

Three heads better than one

•Rare triplet heifers born on Moorse farm



By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Cow number 1218 on the Luke and Marla Moorse cattle farm was like any other Red Angus cow. That was, until April 13.

The Moorses farm, which also includes son Dallas, have around 1,600 beef cows. Generally, they will have a few sets of twin calves born each year from the 350 stock cows. More often than not, though, the second calf is born breach, or bottom first, and the survival rate is low.

But the Red Angus 1218 mother not only had triplets, which, according to the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine, is a 1 in 105,000 chance, but all three calves were heifers.

The odds of having triplets of the same gender is over 1 in 400,000.

Even more remarkable is the fact that all three calves survived, which is less than a 25 percent chance, and weighed 60-65 pounds when born, within a normal range for even a single-born calf.

Washington State University's odds of a cow birthing healthy triplet heifer calves is an astronomical 1 in 8 million.

"I've never seen or heard about it before," said Luke. "And I was on the Cattle Association and I never heard anyone talk about it."

Cow 1218 did not appear any larger or more uncomfortable than the other pregnant mothers in the herd despite having 12 legs, instead of four, kicking inside her.

"I've seen some cows that only had one calf that was bigger than she was," Marla noted. "Sometimes when you see the mother bigger than normal, you figure they are having twins. But I never even thought this cow was having twins."

Marla was the first to find the triplets when she went into the barn on April 13 to check if any of the cows had given birth.

"When I first looked from a distance, I thought I saw two calves by her," she said about 1218. "So I went down to look."

"As I got closer, I thought I saw three, but I figured one was from another cow that had wandered over there. But I was surprised when I found out they were triplets and the mother was licking them off."

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"I'll probably never see this again in my lifetime," said local farmer Luke Moorse (left) who had his hands full wrangling his rare set of healthy Red Angus triplet heifers. Staff photo by Scott Thoma.

Sew much love to give

•Seven CCW members make 268 dresses for needy children

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Their soul is fed by needle and thread.
Seven members of the St. Edward's/St. Eloi Council of Cath-

olic Women (CCW) spent the past four months sewing dresses and shorts for the "Little Dresses for Africa" program.

And this wasn't just a few dresses the ladies assembled. They easily topped last year's total of 155 by amassing 238 dresses and 26 shorts for the "Little Britches" portion of program this year.

"We started sewing in January and went until April," said Terry Van Keulen, the local coordinator and one of the seven women from Minneota, Ghent and Taunton who put the dresses together. "A couple of the ladies sewed 80 of the dresses each."

Besides Van Keulen, the other "Seven Sewing Sensations" were Charlene Tillemans, Sue Johnson, Rita Engels, Colleen Noyes, Elaine Dressen, and Madeline Swedzinski. They all attend St. Edward's Church in Minneota or St. Eloi Church in Ghent.

"We were very fortunate that most of the material was donated to us by a fabric store that was going out of business," said Van Keulen.

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Terry Van Keulen, coordinator of the Council of Catholic Women sewing project, showed off several of the 268 dresses that have been sewn for the "Little Dresses for Africa" program. Staff photo by Scott Thoma.


Weather

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What’s Happening?

Meghan Travis a Ms. Wesleyan nominee

April

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.

Friday, April 26

1:30 p.m. — Arbor Day planting of a tree at 400 N. Adams Street in Minneota.

7:30 p.m. — Spring Play, “12 Angry Jurors,” at Minneota Competition Gym.

Saturday, April 27

7:30 p.m.—Spring Play, “12 Angry Jurors,” at Minneota Competition Gym.

Sunday, April 28

2 p.m. — Spring Play, “12 Angry Jurors,” at Minneota Competition Gym.

4 p.m. — Southwest Minnesota State University/Community Concert Band and Symphonic Chamber Winds will present, “Spirits” will be on stage at the SMSU Fine Arts Theater. Directed by John Ginocchio, the event features the “spirited” music of Mozart, Mennin, Hanson and Ticheli.

Monday, April 29

5 p.m.—Minneota Speech Team’s annual “Speech and Sweets” night at the Minneota High School.

Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2

Citywide Clean-up in Minneota

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 p.m.— May Music event. The event will begin with a free-will offering Hot Dog Meal at 5:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. The meal will be served until 6:30 p.m., followed by music in the church beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

6:30 p.m. — Elementary Spring Concert, main gym, Minneota Schools.

Friday, May 3

1:30 p.m. — Elementary Spring Grandparents Concert, Minneota main gym.

Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4

All Day- Minneota Citywide Garage Sales (See form on page 12)

Thursday, May 9

3:30 p.m.— The Southwest Regional Development Commission’s Full Commission meeting will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center, 142 West Main Street, Cottonwood.

Saturday, May 11

9-2 p.m.— Minneota’s Spring Blow Out

6 p.m. — Grand March of Minneota Prom called, “A Night Under the Stars.”

Safe Handling of Treated Seed

By Lizabeth Stahl, Extension Educator in Crops and Bruce Potter, Integrated Pest Management Specialist

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By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Meghan Travis is one of six female students at Dakota Wesleyan University to be nominated for the prestigious Ms. Wesleyan Award.

Travis, a graduate of Minneota, is the daughter of Mary Jeremiason and Michael Travis. She is double-majoring in Biochemistry and Psychology. Travis is a lab tech and tutor for chemistry and biology, and has taken part in a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic, and a mission trip to Peru.

She has also presented her research numerous times over the year to places like Philadelphia, PA; Orlando, FL; and Chicago, IL.

The Ms. Wesleyan Award began in 1929 and is given to a senior at the university based on campus leadership, service, community leadership, academics and character. The nominated student must maintain a GPA of 3.25 or better.

Dakota Wesleyan University is located in Mitchell, SD.

The Scotchman, which began in 1939, is awarded to a senior male student at the university. The title for the Scotchman Award was taken from the university's song.

Each of the six female and six males students must be nominated by a faculty member and are then required to submit a personal biography outlining their scholastic achievements.

A Student Senate-appointed panel chooses the top male and female candidates, and they are then interviewed by a committee of students, staff and faculty, who then select the Scotchman and Ms. Wesleyan.

The winners will be announced at Honors Night on Friday, April 26 in the Sherman Center on campus.

"I didn't find out that I was nominated until two days before the

Fifth Judicial District Chief Judge Dietrich re-elected

The Honorable Michelle A. Dietrich has been re-elected to serve as chief judge of Minnesota's Fifth Judicial District by her fellow judges. Assistant Chief Judge Gregory Anderson was also re-elected to his position as Assistant Chief Judge. Both will begin serving their second, consecutive, two-year terms on July 1, 2019.

Chief Judge Dietrich previously served as assistant chief judge of the Fifth District before her first term as chief judge and has served in the District since August 2008. Before her appointment to the bench, Chief Judge Dietrich served as Assistant Redwood County Attorney and later Redwood County Attorney.

She served as a Ninth Judicial District law clerk in Bemidji and Clearwater after earning her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul. Chief Judge Dietrich's chambers are located in the Lyon County Courthouse in Marshall.

"I am pleased to continue to serve as Chief Judge for two more years. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with the staff and judges in the District," said Chief Judge Dietrich.

"I am grateful to my fellow judges for their continued faith in my leadership."

The Honorable Gregory Anderson was reelected as assistant chief judge for the Fifth Judicial District. He was appointed to the bench in August 2008. Judge Anderson previously served as an assistant public defender in the Office of the Public Defender for

Minnesota State FFA convention will have livestream coverage

The Minnesota FFA Foundation will be livestreaming the upcoming Minnesota State FFA Convention to be held on the University of Minnesota campus in St. Paul from April 28-30.

Several members of the Minneota FFA Chapter will be attending the convention with the Dairy Cattle Evaluation and General Livestock judging teams competing.

Minnesota FFA Live pre-show will start 30 minutes prior to each session. New this year, a post show recap after each session.

There will be six sessions throughout the convention and the topics will cover many topics including state degree awards, state proficiency awards, career and leadership development awards, state FFA band and choir performances, state offi-

paper I had to write was due," said Travis. "At first, I wasn't going to write it because I was so busy.

"But I got it done on the day it was due. But I didn't think I would get to be a finalist because I wrote it so fast."

Travis was on a trip for school to Orlando when she received a text telling her she was one of the six finalists.

"Yeah, that was pretty exciting," she said. "I was surprised."

Travis, who sports a 3.80 GPA, will graduate in May. Her goal is to become an Emergency Medicine Doctor.

"I'm going to take a year off from school and work in a hospital and travel," she said. "Then I will apply for medical school."

Travis is a member of a Science Club called CHAOS at Wesleyan. She received the Sigma Zeta Honor Ward in 2017 and the Homer Carhart Prize in Science in 2018. She also volunteers for Special Olympics.

The former Minneota standout athlete was also a member of the Dakota Wesleyan women's basketball and track and field teams.

She has only been able to compete in track this spring on a limited basis because of her studies.

Besides Travis, the other Ms. Wesleyan finalists are: Sierra Carter of Cavour, SD; Lily Jones of Omaha, NE; Maria Koenen of Rock Valley, IA; Niki Nelson of Platte, SD; and Rachel Parsons of Milesville, SD.

The Scotchman finalists are: Nathan Bader of Pierre, SD; Bryce Blank of Rapids, City, SD; Thanael Certa-Werner of Superior, WI; Nicholas Garofalo of Windsor, Ontario, Canada; Brady Hicks of Allen, SD; and Seth Soesbe of Box Elder, SD.

Dakota Wesleyan University is a private, liberal arts university associated with the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

the Fifth Judicial District and as an assistant city attorney for the City of Mankato.

He served as a law clerk for the Fifth Judicial District and earned his juris doctorate from the University of Minnesota. He is chambered in the Blue Earth County Courthouse in Mankato.

Chief judges and assistant chief judges are elected by the judges within each district. Each serves a two-year term and may not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms.

A chief judge of a judicial district exercises general administrative authority over the courts within the district, including assigning judges to serve in locations throughout the district, according to statute.

The chief judge of each judicial district also serves as a member of the Minnesota Judicial Council, the administrative policy-making authority for the Minnesota Judicial Branch.

About Minnesota’s Fifth Judicial District

Minnesota’s Fifth Judicial District serves the counties of Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, and Watonwan. The District is served by 17 judges. In 2018, almost 49,000 cases were filed in Fifth Judicial District courts.

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Time to buy a lottery ticket for local farmers



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Marla texted Luke and told him to come to the barn, but didn't tell him why.

"I wanted to see his reaction when he saw them," she told. "He was pretty surprised."

This is the sixth year that Cow 2018 has given birth; the first five years she had single calves.

But the extra workload this year didn't seem to bother her, although she had to get used to having three calves nursing at the same time.

Generally, at least one of the surviving triplets will be smaller or have different markings from the others. But 1218-1, 1218-2 and 1218-3 calves, as their ear tags indicate, are virtually the same size and have the same markings, right down to the dark tip on their tails.

"I am very shocked all three are alive," said Luke. "And they are all doing just fine."

The calves will stay with the mother until November.

"I still can't believe it," said Luke, shaking his head. "I'll probably never see this again in my lifetime."

Might be time for the Moorses to buy a lottery ticket.

The proud mother to healthy triplet heifers, Cow 2018 of the Luke and Marla Moorse farm, kept a watchful eye on one of her calves. Staff photo by Scott Thoma.

Dresses made by CCW women headed to Africa

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"We had a 20-gallon tote full of material. I'd say that fabric was used for about 90 percent of the dresses we made. We added some scrap fabric that some of us had laying around to make the rest of them."

The CCW women have been sewing for Little Dresses for Africa for the past five years, although it's not always the same CCW women that volunteer their services for the Little Dresses for Africa project.

Rachel O'Neill started Little Dresses for Africa in 2008 after seeing a need for the underprivileged children.

Since 2011, 132,949 dresses have been donated through her Little Dresses for Africa program. Their mission is to provide relief to vulnerable children throughout the continent of Africa and beyond.

Little Dresses of Africa sends out information to organizations explaining about the program and patterns, which are basic sleeveless dresses (because of the hot climate) for girls in small, medium and large sizes.

"We make the dresses in bright and cheerful colors," said Van Keulen. "We had some darker material, so we made the shorts out of that."

Each of the women sew in their own home and can make as many dresses and they have time for. "I'd say each dress takes two or three hours to sew, depending on how fancy it is," Van Keulen said.

Van Keulen will take the completed dresses and shorts to Hutchinson, where the churches in the Diocese of New Ulm will hold its annual convention this year. From there, they will be brought to New Ulm, along with other dresses made by church groups in the Diocese. They will then be shipped to the Little Dresses for Africa headquarters in Michigan.

Mission groups then deliver the dresses and shorts to the children.

"The reason the dresses are brought into these remote areas is twofold," Van Keulen explained. "First, of course, is to deliver dresses to the little girls who need them."

"Second is to do some assessments of the area they live, such as if they have enough food, how the education there, do they need medical supplies, and things like that."

Even though they don't get to actually deliver the dresses to the little girls themselves, these women can almost visualize the smiles on their faces as they try them on. And that is what makes this hard work all worth it.

"We do it because it's a good mission project," Van Keulen responded when asked the reason they enjoy sewing these dresses.

"We need to do things for the poor and this fulfills that need."



The "Seven Sewing Sensations" sewed 268 dresses in four months for the "Little Dresses of Africa" program. Staff photo by Scott Thoma.

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Follow the Trail

By Scott Thoma

'What a beautiful building'

As soon as the television stations broke the news that the Notre Dame Cathedral was burning, my immediate thought was of my oldest daughter once telling me that, "It is the most beautiful building I've ever seen" as she spent four months in a Study Abroad program in France a few years ago.

As the flames began to destroy the magnificent spire and most of the roof of this centuries-old church just before 7 p.m. (CST) on April 15, TV cameras captured onlookers with tears streaming down their faces. It was reminiscent of 9/11 with people crying as they watched the Twin Towers burn and crumble.

Nadine Kor of Hometown Kitchen and Bath, and her husband Dennis, were among the many people who have visited this French Gothic architectural wonder as they vacationed there while also visiting a relative in the Netherlands in 2015.

"It really is a beautiful place," she remarked. "It was so sad to see it burning," Kor's initial thoughts, as with many others, was that she hoped it wasn't caused by an act of terrorism. But reports later indicated that it was likely caused by an ongoing renovation project.

The fire was extinguished in this medieval Roman Catholic Cathedral after firefighters battled flames for 15 hours.

The upper walls were severely damaged, but extensive damage to the interior was prevented mainly because of its stone vaulted ceiling, which contained the burning roof as it collapsed.

"The stained glass windows in there are unbelievable; so pretty," Kor told. "It's like nothing I've ever seen. It is one of the most beautiful buildings I can ever remember seeing."

The 13th-century rose windows suffered little or no damage, although some of the lead holding the pieces together melted. And the cathedral's two mammoth pipe organs also were not damaged.

Several of the pews were destroyed, although the church's altar and main statue of Jesus survived.

Fortunately, most of the works of art and other valuable artifacts were removed by firefighters as the fire first began; a few were damaged or destroyed. Statues of the 12 Apostles that stood at the base of spire had been removed two weeks prior to the fire for cleaning and restoration.

"I was glad to hear that they were able to save (the Crown of Thorns) that Jesus wore (prior to his crucifixion)," Kor said.

The Crown of Thorns was placed in the cathedral in 1231 by King Louis IX.

It was also said that a purported piece of the cross on which Jesus was crucified was also saved.

No one was killed in the fire, but three people were injured.

It was estimated that it could take up to 20 years to completely restore the cathedral. French President Emmanuel Macron promised that it would be restored sooner than that and a fundraising campaign enticed \$1 billion over the first 24 hours.

"It just won't ever be the same," Kor said. "It was built so long ago and the historical value of the part that burned is gone forever, even if they do rebuild it. That's the sad part for me."

Construction of the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris, which means "Our Lady of Paris", began in 1163 and was not entirely completed until 1345. It now boasts 12 million visitors from around the world annually.

The walls and interior are made of stone, while the frame and the spire were made of oak. The spire was rebuilt several time; most recently in the 19th century.

The cathedral was the site of Napoleon Bonaparte's marriage to Marie-Louise of Austria in 1810. And in 1831, Victor Hugo's novel "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame" brought new attention to the cathedral.

The renovation project that was going on at the time of the fire was to repair the cathedral's stonework that had decayed mainly from environmental pollution. At the time of the fire, the spire was undergoing renovations and scaffolding had been stationed around most of the exterior.

Kor pondered for a moment of how fortunate it was that the entire cathedral didn't burn.

"Can you imagine that?" she asked rhetorically. "How could you ever replace something like that?"

Salad anyone?

Ever since I was informed about the Salad Luncheon hosted by the Senior Center and the Minneota American Legion Auxiliary, I have had a craving for salad.

And we're not just talking about the traditional lettuce salad with Ranch or French dressing drizzled over the top, although there is nothing wrong with that.

For \$10, you can devour as many kinds and as much salad as you can hold from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today (Thursday, April 25) at the Senior Center.

The types of salads vary from year to year, and have included chicken, ham, potato, fruit, vegetable, taco, and deviled eggs.

"It is buffet-style, and I don't think people go home hungry," said Sandy Josephson of the Legion Auxiliary.

Members of the Senior Center and Legion Auxiliary make the salads, or some will donate money or crackers.

The Salad Luncheon has been a popular event each April and has been well attended.

Initially, the Salad Luncheon was started several years ago and was solely the Legion Auxiliary project, Josephson noted. But with the number of members declining, they hooked up with the Senior Center and split the expenses and profits with them.

Allergy season is underway

The green grass and budding leaves and flowers are sure a sight for sore eyes! Speaking of sore eyes, all those blossoming plants can cause my eyes to be sore.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, allergies are the 6th leading cause of chronic illness in the U.S. with an annual cost in excess of \$18 billion. More than 50 million Americans suffer from allergies each year, including me.

Allergy season is upon us. It's expected to be worse this year due to all the mold around due to all the flooding we've had.

Another reason for increased allergies is the extremely wet winter that we've gone experienced.

Last spring was the worst allergy season that I've ever experienced. I went to urgent care twice and that didn't help my allergies. In fact, the medications I was prescribed made things worse.

The pressure in my head was so bad, my vision was impacted too. What saved me was going to the chiropractor and having acupressure done on my face.

Acupressure is an alternative medicine technique similar in principle to acupuncture. In treatment, physical pressure is applied to acupuncture points with the aim of clearing blockages in these meridians.

The chiropractor used different needles on my face and it wasn't the most fun I had, but it wasn't terrible. From that experience I learned how to help clear my sinuses myself using those different pressure points and techniques.

To prepare for this allergy season, I've switched medications and anytime I feel pressure building, I use the techniques I learned from the chiropractor.

So far, so good. I am very allergic to lilacs so fingers crossed that

Milk Maid

By Brittany Moore



I can enjoy the beauty of the lilacs from a safe distance.

What are some other ways to help nip your allergies in the bud?

According to the Mayo Clinic, reducing your exposure to allergy triggers is one of the best things you can do. To reduce your exposure to the things that trigger your allergy signs and symptoms (allergens):

- Stay indoors on dry, windy days. The best time to go outside is after a good rain, which helps clear pollen from the air.
- Delegate lawn mowing, weed pulling and other gardening chores that stir up allergens.
- Remove clothes you've worn outside and shower to rinse pollen from your skin and hair.
- Don't hang laundry outside, pollen can stick to laundry.
- Wear a pollen mask if you do outside chores.
- Keep indoor air clean.
- Take extra steps when pollen counts are high.

Some of these are easier said than done. When it's a nice day, it's tough to resist the temptation to open up the windows or the sun roof of my car. You won't catch me wearing a pollen mask.

I'm hoping to follow these steps and make it through this sneezy season and I hope my fellow allergy sufferers do too!

From the Mascot Files
75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago
April 21, 1944

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frost will mark fifty years of married life on Thursday of next week.

Three men from this locality, Edgar H. Gillund, Robert L. Simpson, and Francis P. Hamerlinck, have been selected for induction in the U. S. Navy and will leave on Tuesday of next week.

Lt. Margaret Dove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Knute Dove of this community, is now stationed at A. A. F. Convalescent Center, Fort George W. Wright, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Dove are the parents of a boy, born April 15th.

County News - Ghent

A parcel shower was held in honor of Miss Eileen Cuiwick, bride-to-be of Edward Thange, on April 16 in the St. Eloi auditorium.

50 Years Ago
April 24, 1969

Minneota team wins
Judging Contest

This team of four Minneota high school FFA members, David Fier, James Myhre, Mike Fier and Kerry Thompson, won first place in the District Nine general livestock judg-

ing contest which was held in Morris on April 16th, competing against teams from 15 other schools in the area.

As a result it will represent the local chapter and will be competing in the state contest which will be held in conjunction with the state convention, May 4, 5, and 6.

Goes to State Meet

Larry Langsweirdt, Minneota high school senior, received congratulations last week from Principal Gerald Olson on winning the regional declamation contest which was held at Glencoe. Larry won in the humorous division.

He will now go to the state contest, which is to be held at the high school in Richfield on Saturday and it will be a busy day for the MHS student for Saturday evening he is to appear in the senior class play.

The last time the local school had an entrant in the state declamation contest was in 1959 when Gwen Westdal represented MHS.

At last week's roundup

These three mothers were among the many who attended the annual pre-school roundup with their youngsters at the public school last week: Mrs. Jon Gunderson and Ronald, Mrs. Robert Bottelberghe and Steven, and Mrs. Ambrose Gi-

rard and Randy.

Three new sisters
meet with board

Three sisters of Graceville who will be members of the faculty of St. Edward's school here next term met with the board of education of the parish.

They were Sister Martha, Sister Grace and Sister Margaret and they participated with the board in a discussion concerning next year's operation of the school.

Two students get
teaching certificates

Two Minneota college students, Patricia Buysse and Joanne Claeys, were among 17 College of St. Benedict students to receive teaching certificates last week.

25 Years Ago
April 20, 1994

Retiring from
ambulance squad

Walt Bulander and Eric Bot were given commemorative plaques at last Thursday's meeting of the ambulance squad in appreciation of the years of service that they had donated to the ambulance squad.

Walt had 15 1/2 years and Eric seven years of service.

Speech students

have good tournament

These speech team members all made it to the "final round" at the Section Speech Tournament at Canby last Friday.

Kayla Ahern and Laurie Anderson placed second in their categories to advance to the State level and Adam Hagen and Eric Alleckson placed third, to give them a chance to participate as 1st Alternates.

Loading groceries for
Marshall area Food Shelf

Volunteers from St. Edward's parish loaded groceries Saturday morning to be donated to the Marshall area Food Shelf. The funds were raised by a "rice bowl collection" at St. Edward's Catholic Church during the Lenten season.

Approximately \$1,600.00 was raised, with the groceries being purchased from Finnegan's Super Valu.

Music students
earned top ratings

These students earned top ratings at the recent Small Group Music Contest held at SSU in Marshall, Sheri Tillemans, Ivy Hammerstrom, Laurie Anderson, Kim Tillemans, Laura DeSmet, and Elaine Telste. Directors are Mary Kaye Rabaey for the vocalists and John Voit for the instrumentalists.



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Ask the Chief

By Minneota
Police Chief Bill Bolt

Impatience leads to speeding

You may have heard the saying that "speed kills" and in many vehicle collisions it is a contributing factor.
Yet, I believe there is a bigger killer on our roads.
There is one thing that causes more collisions and kills more people than anything else. That danger is impatience.
Impatience causes you to speed. It causes you to roll through stop signs.
It causes you to pass other vehicles dangerously. It causes you to answer your phone while driving.
If you really wanted to protect your life, you would do everything in your power to fight impatience.
I can guarantee you with 100% certainty that being late is better than being dead.

Police Blotter

The Minneota Police Department received the following calls for service:

Monday, April 15

- Traffic Stop on Hwy. 68 at N. Grant Street.
- Traffic Stop on Hwy. 68 at N. Jackson Street.
- Traffic Stop in the 700 block of N. Madison Street.

Thursday, April 18

- Permit to Purchase application.
- Assist the Marshall Police Department with an Attempt to Locate.
- Traffic Stop on Hwy. 68 at N. Monroe Street.
- Family Matter in the 200 block of E. 5th Street.

Friday, April 19

- Keys locked in the vehicle in the 100 block of Hwy. 68.

Minnesota West Dental Assistant Expanding to Luverne Center

Minnesota West Community and Technical College is expanding the Dental Assistant program to the Minnesota West Luverne Center.
The Dental Assisting program is currently offered on the Canby campus and starting Fall 2019, the program will expand to the Luverne center.
Classroom lecture will be delivered in web-based methods, and lab will be face-to-face at the center.
Jackie Otkin, Minnesota West Dean of Allied Health comments, "The job outlook and opportunities in rural Minnesota and south-eastern South Dakota made the decision to expand the program to Luverne an easy one. The access for students for education and employment is a good fit to extend the program in Luverne."
"Our partnership with the City of Luverne, as well as, the community has been instrumental in the success of the center. The expansion of the program will result in a full functional dental lab for service opportunities as well."
"I am thrilled that we will be able to increase educational opportunities by expanding our Dental Assistant Program to Luverne, Minnesota," comments Minnesota West Dental Assistant Instructor Sara Abrahamson.
"Expansion of our Dental Assistant Program to the Luverne site will increase the availability of quality dental assistants in our region", adds Minnesota West Dental Assistant Instructor Teresa Noyes.

The Dental Assistant program is designed to prepare individuals for a career in a variety of oral healthcare settings.
This may be as a clinical chairside assistant to a dentist or dental hygienist or as a non-clinical practice management assistant.
The program is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and upon completion the student will take national and state examinations leading to certification and licensure in dental assisting.

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‘May Day Music’ event comes to Minneota

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Traditionally, May 1 has been designated as "May Basket Day" in which kids put treats in a basket or cup and leave them on the doorstep of a friend or relative.
But May 1 in Minneota will provide another type of treat with "May Day Music" as part of the Youth of Hope fundraising efforts for an upcoming mission trip.
The event will begin with a free-will offering Hot Dog Meal at 5:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. The meal will be served until 6:30 p.m., followed by music in the church beginning at 6:45 p.m.
The music event includes choirs from Hope Lutheran, St. Edward's and St. John's Cantius Churches.
"There will also be songs for the audience to participate in," said coordinator Terri Myhre.
The Youth of Hope mission trip involves 58 students that attend Minneota schools and represent six congregations – Hope Lutheran and St. Edward's Churches in Minneota, and Bethany-Elm, St. John's Cantius, and St. Peter and St. Paul, all of Ivanhoe.
"We wanted to host an event that involved everyone," said Myhre about May Day Music. "And this seemed to fit the ticket."
"I think it will be incredible for the students to feel the support of the Ivanhoe, Minneota and surrounding communities."
The group, which also includes 12 adult chaperones, will embark on a mission trip from June 23-29 to the Niagara Falls area in New York, near the U.S./Canada border. Youth of Hope goes on a mission trip every two years. They went to Daytona Beach, FL in 2015 and San Diego, CA in 2017.
The group has been working hard with fundraising in order to

alleviate the cost of the trip, including running a concession stand at Pederson Pumpkin Patch near Echo in early October, serving food at a Minneota football game in mid-October, serving beef commercials at Hope Lutheran Church in late October, and baking and selling hundreds of holiday cookies and treats in early December, and more.
"We are over three-fourths of the way towards our goal, and have about \$10,000 left to raise," Myhre told.
The idea for the May Day Music came from a similar "Hymn Sing" event in Wood Lake.
"After talking to a few people, I found out that Hope Lutheran has done Hymn sings in the past," Myhre said. "I've had wonderful people to consult for ideas and experience – Roberta and Scott Josephson, Gayle Van Vooeren and Nona Gottskalsen. Nancy Krog and Shannon Brewers also helped to get the idea moving along. We appreciate everyone's suggestions."
Hope Lutheran hosted a similar event several years ago.
The music will include old-time favorites, contemporary songs, and choirs by students and adults.
"Hopefully, a little something for everyone," Myhre said. "The communities have been incredibly supportive and have blesses us in so many ways over the last year."
The evening of music will focus on service, love, faith, hope and trust, Myhre noted.
"By uniting all of the congregations, our group will feel the support and encouragement from everyone," she said. "We also hope that will be an inspiring night for those in attendance. We felt it was a great time to renew our faith, hope and trust as we begin the spring season."

MDA finds Palmer amaranth in feed screenings

•Farmers are encouraged to scout fields this spring for signs of the weed

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has found a new route for the invasive weed Palmer amaranth to enter and spread through Minnesota: grain and seed screenings used as feed.
After an investigation into a Palmer amaranth find in Redwood County, the MDA determined the weed found its way into a soybean field through cattle manure. The cattle had been fed screenings from contaminated sunflower seed.
The MDA has since sampled screenings throughout the state and has found Palmer amaranth seed in numerous screenings – some containing as much as 250 Palmer amaranth seeds per pound of screenings.
"This newly discovered path for Palmer amaranth shows the difficulty in stopping the spread of invasive weeds," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen, "However, the MDA is committed to continuing our monitoring of screenings, educating crop and livestock farmers about this development, and helping eradicate any new finds."
Palmer amaranth was first discovered in Minnesota in 2016. Since then, it has been found in six counties in the state. However, because of eradication efforts at confirmed sites and a strong partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension, no Palmer amaranth has been found in subsequent growing seasons.
Palmer amaranth can grow 2 to 3 inches a day, typically reaching 6 to 8 feet, or more, in height. Left uncontrolled, a single female Palmer amaranth plant typically produces 100,000 to 500,000 seeds.
It is resistant to multiple herbicides, can cause substantial yield losses, and greatly increase weed management costs in soybeans and corn.
The MDA is encouraging farmers, especially those that have manure from feedlots spread on their land, to look for Palmer amaranth and report suspect plants. Follow these steps:
•Take pictures of the plant including close-ups of the stem and inflorescence.
•Provide pictures and contact info to the MDA through the Arrest the Pest line at 1-888-545-6684 or arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us
•Save the plant material for testing. Fresh material can be saved



Palmer amaranth is an invasive species that has been found in Yellow Medicine and Redwood counties. Special photo.

in a plastic bag in the refrigerator, and dry material can be stored in a paper bag at room temperature. It is best to keep the whole plant including leaves and flowers.
Because of the impacts it can have to Minnesota's crops, Palmer amaranth is listed as a Prohibited Weed Seed. This means no Palmer amaranth is allowed in any seed offered for sale in the state.
It is also on Minnesota's Prohibited Noxious Weed Eradicate List. All above and below ground parts of the plant must be destroyed. Transportation, propagation, or sale of this plant is prohibited.
The invasive weed is native to the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. It has been found in over half of the states, including Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
For more information on the identification and control of Palmer amaranth, visit the University of Minnesota Extension website.

Area students to graduate from Minnesota West

Minnesota West Community & Technical College – Minnesota West will recognize 2019 graduates at Commencement Ceremonies on each of the campuses on the following dates:
• Jackson Campus – Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center.
• Pipestone Campus & Luverne Center – Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Pipestone Area High School Gymnasium.
• Granite Falls Campus – Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Yellow Medicine East High School Auditorium.

• Canby Campus – Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Canby High School Gymnasium.
• Worthington Campus – Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Minnesota West Center for Health and Wellness.
Local Candidates for Graduation Spring of 2019 include:
Ivanhoe: Kathleen Richmond.
Minneota: Nicole Coequyt, Tyler Craft, Denaca Moorese and Kale Walsh.
Taunton: Austin Thompson and Preston Nuy

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Attend "Speech & Sweets" on Monday, April 29 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Minneota High School. Come hear the award winning speakers!

Canby Theatre ~ Canby Classic Cinema

Avengers: Endgame
Rated PG-13
Thursday, April 25 &
Friday, April 26: 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 & Sunday,
April 28: 3:30 & 7 p.m.
Monday, April 29 thru
Thursday, May 2: 7 p.m.

Breakthrough
Rated PG
Friday, April 26: 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 & Sunday,
April 28: 3:30 & 7 p.m.
Monday, April 29 thru
Thursday, May 2: 7 p.m.

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Show Times:
Friday, April 26 - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 28 - 2 p.m.

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Minneota-Canby blanks D-B twice

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

It was nothing but zeroes thrown by Minneota-Canby pitchers on Tuesday in a Camden Conference twinbill Tuesday at Dawson-Boyd. After Brooklyn Nelson tossed a three-hit shutout in a 1-0 victory in the opener, Sydney Larson followed with a one-hitter in a 15-0 rout in the second game.

Minneota-Canby improved to 4-0 this season. Emily Pohlen's run-scoring double in the third inning drove in the game's lone run. Kaylee Johnson had reached on a one-out single, and came around to score on Pohlen's two-bagger as Nelson out-dued Mary Bothun.

Nelson walked none and struck out seven to improve to 2-0 this season.

Minneota-Canby had four hits off Bothun, including a doubles by Pohlen and Katie Konold, and singles by Johnson and Nelson.

Bothun allowed only four hits and no walks, while fanning 11.

In Game Two, Larson allowed only a fourth-inning single to Karoline Dahl. She walked none and struck out four; also improving to 2-0.

The Minneota-Canby bats came alive in the second game, amassing eight hits in the four-inning game in which the 10-run rule was invoked.

Larson led the hitting by going 3-for-3 with 2 RBI. Abby Hennen went 2-for-3 and scored twice. Emily Pohlen, Brooklyn Nelson, and Audra Buysse had the other hits.

Minneota-Canby hosts Lac qui Parle Valley in a doubleheader on Thursday, hosts Russell-Tyler-Ruthton for two games on Friday, then plays a doubleheader against MACCRAY on Tuesday, April 29 in Raymond.

Game One	
Minneota-Canby 1, Dawson-Boyd 0	
Minneota-Canby.....001 000 0 - 1 4 1	
Dawson-Boyd.....000 000 0 - 0 3 0	

HITTING



Minneota-Canby pitcher Brooklyn Nelson tossed a three-hit shutout in a 1-0 victory. *File photo.*

Minneota-Canby (ab-r-h-rbi): Abby Hennen 2-0-0-0, bb; Kaylee Johnson 3-1-1-0, Emily Pohlen 3-0-1-1, 2b; Sydney Larson 3-0-0-0, Madison Sorensen 3-0-0-0, Brooklyn Nelson 3-0-1-0, Katie Konold 3-0-1-0, 2b; Abby Rangaard 3-0-0-0, Audra Buysse 2-0-0-0

Dawson-Boyd (ab-r-h-rbi): Karoline Dahl 2-0-1-0, Camden Giese 3-0-0-0, Mary Bothun 3-0-1-0, Kaia Jordahl 3-0-0-0, Jenna Wyum 3-0-0-0, Olivia Stratmoen 3-0-1-0, Amelia Olson 3-0-0-0, Emma Erdman 2-0-0-0, Breanna Long 1-0-0-0, Samantha Peterson 1-0-0-0.

PITCHING	IP	R	ER	H	BB	K
Minneota-Canby						
Brooklyn Nelson (W)	7	0	0	3	0	7
Dawson-Boyd						
Mary Bothun (L)	7	1	1	4	0	11

Game Two
Minneota-Canby 15, Dawson-Boyd 0
Dawson-Boyd.....000 0 - 0 1 2
Minneota-Canby.....000 0 - 15 8 1

HITTING
Dawson-Boyd (ab-r-h-rbi): Karoline Dahl 2-0-1-0, Jenna Wyum 0-0-0-0, hbp, sac; Mary Bothun 2-0-0-0, Kaia Jordahl 2-0-0-0, Olivia Stratmoen 1-0-0-0, Morgan Wente 1-0-0-0, Samantha Peterson 1-0-0-0, Amelia Olson 1-0-0-0, Camden Giese 1-0-0-0.

Minneota-Canby (ab-r-h-rbi): Abby Hennen 3-2-2-x; Kaylee Johnson 3-3-0-x, Emily Pohlen 2-2-1-x, bb; Sydney Larson 3-1-3-2, 2b; Madison Sorensen 2-1-0-x, 2b; Brooklyn Nelson 2-1-1-x, 2b; Katie Konold 1-1-0-x, bb; Abby Rangaard 1-1-0-x, bb; Audra Buysse 2-3-1-x, bb.

NOTE: RBI not available for the second game,

PITCHING	IP	R	ER	H	BB	K
Minneota-Canby						
Sydney Larson (W)	4	0	0	1	0	4
Dawson-Boyd						
Karoline Dahl (L)						

Note: Dawson-Boyd also had three relief pitchers. Pitching statistics were not available.

Golf season finally underway

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

The Minneota golf teams finally got to compete after enduring and long and brutal winter that dragged into early spring. Both teams competed against five other teams in the Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Invitational Tuesday in Tyler.

Bowyer is co-medalist

Lauren Bowyer of Minneota was co-medalist with Rylie Hess of Russell-Tyler-Ruthton as each shot a 51.

Only one of the six teams, Lakeview, had a complete team and shot a 269.

Jeren Rost of Minneota was third with a 56. Emily Rybinski finished with a 72.



Lauren Bowyer

Top five individuals

1. Lauren Bowyer, Minneota, 51
- Rylie Hess, RTR, 51
3. Jeren Rost, Minneota, 56
4. Jayla Hulzebos, Canby, 57
5. Aubrey Kaezmarek, Lakeview, 58

The boys and girls golf teams were scheduled to compete in a conference match on Thursday at Canby, but that match has been postponed until May 10.

The next meet will be a 10-team invitational hosted by Lakeview Tuesday, April 30 in Cottonwood. Teams expected to compete are: Minneota, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa, Dawson-Boyd, Lac qui Parle Valley, Lakeview, MACCRAY, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, Worthington and Yellow Medicine East.

The Vikings will travel to Tracy on Thursday, May 2 for a conference match against Tracy-Milroy-Balaton.

Boys Golf Results on Page 7



Emily Rybinski was taking a swing at the golf simulator at Brau Brothers on Monday. She finished with a score of 72 on Tuesday at Tyler. *Photo for the Mascot by Sue Jacobson.*

Optimistic Mudhens excited to get underway

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

Still seeking that first trip to the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Class C State Tournament are the Minneota Mudhens.

If optimism could get the job done, the Mudhens could punch their ticket to the state right now.

Instead, Manager Tyson Sonnenburg, Assistant Manager Beau Buysse and Assistant Austin Buysse have re-loaded an already solid roster and as Sonnenburg said, "We're really excited for the season to start."

Weather permitting, that should come around about 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27 when the Tracy Engineers travel to K. P. Kompelien Field in Minneota for the annual Engineers vs. Mudhens season lid-popper.

The second game of the year is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 at home against Pipestone. Both are non-league games.

"We lost a couple of players but we've gained Alex Pohlen, Mike Luke and Brant Buysse," said Sonnenburg.

Gone are Jordan Beck, Brock Buysse and Cal Swedzinski.

Pohlen's addition, one year after he graduated from Minneota High School, has the manager excited.

"He can play just about anywhere (including catcher, first base, outfield and pitcher), and he's a really good hitter. He should add pop to our lineup," said Sonnenburg.

There's also good news from the Sonnenburg camp. The center-fielder/manager has a job that takes him away from the team at times, but ... "I've made arrangements and will be here much more often," smiled Sonnenburg.

When he's not available, Buysse has shown he's more than capable of managing the team. "We work well together," said Buysse.

The addition of Luke, a strong outfielder with what Sonnenburg calls, "A sweet swing," gives the team left-handed capabilities.

"I'm really excited for the season to begin," said Luke, an out-of-state product who now lives in Minneota.

Beck has moved out of state and Brock Buysse decided not to play this year. His little brother (also Beau Buysse's brother), joins the team after a good season pitching and playing infield for the Minneota Vikings High School.

Since the Canby Knights folded a few years ago, Minneota has been the beneficiary of some good Canby talent. Back are pitcher Bryce Gordor, shortstop-pitcher Adam Durfee, pitcher Zach Nuy and catcher Noah Scott.

"They all want to come back and we're glad to have them," said Sonnenburg.

When it comes to pitching, the Mudhens are "pitching rich," — although they'll have to wait and see exactly how the staff develops.

The "ace" of the staff is righthander Danny Hennen, who had perhaps his best campaign last year — earning him the honor of playing as a draftee with the Chokio Coyotes in the state tournament.

The hard-throwing Hennen was 4-1 last year with a 3.06 earned-run-average. He struck out 57 batters and walked just 28 — an average of just over seven strikeouts per game.

Jake Leighton, who doubles as an outfielder, was 3-6 on the mound with a 3.65 earned run average. He fanned 47 batters. And he also batted .352 a year ago with seven stolen bases.

Durfee, who plays college ball at Sioux Falls University, the national champion, hit .415 and led the team with six home runs and 18 runs batted in.

"He's been doing some pitching, too, so that should help us," said Sonnenburg.

Nuy had a good season on the mound last year, going 4-1 with 30 strikeouts and 12 walks with a 3.33 earned run average. He became a dependable relief pitcher for the Mudhens last year.

Other pitchers include Bryce Gordor, Thomas Fischer, Zach Nuy and others who can throw, like Preston Nuy, Pohlen, Brant and Beau Buysse and Durfee.

Gordor was coming off "Tommy John" surgery a year ago and pitched just 19 innings. He has electric stuff and could be counted on for more innings this year.

Injuries always play a part in a teams success or failure, and they will be part of the Mudhens entering the season.

Austin Buysse, who has held down the third base spot for years, injured his leg a year ago and he's still recovering.

"Our plan is to move him to first base and put Preston Nuy at third. We've got to find a place for Nuy because he hits so well," said Manager Sonnenburg.

Nuy hit .276 and knocked in 11 runs in 2018.

But Minneota has versatility with catcher-infielder Jesse Drager, Scott, who can catch and play just about anywhere else, Leighton and Brant Buysse and will be able to fill the holes.

Austin Buysse, when healthy, has also made himself a good hitter, batting .282 last year with eight runs batted in. It likely would have been better had he hadn't been injured.

The Mudhens will hold their annual four-team, one-day tournament called the, "Paul Larson Memorial Mudhen Tournament" on Saturday June 8.

Team in the tournament include the Mudhens, Ruthton Royals, Castlewood, SD Monarchs and the Searles Grizzlies.

"It's always a fun day," said Sonnenburg.

Two teams from Section 9 advance to the state and it's always a tough double-elimination tournament that has seen Minneota lose its first game by a single run twice in the past two years.



Minneota Mudhens Manager Tyson Sonnenburg is ready to swing into action this season. *File photo.*

They'll have to overcome Dumont, Chokio, Morris, Ortonville and a tough field of opponents if they want to meet their goal.

The schedule is filled with tough non-conference opponents, including Marshall, the Milroy Yankees, the Milroy Irish and the Granite Falls Kilowatts.

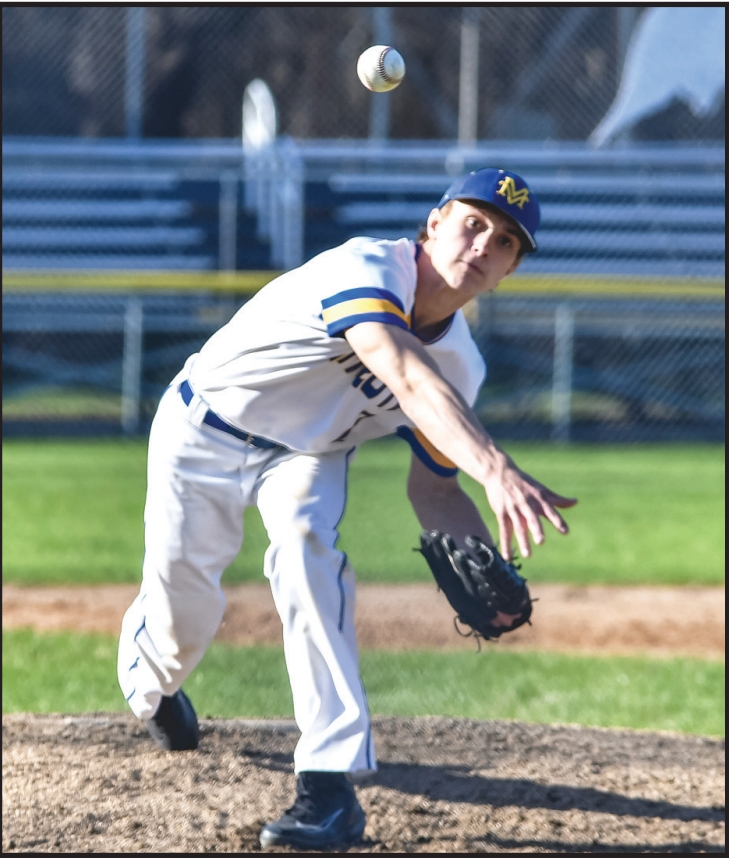
"We like to use that to get ready for league play," indicated Sonnenburg.

Schedule:

Sat., April 27 TRACY ENGINEERS, 2 p.m.
Friday, May 3 PIPESTONE A's, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 4 at Milroy Yankees, 5 p.m.
Friday, May 10 at Granite Falls Kilowatts, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 12 CLINTON, Cardinal 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15 MILROY YANKEES, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 19 ORTONVILLE ROX, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22 at Marshall A's, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 27 at Rosen Express, 2:30 p.m.
Friday, May 31 MADISON MALLARDS, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5 GRANITE FALLS KILOWATTS, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 8 MINNEOTA TOURNAMENT
(Minneota, Searles, Castlewood, SD, Ruthton), 10 a.m.
Friday, June 14 APPLETON, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 16 at Hancock Orphans, 2 p.m.
Friday, June 21 at Milroy Irish, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 23 CHOKIO COYOTES, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26 at Dawson, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 30 at Morris Eagles, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10 MARSHALL A's, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 13 at Dumont Saints, 4 p.m.
Sunday, July 14 at Cottonwood Cardinals, 2 p.m.

(Capitol letters signify home games).

Minneota wins with a rout of YME



Landon Rolbiecki earned the save and pitched well in relief in Minneota's 11-2 win over Yellow Medicine East. Photo for the Mascot by Brian Jeremiason.

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

It took until April 23, but the Minneota baseball team finally were able to play another game. It was worth the wait.

The Vikings rapped out 10 hits to back the combined one-hit pitching of Teddy Pesch and Landon Rolbiecki en route to an 11-2 victory over Yellow Medicine East.

The game looked in jeopardy of being played the day before with the road running through Riverside Park leading to K.P. Kompelien Field completely under water. But the water went down overnight and allowed the game to be played.

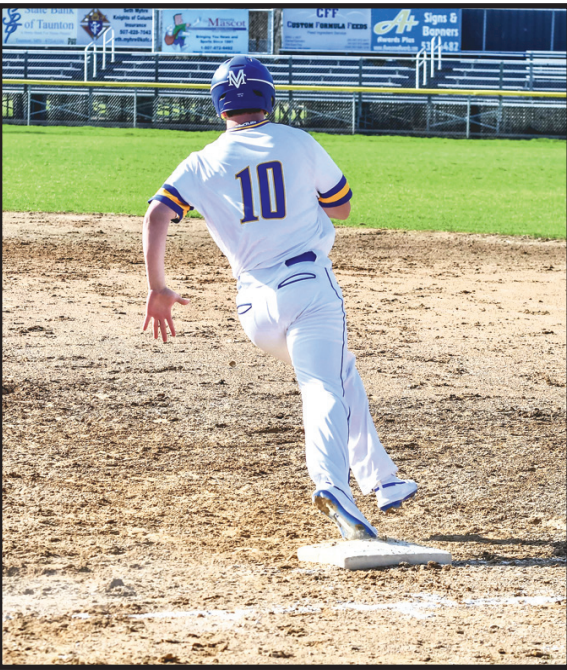
Pesch worked the first four innings for the win, allowing one hit. He walked four and struck out four. Landon Rolbiecki pitched the final three hitless innings for the save. He walked two and fanned

four.

Austin Sorensen knocked in the game's first run with a run-scoring single in the second inning. Rolbiecki drove in a run with a single in the third for a 2-0 lead.

Minneota then plated six runs in the fourth inning as Tate Walerius hit a two-run single and Jaymes Moon had a run-scoring single. Three other runs scored on errors. Moon also had a run-scoring single in the sixth inning.

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YELLOW MEDICINE EAST (ab-r-h-rbi): Bennett Knapper 2-0-1-0, 2 bb's; Ayden Fischer 3-1-0-0, hbp; Tate Schulte 2-0-0-0, 2 bb's; Angel Jimenez 2-0-0-0, bb; Carter Sneller 2-1-0-0, hbp; Ty Schulte 2-0-0-0, Ethan Peterson 1-0-0-0, bb; Quinton Staab 1-0-0-0; Cole Fischer 3-0-0-0; Dalton Anderson 3-0-0-0.	
MINNEOTA (ab-r-h-rbi): Thomas Hennen 4-0-1-0, 2 sb's, bb; Sam Buysse 5-0-0-0; Teddy Pesch 3-2-2-0, hbp; Landon Rolbiecki 4-1-1-1; Cole Sanow 4-2-1-0, 2b, hbp; Jaymes Moon 4-3-2-0, sb; Tate Walerius 3-1-1-2, sb; Austin Sorensen 4-1-1-1; Josh Laleman 4-1-1-0, 2b.	
PITCHING	
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Bennett Knapper (L)	5 8 4 7 1 6
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MINNEOTA	
Teddy Pesch (W)	4 1 0 1 4 4
Landon Rolbiecki (S)	3 1 0 0 2 4



Josh Laleman rounds first base after rocketing a double to left centerfield. Photo for the Mascot by Brian Jeremiason.

More than just a coach

•Boettger volunteers time to work with pitchers

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Despite volunteering to work with the Minneota softball pitchers this spring, Katie Boettger does not feel like a coach, nor does she have aspirations of being a coach.

"I honestly never thought of myself being a coach," said Boettger. "I still don't feel like a coach. I feel more like a friend to these girls as they have accepted me in with open arms since day one."

Boettger, formerly Katie Hutt, was a high school pitcher for Dawson-Boyd, graduating there in 2012.



Katie Boettger, center, works with Minneota-Canby varsity pitchers Brooklyn Nelson, left, and Sydney Larson, right, in the gym on Monday. Staff photo Scott Thoma.

"I started pitching and playing softball in second grade when it was offered through Dawson's Summer Rec program," she said. "In high school, I played tennis in the fall, was on the danceline team in the winter, and played softball in the spring."

Boettger and her husband, Matt, will be celebrating their first wedding anniversary on May 5. Katie works for Universal Forest Products in Minneota as the Internal Sales Coordinator and Office Administrator. Matt is a Sheriff's Deputy for Lyon County.

"My husband and I moved to Minneota last April," Boettger said. "We were living in Marshall for three years before we moved to Minneota because growing up in a small town, I always wanted to end up in a small community."

"My husband also enjoys the smaller community atmosphere. Another reason we moved is because I started working for UFP and living in Minneota makes it easier so I don't have to commute to work."

So Boettger checked at the school to inquire as to whether or not the softball team would be interested in her volunteer services as a pitching coach.

"I never intended to start helping for the pay, nor do I expect to get paid," she said. "My main priority is to help the girls."

"I didn't get help as a pitcher by a pitching coach until I was in junior high. I loved my pitching coach as he helped me grow as a pitcher and was a very positive person. I want to be that type of coach for these girls, too."

Head Coach Heidi Boerboom has given Boettger control of what the pitchers do at practice.

"She has been such an incredible piece in this puzzle," Boerboom said. "We all love her. She knows her stuff and really has a great way of connecting to all of the girls. We hope to keep her involved for years to come."

Because Boettger's work schedule is different than if she was working at the school, she isn't able to be at the start of softball practice.

"My bosses have been very kind in making it work for me to be a part of the coaching staff," Boettger said. "I will be assisting at all of the home games this season. I will travel to a few of the away games when I am able, such as the Dawson-Boyd game on April 23, of course."

Boettger is also working with the catchers.

"I also help Heidi, Becca (Kallhoff, the JV coach), and Heather (Anderson, the Jr. High coach) during practices with other drills and activities," Boettger noted. "Heidi also has me pitch live to the girls when it is possible."

Boettger feels she can look at the pitching styles of each the team's hurlers and offer some assistance in order to make them a better pitcher.

"Having someone watch each girl individually as they pitch helps them immensely," said Boettger. "You can catch errors in their form or make suggestions during practice."

"It gets frustrating when you cannot pitch exactly how you want to, but you also cannot figure out what mistakes you are making. Having another set of eyes helps."

It's obvious Boettger loves being involved in softball.

"Any time I can be involved with softball, whether it is helping as a pitching coach or playing co-ed softball in the summer, I am going to take advantage of the opportunity," she said.

"We all have a blast at every practice and it never ceases to amaze me how supportive these girls are of one another. I am so happy I reached out to Heidi before the season started because I have loved every minute of being a pitching coach. I can't wait to see what this season brings as our team has a lot of potential this year."

Scoreboard

Clay Target	Last week	Rounds	Total
Hannah Brewers	14-17 31	19-23 42	21-24 45
Shawn Buysse	18-18 36	0-0 0	20-20 40
Bretten Coequeyt	1-0 1	1-4 5	2-5 7
Garet DeBoer	19-19 38	21-21 42	20-21
Tony DeSmet	20-15 35	13-18 31	17-11 28
Elizabeth DeSmet	14-14 28	11-17 28	13-19 32
Landon DeSmet	17-20 37	16-0 16	16-20 36
Reid Fier	0-0 0	15-17 32	13-14 27
Brenden Kimpe	15-0 15	0-0 0	23-23 46
Isabelle Kimpe	11-18 29	11-10 21	10-9 19
Brayden Monnet	5-9 14	7-6 13	5-13 18
Mckenzie Monnet	7-4 11	12-14 26	12-12 24
Kayden Myhre	21-14 35	17-18 35	15-21 36
Logan Myhre	12-11 23	15-8 23	16-14 30
Wyatt Myhre	12-10 22	11-16 27	10-19 29
Ide-Celine Ribe	0-0 0	0-0 0	20-20 40
Hudson Scholten	18-13 31	22-21 43	17-22 39
August Van Hecke	5-0 5	4-6 10	3-5 8
Joseph Verscheide	14-10 24	7-14 21	15-17 32
Dylan Vlaminck	9-6 15	7-13 20	6-10 16
Ryan Vlaminck	21-16 37	19-18 37	20-22 42
Joseph Voit	9-0 9	0-0 0	12-21 33

Canby / Minneota girls first at Marshall

•The Canby/Minneota girls' track team finished first among six teams at the Marshall Invitational on Tuesday.

Team scoring: Canby-Minneota 176.5 (2) Marshall 150.5 (3) Redwood Valley 115 (4) Willmar 106.5 (5) Pipestone Area 74.5 (6) Lakeview 40.

Canby/Minneota first-place finishes were:

- Lizzy Gillingham, 100 dash, 13.87
- 4 x 200 relay (RyAnn Hansen, Mackenzie Hemish, Delaney Houseman, Lizzy Gillingham), 1:55.79
- Grace Drietz, 1600 run, 5:19.68
- Grace Drietz, 800 run, 2:29.37
- 4 x 400 relay (RyAnn Hansen, Lizzy Gillingham, Braelyn Merritt, Grace Drietz, 4:15.55
- Mackenzie Janiszkeski, shot put, 32-8

Complete results will appear in next week's paper.

Canby/Minneota boys 4th

The Canby/Minneota boys' track team placed fourth among six teams Tuesday at the Marshall Invite.

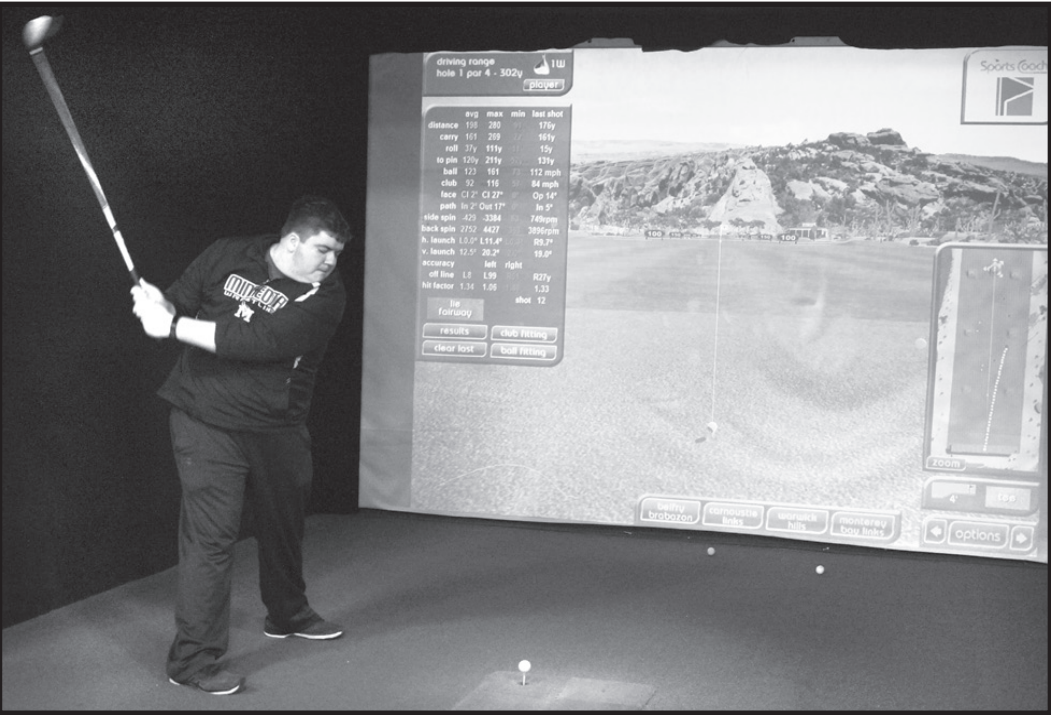
Team scoring: (1) Redwood Valley 157.5 (2) Marshall 136.5 (3) Pipestone Area 125.5 (4) Canby/Minneota 112 (5) Willmar 78.5 (6) Lakeview 51

Canby/Minneota first-place finishes were:

- Carter Wenthe, 110 hurdles, 15.63
- 4 x 200 relay (Cole VanOverbeke, Jaden Kindopp, Jared Josephson, Carter Wenthe), 1:35.67
- Blake Stoks, 3200 run, 11:15.41

Complete results will appear in next week's paper.

Minneota boys second to Canby



Golf simulator

Members of the Minneota boys' and girls' golf teams headed to Brau Brothers in Marshall on Monday to mix up their practice routines with the golf simulator. Zach Van Keulen was ready to take a swing at the simulator. Photo for the Mascot by Sue Jacobson.

The Minneota boys' golf team finished second to Canby in the Russell-Tyler-Ruthon meet on Tuesday in Tyler.

Mitchell Rost shot a 42 for Minneota and finished in third; three shots off the co-medalists in the Vikings' season opener.

Nolan Boerboom shot a 44, Joey Rybinski a 52, and Cole Myhre and Braxton Downing each shot a 54 for Minneota.

Minneota finished with a 192, while Canby won the meet with a 180.

Other teams competing were RTR, Lakeview, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton and Yellow Medicine East.

No other information was available at press time.

—By Scott Thoma, Mascot Staff Writer

Save the date!

The annual Minneota Wrestling Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, June 15.

Athlete of the Week:

Teddy Pesch

Teddy pitched four hitless and scoreless innings for the win in Minneota's 11-2 win over Yellow Medicine East. He struck out four batters. He also had two hits and scored two runs for the Vikings. Congratulations Teddy!

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Inclement weather creates scheduling problems for school

By Ruth Bot
Special Report

The April School Board Meeting was short and to-the-point. The first item on the agenda was the positive comments by board members.

There were positive comments regarding the PTA Carnival which was held at the end of March, congratulations to the speech team on their fine season with six students participating in the state meet, recognition of the FFA Judging teams, and a plug for the play, "Twelve Angry Jurors" which will be held on April 26, 27, and 28.

Jason Myhre began the reports with the Activities Director report. Winter sports finished strong and spring sports are going as well as can be expected with the snowy, wet spring.

Mr. Deitte covered the bills and all looks good. It is time to update the tablets and other hardware so there will be a large purchase for technology.

The school enrollment has remained steady all year at 529.

The seniors are attempting to find a day that will work for their class trip. It has become a scheduling nightmare with all the athletic postponements.

Mrs. Mahan-Deitte gave the elementary report. The Reading Corps program will continue with Mrs. Mahan-Deitte coordinating the program. It has proved to be extremely helpful with our kids learning to and improving their reading.

New for next year will be a Math Corps program for the 4th – 8th grade students. There will be a cost for this program but the results in other districts have proven that it is worth the cost.

Mrs. Mahan-Deitte is working on curriculum updates and meetings that will take place throughout the summer.

Decisions have been made on furnishing the elementary entrance. Before the end of the school year the elementary kids will be "leaving their mark" on the concrete floors which will be tiled this summer.

The high school report from Mr. Frie covered the need for a counselor. There is a shortage of school counselors but it is an essential position.

On Tuesday, April 16, Mr. Frie and Mrs. Knutson visited the 6th graders in Ivanhoe. There will be 12 or 13 kids coming over. The 6th graders' big concern was the quality of lunches!

Prom will be held on May 11 – the Grand March will be held at school and the dance will be held at the Heritage Event Center on the Fier Farm.

The juniors have approached Mr. Frie and would like to take an out-of-state class trip. They are planning to go to Denver next spring. And, finally, registration will take place at the end of April.

Not unexpectedly, Mr. Deitte mentioned the many snow days this year. However, we will be putting in 168 days which is above the state minimum of 164.

He also mentioned that the senior awards ceremony went well – over \$32,000 was given to our seniors! Thanks to the Dollars for Scholars Committee for working hard on this all year long.

Mr. Deitte was fortunate to be able to testify at the State Legislature – this was for a bill which will allow school districts to receive some tax money.

The Art Integration Day was a success – thanks to Scott Hanson for coordinating this.

The MCA tests have been going well. Each class gets a phone call the evening before their test. The budget folders will be gone over before Tara Skorczewski has family leave.

As far as the construction project, everything is proceeding smoothly. The crew is considerate of keeping the noise down during the school day. The concrete from the locker rooms is being removed by hand carts a block at a time. Sodding will need to be completed outside the elementary and a new fence is needed by the elementary playground.

Lane changes were approved for Christy Opdahl (Language Arts) and Amanda Crowley (elementary).

Teresa Myhre has requested maternity leave for the end of the school year. Jessica Rosa will begin her Master's program with the school funding the cost in lieu of Mrs. Rosa continuing to work here for five years. This will allow her to teach college level courses in-house.

Two technology leases were discussed. One lease is for equipment that will be returned at the end of the lease plan. This is for the student tablets and costs \$113,912.37. The other lease is for hardware that will be kept by the District with a cost of \$95,141.52.

An agreement has been signed with Borch's to use Under Armour gear exclusively. This will be beneficial financially when purchasing uniforms, equipment, and clothing.

Bids have been received and accepted for the construction of a vehicle/storage garage across from the school. The bids for the foundation and footings and the garage itself will go to Laleman Construction and the floor heat and electrical work will go to Frank's Electric.

The next meeting will be held on May 21, at 7 p.m.

Lac qui Parle Mission open house scheduled for Sunday

The Chippewa County Historical Society will host an Open House at the Lac qui Parle Mission on Sunday, April 28 from 1-3 p.m. The Lac qui Parle Mission is located six miles north of Montevideo on Highway 59 and 2.2 miles west on Chippewa County Highway 13.

A volunteer from the Historical Society will be on hand to answer questions about this historic site. There is no admission fee to visit this site or to attend the open house.

The Lac qui Parle Mission overlooks the beautiful "Lake that Speaks" and began in 1835 by the Congregational and Presbyterian ministries. The original church building was built in 1840 and is known as the first church and school erected in the Minnesota River Valley.

The present wooden chapel, a Works Project Administration building, stands on the site of the original adobe structure.

New exhibit panels were installed in 2016. The panels are entitled: The Holy House, Kinship, The Dakota Language, Learning and Teaching and Dakota Clergy: A Legacy.

Visitors can ring the church bell, echoing the sound of the origi-

nal, traditionally known as the first church bell in Minnesota.

Less than a mile north of the Mission is Fort Renville, built by Joseph Renville, a prominent force behind the Lac qui Parle Mission and an explorer who once led Zebulon Pike to the Upper Mississippi.

The Mission is proud of its many "Minnesota firsts" such as the first English School held in the Minnesota River Valley, the first corn mill, the first woven cloth and the first church bell that was tolled.

At this historic site, the Dakota alphabet was formulated, a spelling book in Dakota was written and the Bible was translated into Dakota. The well-known tune, "Lac qui Parle" for the hymn, "Many and Great, Oh God, Are Thy Things," was composed here.

Please join the society as they open the Lac qui Parle Mission for the season and share one of the western Minnesota's best kept secrets.

For more information, please call the Chippewa County Historical Society at 320-269-7636, email at chippewahistory@outlook.com, or visit their website at www.chippewahistory.org.



Dugout assembly

The Minneota High School Building Trades class is working on assembling a new dugout at K.P. Kompelien field. Assisting with the construction is Austin Sorensen. *Special photo.*

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Tracy welcomes ‘Chasing Our Tails’ production facility

By Per Peterson
Tracy Area Headlight Herald

Call it “Plan C.”

Steve Trachtenberg’s initial plan was simple: buy some buildings and bring his “Chasing Our Tails” business to Tracy. Those plans were derailed after the roof of one of the structures — the former Hebig Electric building on South St. — was damaged by snow and ice.

Last week, Trachtenberg’s back-up plan to start his national pet treat manufacturing business in the former County Fair building in Marshall officially ended when Carr Family Limited Partnership withdrew its request for a Conditional Use Permit for the building at the request of Trachtenberg.

That means back to square one for Trachtenberg, and square one means it’s back to Tracy.

Trachtenberg has decided to revamp the former Salmon Chevrolet-Oldsmobile building on Fourth St. to make it suitable for production, bringing full circle his initial mission: to bring a new business and a number of jobs to Tracy.

“Per our original commitment to Tracy we’re bringing our production operations to the Salmon building, with an expected start date of May 31st,” Trachtenberg said in a recent interview with the Headlight Herald.

“With the help of local contractors, the City of Tracy and the TDC (Tracy Development Corporation) we hope this process, even with a short schedule, is still an achievable schedule. Given the fact that we’re under an extremely tight timeframe, we are going to completely rehabilitate (the Salmon) building. We’re going to tear it back to the bones; we’re going to start over.”

The removal and relocation of equipment inside the Salmon building began Monday. Everything non-structural, Trachtenberg said, is coming out. There will be new electrical and gas service as well. Interior remodeling is scheduled to begin soon.

“We will make the inside of the building brand new — clean and pristine,” he said.

Trachtenberg reiterated the fact that there won’t be an issue with any offensive odors from the plant. That was the main sticking point with Marshall residents who testified against him at a



Stephen Trachtenberg has begun settling into his new building in Minneota. Staff photo by Cherri Schmig.

March 28 Marshall Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Many were worried about the potential smell, as well as increased truck traffic in the area, and said as much prior to the committee recommending — on a 4-2 vote — Trachtenberg receive a Conditional Use Permit to locate his business in the former County Fair building.

At the meeting, Trachtenberg defended himself to the hilt on the odor issue, and his defense against related accusations has solid backing. Bruce Buttrick, the zoning administrator and code enforcement officer for 3 1/2 years for the town of Hudson, NH, where “Chasing Our Tails” was founded, said in a letter dated March 29 that there have been “no Code Enforcement actions against them at either location in town. There has not been any odor or noise nuisance complaints filed that I’m aware of”

As much as Marshall residents were against “Chasing Our Tails”

setting up shop in the County Fair building, Trachtenberg did have some supporters there. Marshall councilmen James Lozinski and Craig Schafer both went on record at last Tuesday’s council meeting, saying that Marshall needs to welcome new businesses to town. Their statements, however, fell on deaf ears as there was no official agenda for the issue since the CUP request had been withdrawn.

The 22,000 square-foot South St. building was originally going to be the place where hot-air dehydration and freeze-drying processes would’ve been utilized to make the product. The Fourth St. building would’ve been where micro-canning methods to manufacture other pet-treat products and premium canned pet food took place. Virtually all of the products are made specifically for dogs, although the firm does make a few cat treats.

Trachtenberg isn’t giving up on the South St. building. He’s invested a lot of money in the structure and still owns it. Currently, there is still an open insurance claim out on the structure.

“We’re still committed to the building,” he said. “We just put new windows in — \$40,000 worth of new windows.”

Both Trachtenberg and contractor Dale Johnson III are confident the Salmon building will be ready in time to meet Trachtenberg’s deadline.

“I’m confident we are going to be able to maintain the schedule that’s needed,” said Johnson.

The reason Trachtenberg didn’t opt to use the Salmon building after the roof issues occurred at the South St. building is because there wasn’t enough room to do both production and packaging.

No details have been released as of yet, but the packaging part of the business will take place outside of Tracy.

Trachtenberg admitted the Salmon building can’t offer what the County Fair building does.

He said the latter would’ve been the “absolute ideal” home for “Chasing Our Tails” production, but he said he will be able to work with what the Salmon building has to offer.

“Chasing Our Tails” produces 165 different products that are sold at 5,500 retail locations in all 50 states. It is one of several companies that operate under the umbrella of Trachtenberg’s privately-held company, New England Pet Products.

Minneota School Board Minutes

Minneota School Board Meeting
Dawn Van Keulen, Chair
Monday, March 18, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

I. Regular Order of Business

1. Call to Order by Chair Dawn Van Keulen at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Board Members Present: Dawn Van Keulen, Jeff Buysse, Dan Longtin, Bill Bolt, Abby Thostenson, Tom Skorczewski and Terri Myhre

Admin Present: Principal Jeremy Frie, Superintendent Dan Deitte, Elementary Principal Jennifer Mahan-Deitte

Guests: Byron Higgin, Tara Skorczewski

4. Guests were welcomed.

5. Positive Comments by School Board Members: Tom Skorczewski expressed a huge thank you to custodial staff for their great job on the snow removal this year! Abby Thostenson wants to congratulate the girls’ basketball team on their state tournament win! Dawn Van Keulen would also like to extend a huge thank you to the Minneota Band for traveling back and forth to support the team at the state tournament. Van Keulen also thanked Les Engler for his many years of service and dedication to the wrestling program.

II. Business Agenda

1. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Myhre to approve the agenda. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Myhre to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Motion by Thostenson, seconded by Buysse to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2019 Special Meeting. MOTION PASSED Aye: Van Keulen, Myhre, Buysse, Bolt, Skorczewski, Thostenson Nay: None Abstained: Longtin

4. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Skorczewski to approve the bills as presented for check #’s 44688 through 44770. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Fund 01	\$161,556.88
Fund 02	\$12,809.45
Fund 04	\$637.45
Fund 06	\$7,374.95

Total \$182,378.73

III. Reports

1. Facilities Report from Les Engler.

2. Financial Reports from Daniel Deitte.

3. Enrollment Report from Daniel Deitte.

4. Student Activity Account Report from Daniel Deitte.

5. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator from Jennifer Mahan-Deitte.

6. High School Principal Report from Jeremy Frie.

7. Superintendent Report from Daniel Deitte.

8. Construction Update from Daniel Deitte.

IV. Consent Agenda Motion by Longtin, seconded by Myhre to approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Approval of the following fundraisers: Minneota FFA Waffle Feed to raise money for the chapter.

2. Approval of the following volunteer: Katie Boettger (Softball).

3. Approval of the following coaches: Andrew Fadness and Michael Luke (JH Baseball) and Rebecca Kallhoff (JV Softball).

4. Approval of Emily Citterman’s resignation as a math teacher effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

5. Approval of Les Engler’s resignation as Assistant Wrestling Coach effective March 2, 2019.

6. Approval to pay \$1,500 each to administration from Q Comp Funds for FY2019 to be paid on May 25, 2019.

7. Approval of the contracts with SW/WC Service Cooperative for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

V. New Business

1. Students

2. Personnel

1. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Myhre to approve Tara Skorczewski’s Maternity Leave from April 22, 2019 through June 7, 2019. MOTION PASSED Aye: Van Keulen, Myhre, Bolt, Buysse, Longtin, Thostenson Nay: None Abstained: Skorczewski

2. Motion by Buysse, seconded by Bolt to approve John Voit to teach the summer band program for up to 96 hours at a rate of \$19/hour during the summer of 2019. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Myhre to approve David Moriarty to teach two semester-long college business classes through MN West for the 2019-2020 school year for \$6,000 plus the contractual stipend for CollegeNow on a Tier 1 License

3. Business Affairs

1. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Longtin to approve the 4.0 Transportation contract with Minneota Public Schools. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Buysse to approve the achievement and integration budget for the 2019-2020 school year. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Longtin to approve a 2.5% increase for the School Readiness Fee schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Motion by Buysse, seconded by Myhre to approve a contract with Musser Environmental Consulting for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$3,400. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Motion by Bolt, seconded by Buysse to approve the revised 2018-2019 budget with the following Revenues/Expenditures:

Fund 01 Expenditures of \$5,989,789 and Revenues of \$5,975,982

Fund 02 Expenditures of \$295,335 and Revenues of \$303,200

Fund 04 Expenditures of \$169,792 and Revenues of \$165,459

Fund 06 Expenditures of \$4,617,149 and Revenues of \$1,257,814

Fund 07 Expenditures of \$1,062,452 and Revenues of \$1,111,441

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Building & Grounds

VI. Meetings & Dates

1. Regular School Board Meeting, April 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Items for Future Agenda

School Readiness Fee Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year

IX. Adjournment Motion by Bolt, seconded by Thostenson to adjourn the meeting 8:47 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Dawn Van Keulen, Chair
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Obituaries

Merle Hamilton

Merle Hamilton, 92, of Minneota, formerly of Tracy, died on April 13, 2019 at the Minneota Manor in Minneota.

The funeral service for Merle will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the Tracy United Methodist Church in Tracy with Ethan Schmidt leading the service.

Visitation will be Friday, April 26 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Tracy United Methodist Church.

Visitation will continue from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Interment will take place at the Tracy City Cemetery.

Merle Francis Hamilton was born October 13, 1926 the son of Walter Lee and Alice Ferne (Witter) Hamilton.

He graduated from Tracy High School in 1945. He married LaVonne Kuehl, September 8, 1949.

Together they farmed and raised their eight children on the family farm southeast of Tracy until November 1991, when they retired in Tracy.

He became a resident of Minneota Manor. Merle was a member of the Tracy United Methodist church, faithfully serving in various capacities through the years.

Merle loved the outdoors and was a faithful steward of the land as a dairy, swine, and crop farmer.

Upon retirement, he was active in the Lions Club, Meals on Wheels, and various church projects. Merle loved to square dance, often dancing three times a week.

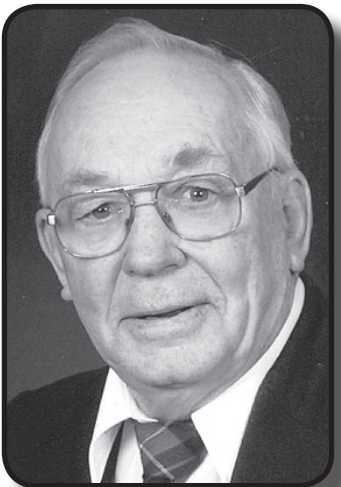
He loved working with his hands, making many woodworking projects and quilts treasured by family and friends.

His hands also played many a card game, teaching his children and grandchildren to play hearts, pinochle, and buck euchre.

His eight children Dorothy Radermacher, Judy Hoffmann, F. Hammer Hamilton, Elaine Fischer, Marlin Hamilton, Jayne Dinse, Steven Hamilton & Jeffrey Hamilton survive. Twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren also survive him. Sisters Lois (Jack) Bishop, Karen Flesner, and sister-in-law Marvel Beiser, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded in death by wife, parents, special friend Mildred Knoll, sister and brother-in-law Phyllis and William Beiser, Brother David Hamilton, son-in-laws Ron Radermacher, Bill Fischer, and Dwain Dinse.

Blessed be his memory.



Merle Hamilton

St. Edward School Happenings

Library – Mrs. Bot

Mrs. Bot shared some “April Fools” picture book covers. Many students were able to see what was wrong rather quickly. The following week we read the book, “Simon of Cyrene and the Legend of the Easter Egg” that was written by Terri Degazelle who was going to make an author visit April 10th. However, the weather changed the plan for her to visit our school. The children enjoyed this German legend about how Simon’s eggs changed colors after he was made to help Jesus carry the cross. Each egg color tells a part of Jesus’ life.

It’s hard to believe but we are in our final nine weeks of school! Students are working towards their final AR goals for the school year. Don’t stop reading over the summer though. Read what you want and enjoy where those books take you!

“Books are a uniquely portable magic.” – Stephen King

Music-Mrs. Rybinski

It still doesn’t feel like spring, but the spring concert is only 5 weeks away. All the grades will be working on their recital pieces for the next few weeks. Be sure to “save the date” (May 22).

The Easter season is finally here, too, so expect that we will be singing “joyfully to the Lord” in church throughout the rest of April and May.

Upcoming Events:

April 24 - Mass Gr K & 1
Student council meeting

April 25 - State of the School meeting 7 p.m.
March & April Birthday lunch
AR prizes

April 26 - Dress Up Day –Royalty
Prime time

April 28 - First Communion

April 29 - NWEA testing begins
Schoenstatt girls group meets after school

April 30 - Library

May 1 - All School Retreat
NO SCHOOL MASS

Living Word Church announces Priscilla Shirer Simulcast

Area women are invited to take part of the 5th annual simulcast with noted author, motivational speaker, Christian Evangelist and actress, of “War Room” and “I Can Only Imagine”, Priscilla Shirer. The event will be held at Living Word Church, Highway 23, Marshall, MN on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

This highly anticipated event will be a day of women gathering from all walks of life to step away from the chaos of life to worship, encourage and study together. Priscilla has a unique way of bringing the Word to life that is applicable to our daily walk.

Her deep love for Jesus, her clear understanding of women and high energy will make a fun day as we study, laugh and support each other!

This year’s simulcast will focus on the theme of GOING BEYOND. “He is able to...GO BEYOND. Eph. 3:20”

This event was attended by approximately 200 women last year. It is a day of celebration where women from all walks of life and faith can meet together for worship, Bible teaching, fellowship, encouragement and fun!

This year’s event will include breakfast, lunch and snacks. Each woman will receive a welcome bag that includes a personal greeting card written and prayed over just for her.

For more information, contact the Living Word Church at 507-337-9673.



Cherri’s Korner

By Cherri Schmig

Leftovers!

I like having leftover ham. There is so many things you can make with it. Quiche with ham and cheese, split pea soup with a ham bone, and of course the obvious, cold ham sandwiches.

But one of my favorites is something with noodles and cheese. (I usually use a prepackaged noodle side dishes to save time.) But this recipe I found from the Spicy Southern Kitchen website. (Heads up - This recipe isn’t spicy.)

Ham Tetrazzini

8	ounces spaghetti
2	tablespoons butter
1/2	medium onion, diced
6	ounces mushrooms, sliced
1	(10.75-ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
	OR cream of mushroom soup OR cream of celery soup
1/2	cup milk
1/4	teaspoon white pepper
1/4	teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2	cups diced ham
1	cup peas (cooked)
1	cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4	cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Cook spaghetti according to package directions in salted water.

2. Melt butter in a large skillet. Add onion and mushrooms and cook until onion is soft and mushrooms are browned.

3. Add soup, milk, and both peppers to the skillet and mix well.

4. Add ham, peas, cheddar cheese, and Parmesan cheese and stir and cook over medium heat until cheese is melted.

Season to taste with salt.

5. Add drained pasta to the pan and mix well.



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 25: SALAD LUNCHEON FROM 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (fundraiser for Legion Auxiliary & Sr. Center); Bingo at 1 p.m.

Friday, April 26: Shrimp, whipped potato, veggie, or Spaghetti with meat sauce, and gelatin poke cake; “500” at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, April 29: CLOSED

Tuesday, April 30: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Steak in gravy, whipped potato, veggie, and cherry crisp; “500” at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1: CLOSED

Thursday, May 2: Hamburger or Hotdog on bun, potato salad, baked beans, and fresh fruit; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Minneota Public School

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit, milk; **Lunch:** BBQ pork on bun, chips & salsa, fresh veggies,

peaches, milk

Wednesday, May 1

Breakfast: , Pancake sausage, fruit, milk; **Lunch Brunch:** French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, tri-taters, fruit, milk

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

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

St. Edward’s School

Monday, April 29

Turkey sub, mixed greens, scalloped potato, baked beans, fruit, milk

Tuesday, April 30

Chicken & cheese crispyto, Spanish rice, romaine salad, cheese, yogurt, fruit, milk

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

Spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, spaghetti squash, fruit, milk

Friday, May 3

Fish fillet, dinner roll, baked beans, salad, carrots, fruit, milk

– Minneota Area Community Churches –

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

Sunday, April 28: Services at Bergen at 10:30 a.m.; St. Lucas & Augustana at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1: 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 25: Mass at 9 a.m.
Sunday, April 28: 10:30 a.m. Mass

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

Hemnes Lutheran Church
Rural Minneota

Sunday, April 28: 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 28: 10:30 a.m. Service

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

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

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

Sunday, April 28: 9 a.m. Church worship at Bethany-Elm.
Wednesday, May 1: 10 a.m. Bible Study at DPHC; beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Bethany, meal, worship, church school and TEA.

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

Hope Lutheran Church
Minneota

Sunday, April 28: 9 a.m. worship, coffee and fellowship to follow
Wednesday, May 1: May Day Music event beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

St. Eloi Catholic Church
Ghent, MN

Friday, April 26: Mass at the convent chapel at 7:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 28: First Communion Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship breakfast to follow
Wednesday, May 1: CCD Classes at 6:30 p.m.

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

Pastor Thomas Nomeland
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St. Edward Catholic Church
Minneota

Friday, April 26: 2:30 p.m. Manor Mass
Saturday, April 27: Mass at 5:30 p.m.; Reconciliation 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, April 28: First Communion Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Reconciliation at 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1: School Mass at 10:30 a.m.; CCD Classes at 6:30 p.m.

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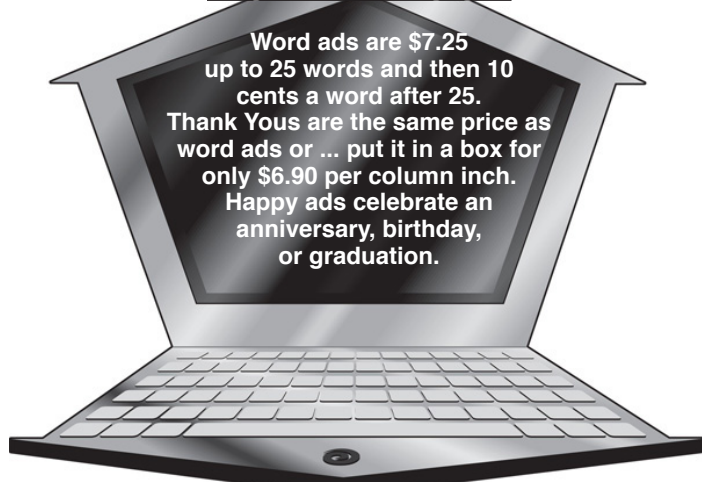
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The Hearing will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until all persons wishing to offer a testimony have been heard. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Southwest Regional Development Commission Office, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN.

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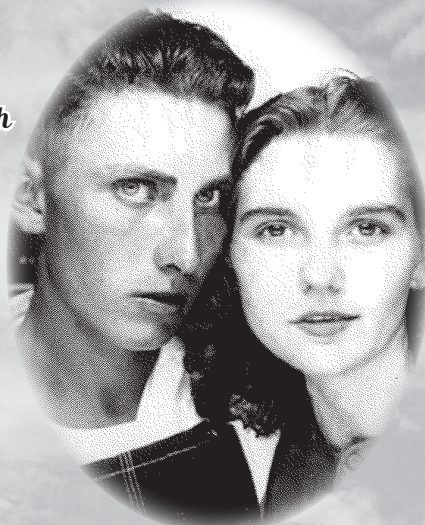
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Each bid and all papers bound and attached thereto, together with the bid guarantee, shall be placed in an envelope and securely sealed therein. The envelope shall be so marked as to indicate the name of bidder and the project name and shall be addressed to the following:

TWIN LAKES PARK DEVELOPMENT
Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer
607 West Main Street
Marshall, MN 56258

It may be either mailed, delivered by messenger, or submitted in person. Bids arriving after the designated time listed above will be returned unopened.

Proposal Forms and the Plans and Specifications for use by contractors are also available at <http://www.questcdn.com>. Contact QuestCDN.com for free membership registration, downloading, and working with digital project information. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for \$30.00 by entering eBidDoc # 6276536. Proposal forms, specifications, plans and other documents are available for review at the Lyon County Environmental Department, 504 Fairgrounds Road, Marshall MN.

No bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities, and further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interest of the County.

NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS

Sealed Proposals will be received until 10:00 A.M. on May 6, 2019 at the Lyon County Government Center, 607 West Main Street, Marshall, MN for the following:

2019 SEASONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BITUMINOUS MATERIALS
Please go to the Lyon County website; www.lyonco.org for a complete Notice, bidding instructions and Proposal.

Aaron VanMoer
Lyon County Highway Engineer

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on May 13, 2019 in the Auditor/Treasurers Office of the Lyon County Government Center, 607 West Main Street in Marshall, MN by E.J. Moberg, Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for the following projects:

SAP 042-607-028, Bridge Replacement

See the Lyon County website, www.lyonco.org, for complete Notice and bid information.

Electronic version of the plans and proposal are available to view/download at <https://egram.lyonco.org/>. Look under "Projects in Bidding".

Aaron VanMoer, P.E.
Lyon County Engineer