the Hartfield farm about 12 miles northeast of Minneota. A neighbor had brought the rifle to Adolph, Mrs. Hartfield's son, for repair and it is reported the accident happened as he was leaving the house to test the gun outdoors.

#### 50 Years Ago (April 22, 1971)

##### Three local youths injured in accident

Three youth were injured and later hospitalized on Saturday following an accident at the intersection of County Roads 3 and 26, north of Minneota. The three taken to Divine Provi-

dence Hospital in Ivanhoe were James Arends, 9; Gregory Arends, 12; and Vernon Buysse, 15. The accident occurred when a vehicle driven by Eugene Roles, 20, and a tractor driven by Paul Arends, 18, collided. The tractor was pulling a car in which the three boys were riding in, with Buysse steering. The tractor was damaged beyond repair. Buysse's left leg was fractured in three places and also had some teeth knocked out. Gregory had a broken wrist and cuts above his knees. James suffered a concussion.

##### Larry Buysse named FFA 9th District Head

Larry Buysse, a member of the Minneota Future Farmers of America chapter, was elected president of the Ninth District FFA, when that group elected officers at its annual meeting and district awards banquet on April 21 in Granite Falls. The Minneota FFA Farm Management team was awarded a plaque for having won the regional contest. That team of Buysse, Kenneth Skaar and Paul Fixen will be competing at the state meet in May.

##### Direct dialing to start Sunday here

Starting Sunday, April 25, Minneota and Marshall telephone users may call each other directly without paying a long distance charge. The new inter-city calling arrangement coincides with the inauguration of Direct Distance Dialing in Minneota. Under the new calling plan, telephone customers will be able to call anyone in either community by dialing just the seven-digit number listed in the directory.

##### Local Boy Scouts prepare for exposition

Members of Minneota Boy Scout Troop, along with Scoutmaster Harold Jackson and Assistant Scout Leader Leroy Hebrank, have been preparing an exhibit this week for the Scout O-Rama, which is being held on Saturday in Marshall. About 15 members of the local troop have been assisting with the work and will be at the show

with the exhibit.

##### Janssen is tops Girl Scouts cookie seller

Local Girl Scouts officials announced this week that Suzie Janssen was the top seller of cookies, which the girls sold in the community recently. Susie Tillemans was second in sales and Doris Konold was third. Officials also announced that the cookies have now arrived and the girls will be distributing them later this week.

#### 25 Years Ago (April 22, 1996)

##### Two place high at state speech meet

Two members of the Minneota Speech team placed high at the state speech meet this past weekend at Stillwater High School. Laurie Anderson was awarded second place in Original Oratory. Anderson tied for first in the category, but received second based on a tie-breaker. John Fier placed third in Creative Expression.

##### Lawrence retires as Legion Lanes manager

Carl Lawrence, the manager of the Legion Lanes here for the past 17 years, announced that he will be retiring at the end of the week. Lawrence has been the manager since 1979 when the lanes still had the old-style machines in which the pins would have to be manually set up and the balls would also have to be returned to the bowler manually. The automatic machines came in 1981.

##### Community exceeds goal of blood drive

The Minneota Bloodmobile was held on April 19. The 90 people that were present to give blood donated 86 pints; one more than was the goal set before the drive. The following are gallon pin donors: Richard Bot, 8; Wendell Larson, 6; Pat Sarazyn, 5; Pat Hennen, 2; Jim Verschelde, 2; Ann Abraham, 2; Darlyne Larson, 1; and Vicki Bot, 1.

## Outside Looking In



By Scott Thoma

### Live and Learn

We said goodbye last week to former Mascot volunteer columnist Barbara Fodness, who passed away after a six-month battle with colon cancer.

Her husband, Gene, stopped into the Mascot last week and I visited with him for several minutes. One of the things Gene said was how much his wife enjoyed writing her weekly column, called "Live and Learn", for the Mascot.

Barbara often wrote stories about incidents involving friends or relatives, although she didn't always use their names in her column to avoid embarrassing them.

Sometime those subjects involved her husband, however, and she did use his name in the story.

"She really enjoyed writing about a lot of things for the paper. She would write about different things going on in town or at home," Gene told. "Sometimes she would write about something goofy that I did at home. I would just say 'Thanks, Barb'."

Barbara wrote her column for six years, from 2001-2006.

In honor of Barbara Fodness, we are reprinting a random column that she wrote in her final year writing for the Mascot; this one appearing Jan. 11, 2006:

*By Barbara Fodness*

*Way back in 1903, Walter went to a horse auction and bought an outstanding looking black stud horse. He was very pleased that he'd done so well and took the horse home to show his wife, Minnie.*

*Minnie looked the horse over with skeptical eye and agreed he really was a beauty.*

*"How much did you pay for him?" she asked.*

*Walter told her and she was surprised.*

*"That's sure a low price for such a nice looking horse," she said.*

*Walter proudly said, "That's because I'm such a great horse trader!"*

*That afternoon, they hitched up the new horse to the buggy and took a ride. The horse performed well and responded to the slightest touch of the reins. It was a beautiful summer day, and they were enjoying themselves.*

*Just then a young couple in another buggy came up behind them. The driver swung out to pass and Walter saw his new horse lay back one ear like he was listening. As the other horse and buggy came up along side, the big black horse laid both his ears back and took off like a shot. The race was on.*

*The young couple was soon left in the dust as Walter pulled up hard on the reins, trying to stop his horse and Minnie clung desperately to the side of the buggy.*

*But that horse just kept on running for another couple of miles. Finally, he slowed down and stopped.*

*Walter turned him around and the horse behaved perfectly all the way home. When they got home and started to get out of the buggy, Minnie commented sarcastically, "You are sure a great horse trader alright."*

*Walter found out later that he'd bought a former race horse. After another similar incident going to church the next Sunday, the horse went back to the next auction sale.*

*The moral of this story is: Beauty ain't everything.*

### Tortoise man

Around town, he was known as "The Tortoise Man" to those who didn't know his name because of the unusual pet he had adopted.

Last year I went to Mike Janssen's home in town and was educated on everything there was to know about desert tortoises. He rescued and adopted a desert tortoise while living in Arizona and was required to fill out stacks of paperwork in order to bring the tortoise to Minnesota legally.

Janssen passed away at his home on April 13 following a 12-year battle with cancer along with some other health issues.

Janssen took good care of his tortoise that his grandchildren named "Dash". While he admitted that he didn't always eat well himself, Janssen made sure to buy fresh, fruits and vegetables for his tortoise. Janssen was often seen walking to Brad's Market for fresh produce.

Janssen would also take his tortoise for walks down the sidewalk in front of his home or in his back yard.

"I move slowly, too, so if we ever raced it would probably be a tie," Janssen joked during my visit.

We haven't learned who will be taking care of "Dash" as of this printing.

### My regular visitor

Whenever I came down to Minneota, Virgil Buysse always seemed to know. As soon as I got out of my vehicle to go inside the Mascot, Buysse would be coming down the street in his golf cart and stop by visit.

He insisted that I move to Minneota and buy the newspaper. He was always looking for a house in town for me to buy and try to sell me on it like he was a real estate agent.

He was one of my favorite people to visit with and I would be disappointed when he didn't stop by if I was in town.

Buysse passed away on March 13 and I really miss him and our little visits.

Rest in peace Barbara, Mike and Virgil.



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## Obituaries

### Darlyne Larson

April 5, 1929  
- April 16, 2021



A private family graveside service will be held for Darlyne Larson, 92, of Marshall.

Darlyne Anne (Higginbotham) Larson was born on April 5, 1929, in Nashwauk, MN, to Robert and Clara (Rollin) Higginbotham.

The family moved to Alaska when the Alaskan Highway was completed. Darlyne graduated from Palmer, Alaska, then returned to Minnesota, where she trained to be an LPN.

She worked at Glen Lake Sanatorium and Hennepin County Public Health in their Chest Center.

Darlyne was united in marriage to Charles Sims, and to that union were born three children: Kimberly, Chris, and Tracy Sims.

She was later married to Wendell Larson of Minneota. Darlyne resided at Morningside Heights Care Center for the last four and a half years. She was active with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Darlyne was an avid pet lover, and she treasured all dogs and cats. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Darlyne and Wendell enjoyed many trips together, as well as going to casinos and concerts. They also enjoyed quiet time at Moon Lake.

Darlyne passed away peacefully on Friday, April 16, 2021, surrounded by family, at Morningside Heights Care Center in Marshall.

She is survived by her sister Delayne Burke; daughter Kimberly (Raul) Planes of Rosemount; sons Chris Sims of California and Tracy (Heidi) Sims of Ramsey; step-children Linda (Richard) Nuytten of Minneota and Danny (Tracy) Larson of Minneota; grandchildren Corey Nielsen, Chris (Sarah) Sims, Tyler Sims, Afton Sims, Jess (David) Moriarty, Paul (Sarah) Nuytten, Rachel (Tim) Farrell, and Renee Larson; and great-grandchildren Marshall and Lennon Sims, Imogen, Padraic, and Rabent Moriarty, Ryder and Reese Nuytten.

Blessed be her memory.

### Michael Janssen

January 5, 1953  
- April 13, 2021



Michael Henry Janssen was born in Marshall, Minnesota, January 5, 1953 to Henry and Marie (Claeys) Janssen. His early years were spent in the Minneota area until 1966 when Hank, Marie and Mike moved to Yucaipa, CA.

While still in school, Mike took a job working in the school

bus garages, continuing with that until after his graduation from Yucaipa High School.

Later, he had employment for many years as a driver for Schwan's household food delivery followed by carpentry work. Mike could no longer work beginning in 2008 when he was diagnosed with colon cancer and underwent treatment for it. In February 2019 Mike decided to move back to his hometown of Minneota where he passed away at the age of 68 on April 13, 2021.

Mike had many sports interests, especially the former San Diego Chargers football team, and weekly Mike hosted friends to watch TV in his garage to cheer on their team. Mike was a loyal baseball fan of all teams, but most avidly supporting the Minnesota Twins. Another hobby of his was collecting Nascar memorabilia.

He is survived by his sons Josh Janssen and Ron Janssen of Calimesa, CA; brother, Jim Janssen of Minneota; sister Pat (Virg) Enevoldsen of Dawson; many Claeys and Janssen cousins; friends; and Dash, his companion pet of many years.

Preceding Mike in death were his parents Hank and Marie, grandparents Emil and Sophie Claeys and Nick and Kathryn Janssen; sister-in-law Kat Janssen; and niece Christy DeVries.

## Police Blotter

The Minneota Police Department and First Responders received the following calls for service:

Monday, April 5, 2021

- Medical Call in rural Minneota.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

- Permit to Purchase application

Friday, April 9, 2021

- Suspicious Activity in the 200 block of N. Jefferson Street.

Saturday, April 10, 2021

- Burglary (false alarm) in the 100 block of Hwy 68.
- Public Assist in the 300 block of E 2nd Street.
- Traffic Stop on E. 4th Street.

Monday, April 12, 2021

- Animal Complaint on S. Jackson Street.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

- Parking Complaint in the 200 block of N. Jefferson Street.
- Medical Call in the 700 block of N. Jefferson Street.
- Death Investigation in the 700 block of N. Jefferson Street.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

- Domestic Dispute in the 300 block of W. 3rd Street.
- Welfare check in the 300 block of W. 3rd Street.

Friday, April 16, 2021

- Medical Call at St. Edward's Catholic Church.
- Funeral Escort at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Saturday, April 17, 2021

- Animal Complaint in the 100 block of Century Drive.
- Public Disturbance in the 100 block of N. Adams Street.

milk, dinner roll.

Thursday, April 29

Lunch: Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, garlic toast, milk.

Friday, April 30

Lunch: All school field trip!

## Dale Kontz

Mass of Christian Burial for Dale Raymond Kontz, 84, of Minneota, will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. Visitation will be Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow the service at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Cemetery in Taunton. Mask and social distancing guidelines will be followed at all gatherings.

Dale died on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at the Minneota Manor Health Care Center in Minneota.

## Ask the Chief

By Minneota  
Police Chief Bill Bolt



## Backyard gatherings

As the weather improves people will want to get together for a BBQ or a firepit in someone's backyard. Please keep the following in mind whenever you are looking to have a good time.

(1) All fires must be monitored and you can NOT burn leaves or garbage.

(2) Pour water on the fire or cover it when you are done to ensure it is completely out.

(3) Keep the noise down after 10 p.m. Your neighbors are sleeping with open windows. Better yet - invite them and there will be no one to complain.

(4) If you are drinking - Have a sober driver ready to give rides home or let your guest stay the night.

(5) If I show up it is not to cause trouble. Please cooperate with me because I am only looking for you to be respectful of your neighbors.

## From the Mascot Kitchen

### Blueberry Salad

This salad is so easy to make and will likely be a family favorite as it almost dessert-like. This can be prepared in only 10 minutes.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 3 oz. packages raspberry gelatin
- 2 cups hot water
- 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 21-oz. can blueberry pie filling
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla

#### DIRECTIONS

Combine gelatin and hot water; stir until dissolved. Stir in pineapple and blueberry pie fillings. Pour into a 9 x 13 inch dish and chill in the refrigerator until firm. In medium bowl, cream together the cream cheese and sugar. Beat in sour cream and vanilla. Spread over firm gelatin. Chill until ready to serve.

## Menus

### MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Monday, April 26

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Crispito or quesadilla, lettuce/cheese, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 27

Breakfast: Long John or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Taco or chicken fajita, beans, lettuce, cheese, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 28

Breakfast: Pancake sausage or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Creamed turkey or ham patty, fresh veggies, fruit choice, milk.

Thursday, April 29

Breakfast: Muffin/cereal or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: California burger or corn dog, baked beans, lettuce salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, April 30

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Hot ham and cheese or riblet, lettuce salad, fruit, milk.

### ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

Monday, April 26

Lunch: Turkey sub, mixed greens, French fries, baked beans, oranges, milk.

Tuesday, April 27

Lunch: Pulled pork sandwiches, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 28

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tator tots, baby carrots, Romain salad, fruit,

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Worship Times: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Ellen Munter

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Mass Times:  
Saturday, April 24: Mass at the convent at noon  
Sunday, April 25: Mass at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 28: CCD at 6:30 p.m.

Father Todd Petersen  
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Ephesians 2:8 - By grace you are saved.

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Pastor Thomas Nomeland  
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### St. Edward Catholic Church

Minneota

Mass Times:  
Thursday, April 22: Mass at 7 a.m., adoration 5-7 p.m.  
Saturday, April 24: Mass at 5:30 p.m., confession 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 25: Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 28: Mass at 10:30 a.m., CCD at 6:30 p.m.

Notice: Our AFC will be having Perpetual Adoration next weekend, April 23rd-25th for our 15 students attending retreat at BroomTree. Please consider signing up for an hour (or more) of prayer throughout the weekend. There are sign-up sheets in the back of both churches, or the on-line sign-up link is https://volunteersignup.org/FMWDW

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42-PR-21-279  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF LYON  
DISTRICT COURT FIFTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.: 42-PR-21-279

In Re: Estate of Jeanette Bernadette Hoberg, Decedent.  
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 19, 2021 at 1 p.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at the Lyon County Government Center, 607 West Main, Marshall, Minnesota 56258, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated November 12, 2018, and for the appointment of Deann Holland, whose address is 1500 East Main Street, Marshall, Minnesota 56258, as personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 4/7/21  
Judge Michelle Diedrich

Dated: 4/7/21  
Court Administrator: Maureen Szerlip  
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ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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### 5 generations

Five generations gathered for a photo recently. From left to right: Faith Hennen, her grandmother Bonnie Laleman, great-grandmother Dorothy Vlaminc (holding Faith's son Briggs Hennen, 4 months), father Bruce Laleman (holding Faith's son Wilder Hennen, 2 years old). Contributed photo

# Senate passes farm focused agriculture bill

The Minnesota Senate passed the Omnibus Agriculture and Rural Development budget bill to fund agriculture, rural development, and rural COVID-19 recovery on April 14. The comprehensive legislation is focused on helping Minnesota farmers while spurring innovation in the agriculture and providing resources for broadband expansion throughout the state.



Sen. Gary Dahms

"Our budget gives resources to Minnesota farmers, so they are able to continue to lead the world in agriculture innovation and development," said Senator Gary Dahms (R-Redwood Falls) Vice-Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy Committee. "We focus on making sure the needs of our farmers are met by investing in value-added agriculture. We invest in reliable biofuel infrastructure and eliminate unnecessary regulations to free our emerging industries."

The legislation helps the state's agricultural community recover from the pandemic by strengthening the agriculture sector supply chains and invests in helping more meat processing facilities expand and grow. Ultimately, these

investments will provide more jobs, improve processing efficiency, and provide more purchasing options for consumers.

The budget bill allocates \$40 million over the next two fiscal years to the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant program. This funding will develop permanent broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas. This significant funding from the legislation matches the critical need that has become apparent in the wake of COVID-19.

Furthermore, the bill provides a \$3.5 million grant to improve biofuel infrastructure by allowing gas stations to sell higher blends of biofuels. This investment helps Minnesota continue to lead the nation in pioneering clean homegrown fuels like E-15. Additionally, the budget includes grants for farm safety equipment and allows the creation of a grain storage facility safety curriculum. Mental health outreach on farms and additional mental health services are also included, continuing funding for the existing 24-hour crisis hotline.

The bill now awaits action by the Minnesota House of Representatives.

## Skogrand achieves Circle of Recognition at Ameriprise

Corey K. Skogrand, CFP, ChFC, CLU, a Private Wealth Advisor with Van der Hagen, Skogrand & Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC in Marshall, has qualified for the company's Circle of Success annual recognition program and will be honored for this achievement.

To earn this achievement, Skogrand established himself as one of the company's top advisors. Only a



Corey Skogrand

select number of high-performing advisors earn this distinction.

He has 25 years of experience with Ameriprise Financial.

As a Private Wealth Advisory practice, Van der Hagen, Skogrand & Associates provides financial advice that is anchored in a solid understanding of client needs and expectations and is delivered in one-on-one relationships with their clients.

## Minnesotans urged to remain vigilant in fight against COVID

The Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) urges all Minnesotans to remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19, practice good health and take a pandemic pause – stay home if you can, gather outdoors rather than indoors and avoid any unnecessary trips.

The more than 12,000 physicians and physicians-in-training of the MMA are encouraged to see the increasing pace of vaccinations in Minnesota but are equally concerned about the virus's spread. Virus variants are more contagious and are making younger Minnesotans sick. Hospital admissions are up and ICU beds are nearing capacity.

"We need to allow Minnesota's healthcare workers to get out in front of this and lessen the severity of a fourth surge," says MMA President Marilyn Peitso, MD. "We want this pandemic to end as much as the rest of Minnesota. Together, we need to do our part to stop the spread of CO-

VID-19."

Minnesotans are urged to get vaccinated and continue to practice good health by wearing a mask, staying socially distant, washing hands, staying home when sick and seeing a physician when ill.

Those who have received COVID-19 vaccinations are also asked to do their part. Per CDC recommendations, vaccinations can be protective, especially when getting together in small groups with other vaccinated people, but being vaccinated should not be considered a green light for high-risk activities like attending large events indoors where others are not wearing masks or staying socially distant.

"Vaccination not only protects you, but it also protects your family and the entire community," says Peitso. "Vaccination is the pathway back to some form of normal life."

## Ralco celebrates 50th anniversary

Ralco announced proudly that it is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Ralco has been providing the agricultural community with natural solutions since 1971. The anniversary is a milestone that measures Ralco's past and celebrates its future dedicated to using approaches to maximize nutrient conversion and reduce nutrient waste in both plants and animals naturally.

"In so many ways we are just getting started," said Jon Knochenmus, Ralco President Emeritus. "We introduced natural products to the agriculture industry when people were skeptical and didn't understand, but they know now that we were ahead of the curve."

Ralco was founded by Bob Galbraith, an audacious entrepreneur who mortgaged everything he owned to start the company out of this garage and delivered product with a pickup and goose-neck trailer. Many times, his family, including his children, made delivery trips with him. Bob led the company for 19 years and lived to see Ralco become a multinational. The company passed to his son, Randy Galbraith, then to his son-in-law Jon Knochenmus. Currently Jon's son Brian Knochenmus serves as president of Ralco.

"Fifty years is a significant milestone in our company's history. It's a test of time. We have survived drastic changes in the markets as well

as transitions through three generations. We have also survived explosive growth. The lessons of the past have prepared us for the future. We are focused on food production and helping consumers understand the care and thoughtfulness that goes into the food they eat," said Ralco President Brian Knochenmus.

While a 50th anniversary recognizes the past, Ralco is focused on the future. Ralco works in three distinct areas to naturally convert more energy out of nutritional inputs and reduce nutrient waste. Each area drives nutrient conversion for strong immunity and superior performance of plants and animals. Essential oils and plant extracts, energy maximizing diets and microbial processes are natural approaches that ensure inputs are maximized for greater immunity, gain and profit.

"Perfecting natural approaches is an extension of our mission and a journey that will never end. My grandpa said he eliminated the word can't from his vocabulary and we continue that tradition. My grandpa also knew that the success of our company depended on our people. We've continued a people-first culture for 50 years and I firmly believe that's how we were able to achieve this milestone today," Brian said.

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## Lyon County Board Minutes

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board

9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Anderson, Crowley, Graupmann, Sanow and Ritter. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Maes.

MSP to approve the agenda with the addition of Library Board appointment.

MSP to approve the consent agenda.

MSP to recommend Peter Peterson to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board.

MSP to approve the request from the Balaton Fire Department for up to \$8,500 to purchase a washer/dryer, gear dryer and iPad. This is a cost share with the City of Balaton for a 5 year loan with 28% to be paid back with 0% interest. Funds will come out of the general fund.

MSP to approve the request from the Garvin Fire Department for up to \$4,700 to purchase a gear dryer. This is a cost share with the City of Garvin for a 5 year loan with 28% to be paid back with 0% interest. Funds will come out of the general fund.

MSP to allow Murray County to use the portable stage free of charge in return for the ability to use the Murray County bleachers for the Lyon County Fair in 2021.

MSP to declare old recycling carts as surplus and offer for sale.

MSP to approve the Sheriff's Department

to apply for the COVID 19 response grant from the MN Office of Justice Program.

MSP to approve the hire of Tammy Isackson as On Call Dispatcher with a starting rate of \$24.85/hour and start date upon Board approval.

MSP to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Finley Engineering Company-Woodstock Communications to construct a 300' guyed Broadband tower with the conditions presented.

MSP to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Brad Peterson to construct a new feedlot with the conditions presented.

MSP to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Carr Farms Partnership-Told Graveling for a gravel pit to process sand and gravel with the conditions presented.

MSP to approve the final payment with Town & Country for a total of \$1,520.88 for project SP 042-611-042.

MSP to approve the purchase of two TP-2STRC pup trailers from Monroe Towmaster LLC for a total of \$66,158 and declare trailers 25.7 and 21.8 as surplus property when the new trailers are received. Tires and rims will be purchased separately.

MSP to approve the resolution entering Lyon County into an agreement with BNSF & MnDOT for a rail crossing active signal crossing improvement on CSAH 21 in Florence in 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at [www.lyonco.org](http://www.lyonco.org).