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Storm downs trees, power lines in area

Winds over 70 mph in Canby, Granite Falls

By Scott Thoma
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A severe thunderstorm that produced damaging winds on Saturday afternoon in southwestern Minnesota uprooted trees in Canby, and felled others in Porter, St. Leo, Granite Falls, Sacred Heart and Minneota.

Canby was hit the hardest in the area with winds reportedly at 72 mph uprooting large trees and causing some minor structural damage to homes. Canby also had power knocked out.

According to the National Weather Service in Chanhassen, the storm caused tree and structural damage from Canby and Madison to Granite Falls and Sacred Heart.

No tornadoes were reported.

The storm, which began around 12:40 p.m. and lasted until just before 3 p.m. in our area, felled power lines and caused power outages in many communities.

It was reported that winds speeds a few miles northwest of Granite Falls had reached 70 mph around 1:35 p.m. Around 2 p.m., the city of Granite Falls was hit hard with high winds and heavy rain with large tree branches damaged, causing roof damage to several homes and to the Yellow Medicine East High School.

There was also a power outage in the city of Granite Falls and its rural areas, as well as some localized flooding.

Several streets in Granite Falls and Canby were blocked by the fallen tree branches. City workers and homeowners were soon seen using chainsaws to clean up the damage in those communities.

In Minneota, a few large branches came down and numerous small branches were seen strewn on streets and lawns. A large limb from an autumn blaze maple tree was blown down and was lying on the lawn of the Paul and Sis Fonteyn home on North Jefferson Street.

"We were watching the storm out the window and saw the branch go down," said Sis.

Another large branch fell across East Second Street in Minneota, causing single-lane traffic mo-



Minneota city workers were quickly cleaning up after Saturday's storm including this tree that was blocking East Second Street. Mascot photo by Sue Jacobson.

mentarily until city workers removed it.

Winds in Minneota were reportedly around 45 mph with heavy rain.

The Minneota Mudhens game was postponed on Saturday in Rosen and reschedule to Sunday morning.

Porter also reported some tree branches down. Josh Sumption had a large ash tree at his home damaged by the storm. The tree also knocked down a Midco line.

"The weird thing is it was really the only tree down and not much other damage in town," Sumption said. "Nothing compared to Canby, I got very lucky and there is no damage other than another tree that was hit by the one that fell."

A large maple tree was split in half and fell on the edge of Leroy and Audrey Kack's roof around 1 p.m., damaging their gutters and shingles. Another maple tree in the Kack's back yard was split and will likely have to be cut down.

Meet the Boxelder Bug Days Queen Candidates

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Morgen Wersal



Ellen Meagher



Ava Larson



Brooke Moore

Despite Boxelder Bug Days being cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, the queen coronation will still be held in a non-traditional way on Sept. 12.

Four young ladies are vying for the title of Boxelder Bug Days queen this year. The queen candidates for 2020 are:

Ava Larson, the daughter of Keven and Kari Larson, is sponsored by Prairie Winds Wellness.

Ellen Meagher, the daughter of Casey and Jody Meagher, is sponsored by Minneota Manor.

Brooke Moore, the daughter of Greg and Becky Moore, is sponsored by The Minneota Mascot.

Morgen Wersal, the daughter of Jeff Wersal and Lori Buysse, is sponsored by B&B Electric.

The four young ladies recently met at the Community Center for their first round of judging. Each candidate was also required to construct a poster that showcased themselves as a candidate, as well as their sponsor.

The community can view the posters that will be displayed in downtown Minneota through Bug Days weekend.

"The girls also gave a short speech explaining to our judges why they would like to represent the community of Minneota as Boxelder Bug Days Royalty and why they would be a good choice," said Dawn Vlaminck of the Bug Days committee. "The girls also had personal interviews with the judges so that they could get to know them better."

In most years, the Queen Coronation has been held onstage during the Boxelder Bug Days weekend in the business district courtyard with the public in attendance. Due to social distancing requirements amid the pandemic, the Bug Days committee is holding the coronation with the safety of every-



The four queen candidates gave speeches to the judges during the judging last week. They are (front row, left to right): Ava Larson, Morgen Wersal, Ellen Meagher and Brooke Moore. Last year's royalty also attended and they are (back row, left to right): First Princess Klaire Banks, Queen Jodi Buysse and Second Princess Raeann Bruner. Contributed photo.

one in mind.

The 2020 coronation will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 12 and will be livestreamed for the public to view. Only the immediate family of each of the young ladies will be in attendance. At that time, each of the candidates will introduce themselves and then answer a question that was provided to them earlier in the day.

"After a queen is crowned, the royalty will parade, similar to what we did for graduation," said Vlaminck. "Details of these events such as time and location of coronation and parade route will be determined soon."

Last year's Boxelder Bug Days queen was Jodi Buysse, while Klaire Banks was First Princess and Raeann Bruner was Second Princess.

PEDAL POWER TWICE AS NICE FOR FESTERLINGS

Minneota couple enjoys travel by quadricycle

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They look sweet, upon the seat ... of a quadricycle built for two.

And this quadricycle literally was built for two. John Festerlinger removed tires from two old bicycles and made a two-seat quadricycle that he and his wife Julie enjoy riding together.

"I recently retired and I wanted to lose a few pounds," smiled John, while placing his hands on his midsection to emphasize his point. "So I made this to ride around in and get a little exercise."

John saw a similar quadricycle kit for sale online, although it didn't come cheap. So he decided he had enough spare parts, wood and other items to build his own quadricycle.

"Some of the quadricycles I saw online were \$1,200 to \$1,400," he noted. "I imagine there are some even more than that. I made this one for a couple of hundred bucks or so. I've always thought about making one, but I don't weld so I made mine out of wood, PVC pipe and parts off old bicycles."

John is a retired principal/teacher at Samuel Lutheran School in Marshall. He also directed of the church choir there. Julie is a retired kindergarten teacher at Samuel Lutheran.

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Julie and John Festerling have a new means of transportation. John built this quadricycle at his home using spare bicycle parts, wood, and PVC pipe. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma.

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What's Happening?

August

Thursday, August 13

5-7 p.m. - Farmers Market at Veteran's Park.

Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15
Modified Porter Harvest Fest (see ad on Page 3).

Saturday, August 15

Minneota Memorial Run

Tuesday, August 18

9 a.m. - Lyon County Board

7 p.m. - Minneota School Board

Sunday, August 23

12 p.m. - Porter Traildusters Saddle Club show.

Monday, August 24

School starts at Minneota Public Schools.

Want something added to the calendar? Call us at 507-872-6492 to add your event!

Pool Times

The Minneota City Pool is open 1-2:45 p.m., 3-4:45 p.m., and 5-6:30 p.m. This allows for the required cleaning and disinfecting. Kids are asked to bring a towel, water bottle and sunscreen and a bag for personal items as no lockers are available.



This week's birthdays & anniversaries:

Wednesday, August 12

Stacie Josephson

Kelly & Kelly Jo Harriger

Thursday, August 13

Mary Narveson

Jaxson Vierstraete

Saturday, August 15

Greg Moore

Nathan & Cherri Schmig

Share a name on our birthday and anniversary announcement (and website ad) for only \$2!

Stop by the Mascot or call us at 507-872-6492.

Emerging farmers can receive more help getting started

A loan program designed to help nontraditional farmers start or expand their businesses is doubling the maximum amount that Emerging Farmers can borrow.

The Pilot Agricultural Microloan Program from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority (RFA) can be used for working capital (annual costs such as seed, feed, fertilizer, land rent) or equipment and other farm asset purchases with a common useful life of 10 years or less.

The Minnesota Legislature this year appropriated funds to expand the maximum loan amount from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

"We know that agricultural opportunity is not equally available to all Minnesotans. We also know that there is an urgent need to address the future of farming in Minnesota," Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey said. "We at the MDA are examining how to better support Emerging Farmers, and this is one more tool we can use to increase our support for farmers who have traditionally faced barriers to the education and resources necessary to succeed."

Loans are obtained through participating local lenders. Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

Be a resident of Minnesota.

Be a member of a Protected Group or a qualified non-citizen as defined under Minnesota statutes.

Use the funds toward production and marketing of specialty crops or eligible livestock.

Demonstrate an ability to repay the loan.

For more information and to apply, visit the Pilot Agricultural Microloan Program web page.

Lyon County Shop Hop to aid local businesses

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In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Lyon County, Visit Marshall has partnered with Lyon County and Lyon County Historical Society for the first annual Shop Hop from Monday, Aug. 10 to Monday, Aug. 17.

"We are also getting help with promoting the event through the businesses who are all involved and the Marshall Downtown Business Association," said Julia Stuckey, Marketing & Events Coordinator for Visit Marshall. "We are putting it on to celebrate the 150th anniversary, as we feel this event still honors social distancing and encourages people to shop and support local."

The purpose of the Shop Hop is to promote several businesses around the county, including Marshall, Minneota, Tracy, Cottonwood and Green Valley.

Those wishing to participate should pick up a passport at any of the business listed in this article. Shoppers then get their passport stamped as they patronize and purchase items from the 25 participating businesses that are listed in the passport.

"Participants will need to stop at eight of these places in at least two different towns to be able to turn in their passports to be entered for a prize," Stuckey explained. "We are strongly encouraging shopping at each of the eight stops to support local businesses."

Prizes were donated by participating businesses. The prizes include such items as gift cards, candles, Lyon County history and photo books, t-shirts, a chocolate fondue set and more.

"We will be doing a drawing for the winners once the event is complete and will announce the winners on the Visit Marshall social media pages on Wednesday, August 19," said Stuckey.

Coordinators of the event are also including 15 significant historical locations around Lyon County to encourage the participants to explore these sites in order to learn more about local history within the county.

The historical places are also listed in the passport. Participants can get additional prize entries by posting photos of the historic sites in the Facebook event.

Passports are available at the following locations:

(MINNEOTA)

This & That Recreated

(MARSHALL)

Lyon County Museum

Marshall Area Chamber & Visit Marshall Office

Patzer's Hardware Hank

Walnut Grove Mercantile

(TRACY)

Midwest Supply

Businesses participating in the Shop Hop are:

(BALATON)

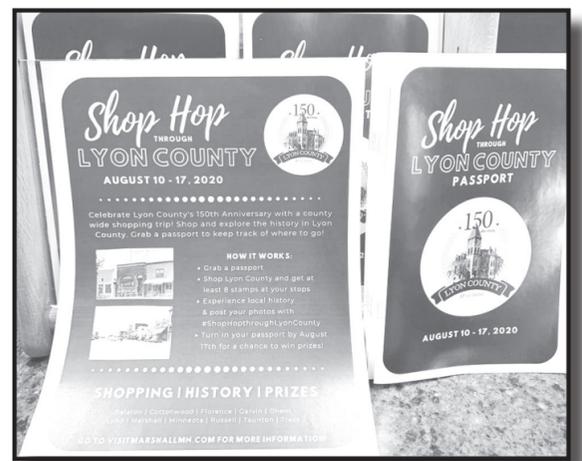
Balaton Area History Center

(COTTONWOOD)

Hardware Hank

(GREEN VALLEY)

Green Valley Discount Liquor



This is a copy of the passport. Shoppers must pick up before participating in the Shop Hop. Contributed photo.

(MINNEOTA)

B Lenore

The Arched Door

One More Time Thrift Store

This & That Recreated

Vietnam Memorial History Center

(MARSHALL)

The Bike Shop

The Escape Spa & Gift Shop

Gliks

Greenwood Nursery

The Journey Center

Lyon County Museum

Mainstay Café & Coffee Co.

Marcotte Jewelry

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MACA)

Nessa's Naturals

Noble Woman Boutique

The Note Gallery

Patzer's Hardware Hank

Tattle Tales

Treasured Times

Walnut Grove Mercantile

(TRACY)

Bonnie's Boutique & Clyde's Cave

Midwest Supply

Tracy Ace Home Center

Wheels Across the Prairie Museum

Note: Passports can be turned in at the Lyon County Museum Book Drop in Marshall.

Harvest Festival scales back

Porter event begins Friday; organizers urge masks, social distancing

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The Porter Harvest Festival will be held as scheduled on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15 but on a much smaller scale than in the past due to the state guidelines amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The event this year is being billed as "A scaled-back celebration to get us to better times ahead."

On Friday, the Porter Development Project Fundraiser will feature the Porter Cafe serving flame-grilled burgers on homemade buns and garnished with toppings of your choice, as well as fresh corn on the cob, baked beans and more.

Outdoor dining will be in the downtown parking lot, or curbside pick-up will be available in front of the cafe.

Adult beverages will also be available from Cutloose Bar's outdoor service.

On Saturday, a Tractor Show and Demonstration will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 300 block of North Sunrise Ave. Drive-thru viewing will be made available, as well as park and watch activities from your vehicle. Lunch will also be available on the grounds.

In the downtown parking lot

will be the socially-distanced Lawn Mower Fun Run.

This event normally kicks off Harvest Festival on Friday, but has been moved to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Happy Hour with tunes will be held from 6-10 p.m. at the downtown parking lot. Food will be available from the Porter Cafe, and adult beverages will be available from Cutloose Bar.

"This has been the most difficult event we've planned," said Josh Sumption, who has been on the Harvest Festival planning committee for several

years. "Many of us on the committee have struggled to find a safe way to have some social interaction and make sure we do everything we can to keep everyone safe. We'll hope for the best and support our businesses."

Also, as part of the Harvest Festival, the Porter Trail Dusters Saddle Club Horse Show will be held Sunday, Aug. 23 at the Saddle Club Arena on Spruce Street south of town. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with the show scheduled to begin at noon.

Note: The Harvest Festival

committee urges everyone to wear a mask and observe social distancing while indoors. When outdoors, masks are recommended when six feet of social distancing can't be maintained.

See the complete listing of events on Page 3.

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LYON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Small businesses are priority in COVID-19 relief funding

By Trina Thomas
Lyon County Reporter

The Lyon County Board met Tuesday to discuss how \$3.1 million the county received in COVID-19 relief through the CARES fund will be dispersed.

The board came to the consensus that small businesses should be the priority, with non-profits, schools, etc., next in line.

"My number one priority is that money needs to go to the business community," Board Vice-Chair Steve Ritter said. "I have done a lot of thinking about this. We need to put the guidelines out there for the businesses. Let them do the applications and see what's left over and then we can talk about the non-profits."

Board Chairman Rick Anderson proposed that \$2 million be set to cover businesses and the rest on reserve for the unexpected.

These funds are to be used for costs that are related to COVID-19 and not accounted for in the previous budget that was approved March 27, 2020 but rather were incurred during the period that begins March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

In June, Gov. Tim Walz signed an executive order to allocate \$841.5 million of CARES Act funds to counties, cities, and townships over the population of 200. For cities and townships under the population of 200, they are allowed to seek reimbursement for any eligible expenses up to a maximum amount from their home county.

When it came to the applications for business owners, Election Official and Auditor/Treasurer EJ Moberg highlighted the importance of making it a simple process to apply.

"I want to make sure we do it right and are thoughtful for what's on there so that we have the information we need without too much information," Moberg said.

One piece of information they discussed being on the application is showing proof of business expenses and losses due to COVID-19.

"Everybody's got expenses. Let's address the businesses. Then find out where we're actually at then address the leftover money later," Commissioner Charlie Sanow said.

In the end, a decision wasn't made on where the funds should go. The Board directed the committee to put together a more concrete plan to present to the board in two weeks.

In other news, the board ...

- Approved a resolution for Heidi Fier of the Veterans Service Office to apply for operational grant in the amount of \$10,000.
- Approved the revised joint powers agreement for Counties Providing Technology.
- Approved authorization to sign joint power agreements for state primary and state general elections to conduct recount of the votes cast if necessary.
- Approved the execution of Equipment Grant Agreement for a grant awarded to Lyon County for assistive voting devices of \$18,176.23.
- Adopted the resolution approving Lyon County's application for funding from the CARES Act Grant for election funding in the amount of \$17,971.84.
- Obtain Ehlers and Associates to help with CARES Grant.
- Approved archive county commissioner minute books with ArcaSearch.

Quadricycle Continued from Page 1

Samuel Lutheran is a Lutheran Elementary School owned and operated by Christ Lutheran Church and has students from pre-school to eighth grade.

The Festerlings have lived in Minneota since 2001.

"I had a little more time on my hands now that I'm retired, and with the COVID, there isn't much going on anyway," John said. "I've built go-karts before so I had some experience in that area. I started making this one at the beginning of June and was done on the Fourth of July."

Because of the Festerlings' musical interests, John sawed a portion of a keyboard off from an old grand piano and placed the keys on the front of the quadricycle as a showpiece.

The seats were made out of an old cabinet door with foam padding covered in a colorful vinyl cloth. The frames of the seats are made from PVC pipe.

John tinkered with getting the pedaling devices in synch so when the couple rides together, they can enjoy a smooth ride as both driver and rider pedal together. Because Julie is much shorter than John, however, he added wooden blocks on her pedals so she can reach them easier.

"I'd like to put a cover over it eventually, too," said John about the quadricycle.

The quadricycle also features a small wooden trailer in the back with a slow-moving vehicle sign affixed to it.

"In case we want to ride down to Brad's (Market) or Gislason's (Hardware) or somewhere else to pick something up," Julie explained.

The quadricycle's turning system is designed like an old vintage automobile with a single-stick steering column instead of a steering wheel. There is a brake lever on each side of a seat; the driver's

side controls the rear brakes and the passenger side the front brakes.

The six-speed gear shift is just behind the driver's side brake in case John wants to shift to a higher or lower gear depending on the incline.

"I've always thought Minneota was flat until I started riding in this," John laughed.

They have become the talk of the town with their bright royal blue quadricycle traveling around town. While Minneota features an abundance of people traveling within city limits via golf carts, the Festerlings prefer foot power.

"I knew it was something (John) wanted. And when he was done, I thought it was pretty nice," Julie said, when asked what she thought when her husband told her he wanted to build a quadricycle.



Because of the Festerlings' interest in music, John placed this partial piano keyboard on the front of his quadricycle as a show piece. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma.



John and Julie Festerling ride their quadricycle down Second Street. Note the slow moving vehicle sign on the back. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma.

Friday and Saturday, August 14 & 15, 2020

Friday August 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 - Porter Café and Downtown Parking Lot

Porter Development Project Fundraiser

Flame grilled, never frozen burgers on homemade buns and garnished with the toppings of your choice. Served with fresh corn on the cob, baked beans and more. Outdoor dining in the parking lot or curb-side pickup in front of the café. Add on an adult beverage from the CutLoose Bar's outdoor service! Call 296-4636 after 4:30 to place curb-side orders.

Saturday, August 15

A Scaled-back Celebration to get

9:00 to 4:00 - 300 Block of North Sunrise Ave. Us to Better Times Ahead!
Tractor Show and Equipment Demonstrations

Drive-thru viewing will be available. Park and watch from your vehicle available for all activities. Contact Ken or Linda Hennen for more information 296-4616
Tractor and Equipment Parade around the Park at 3:00
Registration begins at 7:30, Lunch available on the grounds

5:00 - Downtown Parking Lot

Lawn Mower Fun Run

The annual kick off to Porter Harvest Festival moves to Saturday night for this year, bring your own mower to the socially distanced Lawn Mower Fun Run!

6:00 to 10:00 - Downtown Parking Lot

Happy Hour with tunes! Enjoy the company of your community on the downtown parking lot! Grab a drink from the CutLoose Bar's outdoor service and enjoy conversations and tunes. Food will be available at the Porter Café.



Social Distancing and Masking
Per the Minnesota Mask and Stay Safe Orders, please wear a mask and observe social distancing while indoors. It is completely acceptable to remove your mask while seated and enjoying food and beverage. While outdoors, masks are recommended when 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. Remember, wearing your mask is for the benefit of those around you.

PLUS - Sunday, August 23, 2020

Noon (August 23) - Porter Trail Dusters Saddle Club Horse Show

At the Saddle Club Arena on Spruce Street on the south edge of Porter. Registration begins at 11:00am.

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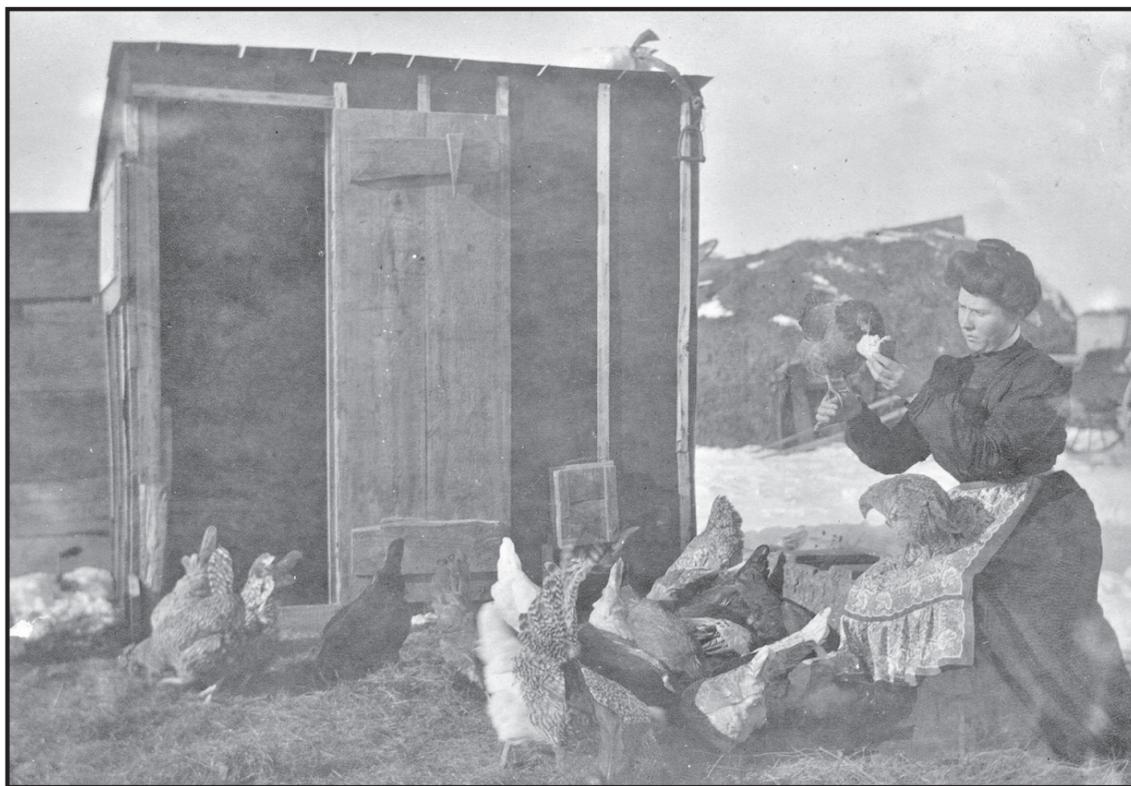
Pet OF THE WEEK

Pixie

Pet Owners: Greg & Becky
Moose Family
Breed: Rat Terrier
Age: 12
Favorite Activities: Alerting the family to visitors, napping, paw-trolling the farms, eating snacks!

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Lyon County Throwback



Lyon County 150th Anniversary

Petra Hoff and her chickens near Minneota, circa 1900. Submitted photo.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Voting During COVID-19

Voting will look different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, it is still our right to fill out a ballot. With this being a presidential year, the expectation, as history has shown, is that voter turnout will be higher than non-presidential election years. We will most likely still be affected by the pandemic in November, so what are our options for voting? Well, there are quite a few options, according to

the Minnesota Secretary of State Office. Regardless of your political persuasion or feelings about voting, here are some options to consider:

Vote in person at your local polling place on November 3;

Vote early by mail using an absentee ballot;

Vote early in person using an absentee ballot – contact your county election office for more information; or,

Agent delivery – this final-seven-days-before-election option is for individuals who reside in a nursing home, assisted living, group home or other similar types of

residence or who are homebound.

Elections offices will be working on outreach to educate the public on different forms of voting. They are encouraging people to vote early using an absentee ballot.

If you have questions on voting, you can review information at MNVotes.org or contact the Secretary of State's elections line at 651-215-1440. Once again, this is a right that we have, and we encourage everyone to get out to vote.

Jason W. Swanson, HSE
Executive Director, Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging

From the Mascot Files
100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago100 Years Ago
August 13, 1920

Personals

Muske and Williams now have the agency for the Page car. The first man to purchase one of these cars was Jack Culshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingjalundur Arnason have received a message from the government that the remains of their son, Olafur, who died in service in France, will arrive in New York about August 15th and will be sent to Minneota.

75 Years Ago
August 10, 1945

Post Office Rating

Minneota's post office has been advanced from third to a second class post office with a few changes in regulations, Stanley Josephson, acting postmaster, announced this week.

Troubled Waters
Return the Dough

While Roy Zumault was fishing on Papoose lake his billfold edged unobtrusively out of his hip pocket and went for a little plunge on its own, taking along \$50 in currency and the railroad tickets intended to get Mr. and Mrs. Zumault back to their Missouri home.

Five hours after his return from the fishing trip, Mr. Zumault discovered the escape. Meantime a strong wind had lashed the lake into turbulent foam. But he went back with forlorn hope, and lo, sad and soggy on the sand, cast up by the stormy waves, was the billfold, contents intact. Whatever was cast upon the waters, the dough returned.

50 Years Ago
August 13, 1970Minister Notes
50th Anniversary

Rev. Henry Albrecht, presently serving Bethlehem Lutheran congregation of Taunton, observed the 50th year of his entry into the ministry last Sunday morning. His son, Rev. Luther Albrecht of Ferguson, Missouri, preached the anniversary sermon during services Sunday morning and in the afternoon.

Nun Celebrates
Golden Jubilee

Sister Alphonsetta, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Nosbusch, former residents of the St. Leo community, and a sister of Mrs. John Lanners of Minneota, observed the 50th anniversary of her profession of religious life as a nun on August 8, at Good Counsel Acad-

emy, Mankato.

Fixen Attends FFA
Education Camp

Paul Fixen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fixen of rural Minneota, attended the five-day leadership session August 3-7 for state and district FFA officers and chapter presidents at the State Vocational Education camp at Arrowhead Lake at Britt, Minnesota.

Checking Map of
School Bus Routes

Mrs. Wynston Boe, secretary, and Ralph Larson, superintendent of the Minneota public schools, checked the bus route map in the latter's office last Friday when preparing the schedule. Opening day of the 1970-71 school term is Wednesday, August 26. Supt. Larson estimates when 113 of 14 buses which the district owns go out on their runs they will be transporting over 700 pupils to the Minneota schools.

25 Years Ago
August 9, 1995

New Civil Defense Director

Mayor Paul Larson is "swearing in" Rick Konold as Minneota's new Civil Defense Director. Rick "takes over" the duties as Civil Defense Director from Don Full, who served

Minneota in that capacity for many years.

Mayor Larson said: "Speaking for the City of Minneota, we would like to thank Don for all of the time and efforts that he has put in serving as our Civil Defense Director - it has been very much appreciated".

A New Face In
The Community

Sister Carol Quinn, pictured above, is getting settled in at the St. Eloi Convent in Ghent. She is the new Parish Administrator for the Ghent parish and will be working with youth and adults in the area.

Anjie Finnegan Recognized
For Excellence

The University of St. Thomas presented awards, recognized scholarship winners and applauded its "best and brightest" undergraduates at an honors convocation May 14.

Anjanette Finnegan was honored for receiving a Research Assistantship in the Electrical Engineering Department of the University of Minnesota and her research presentation at the 1995 National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Anjanette is the daughter of Ed and Ronette Finnegan of Minneota and a 1989 graduate of Minneota High School.

Outside
Looking
In

By Scott Thoma

Lyon County Sesquicentennial

The actual Lyon County sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary, is Aug. 12, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the planned celebration and activities are being postponed until 2021.

However, the sesquicentennial will continue to be honored throughout the year. A Lyon County images book is being released and will be available for purchase this year. Commemorative t-shirts are also being sold.

The Lyon County Historical Museum will have a display and show videos and online programs commemorating the 150th anniversary.

August 12, 1870 was the first meeting of the Lyon County Board of Commissioners.

The Lyon County Museum will have a temporary 150th Anniversary display at the museum this fall. Opening date is to be determined.

Lyon County is named after Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon, a U.S. Army officer who served in the Dakota and Minnesota territories before he was killed in the Civil War in 1861. Prior to his death, Lyon had achieved the rank of general.

Lyon County features 11 incorporated cities and census designated places - Balaton, Cottonwood, Florence, Garvin, Ghent, Lynd, Marshall, Minneota, Russell, Taunton and Tracy. There are also four unincorporated communities - Amiret, Burchard, Dudley and Green Valley.

Lyon County previously was much larger until an act passed in 1872 that made the western 43 percent into the newly-formed Lincoln County.

As of the 2010 census, the population of Lyon County was just under 26,000.

Banner to fly high

The Lyon County Museum announced in a press release that on Saturday, Aug. 15 at approximately 10:30 a.m., a Cessna 182 plane will fly into the Marshall Airport to pick up an 80-foot banner, which was produced for Lyon County's 150th anniversary.

The pilot, David McCandless, of Council Bluffs, Iowa will fly the banner across Lyon County, which will take approximately three to four hours. His company has been pulling banners since 1948.

Lyon County and the Lyon County Historical Society will work with the schools in Lyon County to have students and faculty sign the anniversary banner over the course of the upcoming school year. The banner will be displayed at the 2021 Lyon County Fair. After the fair, the banner will be preserved at the Lyon County Museum in Marshall.

Who was Nathaniel Lyon?

Lyon was born on July 14, 1818 on a farm in Ashford, Connecticut.

He was the first Union general to be killed in the line of duty during the Civil War on Aug. 10, 1861. He had strong pro-Union views. While commander of the Union arsenal in Missouri, a divided state, he became suspicious of Missouri Gov. Claiborne Jackson, who was working with Jefferson Davis on a secret plan for secession.

Under Lyon's command, hid arsenal forced the surrender of the pro-Confederate militia and was promoted to brigadier general for his efforts and was given command of Union troops in Missouri by President Abraham Lincoln. His efforts had prevented Missouri from joining the Confederacy.

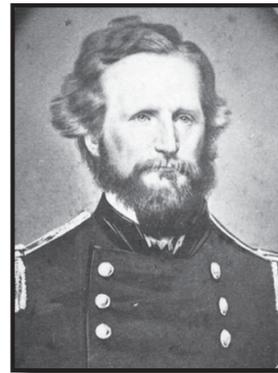
Countries in Iowa, Kansas and Nevada are also named after Nathaniel Lyon. Fort Lyon in Colorado, Fort Lyon in Virginia, Lyon Park in St. Louis, Lyon Street in San Francisco and Lyon Lane in Carson City, Nevada are also all named in Lyon's honor.

Lyon was killed at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Springfield, Missouri while trying to rally his outnumbered soldiers.

At the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Springfield, Missouri, the Union soldiers numbered around 6,000, while Confederate forces were nearly twice that amount. During the battle on the morning of Aug. 10, Lyon was wounded when shot in the head and leg.

While trying to rally his badly outnumbered soldiers, Lyon led a countercharge and eventually ended up with no weapon while being completely surrounded by Confederate soldiers. Lyon then picked up rocks and continued to fight, striking a Confederate soldier named John Morgan in the face. Morgan then delivered the final blow by shooting Lyon in the heart.

Lyon is buried in a family plot in Eastford, Connecticut. An estimated 15,000 people attended his funeral.



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Spring football, volleyball produces various reactions

Johnston surprised grid season starting in March

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When the announcement came on Tuesday that the Minnesota State High School League's Board of Directors voted to move the football season to the spring, Minnesota coach Chad Johnston admitted he was a little surprised.

"A week ago they came out with an announcement that they had four scenarios that they were considering and not one of them was to switch things to the spring," he said. "I knew that we would most likely have a shortened season, but I really thought it was going to be this fall."

Johnston, also the head girls basketball coach, experienced a previous disappointment in 2020 when the MSHSL cancelled the final two games of the state tournament amid the pandemic.

"Having a shortened season and a season in the spring is better than not having a season at all," he said. "But we are still not guaranteed anything. If things were to get worse between now and then, the season could potentially still get cancelled."

The MSHSL tentatively set the football and volleyball season to begin March 15 and extend to May 15, with spring sports then being held from May 15 to July 15.

"I wasn't really surprised about football and volleyball being moved to the spring because it is 2020 and this year has been completely out of whack," said senior co-captain Joey Rybinski.

Moving fall sports to the spring poses other problems. Blizzards, high winds and frigid temperatures are not unusual in March. And if the state has large amounts of snowfall this winter followed by unseasonably warm weather in March, the fields will be flooded and deemed unplayable.

"I agree with their plan to move it to the spring because if it was in the fall we most likely would of had a shortened season and in the spring we could possibly have a full season," Rybinski said. "I do



Chad Johnston

think it will still be wet in the spring so that will have its own challenges."

"There is also the topic of whether the season will include any type of playoffs or a state tournament," Johnston said. "Will the kids be fine with just having a season with no option of a post season?"

Football teams are in a holding pattern when it comes to being able to hold practices this fall. That decision is expected to come soon.

"Upon approval from the school district, we could possibly spend some time this fall preparing for the spring season," Johnston noted. "The potential of having this option would allow us to get a jump start on personnel placements and schemes that we would like to execute in the spring."

The league is tentatively allowing teams to have a six-game regular season in the spring as opposed the normal eight-game season prior to playoffs. So that leaves open the possibility that teams will be allowed to practice in the fall.

"The spring season will be short and quick so there is a benefit to accomplishing some of these items this fall," Johnston noted. "A possible setback with fall practices is keeping athletes focused and motivated knowing they will not have any games soon."

But players could be welcome to the fact that they can be on the football field again, even if only for practice in the fall. It would give them a chance to spend time with their teammates, stay in shape, learn the system, and just be able to throw the pigskin around again.

"There are other obstacles to consider like the access to locker rooms and equipment sanitation," said Johnston. "But that is something we will have to figure out if we are allowed to get together. We are planning on also getting kids into the weight room and continue with their weight training."

Spring football just doesn't have that same ring to it as football in the fall.

Minneota girls hit with another sports shutdown

By Scott Thoma
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Minneota has just blown out Red Lake in the Class A state basketball quarterfinals on March 19 at Target Center, and were two games away from defending their state title when the tournament was suddenly cancelled.

Confusion and fright ensued when the team was told that COVID-19 had turned into a pandemic after it invaded and swept across our country like locusts on a dry prairie.

The Minneota team returned home, never getting the chance to find out if they would duplicate their heroics of the previous year. They had won the state volleyball title the year before and they were favored to win again in basketball.

So many of the volleyball players on this year's team that had the basketball season snatched away from them were determined to get that championship feeling back. With the majority of their lineup back, they were determined to accomplish the rare feat of capturing three consecutive state titles, seemingly earning the program a "dynasty" label.

But then came the announcement last Tuesday by the Minnesota State High School League Board of Directors that football and volleyball would be moved to the spring because there simply was no way to maintain the necessary social distancing in those sports.

"I know everyone, especially these kids have been on a rollercoaster of emotions these past five months," said Minneota Coach Hayley Fruin. "As much as we all wanted to get in the gym come Aug. 17 and work towards some really high expectations and goals we have set this season, this really is the best case scenario with where things are at."

The volleyball players, many who also were on the basketball team that had their dreams shattered, were devastated as the news broke.

"It is crazy to think of the times we are going through right now," said senior Abby Hennen, an All-State performer in both basketball and volleyball. "I found out about football and volleyball being moved to the spring as I was watching the MSHSL Twitter page for updates."

Minneota had just won a 32-team volleyball tournament in Sioux Falls last week and their confidence was soaring as the regular season neared. But then the season was halted before it got going.



Hayley Fruin

"My initial reaction was that I was disappointed because I would have to wait to play volleyball," said Hennen. "Especially since our team was playing well together already."

"But, after thinking about it, I am thankful they didn't cancel it completely and we will hopefully have a chance for a threepeat in the spring."

Volleyball is now scheduled to begin on March 15 and conclude on May 15, with spring sports then following from May 15-July 15.

"If we were to have a season this fall, it would have been a shortened season (possibly 10 less matches)," said Fruin. "Tournaments would not happen with them being against schools far away, and at best you could win a section championship, but no state tournament appearance."

There was talk that volleyball and football would be cancelled altogether this fall and spring sports would stay the same.

"Hopefully, by waiting until a later date things will look a lot better," Fruin said. "We are just happy that our season was not cancelled and there is still hope for a season with fans; especially parents. I can't imagine not being able to watch my kid play. And we're still hoping they have playoffs, tournaments and a state tournament."

In this current scenario, there is a possibility that Minneota could win two state titles in 2021 if they win in May and then the regular season started again next fall and they won again in early October.

"I am excited to get back on the court, and these girls are too," Fruin noted. "They are more determined than ever. Can't wait for March."

At least the volleyball season switch from fall to spring will allow Fruin the opportunity to have her baby, which is due Oct. 10, prior to the season beginning.

Hennen said Minneota girls basketball coach Chad Johnston helped her to understand that life throws people a curveball once in awhile following the state tournament being shut down this past winter.

"He told us that even though this is devastating, there are many people losing their jobs and experiencing much worse things because of this," Hennen said. "I do understand the decision made by the MSHSL and I am excited to get back on the court with my teammates."

REGION 9C PLAYOFFS

Mudhens succumb to Chokio in 11 innings

By Scott Thoma
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Sometimes it's easier to accept a blowout loss than a tough one-run loss in which you analyze every pitch and every play to determine why you lost.

The Minneota Mudhens can attest to that.

"We hit the ball hard all day, but we just couldn't get any clutch hits when we needed to," said Mudhens player/manager Tyson Sonnenburg following the team's 3-2 loss to the Chokio Coyotes in the Region 9C elimination game on Sunday in Rosen.

The Mudhens finished the COVID-19 shortened season with an 11-6 record.

The game was slated for Saturday, but high winds and heavy rain forced the postponement until Sunday.

Minneota got on the board first when Sonnenburg singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice by Austin Buysse and to third on a single by Alex Pohlen. Sonnenburg then scored on a groundout by Austin DeVlaeminck for a 1-0 lead.

Chokio moved in front 2-1 in the top of the sixth inning before the Mudhens knotted the game 2-2 in the last of the seventh. DeVlaeminck and Danny Hennen each singled and moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Brock Buysse. Jake Leighton's single then plated DeVlaeminck.

Peyton Nuy started on the mound for the Mudhens and allowed only four hits and two runs over seven innings. Zach Nuy relieved and pitched strong until Chokio scored the eventual winning run in the top of the 11th inning on a double, a sacrifice and a bloop single.

Adam Durfee then entered and escaped further damage by getting a strikeout and enticing a popout to end the inning.

The Mudhens got two runners on in the bottom of the inning on consecutive Chokio errors. With the tying run on third and the winning run on second following another sacrifice bunt by Brock Buysse, the Mudhens came up short on a popup and a groundout.

Minneota and Chokio also went 11 innings in a Land O' Ducks game on June 28 that the Mudhens ended up winning 5-3.

Minneota hitting: Jake Leighton 2-for-6, 2b; Adam Durfee 2-for-5, bb; Tyson Sonnenburg 1-for-4, bb; Alex Pohlen 1-for-5; Austin DeVlaeminck 2-for-5, rbi; Danny Hennen 2-for-5, 2b.

Resurfacing project on U.S. Highway 59 and Highway 19 begins on August 24

A resurfacing project on U.S. Highway 59 and Highway 19 will begin Monday, August 24, in Lyon and Yellow Medicine counties.

The project includes resurfacing 17 miles of U.S. Highway 59 from north of Lyon County Road 33 to south of Yellow Medicine County Road 3.

It also includes resurfacing one mile of Highway 19 in Marshall from the junction of Highway 19/23 to just west of 280th Avenue. Crews anticipate starting on Highway 19; however, schedules are subject to change without notice.

No detour is required for this project. Travelers will encounter alternating lane and shoulder closures with flagging operations in place during construction. Drivers should plan for short delays.

Benefits of the project include a smoother road surface and extended pavement life. The project will cost \$2.7 million and be complete by mid-September.

Please note that the start and end dates could change due to unforeseeable circumstances, and that all traffic impacts may not be known at this time. The contractor is Duininc, Inc., of Prinsburg, Minn.

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Minneota concludes Summer Legion season

By Scott Thoma
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The Minneota Senior and Junior Legion teams concluded their respective seasons this past weekend, but each were able to showcase several key players that will be returning to the high school and summer teams next season.

There is still a possibility for a Fall Summer Baseball League with details currently being ironed out.

In the Senior Legion playoffs, Minneota defeated Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 5-1 in the first round on Thursday in Minneota, before falling to Luverne 12-2 in Adrian on Friday.

"We were really happy with how our pitchers progressed in this short COVID season," said J.D. Pesch, who coaches both the high school and Legion teams with Keven Larson. "It was a concern of ours when the spring high school season was cancelled and then it looked like no ball for the summer either."

"It's really important for pitchers to improve through playing games and missing a whole year would have been bad for these guys. We had opportunities to have Ben Skorczewski, Jacob Hennen, AJ Myhre, Carter Schuelke, Braeden Panka, and Thor Fischer all pitch a few games this summer. Those are six of nine upcoming seniors who needed and got an opportunity to get better this summer."

Minneota boasted a strong and young lineup this season with nine seniors and five juniors returning.

"We get comments often about how there is not a weak spot in the line up and these guys are all tough outs," Pesch remarked. "They put the ball in play. We averaged just three strikeouts per game on offense."

The Junior Legion lost twice in the playoffs, falling to Luverne and Marshall.

"We would like to thank all the baseball fans, families and alumni for the support this summer for this COVID season," said Pesch. "The baseball community pulled it off with the help of many people and donations to cover our expenses, insurance and uniforms. Thank you to everyone who helped or donated."

(Thursday, Aug. 6)

Minneota 5, RTR 1

Carter Schuelke and Jacob Hennen combined on a four-hitter with 10 strikeouts as Minneota defeated Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 5-1 in the opening round of the playoffs.

Minneota had six hits, including two by cleanup hitter A.J. Myhre. Hennen, Josh Schuelke, Carter Schuelke and Thor Fischer each had a hit.

"A.J. Myhre has been hitting well lately for us in the cleanup position," said Pesch. "And Josh Schuelke hit well in the number two spot in the lineup. He is a great contact hitter and bunts for hits or sacrifices."

Carter Schuelke hurled the first 32/3 innings for the win. He allowed three hits and one run, while walking five and striking out six. Hennen gave up only one hit over the final 31/3 innings. He walked three and fanned four.

Minneota hitting: Josh Schuelke 1-for-3, Jacob Hennen 1-for-3, A.J. Myhre 2-for-3, Carter Schuelke 1-for-3, Thor Fischer 1-for-2

Minneota pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so): Carter Schuelke (W) 3 2/3-3-1-1-5-6, Jacob Hennen (S) 31/3-1-0-0-3-4



Carter Schuelke earned the win on the mound for Minneota on Thursday against Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

(Friday, Aug. 7)

Luverne 12, Minneota 2

Luverne's large numbers and experience outmatched the smaller Minneota team, which managed only two hits.

"We like playing the bigger towns in baseball as the competition is always solid and the games are usually competitive," said Pesch. "And we learn a lot playing better teams. But this one got away from us."

Josh Schuelke and Grady Moore had two Minneota hits.

Ben Skorczewski started on the mound and pitched the first three innings. Grady Moore finished up, allowing four hits and two unearned runs over the final three innings.

----- JUNIOR LEGION -----

(Friday, Aug. 7)

Luverne 10, Minneota 0

Isaac Pohlen had the lone hit for Minneota. Ryan Dalager took the loss.

"Luverne had superior pitching and we could not collect more than one hit," said Pesch. "Ryan, an eighth-grader, pitched very well but the defense committed six errors behind him."

Only three of the nine runs scored off Dalager were earned. Jayden Gamrak pitched the final two innings, allowing no hits and one run. He walked two and struck out six.

Minneota hitting: Isaac Pohlen 1-for-3

Minneota pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so): Ryan Dalager (L) 2-4-9-3-7-3, Jayden Gamrak 2-0-1-1-2-6

(Friday, Aug. 7)

Marshall 13, Minneota 6

Marshall ousted Minneota from the tournament, breaking open a 5-5 tie in the fifth inning.

"Again, defensive errors and baserunning errors were the difference in the end," said Pesch.

Minneota hit the ball well as evidenced by its 12 hits. Jackson Esping, Isaac Pohlen, Jonah Gruenes and Jack Lacey had two hits apiece.

Peyton Gillund absorbed the loss as he was victim to several defensive lapses behind him. He pitched the first four innings. Gamrak came on and pitched the next 21/3 innings and Pohlen recorded the final two outs.

The Junior Legion team finished with a 3-7 record in a league with mostly bigger towns that play in Class AA in high school.

Minneota hitting: Jackson Esping 2-for-4, Isaac Pohlen 2-for-4, Jonah Gruenes 2-for-4, Jayden Gamrak 1-for-2, Tyler Gronke 1-for-2, Cole Myhre 1-for-1, Ryan Dalager 1-for-2, Jack Lacey 2-for-2

Minneota pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so): Peyton Gillund (L) 4-9-9-5-2-4, Jayden Gamrak 21/3-2-4-2-3-2, Isaac Pohlen 2/3-2-0-0-0-0

Minneota Memorial Run set for Saturday; benefits food shelf

The 19th Annual Minneota Memorial Run promoting motorcycle safety awareness, has been set for Saturday, August 15, 2020. Registration will be from 10:30 a.m. to Noon outside/behind City Hall Bar and Grill, Highway 68 in Minneota.

Proceeds will benefit Lyon County - Kitchen Table Food Shelf and Yellow Medicine County - Prairie Five Canby Area Food Shelf along with ABATE Buffalo Ridge Chapter. T-Shirts are being sold the day of the Run near the registration table. Proceeds of the t-shirt sales goes towards the 2021 Band.

Friends and family members of road and highway accident victims in the Southwest Minnesota area who want to keep their memories alive established this event. This event is not only for motorcycles, but all vehicles. After all, we all share the road.

The Run will be leaving Minneota at noon on Highway 68 with planned stops at the following: State Line Bar & Grill, Lake Cochran, SD; Ship's Inn Bar & Grill, Castlewood, SD; Smokin's on the Lake, west side of Lake Poinsett, SD; CC's Bar & Grill, Volga, SD; Bushnell Garage, Bushnell, SD; then back to Minneota. Run is approximately 167 miles.

After the Run, everyone will meet behind City Hall Bar & Grill to share memories, stories, food, drink, music, prizes and have an overall good time. From 5:30 - 7 p.m., City Hall Bar & Grill will be serving a meal (Pulled Pork Sandwiches - meal is part of registration fee). Meal can also be purchased by the general public. Program at 6:30 p.m. and The Broken Oak will provide evening entertainment from 8 - midnight.

Per the Governor's Executive Order 28-81, people when in Minnesota are required to wear a face covering in all indoor businesses. Workers are required to wear a face covering when working outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. A face covering is encouraged for everyone when close interactions with others occur.

Social distancing and hand hygiene is greatly appreciated. Picnic tables will be 6' apart with 4 people per table unless family than 6 people allowed.

A memorial plaque has been dedicated to our lost loved ones and hangs on the wall in the Minneota Community Center with their names inscribed.

If you have lost someone in a motor vehicle accident and are interested in having his/her name added to the plaque, or for more information on the Run, call Eriann Faris at 507-530-3573.

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Obituaries

Corrine Boulton

The celebration of life service for Corrine Boulton, 87, of Porter, took place at 4 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020, at Reh-kamp Horvath Funeral Home in Minneota.

Visitation continued on Friday until 7 p.m.

Interment followed at St. Edward Catholic Cemetery in Minneota.

Corrine Elaine (Lindstrom) Boulton was born on April 10, 1933, in Swede Prairie Township to Carl and Elnora (Swanson) Lindstrom.

She attended Swede Prairie District 90 School through 8th grade, then attended and graduated from Minneota High School.

On October 18, 1952, she was united in marriage to John P. Boulton at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. The couple made their home on the family farm near Porter, where Corrine was a full time homemaker and they raised their five children.

Corrine enjoyed playing piano with all of her children singing to her music, sewing, crossword puzzles and was an avid Wheel of Fortune fan. (No one could disrupt her between 6:30 and 7:00!) She was known for her kk bars, rhubarb torte and her green tomato pie.

She loved spending time with her children, 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed their activities and family was very important to her.

Corrine passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at the Sanford Health Sylvan Court in Canby.

She is survived by her husband, John, of 68 years and children Cyndy (and Vinny) DeSutter of Litchfield, Mary Jo (and Ken) Gillund of Minneota, Dave (Connie Merrit) Boulton, Tom (Janelle) Boulton and Kari Boulton (and Ron Hoffman) all of Porter; brother Ron (and Andrea) Lindstrom of Roseville, CA, brother-in-law Harold Regnier, sister-in-law Betty Boulton and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, parents-in-law Joseph and Elizabeth Boulton; brothers and sisters-in-law Robert and Helen Boulton, Al and Mary (Boulton) Hess, Irving and Ruth (Boulton) Jerzak, Jack and Esther (Boulton) McLaughlin, Leonard Boulton and Joan (Boulton) Regnier.



Corrine Boulton

Minneota Public Library News

By Gail Perrizo
Minneota Public Librarian

As I write this, August 7, the Minneota Library has been open for one month after being closed from March through June, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. During this month I have had a chance to get to know some of the library's regular customers and have become reacquainted with The Plum Creek Library System and the workings of a local library. I'm excited to have this position as head librarian, and I thank all of you who have wished me well in my new job. I also want to thank Mary Buysse and Elana Nomenland for all the training they've given me.

We recently added some new books to our library holdings and we welcome all our patrons to come in and browse what's new. If you're not a regular visitor to the library, I invite you to come in and see this beautiful library and the books we have to offer.

Because the Minneota Library is part of the Plum Creek Library System, if there is a book you would like and we don't have it here, we can order it quite quickly from another PCLS library. We can also order a book you would like through an inter-library-loan system. We are here to serve!

As we receive new books we also have to make sure there is room for them on the shelves. Occasionally, we have to withdraw some books from the collection. We offer those for sale in the li-

brary, asking for a donation.

Below is a list of some of the books we've added to the library:
Fiction — *Big lies in a small town* by Diane Chamberlain; *The Night watchman* by Louise Erdrich; *A Good neighborhood* by Therese Anne Fowler; *You are not alone* by Greer Hendricks; *My dark Vanessa* by Beatriz Williams.

Non-Fiction — *Brother and sister: a memoir* by Diane Keaton; *Stamped: racism, antiracism and you* by Ibram Kendi and Jason Reynolds; *A very stable genius* by Carol Leonnig; *When time stopped* by Ariana Neumann; *The Book you wish your parents had read* by Phillippe Perry.

Inspirational — *Collateral damage* by Lynette Eason; *The Way of the brave* by Susan May Warren.

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Audio Books — *The Boy from the woods* by Harlen Coben; *You are not alone* by Greer Hendricks; *The Moonglow sisters* by Lori Wilde.

We also have new books in the Children, Juvenile Fiction, and Young Adult categories!



Ask the Chief

By Minneota
Police Chief Bill Bolt

Storm Safety Tips

The storm we had this past weekend gives me an opportunity to remind people of some safety tips and what to do in the event of a severe storm.

First and foremost, stay alert to your surroundings and monitor the news or your weather apps. Weather can change from calm to dangerous very quickly and often the warnings we receive allow only a few minutes to respond.

Second, have a plan. Planning before an emergency will allow you to quickly and efficiently respond to one when it occurs.

Third, if you are going to be away from your home make sure your windows are shut and your roof gutters and the street gutter are clear. You would hate to come home to find that you left a window open and your home is full of water.

Fourth, in the event of a power outage keep calm. Most often the power will come back on in a short time but if it doesn't avoid opening your refrigerator or freezer and letting the cold air out. Having flashlights and candles for lighting is also a great idea.

If you need more information or tips, please give me a call.

Saturday, August 8

- Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault in the 400 block of E. 3rd Street.
- 911 call in the 100 block of Century Drive
- Welfare Check in the 500 block of E. Lyon Street.

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Police Blotter

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

Monday, August 3

- Medical Call in the 100 block of Eisenhower Street.

Tuesday, August 4

- Animal Complaint in the 200 block of S. Jefferson Street.

Thursday, August 6

- Found Property in the 100 block of Hwy. 68.
- Civil Matter in the 100 block of N. Adams Street.
- Permit to Purchase application.

Friday, August 7

- Permit to Purchase Application
- Threats in the 200 block of E. 5th Street.
- Funeral Escort to St. Edward's Catholic Cemetery.

From the Mascot Kitchen

Cottage Pudding

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lyon County, this recipe is from the collection of the Lyon County Historical Society. The recipe was first prepared and published by Young Ladies' Union of St Paul's Icelandic Church in Minneota and appeared in the YLU Cookbook in 1926. It was republished in December of 1965 in a cookbook called "Favorites: Old and New" as compiled by the Lutheran Church Women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ cup butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder

DIRECTIONS:

Cream butter and sugar, add egg, milk, the flour and baking powder; sifted twice. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes and serve with vanilla or lemon sauce.

LEMON SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 tbl cornstarch (1½ tbl flour)
- 2 tbl butter
- 1½ tbl lemon juice
- Flavor with nutmeg

DIRECTIONS:

Mix sugar and cornstarch, add boiling water gradually, stirring constantly. Boil five minutes. Remove from heat. Add butter, lemon juice and nutmeg.

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Worship Times: All Bergen, St. Lucas, Augustana services will be live streamed at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Please watch the website and Facebook for more information.

Vicar Raphaela Mueller
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St. Leo, MN

Mass Times:
See Bulletin

Father Ron Huberty
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Worship Times:
Sunday, July 26 at 9 a.m. outdoor service

Church Secretary Chris Pesch:
hopelutheran87@gmail.com
Church Contact No. 507-872-6446

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Minneota

Worship Times: Sunday Worship
Outdoor Service 10:30 a.m.

Church Secretary: Chris Pesch
hopelutheran87@gmail.com
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Hernes Lutheran Church

Rural Minneota

Sunday Worship: No service
Minneota Manor Worship, 2:30 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month.

Pastor Ellen Munter

St. Eloi Catholic Church

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Mass Times:
Tuesday, August 11 at 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Father Todd Petersen
Church Contact No. 507-428-3285

Bethel Fellowship Church

Hwy 68 - Minneota

Ephesians 2:8 - By grace you are saved.

Sunday Worship: Online Worship, see website to find Youtube link

Wednesday: No Kids' Zone; Online Adult Prayer Meeting

Pastor Thomas Nomeland
Contact No. 507-828-1637

St. Edward Catholic Church

Minneota

Mass Times:
Wednesday, August 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 13 at 7 a.m.
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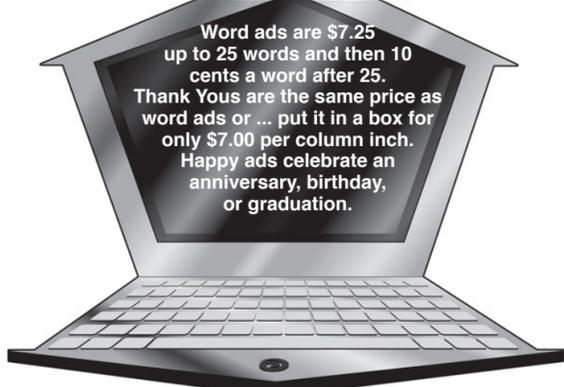
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A Maple tree fell on the Midco line at the home of Josh Sumption in Porter. Contributed photo.

This Maple tree was damaged in Saturday's storm at the home of Paul and Sis Fonteyn in Minneota. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma.

This scene shows the aftermath of the storm in Canby. Mascot photo by Carmen Larson.

The storm toppled this tree and damaged the gutters and some shingles of the LeRoy and Audrey Kack home in St. Leo. Contributed photo.

A tree in Canby was split apart by the 70-plus winds. Mascot photo by Carmen Larson.



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