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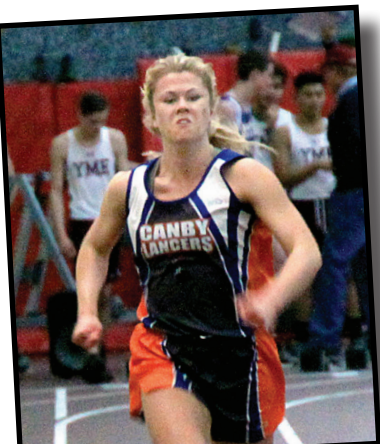
Art Integration
Kids like Isabelle Bruner were part of an Art Integration event in Minneota.

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Carnival time
Christopher Bransrud donned a patriot hat for the carnival in Minneota last week.

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Viking Pride
Sports began this spring, albeit indoors. Lizzy Gillingham ran at Redwood Valley. See the Spring Sports Edition/Viking Pride!

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Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mar. 27	63	40	0.00
Mar. 28	47	32	0.02
Mar. 29	44	28	0.00
Mar. 30	37	22	0.00
Mar. 31	47	20	0.01
Apr. 1	42	28	0.03
Apr. 2	51	32	0.00

Outlook:
More warm weather is in the forecast. Highs in the 50's and 60's and lows in the 30's and 40's this week.
Have a great week!





Adult Prom

Over 100 people attended the Adult Prom at Bethel Fellowship and the Minneota American Legion on Saturday. As the kids do at their prom, part of the ritual is taking official photos. Posing for Photographer Brian Jeremiason were Ron and Valerie Vlamincik. Not able to be quite so serious were Scott and Bree Anderson (left) More Photos on Page 12. Staff Photos by Byron Higgin.

All dressed up — with somewhere to go

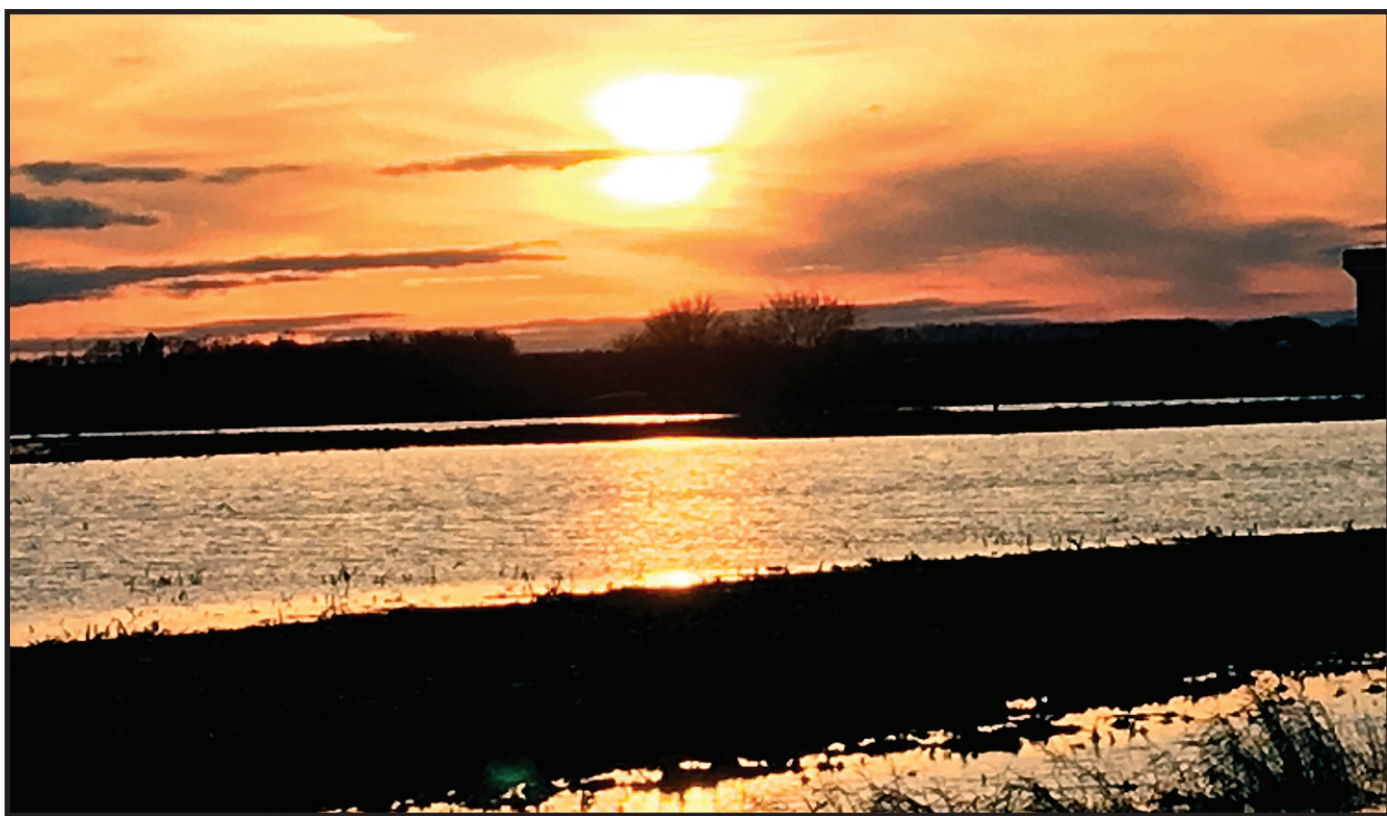
By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

Darlene Josephson borrowed a necklace from Brittany Moore. She laid it around her neck and over the white dress she was wearing. After all, this was Prom Night. And just like they did many years ago, adults like Josephson took advantage of the special Adult Prom Night that was used to raise money to fix the swimming pool. "It was a lot of fun to dress up," said Josephson. She loved the way the necklace looked around her neck — and although she felt it was a little heavy, it was worth the special look. Like they did when they were kids, folks posed in front of a decorated curtain for their special photo of prom night. Photographer Brian Jeremiason did the honors. But when it was suggested he

get into a photo he said, "My place is behind the camera." The special dance was preceded by a supper at the Bethel Community Bible Church. "The decorations came from Amber Rodas at the school," said Joanne Myrvik of Bethel Church. "The kids are volunteering to help out tonight," she added. The special event all came about when Rodas and others were brainstorming on how to raise funds to renovate the community swimming pool. "This sounded like a really fun event," she added. Folks like Jim and Corky DeCock took it all in — but when that golden hour rolled around, the couple headed home to go to bed. Yet, "It was lots of fun," they added. Meanwhile, Josephson popped into the dance, but with her partner ailing, she didn't stay long. Yet, she had the fun of dressing up and being part of it all. And the event itself — well, it was deemed a success.

Sun sets on flooded fields

A beautiful sunset on the water-filled field along Highway 68 coming into Minneota from Marshall was visible last Thursday. The excessive water is filtering quickly into the ground. The next thing will be just how long farmers will have to wait before they can get into their fields for spring planting. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.



Fly like an Eagle

•Nate Ludwowski set to become Eagle Scout

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

For the second time in three years, Minneota will be honoring another Eagle Scout. Nate Ludwowski, a Minneota High School senior, will officially become an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor at 11 a.m. on April 6 at St. Edward's School. Cole Bot is the last individual from Minneota to become an Eagle Scout, having his Court of Honor in May 7, 2017. A scout can earn as many merit badges as they desire, but must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including the 13 that

are required to achieve Eagle Scout status. And a scout also must have been in Life Scouts for at least six months years in order to become an Eagle Scout. Ludwowski, the son of Michael and Colleen Ludwowski, has earned 56 merit badges, and has been a Life Scout for four years. He will be attending North Dakota State University in the fall. "I earned my first merit badge in First Aid when I was 11 or 12 years old," Ludwowski recalls. Eagle Scout/Page 2



Nate Ludwowski



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What’s Happening?

April

Friday, April 5

7 p.m. — Open AA meetings at Hope Lutheran church basement. Any questions call 507-829-3815. Meetings will continue every Friday, same place, and time.

Monday, April 8

5:30-6:30 p.m. — Kindergarten Round-Up at the Minneota Public School. (See ad on page 3).

6:30 p.m. — Minneota City Council Board Meeting, council chambers.

Tuesday, April 9

5:45 p.m. — EDA meeting, council chambers, Minneota City Hall.

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

7 p.m. — Rehearsals for the Buffalo Ridge Chorale will begin at Christ Lutheran Church, Hendricks, MN. The chorale will present their spring concert, “Young at Heart” at the Church of St. John Cantius in Wilno, Minnesota on Sunday, June 2. Area high school students will perform as soloists with the chorale.

Thursday, April 13

The next Time Travelers program at the Lyon County Museum, for Grades 1-3 will meet 10:30-11:30 and grades 4-6 will meet from 12:30-2 p.m. This month’s topic is: From Here to There. The United States Post Office (USPO) was created on July 26, 1775, by decree of the Second Continental Congress. Participants will create their own special design for the Museum Post Office. The Time Travelers program is free to participate. Sign up is recommended by calling 537-6580 or email director@lyoncomuseum.org the Friday before the class. Parents and family members can join in on the fun!

Tuesday, April 16

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

7 p.m. — Minneota School Board Meeting, conference center.

Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 25

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Salad Luncheon at the Minneota Senior Center, sponsored by the Senior Center and American Legion Auxiliary.

Police Blotter

The Minneota Police Department Received the following calls for service:

Monday, March 25

- Found property in the 500 block of E. Lyon Street.
- Animal complaint in the 300 block of E. 3rd Street.
- Permit to purchase Application.
- Keys locked in a vehicle in the 200 block of Hwy 68.

Tuesday, March 26

- Civil matter in the 400 block of E. Lyon Street.

Wednesday, March 27

- Trespassing in the 200 block of E. 5th Street.
- Suspicious activity in the 4500 block of Van’s Street.
- Medical assist in the 200 block of S. Jefferson Street.

Thursday, March 28

- Keys locked in a vehicle in the 300 block of Hwy 68.
- Motorist assist in the 500 block of N. Jackson Street.
- Keys locked in vehicle in the 100 block of Hwy 68.

Friday, March 29

- Animal complaint in the 200 block of Hwy 68.
- Suspicious activity in the 500 block of E. Lyon Street.

Fly like an Eagle

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Ludwikowski is uncomfortable when it comes to the attention he is getting en route to becoming an Eagle Scout.

“I’m pretty excited about the experience,” he said. “However, I do not like being in front of large groups of people.”

Ludwikowski started in Cub Scouts when he was in first grade and has been involved in Scouts ever since. He currently belongs to Troop 320 where his father is the Scout Master.

Ludwikowski eventually moved up the Boy Scouts ladder one rung at a time to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life. And now he has reached that final rung.

“I have always wanted to be an Eagle Scout,” Ludwikowski said. “Two of my uncles were Eagle Scouts and I always wanted to be like them.”

The path to becoming an Eagle Scout is time-consuming and requires dedication, drive, cooperation, patience and perseverance. Less than four percent of all Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

“It had its moments where you get buried in work, and it was pushing you to do more than you usually do,” Ludwikowski responded, when asked if there ever was a time when he thought of giving up his pursuit of becoming an Eagle Scout.

“And I did think about quitting for a bit. However, I took a step back and got over it and pushed myself harder.”

One of the required merit badges is the Service Project in which a potential Eagle Scout must plan, develop, and lead a service project that benefits the community, school or any religious institution.

That project, however, may not benefit the Boy Scouts of America. It also can’t be of a commercial nature or be solely a fund-raising project.

Ludwikowski’s Service Project involved the installation of lockers and cubbies at the St. Edward’s School where he attended until eighth grade.

“I did this because we only had hooks to put our coats and

Bill approved to replenish disaster account

The Minnesota House last week provided final approval for a bill which directs \$10 million to the state’s currently empty Disaster Contingency Account.

The state responded with over \$11 million in relief to flooding events in Brainerd and Duluth last year, draining the contingency account.

State Rep. Chris Swedzinski, R-Ghent, said it is important to replenish those funds as communities around the state face flooding this spring and with storm season lurking.

“While it appears as though an ideal melt of our snow pack may spare us the worst-case, widespread devastation that was earlier projected, some areas are still experiencing significant damage and we need to make sure resources are available to help those people,” Swedzinski said.

“It’s good we are replenishing the disaster account so it can serve its purpose of quickly delivering relief funds without a special legislative session having to be called.

Whether it’s flooding this spring or storm damage in the months to come, it’s good we are making funding available to deliver immediate relief.”

Since its creation in Fiscal Year 2014, the contingency account held \$17.466 million in 2015 and \$20.4 million in 2016.

The bill House Republicans led to preliminary approval would have transferred \$20 million in each of the next two years to the fund, but that total was reduced by a joint House-Senate conference committee prior to final passage. The bill, which the House approved 127-0, has now been sent to Gov. Tim Walz for enactment.



Flooded fields

Fields like this one in the Minneota area have attracted geese, but will take awhile to return to normal. *Photo for the Mascot by Sue Jacobson.*

Land donated for an Environment Classroom

The Bluebird Creek Conservation Club of Ghent has donated 48 acres of natural prairie land to the SMSU Foundation, to be used as an environmental classroom.

The land consists of natural habitat, and the Bluebird Creek runs through the land.

“It’s natural prairie, plus with the creek, it’s a wonderful combination of prairie and water ecosystems,” said Dr. Emily Deaver, Environmental Science professor at SMSU.

“We’ll use it for classes and for student research. We’ve already made use of it this past fall with an ecology class, and we had a couple of students do some of their research that was presented at the Undergraduate Research Conference.”

Jerry Schaefer explained that the land was part of a number of parcels that were acquired by the Ghent EDA for the Bluebird Creek Housing Development, on the southwest part of Ghent, about 15 years ago.

The initial acquisition was about 100 acres, approximately half of which was for the housing development. The balance of the land was put into a conservation reserve program.

With the end of that sign-up approaching, Bluebird Creek board members said the time was right for the transaction, said Schaefer.

The land will be known as the Richard and Irene Maertens Conservation and Research Area, to honor the Maertens’ willingness to sell the original parcels to the Ghent EDA “for well under the market value,” said Schaefer.

Schaefer was the Ghent EDA director at the time of that purchase. The Maertens family also wanted part of that land to remain in a natural state.

Richard Maertens was a former SMSU Foundation Board member, while Schaefer and current Bluebird Conservation Club President Michael Murray are both SMSU alumni.

The club itself is very small. “We have three active members,” said Murray. “Jerry and Darwin Dyce and I were looking for a way to have the land managed and maintained, because it became too much for a small group.”

Schaefer talked to his wife, Kathy — an Assistant Professor of Management at SMSU — about the situation, and she suggested contacting Deaver. A meeting was set up with Conservation Club members and SMSU personnel, and that’s what started the ball rolling.

The land will be used for outdoor classes and student research.

“This will be an educational resource for our students, and a natural area that can be enjoyed for years,” said Bill Mulso, Executive Director of the SMSU Foundation.

“We’re appreciative of the Bluebird Conservation Club for their willingness to gift this land, which will be an asset for all SMSU students.”

A formal dedication will take place this coming fall.

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Going to school in the wilderness

•Minneota Biology students get lessons on nature and wildlife

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

A valuable learning experience for a high school student doesn't necessarily mean sitting at a desk with an instructor giving lessons in the front of the room.

For Kent Williams' sophomore Biology students, the classroom involved being outdoors in the northern Minnesota woods recently in order to experience nature.

And one of those close-up experiences involved the students being able to watch DNR officials study a black bear and her cubs.

Williams grew up in the wilderness of northern Minnesota amid many species of wildlife. So it seemed only natural that he shared his experiences with his class.

"It was really a lot of fun and we learned a lot," said Katie Walerius.

"I'd go again if I had the chance," said Carter Schuelke. "It was educational and fun."

Williams and paraprofessional Zita Miskiniene each drove a school van with students on the field trip.

One of the most inspiring and educational experiences the 13 students encountered during their three-day trip (March 14-16) to the Northwoods involved the black bear.

"The most educational thing for me was learning about the bear," said Katie Walerius.

The students were on hand to watch the removal of the 245-pound mother bear and her three six-week-old cubs from the den. The cubs weighed around five pounds apiece.

"Three workers put the cubs under their coat to keep them warm," Schuelke told. "They brought the cubs over to us and we could pet them if we wanted to."

Many of the students, including Walerius and Schuelke, accepted the offer.

"When I touched one of the claws of a cub, he sort of grabbed my hand," Schuelke laughed. "I wasn't sure what to expect, but it didn't hurt or anything."

The DNR officials were careful not to injure or disrupt the tranquilized mother bear when moving her from the den in order to



At the Mississippi Head waters were: (front row left to right) Katie Walerius, Allison Johnson, Laura Schmig, Isabelle Kimpe, Jada Sterzinger, Alessia Giondi and Mckenzie Monnet. Back Row: Zita Miskiniene, Kent Williams, Josh Schuelke, Dylan DeSmet, Cooper VanOverbeke, Trey Gronke, Carter Schuelke and Logan Schuelke.

After living there for six years, the Williams family moved to northern Minnesota when John accepted a job as an assistant manager of the Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area.

"This area includes six Wildlife Management Areas that total more than 116,000 acres," Williams explained.

Williams' father then accepted a similar position in Thief River Falls; not far from Thief Lake. There, Kent spent seven years until graduating from Marshall County Central High School in 2004.

"My parents bought a farm which again was filled with many types of wildlife," he said. "Here, I spent most of my time hunting, fishing and being outdoors."

"I spent many years moving around Northwest Minnesota. But where I call home is a small town called Viking, MN; a fairly rural area. Wildlife such as deer, moose, elk, wolf and bear were an everyday occurrence growing up in such a place. Thief Lake is primarily known for its water-fowl production."

Big game moose and black bear could also be found in that area.

"If you wanted to see a moose, you simply had to hop in the car and drive a few miles," he told. "It was a guarantee that there would be one in a field somewhere."

"At night, I could go outside and howl to the timber wolves, which would, in return, howl back. I could really get them going after a while. One of the two major elk herds that are located in Minnesota would run around Thief Lake. I had no idea that I was growing up in such a rare place of North America. I thought everyone was experiencing similar things."

After graduating from high school, Williams attended Minnesota State University, Moorhead. After five years there, he double-majorred; receiving a B.A. in Biology and a B.S. in Life Science Education.

He has been teaching Life Sciences in Minneota since 2010.

And Williams wanted his students the opportunity to experience those things he was fortunate to experience in the outdoors.

"We were extremely fortunate to be able to go on this field trip," he said. "I was put in contact with Andrew Tri, who is one of the leading bear biologist researchers for the state of Minnesota."

Williams then sent Tri an email to see if it would be possible for his students to observe one of his bear studies. Tri agreed that it

would be a valuable experience for the students.

Williams was allowed a limited number of students that could attend the field trip. Each student was required to write a one-page paper explaining why they wanted to attend this field trip.

They also had to request a letter of recommendation from someone within the community; excluding a teacher.

"The students that went on this trip really wanted to go," Williams said. "They will be presenting to the school board describing this trip."

Even Williams, who lived among the wildlife for his entire childhood, learned something new by taking this trip.

"This was the first time I have ever observed a black bear study and certainly the first time that I have been able to take students to such a study," Williams said.

Williams had hoped his students involved in this field trip would gain knowledge from a scientific level on how real research data is taken among wildlife from researchers and DNR officials.

"Early in the year, my biology students needed to read, analyze, and present on wildlife population studies written by researchers like the ones we were able to meet from the Minnesota DNR on this study," Williams said. "This was an opportunity to see it first-hand, which makes it more real to them."

"I know that many of these students have



MNDNR Wildlife Regional Manager John Williams presenting to the students a big set of antlers. On the left is Kent Williams.

never been that far north. Many have never seen the forested ecosystems of Northern Minnesota and hardly any have ever seen a bear in the wild before."

Besides observing a bear research team, the students also were able to go snowshoeing at Itasca State Park and learn about forest ecosystems native to the state with DNR naturalist Sandra Lichter.

"She was an incredible guide," said Williams. "She was so knowledgeable about not only the ecosystem, but also the history of Itasca State Park."

And Williams' father, now a Regional Wildlife Manager of Northwest Minnesota, met the students and talked with them about his experiences and what it's like to work in wildlife management.

"Listening to Mr. Williams' dad was the most educational for me," said Schuelke. "He was really interesting."

The trip was school-funded, including the overnight stay in cabins. Students had a combination of making their own food in a kitchen at the cabin, and the school providing one meal per day at a restaurant.

"A huge thank you needs to go to Mr. Frie, who championed the idea of us going on such a trip, and to Mr. Deitte, who was able to find the funds for us to go," Williams said. "They are trying to get students hands-on experience and this was as hands-on as it gets."

What's New at the Library?

Minneota Public Library

- Fiction:**
Marie Bostwick – "Threading the Needle"; "Ties That Bind and Apart at the Seams".
Josie Silver – "One Day in December".
- Nonfiction:**
Bill O'Reilly – "Killing the SS".
Jason Rezaian – "Prisoner: My Days in an Iranian Prison".
Maria Shriver – "I've Been Thinking".
Ron Stallworth – "Black Klansman: A Memoir."
- Mystery:**
James Patterson – "Target: Alex Cross".
Douglas Preston – "Verses for the Dead".
Amy Stewart – "Miss Kopp Just Won't Quit."
- Junior:**
Neil Patrick Harris – "The Magic Misfits and The Magic Misfits: The Second Story".
Jeff Kinney – "Diary of a Wimpy Kid No. 13: Meltdown"
- Children:**
Jacqueline Woodson - "The Day You Began."

Minneota Public School's –Kindergarten Registration–

Monday, April 8 • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Minneota Public School Conference Room

This session is designed for parents and their children who will be enrolled in kindergarten next fall, for the 2019-2020 school year, whether or not they are currently attending preschool. Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2019.

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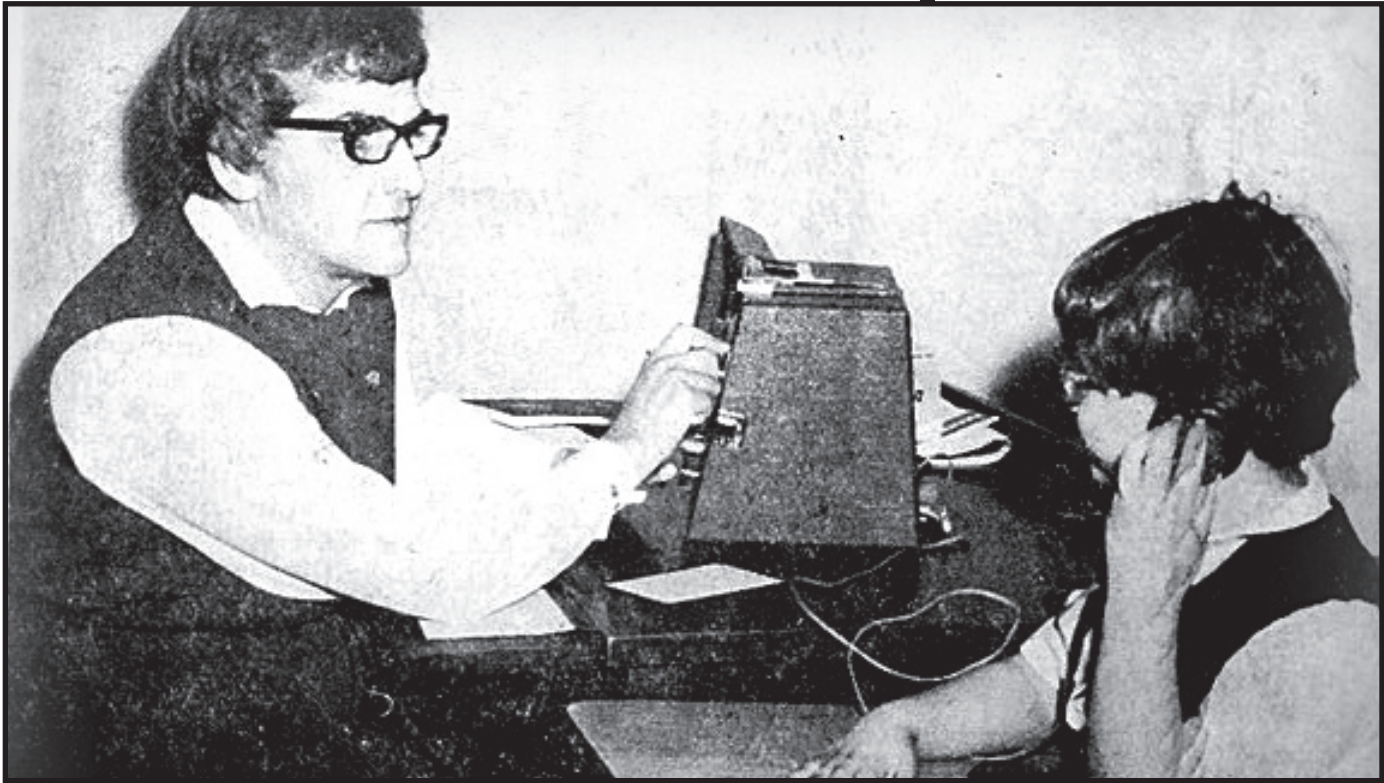
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Out of the Past: Lois Anne Bot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bot was one of the pupils at St. Edward's getting her ears checked by county public nurse Lucille Loe. *Mascot Photo.*

Give me some 'Gelato' — that is, ice cream

Working across the street from a grocery store, sure has it's perks.

Getting groceries after work is very convenient and so is getting lunch. Brad's Market has this little part of their freezer section that they have fun different frozen desserts in.

Most of the desserts are small, personal sized, reasonably priced and they change what flavors and brands are featured often. It's like a treasure trove of treats!

Those are dangerous combinations for someone with a sweet tooth like me. It's a huge plus that these are all delicious dairy products. I really enjoy trying the different products and they help elevate my usual boring work day lunch.

My favorite item I've tried lately is mint fudge cookie gelato. It tasted like the middle of a mint Dairy Queen cake. Mmm!

The different variety they have has made me wonder what the difference is between gelato, ice cream and frozen yogurt.

Gelato is Italian for ice cream. But, it has a different taste and consistency than most ice creams.

Both ice cream and gelato have similar base ingredients: water, fat (in the form of milk or cream) and sugar. The ingredients are mixed together and churned.

Gelato has more milk than cream compared to ice cream which means it has less fat.

Making gelato involves churning the mix at a slower speed than ice cream is churned. Churning the mix rapidly introduces air to the mix which makes the consistency fluffy.

The difference in technique results in gelato being more milkier and denser with less air while ice cream is creamier and will have more air in the consistency.

The higher density and lower fat composition means that ge-

Milk Maid

By Brittany Moorse



lato is better served at a higher temperature than ice cream otherwise the gelato would be rock hard.

Anytime I have any type of frozen dessert, my personal preference is to have it a little warmer with a little bit of melt to it.

Gelato, in my opinion, needs a little more warmth to serve it compared to ice cream or frozen yogurt, but all are tasty!

Frozen yogurt is quite different from ice cream and gelato. Cream is usually not an ingredient in frozen yogurt.

Instead, cultured milk using good bacteria like Lactobacillus bulgaricus and Streptococcus thermophilus as the main ingredient. These bacterium have probiotic benefits.

Frozen yogurt is different than the "normal" yogurt you can also get in the dairy aisle. The probiotic benefits of bacteria in frozen yogurt depend on them surviving the manufacturing process.

If the frozen yogurt was pasteurized after the good bacteria were added, then they will have been killed off. Every brand is a little bit different on their manufacturing process.

If you experience lactose intolerance to some degree like me, frozen yogurt may be a better alternative for you because of the probiotic power that helps break down the lactose for you.

Whichever route you take, all the options in the Brad's Market freezer treasure trove are all delicious treats!

From the Mascot Files

75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago
March 31, 1944

Grondahl-Erickson
Miss Lorraine Erickson, grand-daughter of Mrs. Mary Stone of Minneota, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Erickson of Canby, was married to Roy Grondahl; son of Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Grondahl of Canby, at Our Saviour's Lutheran church at Cleveland, Ohio on Monday, March 6th.

Personals
A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffman, March 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brewers are the parents of a boy born on Saturday, March 25. He will be named Joseph William.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Karolczak are the parents of a boy born Sunday, March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville B. Moore are the parents of a girl born Tuesday, March 28th.

Rev. Casey talks at K.C. gathering
Rev. Phillip Casey of Minneota was one of the Knights of Columbus held last Thursday evening, when the council

honored member of the charter class of April 1912.

Among the members of that class present was H. J. Tillemans of Minneota and W. P. Tillemans.

50 Years Ago
April 3, 1969

Project winners
Three students, Cecelia Girard, Judy Hamerlinck, and Debbie Tillemans, were declared winners of a model castle project of the sixth grade at St. Edward's school here.

Cecelia won first, Judy took second and Debbie was awarded third place.

Stores closing three hours Friday
Minneota stores will be closed for three hours on Friday (Good Friday) from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Two receive nursing caps
Two girls from this community, Miss Karen Lee Hauschild and Miss Cheryl Traen, were among 75 women who received their nursing caps during recognition ceremonies held at Plymouth ceremonies held at Plymouth Congre-

gational church Minneapolis, last Friday.

Signs go all over
Signs made by Minneota Plexi-Lite, Juston Andersen, proprietor, are going all over the northwest - even the nation. Evidence of this latter fact was that Andersen, last week, was completing an order received from the Chicago office of Armour and Company.

These were magnetic signs to be attached to doors of cars being driven by that firm's employees.

25 Years Ago
March 30, 1994

Presented with fifty year membership plaque
Josephine Differding, is the recipient of the fifty year membership plaque in the Catholic Aid Association. She is the first person in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Aid Council to receive the plaque.

At home and healing
Jon VanKeulen (15-year-old son, and youngest child of Dan and Terry VanKeulen) is at home after his vehicle accident and is getting around quite

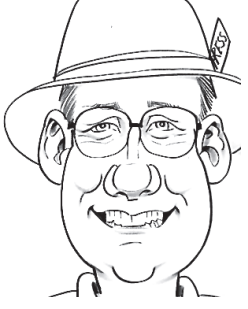
nicely with the aid of crutches. He plans to return to school after the Easter vacation.

Brass sextet plays at Fine Arts Night
This brass sextet, with Eric Alleckson, Pat Engels, Loren Louwagie, Sheri Tillemans, John Fier and Angie Yost, was one of the musical entries in the Fine Arts Night program held at the high school last Tuesday night.

A speech with emotion
Adam Hagen gave his Creative Expression speech at the Fine Arts Night. The narrative was filled with humor, changes in personalities, and gave Hagen a lot of room for expressing himself.

He received a 2nd place in the recent Sub-Section Contest.

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Ole Pappy

By Byron Higgin

Going to the prom

Women are different than men. They "like," or maybe "love" to get all dressed up, go out of their house and attend an event where the ladies are all dressed up.

Of-course, men are not like that at all. The snarl and complain when they have to try on clothes. And wearing a tie is kinda like putting a noose around a man's neck.

But last weekend, they both put on their best outfits and "Went to the Prom."

Yes, that's right, the prom.

Some of the dresses were glorious — just like when the high school kids dress up for the prom.

One of those ladies is Darlene Josephson. She's a friend of Mascot since she started ordering pictures of her grandchildren playing sports at Minneota High School.

So when she had a certain dress she wanted to wear to the prom, she asked our "Milk Maid", Brittany Moorse for help.

Brittany, who loves jewelry, outfitted Darlene with a beautiful necklace.

Darlene showed up at the supper at Bethel Church, and quickly proclaimed how much she loved the necklace. "But it is heavy," she said.



Darlene Josephson

This story is about folks like Darlene, who take a moment out of their busy lives to have a little fun ... so they get the merry-go-round for a few brief moments.

Most surprising was to see several folks I didn't know. Some-one local asked, "Where do these people come from?"

My idea is they are busy, working people, much younger than myself and just don't have time to present themselves in the community.

But the Adult Prom gave them an opportunity to dress up, get out and socialize.

And when the event is being held to raise funds to renovate the local swimming pool in town — well, then, all the better.

Oh, by the way, Darlene's partner was not feeling well and couldn't attend. So she stuck her head into the Prom Dance at the Minneota American Legion Hall, then left.

"I wish I would have stayed," she said.

This column is also a tribute to Darlene Josephson, who is always happy, go-lucky and pleasant when she comes in to visit us. It's a breath of fresh air to have come into the Mascot.

When I first met Darlene, I wondered about this person who loved to give everyone a hug. Now, we have come to depend on it.

You looked fabulous Darlene — and so did all the women who showed up for the Prom.

We appreciate so much those who spent so much time and effort to make sure everyone had a good time — and in the process they also raised money for a very good event.

Hey, this was the first one and it was a huge success. Let's do it again sometime.

Thanks to all who made it a success!!!!!!

LAUGH A LITTLE: Ask a stupid question.
The teacher asked the student to SPELL MOUSE.
The student spelled, "MOUS."
And the teacher said, "What's on the end of it?"
Student: A tail!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: As my Ole Pappy used to say, "Remember, life is a little sunshine and rain, teardrops and laughter, pleasure ... and pain! But the fact is, there was never a cloud the sun couldn't shine through."

I remember losing my driving privileges for six months and I thought the world ended. But instead, Ole Pappy taught me to improvise and use all my resources.

And guess what, "The sun did come up the next day."

Thanks Ole Pappy!

Mailbag

Keep up the good work

Dear Editor;
We enjoy keeping up with the Minneota news, and we really enjoy the Mascot.
Keep up the great work!
Go Vikings!
Thanks!

Julie and Jim Bottelberghe
West Union, MN



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Speech team talks a big game

Minneota advances 14 to sections

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

For many years, Minneota's stellar sports programs have been the talk of the town. Now the speech team is doing its best to be included in the conversation.

At the Sub-section 11 tournament this past Saturday in Pipestone, Minneota finished second in the six-team sub-section, just 11 points behind Murray County Central, which had 33 entries.

Also competing in the sub-section meet were Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central and Pipestone Area.

"We were able to bring 22 strong entries to one of the toughest sub-sections," said Coach Kim Gades. "Sixteen of our entries broke into the finals to challenge for a chance to get to the section meet."

Minneota has progressively shown improvement the last few years as evidenced by the 14 individuals in 13 events advancing to the Section 3A meet at Southwest Minnesota State University on Saturday, April 6.

The top four in each event advance to the section meet.

Minneota had three event champions, all juniors – Brenden Kimpe in Extemporaneous Speaking, Sean Dilley in Informative, and Zoe DeBoer in Storytelling. Kimpe and Dilley were also sub-section champions in the same event a season ago. DeBoer was fourth last year.

Three Vikings finished as runners-up in their events: Ben Engels, a sophomore, in Creative Expression; Jacob Haen, a junior, in Humorous; and senior Rachel Engels in Informative.

Juniors Natalie Bot and Tara Thooft placed third in Duo, while freshman Emma Lipinski was third in Great Speeches, and freshman Alyssa Engels was third in Original Oratory.

Bot and Thooft were also competing in the FCCLA State Convention in Bloomington at the same time.

"We'd like to thank LeaAnne Bot for sharing the kids with us this weekend," said Gades. "We'd also like to thank Debbie Thooft for transporting the girls back so they could compete (in the sub-section speech tournament) on Saturday."

"We have great, committed parents who are very supportive of their kids being involved with this activity."

Also qualifying for the upcoming section meet were fourth-place finishers Cecilia Rabaey, a junior, in Creative Expression; senior Trevor Belaen in Discussion, seventh-grader Joe Voit in Extemporaneous Speaking, and freshman Morgen Wersal in Poetry.

Placing in the finals and advancing to sections as alternates were: junior Cora Bolt, fifth in Poetry; freshman Tristan Bierschenk, sixth in Discussion; and eighth-grader Ella Bot, seventh in Extemporaneous Reading.

"This sub-section meet is a little different in the way it is structured," Gades explained. "Competitors complete two scheduled rounds and then are sorted into finals."

Regular season meets are generally three rounds, which are sometimes followed by a final.

Also competing in this sub-section meet were: junior Jackson Jeremiason, sophomore Katie Walerius, freshman Thomas Belaen, eighth-graders Reagan Bierschenk and Joey Clark, and seventh-grader Cora Fischer.

"It was a great day for speech," said Gades. "We are ready to



The Minneota Speech Team includes: (Front row, left to right) Reagan Bierschenk, Ella Bot, Natalie Bot, Joey Clark and Zoe DeBoer. Second row: Cora Fischer, Katie Walerius, Tara Thooft, Ben Engels and Cora Bolt. Third row: Alyssa Engels, Rachel Engels and Jacob Haen. Fourth row: Cecilia Rabaey, Emma Lipinski and Morgen Wersal. Fifth Row: Trevor Belaen, Joe Voit, Thomas Belaen and Tristan Bierschenk. Back Row: Brenden Kimpe, Jackson Jeremiason and Sean Dilley. Special Photo.

head on to sections."

Since the sub-section tournament is run by the coaches, Gades and assistant Amanda Engels didn't get to interact with the team members in the tab room, draw room or just sitting down to talk with them between rounds.

"In short, we don't get to see the kids as much as we normally do," said Gades. "We both tried to make contact with the kids at some point in the day, but it's just a little more difficult. The kids really have to be responsible and take care of themselves. And they did such a great job."

Because she was assisting with the tournament, Gades was able to hand out the awards.

"One of the highlights of the day for me was getting to hug our sub-section champions and our seniors on the team," she said. "These playoffs are a difficult thing to coach."

"On one hand, you're ecstatic for the kids who break into the finals. But on the other hand, you have to grieve with those who didn't quite make the cut. It makes it especially difficult because this is an activity that is so subjective with the judges."



Water reached roads and bridges, like this area on the edge of Minneota. While water has been receding, the county's emergency department asked for a "State of Emergency" to help pay for the damages. Photo for the Mascot by Sue Jacobson.



Ask the Chief

By Minneota
Police Chief Bill Bolt

Look for potential in others

Our lives are filled with many challenges and often we fall short of successfully meeting them.

The reason for this varies from person to person.

However, the reason is not as important as what you do after the fact.

As your Police Chief, I have learned to look for the potential in others to determine their ability to change their behavior.

Experience has taught me that people are more complex than a black and white application of the law.

This does not excuse bad behavior nor does it justify criminal acts. Rather, it requires a more complete analysis of the circumstances.

Accountability is a must but how that accountability is applied has a big impact on future behavior.

My goal has and will always be to determine the truth, aid the victims, hold the guilty accountable and to restore all to peace and productivity in our community.

If we can work together so that people change their behavior, we will have less strife in our lives and far less crime.

Flooding called, 'State of Emergency'

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

The Lyon County Board officially declared a state of emergency for the current flooding conditions.

Emergency Director Tammy VanOverbeke said, "The flood event caused a significant amount of public property damage."

She was concerned the board make an official declaration in an attempt to attain state funding for the damages and eventual repairs.

"Conditions resulting to the flooding caused by the spring thaws in March were reason for the designation." The declaration will allow VanOverbeke to apply for state emergency funding.

However, she said the state sent a note that, "There is no money," because of so many emergencies in the state.

"We can extend the state of emergency for 30 days, then we will do a damage assessment and if we do that and come up with \$50,000 damages we can apply," said VanOverbeke.

She said officials from the state then will come to make assessment on the damages.

"There was a lot of tree removals and tree debris, graveling of roads and a couple of culvert replacements," County Engineer Aaron VanMoer told the county board.

IN OTHER action the board:

- Approved a resolution of support to the United Community Action Partnership to make available Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance program grant monies.

The hope is to support and encourage innovation at the county

level to prevent homelessness, reduce the length of homeless episodes and reduce repeated homelessness.

Jeanine Antony told the board, "Using grant money, we want to stabilize people in housing they are in. We work with them, work with the landlords and advocate for the customers. Hopefully, we can keep them in their current housing," said Antony.

"Our main objective is to keep them in their current housing," Antony repeated.

- Approved a resolution with the Red Rock Rural Water System, of which Lyon County is a member. Red Rock provides drinking water to approximately 2,410 rural customers and 12 cities in the nine counties. They are doing a construction project in 2019 that will paint and maintain a 500,000 gallon and 100,000 gallon water towers near Jeffers and another 200,000 gallon water tower by Butterfield.

The cost of the project is \$1.4 million. Each county in Red Rock must approve the project because, "We're stuck for four and a half percent on each project," said Commissioner Steve Ritter. The resolution the board approved was to agree to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Red Rock Rural Water System.

- Approved the hiring of Benson Her as deputy sheriff for Lyon County. He is currently a correctional officer in the Lyon County Jail.

- Approved hiring Laura Knutson as an assessing intern. The position is to start May 6 at \$12 per hour. The position is funded 50 percent so the county contribution is \$6 per hour. The board also approved hiring Alec Buettel as an Engineering Intern, also starting May 6 at \$12.50 per hour. The county, again, pays half at \$6.50 per hour.

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We all have a superhero inside of us -- it just takes a bit of magic to bring it out. In 14-year-old Billy Batson's case, all he needs to do is shout out one word to transform into the adult superhero Shazam.



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to Mike and Pat
(Finnegan) Allmann
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MEETING NOTICE

Open AA meetings
scheduled to start on
Friday, April 5 at
Hope Lutheran church
basement at 7 p.m.
Any questions call 507-
829-3815. Meetings will
continue every Friday,
same place, and time.



On The Bench

With
Byron Higgin



Steve Sussner, attended the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Banquet this past Saturday in Minneapolis to accept the Butch Nash Outstanding Assistant Coaches Award. Special Photo

Sussner awarded the 'Butch Nash' award

Steve Sussner, an 18-year assistant coach on Chad Johnston's football Viking staff, last weekend was presented the Butch Nash Outstanding Assistant Coaches Award in Minneapolis.

The award is given to outstanding assistant coaches each year.

Previous Minneota assistant coaches to get the award were Jim Rolbiecki and Matt Myrvik.

Sussner, a former Minneota player, has been on the staff since 2001, when Johnston became the head coach.

He currently is the "Passing Game" coordinator for the Vikings.

He, wife Stacy and their three sons live in Ghent. He and other award winners were honored at the 55th Annual MFCA Hall of Fame Banquet.

ODDS & ENDS:

•Minneota Supt. Dan Deitte has announced the resignation of **Jason Myhre** as Minneota Activities Director and outdoor management director. He will finish the current school year in his current capacity.

Myhre, a Minneota native, returned to Minneota after two years as athletic director in Montgomery, MN.

No reasons have been given for his resignation. However, Supt. Deitte indicated a search is currently underway for Myhre's replacement. The resignation has not come before the Minneota School Board at this time.

•Grace Drietz of the Canby-Minneota girls' track team is one amazing runner. The capture of first place in two events, the huge Scott Underwood Invitational and the Sanford-Jack-rabbit Athletic Complex in Brookings, is a huge achievement.

She also helped her relay team to second place. It's hard to see any end to what this young lady can accomplish on a track — and on any cross country course. (See story, right).

•The Minneota Mudhens are moving quickly toward their 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27 season opener at home against the Tracy Engineers.

Manager **Tyson Sonnenburg** and Assistant Manager **Beau Buysse** have announced Minneota will again host the **Paul Larson Memorial Tournament** on Saturday, June 8. It's a four-team tournament that will include Minneota, the Ruthton Royals, Castlewood, SD and Searles.

•Former Minneota volleyball coach Steph Hennen has been named head volleyball coach at Lakeview Schools in Cottonwood. She's coming back into the Camden Conference after coaching two years in Montevideo.

Junior teams both second at Redwood

Redwood Valley Junior High Track

Girls—1. Redwood Valley 141; 2. Canby/Minneota 68.5; 3. Windom Area 25.5; 4. Wabasso 11.

Boys—1. Redwood Valley 108.5; 2. Canby-Minneota 96.5; 3. Windom Area 54; 4. Wabasso 1.

The Canby-Minneota boys and girls junior high track teams both placed second at the Redwood Valley Indoor Meet.

Braelyn Merritt won both the girls 800-meter run and the long jump.

Her time in the 800 was 2:42.15 while she jumped 12-9 to bring home two first place honors.

Two relays, the girls 4x400-meter and the boys 4x200-meter both came in first in their races in the junior high meet.

Michael Tol won the 400-meter dash for Canby-Minneota.

Top finishes for Canby-Minneota included:

Boys 400-METER DASH: 1. Michael Tol, 1:05.45;
Girls 800-METER RUN: 1. Braelyn Merritt, 2:42.15.
Boys 800-METER RUN: 1. Logan Myhre, 2:53.58.
Boys 200-METER DASH: 1. Isaac Guza, :28.35.
Girls 4x400-METER RELAY: 1. C-M (Gabby Verhelst, Brooklyn Kindopp, Sydney Hemish, Braelyn Merritt), 5:08.9.
Boys 4x200-METER RELAY: 1. C-M (Jacobi Conner, Dylan Houseman, Evan Weber, Isaac Guza), 1:53.85.
Girls LONG JUMP: 1. Braelyn Merritt, 12-9.



Minneota's Faith Traen helped the 4x800-meter relay team win first at Redwood Valley as her mother Robin cheered for her (right). Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Drietz rules at Brookings

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

If any more proof was needed as to the legitimacy of Grace Drietz as a powerful runner — she provided it Monday at the "Scott Underwood Invitational" indoor track meet at Brookings.

With 31 teams competing, Drietz captured first place among 77 runners in the 800-meter run. She circled the track twice in a time of 2:28.62 to beat out Allison Hough of Chamberlin, SD by almost a second.

She also took on 68 runners in the 1600-meter run — and again won in 5:29.16, nearly three seconds ahead of Cami Streff of the Chester Area, SD.

And for the icing on the cake, Drietz anchored the 4x400-meter relay team that came in second to Ipswich, SD in 4:24.13, just behind Ipswich's time of 4:23.51.

Drietz and her relay partners, RyAnn Hansen, Kameron King and Makenzie Hemish continued to prove they are going to be a relay team to contend with.

In addition to Drietz, Lizzy Gillingham finished fourth in the 400-meter dash. She ran a 1:05.37 as Ella Heinitz of Dell Rapids St. Mary won in 1:04.1.

Faith Traen took fourth in the 3200-meter run. Her time of 13:09.3 was close to winner Leah Steger of Ipswich, SD's time of 12:33.9.

Kameron King was eighth in the 300-meter hurdles for Canby-Minneota.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Traen, McKenzie Ruether, Gabby Verhelst and Braelyn Merritt finished in fourth place. And Maya Wenthe took fifth in the triple jump at 32-6.



Grace Drietz lit up the indoor meet at Brookings with two first place finishes. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.



Maya Wenthe cleared 4-8 and took third for Canby-Minneota in the indoor meet at Redwood Valley on Thursday. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Scott Underwood Invitational Brookings, SD Girls

Ipswich 77.9; 2. Sioux Falls Christian 62; 3. Deubrook Area 55; Canby-Minneota 54.8; 5. Chamberlain 45.5; 6. Chester Area, Colman-Egan 38; 9. Milbank 26.3; Dell Rapids St. Mary 25.5; 11. Hamlin 25.4; 12. Estelline 23; 13. Dell Rapids 16.5; 14. McCook Central/Montrose 13; 15. Lawton-Bronson 12; 16. Lakeview 11.3; 17. Miller Area 11; 18. Hanson 9.75; 19. Landford, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, Arlington 8; 22. Redfield 6; 23. Baltic, Southwest MN Christian-Edgerton 4; 25. Webster 2.4; 26. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, James Valley Christian, Deuel 2; 29. Great Plains Lutheran, Sisseton 1.

100-METER DASH: 1. Meghan Walker, SF Christian, :12.8; 12. Lizzy Gillingham, C-M, :13.86.
200-METER DASH: 1. Walker, SF Christian, :26.45; 11. RyAnn Hansen, C-M, :28.8; 17. Gillingham, C-M, :20.1.

400-METER DASH: 1. Ella Heinitz, Dell Rapids, St. Mary, 1:04.1; 4. Gillingham, C-M, 1:05.37.

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Wente becomes leader for boys

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

After strong showings at the Redwood Valley Indoor last week, Carter Wente of the Canby-Minneota track team led the team at the huge indoor meet in Brookings on Monday.

Wente took fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 40-8; was second in the 110-meter hurdles at :15.9 and helped the 4x100-meter relay team take a fourth. He also was third in the 200-meter dash.

His iron man role of four events helped accumulate points and push Canby-Minneota into fifth place out of over 30 teams.

Jared Josephson took a fourth in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400-meter relay team of Jalyn Ufkin, Jaden Kindopp, Cole VanOverbeke and Josephson took second.

Canby-Minneota's 4x800-meter relay team coasted into second place, just behind Sioux Falls Christian.

The team of Ufkin, Blake Stoks, Tristan Biershenk and Josephson coasted in behind Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto.



Tristan Bierschenk grabbed the pole and tried his hand at the vault. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

23. Sunshine Bible Academy, Dell Rapids 7; 25. Baltic 6; Miller Area, Estelline, Sisseton 4 each; 29. Dell Rapids St. Mary 3; 30. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 2; Elkton, Lakeview 1

100-METER DASH: 1. Parker Nelson, SF Christian :11.7; 22. Cameron Anderson, C-M, :12.3.

200-METER DASH: 1. Jhett Prins, Webster, :23.6; 3. Carter Wente, C-M, :23.8; 19. Jaden Kindopp, C-M, :24.8.

400-METER DASH: 1. Mitchell Oostra, SF Christian, 51.5; 4. Jared Josephson, C-M, :52.9; 11. J. Josephson, C-M, :55.99.

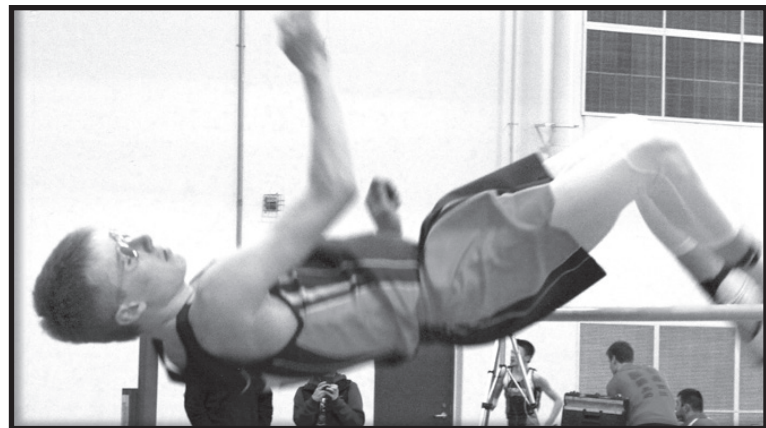
800-METER RUN: 1. Dylan Blake, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, 2:28.8; 2. Tyson Mayer, Buke, 2:08.8.

1600-METER RUN: 1. Dylan Blake, Maple Lake-Anthon-Oto, 4:49.9; 2. Nick Batchelor, Milbank, 4:54.4.

3200-METER RUN: 1. Cody Larson, Warner, 10:07.9; 9. Blake Stoks, C-M, 10:57.9.

110-METER HURDLES: 1. Cade Poppen, Hamlin, :5.4; 2. Wente, C-M, :15.9.

3200-METER RUN: 1. Emmanuel, SF Christian, :41.99;



Peyton Svoboda crossed the bar in the high jump for Canby-Minneota. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

27. Jalyn Ufkin, C-M, :49.5.
4x100-METER RELAY: 1. Sioux Falls Christian, :45.5; 4. Canby-Minneota (Anderson, Kindopp, Cole VanOverbeke, Wente), :46.5.

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Track
Last Week
Thursday, March 28
Redwood Valley Indoor
See results in this section.

Monday, April 1
SDSU Indoor Meet at Brookings, SD-
See results on pages 6 & 7.

This Week
Friday, April 5
Canby-Minneota at Murray County
Central Meet in Slayton, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Canby-Minneota at Luverne, 4:30 p.m.

Golf
Boys
Monday, April 8
Marshall Invitational, 1 p.m.
Marshall, Minneota, Dawson-Boyd,
Pipestone, Renville Co. West, Belgrade-
Brooten-Elrosa, Murray County Central,
Benson, Wabasso, Lakeview, Canby,
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, Lac qui Parle Val-
ley, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, MACCRAY,
Montevideo, Yellow Medicine East,
BOLD, Ortonville.

GIRLS
Tuesday, April 9
Marshall Invitational, 1 p.m.
Marshall, Minneota, Dawson-Boyd,
Pipestone, Renville Co. West, Belgrade-
Brooten-Elrosa, Murray County Central,
Benson, Wabasso, Lakeview, Canby,

Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, Lac qui Parle Val-
ley, Redwood Valley, MACCRAY, Mon-
tevideo, Yellow Medicine East, BOLD,
Ortonville, Mt. Lake Christian.

Baseball
Monday, April 8
Minneota vs. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton
at Ruthton, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11
Lakeview at Minneota, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12
Wabasso Invitational
4 p.m. — Minneota vs. Wabasso
6 p.m. — Minneota vs. Edgerton

Softball
Tuesday, April 9
Minneota/Canby vs. Lakeview in Cot-
tonwood (2), 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11
Russell-Tyler-Ruthton at Minneota/
Canby,(2), 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: Complete schedules, photos
and stories in "Viking Pride," the "Spring
Sports Edition," this week.

Clay Target
This Week
Week of April 14 — Reserve Week.
Week of April 21 — First Week of Com-
petition at Southwest Sportsmen's Club,
Minneota. Meets 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and
Thursday.

Girls track team does well indoors

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800-METER RUN: 1. Grace Drietz, C-M, 2:28.6; 2. Allison Hough, Chamberlin, 2:29.5.
1600-METER RUN: 1. Drietz, C-M, 5:29.2; 2. Cami Streff, Chester Area, 5:33.83.
3200-METER RUN: 1. Aleah Steger, Ipswich, 12:33.9; 4. Faith Traen, C-M, 13:03.3.
100-METER HURDLES: 1. Sydney Leidholt, Warner, :15.8; 14. Cameron King, C-M, :19.1.
300-METER HURDLES: 1. Leidholt, Warner,:48.2; 8. King, C-M, :52.3; 16. Aidyn Bruns, C-M, :55.1.
4x100-METER RELAY: 1. Colman-Egan, :52.3; 14. Canby-Minneota (Cassidy Hunt, Makenzie Hemish, Hannah Jelen, Delaney Houseman), :56.3.
4x400-METER RELAY: 1. Ipswich, 4:23.5; 2. Canby-Minneota (RyAnn Hansen, King, Hemish, Drietz), 4:24.1.
4x800-METER RELAY: 1. Deubrook Area, 10:20.3; 4. Canby-Minneota (Traen, McKenzie Ruether, Gabby Verhelst, Braelyn Merritt), 10:53.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Josie Mousel, Colman-Egan, 5-6; 7. (tie), Aidyn Bruns and Maya Wente, C-M, 4-8.
POLE VAULT: 1. Christine Nefzer, Estelline, 9-6; 14. Houseman, C-M, 6-6.
LONG JUMP: 1. Avany Long, Chamberlain, 16-4; 23. Lizzy Gillingham, C-M and Mackenzie Janiszski,C-M, 13-5.
TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Shaylee DeBeer, Deubrook, Area, 34-0; 5. Wente, C-M, 32-6.
SHOT PUT: 1. Kami Wadsworth, Hamlin, 36-8; 18. Janiszski, C-M, 31-3.

REDWOOD VALLEY INDOOR
1. Canby-Minneota 112.5; 2. Redwood Valley 98; 3. Heron Lake-Oka-bena 59.5; Yellow Medicine East 19.

Showing the kind of depth they've been known for, and using the pure talent of Grace Drietz, the Canby-Minneota girls' track team opened the season with a victory at the Redwood Valley Indoor Track and Field Meet.

Coach Sara Hemish unleashed her favorite, and not-so-secret weapon — Drietz. The two-event place winner at the state last year anchored the winning 4x400-meter relay team and the 4x800-meter relay champs. Putting the events in the hands of Drietz is always the safest way to go.

The 4x800-meter relay included McKenzie Ruether, Faith Traen, Aidyn Bruns and Drietz. They ran the event in 11:16.39 — post notice they are back from last year's fine season. They beat second place Redwood Valley by 26 seconds.

The 4x400-meter relay team with RyAnn Hansen, Makenzie Hemish, Kameron King and Drietz also destroyed the field, winning in 4:35.77 to second place Heron Lake-Okabena's 5:00.8.

Canby-Minneota is also getting their final season out of Minneota's Lizzy Gillingham before she heads for South Dakota State University in Brookings.

She won the 60-meter dash in 8.6 seconds. Gillingham came back with the championship in the 200-meter dash in :29.9

Faith Traen gave Heron Lake-Okabena's Morgan Gehl a run in the 800-meters but fell short by about 17 seconds and took second place with teammate McKenzie Ruether right behind her in third.

Canby-Minneota is experimenting a little in the high jump, but Aidyn Bruns took the event with a nice jump of five feet.

Mackenzie Janiszski was second in the shotput with a throw just over 30 feet and Delaney Houseman vaulted to six feet in the pole vault to take second.



Makenzie Hemish crossed the pole vault bar for the Canby-Minneota squad at Redwood Valley last Thursday. *Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.*

4x400-METER RELAY: 1. C-M, (McKenzie Ruether, Faith Traen, Aidyn Bruns, Grace Drietz), 11:16.4; 2. Redwood Valley, 121.43.9.
60-METER HURDLES: 11. Alexa Steffl, Redwood Valley, :10.3; 2. Kameron King, Canby-Minneota, :11.2; 5. Maya Wente, C-M, :11.9.
60-METER DASH: 1. Lizzy Gillingham, C-M, :8.6; 2. Caitlyn Johnson, RV, :9.1.; 4. Cassidy Hunt, C-M, :9.26; 5. Hannah Jelen, C-M, 9.31.
4x100-METER RELAY: 1. Redwood Valley, :56; 3. Canby-Minneota (RyAnn Hansen, Makenzie Hemish, Delaney Houseman, Lizzy Gillingham) (DQ).
1600-METER RUN: 1. Morgan Gehl, HLO 5:23; 7. Paige Welsh, C-M, 7:52.99.
400-METER DASH: 1. Hannah Schjenken, RV, 1:08.5; 3. Hannah Jelen, C-M, 1:11.97; 4. Alexis Wollum, C-M, 1:14.95; 5. Elysa Wollum, C-M, 1:16.89.
800-METER RUN: 1. Morgan Gehl, HLO, 2:32.41; 2. Faith Traen, C-M, 2:49.99; 3. McKenzie Ruether, C-M, 2:54.52.
200-METER DASH: 1. Lizzy Gillingham, C-M, :29.88; 2. Delaney Houseman, C-M, :30.47; 6. Cassidy Hunt, C-M, :31.73.
4x400-METER RELAY: 1. Canby-Minneota (Hansen, Hemish, King, Drietz); 4:35.77.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Aidyn Bruns, C-M, 5-0; 2. Hannah Schjenken, RV, 4-10; 3. Maya Wente, C-M, 4-8.
LONG JUMP: 1. Hannah Schjenken, RV, 15-8 1/2; 4. Mackenzie Janieszski, C-M, 14-10 1.2; 5. Alexis Wollum, C-M, 13-4 1/4.
SHOT PUT: 1. Chelsea Hoernemann, YME, 31-02; 2. Mackenzie Janiszski, C-M, 30-10; 5. Mariah Hennen, C-M, 28-6.
POLE VAULT: 1. Faith White, HLO, 6-6; 2. Houseman, C-M, 6-0; 4. Hunt, C-W, 6-0; 4. Hemish, C-M, 5-6; 5. Wollum,C-M, 5-6.

Eight FCCLA'ers advance to nationals

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

It's becoming habit that Minneota advances a number of Family, Career and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA) students to the nationals.

And 2019 is no different. At the State FCCLA Convention this past weekend in Bloomington, eight girls in five various categories from Minneota received Gold Awards and are advancing to the National FCCLA Convention in July in Anaheim, CA.

"I'm proud of and continue to be impressed with the quality of work and effort of these young leaders put into their projects," said LeaAnne Bot, Family Consumer Sciences instructor and FCCLA advisor.

Minneota had 14 students enter nine projects in seven different STAR Event categories, giving presentations that were evaluated by business and industry professionals about projects that they had organized and executed over the past school year.

Students could present a project individually or in a group. Eight of the nine Minneota individual/group projects received gold medals, while one received a silver medal.

Those gold medal winners advancing to the National Convention with highest honors were: Natalie Bot and Tara Thooft in Food Innovations, Bot and Kaitlyn Ludwikowski in Illustrated Talk, Kate and Grace Hennen in Sports Nutrition, Molly Krog in Career Investigation, and Abby Hennen and Rachel Vlaminck in Entrepreneurship.

Also receiving gold medals from Minneota were: Isabelle Hennen in Focus on Children, Megan Krog in Food Innovations, and Kaci Callens and Tara Sterzinger in Entrepreneurship. Katie Konold and Morgan Hennen received a silver award in National Programs.

interest assessments.

For their Entrepreneurship project, Abby Hennen and Rachel Vlaminck earned their second national advancement by developing a business plan for starting a home-based business called Blessed Blankets.

Natalie Bot also teamed up with eighth-grader Kaitlyn Ludwikowski for their Illustrated Talk project, which involved researching trends in consumer spending, fashion, wardrobe planning, and thrift shopping.

Their project promotes investing the money they save by thrift shopping in order to save for the future. This is Kaitlyn's first national trip award.

Isabelle Hennen's gold medal in Focus in Children involved her working with preschoolers and developing a lesson that emphasized the importance of play in child development.

Callens and Sterzinger's Entrepreneurship project was based on a business plan for starting a home-based cupcake business called "What's Up Cupcake?" by taking advantage of the Minnesota Cottage Food Law. They are both eighth-graders.

Megan Krog, an eighth-grader, developed a Food Innovations project of an indulgent appetizer with a family experience intended to reduce stress and increase health and well-being. After several family-focused consumer taste tests, she successfully developed a bread for fondue dipping.

The theme for this year's state convention was "Land of 10,000 Dreams", and Minnesota First Lady Gwen Walz delivered a Governor's Proclamation which declared March 28 as MN FCCLA Day.

Wente leads boys' track team

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VanOverbeke, Jared Josephson), 3:43.5.
4x800-METER RELAY: 1. Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, 8:41.6; 4. Canby-Minneota (Ufkin, Blake Stoks, Tristan Bierschenk, Jared Josephson) 9:02.3.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Jhett Prins, Webster, 6-6; 20. Alex Saltzer, C-M, 5-4.
POLE VAULT: 1. Ben Fischbach, Warner, 11-6; 12 (tie) Anderson, C-M 8-0.
LONG JUMP: 1. Jhett Prins, Webster, 21-9; 24. Peyton Svoboda, C-M, 16-11.
TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Lane VanderWall, Sioux Valley, 43-2; 4. Wente, C-M, 40-8.
SHOT PUT: 1. Dalton Voelker, Colman-Egan, 47-7 1/2; 38. Ty Stoks, C-M, 34-0.

Redwood Valley Indoor

REDWOOD VALLEY INDOOR
1. Redwood Valley 109.5; 2. Canby-Minneota 85.5; 3. Yellow Medicine East 65; 4. Heron Lake-Okabena 36.

The depth and power of Redwood Valley was a little too much for the Canby-Minneota boys' track team — yet, they came within 19 points of the Cardinals in the season-opener at the Redwood Valley Fieldhouse.

The indoor meet found senior Carter Wente taking up where he left off by blowing away the field in the 60-meter hurdles 9.2 seconds — beating second placed Hansen of Redwood Valley by about two seconds. Wente and Anderson teamed up in the relays to help the C-M boys win a title.

The boys 4x100-meter relay team of Wente, Anderson, Cole VanOverbeke and Jared Josephson won by a couple of seconds over Redwood Valley to capture the event in :49.21.

Wente, in addition to relay and hurdle wins, also took first in the 200-meter dash in :25.1.

Cameron Anderson, a speedster from Canby-Minneota, ran

the 60-meter dash in 7.9 seconds and nipped Yellow Medicine's east Jacob Kluver at the wire. Kluver had a 7.97.

Josephson went from the relay to the 400-meter dash and won the event in :58.2, just edging David Hidalgo of Yellow Medicine in, :58.21 to :58.74.

And Josephson and VanOverbeke parlayed their hands in winning the 4x100-meter race into a championship in the 4x400-meter run. Joined by JalyN Ufkin and Jaden Kindopp, they ran a 3:52 and beat Redwood Valley by 13 seconds.

Canby-Minneota boys at Redwood Valley
4x800-METER RELAY: 1. Canby-Minneota (JalyN Ufkin, Blake Stoks, Tristan Bierschenk, Jared Josephson), 9:14.48; 2. Redwood Valley, 9:20.34.
60-METER HURDLES: 1. Carter Wente, C-M, :9.17; 2. Jed Hansen, RV, :11.03.
60-METER DASH: 1. Cameron Anderson, C-M, :7.89; 2. Jacob Kluver, YM, :7.97.
4x100-METER RELAY: 1. Canby-Minneota (Wente, Anderson, Cole VanOverbeke, Jared Josephson), :49.41; 2. Redwood Valley, :51.21.
1600-METER RUN: 1. Mason Clark, RV, 5:04.1; 3. Stoks, C-M, 5:27.21; 5. Bierschenk, C-M, 5:29.44; 6. Sean Dilley, C-M, 5:39.84; 6. Alexander Full, C-M, 5:43.09.
400-METER DASH: 1. Josephson, C-M, :58.21; 2. David Hidalgo, YME, :58.74.
800-METER RUN: 1. Deon Estebo, RV, 2:17.75; 3. Full, C-M, 2:37.38; 5. Dillan DeCock, C-M, 2:39.53.
200-METER DASH: 1. Wente, C-M, :25.07; 2. Gabe Spittle, HLO, :26.38.
4x400-METER RELAY: 1. Canby-Minneota (Ufkin, Jaden Kindopp, VanOverbeke, Josephson), 3:52.02; 2. Redwood Valley, 4:05.22.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Sam Cheadle, HLO, 5-8; 3. Peyton Svoboda, C-M, 5-6.
LONG JUMP: 1. Jordan Mertens, RV, 19-10 1/4; 3. Svoboda, 17-8-5; 6. Alex Saltzer, C-M, 16-7.
SHOT PUT: 1. Hunter Johnson, YME, 40-9; 3. Kindopp, C-M, 35-3; 5. Stoks, C-M, 32-2 1/2.
POLE VAULT: 1. Jed Hansen, RV, 10-6; 6. Anderson, C-M, 8-6.

Have a Great Week-ly The Mascot

Athlete of the Week:

Grace Hennen

She participated in the 45th Annual Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship March 30 at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud. Grace won the local and district contests held in Minneota and the regional contest in New London competing against other 12 year olds from Southwest Minnesota. Congrats Grace!

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Helping Pool Pals

Jack Jerzak, quartermaster of VFW Post 5334 recently gave a donation of \$1,000 to Stephanie Vlaminc of Pool Pals. The money is to go toward the resurfacing project at the Minneota outdoor swimming pool. Vlaminc accepted the check from the VFW (left). The Pool Pals have been putting on fund raising events such as the Adult Prom in an effort to help the City of Minneota raise funds to fix the pool.

Photo for the Mascot by Sue Jacobson

Obituaries

Louis Buysse

Louis J. "Louie" Buysse, 93, of Minneota, died on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at his residence in Minneota surrounded by family and under the care of Prairie Home Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial for Louie was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota.

Interment with military honors followed the service at St. Edward Catholic Cemetery in Minneota.

Military rites were performed by American Legion Post 199 of Minneota and Minneota/Taunton VFW Post 5334.

Louis Julius Buysse was born on March 1, 1926, to August and Irene (Dobbleaere) Buysse in Westerheim Township. He received his schooling at the St. Agnes Convent in Ghent.

Louie served with the 33rd Infantry in the Philippine Islands with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was united in marriage to Mary Laleman in January 22, 1947 at St. Clotilde Catholic Church in Green Valley. To this union were born children Kenneth, Elaine, Joan, Steven, Annette, David, and Cathy.

Louie enjoyed woodworking, reading, square dancing, playing cards, computers and travelling. He was most fond of time spent with his family.

He was a member of St. Edward Catholic Church, a lifetime member of the Minneota/Taunton VFW Post 5334, the D.A.V., the American Legion Post 199 and Knights of Columbus.

He served as Legion Commander, Adjutant and Sgt. of Arms and was a Trustee and Usher at St. Edward Catholic Church.

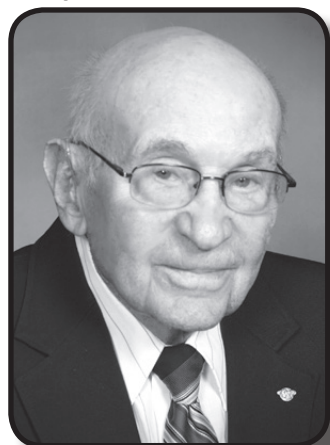
Louie farmed for 37 years and drove school bus and the Minneota Manor bus.

He is survived by his children Kenneth (and Bev) Buysse of Minneota, Elaine (and Dorance) Lacek of Canby, Joan (and Dan) Janssen of Marshall, Steve (and Gail) Buysse of Maple Grove, Annette (and Jon) Fostervold of Willmar, David (and Joy) Buysse of Minneota, Cathy Malvick of Wahpeton, ND; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary, grandson Jeremiah Fostervold and siblings Harry Buysse, Florence Van Keulen, George Buysse and Wilfred Buysse.

Blessed Be His Memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Prairie Home Hospice of Marshall.



Louis Buysse



Menus

Minneota Senior Mealsite

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

Thursday, April 4: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Hamburger or Hotdog on bun, potato salad, fresh fruit, baked beans; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Friday, April 5: Fish nuggets with whipped potato or Meatballs with mushroom sauce with baked potato, tomato-cucumber salad, and pineapple upside down cake; "500" at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, April 8: CLOSED

Tuesday, April 9: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Meatballs in mushroom gravy, whipped potato, asparagus, or Lasagna with garlic toast, and pineapple orange dream; "500" at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10: CLOSED

Thursday, April 11: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Hamburger or Hotdog on bun, potato salad, fresh fruit, baked beans; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Minneota Public School

Monday, April 8

Breakfast: Cinnamon round, cereal, fruit, milk; **Lunch:** Chicken patty, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, pears, milk

Tuesday, April 9

Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit, milk; **Lunch:** Potato Ole, lettuce, cheese, fresh veggies, rice, peaches, milk

Wednesday, April 10

Breakfast: Pancake sausage, fruit, milk; **Lunch:** Hotdog or Corndog, baked beans, chips & salsa, fresh veggies, applesauce, milk

Thursday, April 11

Breakfast: Muffin, cereal, fruit, milk; **Lunch:** Cowboy cavatini, coleslaw, breadstick, lettuce salad, fresh fruit, milk

Friday, April 12

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk; **Lunch:** Cheese dunkers or Riblet, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit, milk

St. Edward's School

Monday, April 8

Chicken wraps, baby carrots, salad, roasted potatoes, strawberry cups, milk

Tuesday, April 9

Pizza burger, broccoli, fruit, milk; **Lunch:** sweet potato fries, green beans, fruit, milk

Wednesday, April 10

BBQ chicken, mashed potato & gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk

Thursday, April 11

Taco salad, chips & salsa, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, fruit, milk

Friday, April 12

Fish fillet, dinner roll, baked beans, salad, carrots, celery, applesauce, milk

St. Edward School Happenings

Library – Jan Bot

There are a few new books being put out again but those are the end of "new" books for this school year. We had a cash donation to the library from a previous St. Edward School graduate. We appreciate their thoughtfulness, as this has allowed us to purchase many new books for the library this year.

In story time, we continue our genre study. We have finished up folk tales and fairy tales. In our fairy tale, the character Robin was taken to fairyland where there was no work or chores. When I asked the children how much they might enjoy that, one child replied she would be OK with it as long as there were books there! What a wonderful statement for her librarian to hear! On to our last nine weeks of school! We welcome the warmer weather for those last weeks of school.

Spanish – Mrs. Rabaey

In Kindergarten and First Grade, we finished learning about numbers. We have learned songs about how to express how we feel and now are working on songs about a few members of our family.

In Second and Third Grades we read a book about winter and different winter activities. Now we are learning a song about the days of the week and soon will study the months and how to say a date. In Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grade we are finishing a unit on clothing. In Seventh and Eighth grade we finished a unit on numbers and used them in daily conversations.

Science — In First and Second grade we are finishing up a unit on dinosaurs and fossils. We are also observing bean seeds that have germinated and tracking their growth. In Third and Fourth grade, we are finishing a unit on ecosystems. In Seventh and Eighth grade, we finished a unit on oceans and now are studying the atmosphere and air pressure.

Music-Mrs. Rybinski

Fourth grade is just about at the end of their unit on recorders. The Fifth Grade has been learning to play the glockenspiel (bells) at the same time. I'm impressed with how quickly they are learning to play as well as learning their notes.

Kindergarten to third grade really like to do songs they can move to, so we have been working through a bunch of them. Second and Third Grades are also working hard on learning note values through some games and using rhythm sticks.

Sixth Grade is just starting with the glockenspiel and will keep working with percussion instruments to go along with some of our songs.

Seventh and Eighth Grades are finally into the presentation stage of our music history project. We are keeping a timeline on wall in the music room — hopefully we will get to finish it before the spring concert. We are back working on guitar in between and looking forward to having some fun songs to play for the concert.

Upcoming Events:

April 3 - Mass Grades 5 & 6
Last day for Penny Panic

April 4 - Guardian Angel lunch

April 5 - Stations of the Cross

April 9 - Library

April 10 - Author visit
Student council meeting
Mass 3 & 4

April 11 - Manor visit Grades 1 & 2
Family Life Presentation Grades 4 & 5
Tornado Awareness

April 12 - Living Stations 2:10 & 7 p.m. &
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

April 13 - First Communion Retreat

April 14 - Spring Bingo

— Minneota Area Community Churches —

Healing Waters Parish

Augustana, Clarkfield; Bergen, Clarkfield;
St. Lucas Lutheran, Cottonwood

Sunday, April 7: Services at Bergen at 10:30 a.m.; St. Lucas & Augustana at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, April 10: Augustana-5:30 p.m.; Bergen-7 p.m.; St. Lucas-5:30 p.m., Sunday School 6:30-7:30 p.m. Augustana.

Pastor Steve Quist

Church Contact No. 507-776-0909

St. Leo Catholic Church

St. Leo, MN

Thursday, April 4: Mass at 9 a.m.
Friday, April 5: 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross, confession to follow

Sunday, April 7: 10:30 a.m. Mass

Father Craig Timmerman

Associate Pastors Fr. Zachary Peterson & Fr. Kenneth Salisbury

Hemnes Lutheran Church

Rural Minneota

Sunday, April 7: 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.

Annette Sharkey, Secretary, 507-768-3417

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Minneota

Sunday, April 7: 10:30 a.m. Service

Pastor Tim Larson

Church Secretary: Chris Pesch

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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, April 7: 9 a.m. Churchworship at Bethany-Elim.

Wednesday, April 10: 10 a.m. Bible Study at DPHC; beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Bethany; meal, worship, church school and TFA.

Pastor Jeff Greathouse

Cell #: 330-234-1317

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Church Contact

No. 507-694-1238

Hope Lutheran Church

Minneota

Sunday, April 7: 9 a.m. worship, coffee and fellowship to follow
Wednesday, April 10: 8 a.m. Prayer Circle; Supper/GLOW beginning at 5:30 p.m.; 7 p.m. Lenten Service

Pastor Tim Larson

Church Secretary Chris Pesch:

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Church Contact No. 872-6446

St. Eloï Catholic Church

Ghent, MN

Friday, April 5: Mass at the convent chapel at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 6: Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 10: CCD Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Father Craig Timmerman

Associate Pastors

Fr. Keith Salisbury

and Fr. Zachary Peterson

Church Contact

No. 428-3285

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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

Friday, April 5: 2:30 p.m. Manor Mass; Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m., confession to follow
Saturday, April 6: Mass at 5:30 p.m.; Reconciliation 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 7: Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Reconciliation at 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 10: School Mass at 10:30 a.m.; CCD Classes at 6:30 p.m.

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Vets on verge of losing Legion building

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

One by one, nine veterans filed into the chilly American Legion building on Friday morning.

The purpose was for an informal meeting to discuss the future of the 62-year-old building on Jefferson Street.

Jim Fink, the Post 199 Legion Commander for the past 10 years, entered first. Soon after, Gary Buysse, Harold DeSmet and Leon Kack entered; followed by Byron Higgin, Omar Laleman, Tom Hovland, Mike Sontag and Ed Lozinski.

These nine military veterans combined have been members of the American Legion for over 320 years.

On the 100th anniversary of the American Legion organization, each one of these active members had to be wondering how many more times they would be calling this building home.

“We don’t want to lose this building,” said Fink. “But unless we can come up with some ideas on how to keep it open, we might have to try and sell it.”

When asked how long they could continue operating the building before being forced to put it up for sale, Fink responded, “By the end of the year.”

The proud veterans representing the Minneota American Legion range in age from 30 to 103 years old; the latter being Milo Kern, who has been an American Legion member for 73 years.

“Kids just don’t seem to be coming back to town after they graduate from college or get married,” said Kack. “That affects everything.”

“There just aren’t jobs in small cities anymore for them to come back for,” Buysse remarked.



Veterans in the meeting room at the American Legion include: (front row, left to right) Leon Kack and Byron Higgin. Back Row: Tom Hovland, Harold DeSmet, Ed Lozinski, Gary Buysse and Jim Fink. Staff Photo by Scott Thoma.

“I’ve attended 114 military funerals,” said Hovland, a 53-year member of the Legion. “And I’ve heard a lot of people say how much they really appreciate the Legion members being there for the funerals.”

On Veterans Day and Memorial Day, there they are front and center carrying flags and giving speeches to honor the past and present veterans who served our country.

Or when young men need sponsorship to at-

away the day before. That’s one less Legion member and no new members signing up to replace him.

The Legion building costs such as property taxes, insurance, utilities and repairs have been funded in part by the members themselves.

“The last four or five years have been a struggle to pay the heating, electricity, insurance and things like that,” said Fink.

“A lot of times it’s been the veterans who are paying some of these bills. We can’t go on much longer in debt. We’re losing money each month.”

And Kack, a carpenter by trade, has donated a lot of his time to repair and renovate the building.

“A lot of what’s been done here is due to Leon,” said Higgin, the current Vice Commander.

“A lot of guys have helped out and given their sweat and blood to this place.”

“It’s fine and dandy that we’ve put some of our own money in to help out,” said Lozinski, who has been a Legion member in St. Leo, Taunton and Minneota for the past 45 years.

“But once the money is gone ... then what? You can’t keep relying on the members to keep opening their checkbooks.”

Current yearly dues don’t begin to cover any of the costs of maintaining a building of this size. The annual membership dues are \$37.50, yet only \$2.50 stays local while the remainder goes to the National and State American Legion clubs.

Contributions are slim or none. So keeping the building afloat relies on the community usage. In other words, the more events that are held in the building, the better chance the building won’t sink.

“We’ve tried to keep the Legion going by refurbishing the floor, putting in an elevator and renovating certain things,” said Higgin.

“But competition has taken away our business. Generally, it’s a nice facility not being used to its capacity.”

And the rental cost of the Legion building is very reasonable for those interested in hosting an event.

“We’re not renting it to make a mint,” one member says. “You won’t find a place like this that charges so little to use it.”

When the Legion hosts certain events in its building, they can generate money from the open bar located in the southwest corner.

KB’s Ballroom in Ghent and the Heritage Event Center outside Taunton have enticed some of the events that used to be held in the Legion building in Minneota.

“You can’t blame those places either,” said DeSmet. “They want the business, too.”

Fink takes out an appointment book and reveals the monthly reservations for renting the building. Three events were booked for February, two for March, and just one so far for April.

Some events, such as the Bloodmobile are given free use of the building.

“We have three graduation receptions booked for May and one for June,” Fink said. “But we have nothing for the summer months. We’d like to see a lot more community functions held in this building.”

Buysse said it really wouldn’t take a major change to keep the building in the black.

“If we could host 10 to 12 big dances or benefits a year, we would be able to keep operating,” he said.

“We need the local community to have their wedding dances, parties or other events in here.”

“If the community wants to support it, we can keep it going,” echoed Higgin.

The Legion members then take the meeting downstairs; some using the elevator and some the stairs. Once there, a four-lane bowling alley can be seen collecting dust from being unused over the last four or five years. Bowling balls of all colors and weights still sit neatly on racks. A yellow sign in the small concession area reads: “Hot pizza,” which was once sold to bowling enthusiasts.

The Legion members hired someone to manage the bowling alley five years ago.

“She cleaned it up so it looked really nice down here,” said Fink. “We didn’t get a lot of people down here to bowl, though. And then the manager quit and it hasn’t been open since.”

Re-opening the bowling alley in order for the Legion to generate revenue is not feasible because, like the interest in individuals joining organizations having waned in recent years, so too has the interest in bowling.

“The pinsetters need repair now, too,” said Fink. “It just wouldn’t pay to get it up and running again.”

A seldom-used meeting room with an impressive military mural on the back wall is located in the northwest corner of the basement. A large sign lists all the Legion Commanders in Minneota since its inception in 1919.

Also in the meeting room are several wheelchairs, walkers, canes and other handicapped accessible apparatus. Fink explained that anyone in the community can use the equipment free of charge, compliments of the Legion members.

Now the members are left pondering their next step in an attempt to maintain the building.

“We don’t have a game plan right now,” said Buysse. “We’re going to have to reorganize and start from scratch. Then maybe some ideas will come out. Right now, we’re just treading water.”

The future may look bleak, but the pride and patriotism of these veterans won’t allow them to surrender by waving a white flag just yet.



Discussing the situation was Jim Fink, right along with (left to right) Mike Sontag, Omar Laleman, Gary Buysse, Ed Lozinski and Tom Hovland. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

The number of members of the Minneota Legion under the age of 40 can be counted on one hand; or actually one or two fingers. And that is where the problem lies. Unless younger veterans join the Legion, it will soon be phased out.

Legion members are definitely taken for granted; expected to be there in time of need. When a veteran passes away, some of the current Legion members are on hand at a funeral to honor them with a military send-off.

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For how much longer, though?

“The numbers keep declining,” said Gary Buysse. “When I first joined in 1969, it was the 50th anniversary of the Legion and we had 167 members. Now, we have around 80.”

Among those 80, however, less than a dozen are active members.

During the informal meeting, news came out about the death of longtime member Louis Buysse, a World War II veteran, who had passed



Folks entered the Silent Auction (above), and posed for pictures by Brian Jeremia-son (center). They also danced the night away (right).



Fun at the Prom



Corky and Jim DeCock enjoyed the prom (above), and those who helped with the meal at Bethel Community Church posed for a photo (left).

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