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Inside



Big purchase

Talia Fier picked up her new swing after paying for it at Countryside Auto during the weekend garage sales.

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Eagle Scout

Cole Bot earned his Eagle Scout award and at the Honor Court and official became an Eagle. (Photo for the Mascot by Ruth Bot).

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Big win!

Mark Laleman rounded third during a big rally that helped Minneota come back from a 7-0 deficit to beat Kerikoven-Murdock-Sunburg, 8-7.

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Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tuesday, May 2	65	35	0
Wednesday, May 3	65	44	.04
Thursday, May 4	70	41	0
Friday, May 5	80	43	0
Saturday, May 6	76	43	0
Sunday, May 7	81	46	0
Monday, May 8	91	52	0



Outlook: Our outlook for next week is looking great! The chance of rain is 50% on Monday and Tuesday. Our highs will be in the 70s with maybe 80s and lows in the 40s and 50s. Great weather for Mother's Day with high in the 80s and lows in the upper 50s. Happy Mother's Day!

Fishing Outlook: Looks to have poor fishing Thursday through Saturday, then it changes to Good fishing Sunday through next Thursday. Good luck fishing!



The three brothers Rognvaldur Gislasen, Vahor Gislasen and Magnus Gislasen discovered the gravesite of S. (Sturlaugur) T. Gilbertson, their great-grandfather. They placed on Icelandic flag on his grave. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

'We're on a pilgrimage to discover our roots'

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

The big blue bus pulled directly in front of the Minneota Mascot — looking to all the world like a group of movie stars had arrived to shoot a film on the plains of Minnesota.

Or, was it a rock n' roll band looking for a stage for their next concert?

Suddenly, the familiar face of Kathy Josephson, a Minneota native, appeared in front of the Mascot window, smiling and pointing to those who began unloading — all craning their necks in

various directions, much like sight-seers hoping to take it all in.

Oh yes ... these folks were Icelanders returning to their roots in one of the small Icelandic hamlets that cropped up at the end of the 1800's.

"I'm Almar Grimsson, tour leader," a gentleman proclaimed.

"We're on a pilgrimage to discover our roots in Minnesota," he said.

No movie stars. No rock band, but certainly more impressive because Minneota was their main concern at the moment.

"They want to hear about the 1870 Icelandic

settlement here," said Josephson, who organized the visit.

Suddenly, a familiar face popped into the doorway of the Mascot, a big smile on his face.

"I'm Hjalmar Hannesson," he said. "We were here when I was an ambassador, but I'm retired now."

Suddenly thoughts of a the grand opening celebration of the new Minneota Public Library, complete with a visit from Hannesson and his wife swept back into memory.

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Spring Blowout

Shoppers Alert!!!

In case you didn't know it, Minneota ordered all this nice weather we're having.

And there is more in store this weekend when the **Spring Blowout** will find the community geared up for shoppers throughout the community on Saturday, May 13.

Businesses such as B Lennore, The Arched Door, Gislasen's, J's Dream, City Hall Bar and Grill (just to name a few) and many vendors at Bethel Fellowship Church will be offering shoppers bargains, fun and food.

A silent auction at Bethel will benefit the needs of the Minneota EDA (Economic Development Authority).

It should be a fun-filled day of shopping for those who are looking for spring items and special deals.

More and more vendors are being added and will be at the Bethel Church.

Expanded service

•Cable TV and broadband services will be here by the end of October.

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

Expanded broadband services to the area were announced in January. Monday night Dan Nelson, director of government affairs for MIDCO said the expansion is here.

Nelson told the Minneota City Council his company, which serves Minneota, has succeeded in a Border to Border haul haul fiber from Canby to Marshall and is improving service for four communities along the way.

What it will mean is better television service (more channels), expanded broadband service to computer users and options in all price ranges.

Nelson indicated the \$1.6 million project will change everything.

The state grant will provide \$123,000 and, "MIDCO is spending \$960,000. The grant is 30 percent of the project cost," Nelson said.

"It's a totally different ball game as far as the MIDCO service goes," he said.

While there still will be competition from other sources, Nelson said, "We expect to be very popular with the residents."

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Sarah Stassen 'Teacher of the Year'

Greg Cuevas, 'Friend of Education'

The Minneota Public School Teacher of the Year is Sarah Stassen. Named *The Friend of Education* winner is Greg Cuevas.

The two were feted at a banquet last week. The awards are given by Greater Southwest University which is the southwestern part of the state's Education Minnesota union. Each year, the teachers select both award winners. "It takes a village to raise a child." This is also true in the education world — everyone who plays a part in a child's life, helps with their education, said a release from the Minneota Teachers.

"Sarah has played an important part in our schools success for the past 17 years," said school officials.

During this time she has shown flexibility by teaching second, third and fourth graders.

She's also been involved by coaching volleyball and softball. "Words that describe Sarah are determined, intense, committed, kind, giving, and understanding," said a release from the education association.

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Sarah and Greg received their certificates Wednesday, May 3, at a meal hosted by Education Minnesota at Key Largo at Lake Shetek. Photo by Heather Webkowski.

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What's Happening?

May

Thursday, May 11

3:30 p.m.—The Full Commission of the Southwest Regional Development Commission will meet at the Walnut Grove Community Center, 311 6th Street, Walnut Grove, MN.

Saturday, May 13

9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Spring Blow-Out in Minnesota.

Graduation Open Houses begin May 13 in the Minnesota area and will continue for the next weeks. Graduation is on the 20th. See open houses on the Classified Page 13.

1 p.m.—Whitesidewalls will perform at the Canby Theatre. Brats will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission, but free will donation suggested. (See ad on page 5).

Monday, May 15

The kick-off for the MN CREP continuous sign-up begins for landowners under the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

Tuesday, May 16

9 a.m. — County Board, Lyon County Courthouse, Marshall.

7 p.m. — Minnesota School Board Meeting, high school.

6:30 p.m. — Colleen Hondl Gengler will be at the Lyon County Museum with her book. (See more below).

Thursday, May 18

Noon — Colleen Hondl Gengler, author of the book, "Under Minnesota Skies," a memoir of three daughters of German and Czech heritage growing up on a farm near Owatonna, will speak at the "Brown Bag Lunch," at the Pipestone Museum.

Saturday, May 20

2 p.m. — Commencement at Minnesota High School.

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 a.m. — The Redwood Area Dementia Awareness Network invites you to their Spring Dementia Event. It will be held at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 North Lincoln St., Redwood Falls. The opening speaker, Kate Seltsch, Program Manager at the Western Minnesota Alzheimer's Association will present "Dementia Conversations." For more information on the event, please call Karen at 627-1016 or e-mail at ace.redwood@co.redwood.mn.us

Firemen save local barn

Minnesota firemen were able to save a barn about 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Harvey Myhre farm about four miles south of Minnesota.

Apparently, a tree pile was being burned when the wind turned and sent fire to the roof of the barn, according to Minnesota firemen.

It was quickly extinguished with no further damage to the barn or its contents.



Lots of help

Jess Swedzinski, with her baby in one arm, bent to look at a pot at the weekend Garage Sales in Minnesota. And of-course, she got a lot of help from son Harry, who was also trying to help. The sales went on all over the Minnesota area Friday and Saturday. Photo for the Mascot by Sue Jacobson.

Garrett Moore new co-advisor for FFA

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

At the Minnesota FFA banquet on May 3, Garrett Moore was officially named co-advisor for the program.

Moore will be the co-advisor along with recently-hired Minnesota agriculture instructor Matt Buysse for two years, beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

"I'm really excited," said Moore, who graduated from Minnesota in 2015. "I'm not doing this for me, I'm doing it for the kids."

"I've been involved in FFA for a long time and some of the more successful FFA programs in the state have more than one advisor, so I think this will help the kids here."

At an April 18 meeting, the Minnesota school board approved naming Buysse to replace agriculture instructor William Delaney, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Buysse's hiring is pending upon approval of a community expert license by the Minnesota Board and Education, which is expected to be known within the next two weeks.

Buysse, who grew up on a farm and graduated from Minnesota High School in 2007, currently holds a four-year degree in another field so he still is required to be licensed as an agriculture teacher.

"I will be taking online courses to get my Master's in Agriculture Education beginning this fall through Auburn University," said Buysse, who currently works for Laleman Construction in Minnesota.

"The courses will be for two years."

Moore, who lives on the family farm one mile south of Minnesota, has been involved with FFA since seventh grade and has attended two national conventions and won a national contest, also



Garrett Moore

qualifies to attend two more conventions.

He has also been involved in the 4-H program since he was in kindergarten.

"Garrett will be a big help to me," said Buysse. "We didn't have an FFA program when I was in high school here so his experience with that will help a lot."

With school officials realizing a need for an additional advisor, Moore was contacted by Principal Jeremy Frie to gauge his interest in the paid position. "I interviewed with Frie and he told me I would get the job if the school board approved me," said Moore.

The board approved Moore at the school board meeting on May 2. The next day it was announced at the FFA banquet.

"My duties will be to work together with Matt to develop a plan of action to get the kids involved in all the events throughout FFA," explained Moore. "I want the kids to have every opportunity I had (in FFA) and more."

"Having two advisors will be better for both and myself. We will be able to work more closely with the kids. I think the position will be time-consuming, but it will also be a lot of fun."

Stassen, Cuevas get awards

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"Sarah sets high expectations for her students and they work hard to meet those expectations. Her room is always full of current students, former students, and athletes as well as her own three children that attend Minnesota Public."

Stassen is always available to the students when they need a pep talk, a listening ear, or simply a hug.

Friend of Education

This year's Friend of Education at Minnesota Public School is Greg Cuevas.

"Greg is a friend to everyone at school. He gives 110 percent day in and day out."

"When visiting with Greg it is apparent that he highly values education — in part because he was born in Mexico and it was not as easy to receive an education as it is here," said officials.

"Greg works hard to make sure the building is clean and

things are working properly."

But perhaps more important that what the teachers think about Greg is how the kids feel about Greg.

"When he's in the hall the kids are calling out, 'Hi Greg' and giving him high-fives."

Cuevas always takes time to respond and show the children they are important.

Officials say he has everyone's back at school and, "We value him and the work he does, not only because he does

a great job, but because Greg is a great person as well."



Seminary visit

Eighth grade boys from St. Edward School had the pleasure of spending time at the Seminary of St. John Vianney with Fr. Craig Timmerman and seminarians Tanner Thooft, Shawn Polman, John Huebl, and Evan Hayes. Special Photo.

St. Edward School Happenings

Students see seminary in action

On Monday, May 1, the Eighth grade boys from St. Edward Catholic School had the opportunity and pleasure of spending time at the Seminary of St. John Vianney.

On the campus of St. Thomas in St. Paul, they spent the day with Fr. Craig Timmerman and seminarians from the Diocese of New Ulm Tanner Thooft, Shawn Polman, John Huebl, and Evan Hayes.



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'Hey Culligan Man!' had Porter origins

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer



Emmett Culligan

When Mavis Anderson hears the once-popular advertising slogan "Hey, Culligan Man!", she reverts back to her parents telling her about the man behind the product who once lived in Porter.

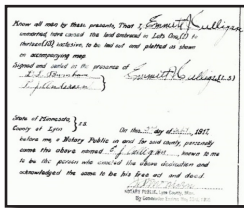
"I was just a little girl by the time he moved out of Porter so I don't remember him," said Anderson, referring to Emmett Culligan, the founder of the water softener company by the same name.

"But I remember my parents always talking about how nice his home was," Anderson, 94, has lived her entire life either on a farm just outside of Porter or in town.

Emmett Culligan was born in 1893 in Yankton, SD. After a stint in World War I, he developed an obsession with water and was constantly attempting to develop water conditioner and purification systems.

When Culligan heard there were several acres of land for sale at a good price in Porter he acted on it, purchasing a large portion on the northeast side of town in 1917.

Culligan and his wife, Anna, then had an elaborate home built by Ole Olsen on his estate in the early 1920s. The home, which included a large orchard on the north side, was referred to as Culligan Manor.



Plat showing Culligan's purchase of land in Porter in 1917.

The estate, which extended out one-half mile in all directions from the home, included a farm on the north edge of Porter where Culligan's hired man lived.



Outside of Culligan Manor in Porter (above) and inside of the same building (right). Ironically, Culligan had such an obsession with water, yet any evidence of his estate in Porter was lost because firemen were unable to get water to the burning home.

Special Photos



The estate also included two servant houses northwest of his mansion, as well as two guest houses and several storage buildings.

Culligan's home in Porter was an elaborate mansion of the period; a three-story home with elegant furnishings that soon became a showplace in town. People from all over would come to view one of the largest homes in southwestern Minnesota.

"I was in the home several times after Culligan left and it was owned by someone else," said Ruth Van-Hyfte, another longtime resident of Porter. "It had a large open stairway and beautiful woodwork. It was just a very nice home."

The Culligan Manor had French-style furniture made of stained oak or cherry. French rugs, hardwood flooring, an oak staircase and oak woodwork could be seen throughout the house. There was a parlor, den, sitting room with a large fireplace and a grandfather clock, smoking room, kitchen, dining room with a large chandelier and an oak table that seated a dozen people, and six bedrooms.

The home was one of the first in the area to be fully wired electrically with switches and fuses.

"I used to deliver groceries for the store in Porter," said Anderson. "And I delivered to the people that lived in that house. I only went into the kitchen area, but it was a really, really nice home."

After many years of attempting to perfect a water softener, Culligan finally designed one to his satisfaction shortly after moving to Porter. He then contracted town blacksmith Adolph Westby to build it for him. Upon completion, Culligan obtained a patent on the unit and offered Westby the chance to become a partner with him. But Westby declined; not realizing at the time that it was his chance to make a fortune.

In the early 1930s, Culligan sub-divided his properties and sold them off and moved out of Porter to establish the Culligan Zeolite Company in 1936 with his two brothers in Northbrook, IL.

The first Culligan franchised dealership opened in 1939 in Wheaton, IL. The Company now has its International Headquarters in Northbrook, Illinois. The company currently has over 600 dealers in the United States and Canada and sells its products in more than 90 countries.

Although the house changed owners several times,

the electrical wiring was never updated and eventually was the cause of the home's demise.

In late December of 1969, an intense blizzard blanketed southwestern Minnesota. It was during that blizzard that a fire started in the Culligan Manor. Investigators believed the fire was linked to a faulty electrical light switch in the kitchen. No one was injured in the fire.

Because of the severity of the storm that left huge drifts, the firemen were unable to reach the home could only watch from several blocks away. High winds fanned the flames and the home burned quickly. In the end, all that was left standing was a chimney.

"My husband and I lived on a farm one mile east of Porter at the time of the fire," said Anderson. "My husband went into town after the blizzard and saw the home. He came back and told me about it. A few days later, I saw the home burnt to the ground. It was really sad because it was such a showpiece."

Up until a few years ago, a portion of the Culligan home's foundation and sidewalk leading up to it were still visible. But they were torn up when a new home was built on the site.

Today, there is little physical evidence that an important inventor and businessman ever lived in Porter other than a few photos.

"At this point the only thing that remains is the stories and the plat showing his purchase of properties around Porter," said Porter City Clerk and Historian Josh Sumption.

Culligan always felt that due to the importance of water consumption in maintaining a healthy body it should be as pure as possible. He wrote books, traveled the country to give lectures, and was always experimenting with ways to improve the purity of water.

Two years before the fire, owners had a storage building near a servant home torn down and several antiquated canisters discovered. It was ascertained that they were experimental water filtering systems he had been trying to perfect.

Unfortunately, the tanks are no longer in existence.

"I don't know what happened to the tanks," said Sumption. "I'm not sure who owned the property they were located on at the time, but it is now Norma Johnson's farm."

Culligan retired to California in 1965 and died of a heart attack in 1970 at age 77. He is buried next to his wife in Sioux City, IA in a family plot. Their only child, John, died in 2016.

There are currently no plans for the town to include a sign or plaque to indicate that Porter is the home to the first Culligan water softener or that the family once lived there; much like North Redwood Falls has a sign on the edge of town to indicate it is the birthplace of Sears and Roebuck.

"At this time there are no plans to erect a sign or anything of that nature," said Sumption. "But it is an idea worth considering."

It is ironic that Culligan had such an obsession with water, yet any evidence of his estate in Porter was lost because firemen were unable to get water to the burning home.

Expanded TV, broadband services coming

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The expansion going on in Minnetonka, as well as Ghent, Porter and Taunton, has already had a test run.

"We did Annandale, MN last year and we couldn't be more pleased with the way construction went, what the community feels and the service."

MIDCO had established a price guide that will include all range of budgets and needs. Prices include basic cable TV on \$69.95 with more channels.

"Essentials cable is a new offering," said Nelson. This is an option that will cost only \$39.95 and provide access to 31 cable channels. But the amount of channels goes up if users want to pay a higher price. For instance, Preferred Cable has 200 channels (up to 100 in HD) with a variety of news, entertainment and sports channels. It costs \$80.95 per month.

"Cable is under huge pricing pressure from the networks. There are on price pressures that young customers have no stomach for — and are buying," Nelson said.

As for advanced computer service Nelson said, "Our Midco Xtream 75 is a everything you want and a little bit more."

He said the industry is working on what's called, "symmetrical" service.

"We understand the traffic and the way people use the internet now," he added.

Construction Manager John Fischer will be working within the construction schedule they expect to start in August in Porter and Taunton and September and October in Minnetonka and Ghent.

"We intend to have you up and running before it freezes (October 23) in Minnetonka," Nelson added.

"The exciting news for both TV and computer users is, "This fall you'll have capacity you haven't had before," said Nelson, adding, "This is a good tool to have in your tool box."

Last January it was announced the major advancement in internet service would include "Many pockets of unreliable service," said Rept. Chris Swedzinski (R-Ghent).

Now, with the new development, "This will be a whole different ballgame to be able to function out of your home."

Nelson added, "We believe this is a good news scenario."

He also said the fiber run will come right down the right-of-way, so it won't mean extensive digging all along the way.

"We're going to bring fiber into town and the connection to the home will be the co-axial cable."

"Our goal is, as close as we can by the end of the year, to have our whole system upgraded."

The various service options are intended to provide, Reliability and good pricing," according to Nelson.

He said this service will put Minnetonka ahead of other area communities.

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The Eagle Scout

Cole Bot of Minneota received his Eagle Scout award at the Minneota American Legion on Saturday. An Honor Court was held to proclaim the honor he has earned. Cole gave his Mom Jan her Eagle pin with his dad Ben looking on.

Photo for the Mascot
by Ruth Bot

A hidden gem to wine about

Milk Maid

By Brittany Moore



On Saturday, I met up with two of my best friends from college, Amanda and Emily. We like to meet somewhere in the middle and this time we chose Watertown, SD.

We met up at this place called, "Harry's Haircuts and Hot Towels" for lunch. I was a little confused because it didn't sound like a place you'd have lunch.

In one part of the building there is a barber shop and salon and on the other side is a sports bar and grill.

The food was really good and it seems to work, even though it's a weird pairing.

Anyway, after lunch, we stumbled upon a neat chocolate shop. Not only does it have homemade chocolates galore, the owners make their own wines.

If you know anything about millennials, we enjoy wine. We like wine and the experience that goes along with it.

In fact, a recent study found Millennials drank around 159.6 million cases of wine last year, an amount that surpasses any other generation. This would amount to 42 percent of all wine drunk in 2015.

This little hidden gem in Watertown was definitely up our alley. They offered free samples of their "wine slushies." These were so cool as they have actual huge slushie machines just for the wine slushies.

We decided to do a wine tasting. We each got to try five different wines from a list of 16 wines and we each received chocolate to pair it with.

What was unique about each wine is that they are named after a ghost town in South Dakota, hence the brand name of "Ghost

Town Winery."

We each received a little pamphlet with the wine list and a brief description of the wine and ghost town.

As the owner gave us the wine of our choosing, he would tell us about the town they were named after.

My favorite wine that I tried was called the "Medary" and it's "a slick White Shiraz splashed with cool raspberry and exotic dragon fruit."

If you are familiar with South Dakota State or Brookings, Medary is one of the main streets so I chose it as a nod to SDSU. Medary was located a few miles south of Brookings and was established in 1857. It was the first incorporated town in Dakota Territory and all the remains today is a historical marker.

The owner then showed us various photographs he had of each ghost town, which all three of us thought it was pretty cool. Needless to say, none of us walked out empty handed.

It was a very fun, yet total hidden gem of a place. We even got to keep our wine glasses.

From the Mascot Files

75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago May 1, 1942

News of gold miner

Meager news, and news that gave no information of the whereabouts or safety of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson, was discovered in the February National Geographic, by Minneota relatives of the former Wersterheim boy and his wife.

The picture, showing several mining engineers and workers preparing gold bullion for shipment from Luzon, P. I., to San Francisco, among them mining engineer Peterson, is only faintly prophetic of the fate which befell the Philippine Islands in December.

Joe Peterson is a son of late Signfinnur Peterson of Minneota and he and his wife went to the Philippines some years ago, where Mr. Peterson has been engaged as a gold mining engineer. Their two sons, Joe and Sigurd, live in the states.

Blaze threatens barn

The fire siren blew at 11:30 Wednesday evening, calling for help at the Art Johnson farm ten miles south of Minneota.

Ten or 12 firemen took the truck out and extinguished a small burning straw pile near the barn. A high wind was blowing the flames toward the building, and threatened to spread the fire.

Chimney fire

The Minneota fire depart-

ment attended to a blaze at the Magnus Thorsteinson home Monday evening, the second chimney fire there in a few weeks.

On account of the high wind, the fire presented a menace to the rest of the structure and nearby homes. The gale blew so strong that the flames stood out horizontally from the chimney, as if from a giant blow torch.

Personals

The following births were reported: Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Lanners for St. Leo a girl, April 26; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Richards a boy, April 24; Mr. and Mrs. John Kesteloot of Ghent a boy, April 25; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coleman of Marshall a boy, April 28.

50 Years Ago May 11, 1967

Win honors

Lynn Olson and Margaret Vlamnick are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1967 Minneota high school graduating class, Lynn having an average of 96.3 and Margaret, 95.3, according to an announcement made at the high school this week.

Two suffer burns in Sunday fire

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Skogen both suffered burns Sunday morning when attempting to extinguish a fire in bedding in their apartment in the Alma Se-

version residence in south Minneota.

Mrs. Skogen was burned on the upper left leg and her husband was burned on the left side of his face in the area of the eye and also on a leg.

The two also suffered from smoke inhalation.

There was no property damage other than to the bedding.

Rotary hears talk on citizenship seminar

David Josephson of rural Minneota presented a discussion on a Farm Bureau-sponsored citizenship seminar at Spitzer Lake in Otter Tail county at the local Rotary club's meeting last week.

From 300 to 400 youths of grades 10 and 11 are expected to attend this summer's seminar, Josephson said, and three from this county, including Ruth Jeremiason and Cheryl DeMartelaere of this community, have qualified for attendance.

At the May 3 meeting, John Good of Minneota was accepted a member of Rotary and there were discussions on work on benches for the swimming pool.

25 Years Ago May 6, 1992

Senior awards winners

Seniors were pleased to be honored with awards and special recognition during the Lions Banquet on Friday evening. They were: Kari Swedzinski,

Cheryl Reiss, Deanna Severson, Stephanie Askdal, Karen Buysse, Brian Jeremiason, Loreta Louwagie, Cheryl Timmerman, Chad Reiss, David Esping, David Verschelde, Tony Finnegan and Dale Verschelde.

Sixth grade essay winners

The Minneota Senior Citizens held their annual banquet on Sunday night. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the essays that sixth grade students had written about "their favorite" older person. The winners were Kristi Coover, Sharene Gossen, Tony Traen and Adam Gorecki.

FLA members earn handsome trophy

FLA members from the Minneota Chapter earned a trophy at the State meet with their STAR Events. Members are Jessica Jackson, Lisa Skaar, Jamie Lanners, Julie Schwartz, Wendy Moore, Nicole Coover, Lisa DeSmet, Jennifer Flood, Nicole Coequet and Sheri Tillemans. Mrs. Marlene Lien is the Chapter's Advisor.

Baptism held

Baptism for Desiree Elizabeth Sik, daughter of Dan and Deb Sik, was held on May 2 at St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Taunton, with Fr. Gerry Hillesheim officiating. Sponsors were her aunt and uncle, Cheryl Lynn Sik and Jonathan Wayne Sik.



Ole Pappy

By Byron Higgins



Face in the window.

In search of roots

Suddenly, this face appeared in the window of the Mascot. I looked beyond the face and there was this Big Blue Bus. People started piling out. So I grabbed my camera and went outside.

It was there I met some of the nicest people. They were Icelanders on their way to a convention in Fargo, ND.

So if you're an Icelander, you have to make a stop in Minneota.

Much to my surprise, when I met these three brothers, they were all Gislasons.

Wow! Now that's a local name we can associate with.

These folks loved the Minneota Public Library, found lots of history of the Icelandic culture upstairs in the old Opera House — where they met, of course, historian Daren Gislason — imagine that — Gislasons meeting Gislason.

They couldn't pass up the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church — where Icelanders once populated the church. It seemed they were more interested in the sign on the road telling about the church than the church itself.

But the big discoveries came at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, were several of the Icelandic folks made connections with relatives from a long time ago.

There were some notable people on the tour, like Marget Hallgrimsdottir, general director of the National Museum of Iceland.

Also along on the trip was Hjalmar Hannesson, who WAS the Icelandic Ambassador. But now, his business card says Ambassador (Ret.) and he's quick to say, "I'm retired now."

He was in Minneota when the Public Library opened and was a good friend of Bill Holm.

These folks were charming and fun and they seemed to enjoy exploring Minneota. It doesn't seem to matter if folks like me are NOT of Icelandic origin — they treat everyone so well.

It was a fun day — and thanks to Kathy Josephson, Minneota native who organized the trip. Certainly they weren't going to get by without stopping in Minneota as long as Kathy was around.

At the cemetery, the Icelanders discovered they were related to a former Minneota mayor who had a big influence on this community.

When asked, his relatives said they didn't know much about him — but they do now.

That's called, "Discovering your roots."

LAUGH A LITTLE: Old golfer speaks out:

"We had a power cut at our house this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad and my new surround sound music system were all shut down," said the avid golfer.

"Then I discovered that my mobile phone battery was dead and to top it off it was raining outside, so I couldn't play golf," the man related.

"So I went into the kitchen to make coffee and then I remembered that this also needs power, so I sat and talked with my wife for a couple of hours."

"She seems like a nice person," he said.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: As My Ole Pappy used to say, "Memories will last forever. So don't waste time, store up memories for tomorrow."

Ole Pappy had something there. Now that he's gone, I have all his thoughts and dreams to keep me warm.

Thanks Ole Pappy!

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Ask the Chief

By Minneota
Police Chief Bill Bolt

Pick up after your dog!

With the warmer weather and longer days, people are going to be doing more walking and outdoor activity.

For those of us walking our dogs, it is very important to make sure you carry a plastic bag to pick up any mess your dog may leave behind.

Yes, it is a law that requires you to pick up after your dog and yes, I will write you a ticket if I catch you; but more importantly it is a matter of RESPECT.

It's disgusting and makes people angry to find piles of dog poop in their yard because irresponsible owners failed to clean up after their dog.

If you own a dog, be responsible and pick up the poop.

Police Blotter

The Minneota Police Department received the following calls for service:

Monday, May 1

- Assist provided in the 100 block of E. 1st Street.
- Residential burglary alarm.
- Public Disturbance in the 700 block of N. Jefferson Street.

Tuesday, May 2

- Four Traffic Stops for a moving violations on Hwy. 68 with two at N. Monroe Street and one each on North Adams and N. Jefferson Streets.
- Driving complaint on Hwy. 68 from Marshall.
- Harassment in the 700 block of N. Jefferson Street.
- Animal Complaint in the 400 block of E. Lyon Street.

Wednesday, May 3

- Assault in the 400 block of N. Jackson Street.

Thursday, May 4

- Civil Standby in the 700 block of N. Jefferson Street.
- Civil Standby in the 400 block of N. Jackson Street.

Friday, May 5

- Traffic Stop for a moving violation on Hwy 68 at N. Grant Street.

Saturday, May 6

- Vehicle collision in the 300 block E. of Hwy. 68.
- Dog at large in the 400 block of N. Jefferson Street.

'Interesting crimes' plague Minneota

"We've had two interesting criminal cases that we rarely see in Minneota," said Police Chief Bill Bolt. A "fake" \$100 bill was passed at a local store.

"This bill was marked, 'For Motion Picture Use Only,' but looks amazingly real and without carefully looking at the bill, it's often accepted as real money," said the chief.

"Other jurisdictions have had similar problems," the chief said. He's talked to area businesses about the fake money.

The other case was a forcible entry burglary at a local business. The suspect has been identified as a result of a larger multi-agency investigation involving a separate incident not involving Minneota.

The burglary was not connected to other recent criminal activities and the suspect has limited contacts in Minneota.

IN OTHER action the board:

• Noted spraying for mosquitoes (weather permitting) will be May 22 at dusk. The city has contracted with Clarke Mosquito Service of Clearwater, MN for the coming season.

If residents have questions, they can call the city offices or visit 222.clarke.com

The product used is registered by the EPA and Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

• Approved a liquor license for the Minneota Mudhens so they can sell beer this summer at K. P. Kampelen Park.



Salute to Mr. Delaney

Minneota students, admiring their motorcycling teacher friend William Delaney, rode their bikes to school, complete with flag, to honor their teacher, who teaches Ag and is the FFA Advisor and Trap Shoot coach. They are (left to right) Adrian Laleman, Donnie Schuelke, Riley Yost, Justin Buysse, Austin Thompson and Tanner Differding, with William Delaney in the back. *Staff Photo by Byron Higgins.*

DeSmet is 'True meaning of Team Player'

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Sometimes it's not about being the best or the most successful athlete. Sometimes it's just as important to have fun while also doing what you can to help your team be successful.

And that's what Sara DeSmet has been doing for the Southwest Minnesota State University softball team the last two seasons.

The sophomore catcher from Minneota brought her bat to the plate only once all season. And she has yet to put on the catching gear for one pitch in a game the past two years.

But that doesn't mean she didn't contribute to the Mustangs' solid season.

The Mustangs qualified for the NSIC post-season tournament, but lost twice on Thursday at Augustana College in Sioux Falls to finish the season 23-23. The Mustangs lost 3-1 to Minot State and 4-1 to Bemidji State. DeSmet pinch ran in the first game.

"Sara has grown tremendously over the past two years as an athlete, student, and person," said SMSU coach Jamie Dunn. "She is very strong in her faith, a great role model, and an exceptional teammate. Sara works extremely hard on a daily basis and is willing to accept whatever role she is given."



Sara DeSmet

for Alex Reak, who had just singled in a run.

One pitch later, DeSmet was off and running. She swiped second base, causing an errant throw by the catcher that allowed a runner on third to score the team's 10th run.

DeSmet then scored on a single by Sam Flack for the final margin.

"That was a lot of fun," she DeSmet. "It was Senior Day and to get to play with the seniors was special."

While the players with robust stats entice the most ink in a newspaper story, it's

DeSmet was used as a pinch-runner in 19 of the team's 46 games this season, an unusual duty for a catcher.

"I love to run," she said. "But I'm also prepared and ready to play when my time comes."

In SMSU's doubleheader sweep of UM-Crookston in the regular-season finale recently, DeSmet entered the game as a pinch-runner in both games.

Leading 9-0 in Game 1, Coach Dunn inserted the speedy DeSmet to pinch-run

players like DeSmet that go about their business with little fanfare.

"Sara is always ready to perform when called upon, whether it's warming up our pitching staff in the bullpen or running bases with a smile on her face," Dunn said.

"Her constant energy and enthusiasm for the game is vital to our team and she is often the first one out of the dugout to congratulate a teammate."

"Sara is a pleasure to coach and I am so happy she chose to be a Mustang. Our team would not be the same without her. She is a wonderful person and has a very bright future."

DeSmet's value to the team, besides occasionally running for a teammate, comes behind the scenes such as warming up pitchers in the bullpen, pushing the other catchers on the team to be the best they can be, or cheering for her teammates.

"It's all about the team," she said. "I'm proud to be able to say I put on a Division II uniform."

As a freshman last season, DeSmet was hitless in three plate appearances. She did appear in 17 games and scored seven runs as a pinch-runner.

"You learn a lot when you're out in the field playing," said DeSmet. "But you also learn a lot from the bench."

Although she is having a great deal of fun, DeSmet is still looking for her first collegiate hit.

"Yeah, I would love to get a hit," she laughed. "I would actually enjoy getting a hit to help the team more than for myself."

Spoken like a true team player.

Menus

Minneota Senior Mealsite

Call Joanne from 8 - 9:15 a.m. for meals, 872-6604.
Dinners served at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 11: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Pork Chop, sweet potato, peas or Tator Tot casserole, mixed veggies, apple crisp; Bingo at 1 p.m.
Friday, May 12: 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Master of Balance Class; Turkey enchilada casserole, rice, Mexican corn or Salisbury steak, mashed potato, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges; "500" at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, May 15: Closed
Tuesday, May 16: Exercise at 10 a.m.; menu not available; "500" at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17: 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Master of Balance Class.
Thursday, May 18: Exercise at 10 a.m.; menu not available; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Minneota Public School

Monday, May 15: Cook's Choice, milk; Lunch: Chicken patty, chips & salsa, green beans, fresh veggies, pears, milk
Tuesday, May 16: Cook's Choice, milk; Lunch: Soft shell taco, cheese, lettuce, fresh veggies, peaches, milk
Wednesday, May 17: Cook's Choice, milk; Lunch: Cook's Choice, milk
Thursday, May 18: Cook's Choice, milk; Lunch: Cook's Choice, milk
Friday, May 19: Cook's Choice, milk; Lunch: Sack Lunch, milk

St. Edward's School

Monday, May 15: Birthday lunch, chicken nuggets, corn, broccoli, bread or dinner roll, fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 16: Chicken tacos, lettuce/tomato, refried beans, chips/salsa, fruit, milk
Wednesday, May 17: Lasagna, salad, baked beans, garlic bread, fruit, milk
Thursday, May 18: Pancake/sausage or breakfast on a stick, fries, peas, fruit, milk
Friday, May 19: Cook's choice, milk

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A big smile crossed the face of Sydney Larson as she rounded third and headed for a celebration with her teammates after socking a home run against KMS. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Good moments in a 2-4 week

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

"We did not hit well. The lack of practice over the past week seems to have caught up to us," said Coach Heidi Boerboom after Minneota-Canby softball split a doubleheader with Lakeview, losing 4-3 in nine innings and winning 4-3 in eight innings.

"Sadie Stelter did pitch great though — all 16 innings," for Lakeview, said Coach Boerboom.

"Errors cost us the first game (and the lack of hits). We had our chances," said the coach.

"I thought that our pitchers did a great job," she added.

It was a long week for the Vikings. It began with another tough doubleheader.

Minneota on Thursday split a doubleheader with Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, losing the opener 4-2 but coming back to win the nightcap, 5-4.

Then on Friday they were swamped by Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg, 11-1 and 16-6, both in five innings.

But there was drama against KMS.

Sydney Larson launched the ball into the heavens and it landed beyond the fence for a home run. She rounded the bases with the joy of a school girl joining her long lost friends. A big smile encompassed her face as she was surrounded at home by teammates.

Against TMB, Sydney Lanoue was the winning pitcher for the Panthers in the first game. The junior pitched a complete game and scattered seven hits, while giving up two runs.

Larissa Kockelman knocked in the game-winning run off an RBI double for the Vikings in the bottom of the seventh.

In the first game, "We played right with them! Before the game the pitchers and I talked about mixing things up if the Panthers' bats got going," said Coach Heidi Boerboom.

"In the bottom of the fifth, Tracy-Milroy had four nice cracks of the bat (two of which were caught in center field, one was a triple) and Becca and I both felt it was time to change it up."

"It looked like the right choice when we scored twice in the top of the sixth to even up the game and then we went 1-2-3 defensively in the bottom of the sixth," said Coach Boerboom.

In the bottom of the seventh, TMB's bats really took it to reliever Brooklyn Nelson with four hits in a row. Sydney Lanoue had a walk of double that scored the winning run for TMB.

"It was a great game! Maybe I should have left Becca in ... never know," questioned Coach Boerboom.

"In the second game, Sydney Larson pitched the first two innings where they were able to score two runs in each," the coach said.

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Heidi burning up the courses

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor



Heidi Guttormsson teed off during the cold and blustery meet at Tyler last week. Photo for the Mascot by Brian Jeremiason.

Golf balls have been flying all over during a week filled with four meets and another all day Wednesday in Benson.

"I've been very impressed with the work ethic of our players. The leadership of team captains Nolan, Heidi and Nicole has been terrific," said Coach Greg Gile.

At Tyler and Canby, Minneota's Heidi Guttormsson shot a 41 and both times she was the medalist. On Monday, her 38 won the Camden Conference Tournament.

She finished second, one stroke behind LqPV's Rachel Halverson, 77-78. Both are ranked in the state.

"I've seen significant improvement in the golf swings in our varsity players over these past few weeks. Now it's a matter of everyone firing their best round at the same event," said Coach Gile.

"Our seniors, Heidi Guttormsson and Nicole Evers have demonstrated remarkable leadership, not only for our players, but within our conference," said the coach.

As result, the Viking girls have vaulted to the top of the conference.

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Rox crumbled by Hens

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

An 8-0 pounding at Milroy by the fabled Yankees didn't deter the Minneota Mudhens.

Assistant Manager Beau Buysse calls it, "Growing up," after the team bounced back with an 11-4 win over the Ortonville Rox.

"I think the game at Milroy helped us because we faced some tough pitching and solid hitting," Manager Tyson Sonnenburg said.

"We're holding our own," said Sonnenburg, adding, "Ortonville was in the state tournament last year."

And, "Their pitcher has pitched in many state tournaments," said Buysse.

Minneota knocked Chris Fellows off the mound in the third inning with a 6-3 lead, then banged out 14 hits.

"That Milroy game was HUGE for helping us win this game," Sonnenburg said.

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Minneota's Beau Buysse had a busy day on Sunday. He slid into home against Ortonville catcher Isaac Knutson. He missed the base. Knutson missed the tag and Buysse had to come back to touch the plate. He did and the run counted. He also went to the ground to tag a runner out at second. Photos for the Mascot by Sue Jacobson.

Individually, Viking wrestlers were second

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

For the second time in history, the Minneota wrestling team has finished as the state runner-up in the "Individual state tournament scoring system."

They took second in 2012 and now in 2017.

The Vikings received a second place trophy, next to champion Zumbrota-Mazeppa.

"From 1938 to 1974, the Minnesota State High School League determined the state champion based on the individual scoring system," said Coach Joel Skillings.

"While individual team scoring was continued, it wasn't until 2011 that the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association began to recognize and award the state champion and state runner-up in the scoring system," said the coach.

While the team tournament took over with it's own champion — there became a second winner and runner-up based solely on points accumulated by individuals in the tournament.

There are presently 82 teams in Class A wrestling, representing numerous towns.

Many of these teams are co-op teams.

Minneota this year had eight wrestlers in state. T.J. Esping was a state champ and brought home all the points he earned along the way.

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Wrestlers helping bring home the second place trophy were: (left to right) Shawn Buysse, Brendan Reiss, Alec Bueltel, Cole VanOverbeke and Brant Buysse. In the back was coach Joel Skillings. Missing were T.J. Esping, Austin DeVlaeminck and Teddy Pesch. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Comeback kids do it again!

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

"They could have easily packed it in," said Coach Keven Larson.

Down 7-0 in the third against a good Kerkhoven-M-S team, the Vikings were in trouble. But, "They fought back," said the coach, and orchestrated a 7-6 victory Tuesday in Min-



Brant Buysse tags out Brandon Rasmussen at second on a throw by catcher Austin DeVlaeminck to end the game. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

neota. Austin DeVlaeminck didn't have a good start on the mound — but once he took over the catching, well, that was a different story.

With two out in the seventh, Brandon Rasmussen took off for second. He never made it because DeVlaeminck gunned him down.

"The nice thing was he (DeVlaeminck) remained cool and ended the game right there," said Coach Larson.

Thomas Hennen relieved DeVlaeminck and didn't give up a run while striking out four.

Meanwhile, the Vikings went to work with the bats. They scored three in the third, using a two-run double by Alex Pohlen as the catalyst.

Then, down 7-4, they used three KMS errors and a double by Brock Fox to rally for five runs. When Preston Nuy scored, the Vikings finally led, 7-6. Then Hennen and DeVlaeminck shut the door in the seventh inning.

"Thomas really stepped up big for us," said the coach. During the rally, Landon Abraham had a big hit and Coach Larson acknowledged that.

"It's nice to know we still have the fight," the coach concluded.

Bump in the road ...

The season was rolling along masterfully after a 4-1 Viking win over Renville County West Thursday.

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Scoreboard

Baseball		
Camden Conference		
Team	W	L
Carlyle	70	102
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg	52	93
Dawson-Boyd	52	62
Central MN Christian	42	62
Lac qui Parle Valley	55	76
MACCRAY	35	56
Yellow Medicine East	35	37
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	36	39
Lakeview	38	39
Russell-Tyler-Ruthon	27	38
Rennville Co. West	17	19

Games Last Week

Thursday, May 4		
Carlyle vs. Russell-Tyler-Ruthon	2	1
Central MN Christian	3	Dawson-Boyd 1
MACCRAY	6	Lakeview 2
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg	1	Yellow Med. East 0
Central Minnesota Christian	4	MACCRAY 1
MACCRAY	6	Lakeview 2
Lac qui Parle Valley	9	Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 8

Friday, May 5

Lakeview	7	Rennville Co. West 0
Yellow Med. East	5	Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 0
Alvaston-Cosmos-GC	6	Kerkhoven-MSS 2
Wabasso	7	Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 2

Saturday, May 6

Markato Loyola	13	Minnetonka 3 (5 innings)
Kerkhoven-MSS	5	Clinton-Gladysville 3
Minnetonka	6	May 6
Yellow Medicine East	6	Lakeview 4
Kerkhoven-MSS	1	Yellow Med. East 0
Central MN Christian	10	Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 1
Dawson-Boyd	6	Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 0

Sunday, May 7

Minnetonka	6	Kerkhoven-MSS 7
Red Rock Central-WG	6	Rennville Co. West 1
Lac qui Parle Valley	9	MACCRAY 1
Redwood Valley	11	Yellow Medicine East 0

Games This Week

Friday, May 12		
Minnetonka	vs. RTR	at Tyler, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16		
Markato	at Carlyle	4:30 p.m. (2)

Markato Loyola 13, Minnetonka 3 (5)

MINNETONKA (AB-R-H-RBI) Austin DeVlaemick, c 3-0-0; Brock Fox, 1b 2-1-1; Alex Pohlen, rf 2-0-0; Preston Nay, pr 1-1-0; Landon Abraham, dh 2-0-0; Blake Nelson, 3b 2-0-0; Brant Baysse, 2b 2-0-1; Thomas Hernen, ss 2-0-0; Donnie Schuelke, c 1-0-0; Everett Vanhake, ph 1-0-0; Mark Latham, lf 2-0-0. **Totals 13-0-2.**

MANKATO LOYOLA (AB-R-H-RBI) Ben Ellingsworth, c 2-0-2; Nick Stofel, c 4-2-0; Luke Selfie, ss 2-1-1; Carter Goff, 3b 2-0-0; Sheldon Price, rf 4-2-2; Max Semelt, 1b 4-1-0; Matt Murray, 2f 1-1-1; Tyler Corns, 2b 0-0-0; Brandon Munka, dh 2-1-1; **Foray 2-2-1. Totals 26-16-11.**

Score by Innings

Markato Loyola	00	00	—	13	16
Minnetonka	300	00	—	3	4

E-Minnestonka: T. Hernen, Baysse, Nay, LOB: Minnetonka 2; M.L. SB: Minnetonka; Nay, M.L. Ellingsworth; Stofel, SAC: M.L. Semelt, Murray, DP: M.L. 8-5 (1). **SB-Minnestonka:** Fox, M. Ellingsworth, Price, Filling.

Pitching

IP R H R B B K		
Nay (L)	3	7 8 1 3
Pohlen	2	3 8 1 1
M.L.	5	3 4 1 4
Ellingsworth (W)	5	3 4 1 4

HP: Fox (by Ellingsworth); C: Goff (by Pohlen).

Minnetonka 6, Renville Co. West 1

MINNETONKA (AB-R-H-RBI) Austin DeVlaemick, c 4-0-1-0; Brock Fox, 1b 3-1-0-0; Alex Pohlen, rf 2-1-0-0; Preston Nay, pr 1-1-0-0; Landon Abraham, dh 2-0-0-0; Blake Nelson, 3b 2-0-0-0; Brant Baysse, 2b 4-1-2-1; Thomas Hernen, p 3-0-1-0; Donnie Schuelke, c 1-0-0-0; Mark Latham, lf 2-0-0-0. **Totals 27-4-5-2.**

ROW (AB-R-H-RBI) Trent Kjersten, p 3-1-0-0;

Curtis Wohlmuth, 2b 3-0-0-0; Stephen Wahlen, 3b 3-0-0-0; Brody Elling, dh 1-0-0-0; Jack Howard, rf 3-0-1-0; Austin Schnupp, ss 3-0-0-0; Tony Fritzel, lf 2-0-0-0; Connor Kieda, c 2-0-0-0; Jaime Castelli, c 3-0-0-0. **Totals 24-1-4-1.**

Score by Innings

Minnetonka	010	300	—	4-0
ROW	100	000	—	1-4

RCW: Schnupp, LOB: Minnetonka 11; ROW: 7; SB: Minnetonka; Nay, 2; Hernen, Schuelke, SAC: Minnetonka; Schuelke, 2B: Minnetonka; Hernen, P: Kjersten.

Pitching

IP R H R B B K		
Hernen (W)	7	11 4 1 7
RCW		
Kjersten (L)	7	4 6 3 2

HP: Elling; Kjersten, Fritzel (by Hernen); WP: Hernen; Kjersten.

Amateur Baseball

Land O' Ducks League

Team		
Minnetonka Mudhens	10	2-1
Mankato Spartans	00	0-0
Mankato Mallards	00	0-0
Cottonwood Cardinals	00	0-0
Dawson Dodgers	00	0-0
Rosen Express	01	0-1

Wood Division

Dumont Saints	10	1-0
Hancock Orphans	10	1-0
Manti Eagles	00	0-0
Oriskany Coyotes	00	0-0
Appleton A's	01	0-1
Clinton Cardinals	01	0-1

Games This Week

Friday, May 5		
Milroy Yankees	vs. Minnetonka Mudhens	0
Sunday, May 7		
Minnetonka Mudhens	11	Clinton Row 4
Dumont Saints	12	Rosen Express 1
Hancock Orphans	6	Clinton Cardinals 4

Games This Week

Friday, May 12		
Sacred Heart	at Minnetonka Mudhens	7:30 p.m.

Minnetonka Mudhens 11, Ortonville Rox 4

MINNETONKA (AB-R-H-RBI) Beau Baysse, 2b 5-3-3-0; Jordan Beck, rf 4-1-2-1; Tyson Sonnenburg, cf 5-2-3-2; Adam Durfee, ss 3-1-2-1; Danny Hernen, p 1-0-0-0; Jesse Drager, c 3-1-3-2; Ryan Koopman, c 0-1-0-0; Austin Baysse, 3b 5-1-3-0; Josh Bodnar, dh 2-0-0-0; Preston Nay, dh 2-0-0-0; Peyton Nay, 1b 2p 2-0-0-0; Brock Baysse, rf 2-0-0-0; Mike Luke, lf 2-0-0-0. **Totals 31-11-19.**

ORTONVILLE (AB-R-H-RBI) Chris Fellows,

ph 3-1-1-0; Chris Doney, cf 3-1-1-0; Joe Fuller, cf 5-0-0-0; Chance Haugen, lf 5-0-2-2; Aaron Quinn, 2b 1-0-0-0; Isaac Kuntz, c 4-0-0-0; Ethan Steele, c 1-0-0-0; Tony Steele, ss 2-0-0-0; Andrew Treinen, ph 1-0-0-0; Chris Smith, lf 5-0-1-0; Mike Schulte, rf 3-0-0-0. **Totals 36-7-3.**

Score by Innings

Ortonville	102	000	—	4	7
Minnetonka	20	002	12	—	11-42

E-Minnestonka: Durfee, Drager, Ortonville; Kuntz, Quinn, T. Steele, LOB: Minnetonka 9; Ortonville: 13; SB: Minnetonka; Baysse, Beck 2; Ortonville: Doney, Smith, SAC: Minnetonka; Durfee 2; Bodnar, Drager, Minnetonka 6-4-3 (4); SB: Minnetonka; Drager, p 3; SB: Minnetonka; Sonnenburg.

Pitching

IP R H R B B K		
Minnetonka		
Danny Hernen (W)	7	31 6 4 9
Peyton Nay	2	11 1 1 2

Ortonville

Fellows (L)	2	6 4 9 0 1
Mike Schulte	1	0 0 2 2 3
Tony Steele	1	1 1 1 1
Joe Fuller	1	2 3 0 1

HP: Quinn (by Hernen and Nay); Fellows, Doney (by Hernen); Hernen (by Fuller); WP: T. Steele, M. Schulte, Nay.

Milroy Yankees 8, Minnetonka Mudhens 0

MINNETONKA (AB-R-H-RBI) Beau Baysse, 2b 2-0-0-0; Preston Nay, 2b 1-0-0-0; Jordan Beck, rf 3-0-0-0; Tyson Sonnenburg, cf 4-0-1-0; Adam Durfee, ss 4-0-0-0; Danny Hernen, lf 4-0-0-0; Jesse Drager, c 3-0-0-0; Austin Baysse, 3b 3-0-0-0; Josh Bodnar, dh 2-0-0-0; Drew Faden, ph 0-0-0-0.

0-0; Ryan Koopman, p 0-0-0-0; Zach Nay, p 0-0-0-0;

0-0; Preston Nay, p 0-0-0-0; Brock Baysse, rf 2-0-0-0; Mike Luke, ph 1-0-0-0. **Totals 3-0-4-0.**

MILROY YANKEES (AB-R-H-RBI) Austin

Kuntz, 2b 4-0-1-0; Andy Schmidt, cf 3-3-4-2; Derrick Walker, 1-0-1-0; Matt Bauer, c 0-1-3-2; Colton Taylor, c 2-0-0-0; Aaron Mahowick, lf 3-0-1-1; Brian Dolan, 1b 4-0-0-0; Eric Dolan, dh 3-0-1-0; Austin Deutz, p 0-0-0-0; Riley Carpenter, 3b 4-1-1-0; Andrew Mahowick, rf 3-0-1-0; Derrick Alpers, ss 1-0-0-0. **Totals 33-8-17.**

Score by Innings

Minnetonka	000	000	000	—	0-4
Milroy Yankees	230	300	000	—	8-11

E-Milroy: Bauer, LOB: Minnetonka 7; Milroy: Hannen, 8; SB: Minnetonka; Drager, A. Baysse, Koopman, 2; Milroy: A. Mahowick, Alpers, E. Dolan, Taylor, DP: Milroy 1 (5). **SB-Minnestonka:** Sonnenburg; Milroy: Yankees; Bauer, HR: Milroy; Yankees: Bauer, Schmidt.

Pitching

IP R H R B B K		
Minnetonka		
Koopman (L)	3	18 8 7 3 3
Zach Nay	2	22 0 2 1 3
Peyton Nay	3	0 0 1 2

Milroy Yankees

A. Deutz (W)	4	0 0 2 2 3
N. Deutz	2	0 0 1 1 4
Bauer	2	0 0 1 2 2

HP: Kuntz (by Z. Nay); PR: Drager.

Softball

Camden Conference

Team		
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg	15	1-1
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	10	2-3
Lac qui Parle Valley	10	1-3
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	11	7-18
Lakeview	9	7-18
Rennville Co. West	8	8-9
MACCRAY	5	11-11
Russell-Tyler-Ruthon	3	10-10
Dawson-Boyd	2	12-12
Yellow Medicine East	1	11-12

Games Last Week

Friday, May 5		
Minnetonka	Carlyle	2-6
Kerkhoven-MSS	15-19	YME 5-0
Lakeview	11-1	Rennville Co. West 1-2
Lac qui Parle Valley	8-9	Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 0-1
Dawson-Boyd	9-5	MACCRAY 7-7

Friday, May 5

Kerkhoven-MSS 11-15; Minnetonka 1-6 (both 5 mi) Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 1, Red Rock Co. West 5

Monday, May 8

Minnetonka 3-5; Lakeview 4-2 Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 14, Dawson-Boyd 2

Tuesday, May 9

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 1-1; Lakeview 0-6 Renville Co. West 9-5; MACCRAY 7-3 Lac qui Parle Valley 10-13; Yellow Med. East 0-0

Games This Week

Tuesday, May 16		
5 p.m. — Minnetonka	Carlyle	at Redwood Falls
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	3	Minnetonka-Carlyle 2

At Carlyle

MINNETONKA-CARLYLE (AB-R-H-RBI) Abby Hennrich, c 4-0-1-0; Katie Friehl, c 3-0-0-0; Becca Kalloff, p 3-1-1-0; Sydney Larson, c 3-1-1-0; Adam Baysse, rf 3-0-1-0; Brooklyn Nelson, 2b 3-0-1-0; Larissa Kockelman, 1b 3-0-0-0; Madison Sorensen, 3b 3-0-1-0; Morgan Hernen, lf 3-0-0-0. **Totals 28-10-3.**

TMB (AB-R-H-RBI) Levi Tauer, c 3-1-1-0;

Evy Dolan, ss 4-2-2-0; Sydney Larson, p 3-0-2-0; Sidney Karbo, 1b 3-0-0-0; Kaylee Nordsten, c 3-0-1-0; Brooklyn Luthers, 3b 3-0-1-0; Alex Rolling, 2b 3-1-2-0; Dakota Rolling, c 1-0-0-0; Tim Schorn, c 3-0-3-1. **Totals 28-10-3.**

Score by Innings

Minnetonka	000	002	—	27	0
Carlyle	000	101	03	—	12-0

LOB: Minnetonka 4; TMB: 7; SB: M.C. Kalloff; Larson, 2B: M.C. Sorensen; TMB: Larson, Nordsten, Schorn.

Pitching

IP R H R B B K		
Minnetonka-Carlyle		
Nelson (L)	5	2 2 7 1 8
Nelson (L)	2	1 1 5 0 0

TMB

Larson (W)	7	2 2 7 0 2
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Minnetonka-Carlyle 5, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 4

MINNETONKA-CARLYLE (AB-R-H-RBI) Abby Hennrich, c 3-0-0-0; Katie Friehl, c 4-1-2-0; Becca Kalloff, p 4-1-1-0; Sydney Larson, c 3-0-0-0; Brooklyn Nelson, 2b 4-1-2-0; Madison Sorensen, 3b 4-2-4-2; Larissa Kockelman, 1b 4-0-3-2; Morgan Hernen, lf 3-0-0-0; Kaylee Nordsten, c 3-0-1-0; Adam Baysse, rf 1-0-0-0. **Totals 35-5-3.**

TMB (AB-R-H-RBI) Levi Tauer, p 3-1-0-0;

Evy Dolan, ss 4-1-1-0; Sydney Larson, c 3-0-0-0; Sidney Karbo, 1b 4-0-1-0; Kaylee Nordsten, c 4-0-1-0; Alex Rolling, 2b 2-1-0-0; Dakota Rolling, c 3-0-1-0; Tim Schorn, c 3-0-3-1. **Totals 32-4-5.**

Score by Innings

Minnetonka-Carlyle	000	001	—	5	6
TMB	220	000	—	4	5

LOB: Minnetonka-Carlyle 9; TMB: 6; SB: M.C. Kockelman (2); TMB: Karbo, 3B: TMB: Nordsten, Schorn.

Pitching

IP R H R B B K		
Minnetonka-Carlyle		
Larson	2	4 4 3 0 1
Kalloff (W)	5	0 0 2 1 3

TMB

Tauer (L)	7	5 5 16 1 1
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Kerkhoven-MSS 11, Minnetonka-Carlyle 1 (5 mi)

MINNETONKA-CARLYLE (AB-R-H-RBI) Abby Hennrich, c 3-0-1-0; Katie Friehl, c 3-0-0-0; Becca Kalloff, p 2-2-0-0; Sydney Larson, c 2b 2-0-1-0; Taylor Long, c 0-0-0-0; Madison Sorensen, 3b 2-0-0-0; Brooklyn Nelson, 2b 2-0-0-0; Larissa Kockelman, 1b 2-0-0-0; Morgan Hernen, lf 2-1-1-0; Kaylee Johnson, 2b 2-0-0-0. **Totals 26-1-5-1.**

KMS (AB-R-H-RBI) Katie Krieger, p 4-3-3-1;

Levi Lamerich, c 4-0-0-0; Sam Lefebvre, dh 4-2-1-1; Toni Everson, ss 3-0-0-0; Molly Jeppesen, 1b 3-1-2-0; Mallory Rudolph, 1b 3-1-2-0; Savannah Hagen, c 1-1-0-0; Karlin Igen, ph 1-1-2-0; Morgan Lantaberg, 3b 3-1-2-0; Tessa Greve, ph 1-0-0-0. **Totals 30-14-12.**

Score by Innings

KMS	007	27	—	16	50
Minnetonka-Carlyle	301	11	—	6	9

E-Minnestonka: Sorensen 2; Kalloff, LOB: Minnetonka-Carlyle 1; KMS: 5; SB: Carlyle: Minnetonka: A. Hennrich, Larson, Johnson; KMS: Greve, DP: Minnetonka-Carlyle 5 (3); 2B: Minnetonka-Carlyle: A. Hennrich, KMS: Krieger, Lamerich 2; Everson, Rosenbom, HR: Minnetonka-Carlyle: KMS: Igen.

Pitching

IP R H R B B K		
Minnetonka-Carlyle		
Larson (L)	3	7 4 5 3 2
Nelson	2	9 5 10 4 0

Track

Track and Field
Thursday, May 10
Camden Conference Meet
Carlyle Minnetonka at Lakeview (Cottonwood), 4 p.m.

Minneota Golf Week

Wednesday, May 3

Canden Conference Meet at Tyler
Boys: 1. Lakeview 172; 2. Carby 183; Minneota 186; Hendricks, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton inc.
Medalist: Jake Werner, Lakeview, 40.
Minneota: 2. Nolan Boerboom, 41; Mitchell Rost 45; T.J. Esping 50, Chase Differding 50.

Girls: 1. Minneota 199; 2. Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 217; 3. Carby 220; Hendricks, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton inc.
Medalist: Heidi Guttormsson, 41.
Minneota: 4. Guttormsson 41; Laura Knutson 50; Nicole Evers 53; Carolyn Hoffman 55.

Thursday, May 4

Canden Conference Meet at Canby
BOYS: Lakeview 160, Carby 176, Minneota 180.
Medalist: Zach Werner and Janet Gahl (Lakeview) both shot a 40 to tie.
Minneota: Nolan Boerboom 43; Mitchell Rost 43; Chase Differding 46; Tyler Myhre

Girls: Minneota 188, Carby 196, Lakeview 207.
Medalist: Heidi Guttormsson, Minneota, 41.
Minneota: Heidi Guttormsson 41; Laura Knutson 46; Brooklyn Downing 48; Nicole Evers 49.

Monday, May 8

Canden Conference Tournament in Minneota
Girls: 1. Minneota 176; 2. Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 225; 3. Carby 226; 4. (tie) Lakeview and Hendricks 227; Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, inc.
Medalist: Heidi Guttormsson, 38.
Minneota: Guttormsson 38; (tie) Carolyn Hoffman, Laura Knutson 49; Brooklyn Downing 48. Others: Allison Citterman 49; Nicole Evers 52.
Boys: 1. Lakeview 180; 2. Minneota 184; 3. Carby 187; RTR, TMB, Hendricks incomplete.
Medalist: Zach Werner, Lakeview, 41.
Minneota: Nolan Boerboom 43; Lucas Bot 47; Tyler Myhre 49; Mitchell Rost and T.J. Esping 49. Others: Tristan Sorensen 56.

Tuesday, May 9

Minneota Boys' Golf Invitational
1. Lac qui Parle Valley 332; 2. Lakeview 360; 3. Minneota 387; Yellow Medicine East Inc.
Medalist: Zach Werner, Lakeview, 85.
Minneota: Nolan Boerboom 90; Mitchell Rost 92; Lucas Bot 102; T.J. Esping 103. Others: Tyler Myhre 107; Tristan Sorensen 121.

Lakeview Golf Invitational for Girls
1. Lac qui Parle Valley 351; Minneota 360; 3. Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 397; 4. Dawson-Boyd 437; 5. Lakeview 453; 6. Hendricks 456; Yellow Medicine East Inc.
Medalist: Rachel Halverson, LqPV 77.
Minneota: Heidi Guttormsson 78; Brooklyn Downing 93; Allison Citterman 94; Nicole Evers 95.

Wednesday, May 10

9 a.m. — Benson Invitational (Girls & boys)
(See next week's Mascot and Mascot Website after the meet for complete results).

MINNESOTA GIRLS' STATE CLASS A RANKINGS:
1. BOLD; 1. Lac qui Parle Valley; 3. Belgrade-Brooklyn-Erica; 6. Minneota
GIRLS' RANKINGS: 1. Sophie Gray, Legacy Christian; 3. Rachel Halverson, Lac qui Parle Valley; 5. Heidi Guttormsson, Minneota.

Led by Guttormsson, girls doing well

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"Guttormsson, is a tremendous credit to our golf program. Personally, I enjoy watching Heidi on occasion, help younger opponents with situations that require the proper method on how to seek relief from causal water, cart paths and etc. They look to Heidi and that is golf etiquette and leadership," Coach Gile said.

Guttormsson has been ranked as high as No. 4 in the state and she could move up the ladder.

"Laura Knutson has really helped our varsity girls' team placing second in team scoring in our past two events. I'm very optimistic as we enter the second half of the season," the coach said.

With Evers close behind and showing leadership, followed by Brooklyn Downing and Carolyn Hoffman, the team is coming together for a run at the state tournament.

"This is hard to verbalize, but there is a demeanor which can be seen by observation. Both seniors (Guttormsson and Evers) have a strong

work ethic and both willing to help younger members of our team or opponents with various situations encounter during the course of a golf tournament."

On Monday, Guttormsson tore up the course at home with 38. Showing improvement and coming in with a 45 was Carolyn Hoffman. Coach Gile, watching Hoffman perform, indicated she has been perfecting her stroke and when it works for her, she's fine.

Tuesday at Lakeview the battle came down to the State Class A's No. 3-ranked performer Rachel Halverson of Lac qui Parle Valley against No. 5-ranked Guttormsson.

When the dust cleared Halverson a one-stroke victory, 77-78 over Guttormsson. It was the first time all week Guttormsson didn't finish with medalist honors.

Lac qui Parle Valley also won the team meet, 351 to 360 for Minneota. The two are section competitors and likely will face off for the section title in the coming weeks.

Boerboom rises to the top for Vikings

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher



Mitchell Rost hit the ball onto the green, to ward the cup. He watched as it hung on the edge of the green. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

"Our non-mandatory practices on Saturday were very well attended by both our varsity squads as we enter the second half of our golf season," said Coach Greg Gile.

All week Nolan Boerboom has been rising to the top for Minneota and his leadership at the practices help solidarity to a team struggling to improve.

"With illness and family concerns impacting our boys' squad, we were able to give Chase Differding and Cole Myhre varsity experience. Chase was able to place in our top four positions at both of our recent events," said the coach.

"Our varsity boys will be at full strength this upcoming busy week. We have the ability to score with Canby and Lakeview," said the coach.

Boerboom shot a 41 for second at Tyler behind Lakeview's Jake Werner with a 40.

Then, he had a 43 at Canby and came back strong Monday at the Camden Conference

Tournament in Minneota.

Boerboom shot a 43, one stroke behind Medalist Sawyer Hansen of Canby at 42.

Tyler Myhre vaulted into the second spot for the Vikings with a 45, just two strokes behind Boerboom.

On Tuesday at the Minneota Invitational, Boerboom finished with a respectable 90 over 18 holes as Minneota finished third.

As for the boys' team, the coach said, "Similar to the girls' squad, it's a matter of everyone having a good round at the same meet. For a few, it's simply not being familiar with a particular golf course."

He added, "Perhaps a quick swing, a quick putt, etc. Experience makes a huge difference."

At Tyler, Mitchell Rost fired his best round of the season with a 45. Trent Esping and Chase Differding fired a pair of 50's to round off the team scoring.

At Canby, Rost tied for medalist honors with a 43.

Chase Differding placed third with a 46 while Tyler Myhre was fourth with a 48.

Wrestling individuals place second in state

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"It is worth noting that of the 49 states that offer wrestling, most presently use the individual scoring system to determine their state champions," said Coach Skillings.

As a result, Minneota, which didn't win the section in the team tournament, not only sent eight wrestlers to the state, but they performed well enough to earn the runner-up trophy. Zumbrota-Mazeppa, coached by Granite Falls native Link Steffen, won both the team

title and the individual title.

Minneota had Esping win a title; Bueltel took third, Reiss was fourth and DeVlaeminck and Buysse each came in fifth.

"Each individual who advances from the section tournament to the state championships scores points for his school," said the coach.

For instance, they get "advancement points," extra margin of victory points and points for placing in the state.

Each match won helps accumulate points for

the team.

The extra margin of victory points are added when players get a major decision and points for near falls and technical falls.

When Esping won the state championship at heavyweight, he brought 16 more placing points to his team.

"While we didn't get to state as a team, our guys performed very well and this is proof of their performance," said Coach Skillings.

Minneota City Council Minutes

MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 10

PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 AT 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Robiecki; Council Member Travis Gillund; Council Member Tim Koppinen; Council Member Amber Rodas; Council Member Jerry Teigland.

STAFF PRESENT: Shirley Teigland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Byron Higgin.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Robiecki called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: CALL FOR AGENDA ADDITIONS
The Administrator asked that the following items be added: \$7,693.93 additional bills register.

ITEM 3: ADOPT AGENDA

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Rodas, to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition as listed above. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 4: APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the prior month Council meeting minutes. With no questions or additional comments, Teigland motioned, seconded by Koppinen to approve the March 13, 2017 Regular Council meeting minutes. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 5: REPORTS AND UPDATES

(5a) - The Council reviewed the April 4, 2017 Police report as submitted by Chief Bott; (5b) - the current Financial Report as submitted by Administrator Teigland; (5c) - Y-T-D Budget Status Report; (5d) - The Council also reviewed a letter from Cyndee Gmach, Pay Equity Coordinator, congratulating the City on successfully meeting the requirements of the Local Government Pay Equity Act M.S. 471.991-471.999 and rules Chapter 3920. The notice is a result of an official review by Minnesota Management & Budget and the City of Minneota's 2017 pay equity report as submitted by Administrator Teigland.

ITEM 6: APPROVE DISBURSEMENTS

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Gillund to approve the payment of \$31,897.17 (as listed on the check register summary), to approve the payment of \$20,264.72 (as listed on the payroll check register) and to approve the payment of \$7,693.93 in additional bills (as listed on the second check register summary). **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 7: CONCERNED CITIZENS/No comments or requests were received either in person or in writing.

ITEM 8: SUMMER PART-TIME HELP

Teigland motioned, seconded by Rodas to set the part-time summer help position to Cody Gillund, KOPPIEN, RODAS, ROLBIECKI AND TEIGLAND VOTED YES WITH GILLUND ABSTAINING. **MOTION PASSED.** Koppinen motioned, seconded by Teigland to set the part-time summer help wage to \$11.00 per hour. Koppinen, RODAS, ROLBIECKI AND TEIGLAND VOTED YES WITH GILLUND ABSTAINING. **MOTION PASSED.** If the Council's offer of employment is not accepted the Personnel Committee will review all applications on file, interview potential candidates and return to the Council with their recommendation.

ITEM 9: SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTOR

Teigland motioned, seconded by Koppinen to hire Tyron Sonnenburg as Summer Recreation Director for the 2017 season. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 10: POOL EMPLOYEES

Teigland motioned, seconded by Rodas to hire Barb Knutson as Certified Pool Operator, Kim Gades as Head Life Guard and Kalle Kloss as Assistant Head Life Guard. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 11: POOL PASS PRICES

The Council reviewed the current pool pass and swimming lesson prices. No action was taken by the Council. The Administrator will compile a list of area pool prices for the Council's review.

ITEM 12: REHAB LOANS

A request was made of the Council to approve the transfer of the Minneota SCDP Commercial Rehabilitation Program Combination Mortgage & Deferred Loan Agreement between the Bargain Center and the City of Minneota to Randy and Anne DeVries as new owners of the building located at 117 N Jefferson Street. Teigland motioned, seconded by Rodas to approve the transfer of the SCDP Grant/Loan balance, loan agreement & mortgage as recorded on Document No. 113930. May 24, 2011 in the Lyon County Recorder's Office to Randy and Anne DeVries. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Teigland motioned, seconded by Gillund to approve the transfer of the SCDP Grant/Loan balance, loan agreement & mortgage as recorded on Document No. 198543, March 1, 2013 in the Lyon County Recorder's Office as Bill Ulfkin and Alison Ulfkin, a husband and wife, db/a Ulfkin's Furniture & Appliance of Minneota to Bill Ulfkin and Alison Ulfkin, a husband and wife, with no deferred loan repayment re-

quirement or penalty to the Borrower. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 13: ZONING PERMITS

Breyfogle, Mel - 408 N Jefferson Street - Demolish and move in home Jacobson, Sue - 302 E 2nd Street - Install 45' x 60' fence Swoboda, Brenda - 208 E 3rd Street - Build 45' x 12' wood deck Rodas motioned, seconded by Teigland to approve all zoning permits as listed above. GILLUND, RODAS, ROLBIECKI AND TEIGLAND VOTED YES WITH KOPPIEN ABSTAINING. **MOTION PASSED.**

ITEM 14: POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Council reviewed a letter from Allissa Lightfoot, part-time police officer with the Minneota Police Department stating that due to scheduling conflicts she is tendering her resignation. Koppinen motioned, seconded by Gillund to accept Allissa Lightfoot's resignation effective immediately. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 15: RESOLUTION 17-06

Teigland motioned, seconded by Koppinen to adopt Resolution 17-06 accepting a donation from the Shaakatan Sportsman Club in the amount of \$751.00 to be used for pool operation expenses. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 16: TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Council reviewed the League of MN Cities Human Resources Reference Manual Benefits and requirements for tuition reimbursement as educational assistance offered to employees. No action was taken by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Rodas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

ATTES:

Shirley Teigland, City Administrator
John Robiecki, Mayor
Council Approved May 8, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 3

PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2017 AT 6 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Robiecki; Council Member Travis Gillund; Council Member Tim Koppinen; Council Member Amber Rodas; Council Member Jerry Teigland.

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Bott, Mary Buysse, Tim DeVlaeminck, Scott Hollen, Alexis Ramirez, Shirley Teigland, Jeff Yeo

Mayor Robiecki called the special council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Gillund to adopt the agenda. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 2: ADOPT AGENDA

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Gillund to adopt the agenda. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 3: ANNUAL EMPLOYEE REVIEW

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Teigland to close the meeting at 6:05 p.m. to conduct annual employee reviews of Bill Bott, Mary Buysse, Tim DeVlaeminck, Scott Hollen, Alexis Ramirez, Shirley Teigland, and Jeff Yeo. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** At 8:25 p.m. Teigland motioned, seconded by Koppinen to open the closed session. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 4: 2017 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Teigland, to give a 2% annual wage increase to full time employees. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Rodas motioned, seconded by Koppinen, to give full time employees 2 hours of paid time off on Christmas Eve. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Rodas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

ATTES:

John Robiecki, Mayor
Shirley Teigland, City Administrator
Council Approved May 8, 2017.

SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 17

PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017 AT 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Robiecki; Council Member Travis Gillund; Council Member Amber Rodas; Council Member Jerry Teigland
COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Tim Koppinen.

STAFF PRESENT: Shirley Teigland.

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Blegen, Judy Bot, Rebecca Day, Richard Downing, Sherri Kitchenmaster, Jerry Kloos, Bruce Novotny, Cindy Novotny, Eric Skogquist.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Robiecki called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: ADOPT AGENDA

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Rodas, to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition as listed above. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 3: PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

Teigland motioned, seconded by Gillund to open the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
Lyon County Assessor Sherri Kitchenmaster explained the duties of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization to the Council stating that the Board can increase or decrease the value of individual property, add properties to the assessment list, add improvements to the assessment list and change the classification of a property. The Board cannot increase or decrease value for an entire property class, change prior year assessments, reduce aggregate assessments by more than 1 percent or exempt property. Every action taken by the Local Board must be supported by a fair and knowledgeable value estimation from the local assessor after the property has been viewed and inspected and all classification changes must be supported by MN State Statute. Due to limited sales of homes in a given year the City's tax ratio has historically resulted in taxes increasing significantly one year and decreasing significantly the following year. This year's calculation was based on the sale of 14 homes and the final result is 97.11% which is within the required range set by the State of Minnesota. This year few changes were made by the local assessors and these adjustments affected only new construction and mandatory property reviews.

ITEM 4: CONCERNED CITIZENS

Assessor Eric Skogquist spoke with each property owner appealing to the Local Board to answer their questions and concerns while also reviewing the criteria used in calculating each property value. Gillund motioned, seconded by Rodas to close the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Kitchenmaster confirmed with the Council that the County Assessor's office is in the process of switching to a computerized record keeping system. During the process of moving Minnesota's property tax records to the new system it was discovered that 5 properties had various calculation errors. The assessors recommended that the Council make specific motions for each property to fix the errors. Ms. Kitchenmaster also reviewed each question and concern the assessors addressed with each resident prior to the Council taking any action on the requests. Teigland motioned, seconded by Rodas to reduce the property value due to a garage calculation error on Parcel No. 28-100070-0, \$154,800 to \$154,800 to \$120,700. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Teigland motioned, seconded by Rodas to reduce the property value due to a story height calculation error on Parcel No. 28-104052-0, 404 E Third Street - \$63,300 to \$58,300. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Teigland motioned, seconded by Rodas to remove the 2015 reduction factor and increase the property value on Parcel No. 28-115004-0, 608 E Lyon Street - \$148,600 to \$163,100. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Teigland motioned, seconded by Rodas to reduce the property value due to a calculation error on Parcel No. 28-108015-0, 409 N Jackson Street - \$74,400 to \$71,400. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Gillund motioned, seconded by Rodas to reduce the property value due to a garage calculation error on Parcel No. 28-132002-0, 102 N Wilson Street - \$99,700 to \$94,000. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Gillund motioned, seconded by Rodas to deny the request for a property value reduction due to corresponding property value calculations on Parcel Nos. 28-110006-0, 28-110006-1, 28-110006-2, and 28-110007-0. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Robiecki motioned, seconded by Teigland to reduce the property value due to increasing the depreciation schedule on Parcel No. 28-114006-0, 310 N Grant Street - \$137,000 to \$132,200. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

Koppinen motioned, seconded by Gillund, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

ATTES:

Shirley Teigland, City Administrator
John Robiecki, Mayor

Engels ranked fourth in trap shooting

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

Minnetonka Trap Shooter Travis Engels had another good week on the range and is ranked No. 4 in the top 25 of the State Trap Shoot League.

Minnetonka is in Class 2A, Conference 2. Engels hit 21 and 23 out of 50 for a 44 this week and is averaging 22.75 targets hit per every 25 he shoots at.

He's the only Minnetonka boy shooter ranking in the top 25 in the conference.

Blake Henry of Mabel-Canton is on top, averaging 24 out of every 25 targets he shoots.

In the female top 25, Minnetonka's Hannah Brewster is ranked No. 7 with a 15.5 average. She hit 37 targets out of 50 this week to stay in the standings.

Diana DeSmet is ranked No. 12 and Elizabeth DeSmet 14th. Diana, who hit 22



Shawn Buysse

this week, is averaging 13.25 targets.

Elizabeth hit 22 as well and averages 12.5.

Also shooting well this week for Minnetonka were Brenden Kinpe with 42 hits and Justin Buysse and Shawn Buysse with 39 hits apiece.

There were four Minnetonka shooters tied with 37 targets hit this week.

Week 2 Shoot at Minnetonka
Travis Engels 21-23 for 44
Brenden Kinpe 20-22 for 42
Justin Buysse 19-21 for 39
Shawn Buysse 18-21 for 39
Tony DeSmet 19-18 for 37
Cole VanDerbeek 20-17 for 37
Ryan Vlamnick 17 of 20 for 37
Hannah Brewster 17-19 for 35

Here is the remaining schedule:
Week of May 7:
Competition Week 3
Week of May 14:
Competition Week 4
Week of May 21:
Competition Week 5
Week of May 28:
Fun Week
MINNETONKA Trap Championship:
June 12-20
MSHS State Tournament:
June 24

Swim pool rates competitive with other area communities

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

Monday night the Minnetonka City Council set 2017 pool rates at daily pass \$5 for adults and kids and \$40 for a punch card for 10 visits. Season pass is \$75 for individual and \$125 for families. Swimming lessons are \$40.

They also approved the following list of life guards for the community swimming pool this summer: Nolan Boerboom, Ali DeVlaeminck, Elizabeth Gillingham, Emily Gillingham, Anna Gruenes, Morgan Kockelman, Sydney Larson and Emily Pohlen.

Regarding the price schedule, the council spent some time wondering if their rates were competitive.

They also operate the pool at a loss and wondered if the rates should be higher.

"We're right in the ballpark with other communities," said Mayor John Rolbiecki.

Those communities included Marshall, Tyler, Ivanhoe, Canby and Tracy.

—Approved a zoning permit for Mark Gruenes of 405 N. Grant to remove an existing

driveway and replacement of a new driveway which will be about six feet wider.

—Heard a request for 501 East Seventh for Bill Moore to add an 8x8-foot deck and steps on the front entry of his home. He also requested a concrete walkway from the front steps to the driveway.

—Also approved a permit for Mel Breyfogle at 408 N. Jefferson to demolish an old house and move in a house.

*This is the former Bernardy house purchased from the School District.

—Approved a 45x60 cat fence for Sue Jacobson at 303 E. 2nd Street.

—Hired Tom Esping as a part-time summer help for the city.

—Approved a North Memorial Health ambulance increase of 2.5 percent from \$16,981 to \$17,405 for 2017.

—Approved Cities of Taunton and Ghent to use the City of Minnetonka compost area. The fee is \$300.

—Approved a donation of \$1,638.25 from Ottertail Power Co. to be used for a power pole and labor for a new siren.

Notice of Probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF LYON
DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 42-PR-17-490

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Borghild C. Larson, Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated 8/21/08 and codicil(s) to the will, and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 52A.2-513 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Marc W. Larson whose address is 4254 E. Carob Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85298 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 52A.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 months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Signed By The Court
Dated: 5/2/17 Leland Bush, Judge of District Court
Dated: Karen Bierman, Court Administrator
Dated: 5/5/17 Deb Naatz, Filed in this Office Court Administrator, Lyon County, Minnesota

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May Crowning

St. Edward School students participated in May Crowning at their weekly school Mass last Wednesday. They are (front row, left to right) Brilee Anderson, Autumn Anderson, Elizabeth Garvey, Kate Badgett, Gabe Sterzinger and Robert Beisler. Back Row: Zach Hennen, Abby Hennen, Klaire Banks, Mariah Hennen and Kaitlyn Ludwikowski. Special photo.

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Girls fall short in True Team tournament

By Byron Higgin
Masco Sports Editor

They went for it. But when all was said and done, the Canby-Minnesota track girls attempt to make the "True State Tournament" fell a little short.

Luverne won the right to represent Section 3A with a score of 792. Southwest MN Christian was second at 719.5 with Canby-Minnesota in third out of 13 teams with a 697.

They'd held some of their runners out of the Lakeview Invitational on Thursday and inserted a younger breed of performer.

It cost them the Lakeview championship, as they lost by 10 points to the Lakers.

But the point was to take a shot at the True Team title.

The C-M squad got a nice contribution from Emily Gillingham Monday at Slayton as she placed second in the 800-meter run, losing to Jacy Anderson of Luverne by just under two seconds.

Grace Dietz was fifth in the 1600-meter run (mile) and Cameron King took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

In the relays, where C-M is the strongest, they took a third in the 4x100; second in the 4x200; third in the 4x400 and second in the 4x800-meters.

Norah King, who was held out of competition at Lakeview threw the shotput 34-9 3/4 for fourth place in the True Team meet and she was second in the discus a 120-10 a long throw next to winner Kammon Sawtelle of Luverne at 124-11.

Lizzy Gillingham long jumped 14-8 and took fifth. The winning jump was 17-1 by Chantel Groen of Southwest MN Christian of Edgerton.



Holding his own in the relay was Jared Josephson of Minnesota as he ran against a Lakeview runner. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

C-M BOYS finished sixth overall with Luverne also winning the title to put both their boys and girls teams in the true team state tournament.

Anthony Wollum earned a True Team championship in the 3200-meter (two mile) run

in a time of 10:21. He beat Pipestone Area's Matthew Kennedy by under two seconds.

Carter Wente was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles.



Emotions spill out in the long distance relays. Faith Traen took the baton (center), as teammates McKenzie Ruether (partially hidden) and Abby Rost try to recover after their leg of the relays. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

In the 1600-meter run at Slayton, Jared Josephson finished eighth. His time of 5:08 was about 28 seconds behind the winner. In the relays, C-M placed third in the 4x100-meters; won the 4x200-meter relay and was fourth in the 4x800-meter relay event. Cameron Anderson took fifth in the pole vault at 10-6 and seventh in the long jump. Wente was seventh in the triple jump.

LAKEVIEW INVITATIONAL/Thursday, May 4
GIRLS: 1. Lakeview 181; 2. Canby-Minnesota 171; 3. MACCRAV-ROW 145; 3. Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 28.

100-METER DASH: 1. Hannah Bentley, MACCRAV-ROW, 1:33; 2. Cassidy Hunt, C-M, 1:35.8.

200-METER DASH: 1. Hannah Bentley, MACCRAV-ROW, 2:57; 2. Delaney Houzeman, C-M, 2:55.

400-METER DASH: 1. Elle Thein, MACCRAV-ROW, 1:05.5; 5. Abigail Rost, 1:11.8.

800-METER RUN: 1. Maddie Fenske, Lakeview, 2:32.7; 4. Paige Welch, C-M, 3:05.5; 5. Abby Nemitz, C-M, 3:08.1.

1600-METER RUN: 1. Alexis Lienemann, Lakeview, 6:33.5.

3200-METER RUN: 1. McKenzie Ruether, C-M, 13:01.04; 2. Faith Traen, C-M, 14:29.7.

100-METER HURDLES: 1. Stephanie Pichthorn, Lakeview, 1:18.3; 5. Aidyn Bruns, C-M, 2:03.4; 6. Allison Anderson, C-M, 2:04.

300-METER HURDLES: 1. Cameron King, C-M, 5:22; 2. Morgan Viessman, C-M, 5:39.4; 4. Aidyn Bruns, C-M, 5:43.5; 5. Rachel Wollum, C-M, 5:46.

4x100-METER RELAY: 1. Lakeview B 54.96; 3. Canby-Minnesota, 55.79.

4x200-METER RELAY: 1. Canby-Minnesota, 1:57.1; 2. Canby-Minnesota B 1:59.6.

4x400-METER RELAY: 1. Lakeview, 4:26.7; 2. Canby-Minnesota, 4:29.3.

4x800-METER RELAY: 1. Canby-Minnesota, 11:00.8.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Sierra Ploz, Lakeview, 5-0; 2. Allison Anderson, C-M, 4-6; 4 (i) Morgan Viessman, C-M, 4-4.

POLE VAULT: 1.1. Mariah Schuler, Lakeview 7-0; 2. McKenzie Hemish, C-M 7-0; 5. Lauren Jessen, C-M, 5-5.

LONG JUMP: 1. Stephanie Pichthorn, Lakeview, 16-8 1/2; 4. Mackenzie Janiszski, C-M, 14-7 1/2.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Stephanie Pichthorn, Lakeview, 33-4 3/4; 3. Bailey Kindopp, C-M, 28-3 4/4; 4. Cameron King, C-M, 27-0 1/4.

SHOT PUT: 1. Reanna Flom, MACCRAV-ROW, 31-6; 3. Charlie Josephson, C-M, 30-9 1/2; 5. Mariah Hennrich, C-M, 26-9.

DISCUS: 1. Meghan Listerud, MACCRAV-ROW 97-4; 3. Lauren Jessen, C-M, 86-10; 4. Charlie Josephson, C-M, 73-7.

Boys: 1. Lakeview 169; 2. Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 156; 3. Canby-Minnesota 136; 4. MACCRAV-ROW 37.

100-METER DASH: 1. Kallen French, Lakeview, 11-9.2; 2. Wouter Janus, C-M, 12-2.5; Peyton Svoboda, C-M, 12-8.

200-METER DASH: 1. Jacyndy Strand, RTR, 23-6; 5. Alex Lueck, C-M, 26-7; 6. Tyler Summers, 26-9.

400-METER DASH: 1. Tucker Baune, RTR, 57-4.4; 4. Noah Stetten, C-M, 1:01.2.5; Tyler Summers, C-M, 1:01.6.

800-METER RUN: 1. Andrew Gunnars, RTR, 2:19.5.6; Ethan Thovson, C-M, 2:32.8.

1600-METER RUN: 1. Jared Josephson, C-M, 5:10.8; 3. Blake Stokes, C-M, 5:28.99; 5. Sean Diley, C-M, 5:31.5.

3200-METER RUN: 1. Jacyndy Strand, C-M, 11-41.8.

110-METER HURDLES: 1. Zach Miller, RTR, 20-0.3; Carter Wente, C-M, 20-5.5; Joey Hiedeman, C-M, 23.0.

300-METER HURDLES: 1. Noah Schmidt, Lakeview, 31-2.5; Joey Hiedeman, C-M, 58.4.

4x100-METER RELAY: 1. RTR 46.9; 2. Canby-Minnesota, 47.3.

4x200-METER RELAY: 1. RTR 1:36.6; 2. Canby-Minnesota, 1:38.0.

4x400-METER RELAY: 1. Canby-Minnesota, 3:48.7.

4x800-METER RELAY: 1. Lakeview, 9:24.7; 2. Canby-Minnesota, 9:33.49.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Luke Daniels, Lakeview, 5-2.

POLE VAULT: 1. Cameron Anderson, C-M, 9-6; 2. Jacyndy Strand, C-M, 8-0.

LONG JUMP: 1. Trenton Bahn, Lakeview, 26-7; 2. Isaac Hennrich, C-M, 19-3.4; 5. Peyton Svoboda, C-M, 15-10 1/4.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Garrett Kern, RTR, 37-11; 2. Cameron Anderson, C-M, 37-3; 3. Jacyndy Strand, C-M, 33-14.

SHOT PUT: 1. Evan Swanson, RTR, 43-0.

DISCUS: 1. Evan Swanson, RTR, 115-0; 3. Maverick Maynard, C-M, 107-1/2; 6. Justin Jelen, C-M, 91-11 1/2.



Bracing himself for his leg of the 220-meter relay was Cameron Anderson, as he took the baton from Carter Wente. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

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Daughters of the Americas-Court St. Joan of Arch No. 1291 presented awards to St. Edward students recently. They are: (left to right) Ella Bot, Lauren Badgett, Reagan Bierschenk, Kaitlyn Ludwowski and Sylvia Rabae. Missing was Kate Hennen. *Special Photo.*

Catholic Daughters give local awards

Catholic Daughters of the Americas-Court St. Joan of Arch No. 1291 this week announced winners of the 2017 Local Education Contest from St. Edward School.

In the Art category, the winner was Lauren Badgett, grade six with Kate Hennen second, grade six.

Poetry Category winner was Sylvia Rabae, sixth grade. Kaitlyn Ludwowski won first place for Essay with Ella Bot second. Both are in the sixth grade.

The Photography winner was Reagan Bierschenk. She also is in the sixth grade.

Winners at the state level included Rabae in third; Bierschenk in third; Badgett honorable mention and Ludwowski honorable mention.

Students from St. Edward School in Minnetonka submitted entries for the 2017 contest. The awards were presented on April 27.



Cherri's Kitchen

By Cherri Schmig

Graduation time

It's that time of the year for graduations and large get togethers. I found this recipe for punch from *Taste of Home* and it's great!

"Enjoyed for over 30 years in our family; this was the punch my mom served when I graduated from high school. And I made it when my own kids graduated!" —Debra Waggoner, Grand Island, Nebraska

Graduation Punch

- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- qt water, divided
- 4 envelopes unsweetened strawberry Kool-Aid mix
- 3 cans (6 oz ea) frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 2-1/4 cups thawed lemonade concentrate
- 2 cans (46 oz ea) unsweetened pineapple juice
- 2 liters ginger ale, chilled

In a large saucepan, combine sugar and 2 qts. water. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Remove from the heat; stir in Kool-Aid mix. Cool completely.

Just before serving, divide the syrup between two large containers or punch bowls; add the concentrates, pineapple juice and remaining water to each. Stir in ginger ale. Prep Time: 15 minutes + cooling. Yields: 3-3/4 gallons or 80 servings.

VFW commander completes his term



Ed Lozinski

At this year's Third District Veterans of Foreign Wars District Convention held in Minnetonka, outgoing Commander Ed Lozinski of Minnetonka-Taunton Post 5334 handed the gavel to Buck Underwood of Luverne, signifying Underwood's election as Commander for 2017 to 2019.

VFW Third District is comprised of eighteen Posts and about 1,500 members in Southwestern Minnesota.

Lozinski has been an active member of Post 5334 for a number of years and has served as a Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Commander in the Third District of the VFW these past six years.

Underwood's Commander title and responsibilities become effective after Department Convention or from about July 2017 through the end of June 2019.

Lozinski will remain active in the VFW at his Post and in the Third District as a Past Commander and mentor to the newly elected officers.

For his years of dedicated service and leadership to the VFW, Lozinski was presented a golf watch and the official Past Commander's VFW necktie.

Obituaries

Borghild Larson

Borghild "Borgie" Christine (Hermo) Larson, 94, of Minnetonka, died Wednesday, April 12, at the Minnetonka Manor in Minnetonka.

Funeral services for Borgie will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 at Hope Lutheran Church in Minnetonka.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will follow at the Hope Lutheran Cemetery near Minnetonka.

Borghild (Borgie) Christine (Hermo) Larson was born December 25, 1922 in Abercrombie, ND to Peter and Olga (Folstad) Hermo.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

Borgie graduated from Abercrombie High School and attended Moorhead State University, becoming an elementary school teacher in 1943.

She taught elementary school for many years before becoming a full-time mother and homemaker.

She married Ralph Arthur Larson on June 29, 1946 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Abercrombie. Borgie and her family lived in Bagley, MN and Argyle, MN before moving to Minnetonka, MN in 1966.

Borgie's Christian faith was very important to her, and she was extremely active in church worship and activities throughout her life.

She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and was involved in American Lutheran Church Women, Ladies Aid, Circle Bible studies and numerous other church ministries.

Borgie was very proud of her Norwegian heritage, spoke Norwegian fluently, and was a longtime member of Sons of Norway.

She also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary, Exchange Club, and Garden Club and served as an officer several times with these groups.

Borgie was devoted to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and actively supported them as a Sunday School teacher, Cub Scout den mother, and youth advisor.

Survivors include her sons Keith (Elaine) of Palm Harbor, FL; Marc (Teresa) of Gilbert, AZ and Brent of Phoenix, AZ and daughter-in-law Wendy of Minnetonka; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her son Paul, her parents and two brothers.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hope Lutheran Church.

Willis Johnson

Graveside burial service for Willis Eugene Johnson, 75, of Minnetonka, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, at Hope Lutheran Cemetery by Minnetonka.

Willis died on Monday, January 23, 2017 at the Minnetonka Manor in Minnetonka.

SDSU students recognized

Alaire Buysse, Taunton, College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences was recognized at South Dakota State University's Undergraduate Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Day.

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Interim Pastor: Bruce Drackley

Church Secretary: hope@lutheran87@gmail.com
Church Contact No. 872-6446

St. Eloi Catholic Church

Ghent, MN

Saturday, May 13: Mass at the convent chapel at noon.
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Minnetonka

Thursday, May 11: Mass at 7 a.m.; Adoration 4-7 p.m.
Friday, May 12: Mass at the Manor at 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13: Mass at 5:30 p.m.; Reconciliation before Mass
Sunday, May 14: Confessions at 8 a.m.; Baccalaureate Mass at 8:30 a.m.; reception for seniors after Mass.
Tuesday, May 16: Mass at 7 a.m.
Wednesday, May 17: Last School Mass at 10:30 a.m.

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Rural Minnetonka

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Minnetonka Manor Worship, 2:30 p.m., the fourth Thursday of the month.

Pastor Ellen Munter

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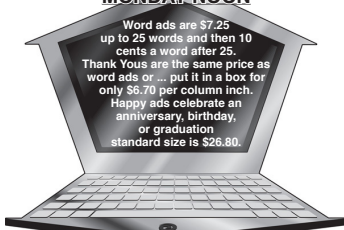
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Open House Graduation Reception in honor of **Nicole Sterzinger** will be held at the Knight's Hall on Saturday, May 13 from 2 - 5 p.m.

Graduation Open House for **Donnie Schuelke** will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 2-5 p.m. at his home: 3390 165th Ave., Minnetonka.

Open House Graduation Reception in honor of **Brianna Anderson**, daughter of Randy & Becky Anderson, will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 2 - 6 p.m. at the Minnetonka Community Center.

Please join us for an Open House Graduation Reception honoring **Mark Laleman** on Saturday, May 13 from 5-8 p.m. at his home located at 3222 170th Ave N., Minnetonka.

Open House Graduation Reception for **Brock J. Fox** will be held on Saturday May 13 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the Country-side Golf Club, Minnetonka.

Graduation open house in honor of **Serra Vick** will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Minnetonka Senior Center.

Please join us for an Open House Graduation Reception honoring **Olivia Haen** and **Taylor Long** on Saturday, May 20 from 4-7 p.m. at the Ghent City Hall.

Graduation Open House for **Elizabeth Davis** will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 4-8 p.m. at the Southwest Sportsmen's Club, Minnetonka.

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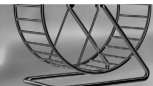
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Bridal Shower

Open house Bridal Shower Jen Schwartz Bride-to-be of Bobby Perkins Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Minnetonka City Hall. The couple is registered at Target and Kohl's.

Garage Sales

Cottonwood & Wood Lake Community Rummage Sales - Friday (4-7 p.m.) & Saturday (7:30 - 11:30 a.m.) May 12 & 13. Maps will be available Thursday afternoon after 4:30 p.m. at the gas stations in Wood Lake and Cottonwood.

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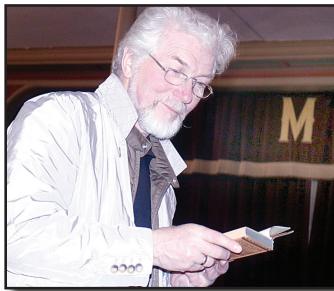
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church was a welcome stop for the visitors, who took the time to gather for a photo on the steps at the historic church that once housed most of the Icelandic parishioners of Minneota. Below, in the old Opera House above the Minneota Public Library, Rognvaldher Gislason discovered some facts from a book that was on display. He discovered a grave of a relative (top). Staff Photos by Byron Higgin.



Icelanders searching for their roots

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There was a reunion of sorts, complete with a greeting from his wife.

The Hannessons were officials back then, bringing a little dignity and honor to celebrate the new library and the continuance and use of what was once, "The Big Store," in Minneota.

Now, they'd returned.

Again Grimsón appeared and said, "Minneota hasn't been included as a main place to stop in the past. But many wanted to re-trace their roots here," he said.

This writing can't reflect the clear Icelandic brogue used by each of the visitors — but their desire to learn of their ancestry was evident.

No visit by Icelanders to Minneota could be accomplished without someone reflecting on the life of native Bill Holm.

"Oh yes, Bill was a dear friend," said Grimsón. "He used to summer in Iceland. I even have a photo of Bill playing the organ in a church here," the tour guide reflected.

"In his own way, Bill was a celebrity in Iceland," Grimsón continued. He described Holm performing with Garrison Keillor, the Prairie Home Companion host and said, "He was the star of the show," related Grimsón.

Holm died in 2009 and Keillor wrote: "Bill Holm was a great man and unlike most great men he really looked like one. Six-foot-eight, big frame, and a big white beard and a shock of white hair, a booming voice, so he loomed over you like a prophet and a preacher, which is what he was."

"He was an only child, adored by his mother, and she protected him from bullies, and he grew up free to follow his own bent and become the sage of Minneota, a colleague of Whitman though born a hundred years too late, a champion of Mozart and Bach, playing his harpsichord on summer nights, telling stories about the Icelanders, and thundering about how the young have lost their way and abandoned learning and culture in favor of grease and noise."

Grimsón looked sad when he said, "It was quite a blow when he died."

So this Icelandic visit surely included the inspiration of one Minneota's most famous Icelanders.

At the new public library, images on the walls and from the books leaped and landed on the Icelanders. The 21 visitors were astonished how the old-fashioned ceiling had been refurbished and they were impressed with the "beautiful" layout of what has become a "Jewel" of Minneota.

Upstairs in the Opera House, the practically "personal stronghold" of historian Darren Gislason, the visitors weren't as concerned with the "artifacts of the past" collected by Gislason as they were the photos and pamphlets that reflected Icelandic life years ago.

"It's nice to see the old settlements and the people that were here," said a member of the tour.

No trip to Minneota by Icelanders would be complete without a stop at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which had its roots planted



by Icelanders in this community.

"The are excited to have you take a picture of them on the steps of the church," related Josephson.

So that was done — right after many of them photographed the plaque in front of the church.

But it was now time to grab hold of their roots and allow the past to seep into their memories — so they headed for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery on the edge of Minneota.

Three brothers, Rognvaldher Gislason, Vahor Gislason and Magnus Gislason, discovered the gravesite of S. (Sturlaugur) T. Gilbertson, their great-grandfather.

Gilbertson was a 60-year resident of Minneota who homesteaded in Nordland

For five years, he was Minneota Village Council mayor, spent eight years as the village clerk and recorder.

Mascot Publisher Gunnar Bjornson, a friend of Gilbertson, memorialized him in the May 12, 1939 edition of the Mascot.

"Where so many professed, he performed," said Bjornson. The editor said he was one of those who, "Chiseled his record on the ruin-stones of history."

The publisher added, "He was the kind of man who made friends and kept them." He added, "Friends and associates felt they were better for having known him."

And so it was, that on this day, the Gislason brothers honored their great-grandfather by placing an Icelandic flag on his grave site.

"What did you know about him?" Rognvaldher Gislason was asked.

As he tried to peel old grass away from one of the small, imbedded gravestones, he looked up at the questioner and said, "Not much."

But he and his brothers dug through the Mascot archives at the Minneota Public Library, made photo copies of the obituary and became a little closer to their "Minneota roots."

It turned out Sturlaugur Gilbertson (or S. T. as he was known), was a man of remarkable character and deep community pride.

Those are the kind of "roots" the Icelanders were hoping to find during their stop in Minneota.

As members of the "Icelandic National League," they were on their way to Grand Forks, ND for an Icelandic convention.

Before they could leave Minneota, there



Drawn together by their heritage at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery were Almar Grimsón (left) and Mike Gunlogson of Clarkfield. Gunlogson, who has his roots deep in the Icelandic community, joined in to welcome the visitors.

Township in 1878. He was buried at the age of 88 in what was then called the "Icelandic Lutheran Church Cemetery."

Performing the ceremony was Pastor G. Guttormsson, grandfather of former Mascot Publisher Jon Guttormsson.

Born in Kvítadal, Iceland in 1850, Gilbertson came to the area at the age of 18 as an early settler. He also worked for Laird-Norton Lumber Co., which later became Botsford Lumber Co. In 1897, he became manager and served the yard for 45 years.

was one more stop they had to make. Had they not made it, they would have missed tying together more "roots" into their "memory scrapbooks," and that was at Gislason Ace Hardware.

Owner Barb (Gislason) Rye's connections to the Gislason family and hardware store's past was something the Icelanders could not get anywhere else. It was a connection that drew one afternoon of memories together and tied them stronger to the "roots" they'd been seeking.

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