



Left to right: Canby/Minneota runners Claire Stoks, Braelyn Merritt and Grace Drietz, shown running here in the Section 3A cross country meet on Thursday, all qualified for the state meet this Saturday. Contributed photo

## C/M advances 5 to state

3 girls, 2 boys to compete Saturday in Northfield

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Canby/Minneota will send five of its runners to next week's state cross country meet after they qualified at the Section 3A meet Thursday at Lac qui Parle Valley High School.

Both the C/M boys' and girls' teams finished third in the section meet, just missing a chance to compete at state. The top two teams and top six individuals not from those top two teams advance to the state meet

Saturday, Nov. 6 at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

The three C/M girls qualifying were Grace Drietz, Claire Stoks and Braelyn Merritt, who finished sixth, seventh and eighth overall, respectively. Merritt and Stoks ran in personal best times to advance.

Zach Ourada and Kolton Duis qualified for the boys' state meet, finishing sixth and ninth overall, respectively. Ourada also ran a personal best time.

Although the C/M teams

didn't advance to state, they each ran exceptionally well at the sectional meet. The only other school besides Canby/Minneota that finished in the top three in both the boys' and girls' races was Luverne.

"We knew it was going to be close for our boys," said C/M coach Allyson Pesek. "We, of course, were hoping for that top two, but ultimately everyone had great races. We are proud of their season and all they accomplished."

"For the girls, we were hop-

ing for top five," Pesek added. "Again, top two is the goal, but we knew Luverne and Murray County Central would be hard to challenge. We were very pleased to be within nine points of second place."

Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd finished first in the boys' race with 75 points, followed by Luverne with 81 and Canby/Minneota with 93.

### Cross Country

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## If you bring treats, they will be there

Over 250 costumed kids visit Trunk or Treat event

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A nearly perfect October morning helped entice over 250 costumed kids to the back parking lot of the St. Edward's School for the annual Trunk or Treat event.

The event, which was cancelled last year because of COVID restrictions, was sponsored by Parent Excited About Catholic Education (PEACE).

Around 10-12 vehicles were on hand to pass out treats and each was decorated in a different theme.

"What a beautiful day," said one person after another as they walked with their children from vehicle to vehicle to fill their treat bags with goodies.

The temperature reached 60 degrees with sunshine and little wind. The event was held from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The costumes this year were among the most unique since Trunk or Treat was started a



Rhonda Buysse was one of several vehicle owners who passed out treats to over 250 costumed children Saturday during the local Trunk or Treat. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

few years ago.

There were Vikings, monsters, witches, dinosaurs, animals, cartoon characters, super heroes, delivery drivers, athletes, and much more.

### Trunk or Treat

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No, this isn't Dottie Hinson and her sister Kit Keller of the Rockford Peaches in the popular "A League of Their Own" film, although Alexis, 10, left, and Ivy Thostenson, 6, looked the part while donning these women's baseball outfits for the annual Trunk or Treat event in the St. Edward's School parking lot on Saturday morning. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

## Skillings is inducted into Wrestling Hall of Fame



Joel Skillings speaks to the crowd after being inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday. Contributed photo

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Former longtime Minneota wrestling coach Joel Skillings was officially inducted into the Dave Bartelma Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Saturday at a banquet in Benson.

With several family members and friends present, Skillings was presented by his former wrestler and assistant coach Matt Buysse at McKinney's on Southside restaurant. Relatives from Nebraska, North Dakota, Texas and Washington D.C. were on hand to honor Skillings on this special day.

### Skillings

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## Fulfilling a need for parenting journeys



Jenna Erickson, left, and Jess Dressen own and operate The Nurturey parenting studio in downtown Marshall. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

## The Nurturey offers birthing support and education not found anywhere in region

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As nurses, Jenna Erickson and Jess Dressen understood the need in this region for a parenting studio that could help educate and support parenting journeys, they decided to deliver "The Nurturey" in Marshall.

On Oct. 23, The Nurturey was bustling with activity during its grand opening.

"I wanted to come here to get some ideas on how to put a little weight on Ellawyn," said Marissa Wittrock, referring to her 11-week-old daughter. "This is such a nice place and they have everything a mother needs."

The Nurturey eventually came to fruition after Dressen

was in search of a breastfeeding support group in the area.

"I reached out to a gal who had asked if I would want to start a breastfeeding support group since there isn't one around," said Dressen, whose husband, Jordan, is the City Hall Bar & Grill manager in Minneota.

"I met Jenna through a mutual acquaintance and we eventually decided to run the group, called Lactation Lounge, together."

Both Erickson, an RN, is a labor and delivery nurse at Avera Marshall. Dressen, an LPN, previously worked at Sanford Canby in the long-term care facility.

Erickson is also an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC),

while Dressen is a Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC).

"I am currently mentoring under Jenna to get my contact hours to become an IBCLC," said Dressen, the mother of one son. "There is much more education and hands-on learning that goes into becoming an IBCLC than the CLC."

Concerned for little support for parents post-partum, The Nurturey was born in the business district in Marshall.

"Jenna came up with the name," said Dressen. "We wanted it to be something all-encompassing and have it a community for parents. There is nothing like this in the entire southwest Minnesota area."

### Nurturey

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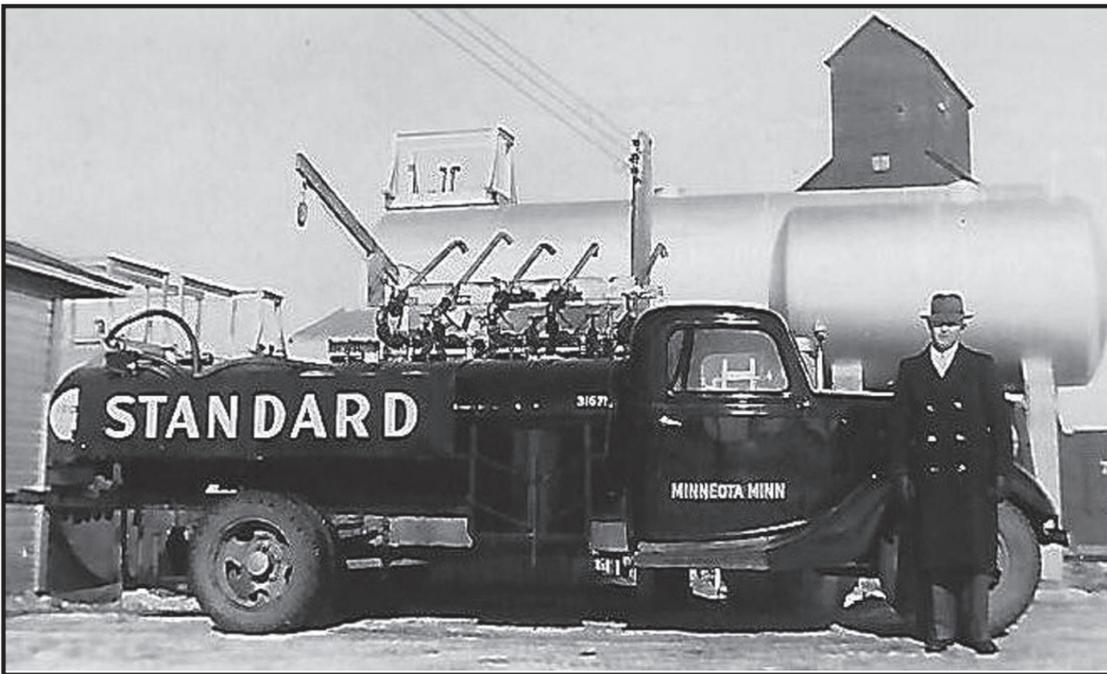
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## Minneota Memories

Harry Smishek stands beside his Standard Oil truck in this 1931 photo.

# From the Mascot Files

## 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

### 100 Years Ago (Nov. 4, 1921)

#### Mercer Company is coming to Minneota

The Mercer Company is being brought to Minneota on Friday, Nov. 4 for the benefit of music lovers, but will be greatly enjoyed by everyone. Harry Yeazelle Mercer, a well-known American tenor, heads the company. He not only possesses a great voice or remarkable clearness and volume, but he also has the rare quality of enunciating so distinctly that his songs are easily understood.

#### Minneota Fire Dept. to hold dance Nov. 11

The members of the Minneota Fire Department have decided to give a dance on the evening of Armistice Day on Nov. 11. This dance is given for the purposes of raising funds with which to buy some needed equipment for the fire department. Nov. 11 is now a legal holiday and the businessmen of Minneota have decided to close their places of business on that day.

#### Babcock Road being put through Main St.

The Babcock Road is now being put through the main street in Minneota. It is just a year ago that the campaign for the Babcock Law ended and we were told then that even if the law should pass and the legislature should enact the necessary statutes to carry into effect the provisions of the constitutional amendment, we would not have to see the road come here.

### 75 Years Ago (Nov. 8, 1946)

#### Three injured in car-truck rollover

Mr. and Mrs. Alfre Eisenmenger were seriously injured at 7:15 a.m. last Friday when their car crashed into a truck driven by Merlyn Neisius of Ghent at the intersection three- and one-half miles south of Minneota. The Eisenmengers, on their way to church service, were coming from the south, while the

truck came from the east. The crash occurred at the intersection where Hemnes Lutheran Church is located. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eisenmenger were unconscious when they were removed from the wreckage and Neisius was in a dazed condition. Mrs. Eisenmenger's skull was fractured, her right eye injured, and also had injuries to her right hip. The men were both badly bruised and cut. All three are recovering from their injuries.

#### County voters back Republicans for office

Sarah Murray, C.J. Donnelly and Roland Rans were elected to county offices in Tuesday's election when this community and others in Lyon County joined the state and nation in sending members of the Republican party to office. Miss Murray was the big vote-getter, receiving 4,851 votes for County Auditor, while her opponent, Max Foster, garnered 1,790. In a tight race for County Attorney, Donnelly defeated A.L. Broman, the incumbent, 3,457 to 3,216. Rans defeated Vincent S. Marcotte in the race for the County Sheriff 3,635 to 3,144.

#### Boxing card set for Nov. 27 at St. Ed's

Minneota's first boxing card of the season will be held at St. Edward's school auditorium on Wednesday, Nov. 27, it was announced by members of the Minneota Boxing Club. Arrangements are being made at the present time to secure prominent boxers in this section for the card, and club members say that this card promises to be even better than the one staged last spring.

#### Minneota FFA chapter holding corn drive

The Minneota chapter of the Future Farmers of America will be holding a corn drive for Camp Courage on Saturday, Nov. 6. The drive is to start at 10 a.m. and members of the chapter will be driving pickups and trucks to as many farms in the community as possible. There will also be a

couple of members canvassing the town seeking money or corn for the drive. Funds brought in by this drive will be given to Camp Courage, which uses the money to build and buy different things to help handicapped persons in Minnesota.

#### Incumbents win in annual village elections

Voters in Minneota and Ghent went to the polls in annual village elections and, as expected, returned incumbents to office, although the voting was light. The villages of Taunton, Porter and St. Leo are adhering to the old election date of the first Monday in December. Minneota voters re-elected Mayor Harold Schwartz, Councilman Edward Finnegan Sr., and Justice of the Peace Leon Ousman. In Ghent, Mayor Ken Verschaetse and Councilman Ted DeRoode Jr. were re-elected.

#### Gravestone toppled at Westerheim Cemetery

Several gravestones at Westerheim Lutheran Cemetery northeast of Minneota were tipped over by vandals last weekend. Some of the gravestones were broken. In all, 10 gravestones were toppled. An investigation of the incident is ongoing. It did not appear as though the gravestones were run over by a vehicle as no tire tracks were visible.

#### Vikings edge Tyler on final play of game

A touchdown scored on the final play of the game enabled the Minneota Vikings to gain a 24-20 triumph over Tyler on Friday night. The winning tally came on a five-yard run by Steve Boogaard with Scott Boerboom adding the two-point conversion.

### 25 Years Ago (Nov. 6, 1996)

#### City Council votes to terminate Police Chief

The Minneota City Council voted Monday evening to terminate the six-month probationary period for Police Chief Richard Berg. The vote was three in favor of not continuing his employment and

two in favor of retaining him. Voting again his employment was Mayor Paul Larson and Councilmen Eric Bot and Joe Johnson. Voting in favor of continuing his employment were Councilmen Dave Meiners and Jerry Bottelberghe. There was some discussion and concerns raised regarding the police department from two residents and the council took those concerns into consideration.

#### Lozinski receives region award at Minneota Manor

Ed Lozinski, a resident of the Minneota Manor Health Care Center, was recently awarded the Region V Enrichment of Life Award. Lozinski was awarded a plaque this week and thanked for his activities and contribution at the Manor. Lozinski participates in the majority of the activities at the Manor and is also a great help to other residents by encouraging them to also participate. The dryer is a total loss.

#### High winds demolish corn dryer in Minneota

The high winds that blew through Minnesota on Tuesday, Oct. 29, demolished a corn dryer at the Minneota branch of the Taunton Co-op Elevator. The dryer was not functioning at the time, although attempts had been made to light it, but due to the high winds they were not successful. Corn is now being dried at the elevator in Taunton.

#### C/M cross country girls 2nd, boys 3rd at state

The Canby/Minneota girls placed second in the Class A state cross country meet on Saturday in Northfield, while the boys team placed third. Allyson Hiedeman was the first C/M girl to finish and was 12th overall. Kari Carlson was 17th, Alyssa Downing 20th, Sam Schonemen 26th and Mary Canton 31st. Peter Janiszski was seventh overall and the first C/M boy to cross the finish line. He was followed by Tim Fryer in 17th, Brent Mortenson in 23rd, Nathan Canton in 24th and Mike Giese in 29th.

## Outside Looking In



By Scott Thoma

## 'I dare you'

Last year, during the month of October, I received a couple of anonymous letters in the mail requesting my presence at the Old Settler's Cemetery in Taunton on Halloween because something "spiritual" was going to happen.

This year, I received five anonymous messages over the last 5 1/2 months again requesting my presence at the cemetery. Each message contains an "I dare you" type of challenge, promising that this year the ghost of a young girl who supposedly has been seen in that cemetery rocking in a chair at night over the years would be seen on Halloween Night.

The messages were sent to my address in Willmar, were all on recipe cards, and generally very short in length. They were handwritten and appear to be from the same person. They all were in cursive writing and appear in the style of an elderly person, although they could easily be disguised to look that way.

I wrote a story about the alleged haunted cemetery a few years ago after reading about it online and then contacting a few people in Taunton; more than one who confirmed the rumors.

Not one to usually duck out on a dare, I did not attend the rockin' Halloween Eve event. My apologies to whomever wasted money on stamps to send me those messages.

If anyone out there truly believes there is an apparition of a young girl rocking in a chair next to her grave, I've got some beach front property in Antarctica I'd like to sell you.

## Local authors

The Mascot will have books from several local authors on sale at the office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during North Pole Extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 20.

Some of the books are already available for purchase, but others will soon be available. They will make excellent Christmas gifts.

"Lettuce", written by Gail (Wyffels) Boe is a cute children's book that teaches a lesson. The book is colorful and a great read for young children.

Dana Yost and his son, Luke, collaborated on "From my Porch". Dana provided poetry that pertained to Luke's expressive photos.

Yost's "1940: Journal of a Midwestern Town, Story of an Era" is also available at the Mascot. This book details life of the Minneota Class of 1940.

Robert Borson penned a new book called "Astra the Flying Cow". This book is also a children's book as reflect the "Hey Diddle Diddle" nursery rhyme.

My book, "Out of the Blue" about the 1968 Tracy tornado, can also be purchased in paperback or hardcover at the Mascot.

The Mascot will also have subscription gift cards available for six months or a year.

If any other local authors would like to have their book available for this event, please email me at [scott@thomabooks.com](mailto:scott@thomabooks.com).

## North Pole Extravaganza

It was pleasant news to hear that the North Pole Extravaganza will be back this year, which marks the 24th anniversary. This would have been the 25th anniversary had the COVID pandemic not forced cancellation of the event last year.

North Pole Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20 at various time at local businesses. Watch the Mascot for additional information soon.

## Veterans Day

The annual Veterans Day program at the high school has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with other school activities.

American Legion Commander Jim Fink said he hopes the Veterans Day program will return next year.

There will be a brief ceremony, however, at Veterans Park at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 for the following veterans - Arnold Bot, Bernard Bot, Francis Bot, Raymond Bot, Richard Bot, Joseph Drown, Matthew Drown, Michael Drown, Paul Drown, Mayo Kuchera, and Andrew Traen. Family members are invited.

Another statue has been ordered for the park and if it is ready in time for Veterans Day, it will be dedicated at the park that day.

There will also be a Flag Burning Ceremony at 1 p.m. in back of the American Legion building.

City Hall Bar & Grill will be offering a 25-percent off any items from its menu and a free beverage to any veteran from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Veterans Day.

We celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11 every year. This holiday is designed to thank veterans for their services with the focus on living veterans, as opposed to Memorial Day, which is a day to remember those who gave their lives for our country.

## Battle of the Bulbs

We are currently planning for the 2nd annual Battle of the Bulbs Christmas Lighting contest after last year's event was a huge success.

We will again be including the cities of Minneota, Ghent and Taunton, and anyone within a 10-mile radius of Minneota.

Many people noted how much they enjoyed seeing Minneota so lit up during last year's holiday season.

We will again be giving away large prize packages for the top three places.

Watch upcoming issues of the Mascot for further details.



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**VOLLEYBALL**

## Another obstacle swept aside

Vikings drub YME; face Canby in 3A-North championship

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Minneota had too much firepower and swept Yellow Medicine East 25-8, 25-10, 25-15 Friday night at Southwest Minnesota State University to advance to the Section 3A-North championship.

The Vikings (26-5), ranked No. 2 in Class A, will square off against No. 3 Canby on at 6 p.m. on Thursday at SMSU in the 3A-North. The 3A final will be played at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Vikings are the Class A two-time defending state champions, although the run was curbed with last year's cancellation of the state tournament due to the pandemic restrictions.

"Canby is a good team and they have really good hitter that we will need to track as blockers," said senior Natalee Rolbiecki. "They will put up a big block that we will have to be ready to cover all our hitters."

Minneota started out slow against YME on the neutral floor. Tied 4-4, the Vikings then went on a 13-3 run with Natalee Rolbiecki getting three of her match-high 16 kills during that stretch.

"We cleaned up our passing to help our setters to be in system so they could deliver our hitters better balls," Rolbiecki explained about the team getting back on track. "We served more aggressively to keep the other team out of system and I think that it helped us to defeat them."

Rolbiecki, who had two aces among a match-high 28 serves, got a few additional swings from the back row and put down three kills from behind the line.

"That was mostly because our passing to start off was not the greatest," said Rolbiecki. "But as we settled down and the match went on, we got used to the atmosphere at SMSU and then our passing was much better the second and third sets."

Rolbiecki was solid throughout the match offensively and defensively as evidenced by also having a team-high 13 digs and two ace serves. Rolbiecki, who has over 2,000 career kills, notched the 1,000th dig of her career in this match, too.

But the other attackers had a superb match, too. Ireland Stassen hammered down 13 kills, many of those cross-court shots that found the open spots. She also had 11 assists and eight digs.

Abby Frie made her presence felt at the net with her height and

power. Whenever YME made an overpass, Frie thundered the ball straight down for a kill. She also was disruptive on defense with three ace blocks, forcing YME to alter its approach.

McKenzie Yost chalked up 24 assists with her precision setting. She also has become a weapon as a hitter of late, notching four kills on sets from Stassen. Yost also had 11 digs. McKenzie Tolk added 10 digs.

Funny how two of the top three teams in Class A fall within the same conference and sub-section. Minneota beat the Lancers 3-1 in the late stages of the regular season to win the Camden Conference South title.

"To beat Canby again, we will have to serve aggressive and make sure our setters are in system, so our passing will have to be good," Rolbiecki noted. "I think that it will all come down to who can serve more aggressively and who can pass."



Lyzah Sussner passes the ball to a setter during action against YME on Monday night at SMSU. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

<b>Minneota 3, YME 0</b>			
<b>Yellow Medicine East</b> .....	8	10	15
<b>Minneota</b> .....	25	25	25

<b>Minneota Statistics</b>	
<b>SERVING</b> (good-att-aces): Natalee Rolbiecki 27-28-2, Lyzah Sussner 12-12-1, McKenna Yost 12-12-0, McKenzie Tolk 11-12-0, Ireland Stassen 5-6-0, Abby Rolbiecki 2-2-0, Dakota Hennen 1-1-0, Grace Hennen 1-1-0	

**SETTING** (assists): Yost 24, Stassen 11

**HITTING** (kills): Rolbiecki 16, Stassen 13, Frie 10, Yost 4, Ella Johnson 1, Tolk 1, Emma Bottelberghe 1

**BLOCKS:** Frie 3, N.Rolbiecki 1

**DIGS:** N.Rolbiecki 13, Yost 11, Tolk 10, Stassen 8, Sussner 2, Bottelberghe 1

## Vikings turn back Blackjacks

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Minneota made quick work of Dawson-Boyd last Friday in the Section 3A-North quarterfinals, needing only 48 minutes to advance to the semifinals on Monday.

The Vikings (25-5) prevailed 25-8, 25-15, 25-7 and faced Yellow Medicine East in the 3A-North semifinals at Southwest Minnesota State University on Monday (see separate story).

The Vikings never trailed in any of the three sets against the Blackjacks. Natalee Rolbiecki finished with 12 kills, Abby Frie had 10 and Ireland Stassen nine.

McKenna Yost with 23 assists and Stassen with 11 each distributed the ball around to the hitters.

Minneota came out strong. Leading 5-1 in the opening set, the Vikings tallied 11 unanswered points for a 16-1 advantage. During that run, Stassen had three kills and an ace block and Rolbiecki had two ace serves.

In the second set, Minneota fought off a 4-4 tie and started rolling behind a solid all-around attack. Leading 23-15, the Vikings closed out the set on kills by Rolbiecki and Stassen.

The Vikings dominated set three in only 14 minutes. Megan Krog came off the bench late and had three kills, the final one to close out the match.

Rolbiecki and McKenzie Tolk had two ace serves and 11 digs apiece. Lyzah Sussner tallied nine digs. Abby Frie led the Vikings with three blocks.

<b>Minneota 3, Dawson-Boyd 0</b>			
<b>Dawson-Boyd</b> .....	8	15	7
<b>Minneota</b> .....	25	25	25

<b>Minneota Statistics</b>	
<b>SERVING</b> (good-att-aces): McKenzie Tolk 17-17-2, Natalee Rolbiecki 17-17-2, McKenna Yost 14-15-1, Lyzah Sussner 7-7-0, Ireland Stassen 6-6-1, Grace Hennen 3-3-1, Dakota Hennen 3-3-1, Abby Rolbiecki 5-5-1	

**SETTING** (assists): Yost 23, Stassen 11

**HITTING** (kills): Rolbiecki 12, Frie 10, Stassen 9, Megan Krog 3, Emma Bottelberghe 3, Ella Johnson 2, Yost 2

**BLOCKS:** Frie 3, Stassen 1, Rolbiecki 1

**DIGS:** Tolk 11, Rolbiecki 11, Lyzah Sussner 9, Yost 6, Stassen 5, Bottelberghe 1, Johnson 1, Krog 1



Minneota players celebrate a point last Friday against Dawson-Boyd. Left to right: McKenzie Tolk, Natalee Rolbiecki, McKenna Yost, Abby Frie and Ireland Stassen. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

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FOOTBALL

# Vikings move into 5A final

## Top Dawson-Boyd 34-12; face BOLD on Friday

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As the wind got stronger, so did the Vikings. At the start of the Section 5A semifinal game on Saturday afternoon, the sun blanketed K.P. Kompelen Field as the temperature reached 60 degrees and a light breeze barely ruffled the flag next to the grandstand.

Minneota, which had just defeated Dawson-Boyd 29-6 on Oct. 20 in the regular-season finale in a steady drizzle, matched up again with the Blackjacks and this time came away with a 34-13 win in the Section 5A semifinals.

The Vikings scored on their first possession, but then were temporarily stymied as Dawson-Boyd's defense stiffened. The Blackjacks stopped a Minneota drive on fourth-and-one, one of the few times all season the Vikings have turned the ball over on downs.

"They came out swinging and we just were not ready for that, said Conner Sik, who had a strong all-around game with three touchdowns and three sacks. "It caused us to not execute on some drives."

Coach Chad Johnston also felt the slow start was a combination of things.

"Dawson-Boyd played a good defensive game against us in the first half, but I also felt we were not executing great," Johnston said. "We definitely should not have been stopped on that fourth and short, but give credit to Dawson-Boyd."

As the game wore on, the wind picked up, the sun ducked behind an overcast sky, and the temperature plummeted.

And the colder and windier it got, the hotter the Vikings got.

The top-seeded Vikings (10-0) advance to Friday's 5A championship at 4:30 p.m. at SMSU against No. 2 BOLD, which defeated Lakeview 34-12 in its semifinal game on Saturday.

"BOLD is a well-coached, disciplined program," said Johnston. "They have a good balance between being able to run the ball well and completing big passes off play action. Defensively, they are not big, but are quick and get into their pass drops very well."

Minneota's first touchdown came at the expense of its top runner. AJ Josephson burst up the middle for a 49-yard gain before having to come out of the game with a tight hamstring.

That put the bulk of the running attack on Sik, who finished with 99 yards in 17 carries, and three short touchdowns.

"I felt fairly strong at the start of the game," said Sik. "My teammates were picking me up, which made me stronger late in the game."

Josephson, who leads the team with 883 yards rushing, is expected to be ready for Friday's game. The Vikings' top receiver, Cale Sorensen, was also injured after catching a short pass in the first quarter and did not return. Sorensen hit his head on the ground when tackled and had to be removed due to concussion protocol.

"(Cale) passed his impact test on Monday, so he is cleared to slowly start doing things in practice," said Johnston. "As long as he can do activity without having any symptoms return, he will

be able to play on Friday." Sik, who has 532 yards rushing this season, scored on the next play and Peyton Gillund's conversion kick gave Minneota a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

The Blackjacks then methodically attacked the Viking's stellar defense, moving from its own 22 to the Minneota 36 before turning the ball over on downs after a 15-play drive that consumed nearly nine minutes.

Minneota then turned the ball over on downs for only the second time all season when the Blackjacks stopped them for a one-yard loss on fourth-and-two at the D-B 14.

After the visitors punted, Minneota drove to the 41 before being intercepted with just 2:06 left in the first half. It looked like the Vikings would take just a 7-0 lead into intermission.

The Blackjacks were held and forced to punt, giving Minneota the ball their own 48. After a 9-yard run by Anthony Rybinski and a 16-yard scamper by Sik, the Vikings had the ball at the 27. Quarterback Isaac Pohlen quickly spiked the ball to stop the clock with :29 remaining, then threw incomplete twice on deep corner routes.

On fourth down, Pohlen connected with Max Rost for a first down at the 17, and then hit Rost again on the next play for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead with six seconds left in the half.

"That score right before halftime was a big turning point in my mind," said Johnston. "That gave us momentum going into halftime, knowing they were going to get the ball right away in the third quarter. It was big to get a defensive stop, force them to punt, and score all under two minutes."

The Vikings increased their lead to 27-0 with a pair of third-quarter scores, both on short runs by Sik. The first was from two yards out that followed a six-play 41-yard drive, while the second was set up by a nifty interception by Max Rost when he cut in front of the receiver to pick off Brayden Hahn's pass over the middle. Sik scored from a yard out following a seven-play drive that was highlighted by 10-yard runs from Sik and Anthony Rybinski.

The Vikings' final score came in the fourth quarter when Pohlen connected with Jonah Gruenes on a 55-yard TD pass for a 34-0 advantage.

The Blackjacks scored consecutive touchdowns late in the game when Brayden Hahn found brother Braxton Hahn from 32 and 5 yards out, respectively.

Pohlen completed 7 of 12 passes for 116 yards and two touchdowns. Josephson finished with 53 yards in two carries, while Gruenes ran for 34 yards, Rybinski 31 and Zack Fier 22.

Gruenes had two receptions for 58 yards and Rost had two of 28 yards.

Defensively, Sik had three of the team's four sacks and had four tackles for losses. Zack Fier had the other sack. Sik, who leads the team with 13 sacks in 10 games this season, said the sacks didn't come easy against the Blackjacks.

"They were a son of a gun," he said. "They almost had two guys on me every time. I will not lie, it was a struggle to get in the backfield."



Conner Sik leaps over a Dawson-Boyd player and into the end zone for one of his three touchdowns on Saturday in Minneota. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

Minneota was whistled for only one penalty in the game, one of a few problem areas for the team this season.

"Penalties have plagued us all season," Johnston noted. "We week we emphasize trying to minimize penalties. That was a good game for us."

Brayden Hahn completed 13 of 25 passes for 146 yards for the Blackjacks. Braxton Hahn hauled in five passes for 83 yards.

**Minneota 34, Dawson-Boyd 13**

YME.....	0	0	0	13	-13
Minneota.....	7	7	13	7	-34

**Scoring Plays**

**Min** - Conner Sik 2 run (Peyton Gillund kick)

**Min** - Max Rost 13 pass from Isaac Pohlen (Gillund kick)

**Min** - Sik 2 run (run failed)

**Min** - Sik 1 run (Gillund kick)

**Min** - Gruenes 55 pass from Pohlen (Gillund kick)

**DB** - Braxton Hahn 32 pass from Brayden Hahn (Pau Clemens Suau kick)

**DB** - Braxton Hahn 5 pass from Brayden Hahn (kick failed)

**Team Totals**

**Total Plays:** Minneota 58, Dawson-Boyd 48. Total Yards: Minneota 363, Dawson-Boyd 136. Passing Yards: Minneota 116, Dawson-Boyd 146. Rushing Yards: Minneota 247, Dawson-Boyd -10. First Downs: Minneota 18, Dawson-Boyd 7. Turnovers: Minneota 1, Dawson-Boyd 1. Penalties: Minneota 1-5, Dawson-Boyd 3-15.

**Minneota Statistics**

**RUSHING** (att-yds): Conner Silk 17-99, AJ Josephson 2-53, Jonah Gruenes 7-34, Anthony Rybinski

6-31, Zack Fier 7-22, Max Rost 2-8, Isaac Pohlen 2-2, Ryan Dalager 2-(-2).

**PASSING** (com-att-yds-td-int): Pohlen 7-12-116-2-1

**RECEIVING** (rec-yds): Gruenes 2-58, Rost 2-28, Sik 1-13, Rybinski 1-13, Sorensen 1-4

**TACKLES** (solo-assisted): Sik 4-3, Z.Fier 3-3, Jackson Esping 2-2, Rost 2-1, Alex DePestel 2-0, Gillund 2-0, Sorensen 1-2, Jayden Gamrak 1-2, Mike Popowski 1-0, Branden Johnson 1-0, Destin Fier 1-0, Gruenes 0-4, Rybinski 0-6, Hudson Scholten 1-0, Tucker Thooff 0-2, Jack Lacek 0-1, Tyler Schmidt 0-1.

**SACKS:** Sik 3, Z.Fier 1

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** Sik 4, Z.Fier 1, Esping 1, Gamrak 1

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Rost 1

**PUNTING** (no-avg.): Gillund 2-25.0

## Cross Country

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Luverne prevailed in the girls' meet with 50 points. MCC was second with 69 and Canby/Minneota placed third with 78 points.

For Drietz, a senior, this will be her fifth time qualifying for state and fourth time competing. She also qualified last year, but there was no state meet due to the COVID pandemic. This is the third qualifying and second competing state meet for Merritt, a sophomore. Stoks, a freshman who also qualified last year, will be competing in her first state meet.

This will be the first state meet for both Ourada and Duis, both sophomores.

Both the Canby/Minneota teams also achieved Academic GOLD with the boys having a 3.95 GPA, and the girls having a 3.91 GPA.

"Many runners ran their best race of the season, if not their careers today," said Pesek. "We have four amazing seniors who have been with us for years and truly leave a legacy. I am truly proud of each and every one of

our runners."

The seniors running their last section meet were: Drietz, Delaney Houseman, Blake Stoks and Tristan Bierschenk.

### BOYS TEAM SCORING (Top 2 advance to state)

- (1) Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd 75 (2) Luverne 81 (3) Canby/Minneota 93 (4) Redwood Valley 127 (5) Jackson County Central 140 (6) Windom Area 141 (7) Mountain Lake Area 186 (8) Springfield/Cedar Mountain 247 (9) Pipestone Area 261 (10) Murray County Central 281 (11) Montevideo 303 (12) BOLD/Buffalo Lake-Hector 362 (13) Adrian/Ellsworth 368 (14) Southwest Minnesota Christian/Edgerton 380 (15) Central Minnesota Christian 408 (16) Heron Lake-Okabena 413 (17) Lakeview 425 (18) Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 505 (19) Wabasso 534

### BOYS TOP 10

- (1) Camden Janiszski, Luv, 16:40.70 (2) Owen Janiszski, Luv, 16:47.94 (3) Will Ahrens, RV, 16:49.26 (4) Payton Sterud, LQPVDB, 16:55.03 (5) Andrew Boyum, JCC, 17:04.63 (6) Zach Ourada, CM, 17:06.13 (7) Caden Strasser, Pipe, 17:13.21 (8) Tim Salentiny, HLOL, 17:14.72 (9) Koltun Duis, CM, 17:19.48 (10) Evan Paplow, JCC, 17:24.69

### CANBY/MINNEOTA BOYS

- (6) Ourada (9) Duis (20) Blake Stoks 17:59.75 (25) Blake Giese

- 18:12.19 (33) Tristan Bierschenk 18:31.57 (38) Colton Ruether 18:39.41 (64) Michael Tol 19:34.85

### GIRLS TEAM SCORING (Top 2 advance to state)

- (1) Luverne 50 (2) Murray County Central 69 (3) Canby/Minneota 78 (4) Redwood Valley 106 (5) Springfield/Cedar Mountain 133 (6) Pipestone Area 174 (7) Adrian/Ellsworth 232 (8) Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd 233 (9) Jackson County Central 260 (10) Central Minnesota Christian 286 (11) Southwest Minnesota Christian/Edgerton 297 (12) Windom Area 307 (13) Mountain Lake Area 319 (14) Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 406 (15) Yellow Medicine East 425 (16) Wabasso 435 (17) Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 443 (18) Montevideo 508

### GIRLS TOP 10

- (1) Amanda Overgaauw, MCC, 18:01.58 (2) Tenley Nelson, Luv, 18:31.63 (3) Jenna DeBates, Luv, 18:46.44 (4) Ashley Overgaauw, MCC, 18:51.92 (5) Kaylee Walklin, Win, 18:52.88 (6) Grace Drietz, CM, 19:26.54 (7) Claire Stoks, CM, 19:50.20 (8) Braelyn Merritt, CM, 20:05.41 (9) Brylei Schreier, MCC, 20:10.30 (10) Taylor Post, Pipe, 20:23.53

### CANBY/MINNEOTA GIRLS

- (6) Drietz (7) Stoks (8) Merritt (27) Hannah Vlamincck 21:44.27 (30) Lillie Wollum 21:59.52 (45) Nohemi Diaz 22:38.23 (57) Hannah Fadness 23:08.83

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# Down, but not out; injured official finishes playoff game

By Scott Thoma  
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Who said football referees aren't tough? Grant Harding has officiated well over 120 high school and college football games in the six years he's been donning the zebra shirt. On Saturday, it was the first time he has been injured.

"I'm the back judge so I am usually out of the way of the players," he said. "I've maybe been stepped on once or twice, but no injuries at all."

That all changed early in the first quarter of the Section 3A semifinals between Minneota and Dawson-Boyd at K.P. Kompelien Field.

Early in the game, Minneota fullback AJ Josephson burst through a big hole up the middle and raced to the goal line before being tackled at the two-yard line.

Harding saw the play develop and knew he needed to move quickly.

"I saw him coming through the big opening with no one ahead of him," Harding recalls. "I knew I needed to beat him to the goal line."

Harding felt his left calf muscle tighten and knew he wasn't going to make it to the end zone.

"It was about my third step that it felt like someone was grabbing my calf," he explained. "I told the other officials that I was hurt and they called for the trainers. I didn't hear a 'pop' or anything. I thought it was just a bad cramp."

The trainer attempted to stretch the calf muscle for a couple of minutes and then asked Harding if it felt any better.



Grant Harding

"I told them no," he said with a laugh. "It never felt any better. I knew I wasn't going to leave the game, but it was the toughest four quarters I've ever played or officiated."

Onlookers were sure the officiating crew would be one man short.

"He has a passion for sports," said Mark Ekren, who was the crew chief for that game. "They would have had to amputate both of his legs before he would have taken himself out of the game."

Ekren moved Harding from back judge to umpire after the calf injury so he didn't have to run quite as much during the game.

"I don't normally stretch before a game," Harding said. "I guess I will have to after this."

Harding's officiating season ended with the section playoff game. Now he has time to recuperate.

"It was still pretty sore Sunday morning, but I took some ibuprofen, put on some IcyHot and wore compression socks to keep the swelling down," he said. "It was much better on Monday."

Harding, 43, is a parcel pre-sorter for UPS in Fergus Falls and is also the head baseball coach at Fergus Falls Community College.

## Skillings

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"The best part was that it brought everyone back together," said Skillings. "It was a wonderful day because of the loving contingent of people I had supporting me."

Skillings was inducted along with coaches Don Krusemark and Tom Gravalin, contributors Gary Heydt and Tom Campanero, and wrestler Mark Costello.

"This honor is secondary to the people who are involved with it," Skillings said. "My family, friends, the kids and coaches were all a big part of it. If I had to choose between an award or family, I'd choose family."

One important person in Skillings' life was his late wife Jackie, who passed away in May of 2020.

"I admit it was a difficult day

without her," Skillings said softly. "Jackie deserved to be here."

Skillings coached at Minneota for 31 seasons and compiled a record of 559-174-4. He was twice named Class A Minnesota Wrestling Coach of the Year, in 2013 when the Vikings won the Class A state title, and again in 2015.

He stepped down following the 2019 season and has been an assistant coach with Southwest Minnesota State University the past two seasons.

Skillings was unsure what he will do with the plaque he received for being inducted into the Hall of Fame. He seemed humbled and uncomfortable talking about what the honor means to him.

"Getting this award was more like a remembrance of all the wonderful people I met along the way," Skillings concluded. "That's the best award a guy can get."



Joel Skillings, fourth from left, poses with the 2021 Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame recipients. Contributed photo

# Congratulations!

Five Canby/Minneota cross country runners qualified for the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 6 at St. Olaf College in Northfield after competing in the Section 3A meet last Thursday at Lac qui Parle High School. The boys' race begins at noon and girls follow at 1 p.m. See story on Page 1. Good luck at state!



Canby/Minneota girls state qualifiers, left to right: Braelyn Merritt, Grace Drietz and Claire Stoks.



Canby/Minneota boys state qualifiers from left, Kolton Duis and Zach Ourada.

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# Obituaries

## Ardella Korsmo

1925-2021



A family graveside service for Ardella Korsmo, 96, of Canby, formerly of Plymouth, will be held at a later date at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Bloomington, MN.

Ardella Mae Korsmo was born on March 20, 1925, in Minneapolis, MN. She grew up and graduated from high school in the Twin Cities. Ardella worked as a server in the cities and later, with her son Rusty at Rusty's Café in Taunton. Ardella enjoyed wintering in Sun City, Arizona. She was very social and enjoyed visiting with friends and family, listening to music and playing cards.

Ardella died on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the Sanford Health Sylvan Court in Canby, MN. She is survived by her children Laura (and Tom) Hargreaves of Buffalo, John III (and Cathy) Rhymer of Canby, Diana (and Jerry) Anderson of Andover, Rusty Rhymer of Taunton, step-son Chuck (and Pat) Korsmo of Minneapolis, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husbands Oscar "Bud" Korsmo and John Rhymer Jr., step-daughters Mary Sherman, Cathleen Seeland and daughter-in-law Paula Rhymer.

## Leonard Hoffman

1933-2021



Leonard J. Hoffman, age 88, of Porter, MN passed away Monday, October 25, 2021 at the Sylvan Court Nursing Home in Canby. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 30, 2021 at the St. Leo Catholic Church in St. Leo, MN. Burial was held in the St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, St. Leo. Visitation was held 5 - 7 p.m. with a 7 p.m. prayer service and Rosary on Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN.

In Lieu of Flowers memorials may be directed to the St. Leo American Legion, St. Leo, MN

Leonard Joseph Hoffman was born Feb. 26, 1933, in Porter, MN to Math and Stella (Novak) Hoffman. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Leo Catholic Church in St. Leo, MN. He graduated with the class of 1951 in Canby and was drafted into the US Army in 1953 during the Korean War as pfc E3 artillery and honorably discharged in 1961 from the US Army Reserves.

He was united in marriage to Pauline Hamerlinck in 1953 in Manhattan, Kansas. To this union six children were born. They were also blessed also with 18 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

He was very active in the St. Leo Catholic Church serving as Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Leonard served as Wergeland Township supervisor for many years and was active as a Yellow Medicine County fair board member. For over 40 years, Leonard was a salesman for Archer Petroleum. He was also an active and proud member of the St. Leo American Legion for many years.

He enjoyed the winters with Polly at Apache Junction, Arizona. Other hobbies he enjoyed were bowling, playing cards, golfing, fishing, and hunting with his family. Mowing, gardening, and working side by side on the family farm with Chuck and his grandsons made him proud, happy, and thankful. He was an avid sports lover, be it the Twins or Vikings and keeping up with all the sports activities of his grandchildren.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Pauline Hoffman; six children: Nancy and Mike Verhelst, Canby, MN, Doug and Carol Hoffman, Parkers Prairie, MN, Chuck and Lorie Hoffman, Porter, MN, Sue and Terry McMahon, Coon Rapids, MN, Dan and Doris Hoffman, Lakeville, MN and Ron and Kari Hoffman, Porter, MN; 17 grandchildren: 30 great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Kathleen Hamerlinck; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Math and Stella Hoffman; parents-in-law, Charles and Elizabeth Hamerlinck; three brothers: Joseph, Raymond and Norbert; one sister, Rosanne DeVos and one grandson, Andrew Hoffman.

## Harry Jones

1939-2021

Harry Jones, age 82, of Marshall, Minnesota, died peacefully on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at his home in Marshall, Minnesota.

Memorial Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 6, 2021, at Living Word Lutheran Church in Marshall, Minnesota. Following a reception for attendees, interment with Military Honors will be in the Marshall Cemetery.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at 10:30 a.m., at the

## Rita Van Dorpe

1925-2021



Mass of Christian Burial for Rita Van Dorpe, 96, of Minneota, will take place at 1:30 pm on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. Visitation will take place from noon until 1:30 pm in the church. Interment will follow the service at St. Edward Catholic Cemetery.

A recording of the service will be available later at [www.horvathfuneralservice.com](http://www.horvathfuneralservice.com).

Rita Teresa (Stassen) Van Dorpe, 96, of Minneota, got her heavenly wings and joined our Lord on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021.

Rita was born in Ghent, MN, to Joseph and Mary (Boerboom) Stassen on March 17, 1925. She married Edward Van Dorpe on October 15, 1947. They moved to a farm outside Ghent where together they raised five children. Rita was an active member of both the American Legion Auxiliary and St. Eloi Catholic Church in Ghent.

In 1971, they moved to Minneota, where Rita became head cook at the Minneota Public High School. She loved her high school Vikings teams, and attended games in person or cheered on the teams while listening to the radio. Rita was very involved at St. Edward Catholic Church, and her faith and church community were an important part of her life. Rita was a member of the Minneota Senior Center and volunteered her time there often. The couple enjoyed 68 years of marriage before Ed's passing.

Rita worked on the farm, enjoyed gardening, golfing, sewing, and dancing, but was most remembered as a great cook and baker. She and Ed shared many happy years in Arizona during the winter months where they made friends from around the country and Canada.

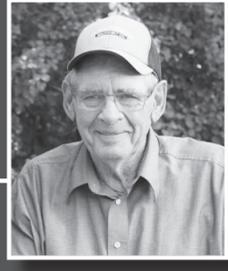
Rita died at the Minneota Manor Nursing Home in Minneota. She is survived by daughters Delores Scott of Jacksonville, FL, Diane (Ray) Klotz of Brooklyn Park, and Catherine (Jon) Willette of Mankato, and son Richard (MaryKay) of Colorado Springs, CO; son-in-law Richard Verthein; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law Louise Stassen and Beverly Stassen.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband Edward, daughter Barbara Verthein, sisters Teresa Kerkvliet and Helen Clark, brothers Lawrence, Eugene, and Clarence Stassen, sister-in-law Marie Andries, and brothers-in-law Lou & Hank Van Dorpe. On Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, Rita's son-in-law, Carl Scott of Florida, joined her in heaven.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to St. Edward Catholic Church or St. Edward Catholic School.

## Henry Jerzak

1935-2021



Henry "Hank" J. Jerzak, age 86, of Porter, MN passed surrounded by his family on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at his home near Porter. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 8, 2021, at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ivanhoe, MN. Burial will be in the St. John Cantius Catholic Cemetery, Wilno, MN. Visitation will be Sunday, November 7, 2021, from 4 - 7 p.m. with a Rosary at 4 p.m. and Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at the Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN and will resume Monday one hour prior to the service at the church.

Henry "Hank" James Jerzak was born September 20th, 1935, to Frank and Mary (Czapski) Jerzak in Limestone Township in Lincoln County, Minnesota. Hank passed away on October 31st, 2021, at home surrounded by family. Hank was the eighth of eleven children. The family moved when Hank was 6 months old to their family farm in Alta Vista Township in Lincoln County. Hank went to school district number 33 until eighth grade. After graduation he continued farming with his family.

He was baptized, received first communion, confirmation, and was married at St John Cantius Catholic Church in Wilno, Minnesota. On August 16th, 1956, Arlene Joan Reiners and Hank were united in marriage to this union they were blessed with two daughters Brenda and Becky. They lived in Taunton, MN where Hank worked at Doc Kerr's feed mill and delivered feed and in the spring would deliver baby chicks; he then worked for Dr. Penning's feed mill in Taunton. He also belonged to the Taunton Fire

Department. In 1962 Hank started his long-time career and lifetime love of farming crops and also milked cows for 25+ years.

Henry lived for farming and especially loved harvesting in the fall; so many of our memories were created in the fields! He was a very meticulous farmer, and his favorite saying was "Do it right the first time!" He also enjoyed caring for all of his animals including his cows and pigs and every other animal his grandchildren begged to have which included a miniature pony, donkey, numerous deer, turkeys, chickens, roosters, fish, dogs, and cats. His boys are very special to him as they love the farm as Grandpa did. Henry was very witty and had an answer for everything as well as the gift of gab and BS. He blessed everyone in his presence with his knowledge, humor, and abundant & expressive story-telling skills. He will be greatly missed, but we all have memories to last a lifetime!

Grateful for having shared Henry's life is his loving wife of 65 years, Arlene Jerzak and their two daughters: Brenda (Ron) Meulebroeck of Taunton, MN and Becky (Tom) Noyes of Porter, MN. Brenda and Ron welcomed two daughters and their family: Renee (Mike) VanHecke and daughters Melanie and Marisa and Kari (Jeff) Bengford and three children Max, Abby, and Ruby. Tom and Becky welcomed five children in their family; McKenzie (Ethan) Kack & child Barrett, & Denver, Shane, Morgan, and Gavin; special family friends and neighbors Deb and Mark Boulton and children Jodi, Laura, and Michael; brother Norbert Jerzak, sisters-in-law Audrey and Frances Jerzak, and Mary Knutson and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Jerzak; sisters Irene Winters and Adeline Brown, infant sister Alice; brothers Victor, Emil, Eugene, Andrew, Cyril, and Richard. Brothers-in-law Raymond Brown and Tony Winters, sister-in-law Bernice, and nephew Jason Jerzak; special aunt and uncle Steve and Francie Jerzak which he lived with and helped them; Father and Mother-in-law Harm and Hannah Reiners, brother-in-law Allen (Al) Reiners.

Hank was a great husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Blessed be his memory.

## Marian Sarbaum

1923-2021



Mass of Christian Burial for Marian Sarbaum, 98, of Clarkfield, formerly of Minneota and Taunton, will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow the service at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Cemetery in Taunton.

Marian Ann (Tomek) Sarbaum was born on January 10, 1923, in Taunton, to Tom and Emma (Pesek) Tomek. Marian attended the Mcville School of Music. She suffered partial paralysis as a young child. Marian overcame this difficulty and taught herself to play piano with her left hand. She taught piano to many students and served the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church as an organist for 74 years. Marian was married to Duane Sarbaum on February 22, 1949, in Taunton. To this union was born son Edward who died at the age of five.

church. Arrangements are with the Hamilton Funeral Home in Marshall.

Guest book and tribute wall are available online at [www.hamiltonfh.com](http://www.hamiltonfh.com)

Marian was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was an excellent cook. She will be remembered fondly for her homemade bread. Marian had been living at the Minneota Manor and, recently, moved to the Clarkfield Care Center. Marian died on Friday, October 29, 2021, at the Care Center at the age of 98.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Duane, son Edward and brother Tom (and Zona) Tomek. Survivors include extended family and many friends.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### November

#### Thursday, Nov. 4

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center  
 6 p.m. - Volleyball: Section 3A-North championship. Minneota vs. Canby at Southwest Minnesota State University Marshall

#### Friday, Nov. 5

12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
 4:30 p.m. - Football: Section 3A championship. Minneota vs. BOLD at Southwest Minnesota State University Marshall

#### Saturday, Nov. 6

Noon - Boys Cross Country: State meet at Northfield  
 1 p.m. - Girls Cross Country: State meet at Northfield  
 7:30 p.m. - Volleyball: Section 3A championship at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall

#### Monday, Nov. 8

1 p.m. - Mahjong at Minneota Senior Center

#### Tuesday, Nov. 9

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center

#### Thursday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day. We salute all veterans past and present for their bravery and service to their country.  
 11 a.m. - Veterans Day dedication ceremony at Veterans Park.  
 10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center  
 1 p.m. - Flag burning ceremony behind Legion building

#### Friday, Nov. 12

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

#### Monday, Nov. 15

1 p.m. - Mahjong at Minneota Senior Center

#### Tuesday, Nov. 16

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center



## Ask the Chief

By Minneota  
 Police Chief Bill Bolt

## Snow Emergencies

It is time for my friendly reminder about "Snow Emergencies" in Minneota.

We have a city ordinance that says no vehicle shall be parked on a street after a snow emergency is declared. To give you as much notice as possible we use the following procedure:

(1) The Minneota Street and Police Department agree that a future Snow Emergency will be needed. We make this decision based upon the National Weather Service forecast.

(2) We provide a minimum of a 12-hour warning before the Snow Emergency is enforced. This warning is posted on the City of Minneota Facebook page, a cell phone message via Nixle is sent out, and given to the Marshall area radio stations to broadcast when possible. The notice is posted by 4 p.m.

(3) At 4 a.m., the following morning (12 hours following the notice) we begin plowing the streets. This is the same time that I start writing tickets. Any vehicle found parked on a street will be cited.

(4) The Snow Emergency remains in effect until it is canceled on Facebook and Nixle. For severe weather, a Snow Emergency may last several days. Tickets will be issued every day at 4 am until the Snow Emergency is canceled.

(5) If necessary, vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense in compliance with state statute.

To avoid a ticket or having your vehicle towed we encourage you to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Minneota> or to sign up for the free Nixle messaging service. You can sign up for Nixle by messaging our zip code - 56264 to 888777. If you have specific concerns or questions please contact Chief Bill Bolt at 507-360-7864 or stop in at the Minneota City Hall.

## Honor Roll

### MINNEOTA JR. HIGH HONOR ROLL (FIRST QUARTER)

#### STRAIGHT 'A' HONOR ROLL

Grade 7 - Tristen Sussner  
 Grade 8 - Kellen Bradley, Leo Hennen

#### 'A' HONOR ROLL

Grade 7 - McKenzie Bednarek, Gretta Buysse, Jaelyn Coeuyt, Avery Culver, Landon Esping, Bradyn Hopper, Brynn Kern, Blake Mead, Brenna Meyer, Madison Minnehan, Seth Paluch, Ava Panka, Natalie Ratajczak, Creed Stassen, Libby Sussner, Clare Swedzinski

Grade 8 - Carson Becker, Dawson Dovre, Isabelle Gillund, Tana Gillund, Joseph Lacey, Garrett Peterson, Abigail Rolbiecki, Elizabeth Vierstraete, Hannah Vlaminc.

#### 'B' HONOR ROLL

Grade 7 - Quinton Anderson, Kaden Christensen, Leah Coeuyt, Ashlyn DeVos, Grady Jerzak, Brayden Kollman, Amadeus Molina, Brandon Pella, Cyrius Summerfelt

Grade 8 - Michael Agherabi, Naima Content, Hunter Danielson, Brian Engler, John Fales, Brock Fier, Noah Harms, Carson Javers, Easton Johnston, Grace Landrus, Kaden Lasnetski, Gabriel Ludwikowski, Jasmine Petersen, Alexandra Wersal

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## Police Blotter

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

#### Oct. 26, 2021

- Suspicious call in the 500 block of N. Monroe Street.
- Welfare Check in the 300 block of E. Lyon Street.

#### Oct. 27, 2021

- Permit to Purchase Application.
- Public Assist in the stalled vehicle/driver
- Keys locked in a vehicle in the 700 block of Hwy 68.

#### Oct. 28, 2021

- Medical Call in the 200 block of N. Washington Street.

#### Oct. 29, 2021

- Permit to Purchase Application.
- Medical Call in the 100 block of S. Jefferson Street.

#### Oct. 30, 2021

- Medical Call in the 200 block of N. Madison Avenue.
- Arrest for Violation of an Order for Protection in the 4500 block of Van's Street.

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## From the Mascot Kitchen

### Hamburger Soup

With the weather getting colder, soup is a great meal to serve. This is a delicious recipe that can also be frozen and eaten later.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup cabbage, sliced
- 1/4 tsp basil
- 1/4 tsp oregano
- 1/3 cup split peas (dried)
- 1 2-oz. packet onion soup mix
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 8-oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 cup elbow macaroni
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 6 cups water

#### DIRECTIONS

In a large saucepan, brown meat, drain excess fat. Add salt, pepper, oregano, basil, and onion soup mix. Stir in boiling water, tomato sauce, and soy sauce. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare onion, celery, cabbage and carrots; add to simmering mixture with split peas and continue to cook for 30 minutes. Add macaroni and simmer for 30 minutes longer, adding more water if necessary and stirring occasionally.

## Pet OF THE WEEK

## Cricket

Owner: Debra Strongman

Age: 11 years

Breed: Yorkie

About Cricket:

She hates baths, loves rolling in things that she shouldn't!  
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## — Minneota Area Community Churches —

<p><b>Healing Waters Parish</b>                  Augustana, Clarkfield; Bergen, Clarkfield;                  St. Lucas Lutheran, Cottonwood</p> <p><b>Worship Times:</b> Augustana Lutheran Church: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.                  Bergen Lutheran Church: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.                  St. Lucas Lutheran Church: Sundays at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Vicar Mort Meyenburg                  Church Contact No. 320-841-1085</p>	<p><b>St. Leo Catholic Church</b>                  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>Pastor Allen Campbell                  Church Secretary Chris Pesch:  <a href="mailto:hoppelutheran87@gmail.com">hoppelutheran87@gmail.com</a>                  Church Contact No. 507-872-6446</p> <p><b>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</b>                  Minneota</p> <p><b>Worship Times:</b> Service at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Pastor Allen Campbell                  Church Secretary: Chris Pesch  <a href="mailto:hoppelutheran87@gmail.com">hoppelutheran87@gmail.com</a>                  Church Contact No. 507-872-6446</p>	<p><b>Bethel Fellowship Church</b>                  Hwy 68 - Minneota</p> <p><i>Ephesians 2:8 - By grace you are saved.</i></p> <p><b>Sunday Worship:</b> 10 a.m.; Sunday School 8:50-9:45 a.m.  <b>Wednesdays:</b> Kids' Zone 6-7:20 p.m.; Prayer and Devotional 7:30 p.m.                  Pastor Thomas Nomeland                  Contact No. 507-828-1637</p>
<p><b>Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church</b>                  PO Box 119, 101 Main Street, Hanley Falls  <a href="http://www.yellowmedicinelutheran.org">www.yellowmedicinelutheran.org</a></p> <p><b>Worship Time:</b> All Sunday services are in-person and also live-streamed at 10 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><b>Winds of the Prairie Ministry</b>                  Bethany Lutheran, Arco and Bethany-Elm Lutheran, Ivanhoe</p> <p><b>Worship Times:</b> Online Worship see Facebook page.</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Greathouse                  Cell #: 330-234-1317  <a href="mailto:pastorghouse@gmail.com">pastorghouse@gmail.com</a>                  Church Contact No. 507-694-1238  <a href="mailto:windsministry@gmail.com">windsministry@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Hemnes Lutheran Church</b>                  Rural Minneota</p> <p><b>Sunday Worship</b>                  Minneota Manor Worship, 2:30 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month.</p> <p>Pastor Ellen Munter</p>	<p><b>St. Edward Catholic Church</b>                  Minneota</p> <p><b>Mass Times:</b>                  Saturday, November 6: Mass at 5:30 p.m., confession 4:45 p.m.                  Sunday, November 7: Mass at 8:30 a.m.                  Wednesday, November 10: CCD at 6:30 p.m., Teen Talk from 8-9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Father Todd Petersen                  Church Contact No. 507-872-6346</p>
<p><b>Hope Lutheran Church</b>                  Minneota</p> <p><a href="http://www.hopeminneota.org">www.hopeminneota.org</a></p> <p><b>Worship Times:</b>                  Sunday, November 7: Service at 9 a.m.                  Wednesday, November 10: GLOW beginning at 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Eloi Catholic Church</b>                  Ghent, MN</p> <p><b>Mass Times:</b>                  Saturday, November 6: Mass at the convent at noon                  Sunday, November 7: Mass at 10:30 a.m.                  Wednesday, November 10: CCD at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Father Todd Petersen                  Church Contact No. 507-428-3285</p>		

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Thursday, November 4, 2021

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The Minneota Public Schools will be accepting bids for property, liability, auto, and workmen's compensation insurance. The bids are due on November 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the district office. If you have questions, please reach out to Daniel Deitte by phone at 507-872-6532 or by e-mail at Daniel.deitte@minneotaschools.org

**Notice of Public Hearing**

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF LYON  
DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 42-PR-21-1079

**In Re: Estate of Cheryl Ann Meulebroeck, formerly known as Cheryl Vierstraete, 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 December 29, 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 of the decedent, and for the appointment of Robert Buysse, whose address is 3269 260th Avenue, Marshall, Minnesota 56258, as personal representative of the decedent's estate 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; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to 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 estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT  
Dated: 10-29-21

Judge of District Court: Michelle Dietrich  
Court Administrator: Aimee Primus by Maureen Szerlip, Deputy

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**Lyon County Board Minutes**

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, October 5, 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, Sanow, Graupmann and Ritter. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Maes.

- MSP to approve the agenda.
- MSP to approve the consent agenda.
- MSP to approve the joint powers agreement with Yellow Medicine County for solid waste administrative services as presented.
- MSP to spend up to \$30,000 of Riparian Aid for the Area II basin project next to the Tracy Golf Course.
- MSP to allow the Environmental Department to seek proposals to lease building space for compacting of recyclables.
- MSP to approve the quote from North Star Scale for a total of \$156,766 plus shipping for the purchase of a new Landfill scale with a concrete deck.
- MSP to approve the Ancillary Insurances for 2022 and approve the telemedicine contract for 2022.
- MSP to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at www.lyonco.org.

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**Cards of Thanks**

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# Trunk or Treat

## Hosted by Parents Excited about Catholic Education



At the Whoville-themed trunk is Samantha Hammer, left, holding her daughter Hattie (The Grinch) while her daughter Hazel (Cindy Lou Who) stands in front of her. Kelsey Buysse is holding her son Beckett (Max the dog). Mascot photo by Scott Thoma



Taking a break from their delivery duties, Titan Fier, as a UPS driver, and Talia Fier, as an Amazon worker, were hoping to pick up a few treats. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma



Icelandic Vikings Bryce and Alex Gorecki had a good time filling their treat bags at Trunk or Treat in Saturday. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

### Trunk or Treat

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Many of the parents joined in the fun and dressed in costumes, too, as did those passing out treats.

The vehicles were also unique. Chassidy DeRoode made an oversized COVID mask out of a bedsheet and placed it on the front portion of her vehicle, along with two giant eyes on the windshield, making it look like a person donning the mask.

Sam Hammer and Kelsey Buysse made the back of their vehicle into Whoville from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" film, complete with their children dressed as Cindy Lou Who, The Grinch, and Max the dog.

"Christmas and Halloween are my two favorite holidays, so we just combined them," said Buysse.

Next to them was a Polar

Express themed vehicle run by Rhonda Buysse and Janet Differding, who even passed out coffee to the parents. The sign in front of their vehicle said "One way ticket to heaven: Jesus" in reference to the Polar Express film's ticket to the North Pole.

Julie Pohlen's vehicle featured a Plinko game, a scaled-down version of the one seen on "The Price is Right game show, with point values determining the treat passed out.

Kaitlyn Ludwikowski, who was this year's Boxelder Bug Days queen, seemed to be having as much fun as the kids with a fishing theme in which kids would reel in their prize from behind a makeshift wall that looked like a lake.

Even the Lyon County Sheriff's Department was on hand to pass out stickers to the kids from the back of their vehicle.

Great weather, a great turnout, and a great time was had for all.



Parker Kern waited to see what he caught at the fishing trunk as Kaitlyn Ludwikowski helped him land it. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

# Halloween Family Fun Day

## Hosted by Lyon County Museum

The Lyon County Historical Museum in Marshall hosted a Halloween Family Fun Day on Saturday. There were games, coloring activities, treats, scavenger hunt and ice cream floats.



Lyon County Historical Society Executive Director Jennifer Andries serves ice cream floats to visitors of the museum. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

Rylen Ellingson of Balaton played the piano at the museum in his costume. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma



Grady Moore received the American degree on Saturday morning at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN.

As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career.

American FFA Degree recipients show promise for the future and have gone above and beyond to achieve excellence.

Less than 1% of all FFA members achieve their American degree, Moore becomes just the 6th Minnesota FFA member to earn his American degree since Minnesota FFA was reestablished.



Jess Dressen, left, assists recent mother Marissa Witterock and her daughter, Ellawyn. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

the area.

"Parenting is hard, and when there isn't a good place to go for support and resources, it makes it harder," Dressen said. "We want to be a place where people can come to and we will help in any way we can."

The Lactation Lounge support included individual consultations for breastfeeding, chest-feeding, pumping, and bottle-feeding challenges on site or at home.

Doula services is physical and emotional support and advocacy during pregnancy, birth, and postpartum.

Also available is the Tree of Life Midwifery operated by Eileen Carlson, a certified professional licensed midwife, since 2015.

The upstairs business on West Main Street has two offices, a classroom, meeting room, and retail store.

The Nurturey also offers a variety of classes and workshops. Check out their website at [www.thenurturey.com](http://www.thenurturey.com) for more information.



Parents and their children visited The Nurturey during their recent grand opening. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

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Basically, The Nurturey is a place for education and support for a parenting journey. It includes areas such as prenatal education, lactation support, and Doula services. There is also a retail store for purchasing supplies pertaining to birthing and parenting that are hard to find in