



Lights of the night

Christmas lights like this string on Madison Ave. helped Minneota residents get into the holiday spirit.

Staff Photo
by Byron Higgin

Online business goes ‘physical’ in Ghent

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

After operating an online boutique for nearly a year, Jodi Maertens was persuaded into starting a physical business so patrons could try on the various clothing items before making a purchase.

So, this past fall, Rian & Jo Boutique was born outside Ghent.

The name of the boutique is derived from the middle names of Bill and Jodi Maertens' daughters, Kendall, 4; and Hadley, who turns 2 in January.

Jodi works full-time as Youth and Family Officer for Southwest Initiative Foundation, a Hutchinson-based charity foundation that serves 18 counties in southwestern Minnesota.

Bill owns Bend Rite Fabrication in Marshall.

"I started the (Rian & Jo Boutique) business last year and operated mostly online and through Facebook," Jodi said.

"I had tried going down the path with some direct sales companies and was having lots of fun with that, but wanted something more."

Rian and Jo Boutique is located on the Maertens' farm place two miles north of



Jodi Maertens with her children: (left to right) Kendall, Jodi and Hadley. Special Photo.

Ghent on County Road 5.

"I had so many people asking me when I was going to open a shop so they could come and shop and try things on, so I thought I would give it a try in the other house on our farmplace since it was empty anyway," said Maertens, who grew up in Redwood Falls.

With two small children and a full-time job, Maertens now finds owning an on site boutique "super convenient".

Rian and Jo Boutique is an independent business that sells women's clothing and accessories. There is also a dressing room for those wishing to try on garments.

"I carry all sizes from small to 3X," Maertens said. "One of my goals is to keep things super affordable and offer unique styles that might not be found around here."

"I order my clothing and jewelry from a variety of wholesale companies. I also have some handmade items in stock such as cozy wool mittens, a variety of handmade wool art, and exclusively designed items specific to Rian and Jo Boutique."

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Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Dec. 18	27	01	0.00
Dec. 19	30	17	0.00
Dec. 20	26	13	0.00
Dec. 21	43	22	0.00
Dec. 22	45	27	0.00
Dec. 23	35	24	0.00

Outlook:

Seems we are in for a little warmer weather. Christmas week highs will be in the 20s and 30s with lows in the 20s.

Have a Safe and Merry Christmas!

Holiday sports on tap

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

School is out for the holidays and won't resume until January 2, the day after New Year's.

But that won't be stopping Minneota athletes, who will swing into action as early as today (Thursday), as they begin a busy week of sports activities.

Viking Girls

The 7-0 Minneota Vikings, ranked No. 1 in the state in Class A and in defense of their state title, will roam into South Dakota this week.

They will play at 4 p.m. Friday in the Hoop City Classic at the Mitchell, SD Corn Palace against the Yankton Gazelles (3-2).

Then on Saturday they travel to Sioux Falls for a 2 p.m. game at the Pentagon.

The Hoop City Classic continues with Minneota against Sioux Falls Christian (1-3).

Viking Boys

Minneota travels to Springfield for a 7:30 p.m. regular season game against the Tigers.

Last year, Minneota and Springfield played in Minneota.

The Viking boys holiday play will continue on Saturday, December 28. They play Murray County Central in a 10:30 a.m. game at SMSU. The B squad plays at 8:30 a.m.

Minneota is 5-3 going into the game at Springfield.

Wrestling

Minneota will take its usual holiday excursion to Fargo for the Rumble on the Red at

the FargoDome.

The Rumble on the Red Wrestling Championships is one of the largest wrestling events in the country.

This will be the 14th year of the "Rumble" High School Tournament.

"We've got 22 mats running continuously and hosting over 1500 Varsity/JV wrestlers and 800+ youth wrestlers," said event official Steve Saxland.

Minneota varsity wrestlers on the mat at the Rumble are: 106-Troy Van Keulen and Peyton Gillund; 120-Eric Carrasco; 132-Zack Fier; 138-Kade Lozinski; 145-Blake Reiss; 145-Jonah Gruenes and 285-Jackson Esping.

There will also be 15 JV wrestlers. They include: Destin Fier, Chase Johnson, Logan Myhre, David Carrasco, Noah Gorecki, Eli Gruenes, Truman Wambeke, Tucker Thooft, Alex DePestel, Branden Johnson, Tyler Lozinski, Conner Sik, Tyler Gronke, Hudson Scholten and Jayden Gamrak.

Teams in the tournament include:

Minnesota: Aitkin, Albert Lea, Andover, Byron, Coon Rapids, Crookston, Dassel-Cokato, Delano, Dilworth-GF, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Fairmont/Martin Co. West, Farmington, Foley, Frazee, Henry Sibley, HLWW, Jackson County Central, Mankato East and West, Medford, Minneota, Moorhead, Moundsview, New Prague, Northfield, Perham, Prior Lake, Sartell-St. Stephen, Scott West, St. Cloud Tech/Apollo, St. Francis, St. Thomas Academy, United Clay Becker, Waconia, Wayzata, White Bear Lake, Windom/Mt. Lake/Butterfield-Odin and Woodbury.

North Dakota: Bishop Ryan, Bismarck Century, Bismarck High, Bismarck Legacy, Bismarck St. Mary's Central, Carrington, Fargo Davies, Fargo North and South, Hettinger/Scranton, Hillsboro-Central Valley, Jamestown, Kindred, Mandan, Minot, new Salem-Almont, Oakes, Rudby, Turtle Mountain, Valley City, West Fargo and West Fargo-Sheyenne.



Snow is falling ... books are calling

Snow is falling, books are calling, the annual winter reading program sponsored by the Plum Creek Library System and its member libraries, will begin January 1 and run through March 31, 2020.

The program, open to ages 16 and beyond, is held every year during the winter months and rewards readers for doing what they love to do — READ!

Participation is easy.

Simply sign up at the Minneota Public Library.

They will give you a punch card or reading log to record the number of books read.

Then, get set to read at least 12 books during the three-month-long program.

Readers are encouraged to read as many titles as they choose. However, in order for your punch cards or reading log to be counted, a minimum of 12 books read is required.

Titles may be in any format, including audio books and e-books.

Most Plum Creek Library System libraries offer patrons a prize for completing the Winter Reading Program challenge and various incentives are available.

Make plans to stop by the Minneota Public Library to register for the Winter Reading Program and get set to participate, starting in January.

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What’s Happening?

December

Friday and Saturday, December 27-28

10 a.m. — Minneota wrestling team at Rumble on the Red at FargoDome. Seven varsity wrestlers will compete for Minneota.

Friday, December 27

4 p.m. — Minneota girls vs. Yankton at Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD.
This is the Hoop City Classic.

Saturday, December 28

TBD — Minneota boys’ basketball vs. Murray County Central at SMSU Invitational in Marshall.

2 p.m. — Minneota girls vs. Sioux Falls Christian at Sioux Pentagon in Sioux Falls, SD.
This is also part of the Hoop City Classic.

Tuesday, December 31

New Years Eve-The Mascot will close at noon

January

Wednesday, January 1

NEW YEARS DAY!
(Minneota Mascot Office Closed for the Holidays)

Tuesday, January 7

9 a.m. — Lyon County Board Meeting, Government Center, Marshall.

Wednesday, January 8

12:30 p.m. — Minneota Rotary Meeting, Minneota Manor.

Monday, January 13

6:30 p.m. — Minneota City Council Meeting, city hall.

Tuesday, January 14

9 a.m. — Lyon County Board Meeting, Government Center, Marshall.
5:45 p.m. — EDA Meeting, Minneota City Hall.
7 p.m. — Minneota School Board Meeting, conference center.

New Year's Day Auction returns

Fadness focus mainly on firearms, accessories

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

After an eight-year hiatus, the popular Fadness New Year's Day Auction is returning.

The auction, which focuses mainly on firearms, accessories, and sporting equipment, will begin at 10 a.m. at the Minneota Legion Hall. Doors will open at 9 a.m.

The auction will continue until all items are put up for auction. "We encourage people to bring items in to be auctioned off," said Auctioneer Dave Fadness. "Although the bulk of what we auction are guns, ammo, sporting equipment, coins and antiques, if someone wants to bring another item in, we will try to sell it for them on a consignment basis."

The Minneota Baseball Boosters will be serving roast beef sandwiches, chips, pop and coffee at the auction.

The Baseball Boosters are looking for volunteers to assist during the event. Needed are work volunteers for two-hour shifts, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Also needed are donations of \$10 or more to help defer the cost of food. Those donations can be brought to the event or dropped off with coaches Keven Larson and J.D. Pesch.

And anyone wishing to donate bars and/or cookies can bring them uncut to the Legion by 9 a.m. on the day of the event.

The New Year's Day auction was held for 10 years in a row (from 2002 to 2011), but has not been held since then.

Fadness, who owns a trucking business, said the delay was caused by his busy schedule, but he is able to hold the auction this year.

"I'm looking forward to having it again," he said. "We always held it at the Legion Hall every year and we usually would get upwards of 200 bidders attend."

Among the items up for auction will be handguns, rifles, muzzle loaders, shotguns, ammunition, accessories, sporting equipment, and more.



Jodi Maertens looks over the merchandise at her Rian & Jo Boutique north of Ghent. Below is the Rian & Jo Boutique sign inside the shop. Staff Photos by Scott Thoma

Boutique opens in Ghent area

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Maertens also is willing to assist other small business owners and invites them to set up at her boutique during open hours to share their businesses with others.

"I love to support other entrepreneurs," she said. "It is so much fun to share that with others."

The Maertens are also very supportive of community projects. They were on a committee that raised funds to renovate the local ice rink along Highway 68 in downtown Ghent.

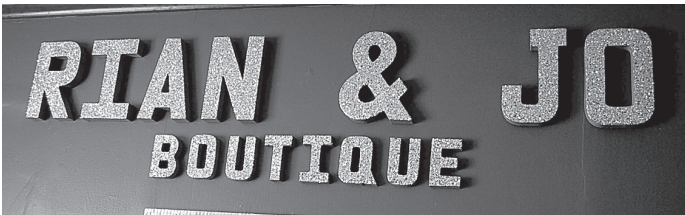
The Maertens have also been involved in helping out with fundraisers for the Ghent Fire Department, assisting in certain aspects of Belgian-American Days, and are just now getting involved in events involving the Minneota School District.

Rian & Jo Boutique still takes online orders, too, because Maertens understands that it can be hard for people to find time to venture out and shop, especially during winter months when travel can sometimes be difficult.

"When people aren't able to stop out, I'm able to help them online with sharing my opinion on size, fabric, etc.," she said.

"I make it my goal to be as helpful and honest as I can be about the items. I want women to feel confident in what they put on and exude that confidence throughout the day."

Besides taking orders online, Maertens also offers an opportunity for people to place pre-orders.



"This essentially means that they are guaranteed the size and style of what I am offering and what they want," she explained.

There are no set hours for the boutique, but Maertens makes sure to inform customers ahead of time as to when the store will be open.

"Because I work full time besides doing this, I wanted to try and find a new and unique way to keep my boutique open," Maertens said. "So I am operating as a sort of 'pop-up' boutique."

"I set up my hours and post them on social media a week or two in advance so people know and can plan to stop out. I am also always open by appointment."

The Rian & Jo Boutique website can be found at www.rianandjoboutique.com, while the Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/791783050975664/?ref=share>

College teachers named ‘outstanding’

Jodi Landgaard of Minnesota West Community and Technical College was recognized for outstanding work at the 2019 CFO Annual Conference held at the Minnesota State system office in St. Paul. Landgaard was presented with the Outstanding Service Award.

Also getting the award was Deb Kerkaert of SMSU in Marshall.

THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES AWARD

This award recognizes individuals and/or teams that provide outstanding campus service.

Bill Maki, interim vice chancellor for finance and facilities of Minnesota State, said, "These honorees are shining examples of individuals that not only lead the financial operations of their institutions."

He added, "But it also provides guidance to their colleagues in what is in the best of interests of student success

and in the financial sustainability of their college or university."

Individuals who were recognized include:

- Jean Hollaar, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Deb Kerkaert, Southwest Minnesota State University

- Michael Kroening, Minnesota State College Southeast
- Jodi Landgaard, Minnesota West Community and Technical College
- Karen Lester, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Minnesota West Community & Technical College President

Dr. Terry Gaalswyk commented, "Over the past two years, Jodi has shepherded strategic conversations through a deliberate, transparent collegial process across our students, campuses and our communities."

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Minneota kids helping pack the gifts for the families through the Christmas Angels program were: (Front row, left to right) Caleb Sterzinger, Emily Rybinski, Abby Hennen, Morgan Hennen, Serena Breyfogle, Molly Krog, Faith Traen and Klaire Banks. Back: Braeden Panka, Cole Sanow, Braxton Downing, Audra Buysse, Cecilia Rabaey, Natalie Bot, Jacob Haen, Olivia Mahan-Deitte and Abby Rost.

Special Photo

Christmas Angels bring holiday cheer

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Now in its fifth year, the local Christmas Angels Program that benefits needy families continues to grow.

The program, which was started by Amber Rodas, benefitted 75 children and 30 families in Minneota this year through donations and volunteers.

“It was really gratifying to see all the donations,” said Rodas. “I am so grateful how the community steps up and shows their support.”

The Christmas Angels program received donated toys, money, quilts, and \$1,500 in groceries and turkeys for the holiday. The money was then used to shop for gifts for the children.

“It is so heart-warming to see a student’s new clothes at school that they received through the program,” said Rodas. “You can see it on their faces how happy they are.”

Donations came from area individuals, churches and businesses.

“The National Honor Society students helped sort and wrap the toys and tie up the quilts,” Rodas said. “Each kid provided a wish list and had a sponsor shop for their gifts.”

There were 40 quilts donated from the Marshall Chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America.

“They were the lap-size quilt that are perfect for children,” Rodas said. “They are expensive to make and we appreciated them being donated to us.”

Each student received several gifts, and the family received food for a holiday feast.

The toys, clothing and food were distributed Dec. 13-14 at the Minneota Community Center.

One large family was seen leaving the distribution area with several large boxes of items to help make their holiday special.

“As word is getting out more and more about

the program, we are getting a lot more donations,” Rodas said. “Last year, we helped 60 students and 20 families, so it has grown bigger this year.”

And the students, especially the smaller ones, don’t know the gifts they received come from donations.

“They think they come from the parents, or from Santa,” said Rodas. “And that makes it even better.”

Brad’s Market packaged up the food to be distributed, while Dollar General offered to set up a donation box for those wishing to donate toys.

“Brad (Minnehan) is wonderful,” said Rodas. “He gave us the food at cost and then helped box it up for the shoppers to pick up. That’s a huge task for him.”

“And Dollar General contacted me and offered to put a donation box in their store. We received around 50 toys from that box.”

These 30 families and 75 children will be able

to enjoy Christmas much more than they would have without the Christmas Angels program.

Donations this year came from:

- Ag County Farm Credit - \$600
- Private donors - \$200
- Thrivent Financial - \$250
- Walmart Foundation - \$1,000
- Catholic Daughters of America, Marshall Chapter - 40 quilts
- Hope Lutheran Walk Around - \$400
- Scott Hanson and Minneota students - \$500 in frozen turkeys
- Volunteers:
- Brad’s Market
- Dollar General
- Minneota National Honor Society
- Community members
- Minneota City Offices (use of facility)

Minneota man escaped Japanese hunt in WWII

A Minneota man escaped with his life in 1944 on Leyte Island, despite an extensive hunt for him by the Japanese.

The story of Stephen S. Johnson appeared in the Chicago Herald and was re-printed in the Minneota Mascot.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Johnson and brother of Mrs. Floyd Roberts of Arco and Mrs. Earl Roberts, he was raised in Minneota.

Johnson was called a “technical expert” in disseminating news through the Office of War Information to the eight million Filipinos.

He’d been employed by the Chicago and North Western Railroad for 17 years. He began his radio career in the first world war and had kept close touch on the developments of the radio operation through the years.

At the University of Chicago, he was an assistant chief of the radio code instruction for the navy training school unit.

He was called on to again serve and wound up in Leyte.

Johnson held down an “attic” transmission station that the Japanese wanted to uncover and destroy.

“They used all kinds of radio tricks to jam his transmissions and incidentally interfere with his reception,” said the Chicago Herald.

“Jap bombers roared over his head, but as a rule, they were in a

hurry to escape the US interceptors, who were on constant patrol.”

Johnson apparently, “Look out the window,” of his transmission station and saw a plane with big red spots under each wing and it was “skedaddling it for the hills.”

It was being chased by American planes.

Johnson “wondered why the fighter didn’t close in and make the kill. But eventually the Americans came down from the sky and shot at the Japanese plane. It exploded in a ball of fire,” Johnson recalled.

It crashed into the side of a hill.

According to the Chicago Herald report, “Steve not only sends out the news of the world by air, but he receives it the same way. He never lost his enthusiastic zest for his job.”

The paper added, “Johnson had the finest equipment science could produce.”

With his radio “ears” he tuned in Tokyo, Moscow, Calcutta, Paris, London, New York, Chicago and the Pacific coast.

“Sometimes the Japanese tried to cut into his tuning frequency with peculiar sounds. One of them was a snare-drum or heterodyne whistles and

shriek. But he turned the knob and just laughed as he went to a different frequency.”

Johnson also had a typewriter so he could write down communications that came over his radio.

“He snares interesting items and takes it down as it comes. Blackouts don’t bother him. He can hear just as well in the dark and has a night system of his own.”

Johnson was married to wife Ruth and they had a 16-year-old daughter at the time.

Johnson’s ability to keep communications coming was a valuable resource for the Filipino people as well as the American military.

“It limited false reports and propaganda broadcast by the Japanese in Manila.”

Johnson apparently returned to his home after the war.

Town Hall meetings to be held again

The following town hall meetings with Senator Gary Dahms and Representative Chris Swedzinski will be held on Tuesday, January 7.

They will be held at:

- Marshall — 7:30–8:30 a.m. sponsored by the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce at the YMCA, 200 South A Street.
- Canby — 9:30–10:30 a.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, City Administrative Office Building, 110 Oscar Avenue North.
- Madison — 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the City Hall Auditorium, 404 – 6th Avenue.
- Dawson — 1–2 p.m. at the City Building, 675 Chestnut Street.
- Granite Falls — 3–4 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, 641 Prentice Street.

For more information, please contact Senator Dahms’ Assistant, Wendy Haavisto, at 651-296-3218.

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Changes throughout the decade

It's crazy to think, but this is the last edition of the Minneota Mascot for the 2010s decade. 2020 will be here before we know it. Many publications and media outlets create "year in review" lists but this year they are also creating "the decade in review" lists. I'm one of those people that eats up those lists. They can vary from top songs, top movies, top news stories, most influential people and so on.

I started to think about my "decade in review" list would look like. My lists of top songs, stories and movies was getting fairly long and I couldn't narrow those lists down.

So, I started to think about how different life looks at the end of this decade versus the beginning.

Cell phones have changed a lot during this decade. I remember checking my grades on my cell phone and the screens were slightly grainy. Today, websites show up crystal clear on my phone.

It's kind of crazy to think about all the things cell phones can do now. You can watch videos on virtually any app or website you want and the quality is great.

At the end of this decade, you can even have your phone sync up with your smart T.V., your vehicle and even smart appliances like stoves, refrigerators and washers and dryers.

Those appliances can talk back to you and even send you texts when your food is ready or when they need attention. That's not something I expected to happen at the beginning of 2010.

Have you been to a concert or professional sporting event recently? Many of those events have ditched traditional paper tickets and have opted to have digital tickets.

To use those tickets, all you need to do is pull them up on your

Milk Maid

By Brittany Moorse



phone, I've used the Ticketmaster app, and then the event staff just scans them on your phone.

It's pretty slick and then you don't have to worry about the tickets blowing away in the wind, being destroyed by the elements or losing your tickets. I never expected it back in 2010, but I think that for the most part, it works well.

Another thing I would have never guessed would become big would be streaming and livestreaming events. It's really neat to be able to livestream prep basketball games from wherever you are. I've watched the Minneota and Minnesota Vikings game from my couch to the barns. I also would never have guessed it would have become as big as it is.

Netflix and Hulu used to be services for renting movies. Not anymore. These services have been replacing traditional cable systems. The business of livestreaming has become so big that now Disney has their own livestreaming service. I would have never seen how crowded this would become.

Where will be at the of the modern Roaring 20s ten years from now? Who knows, but it will be interesting to see what new inventions change our worlds. Happy New Year & New Decade!

From the Mascot Files

75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**75 Years Ago
December 22, 1944**

Sgt. Earl Werner Reported Prisoner
Mrs. Earl Werner received a telegram on Monday of this week informing her that her husband, Sgt. Werener, is a prisoner of war of the German government. Mrs. Werner is the former Vola Corpe.
Sgt. Werner was reported missing October 20 over Yugoslavia.

Pvt. Alphonse Sturm wounded in action
Mrs. Alphonse Turm, of St. Leo, received a telegram from the War Department last Wednesday, stating that her husband, Pfc. Alphonse Sturm had been slightly wounded in action on November 29 in Germany.

Vikings take two from Balaton
Minneota high school's basketball team took two games from Balaton during the past week. In a game here last Friday, the Vikings won 65 to 31, and they were victors there on Monday, by a score of 31 to 24.

Sgt. Harold Jonathan Killed in Action on Western Front
Sgt. Allan Harold Jonathan was killed in action on the western front, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jonathan, on Monday of this week.

**50 Years Ago
December 25, 1969**

Taunton
A group of boys helped Ricky Pesch celebrate his sixth birthday Monday after school. Those who came were Larry and Leny Burges, Billy Anseeuw.

Engaged
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Trotts, Watertown, Wisconsin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jo to Robert Schulte, son of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Schulte, Minneota. A June 20th wedding is planned.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert DeMartelaere announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Elaine, St. Paul, Minnesota, to Wayne Hauschild, St. Paul, Minnesota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hauschild, of Hendricks, Minnesota. A June wedding is being planned.

Farm prices
Mid-November farm prices this year were as follows: Corn averaged 93 cents per bushel, a nine cent decline from October;

Soybean prices received by farmers averaged \$2.21 per bushel, down 17 cents from a year earlier; Wheat held steady at \$1.53 per bushel; and hogs averaged \$24.90 per hundred-weight.

**25 Years Ago
December 21, 1994**

Lots of wrapped packages
The Home Economics room at the public school has been in a wonderful disarray, thanks to the generosity of so many people in the Minneota, Ghent and Taunton communities.
Mandy Gawarecki, Kristin Regnier, Sara Kosmalski, April VanLeeuwe, Amy Fox and Bobbi Jo Davis along with the FLA/FHA members were among the many students helping wrap gifts for the Toys for Tots Program.

Leo Coequyt farm home damaged
The Minneota Fire Department was called to the Leo Coequyt farm northeast of Minneota on December 17 in the afternoon.
The fire occurred in the basement of the home and was quickly extinguished.

Do I have to be so close?
Little Lee Bot, son of Bruce and Juanita Bot of Minneota, has not yet found out what Santa is all about.
Many children stopped to visit with Santa on Saturday during the Christmas in Minneota event.
About 300 people had dinner at the American Legion, which was sponsored by the Minneota Area Chamber of Commerce.
The Minneota Community Band, under the direction of John Voit, provided traditional Christmas music while the meal was served.

A second chance
The varsity girls' basketball team lost a heartbreaker with RTR last Tuesday night, dropping their game 66-67 in overtime. Then they defeated Lake Benton and Ellsworth in more action this week.

C/M team members awarded plaques
These members of the Canby/Minneota Cross Country team were awarded handsome plaques for their fine team participation this past season; Matt Rand, Alyssa Downing, Nicole Anderson, Peter Janiszkeski and Nancy Loyson, coached by Bill Bredeson.



Ole Pappy

By Byron Higgin

Hero of Cologne

A friend loaned me the book, "Spearhead" by Adam Makos. I'd loaned him another book by Makos and now it was his turn to share.

It was the story of an Army gunner named Clarence Smoyer, who in World War II destroyed a German Panther tank and help win the battle of Cologne, which helped turn the tide of the war.

Smoyer was supposed to get the Bronze Star with "V" but it was canceled when he was accused of "talking to the Germans" when some small boys asked if he had bubble gum and he pulled out his pockets to show he didn't have any.

MP's saw this and his award was never given.

So it was with great surprise I read in my American Legion magazine that Smoyer has finally been given the honor he so rightly deserved.

The books author, Adam Makos and Senator Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania persuaded the Army to review the case.

Smoyer said, when he received the award, "I wear this in memory of all the young people who have lost their lives in battle."

Smoyer, riding in the tank dubbed, "Eagle", rode into Cologne that day to free the city that was still a German stronghold.

Smoyer fired three shots and knocked out the German Panther tank, which went up in flames.

Author Makos didn't tell Smoyer he was going to get the Bronze Star award. He got him to Washington under the pretense of a book signing at the Pentagon.

The book led to the movie, "Fury", about tanks in World War II, starring Brad Pitt.

I've got to say, Adam Makos is one of the finest writers I've ever read — and his research is phenomenal.

LAUGH A LITTLE: Dead joke!

A guy in a taxi wanted to speak to the driver, so he leaned forward and tapped him on the shoulder.

The driver screamed and yanked the wheel, jumping the curb and hitting a lamppost.

The startled passenger said, "I didn't mean to frighten you. I just wanted to ask you something."

The taxi driver replied, "It's not your fault, sir. It's my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "As my Ole Pappy used to say, "The time to be happy is NOW. The place to be happy is HERE!"

Ole Pappy didn't believe in "Putting off tomorrow, what you could do today." As a result, he always stressed be happy today. "We'll worry about tomorrow, tomorrow," he'd say.

Thanks Ole Pappy!

Honor students help Christmas Angels

By Cecilia Rabaey
Mascot Intern

Snow storms, end of semester projects, icy roads, gifts to be bought and wrapped, and bitter cold.

It's Christmas: the most wonderful time of the year.

Gone are the days of simple joy when Christmas meant food and fun, when tromping through two feet of snow to slip around on ice was the ideal afternoon, and when a hand drawn picture was the perfect gift.

This beautiful holiday has been stripped of its peace and joy and burdened instead with irritation and anxiety.

But what drives out discontent better than gratitude? While we long for a bit of rest, others long for a job to feed their family.

While we complain about how tired we are after spending all day cooking, others wish that they could eat.

These people exist in our community.

The Minneota Chapter of National Honor Society recently spent an afternoon helping with Christmas Angels, a program that assists needy families in our school. Christmas Angels provides small gifts for families that cannot afford them.

These same families receive food boxes every month. There are seventy-five students in our school who are served by these programs.

There are seventy-five students in our community who rely on this service for their wellness, and in many other nations, they would be considered wealthy.

Remember this as you begin your Christmas meal in your warm house, surrounded by the people you love.

Remember this, and be grateful this holiday season and always.

(See story on Page 3).

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Budget surplus is forecast for Minnesota

Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) released its annual November budget forecast, showing an estimated budget surplus of \$1.332 billion for the 2020-2021 biennium.

The forecast, which is updated twice each year to reflect the state's revenues and expenditures, will be used to guide the consideration of a supplemental budget during the upcoming legislative session.

"I'm encouraged by the budget forecast, which shows the state of our economy is strong," said Senator Gary Dahms (R-Redwood Falls).

"We must approach the budget surplus with a responsible mind set."

"When the legislature convenes in February, I'm optimistic we will consider policies that will benefit Minnesotan."

"Some of those include social security tax reductions for senior citizens, section 179 tax relief for farmers, school safety improve-



Sen. Gary Dahms

ments, road and bridge improvements and expansions, and a responsible bonding bill."

In accordance with Minnesota law, the forecasted surplus accounts for an automatic transfer to the state's budget reserve, now fully funded at \$2.359 billion.

The legislature has been intentional about refilling the reserve, and this is the first time it is fully funded.

The legislative session is scheduled to convene on February 11, 2020.

"My colleagues and I will continue to lead on middle class tax relief and responsible spending," said Dahms, indicating, "Just so that funds Minnesotans' priorities but does not grow government or inflate our already massive budget."

Senator Dahms represents the Minneota area in the Minnesota State Senate.



Dancers make initial appearance

The Canby/Minneota Sensations Dance Team made their initial appearance in Minneota last week during the halftime of the Canby boys vs. Minneota Vikings basketball game. Katie Munter of the Sensations JV squad showed her kicking style during the first appearance (left). The dancers went through their routine (above), much to the delight of the crowd. The Sensations have made one other basketball halftime appearance and also performed at one event before the Christmas Holidays. They will have a full schedule of performances after the Christmas break. *Photos for the Mascot by Byron Higgin.*

Residents challenged to, ‘Recycle Beyond the Bag’

Recycling Column

By Stephanie Bethke-DeJaeghere
Environmental Technician Educator
Coordinator

Lyon County Environmental Department Three schools (Tracy Elementary, Lakeview Elementary and Samuel Lutheran) in Lyon County and the Environmental Department would like to challenge the residents in Lyon County to “Recycle Beyond the Bag”.

Schools were invited to join the Environmental Department in collecting plastic shopping bags and plastic film items which will be turned in to HyVee.

HyVee will turn in the items to a company called Trex.

The schools are part of the *Great Plains Region Challenge* and will receive a free Trex item (Trex is a manufacturer of decking and patio furniture made from recycled plastic shopping bags and recycled plastic film items) for just signing up.

If any of the schools are the winner of their school section, they have a chance to win a free park bench for their school, made from the recycled items.

The Environmental Department is also in

a Community Challenge which is also taking place now.

"We have a container located within the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for residents to drop off their plastic shopping bags and plastic film. We can also win a free park bench made from recycled plastic shopping bags and plastic film," indicated county officials.

The items that we take are: produce bags (potato bags, carrot bags, etc), plastic shopping bags, ice bags, Ziploc and other reclosable bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap (from toilet paper, paper towels, etc), bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap and plastic e-commerce mailers.

These items must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue.

Once you start collecting your items, you can turn them into one of the three schools or into the Household Hazardous Waste facility in Marshall.

We offer all sorts of ways to dispose of items. If you are wondering about any particular item, please go over to the Lyon County redesigned website.

The website is also mobile friendly so when you pull it up on your smart phone, it will have "buttons" including a button for recycling. We

now have a disposal guide on the website for you to review on how to dispose of items that you no longer want or need.

There is a new recycling webpage that has the 2020 every other week pickup schedule along with the 2020 recycling guide.

These guidelines were will mailed to every resident in Lyon County.

Please keep your eyes open for this newsletter! It will also include our information on what kind of Styrofoam we will be taking starting January 2, 2020.

This month we have a few reminders for residents about recycling.

If you are recycling cardboard, please flatten it. This helps to keep the recycling rolloffs and carts from getting so full so fast!

We are also seeing a lot of either non-recyclable items or recyclable items showing up in cardboard only containers which are located in Marshall, Tracy, Balaton and Cottonwood.

If the recycling rolloffs are full, please come back to drop off your recycling.

Please call the Lyon County Environmental Department to let us know if there are any problems at the drop site locations so we can quickly take care of the situation.

Please use the cardboard containers for card-

board only.

If you have curbside carts, please remember we are on an every other week program.

If your cart was not picked up it could be from several things including: carts must be out to the curb the night before pickup, the cart was sitting too close to a vehicle or other item, there was something in the cart that cannot be recycled, the cart was placed out on a weekday that there wasn't any curbside pickup.

Watch for what week Lyon county residents have pickup and which there is not pickup. We are still seeing a lot of carts out on non-pickup days.

And remember to not bag your recyclables. Bagged recyclables could be landfilled!

The Environmental Department looks forward to working with the residents of Lyon County in 2020.

Remember, as we go into the new decade and into the New Year, it's reduce first, reuse second and recycle what is left, third.

For more information on recycling or disposing items, please call the office telephone at (507) 532-8210 or email LyonEnvironmental@co.lyon.mn.us.

Dispose of greenery and trees properly

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is asking residents to properly dispose of greenery and trees after the holiday season.

The MDA inspects holiday products for elongate hemlock scale, boxwood blight, Oriental bittersweet, gypsy moth, and more. These diseases, pests, and plants can easily hitchhike into and around Minnesota.

The biggest concern this season is elongate hemlock scale. The MDA has been working with suppliers and sellers in Minnesota to remove trees, wreaths, and other greenery infested with elongate hemlock scale from sale. This scale is not known to occur in the state, and there are concerns it could become a problem for Minnesota Christmas tree producers, nurseries, and local forests.

If you know your Christmas tree and greenery are not from Minnesota or are unsure where it originated, do your part when the holiday season is over to protect our environment from a variety of pests and diseases. Follow this advice:

- Do not toss trees and greenery into backyard woods or your compost pile.
- Use a city or county organized tree and greenery pick-up or drop-off.
- If your city or county does not have an organized pick-up or drop-off, burn the greens.
- Always check with local ordinances first and follow them.

If you suspect your greenery or tree may be infested with an invasive insect or disease, contact the MDA's Arrest the Pest line at 1-888-545-6684.

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The gang is back but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown to escape.

The surviving Resistance faces the First Order once more in the final chapter of the Skywalker saga.

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Boys take two at Candy Cane Tourney

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

Minneota took a two-point advantage at halftime —came out in the second half and scored 47 points and put their fifth win in the books, 76-62 over Westbrook-Walnut Grove in the Candy Cane Tournament in Westbrook on Saturday.

It gave them a 2-0 tournament record, along with Lakeview, which beat Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda, 62-48.

After the game the All-Tournament team was named and Minneota landed three players on the team: Logan Sussner, Nolan Boerboom and Alex Saltzer.

Others were Eli Fest of Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda; Billy Errington, Parker Hoffman and Colby Marczak of Lakeview and Ethan Mischke of Westbrook-WG.

“We just have to keep working. We’re getting there,” said Minneota Coach Dave Busselman at the end of the tournament.

“I think we made some adjustments and did a decent job of defending,” he said.

It was close the entire first half, but a three-pointer by Nolan Boerboom put the Vikings in front and they went into halftime up, 29-27.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove held Logan Sussner to just five points in the first half. But, Boerboom and Saltzer broke out in the second half and quickly forged a 45-33 lead. When Saltzer hit a bucket with 10:10 left in the second half, Minneota was up, 53-36. The Chargers had one final run at the Vikings, getting within 58-50 — but Sussner took over in the middle, forged the Chargers 6-6 center Coltin Pilaczynski to the bench with five fouls and put the game in the win column for the Vikings.

The fact the Vikings began to find Sussner under the basket in the second half was a big factor in the win. “We were getting some open shots because they were doubling down on our big guy (Sussner),” said Coach Busselman.

“We took quality shots,” the coach said.

He also liked the way Boerboom picked up his game and scored 19 points. Sussner got 23 with 11 rebounds and Saltzer scored 12 with a pair of steals.

“We moved Sussner around the floor to give them (the Chargers) some different looks and it worked out,” he said.

Sussner got a chance to shoot from the outside and scored a three-pointer along with his eight buckets under the basket.

“We like to move the kids around,” said the coach. It makes it tougher for defenses to know what’s happening.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove was no pushover. Both Mischke and Nathan Kuehl scored 18 points and the Chargers had six three-pointers.

But the difference for Minneota was hitting 11 of 18 free throws to just four of seven by the Chargers. Westbook-Walnut Grove



Scrambling for the ball on the floor were Minneota's Nolan Boerboom (left) and Logan Sussner (right) against Westbrook-Walnut Grove's Nathan Kuehl. Photo for the Mascot by Brian Jeremiason.

had 19 fouls that helped the Vikings increase the margin late in the second half.

The Vikings also had seven three-pointers, which is more than in any other game this year.

“We still have a lot of things to fix. I have a board at home that is full of things to fix, but there will be room for more,” chuckled Coach Busselman.

“But then, this is the time of year you want things to fix,” he added.

MINNEOTA (2's, 3's, FT, F, TP) Alex Saltzer 2 1 5-8 3 12; Joseph Rybinski 2 1 1-2 2 8; Logan Sussner 9 1 2-2 3 23; Riley Buysse 1 1 1-2 3 6; Nolan Boerboom 4 3 2-3 3 19; Jacob Citterman 2 0 0-0 0 4; Braeden Panka 2 0 0-1 0 4; Grady Moose 0 0 0-0 0 0. **Totals 22 7 11-18 14 76.**

WESTBROOK-WG (2's, 3's, FT, F, TP) Ethan Mischke 4 3 1-2 3 18; Nathan Kuehl 5 2 2-3 4 18; Hunter Lien 6 0 0-0 4 12; Austin Parker 2 0 0-0 2 4; Cole VanDeWiele 1 1 0-0 0 5; Coltin Pilaczynski 2 0 1-2 5 5; Sam Kleven 0 0 0-0 1 0. **Totals 20 6 4-7 19 62.**

Score by Halves:

Minneota	29	47	—	76
Westbrook-WG	27	35	—	62

SHOOTING: Minneota 29 of 64 for 45 percent; W-WG 26 of 53 for 49 percent. **FREE THROWS:** Minneota 11 of 18 for 61 percent; WWG 4 of 7 for 57 percent. **REBOUNDING:** Minneota 30 (Sussner 11; Citterman 7; Boerboom 4; Buysse 3; Saltzer, Rybinski and Panka 2 each); WWG 26 (Kuel 9, Mischke and Parker 5 each,

Lien 4, Pilaczynski 3). **TURNOVERS:** Minneota 9; WWG 16. **STEALS:** Minneota 8 (Sussner 3, Saltzer and Boerboom 2 each, Panka 1); WWG 2 (Lien, Parker). **BLOCKS:** Minneota 1 (Sussner); WWG 3 (Mischke 2, Pilaczynski 1). **B SQUAD:** Minneota 46, Westbrook-WG 40 (ot) (Minneota now 8-0.

Open with win; go over .500

For the first time this year, the Minneota Vikings boys' basketball team went over .500, driving their record to 4-3 with a 70-50 win over Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda in the Candy Cane Tournament in Westbrook.

Coach Dave Busselman said, "We still have some work to do — but we did good things and we were a little more under control."

They led just 36-28 at the half — but the scoring machine, Logan Sussner, who had just nine points at the half — expanded his game and scored 28 with 14 rebounds to lead the Vikings.

Also winning in the first round was Lakeview. They took a 56-43 victory over Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

Minneota will play Westbrook-Walnut Grove at 4:30 p.m. today in Westbrook. Lakeview plays Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda at 3 p.m.

The Minneota B squad won, 58-29 and will play Westbrook-Walnut Grove on noon today (Saturday).

The second half surge by Sussner was planned by Coach Busselman. "We've got to look inside," he said, adding, "We have to make sure we're making adjustments."

After Sussner, the Vikings had very balanced scoring. Alex Saltzer scored eight and Jacob Citterman, Nolan Boerboom and Riley Buysse had seven each with Cale Sorensen putting in six points.

However, the Vikings may have lost Sorensen, who sprained an ankle in the second half and had to be helped off the court.

Minneota, which has had long-range shooting woes in the past, hit three of 10 from three-point range. Buysse, Sussner and Citterman each had a three-pointer fall through.

Minneota out-rebounded Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda, 31-19 with Saltzer adding six rebounds and Boerboom four.

"We're getting better, but we're a work in progress," said Busselman. "It's going to be that way — but at least the work effort is there."

In the second half, Sussner had 19 of his points while the rest of the squad had 15 as the Vikings out-scored HL-O/Fulda 34-22.

"We're figuring out what we need to do and how to do it," said Coach Busselman.

MINNEOTA (FG, F, T, TP) Nolan Boerboom 3 0 1-2 3 7; Riley Buysse 2 1 0-0 3 7; Jacob Citterman 2 1 0-0 2 7; Bishop Drietz 0 0 0-0 0 0; AJ Josephson 0 0 0-0 1 0; AJ Myhre 0 0 1-2 0 1; Grady Moose 0 0 0-0 0 0; Braeden Panka 2 0 0-0 1 4; Joseph Rybinski 1 0 0-0 2 2; Alex Saltzer 4 0 0-0 1 8; Cale Sorensen 3 0 0-0 0 6; Logan Sussner 13 1 3-7 2 28. **Totals 28 3 5-11 15 70.**

HL-O/F (2's, 3's, FT, F, TP) Tyler Madson 2 1 0-0 4 7; Brandon Hinkeldey 2 1 0-1 1 7; Zach Thier 2 3 1-2 1 14; Eli Fest 4 0 5-7 1 13; Gage Freking 0 0 1-2 0 1; Isaiah Schmid 2 1 0-0 2 7; Tyson Cotter 0 0 0-0 1 0. **Totals 12 6 8-14 11 50.**

Score by Halves

Minneota	36	24	—	70
HL-O/F	28	22	—	50

Statistics:

SHOOTING: Minneota (2's 28 of 57 for 49 percent; 3's 3 of 10 for 30 percent; overall 31 of 67 for 46 percent); HL-O/F (2's 12 of 28 for 43 percent; 3's 6 of 17 for 35 percent; overall 18 of 45 for 40 percent)

FREE THROWS: Minneota 5-11 for 46 percent; HL-O/F 8-14 to 57 percent.

REBOUNDS: Minneota 31 (Sussner 14, Saltzer 6, Boerboom 4, Sorensen, Citterman 2 each, Buysse, Josephson, Panka 1 each); HL-O/F 19 (Schmid 8, Fest 4, Madson, Hinkeldey, Clausen 2 each, Strandberg, Koep 1 each).

TURNOVERS: Minneota 17; HL-O/F 28.

STEALS: Minneota 13 (Sussner 4, Saltzer 3, Buysse 2, Citterman, Moose, Panka, Rybinski 1 each); HL-O/F 7 Fest 2).

ASSISTS: Minneota 11 (Buysse 4, Sussner 3, Boerboom, Saltzer 2 each); HL-O/F 6.

BLOCKS: Minneota 8 (Sussner 4, Boerboom, Sorensen 1 each, Panka 2); HL-O/F 3 (Schmid 2, Fest).

B SQUAD: Minneota 58, Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda 28 (Minneota now 7-0. Correction on previous record. They do not have a loss).

Perfect in pre-Christmas

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

Minneota got 18 points from Abby Hennen, 13 from Morgan Hennen — their two 1,000-point scorers, and went onto a 69-48 win over Pipestone Area Friday night at Pipestone.

Natalee Rolbiecki added another eight and both Abby Rost and McKenna Yost had 10 apiece.

The Vikings had just a 30-21 at the half, but they cranked things up in the second half to take the win.

From long range, Abby Hennen canned a pair of three-pointers and McKenna Yost hit on two of three as the Vikings shot 33 percent from three-point land. They were 22 of 40 closer to the basket as Morgan Hennen hit on five of nine shots and Abby Rost four of seven.

At the free throw line, Minneota was 13 of 18 for a hot 72 percent. Rolbiecki sank six of eight, Abby Hennen four of five and Morgan Hennen three of five from the charity line.

For Pipestone, Zoe Velde, the Arrows' senior leader scored 18 points and had four rebounds. Minneota out-rebounded the Arrows, doubling their output, 32-16.

Scoring wise, Jessa Reinert was next in line with nine for Pipestone.

Minneota had a very balanced rebounding attack with Rolbiecki and Jeren Rost each nabbing six, Abby and Morgan Hennen and Abby Rost 4 each and Kennedy Jurrens three.

The Minneota B Squad took a 45-11 win from the Arrows and are now 5-1 on the year. The varsity is 7-0.

They now venture into South Dakota and will play Yankton at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27 at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD at 4 p.m. They play Sioux Falls Christian at 2 p.m. the next day (Saturday, Dec. 28) at the Pentagon in Sioux Falls.

MINNEOTA (2's, 3's, FT, F, TP) Abby Hennen 4 2 4-5 3 18; Morgan Hennen 5 0 3-5 3 13; Kennedy Jurrens 0 0 0-0 1 0; Hailey Kimpe 0 0 0-0 1 0; Natalee Rolbiecki 2 0 6-8 1 10; Abby Rost 4 0 0-0 3 8; Jeren Rost 2 0 0-0 1 4; Ireland Stassen 2 0 0-0 1 4; McKenzie Tolk 2 0 0-0 0 4; McKenna Yost 1 2 0-0 1 8. **Totals 22 4 13-18 15 69.**

PIPESTONE (2's, 3's, FT, F, TP) McKenzie Dulas 1 1 0-0 4 5; April Hauptert 0 1 2-2 4 5; McKenzie Manderscheid 1 0 0-0 0 2; Nicole Pals 0 0 0-0 1 0; Jessa Reinert 1 2 1-2 2 9; Caiden Smidt 0 0 0-0 4 0; Lauren Smidt 2 0 1-2 0 5; Jori Strasser 2 0 0-0 2 4; Zoe Velde 7 1 1-1 1 18. **Totals 14 5 5-7 18 48.**

Score by Halves:

Minneota	30	39	—	69
Pipestone	21	27	—	48

Statistics:



McKenna Yost hit two three-pointers to help Minneota against Pipestone. Here she collided with teammate Morgan Hennen. File Photo by Byron Higgin.

SHOOTING: Minneota (2's 22 of 40 for 55 percent; 3's 4 of 13 for 33 percent; overall 26 of 52 for 50 percent); Pipestone (2's 14 of 28 for 50 percent; 3's 5 of 20 for 25 percent; overall 19 of 48 for 40 percent).12).

FREE THROWS: Minneota 13 of 18 for 72 percent; Pipestone 5 of 7 for 71 percent).

REBOUNDING: Minneota 32 (Jeren Rost, Rolbiecki 6 each; Abby Hennen, Morgan Hennen Abby Rost 4 each, Kennedy Jurrens 3, Stassen, Yost 2 each, Kimpe 1); Pipestone 16 (Velde, C. Smidt 4 each; L. Smidt, Dulas, Stasser 2 each, Manderscheid, Reinert 1 each).

TURNOVERS: Minneota 12, Pipestone 14.

STEALS: Minneota 9 (Morgan Hennen 3, Tolk 2, Abby Hennen, Rolbiecki, Abby Rost, Jeren Rost 1 each); Pipestone 6 (Dulas, Hauptert, Pals, Reinert, L. Smidt, Velde 1 each).

ASSISTS: Minneota 10 (A. Hennen, Jeren Rost 3 each; A. Rost 2, M. Hennen, Yost, Kimpe 1 each); Pipestone: None.

BLOCKS: Minneota 1 (A. Hennen).

B SQUAD: Minneota 45, Pipestone 11 (5-1 record).



Driving to the basket with the Chargers' emblem blazed on the wall behind him was Minneota's Alex Saltzer. He was guarded by a defender from Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Scoreboard

Boys' Basketball			
Camden Conference			
South			
Team	W-L	ALL	
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	5-0	7-0	
Lakeview	3-1	6-1	
Minneota	3-2	5-3	
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton	2-2	3-5	
Canby	1-4	1-4	
Yellow Medicine East	0-5	0-5	
North			
MACCRAY	4-1	5-2	
Lac qui Parle Valley	2-1	3-1	
Central MN Christian	3-3	4-2	
Renville Co. West	2-2	2-2	
Dawson-Boyd	2-3	2-3	
Kerkhoven-M.-S.	0-4	0-5	
Games Last Week			
Friday, December 20			
Dawson-Boyd 63, Kerkhoven-M-S 43			
Hancock 49, MACCRAY 48			
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 83, Wabasso 72			
Candy Cane Holiday Tournament			
Westbrook			
Lakeview 56, Westbrook-Walnut G. 43			
Minneota 70, Heron Lake-O/Fulda 50			
Saturday, December 21			
Mt.Lake/Comfrey 69,Russell-T-R 50			
Candy Cane Tournament/Westbrook			

Minneota 76, Westbrook-WG 62			
Lakeview 62, Heron Lake-O-Fulda 48			
Games This Week			
Thursday, December 27			
Minneota at Springfield, 7:30 p.m.			
Saturday, December 28			
10:30 a.m. — Minneota vs. Murray			
County Central at SMSU in Marshall			
(B Squad at 8:30 a.m.).			
Class A Rankings			
1. Henning	6-0		
2. BOLD	6-0		
3. Ada-Borup	5-0		
4. Southwest Minnesota Christian	6-0		
5. Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	6-0		
6. North Woods	6-1		
7. Hayfield	4-2		
8. West Central Area	3-1		
9. New Ulm Cathedral	7-0		
10. Cromwell-Wright	5-0		

Girls' Basketball			
Camden Conference			
South			
Team	W-L	ALL	
Minneota	4-0	7-0	
Lakeview	4-1	5-1	
Yellow Medicine East	3-2	4-4	

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	2-2	3-5
Canby	1-4	1-4
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton	0-5	1-7
North		
Central MN Christian	5-0	6-1
Kerkhoven-M.-S.	4-1	4-2
Lac qui Parle Valley	2-2	4-2
Renville Co. West	1-3	1-8
MACCRAY	1-3	1-7
Dawson-Boyd	0-4	0-5
Games Last Week		
Friday, December 20		
Yellow Medicine East 47, Canby 44		
Central MN Christian 57, MACCRAY 45		
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 64, Wabasso 39		
Kerkhoven-M-S 82, Dawson-Boyd 47		
Lakeview 66, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 64		
Minneota 69, Pipestone Area 48		
Games This Week		
Friday, December 27		
Mitchell, SD Corn Palace		
Minneota vs. Yankton, 4 p.m.		
Saturday, December 28		
At Sioux Falls Pentagon		
Minneota vs. Sioux Falls Christian 2 p.m.		
CLASS A STATE RANKINGS		
1. Minneota	7-0	
2. Cromwell-Wright	6-1	

3. Mountain Iron-Buhl	4-1
4. Henning	8-0
5. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley	6-1
6. Blooming Prairie	4-1
7. Cherry	4-1
6. BOLD	4-1
7. Ada-Borup	5-1
8. Sleepy Eye St. Mary's	9-1
9. Mayer Lutheran	9-1
10. Hills-Beaver Creek	7-0
Wrestling	
Matches Last Week	
Matches This Week	
Friday, Saturday, Dec. 27-28	
Minneota at Rumble on the Red FargoDome, 10 a.m.	
MINNEOTA VIKINGS	
Varsity wrestling records: Jonah Gruenes 8-1; Eric Carrasco 7-1; Cole Sanow 7-2; Jackson Esping 6-3; Zack Fier 6-3; Blake Reiss 6-2; Peyton Gil-lund 5-3; Kade Lozinski 3-2; Hudson Scholten 2-5; Destin Fier 1-1; Tyler Gronke 1-1; Branden Johnson 1-1; Truman Wambeke 1-1; Alex DePestel 0-3; Troy Van Keulen 0-2.	

Athletes of the Week:

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Baby Jesus hadn’t arrived

This popular nativity scene at St. Edward Church and School in Minneota was taken before Christmas and the Christ Child had not been born — so is not depicted. After Christmas, the baby is shown. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Cole Hennen lost match to No. 2-ranked wrestler

The Southwest Minnesota State wrestling team (0-3, 0-2 NSIC) earned four bout victories despite falling 26-12 to DIII defending-national champions, Augsburg (2-0), in a non-conference dual last Saturday night.

The Mustangs faced the tough, and fully-loaded, Auggies who had four-ranked wrestlers in their line-up.

Ryan Epps, who is ranked first in the nation at 165, earned a win by fall at 4:51 over Kevin Bostwick.

No. 2-ranked Tanner Vassar (184), earned a 9-2 decision victory over Cole Hennen, No. 3-ranked Victor Gliva earned a 16-1 win by tech fall over Hunter Pfantz, and No. 10-ranked Aaron Wilson earned a win by fall at 1:45 over SMSU’s leader in victo-

ries, Robert Shields.

SMSU earned four bout victories in the dual at 141, 157, 197, and rounded-out with a victory at 285.

Minneota’s Brock Buysse did not wrestle in this match.

All Mustangs earned decision victories with Justin Sampson (141) kicking it off with a 5-4 final over Adam Mickelson, Nathan Moore (157) earned a 6-1 final over Jack Vaselaar, Jackson Ryan (197) earned a 7-2 final over Jonathan Zarnke, and Andrew Petersen (285) closed out the night with a 5-3 final over Tyler Kim.

Southwest Minnesota State will return to action on Friday, Jan. 10, facing Northern State at 7 p.m. in the PE Gym.



Cherri’s Korner

By Cherri Schmig

Christmas Appetizers

This appetizer will surely be a crowd pleaser at your Christmas table. Easy to make and great for the holidays!

- Tortilla Roll-ups with Salsa**
- 2 packages (16 oz total) cream cheese, softened
 - 1 package ranch dressing mix
 - 1 jar (4 oz) pimentos, drained and patted dry
 - 1 jar (4 oz) green chilis, drained and patted dry
 - 1 can (2.25 oz) sliced black olives, drained and roughly chopped
 - 2 green onions chopped
 - 1/4 cup chopped yellow pepper plus a piece cut into a star shape
 - 3/4 cup finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 - 4 12-inch green flour tortillas
 - 10-12 cherry tomatoes
 - Salsa for serving
- 1) In a large bowl, mix together the softened cream cheese and the ranch dressing mix until evenly combined.
- 2) Add pimentos, green chilis, black olives, green onions, yellow pepper, and cheddar cheese. Stir gently until evenly distributed in the cream cheese mixture.
- 3) Divide the cream cheese mixture on the four tortillas. Then, using a spatula, spread the mixture on each tortilla in an even layer. Keep the mixture a 1/2 inch from the edge.
- 4) Roll up the tortillas. Set them on a plate and cover it with plastic wrap. Chill in the refrigerator for about 2 hours or until firm. Then using a serrated knife, cut the tortillas into 1/2-inch slices.
- 5) Stack in layers to form a “tree.” Garnish with cherry tomato “ornaments” and a yellow pepper “star.” Serve with salsa.



Menus

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

Thursday, December 26: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Menu not available; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Friday, December 27: Menu not available; “500” at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, December 30: Mahjong at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Menu not available; “500” at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1: CLOSED

Thursday, January 2: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Menu not available; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Minneota Public School

Monday, December 30:
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, December 31:
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 1:
NO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 2:

Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, milk

Lunch: Pizza or Corndogg, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit choice, milk

Friday, January 3:

Breakfast: Uncrustable, fruit, milk

Lunch: Burrito or Hotdog, lettuce, cheese, fresh veggies, fruit choice, milk

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Obituaries

Clara DeRoode

The funeral service for Clara DeRoode, 99, of Marshall, formerly of Minneota, will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2020, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Minneota. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will take place at the Westerheim Icelandic Cemetery near Minneota.

Clara died on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at the Minneota Manor in Minneota.

– Minneota Area Community Churches –

Healing Waters Parish
Augustana, Clarkfield; Bergen, Clarkfield; St. Lucas Lutheran, Cottonwood

Sunday, December 22: Services at Bergen at 9 a.m.; St. Lucas at 10 a.m.; Augustana at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 24: St. Lucas service at 4 p.m.; Bergen at 4:30 p.m.; Augustana at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Steve Quist
Church Contact No. 507-776-0909

St. Leo Catholic Church
St. Leo, MN

Sunday, December 29: NO Mass

Wednesday, January 1: 9 a.m. Mass

Father Craig Timmerman
Associate Pastors Fr. Zachary Peterson & Fr. Kenneth Salisbury

Hemnes Lutheran Church
Rural Minneota

Sunday, December 29: Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

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

Pastor Ellen Munter

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church
101 Main Street, Hanley Falls
Worship Time: Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Communion First Sunday
Sunday School 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m.
Annette Sharkey, Secretary, 507-768-3417

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Minneota

Sunday, December 29: 10:30 a.m. service

Church Secretary: Chris Pesch
hopelutheran87@gmail.com
Church Contact No. 872-6446

Winds of the Prairie Ministry
Bethany Lutheran, Arco and Bethany-Elim Lutheran, Ivanhoe

Sunday School Times: Sunday school takes place in the following congregations: Bethany Wednesday nights 5:50 p.m.; Bethany-Elim after service at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 29: 9 a.m. Church worship at Bethany-Elim.

Pastor Jeff Greathouse
Cell #: 330-234-1317
pastorhouse@gmail.com
Church Contact
No. 507-694-1238
windsministry@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
Minneota

Sunday, December 29: 9 a.m. worship; coffee and fellowship to follow

UPCOMING: Sunday, January 5, 3rd Grade Bible Distribution during Worship; Scholarship Distribution during Worship; YOH Bowling in Ivanhoe, 12:30 p.m.

Church Secretary Chris Pesch:
hopelutheran87@gmail.com
Church Contact No. 872-6446

St. Eloi Catholic Church
Ghent, MN

Saturday, December 28: Mass at the convent at Noon.

Sunday, December 29: Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, January 1: 11 a.m. convent Mass

Father Craig Timmerman
Associate Pastors Fr. Keith Salisbury and Fr. Zachary Peterson
Church Contact No. 428-3285

Bethel Fellowship Church
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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
Minneota

Thursday, December 26: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED; Adoration from 5-7 p.m.

Friday, December 27: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED; 2:30 p.m. Manor Mass

Saturday, December 28: Confessions from 10-11 a.m.; Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 29: Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31: Mass at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1: 8:30 a.m. Mass

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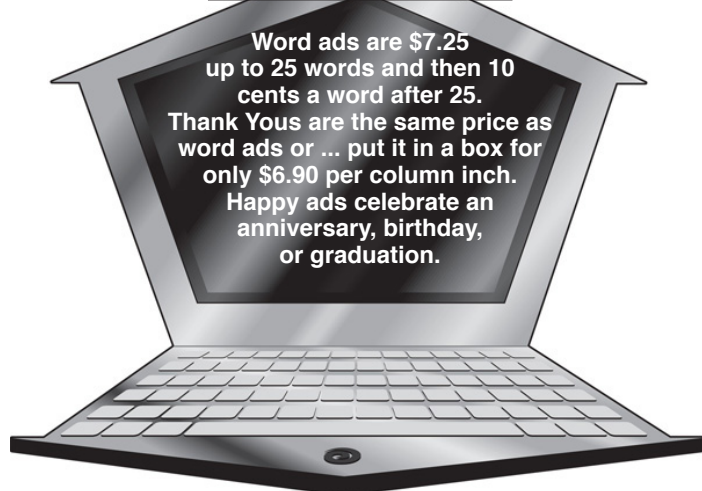
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Lyon County Board Minutes

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, December 3, 2019

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

MSP to approve the agenda with the addition of Prime West discussion.
MSP to approve the consent agenda.

MSP to approve the 2020 liquor license for Saratoga Archery.

MSP to approve the HHW trailer quote from Mert's Machine & Repair for a total of \$28,500.00 with the funds to come from the paint care stipends. Declare existing HHW trailer as surplus property.

MSP to accept the offers made for the County recycling sheds. Amiret-Larry Fedde \$250, Florence- Dawn Wendlund \$207, Garvin- Eric Mathio-wetz \$400, Ghent- Jim Albee \$201, Green Valley- Nick Stassen \$501, Landfill- Dan Williams \$600, Landfill- Jamie Vandyke \$400, Lynd- Dan Williams \$600, Taunton- Scott Johnson \$510

MSP to approve the 60 month, 8,000 hour extended warranty for the track loader for a total of \$33,710.

MSP to authorize Board Chair to sign a letter addressed to a Regional Director of the US Census Bureau regarding Lyon County's participation with the City of Marshall's complete County Committee.

MSP to approve the 2020 pay plan to include a 2% increase.

MSP to adopt the compensation structure presented effective 12/30/2019.

MSP to approve the hire of Dan Sprengeler as Property Appraiser with a starting rate of \$21.00 per hour and a start date on or around December 18.

MSP to approve the proposed IT Technician position and advertise to hire an IT Technician.

MSP to sign the resolution committing to join Prime West.

MSP to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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

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