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Hawaiian music?

Minneota pep banders dressed Hawaiian for the boys game Thursday, and so did the girls' basketball team.

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Winter returns

Kids had a taste of spring and summer recently — but Sunday that all changed, and the bikes and trikes left outside were soon nearly covered with snow.

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Little wrestlers

Coach Drew Bouman worked with young wrestlers like Gage Johnston during the wrestling qualifier Friday in Minneota.

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Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tuesday, March 7	48	27	.3" snow
Wednesday, March 8	37	25	
Thursday, March 9	28	9	
Friday, March 10	16	2	
Saturday, March 11	21	13	
Sunday, March 12	18	8	10" snow
Monday, March 13	19	-4	



Outlook: Winter is back with full strength. We have 10+ inches of fresh snow from Sunday's snowstorm and temperatures look to slowly get above freezing Thursday and stay in the 40s for the high Friday and Saturday, 50s for Sunday and Monday then back into the 40s Tuesday and Wednesday. Low temps look to hang in the 20s and 30s. No significant chance of snow or rain — only a 10-20% chance all week.

Fishing Outlook: Looks to have **Good** fishing Thursday through next Thursday, then it changes to **Best** fishing next Friday through Saturday.

MN Fishing opener is May 13, 2017.
SD Fishing continues through the year, just be sure your license is current.
Good luck fishing!



Paneling inside the bar shows how the City Hall has been spruced up for customers. *Special Photo.*

Investors needed

•Meeting slated to continue progress toward establishing a bar and grill.

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

In an effort to entice new investors to the City Hall Bar & Grill group so they can continue to progress it into an eating establishment, an informational meeting has been planned.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 at the bar on First Street in Minneota. Several of the current investors will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

"It's open to everyone in the community and area, not just for potential investors," said Katie VanHecke, Vice President of the Investor Board.

"A lot of people have been asking questions about investing and about the progress of the bar and restaurant."

"We want to inform everyone what we've done so far and what our plans are looking forward. And we also want to explain what is involved in becoming an investor. Investors can be an indi-



Katie VanHecke

vidual or a group can go together and invest."

To date, City Hall Bar & Grill has 11 investors.

"We would like to get more investors so we can move ahead and hopefully start building the restaurant in the spring when the ground thaws," said VanHecke.

There are currently five Investor Board members, including VanHecke, Eric Byusse is the president, and Ronni Vlamincik is the secretary. John Noyes and Laurie Laleman are the other board members.

The bar is being operated by Kim Vlamincik and Heather Fier, both who formerly worked at Bubba's Bar.

The City Hall Bar & Grill name was selected because the bar's building originally housed the Minneota City Hall.

City Hall meeting/Page 16



J.D. Pesch got the honor of naming four new members to the Wally Pesch Wall of Fame as part of the Minneota Wrestling Program. The award is named in honor of Wally Pesch's dedicated service to wrestling in Minneota. Three of the members were present Sunday at the annual Wrestling Banquet. Along with Pesch (left), were Bruce Laleman, Josh VanOverbeke and Dennis Stoks with Rick Callens (inset, left). *Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.*

Wally Pesch Wall of Famers

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

Wally Pesch is no longer living — but his memory lives on and Sunday his son J.D. Pesch had the honor of naming four new members to the highest wrestling honor at Minneota — The Wally Pesch Wall of Fame.

Pesch called it an, "Inspirational Support," given

to the program, which he labeled, "The top program in the state."

He said the four new "Wall of Famers" used the drive and determination to make the program better.

The new members include Bruce Laleman; Josh VanOverbeke; Dennis Stoks and Rick Callens. VanOverbeke, a three-time state entrant, was a state champion. Rick Callens was the first two-

time state entrant and one of the first four entrants into the state in the first 10 years. Laleman took third and was runner-up at the state and has been a long-time coach of young wrestlers and a Minneota Booster Club member and supporter.

Stoks wrestled in 1977 and went to state and also was one of the first of our early state entrants. He was runner-up.

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Speech team hot

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Knees knock as perspiration beads up on your forehead before trickling down the sides of your face.

Your mouth suddenly becomes dry and your lips tremble, making it difficult to enunciate words properly.

You suddenly realize you would rather be almost anywhere than where you are right now. Welcome to the world of most students who



Coach Kim Gades

have to get up in front of a group of people and speak.

Just don't include the members of the Minneota speech team in the aforementioned group.

"I like the entire experience," said senior Peter

Engels about being a member of the speech team. "From the long and strenuous Saturday meets and the weekday practices to the quirkiness of the individuals involved."

Engels isn't alone. In fact, his statements are likely echoed by the entire Minneota speech team. And the exuberance and confidence they have shown this season has led to a hoarding of hardware.

Coming off a week in which the team had five meets in eight days, Minneota had seven individual champions, 10 runners-up, nine third-place, four fourth, five fifties, one sixth, and five ribbons. During that same stretch, the team placed second in Montevideo, third at the Luverne meet and fifth in a meet in Hancock.

"They take it all in stride and work hard to perfect their performance to do their best," said Kim Gades, who is in her fifth season as coach.

"We all strive to represent Minneota our best."

Speech team/Page 3

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What's Happening?

March

Thursday, March 16
5 p.m. — Section 3AA Boys' Basketball finals at SMSU, Marshall

Friday, March 17
7:30 p.m.— Farmer's Co-op Elevator Annual Meeting at the Lakeview School in Cottonwood. (See ad on page 3).

Saturday, March 18
2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.— "Broadway Meets Lake Benton" performances at the Lake Benton Opera Hall. (See ad on page 16).

Sunday, March 19
5-7 p.m.— St. Leo Church's Pancake & Sausage Supper in St. Leo.

Monday, March 20
5-7 p.m. — Kindergarten Round-up at St. Edward School. (See ad on page 3).
7 p.m. — American Legion Post No. 199 Meeting at the Legion. All Veterans welcome!

Tuesday, March 21
9 a.m. — Lyon County Board Meeting, Courthouse, Marshall
7 p.m. — Minnetota School Board Meeting, conference center, Minnetota School.

Wednesday, March 22
4-7 p.m.— Minnetota Summer Recreation Sign-Up at the Community Center. (See ad on page 6).

8:30 a.m. —Commodity trends, marketing plans, crop production budgets and farm profitability are on the schedule for the 2017 Farm Management Profitability Conference at the University of Minnesota Southwest Research * Outreach Center at Lamberton. Agricultural produces and farm management will be featured. For more information call 507-752-5094 or visit <http://swroc.clans.umn.edu> or email gtillien@lumn.edu.

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Crackdown on burglars

On Feb 27, Minnetota had 11 vehicles and/or garages entered. All were unlocked. All were searched and some items taken. Canby had similar problems.

"In my time in Minnetota, I have never had a vehicle forcibly entered," said Chief Bill Bolt.

He indicated the thieves are walking house-to-house checking vehicles and garages and removing property. "Property owners are urged to turn on outside lights and lock vehicles and garages," said the chief.

IN OTHER action the board:
•Noted because of parking at sporting events in illegal areas has increased, he has started barricading the prohibited areas.

He intends to educate the public concerning the parking problem. "On April 1, I will begin strict enforcement of all future violations, which will include a citation and possible towing of the vehicle," said Chief Bolt.

He is concerned about visitors from other towns, who won't have access to the problem or the solution so he intends to make an effort to "get the word out" to other school districts and parents in an effort to limit the citations issued.

•Approved a low bid from Countryside Auto and Lockwood Motors for \$24,618.73 for a new public works pickup. It's a Chevy Silverado vehicle.

•Approved Leslie Mulder and Joette Ramme as substitute librarians to fill in for Mary Buysse and assistant Elana Nomeland.

•Approved a gambling permit for the Boxelder Bug Day Committee to be used during Boxelder Bug Days.

•Approved a zoning permit for Arden Hammerstrom of 305 N. Washington St., to remove a sidewalk from his house to the street and rebuild steps and remove sidewalk to the driveway and add a patio.

•Approved purchase of a new snow plow to replace one over 20 years old. The bid of \$13,390.21 was Crystel Truck Equipment of Lake Crystal was accepted. — *By Byron Higgin, Mascot Publisher.*

Police report Marshall armed robbery

Marshall Police say there was an armed robbery in Marshall on Sunday.

According to authorities, it happened Sunday around 9:30 p.m. on the 500 block of Village Drive in Marshall.

Marshall Police say the victims report that they answered a knock at the door and were greeted by suspects brandishing a weapon.

Authorities say two male suspects entered the residence and demanded items, some possible evidence was collected and sent for analysis.

Police do not have any information indicating the incident was connected to any recent reports of weapons calls in the area.

Marshall Police say the incident remains under investigation.



Powerade 4 Schools

Accepting a check for \$409.38 from Deb Severson (left) of Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Marshall were: Alec Buellet, Amber Engels, Brock Fox and Charlie Josephson. Also on hand for the presentation was Supt. Dan Dettie (right). A portion of the sales of Powerade and Powerade Zero, go back to participating schools under the program called, Powerade 4 Schools. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Powerade funds go back to help kids

The Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Marshall has found a way to siphon funds made selling their Powerade products back into the local school systems.

They developed a program called, "Powerade 4 Schools," and last week \$409.38 was paid back to the Minnetota Schools.

The money comes from the sale of Pow-

erade and Powerade Zero. The proceeds back to the schools are divided with all schools, based on a percentage of purchased beverages.

"Our program's goal is to encourage active lifestyles through the support of school athletic programs," said Deb Severson, who presented the check to Minnetota

council members last week.

Pay-back funds are also being presented to Wabasso, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Lakeview, Canby, Red Rock Central, Cedar Mountain, Westbrook-Walnut Grove and Fulda.



The cheering battle!

While the Minnetota boys were battling the Jackson County Central Huskies, their cheerleading squad, composed of the girls' basketball team, were battling the camouflaged JCC student section. Here (left to right) Heidi Guttorsson, Amber Engels, Morgan Hennen and top, Morgan Kockelman, Abby Hennen, Beth Hennen and Claudia Rabaey did battle with JCC. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

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Mike Panka, Panka Agency of Ivanhoe and Canby, Minnesota, was recently named "2016 Agent of the Year" by Farmers Union Insurance Agency at the Statewide meeting in St. Cloud, Minnesota on February 28, 2017.

Mike was selected for this honor from 36 agents throughout the State of Minnesota who represent Farmers Union Insurance Agency. This recognition is the result of outstanding agency performance and the consistently high level of exceptional service Mike and his Agency provides to his customers.

"Mike's commitment to his Agency, community and the consistent focus of giving the best service to his policyholders is a great example to the rest of us at Farmers Union Insurance Agency," said Rodney Altschack, FUIA, President and General Manager. **Congratulations, Mike!**

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Waiting for spring!

These geese on the Minnesota River at Granite Falls would waddle fast on the ice and then slide... like kids on ice. They seemed to be looking for the water and couldn't quite figure out where it was. *Staff Photo by Scott Thoma.*

Pi Day: It's a great day to eat pie!

Tuesday, March 14, marked one of my favorite holidays. It's a holiday more geared toward fans of math and fans of circles. But even those dessert minded folks among us can enjoy it. Yes, it was Pi Day. Not to be confused with Pie Day, which was held in January.

Pi Day is an annual celebration of math's more than one trillion digit number with the 3, 1 and 4 being the most significant digits. Most of us can probably remember using pi, or 3.14, to calculate the area of circles in math classes.

March 14 was always the best day in math class as my teachers were feeling festive as they would bring us oatmeal cream pies, lemon, chocolate, apple and even pizza pies.

When I was in college at South Dakota State, the mathematics club hosted their annual Pi Day celebration. That basically meant they served a buffet of different pies to all of us broke, hungry college kids.

It became pretty competitive so you had to make sure you timed it right and that you had an exit strategy. It was like "Black Friday" for pie.

I have a few college friends that really enjoy Pi Day puns and jokes as we exchange them all throughout the day.

One of the punniest jokes I received that day was, "Who was the roundest knight at King Arthur's table?"

"It was Sir Cumberfence... He ate too much pi!"

It was a good joke for a nice chuckle and an eye roll.

On a few of my different social media accounts, you were able to

Milk Maid

By Brittany Moorese



use different pie frames and filters. They ranged from apple pie to a good pizza pie. Yum!

Even some retailers enjoy promoting Pi Day. Different local and national deals that I have found range from discounted pie slices to discounted pot pies and even sweet deals on pizzas.

It all sounds pi-sitively delicious to me!

I didn't know anything about the history behind pi day, so I decided to check it out.

The earliest known official or large scale celebration of Pi Day took place in 1988 in San Francisco with fruit pies organized by a physicist.

In March of 2009, the United States House of Representatives passed a non-binding resolution to recognize March 14 as National Pi Day.

In honor of Pi Day, I enjoyed some delicious pies—a Hawaiian pizza pie and lemon meringue! After all, it's a day designed just for pi enthusiasts—math and dessert minded!

From the Mascot Files

75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago March 13, 1942

Park plans

The blue-prints for landscaping Minneota's beautiful riverside park, which were lost years ago before the architect's suggestions had been carried out, were discovered last week.

Mrs. M.J. Mootz housecleaning in E.J. Pierce's attic found them in a nook over the kitchen, where they had lain unbeknownst to the Pierce or Mootz families. The late Mrs. Pierce, who was a member of the park board, died in 1937.

Landscape architects from the Rosehill nursery prepared the plans, which call for a vehicle and footbridge across the river on Adams street, a field house on the north side of the stream opposite the athletic field, a swimming pool west of Adams — several improvements for the park board to work on.

23 New cars

Lyon county has been given a quota of 23 new cars for the first period of rationing March 2 to May 31, according to the office for emergency management.

Permission to buy a new car will be granted by the local rationing board, based on eligibility as essential national defense worker, or for the public health and safety.

K.K. Mohn dies

The community was saddened Tuesday by the news of the death of Knute K. Mohn, a pioneer res-

ident, who died at his home after a brief illness. He would have been 74 years old on March 12.

Funeral services will be held on Friday March 13 at 1:15 p.m. from the home in Nordland and at 2 p.m. from Hope Lutheran church.

Personals

Axel Peterson began pounding the pavement as night watchman last week, succeeding John Bernardy. Mr. Bernardy has a night job at Kerr's hatchery.

50 Years Ago March 16, 1967

Top cookie sales lady

Susan Maertens, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hero Maertens of Minneota, was named "Top Sales Lady" by Mrs. Donald Dero, Girl Scout leader. Susan sold 53 box of cookies. Second highest sales honors went to Sherree Myhre, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Myhre, who sold 45 boxes.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmauss of Lake City, announce the engagement of Mr. Schmauss' daughter, Barbara Ann Schmauss, to Orrin Q. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Friend.

Miss Schmauss will graduate from Winona State college in June and is a student teacher in Austin.

Mr. Stevens will be a June graduate from Winona State college.

Enthusiasm shown for scouting here

Supt. Ralph Larson, who is chairman of the Minneota Businessmen's association committee on Boy Scouts, reported Wednesday morning that considerable enthusiasm was shown for reactivating a troop here when interested parents and adults met to discuss the matter at the school Tuesday evening.

He also said that he and other members of his committee, Robert Geiwitz, E.M. Amundson and Eric Heggseth, expect to announce the appointment of a scoutmaster and the men who would assist him in the very near future.

Announce marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Kompelien announce the marriage of their daughter, Joyce Diane to Al Hostetter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hostetter, Sr., of Omaha, NE, on February 24th at Sioux Falls, SD.

25 Years Ago March 11, 1992

Schoenstatt Sisters cancel agreement

The Schoenstatt Sisters, sponsors of the Divine Providence Hospital and Home in Ivanhoe, have announced their plans to cancel the operating agreement with the facility at the end of this year.

Auxiliary chooses Girl Sater

The Minneota American Legion Auxiliary organization has

chosen Amanda Prinsen as their representative for this year's Girl State program. Presenting that day were: Helen Kompelien, Treasurer of the local Auxiliary, Lanya Ross, the alternate, Amanda Prinsen and Martha Stassen, President of the Auxiliary.

Earns Jaycee recognition

Dale Swedzinski of the Minneota Jaycees earned the prestigious Statesman Award for his dedication and service to the organization. Minneota President Mike Downing presented Dale with the plaque.

Also winning awards at the Jaycees mid-year convention in St. Cloud were: Mike Downing, D.J. Prellwitz, Randy Prellwitz and Kevin Buysse.

Earn Speech places

Students of the Minneota Speech Team placed at the Montevideo meet last Saturday. The team placed sixth and the following individuals also placed: Laurie Belan, Nichole Coequet, Jessica Nuytten, Lanya Ross and Loretta Louwagie.

Senior High Math League

Students in the Minneota Public School wound up their season with the Math League earlier this month. Students who participated included: Eric Alleckson, Paul Engels, David Verschelde, Tony Finnegan, Karin Anderson, Krista Anderson, Lanya Ross, Andy Blowers and Miss Brewers.



Ole Pappy

By Byron Higgin

A wrestling mother's lament

Watching your son lose a wrestling match is pretty much as difficult as watching a lion pick off a baby gazelle on the Discovery Channel. "Every fiber of your 'momminess' wants to run out on the mat and save your baby!"

That's the spirit with which Minneota wrestling mothers Julie Nelson and Mariah Reiss relayed their feelings at the annual wrestling banquet Sunday.



Mariah Reiss and Julie Nelson

Using an article written by Jennie Koenig from a blog titled, "Let your kid wrestle!" and from WIN Magazine, Nelson relates how a mother and in her case, coach's wife — her husband is Jesse Nelson, (SMSU coach) — has endured the "Sweaty, disgusting wrestling room, skin diseased and moodiness."

She added, "Wrestling sucks." "It's hard, it's not fun, there is so much sweat ... so much." But the worst part, Nelson said, was when your son, "Walks out on the mat by himself, in front of a whole crowd to face an opponent." She added, "Nobody is going to help, nobody else is going to move. If you're a bad sport — the whole crowd sees it. If you're unfair, everybody knows."

Then there's "making weight." Before each meet you weigh in, if you're over weight, you can't wrestle — PERIOD!

"It's not easy to watch your son lose a match. It's physically and emotionally painful," said Reiss.

Look at other mothers. "They have legs shaking so hard the whole bleacher row feels it. Some moms fold their hands tightly as if silently praying. Some seem to stop breathing for six minutes while their son is on the mat. Some close their eyes."

Then she put it into perspective. "Deep in your heart, you know those moments are teaching him to think; to fight; to do everything he can to keep his back off the mat."

Reiss added, "When you see him win, you get to see the pride in his eyes that says, 'I earned this.' And nobody else did that for him."

Beyond all that, "Wrestling teaches him to be fair," said Reiss. "Wrestling is hard. Very. But so is life. And I can't think of a better way for my son to be tough and steadfast, to be fair, to own his mistakes, to see things to the end."

Nelson concluded, "You wouldn't think sweat and blood and all those hours would draw them back. But I'd be willing to bet this time next fall — he'll be back on the mat again!"

LAUGH A LITTLE: Compliment?

It's amazing how a person can compliment and insult you at the same time. Recently, when I greeted my coworker, she said, "You look so gorgeous, I didn't recognize you."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: As my Ole Pappy used to say, "If you want to be happy, begin with you!" *Thanks Ole Pappy!*

Mailbag

Speech is appreciated

Dear Editor:

The recognition of the speech team's achievement are much appreciated.

Too many folks — and students both in high school and college — fail to realize how important and useful speech participation is.

Speech programs help in later life in many ways. Negotiation skills, literature appreciation, understanding of civic policies and promises, the ability to articulate in business meetings — these are just a partial list. Thanks again, ... **Chuck Josephson**

Tucson, AZ

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Cookin' with Chris

By Chris Hansen

Potlucks or at home

Here is a simple yet delicious and healthy salad for those quick potlucks or just at home. As always, depending on your preference of zip or no zip, you may use real mayonnaise or Miracle Whip or for a medium zip use a 1/2 a cup of each, which is what I have done also.

Veggies and Bacon Salad

- 1 bunch of broccoli
- 1 head of cauliflower
- 1/2 lb bacon
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar

Chop up broccoli and cauliflower into bite size pieces. Fry bacon, drain, cut into small bite size pieces. In large serving bowl mix mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar together. Add broccoli, cauliflower and bacon and mix well. Ready to serve now or in an hour or so the flavor blends in with the veges giving a better and fuller flavoring.

Legislative Roundup

Swedzinski bill clears the house

Legislation Rep. Chris Swedzinski, R-Ghent, authored to free up money for transportation projects has cleared its first House committee hurdle, the House Transportation Finance Committee.

Swedzinski's bill allows MnDOT and local governments to receive a sales tax exemption on materials, supplies, and equipment purchased by a contractor, subcontractor or builder and used on public transportation projects.

"Through lump-sum contracts, Minnesota actually pays sales taxes on the construction materials used in building our roads and bridges," Swedzinski said.

"We came up with a plan for reimbursement where construction companies simply turn in their receipts for materials purchased throughout a project and the state is reimbursed so those dollars stay in transportation where they're constitutionally dedicated."

In addition, "We did pass a couple of important bills, starting with final passage of \$5 million in immediate funding to replenish our Local Road Wetland Replacement Program. Without the funding this bill provides, many 2017 local road projects would be delayed or canceled."

"The bill is now in the hands of Gov. Mark Dayton for enactment," said Rep. Swedzinski.

LEGISLATION prohibiting the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) from enacting certain policies related to the mowing of highway ditches passed full Senate.

The bill prohibits MnDOT from requiring, issuing, or enforcing permits to mow or bale hay in the rights-of-way, until April 30, 2018. "I join my neighbors in rural Minnesota in applauding the Senate's support of this bill," said Senator Gary Dahms (R-Redwood Falls), the bill's chief author.

"There has been a lack of communication and foresight from MnDOT on the rollout of this policy. Farmers and landowners have mowed and baled these ditches for years."

"The sudden change in policy is inconvenient, costly, and comes without input from those whom it affects," Sen. Dahms added.

"Establishing a moratorium will allow policymakers and other stakeholders to work with MnDOT on finding a common sense approach to move forward," Senator Dahms continued.

"We have the opportunity to do the right thing in getting folks together to work this out."

Reductions on health care

The Minnesota House of Representatives on Monday approved a bill designed to provide double-digit reductions on health insurance premiums by mitigating the impact of high-risk consumers in the individual market.

Dubbed the Minnesota Premium Security Plan, the proposal would establish a state-based reinsurance program.

It will be administered by the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association, which for more than 40 years ran a high-risk pool that brought stability to the individual market and ensured the sickest Minnesotans had access to coverage.

Projections indicate the move could reduce premiums by approximately 18 percent.

"This already is the second bill we have passed in the House this session to provide health insurance premium relief and to clean up the mess Obamacare and MNsure have caused," said Rep. Chris Swedzinski, R-Ghent.

"The latest House proposal would increase access and reduce costs for people who are in the greatest need."

"Our bill is by no means a silver bullet, but it is one more important step toward gaining stability and restoring Minnesota's reputation as a national leader in health insurance."



Bingo pals

The Porter American Legion Post 457 came to the Minneota Manor recently to provide bingo for the residents. They were: (Front row, left to right) Gerry Thompson, Leona Noyes, Ethel Berndt and Rose Olson. Back: Sy Olson, Merv Anderson, Dan Dybbetter, Don Berndt, Walt Sylie and Paul Livingston. Special Photo.



Fish Fry

The St. Edward Knights of Columbus have their own recipe for a good fish fry. The truck outside contains the cookers and is filled with workers and boiling pots. Eric Bussye and Chuck Vlamnick watched over the fish (left), which were steaming hot and ready for the plate (above). Staff Photos by Byron Higgin.



Ask the Chief

By Minneota
Police Chief Bill Bot

When is spring clean-up?

If you look out your windows, it may not look like spring is coming but it will be here before you know it.

Every spring, the City of Minneota has a spring clean-up but you don't have to wait until then to start cleaning up your yard and your home.

The burn sight is open and you can drop off bushes, branches and non-processed wood.

You can also rake your lawn and flower beds and drop off grass and leaves in specific piles above the burn sight.

In addition, Minneota has an ordinance that covers nuisances that will be enforced again this year.

Some common violations include: vehicles with expired registration, bushes that are in the driving area of alleys, trees that are hanging low on sidewalks, tires or anything else that can catch water and breed insects such as mosquitoes, outdoor furniture, brush piles and loose lumber that could house wild animals like cats, skunks and opossums, refuse and other garbage that is not properly placed in a garbage can.

These are just some of the example of nuisance violations I find and deal with every year.

You don't need to wait for me to send you an enforcement letter to start cleaning your yard.

Many items can be placed in your garbage. Larger or specialty items can be left on the curb for pick up if you call Olson Sanitation and make arrangements ahead of time.

Olson Sanitation can be reached at (507) 872-8956.

The City of Minneota takes no pleasure in telling people to clean their yards but it is our responsibility to keep our community safe, presentable and clean.

I often remind people that the way a community looks dramatically impacts property values and business growth.

If we all work together, we can make Minneota SHINE!

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On The Bench

With
Byron Higgin



Coach has his eye on the future

Minnesota boys' basketball Coach Dave Busselman will be having surgery March 20 on what he calls, "My good eye."

He has hope of correcting problems in that eye, while knowing his other eye isn't working at all. He doesn't know what the year will bring before the next basketball season, but he says, "There is no reason I won't be coaching, unless they don't want me."

He doesn't feel his eye problems will keep him from coaching the team he's helped make successful.

He knows full well this is the team all of Minnesota has been waiting for — and next year they hope to reap dividends from a more experienced team.

"We need to sit down and decide what we need to do to make this program (more) successful," he said.



Coach Dave Busselman

He predicted at least one of the players on the B Squad, "Will make a big bang next year."

He likes the returning squad and feels there is even more to come.

Before looking ahead to the future, Coach Busselman paused long enough to make sure the team's only senior, Brock Fox, was credited with his contribution.

He called Fox, "A smart player," who always knew where he was on the floor. "He worked very hard and we owe him a lot," said the coach.

Isaac Hennen is also a big part of this team, and as a senior, he'll be counted on to lead this squad next year.

In the Jackson County Central, game the coach started eighth grader Jacob Hennen instead of Nolan Boerboom. Both are part of the Viking future.

"It was because of what we were up against," said the coach, who thought Jacob had more speed to keep up with the fact-paced Huskies.

"He accepted that role," the coach said about Boerboom, adding, "He didn't like it, but he accepted it. I like that. I want guys hungry to play," he said.

While Coach Busselman predicts, "We can make a loud bang next year, it's up to the players and how hard they work this summer."

Players like Jared Josephson and Sam Buysse didn't get a lot of playing time, but could be part of the potentially huge future of this Viking squad.

Many others can also work their way into the picture.

It's going to be exciting. So hang on ... and enjoy the ride.



Hey, wait a minute ... the odds aren't so good here. Logan Sussner, who scored 17 points and grabbed 23 rebounds, was surrounded by Huskies — all five of them, in fact. They were: (left to right) Carter Heinrichs, Rudy Voss, Ryan Christopher, Nico Feroni and Zach Bargefrede. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Young guys 'grow up' in loss

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

Despite a valiant effort by the young Minnesota Vikings — the season ended Thursday night at Windom at the hands of No. 1-ranked Jackson County Central, 89-75.

While they trailed 46-29 at the half — there was something left in the Viking tank.

They came roaring back in the second half and got within 80-75, a five-point spread, before the Huskies started shooting free throws.

When the night ended, Jackson County Central hit 20 of 23 free throws for 87 percent and down the stretch made 15 of 16 free shots. Jacob Christopher was the leader in that department and he ended with 22 points.

Rudy Voss canned four straight free throws and ended with 19 points and Ryan Christopher scored 17.

Yet, Viking Coach Dave Busselman was happy with the outcome. "We battled. This team didn't quit all season long."

While JCC hit nine of 29 three-pointers, the Vikings countered with 11 of 33 three-pointers for a hot 33 percent from three-point land.

Inside, the Huskies had no answer for Minnesota's 6-2 freshman post Logan Sussner. He was a "monster" all night inside, gathering in 23 rebounds while scoring 17 points. "He was always in the right position. He's a fighter," said Coach Busselman.

"Logan knows his role and he does it well," the coach added. While Sussner was doing his work inside, brothers Thomas and Jacob Hennen were sniping away from long range.

Thomas Hennen hit six of 12 three-pointers and scored 27 points to lead both teams. He also landed seven rebounds.

Jacob Hennen finished with 17 points. Isaac Hennen, while he scored just five points, had 11 rebounds until he fouled out in the late stages of the game.



Minnesota sophomore Thomas Hennen (11), scored 27 points and grabbed seven rebounds. But his biggest asset was getting the ball up the court against Jackson County Central press with only three turnovers all night. He was guarded closely by Huskie Jacob Christopher. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Growing up/Page 7



Packed house

The Minnesota Regional qualifier for kids up to eighth grade was packed Friday night from rafter to rafter as kids put their seasons on the line in order to qualify for sectionals. More on page 7. Photo by Brian Jeremiasen.

New captains, honors given

New wrestling captains for next year are: Riley Yost, Brant Buysse, Shawn Buysse and T.J. Esping.

Other honors handed out at the wrestling banquet include: Best Record: T.J. Esping, 41-4 Most Improved: Eric Carrasco.

Hardest Worker: Alec Bueltel. Most Valuable Teammate: Brendan Reiss.

Utility Man Award: Josh Laleman.

Building Block Award: Austin Kloos.

Most Pins: Esping. Dad and Son wrestlers in state: Austin DeVlaeminck and Dad Tim DeVlaeminck.

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Minnesota Summer
Recreation Registration

Wednesday, March 22 • 4-7 p.m.

Minneota Community Center

Baseball

Juniors: Finishing 1st & 2nd Grade
Peanut: Finishing 3rd & 4th Grade
Pee Wee: Finishing 5th & 6th Grade
Viking: Finishing 7th & 8th Grade

Softball

Peanut: Finishing 2nd - 4th Grade
Pee Wee: Finishing 5th & 6th Grade
Viking: Finishing 7th & 8th Grade

Fee For Participation

\$50 - Finishing 2nd - 4th Grade
\$45 - 4-year olds, Finishing 2nd Grade
\$10 - Fee for 1-shirt - All Participants

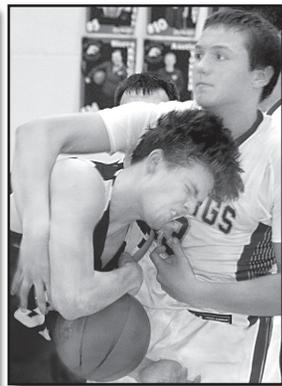
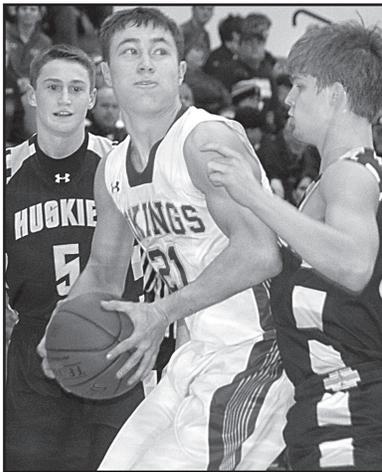
** New Dri Fit shirt this year, some design. **

Additional uniform expenses may apply (hat, pants, etc.)



Scoreboard

GIRLS' BASKETBALL			BOYS' BASKETBALL		
Camden Conference			Camden Conference		
FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS			FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS		
Team	North	W-L ALL	Team	North	W-L ALL
*Lac qui Parle Valley Eagles	133	20-10	Central MN Christian Bluejays	16-0	24-3
Central MN Christian Bluejays	106	14-9	Dawson-Boyd Bluejays	11-5	10-10
MACCRAV Wolverines	7-8	10-16	MACCRAV Wolverines	9-7	12-12
Kerkhoven-Murdock Sun, Saints	5-11	11-16	Rennville Co. West Jaguars	4-12	7-18
Dawson-Boyd Bluejays	4-12	7-19	Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sun/Saints	2-14	5-22
Rennville Co. West Jaguars	1-15	2-24	Lac qui Parle Valley Eagles	2-14	4-22
South			South		
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Panthers	15-1	25-3	Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Knights	15-1	23-5
Canby Lancers	14-2	22-5	Minnesota Vikings	10-6	16-9
Minnesota Vikings	13-3	22-7	Canby Lancers	10-6	13-12
Lakeview Lakers	7-9	14-13	Lakeview Lakers	9-7	11-14
Yellow Medicine East Sting	6-10	10-14	Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Panthers	5-11	8-18
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Knights	1-15	5-22	Yellow Medicine East Sting	3-13	4-20
Conference Champion			Conference Champion		
Games Last Week			Games Last Week		
SECTION CLASS A PLAYOFFS			SECTION CLASS A PLAYOFFS		
Section 1			Section 1		
Goodhue 65, Filmore Central 42			Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta 68, Awalet-Cosmos-Grove City 66 (66)		
Section 2			Section 2		
Granada Huntley-East Chain, Truman, Martin Luther 63, Cedar Mountain-Cortley 53			New London-Spicer 49, Montevideo 47, Jackson County Central 69, Minnesota 75, Pipestone Area 62, Redwood Falls 58		
Section 3			Section 3		
Southwest Minnesota Christian 64, Lac qui Parle Valley 73			North Championship		
Section 4			Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta 68, New London-Spicer 62		
Maranatha Christian Acad. 73, Lester Prairie 73			South Championship		
Section 5			Jackson Co. Central 69, Pipestone Area 74		
Cornwell-Wright 63, Belgrade-Droten-Etosa 37			Section 3AA Championship		
Section 6			Thursday, March 16 at SMSU, Marshall, 5 p.m.		
Ade-Bonp 50, Wheaton-Henon-Norcross 44			Section 3A		
Section 7			Central MN Christian 60, MACCRAV 34		
Mt. Iron-Buhl 71, Bigfork 64			Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 58, Dawson-Boyd 52		
Section 8			Red Rock Central 75, Southwest MN Christ. 59		
Red Lake 67, Grand Forks Sacred Heart 62			Westbrook-Walnut Grove 65, Adlan 56		
State Class A Tournament			North Championship		
Thursday, March 16 at Marucci Arena			Central MN Christ. 57, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 56		
Southwest MN Christian vs. Mt. Iron-Buhl, 11 a.m.			South Championship		
Maranatha vs. Ade-Bonp, 1 p.m.			Westbrook-Walnut Grove 57, Red Rock Cen. 49		
GHECTML vs. Goodhue, 3 p.m.			Section 3A Championship		
Red Lake vs. Cornwell-Wright, 5 p.m.			Thursday, March 16 at SMSU, Marshall, 8 p.m.		
Semifinals			Central MN Christian vs. Westbrook-Walnut Grove		
Friday, March 17 at Williams Arena, 12, 2 p.m.			Jackson County Central 89, Minnesota 75		
Saturday, March 18 at Williams Arena, 10 a.m.			MINNESOTA (2's, 3's, FT, TP) Nolan Boerboon 0 0 1 1; Sam Bajares 0 0 0 0 0; Brock Fox 1 2 0 2 2; Isaac Hennen 2 0 1 1 5; Jacob Hennen 4 3 0 0 5 17; Thomas Hennen 4 1 2 2 22; Jacob Josephson 0 0 0 0 0; Logan Sussner 8 0 1 1 2 17. Totals 19 11 4 2 71 75.		
Third Place			JCC (2's, 3's, FT, TP) Easton Bath 1 3 0 0 1 8; Zach Barghede 3 0 2 1 8; Jacob Christopher 5 2 6 7 4 22; Ryan Christopher 5 1 4 4 5 17; Nico Feoni 3 0 2 3 1 8; Chris Gumbo 1 0 1 2 1 3; Kieran Klontz 0 0 0 1 4; Rudy Voss 1 4 5 3 1 19. Totals 21 9 20 23 16 89.		
Saturday, March 17 at Concordia, 10 a.m. and noon			Score by Halves		
Consolation Finals			Minnesota 29 46 — 75		
Friday, March 18 at Concordia, 9 a.m.			JCC 46 43 — 89		
CLASS AA			Statistics:		
Section 1			SHOOTING: Minnesota (2's 19 of 42 for 45 percent; 3's 11 of 33 for 33 percent; overall 30 of 75 for 40 percent); JCC (2's 21 of 43 for 49 percent; 3's 9 of 29 for 31 percent; overall 30 of 72 for 42 percent).		
Rochester Lourdes 67, Kenyon-Winnings 61			FREE THROWS: Minnesota 4 of 7 for 57 percent; JCC 20 of 23 for 87 percent.		
Section 2			REBOUNDS: Minnesota 46 (Sussner 23; Isaac Hennen 11; Thomas Hennen 7; Jacob Hennen 4; Fox 1); JCC 37 (Gumbo 7; Feoni; Jacob Christopher; 9 each; Ryan Christopher 5 each; Voss 4; Barghede 3; Klontz 1).		
New Richmond-Hartland-Elkville-Genève 53, Norwood-Young America 45			TURNOVERS: Minnesota 16; JCC 12.		
Section 3			STEALS: Minnesota 8 (Isaac Hennen, Jacob Hennen 2 each; Boerboon, Fox, Thomas Hennen, Josephson 1 each); JCC 6 (Barghede 2, Gumbo, Ryan Christopher, Jacob Christopher, Feoni 1 each).		
New London-Spicer 62, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 55			ASSISTS: Minnesota 15 (Boerboon, Isaac Hennen 4 each; Jacob Hennen 3; Thomas Hennen; Sussner 2 each); JCC 15.		
Section 4			BLOCKS: Minnesota 2 (Sussner 3, Isaac Hennen, Jacob Hennen 2 each); JCC 5 (Barghede 3, Gumbo 2).		
Minnehaha Academy 62, St. Croix Lutheran 44					
Section 5					
Watertown Mayer 55, Holy Family Catholic 33					
Section 6					
Sauk Centre 52, Birch City 50					
Section 7					
Eslo 55, Crosby-Ironton 33					
Section 8					
Roxau 68, Staples-Mokey 48					
Class AA State Tournament					
Wednesday, March 15 at Marucci Arena					
New Richmond-H-E-G vs. Roxau, 2 p.m.					
Eslo vs. New London-Spicer, 4 p.m.					
Minnehaha Academy vs. Sauk Centre, 6 p.m.					
Rochester Lourdes vs. Watertown-Mayer, 8 p.m.					
Semifinals					
Friday, March 17 at Williams Arena, 6 and 8 p.m.					
Saturday, March 18 at Williams Arena, 2 p.m.					
Third Place					
Saturday, March 18 at Concordia U., 1 p.m.					
Consolation					
Thursday, March 16 at Concordia, 6, 8 p.m.					
Consolation Finals					
Saturday, March 18 at Concordia U., 2 p.m.					



With his eyes on the basket, Isaac Hennen tried to get past a JCC defender with Rudy Voss behind them. A fight for the ball ended when JCC's Keegan Klontz grabbed the ball while running smack, dab into Logan Sussner of the Vikings. Staff Photos by Byron Higgin.

Young Vikings grow up in playoff loss

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Minnesota's only senior, Brock Fox, finished his high school career scoring eight points against the Huskies.

With JCC using eight players, one freshman and eight seniors, the Huskies were able to have fresh legs the entire game. Minnesota, on the other hand, played with one senior — Brock Fox, and one junior and everyone else a sophomore and under. Yet, they managed to come back from a 13-point run by JCC that increased their lead from 13-12 to 26-13 before Thomas Hennen finally scored again to break the streak.

The damage was done and JCC led by 17 at the half.

"We were not doing a good job of dribble penetration," said Coach Busseman, noting the JCC guards were driving into the zone without being stopped.

The second half was all different. Minnesota kept battling and the three-point shots began falling like raindrops from Heaven.

"We hit some shots," said the coach, as Thomas and Jacob Hennen began bombing from the outside.

And, "We had some of their guys in foul trouble, (and eventually) Ryan Christopher would foul out), but we didn't take advantage of it," said the Minnesota coach.

Back-to-back three-pointers by Jacob and Thomas Hennen brought the Vikings

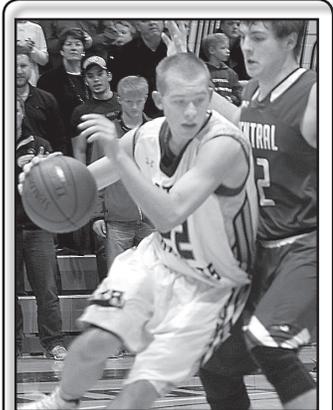
within five — but they ran out of gas, had to foul and watched Jackson County Central smoothly ripple the nets with free shot after free shot.

"We had too many turnovers (18), bad shots — and yet we battled," said Coach Busseman.

There was a general feeling Minnesota, "Grew Up," in this game, despite the loss.

"The future is up to us," said Coach Busseman. "The conference will still be tough next year and we must make sure we work hard this summer."

He added, "Now we have to sit down and talk about what we can do to make this program successful."
Step one came last Thursday night!



Russell-Tyler-Ruthton's Carter Hansen drove the ball toward the basket as Central MN Christian's Austin Marcus tried to stop him. Hansen's father Jeff is a former Minnesota teacher and softball coach. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

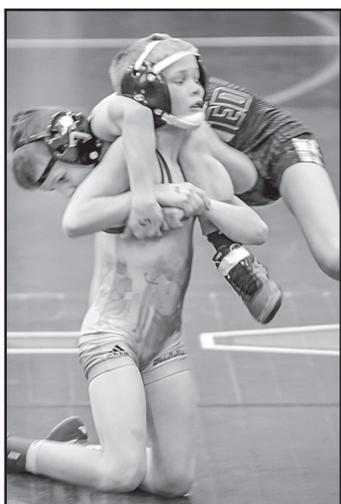
The final shot falls off, Bluejays defeat Knights

The margin between victory and defeat can be so small it can hang in the air and fall either way.
Such was the case Friday night when the Central MN Christian Bluejays hung on for a 57-56 win over the Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Knights as the final Knights shot circled the rim and fell off.

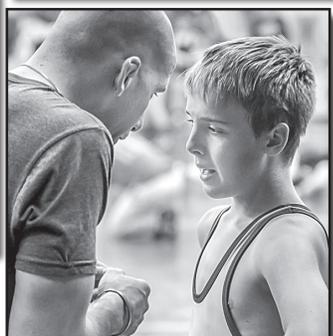
The win sent the Bluejays into the Section 3A Championship at 5 p.m. Thursday against Westbrook-Walnut Grove, a 57-49 winner over Red Rock Central.

RTR sophomore guard Cooper Hansen, who scored 16 points, put the ball up just before the buzzer, but it fell off and the Knights never got another shot.
Twin brother Carter Hansen scored 13 for the Knights. Bluejay Ethan Brouwer rippled the nets for 21 points, guard Matthew Van Espu put in 17 and 6-6 sophomore center Carter Henry scored 10 points with three rebounds and three blocks as he came off the bench to help his team try for a third straight state tournament berth.

JACKSON County Central beat Pipestone 80-74 for the South Section 3AA title and will play Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta, a 68-62 winner over New London-Spicer at 5 p.m. Thursday at SMSU.



Little wrestlers
The Minnesota Qualifier for kids up to eighth grade was a packed event. Above, left, Adam DeVlaeminck had his opponent around his neck. Bekkam Gillund listened to his dad Travis (top, right). Isaac Pohlen also listened to coach Drew Bouman (right). Photos for The Mascot by Brian Jeremiason.



Sussner named MVP of South Camden

Minnesota's Lydia Sussner was named Most Valuable Player of the South Camden Conference. Charlie Josephson was also an All-Conference selection and Amber Engels honorable mention.

Camden Conference 2016-2017 Girls' Basketball All-Conference Team

NORTH DIVISION
CMCS: Allison Bulthuis, senior; Kaley Schwitters, senior.
DAWSON-BOYD: Alex Sathen, sophomore; Kaitlyn Willander, senior.
MACCRAV: Piper Asche, sophomore; Sydney Schwitters, junior.
RENNVILLE CO. WEST: Aleah Zieske, eighth grader.
KERKHOVEN-M-S: Samantha Gjerde, senior.
LAC QUI PARLE VALLEY: Grace Hegland, sophomore; Lindsay Kranz, sophomore; Kelsey Lund, junior.
MVP: Samantha Gjerde, KMS, senior and Kelsey Lund, LQPV, junior.
Coach of the Year: Ryan Giles, Lac qui Parle Valley.
Honorable Mention: Sydney Bartunek, Dawson-Boyd, senior; Ellie Greenwaldt, CMS, junior; Molly Jeppesen, Ellie Thein, MACCRAV, junior; Tania Tossel, LQPV, senior.

SOUTH DIVISION
CANBY: Natalie Dinius, senior; Sydney Sisk, senior.
MINNESOTA: Charlie Josephson, senior; Lydia Sussner, sophomore.
LAKEVIEW: Maddie Franske, senior; Sadie Stettler, senior.
RUSSELL-TYLER-RUTHTON: Tina Haroldson, junior.
TRACY-MILROY-BALATON: Evelyn Dolan, senior; Gabbie Gervais, senior; Kaylee Kirk, junior; Sydney Lanoue, junior.
YELLOW MEDICINE EAST: Anna McCosh, junior.
MVP: Lydia Sussner, Minnesota, sophomore.
Coach of the Year: Jeff Thorson, Canby.
Honorable Mention: Amber Engels, Minnesota, senior; Sidney Karbo, TMB, junior; Hallie Lindgren, RTR, senior; Erin Stevens, Lakeview, senior; Morgan Wiessman, Canby, senior.

Athlete of the Week

Logan Sussner

The Minnesota freshman scored 17 points with 23 rebounds in the final game of the year, a loss in the playoffs to Jackson County Central. Congratulations Logan!

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Obituaries

JoAnn Fier

JoAnn Fier, 65, of rural Taunton, died unexpectedly and peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at her residence in rural Taunton.

Mass of Christian Burial for JoAnn was held on Monday.

Interment followed the service at St. Edward Catholic Cemetery in Minnesota.

JoAnn Carol (Meyen) Fier was born on April 18, 1951, in Canby, MN, to Walter and Ardis (Anderson) Meyen. She grew up in Canby and graduated from Canby High School in 1969.

On November 13, 1971, she was united in marriage to Joseph Fier at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in Taunton. JoAnn worked at the bank in Canby for a short time before she began raising her family.

She enjoyed working in the dairy barn where she will be remembered as the "first one in and the last one out."

In addition to raising her children, she was also known as a "second mother" to many, whether cooking meals or providing a place to stay no questions asked.

She enjoyed camping trips with her crew and watching her children and grandchildren's sporting events. She also enjoyed cooking and made everything taste good.

She always had a Hershey's chocolate bar and a cup of coffee ready. She will be fondly remembered for her gentle, loving and caring personality.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Joe, of rural Taunton, children Kelly (and Tim) DeVlaeminck of Minnesota, Karen (and John) Rolbeck of Minnesota, Kevin (and Mindy) Fier of rural Porter, Kurt (and Julie) Fier of rural Taunton, Kris (and Stacy) Fier of rural Taunton, 14 grandchildren, brothers Mike (and Sharon) Meyen, Walter (and Jan) Meyen, Gene Meyen and Jim (and Theresa) Meyen, sister Jane (and Lynn) Huge, in-laws Mike and LuAnn Fier and Sharon Fier, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws and nephew Neil Fier.



JoAnn Fier



Supplies help Ugandan kids

St. Edward School students collected school supplies during Catholic Schools Week for an orphanage in Uganda funded with the help of Beret's Light. Beret's Light Inc. is a charity that formed in 2016 and was named after the late Beret Rysdahl of Marshall, who, at age 27, died in 2015 due to breast cancer. The mission at Beret's Light is to live out the philosophy that Beret did in her final days, to "be the light every day." St. Edward students include: (left to right) Chase Differding, Blake Mead, Elena Myhr, Joe Beisler and Kylie Callens. *Special Photo.*

St. Edward School Happenings

Phy Ed — Mrs. Emily Hennen

Students have been learning about the game of bowling. Younger students, Kindergarten and First Grade, learned the technique of rolling a ball towards a target and keeping track of how many pins they knocked down.

Second through Eighth Grade students learned and practiced how to keep track of their score while using proper bowling techniques. Students were practicing their math while also being physically active.

Library — Mrs. Janice Bot

In story time, we are finishing reading our "Star of the North Picture Book Award" nominees. We have two left and then the students in grades Kindergarten through Second Grade will vote for their favorite.

Many students are enjoying the "new" to us books by James Patterson. They are the "Middle School" and "I Funny" series. They have been a big hit! As Jorge Luis Borges said, "I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library."

Music — Mrs. Lois Spanton

Students in Grades Second and Third are learning about 16th notes and phrases. They have been playing some crazy ostinatos. The Fourth Graders are adding Low E and Low D to the notes they can play on recorders.

They are finding it difficult to make the lower notes sound nice, but I'm sure they will master this skill by concert time.

The Fifth and Sixth Graders continue to explore some techniques that composers may use when creating music. They have also enjoyed sight singing some two part music.

The First Grade and Kindergarten classes are getting to be great rhythm readers while the Seventh and Eighth Graders are starting to help me make some decisions about our upcoming concert.

Art — Mrs. Lois Spanton

All of the students have created some very cute stick figure drawings, as well as some artwork featuring green shamrocks.

During our shamrock project, Grades K-3 experimented with using & mixing 3 or 4 shades of green, using oil pastels while Grades 4-8 explored the art of using and mixing THREE colors of green acrylic paints to create some nice tints and shading effects. We're ready for St. Patrick's Day.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 15 — School Mass: Grades 5 and 6
- Mar. 16 — Report Cards go home with students
- Mar. 16 — Science Museum Field trip: Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Mar. 20 — Kindergarten Round Up: 5-7 p.m.
- Mar. 17 — Science Museum Field trip: Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Mar. 21 — Year Book orders due
- Mar. 22 — School Mass: 3 and 4
- Mar. 23 — Birthday Lunch
- Mar. 24 — Stations of the Cross 12:35 p.m.
- Mar. 29 — School Mass: Grade 2 - Blessing of the Seeds
- Mar. 30 — Ditch Clearing
- Mar. 31 — Stations of the Cross 2:35 p.m.

Sarah Warner to serve on Emerging Leaders Cabinet

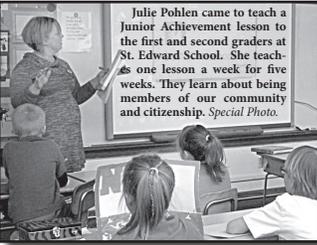


Sarah Warner

Sarah Warner, Education and Volunteer Services Coordinator for United Way of Southwest Minnesota, has been selected to serve on the Southwest Initiative Foundation's Emerging Leaders Cabinet.

The Emerging Leaders Cabinet (ELC) is a committee of people under the age of 40 from throughout the Southwest Minnesota region selected to serve by the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) Board of Directors.

All members come from different walks of life and represent the diversity of the region.



Julie Pohlen came to teach a Junior Achievement lesson to the first and second graders at St. Edward School. She teaches one lesson a week for five weeks. They learn about being members of our community and citizenship. *Special Photo.*

Attend the Church of Your Choice

Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 19: Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.; Coffee and fellowship at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, March 22: Prayer Group at 8 a.m.; GLOW/Supper beginning at 5:30 p.m.; Lenten Service at 7 p.m.

Interim Pastor: Bruce Drackley
Church Secretary: hopechurch87@gmail.com
Church Contact No. 872-6446

St. Eloi Catholic Church

Saturday, March 18: Mass at St. Eloi convent at Noon
Sunday, March 19: Mass at 10:30 a.m., confessions after Mass
Wednesday, March 22: Adoration from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; CCD Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Father Craig Timmerman
Associate Pastor Fr. Zachary Peterson
& Director of Religious Ed Nathan Jones
Church Contact No. 428-3285

Bethel Fellowship Church

Sunday School: 8:50-9:50 a.m. - Ages 4-Adult
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening: Small groups for Bible study, various times, call 828-1637.
Wednesday: Kids Zone from 6-7:20 p.m.; Adult Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Thomas Nomeland
507-828-1637

St. Edward Catholic Church

Thursday, March 16: Mass at 7 a.m.; Adoration from 4-7 p.m.
Friday, March 17: Mass at the Manor at 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross.
Saturday, March 18: Reconciliation at 4:30 p.m.; Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 19: Reconciliation from 8-8:15 a.m., Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Monday, March 20: 5-7 p.m. Kindergarten Round-up
Tuesday, March 21: Mass at 7 a.m.
Wednesday, March 22: school Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Adoration from 6-7 p.m.; CCD classes at 6:30 p.m.

Father Craig Timmerman
Associate Pastor Fr. Zachary Peterson
& Director of Religious Ed Nathan Jones
Church Contact No. 872-6346

Healing Waters Parish

Augustana, Clarkfield; Bergen, Clarkfield; St. Lucas Lutheran, Cottonwood; Yellow Medicine Lutheran, Hanley Falls
Sunday, March 19: Augustana and St. Lucas at 9 a.m., Bergen and Yellow Medicine 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 22: Confirmation at YMLC 6:30-8 p.m., Lenten Worship at 5:30 p.m., at Augustana & St. Lucas; YMLC & Bergen at 7 p.m.

St. Leo Catholic Church

Pastor Dave Peterson
Pastor Rena Peterson
Church Contact No. 507-776-0909
Sunday Masses: January, March, May, July, September, November: 8:30 a.m. and February, April, June, August, October, December: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 16: Adoration at 8 a.m., Mass at 9 a.m.
Leo will be having a pancake and sausage supper on March 19 from 5-7 p.m.

Father Craig Timmerman
Associate Pastor Fr. Zachary Peterson
& Director of Religious Ed Nathan Jones

Hennes Lutheran Church

Rural Minnesota
Sunday, March 19: Service at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 22: Lenten service at 5:30 p.m.
Minnesota Manor Worship, 2:30 p.m., the fourth Thursday of the month.

Pastor Ellen Munter

Winds of the Prairie Ministry

Bethany Lutheran, Arco; Bethany-Elm Lutheran, Ivanhoe; Grace Lutheran, Lake Benton; Peace Lutheran, Ruthon; St. Paul's Lutheran, Minnesota
Sunday School Times: Sunday school takes place in the following congregations: Bethany Wednesday nights 5:50 p.m.; Bethany-Elm after service at 9:30 a.m.; Grace before service at 9 a.m.; Ruthon after service at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 19: Service times: 8 a.m. at Bethany; 8:30 a.m. at Peace; 9:30 a.m. at Bethany-Elm; 10:30 a.m. at Grace and 11 a.m. at St. Paul's.
Wednesday, March 22: DPHC Lenten Service at 10 a.m., Lenten service at 5:30 p.m. at Bethany & Peace; 7 p.m. at Bethany-Elm & Grace; TFA at 5:30 p.m.
Church Contact No. 507-694-1238

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City Hall investor meeting called



The new sign is now in place on the City Hall Bar and Grill building on Main Street along Hwy. 68 in Minnetonka. *Special Photo.*

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Although a final figure has not yet been determined for the bar renovations and the construction cost and equipment for the new restaurant, the investors are planning to borrow any additional money needed beyond the investment amounts.

Byusse and Dave Fahey became the original owner/investors when they purchased the building formerly known as Bubba's Bar, along with the empty lot next to it, from Bob "Bubba" DeFestel in January. Since then, the establishment has undergone several renovations with beautiful knotty pine walls in the front room, the installation of a new front door, two larger front windows that allow for more natural lighting, new flooring, a new cooler, painted walls, and upgrading the ladies restroom.

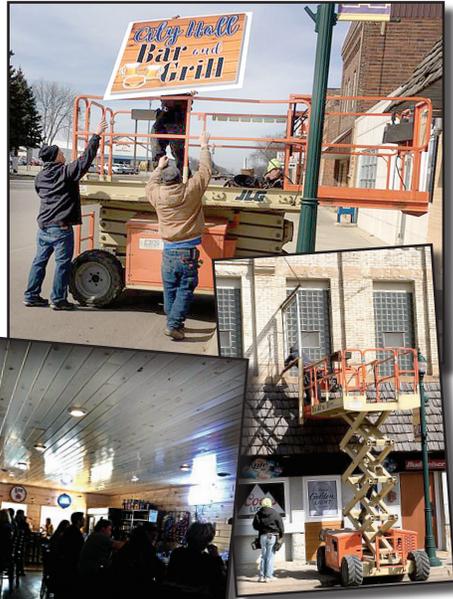
The City Hall Bar & Grill sign was put up two weeks ago outside the building. The sign was designed by Western Printing in Marshall and features the name of the establishment atop knotty pine boards with a pair of mugs of beer and a burger included.

"Some board members wanted the sign to show that it was a bar and eating place and not an actual city hall," said VanHecke. "So they had a new sign designed."

Bruce Laleman of Laleman Construction and his crew have done the majority of the inside work at the bar and will also be constructing the new restaurant. Volunteers have also assisted on some of the ongoing projects.

"The bar looks really nice and we still have some things we want to do yet," said VanHecke. "We've been getting a lot of support and we're really excited about the whole project."

The number of patrons at the bar is an early indication that the community will support the project moving forward.



When the new sign arrived, workers went right to work unloading it, then getting it ready to adorn the building (top and above left). Inside the bar, the new paneling glistened as customers enjoyed the social atmosphere. *Special Photos.*



Storm blows in

A storm of major proportions blew into the Minnetonka area Sunday, dropping a foot of snow in many parts of the region. Kids who had their eye on summer and bike riding had their hopes buried by the snow (top, left). The community went to work digging out, as Omer Laleman did (left). One apartment resident tried to get a quick smoke in the storm. *Staff Photos by Byron Higgins.*

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City Hall Bar and Grill

Investors will be holding an **Informational meeting** Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Curious about what's going on with the new City Hall Bar & Grill?
 Interested in investing in Minnetonka's newest business? Or just want to wet your whistle?
 Come down to the bar & find out!
 Current investors will be there to answer any questions you have!
 Plans for the future restaurant addition will be available for viewing.
 • Hope to see you there! •

Recycling

By Sharon Root
Lyon County
Environmental Office



Recycle your old mattress

Some of you may already have heard about the recent start-up of a new program/service in our area — mattress and box frame recycling. Lyon County, in partnership with Advance Opportunities in Marshall, now offers citizens the opportunity to recycle the above mentioned items. Following is a brief synopsis regarding the program:

- Mattresses/box frames can be brought to the Lyon County Environmental Office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A customer stops in our office, pays the fee of \$7 per item, receives their receipt and then is directed to the building next door to unload items. There will be someone to help unload. Items can only be dropped off during the normal operating hours of this office which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NOTE: The Lyon County Landfill will also accept mattresses and box frames for recycling.

- If the mattress or box frame shows signs of mold, damage or infestation it will not be accepted for recycling. A fee of \$25 will be charged for disposal in the landfill.
- One reason mattresses should be kept out of the landfill is that a mattress uses considerable air space in a landfill due to metal springs, foam padding, and cotton.

- They don't compact very well.
- Also, the components can be used/recycled into items such as: wood frames into wood chips; foam into carpet padding; quilting for textiles; metal springs used in the steel recycling process.
- Why the \$7 fee for recycling?

It helps to cover wages for the employees of Advance Opportunities that disassemble the items so the components can be sorted and shipped off for recycling. Not sure what Advance Opportunities is?

It's a non-profit organization that provides employment and training for adults with disabilities.

- Mattresses and box frames will not be picked up for recycling. Bring mattresses/box frames to the location mentioned above.

- In addition, child car seats are also accepted at the same location. There is a \$4 fee per seat. It helps cover wages for the employees of Advance Opportunities that disassemble the car seats and sort the components to be shipped to end markets to be used as feedstock in the manufacture of new products. Win-win again!
- Call 507-532-8210 if you have questions.

Until next time, keep reducing, reusing, recycling and buying recycled!

For info or if your club is interested in a presentation (free) regarding recycling/waste reduction and hazardous waste disposal, call the Lyon County Environmental Office at 507-532-8210. Also available is info about disposal of appliances, electronics and tires. Visit www.lyonco.org and click on environmental in the departments menu.

Menus

Minnetota Senior Mealsite

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

Thursday, March 16: Exercise at 10 a.m.; No Meal; Bingo at 1 p.m.
Friday, March 17: Beef tomato hot dish or fish, roasted potatoes, mixed veggies, pumpkin bar; "500" at 12:45 p.m.
Monday, March 20: Closed

Tuesday, March 21: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Pork ribs or burger on a bun, red potatoes, scalloped corn, peach cobbler; "500" at 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22: Closed

Thursday, March 23: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Ham or chicken, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, bakers choice dessert; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Minnetota Public School

Monday, March 20: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk; Lunch: Chicken wrap, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, peaches, milk

Tuesday, March 21: Cinnamon roll, fruit, yogurt, milk; Lunch: Crispito or hotdog, lettuce, cheese, fresh veggies, pears, milk

Wednesday, March 22: Pancake sausage, fruit, yogurt, milk; Lunch: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk

Thursday, March 23: Muffin, cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch: Macaroni hotdish, peas, dinner roll, fresh fruit, milk

Friday, March 24: Uncrustable, cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch: Fish wedge on bun or riblet, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit, milk

St. Edward's School

Monday, March 20: Chicken nuggets, sweet potato puffs, mixed greens, corn, fruit, dinner roll, milk

Tuesday, March 21: Chicken caesar salad with pasta, croutons, carrots, tomato, chickpeas, fruit, milk

Wednesday, March 22: Beef taco salad, chips, salsa, lettuce, tomato, cheese, refried beans, fruit, milk

Thursday, March 23: Hotdogs with bun, spinach salad, roasted winter veggies, celery, fruit, milk

Friday, March 24: Eggs and cheese biscuits, tator tots, lettuce salad, orange juice, milk

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Time for the Hospice Charity Ball, auction

The Annual Prairie Home Hospice Charity Ball and Auction has been a premier charity event in Lyon County for over 30 years. The 31st annual event will take place April 8 at the Red Baron Arena and Expo.

"This will be the first premier charity event held at the Red Baron Arena & Expo facility," said Deb Herrmann, Co-Chair of this year's event.

The theme this year is, "BBQ, Blues and Brews." The night will begin with live blue grass music as guests enjoy social hour from 5-7 p.m., while browsing the hundreds of auction items on display. At 7 p.m., the Hitching Post will serve up dinner, featuring their famous BBQ ribs and chicken, with all the fixings.

The live auction will include a number of great get-away packages, including a week at a private home on the Pacific Ocean beach in Nicaragua; one week resort destination package of your choice and more!

This year, the live auction will also feature a spectacular Alaskan Cruise for two!

To reserve your tickets or a table for the event, call the Prairie Home Hospice & Community Care office at (507) 337-0080.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The health of the people is tied to the health of our forests; and

WHEREAS: Trees and forests improve our physical health by clearing the air, reducing exposure to the sun's UV rays, and decreasing temperatures during the summertime; and

WHEREAS: Childhood asthma rates are lower in urban communities that have a higher density of trees; and

WHEREAS: Trees and forests improve our mental health by reducing stress and increasing concentration; and

WHEREAS: One tree provides \$62,000 worth of air pollution control over a period of 50 years; and

WHEREAS: Forests create high-quality drinking water by acting as a natural filter; and

WHEREAS: Getting a daily dose of trees is healthy for all Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: The last Friday in April, and throughout the month of May, Minnesotans pay special tribute to all the natural resources, and dedicate themselves to the continued vitality of Minnesota's forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Rolibecki, Mayor of Minnetota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017, as:

ARBOR DAY

and the month of May 2017 as Arbor Month in Minnetota.

Dated this 13th Day of March, 2017

John Rolibecki, Mayor of the City of Minnetota



Ag in the Classroom

Mark Johnson helps Destin Fier, a fourth-grader from Minnetota, try on safety equipment used by Minnesota Valley Light and Power Cooperative of Montevideo on Wednesday during the annual "Ag in the Classroom" program at Minnesota West Technical School in Granite Falls. The program, in its 27th year, educates public and parochial fourth-grade students from schools in Lyon, Yellow Medicine and Lac qui Parle counties on various aspects of agriculture. Johnson's presentation was on farm safety. Over 350 students and teachers from 11 schools attended the program over two days. *Staff Photo by Scott Thoma.*

Police Blotter

The Minnetota Police Department received the following calls for service.

Tuesday, March 7

- Family Matter on Van's Street.
- Four Traffic Stops on Hwy. 68 at Grant Street.
- Traffic Stop on Hwy. 68 at Washington Street.

Wednesday, March 8

- Family Matter in the 300 Block of N. Monroe Street.
- Suspicious Activity in the 200 block of N. Jefferson Street.
- Theft in the 400 block of N. Grant Street.

Thursday, March 9

- Traffic Stop on Hwy. 68 at N. Jefferson Street.
- Traffic Stop on County Road 10 at S. Jefferson Street.
- Suspicious Activity on the 700 block of N. Jefferson Street.
- Keys Locked in a vehicle in the 100 block of Golf Course Road.

Friday, March 10

- Welfare Check in the 700 block of N. Madison Street.

Saturday, March 11

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

EDA, council to consider lot purchase around golf course

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

John Noyes of the Minnetota Economic Development Administration Monday told the Minnetota City Council resident Jane Jennen is interested in possibly selling lots around the Countryside Golf Course.

"In the past, we've thought about buying lots around the golf course. She has never wanted to sell, but now she says it's good timing if we are interested. If we can find financing, we have until September to try and find financing. If we can't find financing, I don't think we'll spend a lot of time and money on it," said Noyes.

"She wants \$15,000 an acre," he said. "As an EDA, we're going to try and find financing for it."

"These are choice lots around the golf course," Noyes said. He indicated he can imagine homes going up around the golf course quicker than in other areas.

"The EDA is going to look into seeing what we can do with that," Noyes indicated.

"It's not going to cost us much to see if we can do it. Once we get some hard numbers, a decision will be easier," said Noyes.

"I just wanted to bring it up so everyone is on the same page and we'll see what we can do," said Noyes.

City to use traps to control cat problem

Over the past few years, Minnetota has experienced an increase in cats roaming neighborhoods.

As a result, the council Monday adopted a plan to use "live traps" to control a huge wild cat population in the city. "The plan is to respond to cat complaints by deploying live traps. When a cat is captured, it will be transported to the Minnetota Vet Clinic for evaluation. If it's believed to be a pet, methods will be done to find the owners. If no owner is found, the Tracy Area Animal Rescue and Marshall Area Animal Rescue will be contacted to see if they have room.

If not claimed or adopted, the cat will be euthanized.

"If the cat can be removed from the community through rescue, the City of Minnetota will contribute the money that would have been paid for euthanization to the rescue organization to be used for shots and sterilization of the cat."

City enacts chicken control

Monday the council approved an ordinance dealing with chickens in the community.

"I have received a number of complaints regarding chickens on the street and on other people's property," said Chief Bolt.

"Chickens are currently permitted in Minnetota but we do not have an existing ordinance discussing the number, type and pen requirements for chickens."

"This ordinance would permit me to work with chicken owners to ensure owning of chickens does not become a problem for other community members."

The new ordinance (on page 8) allows no more than 18 adult chickens and owners can keep a brood of chicks for no more than 16 weeks — at which time the flock must be reduced to 18 chickens.

Only female chickens are allowed, not roosters. There are also restrictions on the coops and enclosures; maintenance and there's an enforcement penalty.

Council joins police Facebook page

City government news will be added to the Facebook page operated by Chief of Police Bill Bolt.

Last month, the city council discussed operating a Facebook page. Chief Bolt and City Administrator Shirley Teigland looked at the proposal and decided the best method was to include government news on the police department page.

"It will be called the *City of Minnetota Government and Police Department page*," said Chief Bolt.

"We both agree this is the best and only option," said Chief Bolt.

The problem with an independent page was the "messages" on Facebook. "There are no means by which a customer may select whom to message," said the chief. As a result, they've selected the best possible method of adding Facebook information.

The council also voted to replace two new fire hydrants in the city. With a number of fire hydrants needing replacement, the prior council decided to replace two hydrants a year and this council continued that policy. It will cost approximately \$4,300 to replace a hydrant — \$2,500 for the hydrant and \$1,800 for the installation.