

Who says a purple cow can't fly?

Minneota native writes children's book based on 'Hey Diddle Diddle' nursery rhyme

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Having put the words together for a children's book for his grandson nearly 20 years ago and sending it off to a few publishers to gauge their interest, Minneota native Robert Borson was told it needed some illustrations to go with it. "I didn't have the time back then," he explained. "So, I kind

of put it off for a while." When the pandemic hit last year, Borson, who has enjoyed a four-decade career as a writer/editor throughout the U.S., as well as in Sweden and Spain, dusted off the pages and decided to create some illustrations for it.

The end result was his book, entitled "Astra the Flying Cow" was recently published.

When the completed books

arrived at his doorstep, Borson said he held his breath before opening the box.

"I wasn't sure if it would be the way I had hoped," he said. "I was very pleased. I was happy how it all turned out."

Borson grew up on a farm 2 1/2 miles west of Minneota and graduated here in 1956. He then graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1960. Borson's sister, Bon-

nie Hanson, currently lives in Minneota.

The inspiration for Borson's book actually spawned from when he was a child growing up on the family farm.

"I was always fascinated by the cow jumping over the moon in the 'Hey Diddle Diddle' nursery rhyme," said Borson, who currently lives in Santa Fe, NM with his wife, Sue, and their cat, Sam.

While living in Birmingham, Alabama, he began creating a series of phantasmagorical winged sculptures, such as the namesake for his book. Other sculptures he created included the "Newsboy Angel", which is now a part of the art collection at Birmingham's Civil Rights Institute.

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Robert Borson poses in front of the sculpture he made for his grandson. Contributed photo



Jerick Gossen attempts to entice a swarm of bees from the top of the Hometown Kitchen & Bath building into a hive last week. A bucket truck, right, borrowed from the city, was used to reach the swarm of bees. Contributed photos

TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE



Large swarm perches on local downtown building

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A large swarm of honeybees decided to make a pit stop high atop the Hometown Kitchen & Bath building last week, but they were eventually coralled and no one was stung.

The City of Minneota was first notified about the bees to see what could be done about

getting them out of the business district. Brandon Hennen, who has been in the beekeeping business for six years, was called to come out and help remove the buzzing insects.

Donning beekeeper clothing, Hennen and his friend Jerick Gossen, who got involved in the apiary business a year or two ago, used the city's bucket truck to ascend to the

top southeast corner of the building to entice the bees into a hive.

"I'm afraid of heights, so I made Jerick go up," laughed Hennen.

Hennen is unsure where the bees came from but could have escaped one of Charlie Pesch's hives and made their way to the nearby business district.

"I contacted Charlie and

he said it was possible they came from his hives, but we aren't sure," said Hennen. "I know they didn't come from my hives because I had just checked them."

When Gossen reached the top of the bucket, he began "scooping" the bees into the hive he had with him. Soon, the majority of the bees were inside the hive.

"The hive we had didn't have an entrance reducer on it, so I went to go and get one," said Hennen. "An entrance reducer makes the hole much smaller and makes it less of a chance that the bees will get out."

By the time Hennen returned, though, the bees had already made their way out of the hive and were back where they started at the top corner of

the building.

This time, Hennen used a frame of eggs from another hive, which makes it much more likely that once the bees are inside the hive, they are less likely to exit.

"That seemed to work well," said Hennen.

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Photo left: Jason Boerboom of Marshall competed in the Rolle Bolle tournament Saturday in Ghent as part of the Belgian-American Days festivities. Photo right: Kids lined the street to cover the large amounts of candy thrown during the Grand Parade. Mascot photos by Scott Thoma

Belgian-American Days draws large crowd again

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Back in full swing this year, Belgian-American Days was a big hit again this past weekend.

After having to be scaled back in 2020 due to the pandemic, most of the events and activities were back on track. There were even a few new events this year.

The streets were filled with people of all ages despite the muggy conditions.

One of the more popular events, the Challenge of the Lions Mud Run was cancelled this year due to the water shortage following this summer's drought. It was replaced by a non-competitive Non-Chal-



lenge of the Lions .05k event in which participants dressed in 1960s style clothing.

The annual Rolle Bolle tournament drew 19 teams and 13 novice participants. That number was down slightly from average years due to the absence of Canadian players that nor-

mally participate because of pandemic restrictions. But it was still a successful year with so many competitors.

The 15th annual Ghent Cruisers annual Car Show drew 106 vehicles and a large crowd this year.

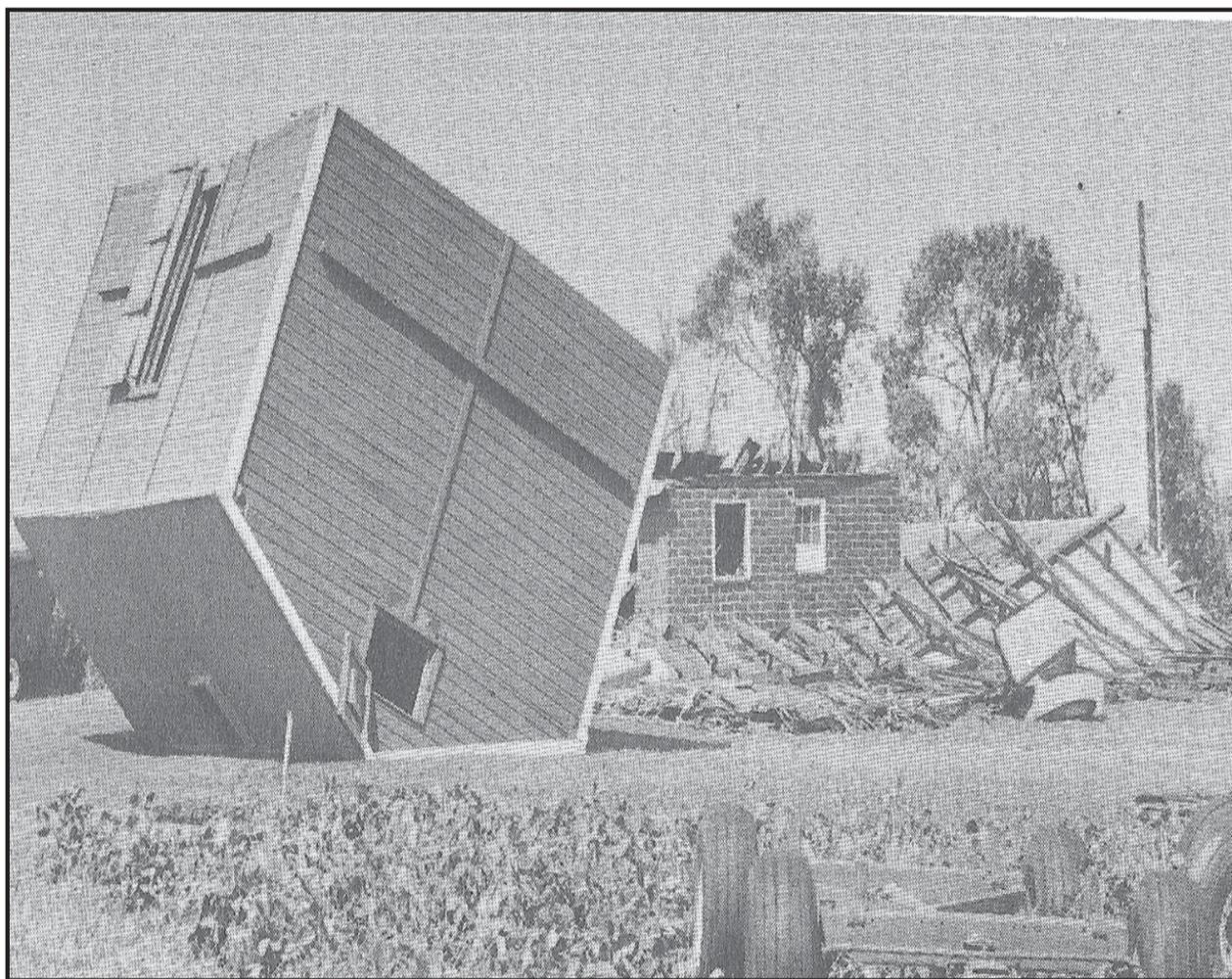
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Lyon County Historical Museum Collection

A windstorm in 1979 cut a path of destruction through this local farmland. The storm also uprooted trees and damaged roofs in Minneota. Contributed by Lyon County Historical Museum

From the Mascot Files

100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 Years Ago (August 12, 1921)

Wheat prospects good, small grains are not

On farms outside of Minneota, it has been reported that wheat prospects are good and that the wheat yield is going to be fair, both as to amount and quality. Other small grains will not do so well, farmers reported. S. Th. Josephson told the Mascot that he threshed 10 bushels of 67-pound wheat and 21 bushels of oats to the acre. We are also informed that Knute Kompelien received 18 bushels of wheat and 50 bushels of oats. Experts say that the wheat crop for this region will fall well short of what was expected.

75 Years Ago (August 16, 1946)

Work progressing on new hatchery building

Dr. Kerr's Hatcheries, where 2,000,000 chicks were hatched last year, will be able to raise almost 200,000 chicks to the age of three weeks when the building now being erected near the other hatchery buildings is completed. Last year's record hatch was by far the largest since the hatchery started in business six years ago, and each year Dr. Kerr has been compelled to build and add equipment due to the great demand for his three-week old chicks. The building now under construction will be 148' x 40'.

Addition nearly complete at A.B. Tracy Company

Within the next week or two, the 70' x 80' addition to the plant of A.B. Tracy Co., Inc., will be completed, giving Minneota one of the

largest poultry dressing and packing plants in this area. New automatic poultry picking machinery has already been installed in the old part of the plant, and an addition, 12' x 20' has been built onto the cooling and freezing system.

Mascot prints four-page paper as staff vacations

This four-page issue of the Mascot was printed last Saturday, so that the staff might enjoy a full week's vacation. Not as much news and advertising as usual is printed in this issue because of the limited time in which we had to prepare copy and advertising and print the paper. A four-page paper also helps us conserve paper, a commodity that is much harder to obtain now than during the war.

50 Years Ago (August 12, 1971)

Mrs. Geiwitz heads up Welcome Wagon

Mrs. Robert Geiwitz has been appointed the representative in this community by Welcome Wagon International. Mrs. Geiwitz, on behalf of her sponsors here in Minneota, will take religious and civic information to the families on whom she calls. With her baskets of gifts, she will extend for those sponsors to the people of the community the old-fashioned hospitality for which Welcome Wagon is so well known.

County's farms down 197 from five years ago

Lyon County showed a total of 1,361 farms in the 1969 Census of Agriculture, according to figures released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. In the previous Census of

Agriculture in 1964, the number of farms in this county was 1,558. The report also shows average farm size in the county was 310.6 acres, and average value of these farms, including land and buildings, was \$77,491.

Temperature hits 100; drought continues here

Weather in these parts this past week has been exceedingly warm and exceedingly dry with no rain, though the skies were overcast and there was some thunder rumbling. A small amount of rain was reported on Wednesday morning. The high temperature here was recorded at 100 degrees, last Friday, and the low was 46 degrees the following morning.

Low nursing home bid comes in at \$705,937

When bids for construction of the nursing home for Minneota were opened at a special meeting of the council last Thursday evening, it was learned that the total of the apparent low bid was \$705,937. This was just about \$100,000 higher than it had been estimated it would cost to erect the 87-bed structure. In all, there were three general bids tendered, three electrical and three mechanical.

25 Years Ago (August 14, 1996)

City Council filings to open on Aug. 27

Filings for positions on the Minneota City Council will open on Tuesday, Aug. 27 and will close on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Four positions will be open for this city's election. The two-year mayor's term, presently held by Paul Larson, will need to be filled. Larson informed

the community that he will not seek re-election. Three positions on the Council will also have to be filled. They include a four-year term presently held by Eric Bot; a four-year term presently held by Jerry Bottelberghe; and a two-year term presently held by Joe Johnson.

Minneota completes new Rolle Bolle courts

Monday, July 29 was the first time that the new Rolle Bolle courts were officially put into use. The new courts are located in Eastwood Park, where Minneota's ice skating rink used to be. The actual construction of the courts was provided by Minneota City employees. The former Rolle Bolle courts were in downtown Minneota across the street from Dalager's where the new car wash is located.

New sporting event planned for Bug Days

The Boxelder Bug Days celebration is taking shape very nicely, with a few new events to draw everyone's attention. The sport of wrist-wrestling will be coming to Bug Days on Saturday, Sept. 7 in the Memorial Park parking lot. There are weight classes for both men and women. Trophies will be given to the top two places in each class. This is not arm wrestling, but wrist wrestling which is becoming increasingly popular.

Roxbury Drive band to begin Bug Days festivities

Roxbury Drive, which features local musicians Todd Sonnenburg and Nona Gottskalsen, will begin the Boxelder Bug Days weekend festivities with an outdoor dance on Friday, Sept. 6. The event will be held behind Bubba's Bar and will be held from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Outside Looking In



By Scott Thoma

Bringing it back

With fall sports soon getting underway, it triggered a memory of something I had read in one of the back issues of the Mascot while I was searching for a different piece of history.

In 1929, Minneota High School was considering returning football to the field after having been played briefly before World War I. Because of economic hardships, however, many of the town's taxpayers were against the sport resuming.

But despite the protests, the sport did return, and the school board approved the purchase of 22 new uniforms that they were able to get at a special rate of \$20 apiece.

Minneota hired Leander Knaus to be the team's coach and the first game that year took place in neighboring Ivanhoe on a windy Friday afternoon in late September.

No one expected Minneota to field a good team that year with so many young and small kids on the squad. Even the sports editor for the school newspaper predicted Ivanhoe would dominate and that it would take a miracle for Minneota to win.

And those predictions rang true as Ivanhoe clobbered the local team by a score of 73-0. Minneota took consolation in the fact that it limited its opponent to only three touchdowns in the second half, while allowing eight in the first half.

Ivanhoe was coached by Horace Frisby, who held that position for over 40 years.

Minneota's starting offensive lineup for the opening game was Adolph Kolflat, left end; Orval Orsen, left tackle; Richard Steenhoven, left guard; James O'Connor, center; James Kiley, right guard; Joe Peterson, right tackle; Cecil Peterson, right end; Glen A. Hoag, quarterback; Selmer Glaim, left halfback; Bjarne Grong, right halfback; Carl Christianson, fullback.

Others on the team that year were Harry Tillemans, Phil Tillemans, Ed Ahern, Eric Sanderson, Joe Josefson, Carl Swanson, Edward Buretta, Edward Severson, and Phil Grandpre.

Minneota finished with only one win that season, 34-13 over Hendricks in the fourth game. But that was the start of what has developed into one of the most powerful and consistent teams of any size in the state.

Minneota opens the football season on Thursday, Sept. 2 against Adrian. The volleyball team opens on Sept. 2 at Lakeview (Cottonwood), and the boys and girls cross country teams begin the season on Monday, Aug. 30 with a meet at Lakeview.

More events

Following the success of Belgian-American Days in Ghent, this week features the Lyon County Fair (Aug. 11-14) in Marshall, Ivanhoe's 50th annual Polish Days (Aug. 13-15), Porter's Harvest Fest (Aug. 21-22), the Minnesota State Fair (Aug. 26-Sept. 6) and Minneota's Boxelder Bug Days (Sept. 10-11).

The Lyon County Fair, which was not held last year, will again feature things for the entire family to do. The free events include the midway, a one-man band, Silly Miss Tilly, Ralco Enrichment Center, pig races, a strong man performance, pedal tractor contest, baton twirlers, Champions Forever basketball dribbling family, and Wheels of Agriculture.

Bands scheduled to perform are the White Sidewalls, Cody Hicks Band, Hicktown Mafia, Jason Pritchett, and Red Dirt Road.

And, of course, there are the 4-H exhibits and animals that began back in July and the ribbon awards will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15.

There are still plenty of things to do this summer, but it's winding down quickly. It's been a much more enjoyable summer with the county fairs and town festivities returning from last year's pandemic shutdown.



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COUNTY BOARD MEETING

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Board opens door for UCAP program

By Tara Brandl
Lyon County Reporter

The Lyon County Board of Commissioners on Monday approved a resolution for United Community Action Program to operate the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) for the next two years. The program has been in operation for many years and runs on a two-year cycle.

The grant is \$919,000 for two years.

"It is a program to help eligible households get caught up on things like rent, utilities, etc. to prevent homelessness, and also to help people that can't avoid eviction help move into safe housing," said Angela Larson, Family Services Director

with UCAP.

UCAP operates the program in a 13-county area in southwest Minnesota. UCAP needs permission from each county to operate the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program grant.

Eligibility guidelines are 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines based on the person's household family size. There is also a local advisory committee that helps determine the parameters of the program.

In other board news:

- The board approved the City of Cottonwood law enforcement contract for 2022-2024. The rate increases followed those approved by the board on June 1, 2021 includ-

ing a 1.5 percent increase in 2022, 1.5 percent in 2023 and 2 percent in 2024.

- The board approved a joint powers agreement for joint ditch 20A with Murray County for financing the cost of improvements and repairs. Landowners in Lyon County will have a share of \$268,820.03 to be paid with interest over 15 years starting in 2022. Landowners do have the ability to prepay full or part.

- Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer E.J. Moberg gave the board an update on redistricting. The census numbers have not been released, so the county cannot make any changes at this time.

"The biggest thing is how the city (Marshall) comes in with their wards," county adminis-

trator Loren Stomberg said.

The redistricting deadline for the county is April 26, 2022.

- The board approved a motion to authorize the auditor/treasurer to use Ehlers to provide advisory services relating to the county's prospective use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies that have been awarded.

- The board discussed two bids for the uninterrupted power supply battery replacement for the jail controls. The low quote was from EASTON UPS Service for \$35,045. The board tabled the discussion until the next meeting so more information on the life of the battery and replacement schedule could be obtained.

MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID-19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES

(Approved by the Minneota School Board on Aug. 2, 2021)

MASKS ON BUSES - The U.S. Department of Transportation has mandated masks on all buses until further notice.

MASKS IN SCHOOL - Masks will be optional for all students and staff. The school board, administration, and staff will support anyone who decides to mask or not mask.

SPACING - No special spacing will be used throughout the school day, including lunch and recess.

POSITIVE CARE - Students/staff who test positive will stay home for a minimum of 10 days from the first symptoms or the positive test date, whichever occurred first.

CLOSE CONTACT - The school staff will inform students and staff of close contacts to a positive case. The parents will decide if their child will stay home or continue to come to school. MPS will follow the same procedure for athletics and activities.

If a student is unvaccinated and resides in the same household with a positive case, that student will be sent home for a minimum of 24 hours. After 24 hours have elapsed (and if the child shows no symptoms), the parents will decide if their child will stay home or return to school.

If the student is in the same household and is vaccinated, he/she will not be considered a close contact.

COVID ROOM - If a student shows multiple symptoms that are COVID-related, he/she will be brought to the COVID room until the parent can come and pick the child up.

DISTANCE LEARNING - Distance learning is no longer an option as executive order 20-82 has expired. Teachers will provide students with homework when requested, and school policies pertaining to illness will be followed.

SANITIZATION - All areas of the school will be sanitized daily, and hand sanitizer will still be available. Frequent hand washing will be encouraged.

Minneota Public Schools reserves the right to change these mitigation strategies at any time if deemed necessary.

Minneota Memorial Run is Aug. 21

The 20th annual Minneota Memorial Run, promoting motorcycle safety awareness, has been set for Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021.

Registration will be from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the back of City Hall Bar & Grill along Highway 68 in Minneota.

Proceeds will benefit Prairie Home Hospice and ABATE Buffalo Ridge Chapter. Lunch will be available by City Hall Bar & Grill during registration. T-shirts will be for sale the day of the Run. Currently, they can

be purchased at Brad's Market until Aug. 20.

Friends and family members of road and highway accident victims in the Southwest Minnesota area who want to keep their memories alive established this event. This event is not only for motorcycles, but all vehicles. After all, we all share the road.

The Run will be leaving Minneota at noon and making planned stops in the following towns: Dawson, Appleton, Montevideo, Granite Falls,

Cottonwood and then back to Minneota. The run is approximately 135 miles.

After the Run, everyone will meet behind City Hall Bar & Grill to share memories, stories, food, drink, music, prizes and have an overall good time. From 5:30-6:30 p.m. the City Hall Bar & Grill will be serving a Pork Sandwich meal (included with registration). Meal can also be purchased by the general public, too.

There will be a program at 6:30 p.m., followed by door

prizes and live music by Broken Oak from 7:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

A memorial plaque has been dedicated to our lost loved ones and hangs on the wall in the Minneota Community Center with their names inscribed. If you have lost someone in a motor vehicle accident and are interested in having his or her name added to the plaque, or for more information on the Run, call Eriann Faris at 507-530-3573.

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Volunteers, blood donors needed

Many weather experts predict a destructive disaster season this year. The American Red Cross needs volunteers to help on the ground in the face of a busy disaster season and blood donors to roll up a sleeve to maintain a stable blood supply in the face of emergencies.

"We're preparing for another extremely busy disaster season, and it's critical to have a trained, ready volunteer workforce to make sure we can provide relief at a moment's notice," said Katie Webster, Regional Disaster Officer for the American Red Cross Minnesota and Dakotas Region. "This year's wildfire season is already very active and dangerous because of the severe drought and dry woodlands across the west. And experts are predicting we could see 10 or more hurricanes in the upcoming weeks."

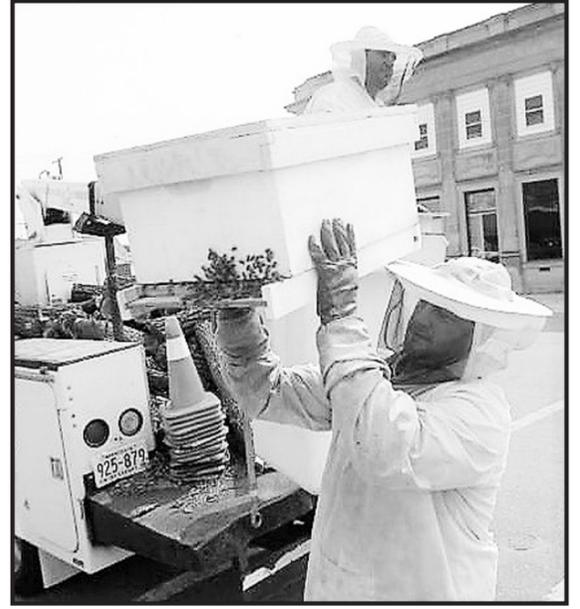
Wildfires, record-breaking heat and a busy hurricane season can also impact the nation's blood supply. On top of the toll extreme weather events take on the lives of millions, disasters can cause blood drive closures or prevent donors from being able to give safely. Eligible donors can help overcome the critical need for blood and ensure blood is readily available by making an appointment to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Upcoming local blood donation opportunities:

- Aug. 25 - Lake Benton: 1:30-6:30 p.m. at Community and Event Center, 114 S. Center St.
- Aug. 25 - Marshall: Noon-7 p.m. at Red Baron Arena and Expo, 1651 Victory Drive
- Aug. 26 - Ivanhoe: 1-7 p.m. at Bethany Elim Lutheran Church, 102 S. Highway 5
- Aug. 26 - Marshall: 1-6 p.m. at Lyon County Library, 201 C. St.



Jerik Gossen, left, and Brandon Hennen are all smiles after luring the bees into a hive. Contributed photo



After Brandon Hennen and Jerik Gossen bring the hive down to the ground, many of the bees follow and continue to enter the hive. Contributed photo

Bees

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"We probably got 90 percent of them into the hive. It was the craziest thing. They just marched into the hive one after another like ants."

Hennen took the bees to where he has his other hives. A few days later, Hennen

noticed a small golf-ball sized swarm of bees back at the top of the building, but not big enough for a need to remove them.

This was the third swarm of bees that Hennen has had to remove from a building or property this summer.

Specialized Agricultural License Plate contest announced

FFA and 4-H Members encouraged to help design the upcoming specialized agricultural license plate.

As the legislative session came to completion, the specialized agriculture plate passed as part of the transportation bill. This legislation allows Minnesotans to purchase

the specialized agricultural plate in early 2022. The plate has an annual contribution of \$20 that will go to support agricultural programs as provided by FFA and 4-H programs.

To celebrate the upcoming plate and to kick off the contest, FFA and 4-H members, Governor Walz and legislators who

had supported the bill gathered on August 4th at Farmfest to make the announcement.

Members are encouraged to submit designs as part of the contest. One member's design will be chosen. Creativity is encouraged as they design an image that depicts the lands and activities related to agriculture.

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Monday, August 16
Medallion Hunt Begins:
Clues will be announced daily until found at Porter Café, and our Facebook page!

Friday, August 20
Concession Stand and Beer Garden open at Schoneman Memorial Park

- 5:00 - 7:00 at Porter Cafe: Porter Development Supper and Fundraiser
- 6:00 - at Schoneman Memorial Park: City-wide Lawn Mower Fun Run
Contact: Charlie Anderson - (605) 695-6240
- 7:00 at Schoneman Memorial Park: Opening Ceremonies by American Legion
- 7:05 at Schoneman Memorial Park: North versus South Co-ed Softball Game
Contact: Mark Anderson - North of the tracks (Hwy 68) - (507) 829-7857
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- 7:30 at Schoneman Memorial Park: Senior Citizen King and Queen Coronation
- 8:00 - midnight at Schoneman Memorial Park: Family Music and Entertainment

August 20, 21 & 22 PORTER 2021 Harvest Festival
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Medallion Hunt #2
We lost it again!
Beginning at 10:00 am Saturday, clues will be posted at the Concession Stand on the hour until the medallion is found!
Bring the Medallion to the Concession Stand to claim your prize!

Saturday, August 21
Concession Stand and Beer Garden open at Schoneman Memorial Park

- 8:00 at Schoneman Memorial Park: Wood Bat Softball Tournament Begins
Contact: Bryce Hansen (320) 305-9015
- 8:00 - 12:00 at Porter Café and CutLoose Bar: Breakfast Food and Drink Specials
- 9:00 - 1:00 at Porter Hall: Vendor and Craft Fair - \$10 fee per vendor. setup inside and outside the Porter Hall
Contact: Kayla Watson (507) 829-6745
- 9:00 at Schoneman Memorial Park: 5k Cross Country Race and Stroll and Roll around town
Registration at 8:00 AM at the Picnic Shelter in the Park
Contact: Eric Dybsetter (507) 828-8226
- 12:00 at 300 Block of North Sunrise: Kiddy Tractor Pull
- 7:00 - 4:00 at 300 Block of North Sunrise Ave - Tractor and Equipment Show
Anything Goes! Registration at 7:00 Games, Activities throughout the day
Kettle popcorn, food and refreshments available on the grounds
4:00 - Parade around the park Contact: Ken or Linda Hennen (507) 296-4616
- 1:00 - 3:00 on North side of Schoneman Memorial Park: Kid's Mini-Carnival and Activities
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- 4:00 - 7:00 at Schoneman Memorial Park: Burger Feed
- 4:30 at Schoneman Memorial Park: Kid's Water Fights - Fire Department Style!
- 5:30 at Schoneman Memorial Park: Bean Bag Tournament - \$20.00 Entry Fee
Register and Pay: 7:00 - 8:00 Friday and 9:00 - 11:00 Saturday at the Beer Garden
- 9:00 - midnight at Cut Loose Bar: It's a Parking Lot Party and Dance with DJ Steve Coequyt

Sunday, August 22
Concession Stand and Beer Garden open at Schoneman Memorial Park (beer after 12:00)

- Wood Bat Softball Tournament Continues
- 8:00 - 12:00 at Porter Café: Amazing Breakfast Specials
- 10:00 at Bethel Lutheran Church: Church Services and Fellowship - All are Welcome!
- 12:00 at Porter Trail Dusters Saddle Club: Fun Horse Show and competitions
All are welcome to enter the competitions, inquire at the announcers booth
- 12:00 at Schoneman Memorial Park Shelter: Grilling Competition: Buy a plate to vote! Proceeds will benefit the Porter Senior Dining Fund.
Cost for a plate and voting rights: \$10.00 only 100 plates available
Contact: Bob Merritt: (507) 296-4436 Serving starts at Noon - No Wild Game Please
- 1:00 at Schoneman Memorial Park Shelter: Porter Survivor: Olympic Edition
- 2:00 - 5:00 at Porter Hall: Old-Time Ice Cream, Homemade Pie and BBQ
Event by Bethel Lutheran Church
- 3:00 at 300 Block of North Sunrise: Two Cylinder Tractor Drive - Bring your tractor for a drive or anyone can jump on a wagon for a ride.

New 2021 T-Shirts will be available all weekend!

Visit Porter's Website for updates and additional information
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Interested in Getting Involved?
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



August

Thursday, Aug. 12

All day - Lyon County Fair, Marshall
10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center
1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center
5-7 p.m. - Minneota Farmer's Market at Veterans Park

Friday, Aug. 13

All day - Lyon County Fair, Marshall
All day - 50th annual Polish Days, Ivanhoe
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Minneota Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center

Saturday, Aug. 14

All day - Lyon County Fair, Marshall
All day - 50th annual Polish Days, Ivanhoe

Sunday, Aug. 15

All day - Lyon County Fair, Marshall
All day - 50th annual Polish Days, Ivanhoe

Monday, Aug. 16

TBD - High school football, volleyball, boys & girls cross country first day of practice
1 p.m. - Mahjong at Minneota Senior Center

Tuesday, Aug. 17

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center
6 p.m. - FLY meeting in conference room at Minneota Public School
6:30 p.m. - Minneota School Board meeting in conference room

Wednesday, Aug. 18

6:30 p.m. - Camden State Park painting class at north picnic shelter. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, Aug. 19

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center
1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center
5-7 p.m. - Minneota Farmer's Market at Veterans Park

Friday, Aug. 20

12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Minneota Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center

Saturday, Aug. 21

All day - Harvest Fest, Porter

Sunday, Aug. 22

All day - Harvest Fest, Porter

Summer has been fun at the library

By Gail Perrizo

It has been a great summer at the Library. Kudos to all families and individuals that have been coming to the library, getting books to read, and attending the story hours. We had a variety of presenters and crafts, and great participation.

Our summer reading program continues through Aug. 31 with the grand prize drawing held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1. The goal to read at least 40 hours over the summer has been surpassed by many of the young readers signed up for our program. With each reading log that they have turned in, they have been able to enter their name for the

drawing.

Thank you to those who attended our first reading in our "Minneota Connections" series. It was fun to see such a good turnout. Thanks to Sara Dovre Wudali and Michael Kleber-Diggs for sharing their poetry with us.

Please join us on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. to hear Dave Pichaske discuss his book, "Secret Places of Southwest Minnesota." Dave will share with us his latest poetry as well.

What's new at the library? We continue to add new and popular books in both the adult and juvenile departments. Minneota Library also offers digital resources provided through the Plum Creek

Library System. The following databases have just been added: Auto Repair Source, Consumer Reports, Legal Information Reference Center, and Novelist Plus. If you visit the Minneota Public Library's home page on the internet, you will find links to these online resources. Are you a crafter? Creative Bug is also available. These services are free to those with a library card.

Scholastic has added more digital resources. For the past year, we have had access (with a library card) to BookFlix, ScienceFlix and Watch and Learn. Now, we can use TrueFlix, FreedomFlix, and Teachables. Visit the webpage to read descriptions of these offerings. If

you homeschool, you will find a great resource in Teachables.

More and more, libraries are offering electronic books to check out. Electronic books and audiobooks can be checked out on the Libby App that is available on the web page. Libby allows one to borrow e-books and audiobooks.

Lyon County patrons also have access to Hoopla, and we've been informed that Hoopla is now available on Roku. In addition to the movies and TV shows already viewable, hoopla's Roku app now makes audiobooks available through a patron's television. Patrons can access more content throughout the comfort of their home.

With Angel Wings to host Remembrance Walk/Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 25 and join local non-profit "With Angel Wings" in a day of honoring and celebrating all loved ones who are missed.

The day will begin at Triangle Park in Canby, with a Loving, Polite & Silly 5k Remembrance Run/Walk, followed by a butterfly release, kid's games, bean bag tournament and a meal.

If a 5k isn't your thing you can still walk in honor of a loved one by participating in the Memorial Mile that will be set up inside the park. Vendors, grief and mental health resources and more will also add to the day's activities.

Opportunities to honor a

loved one will be available through a donation that will provide a specialized memorial sign to be displayed during the event, loved one's name on the back of event t-shirts, submitting a photo for a tribute video to be played during the event and posted to the "With Angel Wings" website and social media, participating in a butterfly release, as well as a special memorial craft that will take place the day of.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m. with the Loving, Polite & Silly 5K and Memorial Mile beginning at 3 p.m. Activities, bean bag tournament and meal will follow.

More information can be

found on our website www.withangelwings.com or by visiting the Loving, Polite & Silly 5K Remembrance Run/Walk on Facebook. Register for the event and t-shirt today by visiting www.withangelwings.com and click on the Remembrance Walk page under the Events tab. All t-shirt and memorial sign orders are due by September 2, 2021.

All proceeds for this event will go to support the With Angel Wings mission of providing continual emotional and financial support while creating a safe-haven to families experiencing grief related to all aspects of child loss, include infant and pregnancy loss, medical condition, accidents, and sudden death.

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6 ears corn, husked
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1/2 cup scallions, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 potatoes, cut into chunks
1 jalapeno pepper, minced
1 1/2 cups milks
1 1/2 cups vegetable broth
1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
Pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS
Remove corn kernels from cobs and place in a bowl. Scrape "milk" from cobs into bowl with the kernels. In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat. Add onion, scallions and garlic; cook until soft, about three minutes. Add corn kernels, corn milk, potatoes and jalapeno. Stirring frequently, cook for 10 minutes. Add milk, broth and reserved cob. Simmer until potatoes are completely soft and soup is slightly thick, about 15 to 20 minutes. Season with cilantro and pepper.

— Minneota Area Community Churches —

<p>Healing Waters Parish Augustana, Clarkfield; Bergen, Clarkfield; St. Lucas Lutheran, Cottonwood</p> <p>Worship Times: Augustana Lutheran Church: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Bergen Lutheran Church: Sundays at 9 a.m. St. Lucas Lutheran Church: Sundays at 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>Vicar Mort Meyenburg Church Contact No. 320-841-1085</p>	<p>St. Leo Catholic Church St. Leo, MN</p> <p>Mass Times: See Bulletin</p> <p>Father Ron Huberty Parochial Vicars: Fr. Michael Doyle and Fr. Keith Salisbury</p>	<p>hopelutheran87@gmail.com Church Contact No. 507-872-6446</p> <p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church Minneota</p> <p>Worship Times: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Allen Campbell Church Secretary: Chris Pesch hopelutheran87@gmail.com Church Contact No. 507-872-6446</p>	<p>Church Contact No. 507-428-3285</p> <p>Bethel Fellowship Church Hwy 68 - Minneota</p> <p>Ephesians 2:8 - By grace you are saved.</p> <p>Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School 8:50-9:45 a.m. Wednesdays: Kids' Zone 6-7:20 p.m.; Prayer and Devotional 7:30 p.m. Pastor Thomas Nomeland Contact No. 507-828-1637</p>
<p>Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church PO Box 119, 101 Main Street, Hanley Falls www.yellowmedicinelutheran.org</p> <p>Worship Time: All Sunday services are in-person and also live-streamed at 9 a.m. Sundays on Facebook (visit Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church). Please watch the website and Facebook for more information.</p> <p>Church: 507-768-3417 Pastor Steve Quist: (507) 337-0068 Tim Velde, Lay Minister: (507) 828-5343</p>	<p>Winds of the Prairie Ministry Bethany Lutheran, Arco and Bethany-Elm Lutheran, Ivanhoe</p> <p>Worship Times: Online Worship see Facebook page.</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Greathouse Cell #: 330-234-1317 pastorgreathouse@gmail.com Church Contact No. 507-694-1238 windsministry@gmail.com</p> <p>Hope Lutheran Church Minneota www.hopeminneota.org</p> <p>Worship Times: Sunday, August 15: Worship at 9 a.m.</p> <p>Pastor Allen Campbell Church Secretary Chris Pesch:</p>	<p>Hemnes Lutheran Church Rural Minneota</p> <p>Sunday Worship Minneota Manor Worship, 2:30 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month. Pastor Ellen Munter</p> <p>St. Eloi Catholic Church Ghent, MN</p> <p>Mass Times: Thursday, August 12: Mass at the convent at Noon Friday, August 13: Mass at the convent at Noon Saturday, August 14: Mass at the convent at noon Sunday, August 15: Mass at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Father Todd Petersen</p>	<p>St. Edward Catholic Church Minneota</p> <p>Mass Times: Thursday, August 12: Mass at 7 a.m., Adoration from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, August 14: Mass at 5:30 p.m., confession 4:45 p.m. Sunday, August 15: Mass at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 18: Mass at 10:30 a.m., Teen Talk from 8-9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Father Todd Petersen Church Contact No. 507-872-6346</p>

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Thursday, August 12, 2021

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Bridal Showers

All are welcome to a Come and Go Bridal Shower honoring Alyssa Otto, bride to be of Grant Everson, on Saturday, August 14th from 10 a.m. - noon at our home, Paul & Beth Otto, 1913 260th Street, Ivanhoe.

Come and celebrate this special time in their lives. The couple is registered at Amazon, Bed Bath & Beyond and Target.

Join us for a come-and-go Bridal Shower honoring the marriage of Julie VanKeulen to Dallas Moore on Sunday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. in the St. Edward's Knights Hall in Minneota. Come and celebrate this special time in their lives. The couple is registered at Amazon.

Notice of Hearing

42-PR-21-718
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF LYON
DISTRICT COURT FIFTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 42-PR-21-279

In Re: Estate of Peter D. Haugen, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 8, 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 adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirs and the decedent, and for the appointment for Frederick Day, whose address is 203 West 4th Street, Minneota, Minnesota 56264 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: 8/1/21
Judge Michelle Diedrich

Dated: 8/1/21
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Location: Canby
Application Deadline: Open until filled
Applicants to complete: Agency's Employment application
Applicants must complete and pass a background check prior to offer of employment.

Interested applicants should send application & resume to:

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This position works to promote societal acceptance, inclusion, and equal access by empowering individuals with disabilities with IL resources and services. Primary job functions: providing IL skills training, advocacy assistance, career consultation, and peer counseling services to individuals with disabilities including youth in schools and adults in the community.

Skills needed: Must be able to work independently, have knowledge of disabilities and their characteristics, reliable transportation, and pass a DHS background study.

Persons with disabilities are strongly urged to apply.
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To apply, send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to: IL Program Manager, SWCIL, 109 S. 5th Street, #700, Marshall MN 56258 or swcil@swcil.com. SWCIL is an equal opportunity employer.

Public Meetings

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District (YMRWD) Board of Managers has scheduled a public hearing to present and receive comments on the District 2022 proposed budget and levy. The hearing will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021 with staff at the YMRWD Office, 122 North Jefferson Street, Minneota, MN. Details regarding the proposed budget can be received by contacting the Administrator. Written comments will be accepted through Friday, August 13 and can be mailed to P.O. Box 267, Minneota, MN 56264 or emailed to admin@ymrwd.org Call 507-872-6720 with questions.

Michelle Overholser, YMRWD Administrator

Flexible Learning Year Meeting, also known as a FLY Meeting, on August 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the conference room at the Minneota Public Schools.

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Rust a must for rat rods

Kilpatrick enjoys bringing his creation to car shows

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As a little boy asked if he could sit in his truck, Lee Kilpatrick readily accepted and opened the driver's door for him.

The little boy's eyes lit up while simultaneously and big smile crossed his face as he turned the steering back and forth as if he was driving down the road.

Without hesitation, Kilpatrick turned and said "This is why I do this."

Kilpatrick had brought his Rat Rod to the Ghent Car Cruisers annual car show as part of the Belgian-American Days festivities.

"This is the sixth year I've come here," Kilpatrick said, pointing to his five previous dashboard plates that he received each year for participating.

Kilpatrick didn't garner one of the Rat Rod Awards this

year, but he has won three other times in Ghent.

There's a story behind every one of the cars, trucks, tractor and motorcycles that people bring to a car show. Some of the stories about how the participants acquired their vehicle, restored it, or built it from scratch are quite involved, while others are simplistic.

Kilpatrick, who lives in Taunton, and his nephew, Chris Moen, decided one day around 15 years ago to put together a Rat Rod.

A Rat Rod is considered a custom vehicle with a deliberately worn-down, unfinished appearance, typically lacking paint, showing rust, and made from cheap or cast-off parts. These parts can include non-automotive items that have been repurposed, such as using a tire iron as a gear shifter, wrenches for door handles, and old saws as sun visors. A Rat Rod will always take on the personality of its owner by the

imagination put into it. Kilpatrick purchased a frame he found in Montevideo from a 1984 Ford Ranger.

He then found the cab in Dawson that was badly damaged.

"It was leaning up against a tree in the mud," Kilpatrick said. "The roof was all caved in and there was no glass. It took me over an hour to pound the dents out of the roof."

The floor was cut out in order for the cab portion to sit lower on the frame.

That's the fun of putting together a rat rod; finding old parts and putting them together like a puzzle. The finished product doesn't have to be a thing of beauty.

The motor came from an old fire department training truck in Boyd. Kilpatrick's rat rod is now propelled by a 300 Ford 4.7-liter engine.

"It goes 103 miles per hour," Kilpatrick said proudly.

Previously, the steering



Lee Kilpatrick of Taunton sits on his Rat Rod at the Ghent Cruisers Car Show on Saturday. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

wheel on Kilpatrick's rat rod was a tire chain welded together in a circular shape, but Kilpatrick had to replace it with one that was easier on his hands.

"This truck doesn't have

power steering so the chain would hurt my hands after driving it awhile," he said.

Kilpatrick is continually adding things to his vehicle, including five drive shafts, four for appearances sake.

He added a horn recently and Kilpatrick showed the young boy how to push the button to set off the horn, which he did repeatedly.

And both the boy and the truck owner smiled.

Borson

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Also, an accomplished self-taught sculptor, Borson create a wall-mounted sculpture of that theme, featuring a purple-spotted cow with wings, flying over the moon, against a starry backdrop.

"I put a device in it the sculpture so that if you touch the cow's chest, it will 'Moo,'" Borson revealed.

Based off that sculpture and

the "Hey Diddle Diddle" nursery rhyme, Borson created the story of Astra for his grandson, Ben, 20 years ago. During the pandemic, he began learning Adobe Illustrator so he could illustrate the book.

"I've always fancied myself as a writer, not an illustrator," he said. "I was always using one side of my brain and now I had to use the other side of my brain. It was great fun, though, and totally absorbing."

He created numerous colorful illustrations to go along

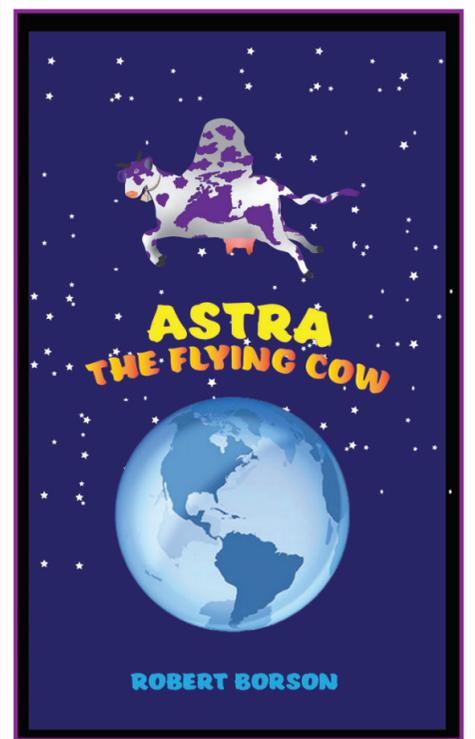
with the equally colorful characters in his story who help Astra escape captivity from a traveling circus.

"After all the time I've spent with Astra -- sculpting her, writing her story, illustrating her -- Astra is not a fictional character," Borson proclaimed. "In my mind she is as real as any of the cow I knew as a kid."

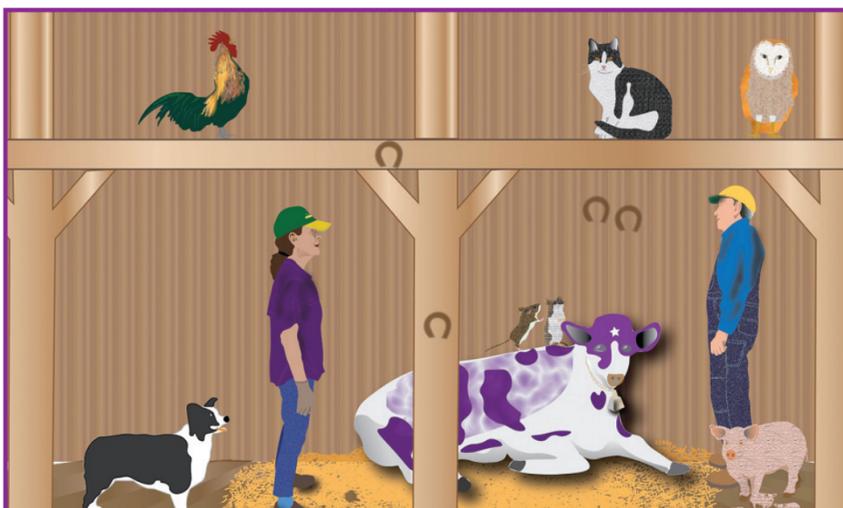
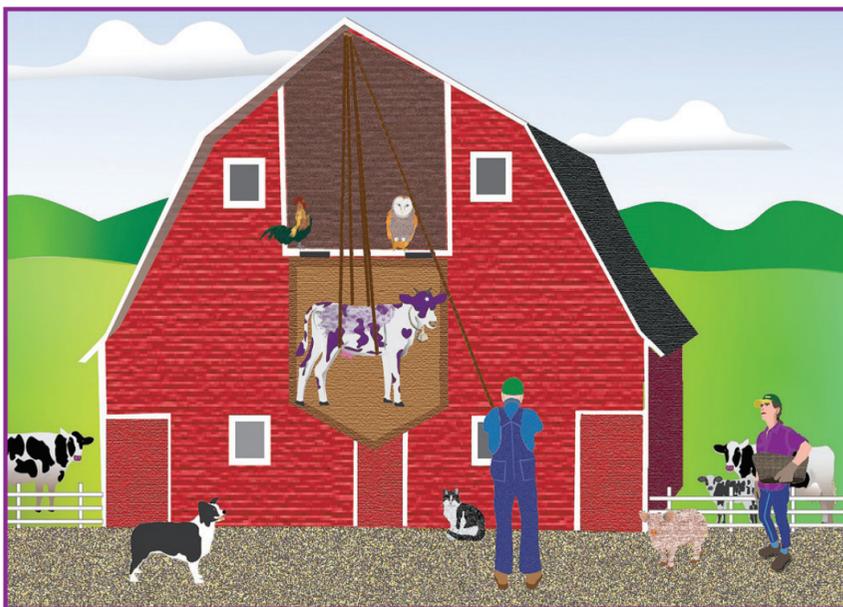
Astra the Flying Cow is now available on Amazon as either a 64-page paperback or an eBook. It can be seen here: <https://tinyurl.com/u8hff6b>.



This is one of the sculptures Borson made called "Newsboy Angel", which is now a part of the art collection at Birmingham's Civil Rights Institute. Contributed photo



The cover of Borson's new book he wrote and illustrated. Contributed photo



These are some of the many illustrations Borson learned to make via Adobe Illustration. Contributed photos

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