

2021 CLASS A STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

## VIKINGS REACH FINALS AGAIN

### Minneota faces BBE in Friday's championship

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With Minneota's unbeaten season on the line, Abby Hennen calmly sank a free throw with 2.1 seconds remaining to give the Vikings a hard-fought 54-53 victory over Mountain Iron-Buhl in the Class A State Girls Basketball semifinals Tuesday at Target Center.

The Vikings (24-0) will face Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa in the state championship at 1 p.m. Friday at Target Center. Minneota hosted the Jaguars on Feb. 20 and prevailed 42-38.

Minneota fought back from a six-point deficit with 3:22 left and held the Rangers scoreless over the final 2:30 of the game to pull out the win.

Tied 53-53, Mt. Iron-Buhl held the ball for a final shot in an attempt to win the game. But the Rangers missed and Hennen was fouled.

The senior All-Stater missed the first free throw and Mt. Iron-Buhl coach called a timeout in an attempt to ice Hennen. But Hennen, who led all scorers with 19 points proved

clutch once again by snapping the cords with her second free throw.

A desperation toss at the buzzer by the Rangers missed the mark and the Vikings, who won the state title two years ago, return to the finals.

Hennen, a career 2,000-point scorer, also showcased her passing ability by hitting teammates for open buckets several times as evidenced by her game-high seven assists. She also had three 3-pointers, six rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots.

Natalee Rolbiecki, a junior All-Stater, had another stellar performance with 18 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Senior Abby Rost added 11 points, seven rebounds and two assists for the Vikings. Jeren Rost led with four steals.

Minneota outrebounded the Rangers 38-26.

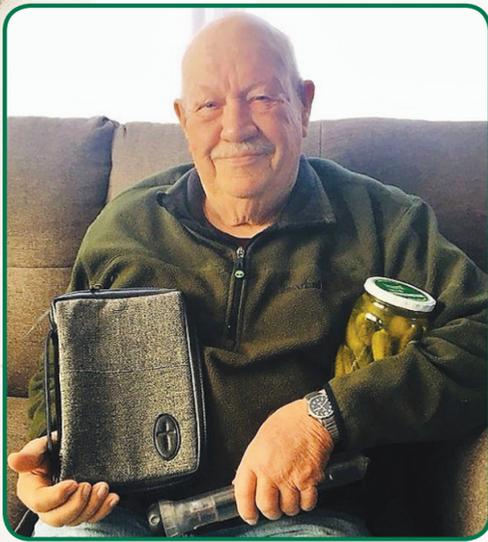
After MIB's Jacie Kvas scored on a layup, the Rangers (18-5), who have no seniors on the team, held a 53-47 lead with 3:22 left and were seemingly in control.



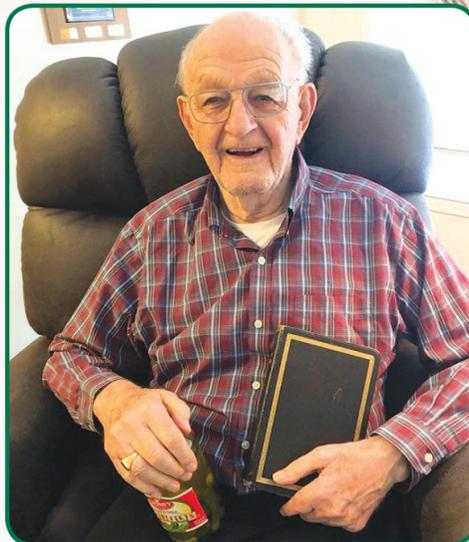
Minneota's Abby Hennen, left, and Natalee Rolbiecki, right, apply defensive pressure on Mt. Iron-Buhl's Jordan Zubich (4) during their semifinal win Tuesday at Target Center. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

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## 'Pickle Boys' uncovered



Jon Gunderson



Walt Gislason

### Trio played hooky, journeyed west 75 years ago with Bible, flashlight and jar of pickles

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The identity of the Pickle Boys, as the Mascot is referring to the three boys who skipped school in Minneota in 1946 and decided to head west to "see the world", has been discovered.

In the Mascot's "Outside Looking In" column two weeks ago were details of a story printed in the March 29, 1946 paper with the headline "Three Boys Set Out to See the World Armed with Bible, Flashlight and Pickles".

The 1946 article, which contained a few inaccuracies, told of three Minneota elementary-aged boys skipping school and deciding to venture west. The boys were listed as between 10-12 years old, but they were actually 9 and 10 years old. The story was originally told to the Mascot in 1946 by one of the boys' father, noted that the boys brought only a Bible, a flashlight, a jar of pickles and 50 cents with them.

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## During digital age, libraries still vital part of community

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The digital age is continually evaporating reading materials that we've grown accustomed to having for many years. To some, newspapers, magazines and books are a thing of the past. But not to everyone.

"I like holding an actual book or a newspaper instead of looking at them online," Duane Peterson, the President of the State Bank of Taunton said recently.

The week of April 4-10 in Na-

tional Library Week. For many, it's just another day. For traditionalists, it's a time to honor a place of solace, adventure or peacefulness.

You don't have to look far to find treasures. You discover them every time you visit a library.

"To me, libraries are a place where anyone can visit and be fulfilled," said Minneota librarian Gail Perrizo. "It's equal-opportunity for everyone. Libraries are a clearing house for all kinds of information."

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## PAULEY IS WINTER READING WINNER

By Scott Thoma  
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Whether she's sitting down and relaxing, going for a walk or driving in her vehicle, chances are good that Sam Pauley of Ghent is reading or listening to a book.

Pauley is this year's Minneota Public Library's Winter Reading Program winner after reading 43 books from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2021.

"I've always loved to read," said Pauley, the manager of the AgPlus C-Store in Minneota. "If I'm not reading a book, I'll listen to audio books when I go walking or when I'm in the car."

To put the number of books Pauley absorbed over the winter months in perspective, she averaged nearly one book read or listened to every two days.

For her efforts, Pauley was



Sam Pauley

given an Easter basket with candy, note cards and a gift certificate to City Hall Bar & Grill.

"We also had an extra challenge for readers, too," said librarian Gail Perrizo. "Sam read 25 books that matches certain criteria on our Book Bingo card."

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## April

### Thursday, April 8

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Minneota vs. Russell-Tyler-Ruth-ton at Ruthton

### Friday, April 9

1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
1 p.m. - Class A State Girls Basketball championship at Target Center

### Monday, April 12

1 p.m. - Mahjong at Minneota Senior Center

### Tuesday, April 13

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
3:30 p.m. - Clay Target: Competition at Southwest Sportsman's Club, Minneota  
4:15 p.m. - Boys & Girls Track at Tracy  
4:30 p.m. - Boys & Girls Golf at Marshall  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Lakeview at Minneota

### Thursday, April 15

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center  
3:30 p.m. - Clay Target: Competition at Southwest Sportsman's Park, Minneota  
4:30 p.m. - Boys & Girls Golf at Minneota

### Friday, April 16

1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Edgerton at Minneota

### Saturday, April 17

12 p.m. - Baseball: Minneota vs. Red Rock Central at Lamberton

### Sunday, April 18

6 p.m. - Minneota Senior Awards Night

### Monday, April 19

1 p.m. - Mahjong at Minneota Senior Center  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball: Minneota vs. Central Minnesota Christian at Prinsburg

### Tuesday, April 20

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "500" at Minneota Senior Center  
9 a.m. - Lyon County Board meeting at Government Center, Marshall  
6:30 p.m. - Minneota School Board meeting in band room

### Thursday, April 22

10 a.m. - Exercise at Minneota Senior Center  
12:30-6:30 p.m. - Blood Drive at St. Edward's Church  
1 p.m. - Bingo at Minneota Senior Center

## Virtual Science and Nature Conference registrations for K-6 open until April 13

The Southwest MN Arts Council and the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative's Virtual Science & Nature Conference is now open for registrations until April 13. It is for students in grades K-8.

Do you know students who are intrigued by science, are adventurous or are just curious about anything related to science or nature? Then you won't want them to miss this conference. Students will learn through virtual videos done by presenters or organizations in the science field. They will be able to create projects such as a rain gauge or travel through the space to find out what's on Mars. There are many fun topics for students to choose from. This is a great way to kick off the summer. Join us today and register online for the Science & Nature Conference.

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For questions contact Andrea at 507-537-2257 or [andrea.andersen@swwc.org](mailto:andrea.andersen@swwc.org).

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For that extra challenge, Pauley received a copy of Minneota native Dana Yost's book "1940: Journal of a Midwestern Town, Story of an Era".

Those participating in the reading program must check out the books or audio books from the public library to be counted. The contest is also run on an honor system.

David Myrvik won the challenge last year.

"My goal was to beat David," laughed Pauley.

Pauley has participated in the Winter Reading Program for the past eight years. A Civil War and history aficionado, Pauley decided to read a variety of books, rather than focusing just on her favorite subjects.

"I do like historical fiction and non-fiction the most," she said. "But I did want to challenge myself and read different types of books."

So she read historical, romance, mystery and even a how-to book for the Winter Reading Program and/or extra challenge portion.

Pauley's favorite author is Julie Garwood, who has written over numerous romance novels in both historical and suspense sub-genres. She has had 24 New York Times Bestsellers.

When not competing in the Winter Reading Program, Pauley averages reading around 9 or 10 books per month.

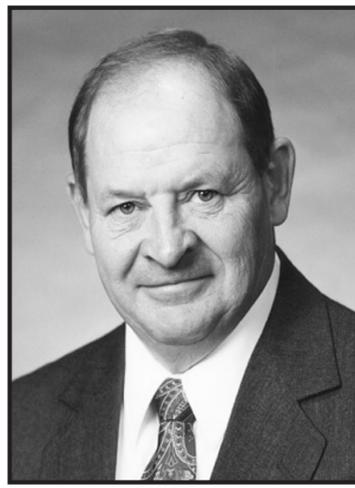
"I read 112 books last year," she said. "I'm usually always reading something."

# Bill passed to aid consumers from natural gas price spikes

The Minnesota Senate passed Senate File 1018 last Thursday. This bipartisan legislation establishes the 2021 Polar Vortex Loan Account for municipal utilities that purchased natural gas during the extreme weather that occurred this February. The bill provides \$15 million from the general fund for zero-interest loans that need to be repaid within five years.

"Many Minnesotans now face the prospect of having to pay as much as 10 times more for their next natural gas bill," said Senator Gary Dahms (R-Redwood Falls). "This bill provides needed relief for municipal utilities and Minnesota families. We need to get out economy back moving again and most Minnesotans cannot afford to pay for these massive price spikes."

Due to a variety of factors stemming from the polar vortex that occurred in February, the price of natural gas has had an unprecedented price surge throughout much of the nation. In Minnesota, natural gas utilities were hit hard



Sen. Gary Dahms

by the price surge while also coinciding with a cold snap, meaning consumers were using more and paying a higher rate for natural gas.

During one five-day stretch, some utilities spent their entire gas purchasing budget for the year. The residential impact range is estimated from \$250-\$500 for a typical residence for those five days alone. One business owner testified that they typically spend \$12,500 a month on gas and now could be facing a bill of \$125,000.

The Polar Vortex Loan Account would grant municipal utilities the option to help pay their bills now and to spread consumer payments out over the five-year repayment term and could greatly reduce the impact on both the utility and the consumers.

## SMSU Commencement set for May 8

Southwest Minnesota State University will hold its 53rd Commencement on Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. in the R/A Facility on campus. It is also the 50th anniversary of the 1971 Charter Class Commencement.

The ceremony will allow students to walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. In keeping with COVID-related safety measures, spectators will not be allowed to attend the ceremony. The event will be

streamed live.

A number of events associated with Commencement will be shown virtually as a precursor to the event. "We are calling it 'Commencement Week,'" said Provost Ross Wastvedt, who heads up the SMSU Commencement Committee. "There will be a number of things normally associated with Commencement, like the address from President Jayasuriya and our student body president, that will be delivered vir-

tually prior to Commencement."

A number of videos featuring administrators, alumni, students and others will be released the week prior to Commencement. There will also be a large "Throwback Thursday" photo album posted showing photos of past Commencements.

The naming of the Outstanding Senior will also be announced on Commencement day.

## Pickle Boys

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They were planning to walk or hitch-hike to Canby by evening, and then set out for North Dakota the following day.

The names of the boys were not revealed in the original article.

One of those boys, Jon Gunderson, now living in Ottertail in northern Minnesota saw the article online and contacted the Mascot.

"I was one of those boys," laughed Jon Gunderson, 84. "Walt Gislason and (Robert Jr.) 'Buzz' Lovell were the other two boys. We weren't really running away from home; we were just exploring."

"Those were the glory days," said Gislason, who now lives in Wayzata. "We just decided to walk one day and see how far we got."

After attending school that morning, the three boys decided to take advantage of a unseasonably mild March day and skip school in the afternoon.

Lovell's father, Robert Lovell Sr., was the superintendent of Minneota Public Schools at that time. The family moved away from Minneota in 1948.

Attempts to reach "Buzz" Lovell were unsuccessful.

Before heading out of Minneota, the boys decided to take a plunge in the old swimming hole where Riverside Park is now located.

"I remember it was really warm out that day, so we decided to go down to the old swimming hole and cool off," Gunderson said.

"We would go swimming there all the time," Gislason echoed.

What Gunderson and Gislason failed to mention was

that with all the other kids in school, "The Pickle Boys" shed all their clothes and went skinny dipping. That way, they could begin their westward journey down Highway 68 in dry clothes.

"We never wore swimming suits when we went swimming there," Gunderson admitted.

With thumbs pointing west, the boys were given a ride to Taunton by one man, and then a ride to Porter by a second accommodating motorist.

"I remember one of the guys that gave us a ride asked us a ton of questions," Gunderson said. "I think he might have turned us in."

The original story in the 1946 paper told that after reaching Porter, the boys were met by a former Minneota resident that recognized them, Mrs. C.M. Hanson. It was also possible that she had called Supt. Lovell at school to inform him.

Lovell then drove to Porter to pick up the boys, who were enjoying a hot meal at Mrs. Hanson's home.

"I don't remember some of that," said Gunderson. "It's been a long time ago. Our plan was to sleep in haystacks and work for food. I don't know who brought the Bible or why, but I know Buzz brought the jar of pickles along for us to eat in case we got hungry."

But as the day wore on, Gunderson admits that he wasn't so eager to continue the westerly trek.

"I remember thinking that when it starts to get dark out, I'm going to wish I was home," he said with a laugh.

The boys did not recall if they received any punishment for skipping school, only saying "probably".

"We were just little guys with big ideas," Gunderson concluded.

## Libraries

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In this digital age, libraries have expanded on how they can offer information to people, and it is helpful to everyone in a community."

The quietness of a library where one can let their mind absorb information is important. There aren't too many places where you can lose yourself in a place with mystery, romance, comedy, history and make believe.

It's also an exciting time for children to learn and grow with books.

"As an avid reader and a mom of five children who also enjoy reading, our local library is a resource we treasure very much," said Teresa Myhre. "Having a library allows us to explore so many more books than we could ever afford otherwise. I've never done the math, but we probably read over \$100 worth of books each week."

"My kids and I have been going to the Minneota library since they were babies," said Kathy Opdahl. "While on my maternity leaves with both children we would walk to the library multiple times a week. As my children grew older, this became a highlight of their day. Not only did the library have

different books than we did at home, or at school, but they also had puzzles, games, movies, magazines amongst other things."

Sure, you can go online and purchase a certain book you are looking for, but what if that book isn't what you expected. Many times a reader will not finish a book that is not compelling enough to hold their interest. And only a few books are ever read more than once. A library can also be incredibly helpful for people with a limited income who may not have access to these things at home.

Many people are under the assumption that the digital age is rendering libraries useless. And while it is true that you can find nearly everything you can imagine on the internet, there are still a myriad of things that a library can offer that typing things into Google on our smartphones and laptops simply can't.

"I don't own a computer and I am homebound," said Polly Janiszkeski, who takes advantage of the Minneota Public Library's Outreach program. "I read about three books a week and the library delivers the books to me. The library is very important to me. I'd be lost without them."

Libraries are no longer just about walking in and check-

ing out a book. The Minneota Public Library, as well as many other libraries, offer computer and internet access, audio-books, DVDs, research material and much more. If the library doesn't have an item on the shelf that you have interest in, chances are that they can get it for you.

"With the interlibrary exchange program, there is rarely a book that we can't get through our library," said Myhre. "This is especially helpful if we discover an author or genre we really like. For example, when I saw that the kids enjoyed books by Mo Willems, I went online and ordered a whole stack of his books to have delivered right to our local library."

Perrizo remembers visiting the local library at a young age.

"The library was located in the back half of the hardware store," she said. "I overheard two adult women discussing their favorite writers. In that moment, I believe, another

door into the adventure of books was unlocked for me; writers wrote more than just one book, and people not only had favorite books but favorite authors."

While searching for a specific book on a library shelf, you might find the book you were searching for, or you could find a book that piques your interest even more.

"I personally love going into the library and visiting with other patrons about books they have liked," said Myhre.

"Some of my favorite reads have come from suggestions I was given spontaneously as I browsed the bookshelves."

"I believe libraries are vital as it gives kids/people a reason to get out of the house, learn and explore in a different environment and correlates reading and learning with a fun, peaceful environment," Opdahl said. "Our family absolutely loves the Minneota library."

Besides, not everything you read online is true.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Minneota faces BBE in Friday's championship

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Hennen then whittled the deficit in half by draining a three-pointer with 2:14 remaining in the game.

The Rangers turned the ball over to the Vikings and Abby Rost scored inside with 1:41 left to cut the deficit to 53-52.

After a missed shot by MIB, Rolbiecki pulled down the rebound and was fouled with 1:01 to go. She made one of two free throws to knot the game, 53-53.

The Rangers, who did not score over the final 3:22 of the game, then called a timeout and decided to go for the final shot. But they took the shot early and left 6.1 seconds on the clock. Employing a full-court press, the Rangers then fouled Hennen with 2.1 seconds remaining.

For the first time all season, Minneota trailed at halftime, 29-26 against the young Ranger squad. At one point, the Vikings fell behind 15-8 before Coach Johnston employed a full-court press and the Vikings went on a 12-2 run for a 20-17 lead.

After Minneota took a 24-19 lead, MIB went on a 12-2 run of its own to grab the halftime lead.

Jordan Zubich led the Rangers with 14 points, six rebounds and three assists. Ava Butler had 12 points.

The sparse crowd at Target Center were spread out to maintain social distancing. Still, fans for both teams made a lot of noise in a game that saw the lead exchange hands several times in

both halves.

**MINNEOTA 54, MT. IRON-BUHL 53**

**MT. IRON-BUHL** (FG, FT, Pts) - Ava Butler 5-10 1-4 12, Sage Ganyo 3-4 1-1 8, Lauren Maki 3-5 0-1 5, Jordan Zubich 5-14 1-2 14, Kali Savela 3-10 0-0 7, Gabby Lira 0-0 0-0 0, Jacie Kvas 2-5 1-1 5. Totals 21-48 4-9 53.

**MINNEOTA** (FG, FT, Pts) - Abby Hennen 5-14 6-8 19, Kennedi Jurrens 0-2 0-0 0, Natalee Rolbiecki 7-13 4-6 18, Abby Rost 5-7 0-2 11, Jeren Rost 1-5 0-0 2, Ireland Stassen 0-2 1-2 1, McKenzie Tolk 0-2 1-2 1, McKenna Yost 1-4 0-0 2, Megan Krog 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-49 12-20 54.

**Halftime:** Mt. Iron-Buhl 29, Minneota 26

**3-pointers:** Mt. Iron-Buhl 7-21 (Zubich 3-9, Ganyo 1-2, Savela 1-3, Maki 1-3, Butler 1-4). Minneota 4-17 (Hennen 3-8, A.Rost 1-2, Rolbiecki 0-1, J.Rost 0-1, Tolk 0-1, Stassen 0-1).

**Rebounds:** Mt. Iron-Buhl 26 (Butler 6, Zubich 6, Ganyo 5, Savela 3, Kvas 3, Maki 2, Team 1). Minneota 38 (Rolbiecki 8, A.Rost 7, Hennen 6, Jurrens 3, Stassen 3, J.Rost 2, Tolk 2, Yost 1, Team 6).

**Assists:** Mt. Iron-Buhl 12 (Kvas 3, Zubich 3, Ganyo 3, Savela 2, Butler 1). Minneota 12 (Hennen 7, A.Rost 2, Rolbiecki 1, J.Rost 1, Stassen 1).

**Steals:** Mt. Iron-Buhl 8 (Ganyo 3, Zubich 2, Savela 2, Lira 1). Minneota 14 (J.Rost 4, Rolbiecki 3, Hennen 3, Yost 3, Tolk 1, Stassen 1).

**Blocked shots:** Mt. Iron-Buhl 2 (Zubich 1, Savela 1). Minneota 5 (Hennen 2, J.Rost 2, Jurrens 1).

**Turnovers:** Mt. Iron-Buhl 17, Minneota 16.



Minneota players celebrate their semifinal win, while dejected Mt. Iron-Buhl players walk off the court. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason



Abby Rost of Minneota dives to save a loose ball ahead of Sage Ganyo of Mt. Iron-Buhl. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

**Athlete of the Week:**  
**Abby Hennen**  
**Senior**

The first team All-Stater sank a clutch free throw with two seconds remaining to give the Vikings a 54-53 win over Mt. Iron-Buhl in the Class A state semifinals. She finished with a game-high 19 points.

**Congratulations, Abby!**

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Fans at Target Center for the State Girls Basketball Tournament had to maintain social distancing while watching the games on Tuesday at Target Center. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason



## Lyon County Historical Museum Collection

This white china souvenir dish with a photograph of the School of Minneota, Minn. on the inside in among the collection items at the Lyon County Museum in Marshall. The dish also has a gold pattern around the rim and "Weimar, Germany" is printed on the bottom.

## From the Mascot Files

### 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

#### 100 Years Ago (April 8, 1921)

##### Commencement speaker is Supreme Court Judge

Judge Oscar Hallam of the Minnesota Supreme Court, has been secured for the commencement address at Minneota High School this spring. The date for the commencement has been set for May 30. Judge Hallam is a very popular man and has been much in demand for speaking dates and Minneota is fortunate in securing him.

##### Victory Medals await deserving Minneota men

The U.S. Recruiting Station in Minneapolis informed the Mascot that there does not seem to be any great demands for Victory Medals among the servicemen of Minneota. They say that only 18 men from Minneota have applied for the medal, but that nearly 150 men here are entitled to one.

##### Early Minneota settlers move to Watertown, SD

Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Myers have sold their home to H.G. Swoboda and are about to move to Watertown, South Dakota. The Myers are among the earliest settlers of this community. They have worked hard and have gone through all the hardships that we hear the pioneers tell about. They have always enjoyed the respect and friendship of all their neighbors and associates.

#### 75 Years Ago (April 12, 1946)

##### Businessmen endorse school bond issue

Members of Minneota Businessmen's Association, meeting at the high school Tuesday evening, voted unanimously in favor of a bond issue which the local board of education plans on putting before the residents of this village in the near future. They also voted unani-

mously in favor of a motion asking the Village Council to secure federal funds, which are now available without interest, to pay for an engineering survey of the sewage system here.

##### 31 men from county called for induction

Thirt-one men from Lyon County have been ordered to report for induction into the armed services on Wednesday, April 24, and 12 will report for pre-induction physical examination on Wednesday, April 17, according to a release from the local draft board. These men have been ordered for pre-induction physical examination.

##### Locy's Variety Store sold to Claron Roberg

Claron Roberg, a recently discharged serviceman, bought Locy's Variety Store from Julius Locy last week and took possession on Monday morning. Mr. Locy sold only the variety portion of his business and will continue to operate the photography studio which he had been conducting in conjunction with his store, but will move as soon as a new location can be secured. Mr. Roberg will call his business Chuck's Sales and Services and will handle radios and do electric appliance repairing in the near future.

#### 50 Years Ago (April 8, 1971)

##### 10 get 'A' rating in district music contest

Ten local high school students competing in the District 9 music contest at Marshall last Thursday earned 'A' ratings and will advance to the region/state competition on May 8 in Olivia. Those receiving 'A' ratings were: Laurie Wigness, vocal solo; Craig Jackson, vocal solo and saxophone solo; Robin Pesch, vocal solo; Jackson and Wigness, vocal duet; Terry Jennen and Marc Larson, vocal duet; Wig-

ness, Pesch, Jackson, Larson, Jean Ufkin, Suzette Rye, Charles Dalager, Paul Eastwold, mixed octet; Jackson, Rye, John Moorse, Darlene Johnson, saxophone quartet; Wigness, Joan Olafson, Julie Seifert, Diane Applewick, flute quartet; and Ufkin, Kathy Tillemans, Diane Fier, Carol Fier, clarinet quartet.

##### Pennings, Fox named Boys, Girls Staters

Margaret Pennings, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Pennings, and Dennis Fox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fox, were named the local American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Girls and Boys Staters, respectively. Suzette Rye is the girls alternate and Kevin Schwartz is the boys alternate.

##### Local FFA team advances to state

The Minneota Farm Management team won the regional competition on March 22 and earned the right to compete in the state meet in early May. The three students making up the farm management team are: Kenneth Skaar, Vincent Buysse and Paul Fixen. Teams from six FFA organizations competed in the regional contest held in Renville.

#### 25 Years Ago (April 10, 1996)

##### Welsh named Boys State rep for Ghent

Travis Welsh, the son of Tom and Cindy Welsh of Ghent, has been named the Boys State representative of Pot #564 in Ghent. Mike DeSutter, Commander of the Ghent Post, made the announcement this week. The alternate boy has yet to be named. Welsh is a junior at Minneota High School. The 48th annual Boys State program will be held June 9-15 in Northfield.

##### Bike Rodeo to be held April 13

Children of the community are

reminded of the Bike Rodeo that is scheduled for Saturday, April 13. Those interested in participating should meet at the parking lot by the City Offices at 10 a.m. The session should conclude at 11:30 a.m. The Bike Rodeo is sponsored by the Minnesota McGruff program, Hazel Run Jolly Workers, 4-H Club, Minneota Jaycees and Minneota FLA.

##### Sussner sets records in scoring, rebounding

Jodi Sussner set new basketball records in both scoring and rebounding at Minneota High School. The senior was named to the Camden Conference All-Conference team, as well as the All-Area team for her well-rounded play. Sussner became the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,123 points and all-time rebound leader with 1,160.

##### On this day in U.S. History

**1819** - The first successful agricultural journal, "American Farmer" first publishes.

**1827** - U.S. inventor Joseph Dixon of Salem, Massachusetts, begins manufacturing lead pencils.

**1865** - Confederate President Jefferson Davis flees Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia during U.S. Civil War.

**1917** - Jeannette Rankin (Rep-Montana) begins her term as first woman member of U.S. House of Representatives.

**1917** - President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany.

**1932** - Charles Lindbergh turns over \$50,000 as ransom for his kidnapped son.

**1942** - USS Hornet with Jimmy Doolittle's B-25 departs from San Francisco.

## Outside Looking In



By Scott Thoma

### What a story

When I put out the word that I was searching for the names of the three boys that had skipped school 75 years and decided to trek west with a Bible, a flashlight and a jar of pickles, I never dreamed one of the boys would see the story call the Mascot.

I thought there was a slim chance that a senior citizen in town might remember the incident, but after making numerous phone calls and sending many emails to locals and former residents, only one person had a slight recollection of the story.

"I do remember something like that, but I don't remember who the boys were," said David White, before continuing with a laugh that "it sounds like something Walt Gislason might do."

White, who currently lives in Omaha, was correct in his assumption. Two of the three boys graduated from Minneota High School with White in 1954.

"Let me know if you find out who they were," White said.

When I made a follow-up call to White and told him one of the boys was indeed Walt Gislason, he laughed again before saying, "I thought so."

I have nicknamed the three boys, who were 9 and 10 years old, "The Pickle Boys" (see separate story on front page) because the story in the March 29, 1946 Mascot told that the boys only carried a Bible, a flashlight and a jar of pickles with them in their journey."

On a stroke of luck, Jon Gunderson saw the story online and called to let us know that he, Walt Gislason and "Buzz" Lovell were the three boys who decided to skip school one day and take off on foot in a westerly directions. Buzz's real name was Robert Lovell Jr.

What makes this a little humorous is that Robert Lovell Sr. happened to be the superintendent at the Minneota School District.

The Lovells left town shortly after the boys' journey as Robert Sr. took a job as superintendent with another school district.

The boys were planning to head west along Highway 68 to see how far they could get. They planned to sleep in haystacks and work for food (once the pickles ran out), Gunderson noted.

The boys had hoped to make it as far as Canby before nightfall, but only made it as far as Porter before someone called and informed the school about the three boys were playing hooky. Mr. Lovell drove to Porter to pick the boys up.

Wanting to put a face to my story, I asked Gunderson if one of his daughters could take his picture for me, and could they possibly use a jar of pickles and/or a Bible as a prop. I received the photo the next day with George holding those two items, as well as a flashlight.

Both men went on to become successful businessmen.

Gunderson and his brother, George, owned and operated Gunderson Construction Company for many years and constructed some of the buildings in town like the Manor, the apartment building and the bank. Gunderson's wife Darlene, passed away in September in Ottertail.

I then called Gislason, who I have known for many years in Willmar. He moved to Willmar in 1971 and owned a highly-successful car wash/gas station/convenience store along U.S. Highway 71 for many years simply called "Walt's". Gislason sold the business and he and his wife, Raeanna, moved to Wayzata six years ago. The business is still in operation and is still called "Walt's" as a tribute to Gislason.

Raeanna also was kind enough to take a photo of Walt holding a jar of pickles and a Bible and sent it to me to use with the story on the front page.

I have been unable to locate "Buzz" Lovell. If anyone has any information about him, please email me at [scott@thomabooks.com](mailto:scott@thomabooks.com).

NOTE: This bit of information was offered by Gunderson: "When I was born in Minneota, the doctor who delivered me was Dr. Sanderson," he said. "I just got new hearing aids here in Ottertail and my doctor her is Dr. Sanderson's nephew."



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### Traveling exhibit

Lyon County Historical Museum in Marshall has had a traveling exhibit in the conference room on the second floor throughout the month of March. The exhibit, entitled: A Century of Civic Engagement: League of Women Voters in Minnesota to commemorate the 19th Amendment's centennial year and recognize the organization's mission and history over the past century. *Mascot photo by Scott Thoma*

## New study highlights higher profits for Ag Water Quality Certified Farms

*Farmers also saw other improved financial metrics*

A new study by the Minnesota State Agricultural Centers of Excellence shows that farmers enrolled in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) had higher profits than non-certified farms.

This marks the second year of data highlighting improved financial outcomes.

The "Influence of Intensified Environmental Practices on Farm Profitability" study examined financial and crop production information from farmers enrolled in the Minnesota State Farm Business Management education program. The 64 MAWQCP farms in the study saw 2020 profits that were an average of \$40,000 or 18% higher (median of \$11,000) than non-certified farms. The 2019 data showed an average of \$19,000 or 20% in higher profits (median of \$7,000) for certified producers. Other key financial metrics are also better for those enrolled in the MAWQCP, such as debt-to-asset ratios and operating expense ratios.

The two years of data serve as an early indicator of a positive return on investment for whole-farm conservation management farmers implement in order to become certified.

"The Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program is a double-win for the state," said Agriculture Com-

missioner Thom Petersen. "We see that certified farms have a major impact on our environment for the better; now we also know that those farmers see better economic outlooks which helps our ag economy. I encourage all farmers and landowners to look into the advantages of certifying their land."

"While this study is in its infancy, capturing two years of data and 3% of the Minnesota database, it does look encouraging that producers who are water quality certified enjoy an increase in farm profitability," said Keith Olander, Executive Director of Ag-Centric. "As we expand this dataset in future years, we will look to incorporate enterprise level management data that may explain more about what is driving these profit levels."

To view, download, or request a copy of this report, visit [agcentric.org](http://agcentric.org).

The MAWQCP is a voluntary program for farmers and landowners that protects the state's water resources by putting farmers in touch with local conservation district experts to identify and mitigate any risks their farm poses to water quality. Producers going through the certification process have priority access to financial assistance.

Since the program's statewide launch in 2016, 1,038 farms totaling over 734,000 acres have been certified across Minnesota. Farms have added 2,095

new conservation practices, which protect Minnesota's waters. Those new practices help to reduce of greenhouse gas emissions by over 40,500 metric tons each year. That annual saving is equal to 4.5 million gallons of gasoline, or 44.6 million pounds of coal, or eliminating more than 100 million miles driven by an average passenger vehicle.

The program is on target to meet Governor Tim Walz's goal of enrolling one million acres by the end of 2022.

Farmers and landowners interested in becoming water quality certified can contact their local Soil and Water Conservation District or visit [MyLand-MyLegacy.com](http://MyLand-MyLegacy.com).

#### About the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect our water.

Those who implement and maintain approved farm management practices will be certified and in turn obtain regulatory certainty for a period of ten years. The program is available to farmers and landowners statewide.

## Sanford Health Network Scholarship available

Sanford Health Network and your local Sanford Health location are offering a scholarship for area students who are seeking a degree in a field related to health care. Applications are available online and due by April 11.

Sanford Health offers this scholarship as an investment in the region's future workforce, which will serve our communities.

Students applying for the scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants should have an affiliation with a participating Sanford Health facility.
  - Accepted into a health care program at an accredited, post-secondary institution.
  - Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater, calculated on a 4.0 grading scale.
  - The applicant must send an official transcript of grades from their last completed semester of study.
  - The transcript must show current grade point average.
- Students will receive written notice about scholarship decisions. Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to receive it again, but at lifetime limit of \$4,000 is in place for this specific scholarship. Applicants do not need to be employed by Sanford Health or be directly related to a Sanford Health employee.

Additional information about this scholarship, and all Sanford Health sponsored scholarships is available online. To find details, search "scholarships" in the search bar at [www.SanfordHealth.org](http://www.SanfordHealth.org).

## SMSU Theatre to present 'An American House' play

Southwest Minnesota State University Theatre's 53rd season closes with "An American House" by Lisa Nanni-Messegee and Todd Messegee.

Performances are April 8-10 and 16-17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and April 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. All performances are in the SMSU Fine Arts Theatre, with free parking available in lot B-1. Tickets are \$10 and are available at [www.SMSUtickets.com](http://www.SMSUtickets.com) and at the door.

In keeping with current public health guidelines, physically distanced seating is limited to approximately 75 per performance. All performances are free to SMSU students with a valid student ID.

Throughout 10 scenes, "An American House" spans 150 years of familial bonds, innovation, and patriotism inside the walls of a single American home. Over time, families move in and out, but the house remains a symbol of perseverance as the country and its people change and evolve through tragedies and triumphs.

The play's authors, Lisa Nanni-Messegee and Todd Messegee, wrote the scripts for the Hallmark TV movies "Holiday for Heroes," "Christmas Homecoming," and "Romantically Speaking."

An American House is directed by Professor Sheila Tabaka of Marshall, Minn., who is also the costume designer.

Each actor in the ensemble cast plays multiple roles. The cast and production team includes: Ale Emmanuel of Marshall, Tailer Benson of Elk River, Brady Berg of Wells, Alex Duus of Tyler, Molly Green of Silver Lake, Matthew Hartley of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Sara Heiderscheidt of Redwood Falls, Colton Jensen of Sanborn, Joy Krosschell of Wells, Avianna McFarquhar of Marshall, Domonique McPhail of Murdock, Mary Jean Porter of Marshall, Leah Schmid of Worthington, Mary (TJ) Tjeerdsma of Cherokee, Iowa; Dimitri Warwas of Marshall, Elizabeth Zoya of Maplewood, Kyle Goblirsch of New Ulm, and Sara Karpen of Tea, S.D.

## New to Medicare Virtual Class

Learning what to do when you become eligible for Medicare can seem overwhelming. This class is for people who will be new to Medicare and would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D.

Classes will be held virtually on April 13 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Topics will include a comprehensive introduction to Medicare including what Medicare covers, supplemental insurance and Part D prescription coverage. During the class you will learn the Medicare enrollment details, how to get the most from your benefits and how to research your Medicare plan options using the [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) site.

Please visit: <https://mnraaa.org/calendar/> to sign up for the class, as space is limited.

The Senior LinkAge Line is a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's local area agencies on aging. It is the state's federally designated State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). Call the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or visit [www.MinnesotaHelp.info](http://www.MinnesotaHelp.info) to chat with a specialist during business hours.

## USDA funding available to help low-income buy or repair homes

USDA Rural Development has funding available for very-low and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one person with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$7,500 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, install indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Time is limited to receive funds for the current fiscal year. Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to

see if you qualify.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/mn](http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn).

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# Recycling today as important as ever

**From the Lyon County Environmental Department**

About 20-30 years ago we handled waste (trash) much more differently than we do today. The ability to recycle more is now here. The ability to have more choices on how we handle our waste in the rural setting is now here. The ability to reuse more of the things that we no longer want is now here.

Unfortunately, much of our thinking and much of how we all perceive waste is still back in the days on how we approached waste and waste reduction from 20-30 years ago.

A good example of this is an old refrigerator magnet that has been hanging on some of our fridges in Lyon County that came out in the 1990s regarding how to recycle and what we can recycle. While much of the information on this refrigerator magnet is still correct, there are many things that we now can recycle that we couldn't back then.

If you still have information at your home on recycling or trash disposal and it is older than three years, throw it away (or recycle it). Chances are that information is old and no longer correct.

I often hear from residents that recycling and trash disposal changes all the time. Not really. Changes, like most things in life, come rather slowly. For the most up to date information, call us at the Environmental Department office or go online to the Lyon County website. Some things have not changed since the beginning days of recycling. The first is aluminum cans

such as pop cans or beer cans. Unfortunately, after 30 years of recycling, there are still high numbers of pop cans coming into the landfill. This is a shame because these are the easiest items to recycle. Tin/steel cans are easily recycled.

Glass bottles and jars are easily recycled. Paperboard (think cracker boxes, macaroni boxes) are easily recycled. ALL paper can be recycled except shredded paper. Shredded paper must be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility or thrown away. ALL cardboard can be recycled. Plastic containers that have the plastic identification of 1, 2, and 5 can be recycled. In fact, most plastic containers are now made up of these three kinds of plastics.

Where things are different from 30 years ago are: labels can stay on (no need to remove), all caps or lids can stay on the containers (no need to remove), you don't need to flatten anything except cardboard, and we do not take Styrofoam in our carts or community recycling roll-offs. Styrofoam needs to come to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free or thrown away.

We also do not take clothing in our recycling or any other kind of cloth.

We also take what was once called waxed paper packaging or waxed cardboard. 30 years ago these items (think frozen food containers, milk or juice cartons, pop and beer boxes) were covered in a wax substance.

The past 30 years, these items have been actually covered in plastic material and are very much recyclable in our system. These items are not accepted everywhere so we

are fortunate that we can recycle them here.

Trash disposal has also changed. For the most part, if you live within city limits you have trash service. If you live in a rural setting, you, too, can have a trash service. There are now 31 counties in Minnesota that have adopted a no-burn resolution. In the past, it was difficult for rural residents to have trash service. This is no longer the case.

More and more rural residents are choosing to call a waste hauler to have trash services at their homes. Burn barrels do not burn hot enough to "burn off" hazardous chemicals that are in the packaging that our food comes in. Insurance companies are taking a second look at burn barrel use on farms and burn barrels are the 3rd highest cause of rural fires.

For those who live within city limits or those who live in a rural setting, you can also self-haul trash to the Lyon County Landfill. If you are cleaning out your home or your farm, residents no longer have to burn or bury items that are no longer wanted.

The fee for self-hauling to the landfill is very reasonable. Residents can also contact a waste hauler to have a dumpster placed at your residence for a fee. Keep in mind that since the 1980s, it is against the law or burn or bury household trash.

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## City of Taunton Notice

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2022 property taxes. The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Taunton will meet on the 14th day of April 2021, at 7:00 PM, via Zoom meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the Assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your value and/or classification and may make changes as needed. You must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

## Township Notices

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2022 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Grandview Township will meet on the 14th day of April 2021, at 1:00 PM, at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your value and/or classification and may make changes as needed. You must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

**Dan Vandendriessche, Clerk**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS (This may affect your 2022 property taxes)

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Westerheim Township will meet on the 14th day of April, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., at the Minneota City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your value and/or classification and may make changes as needed. You must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

**Rick Bot Clerk**

### SWEDE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2022 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Swede Prairie Township will meet on April 12, 2021- 9-9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your value and/or classification and may make changes as needed. You must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

This will be a virtual meeting, the login information for the meeting can be found on the Yellow Medicine County website at [www.co.ym.mn.gov](http://www.co.ym.mn.gov)

**Brian Pitzl, Clerk**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2022 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Eidsvold Township will meet on the 14th day of April 2021, at 9:00 AM, at the Minneota Fire Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your value and/or classification and may make changes as needed. You must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

**Laurie Laleman, Clerk**

### ASSESSMENT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Review - Equalization of the Township of Nordland, in Lyon County, Minnesota, shall meet on the 14th day of April, 2021 at 10:30 AM, at Kevin Johnson's Home. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation of classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review this valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed.

Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

**Given under my hand this 24th day of March 2021. Deb Johnson, Clerk of Nordland Township**

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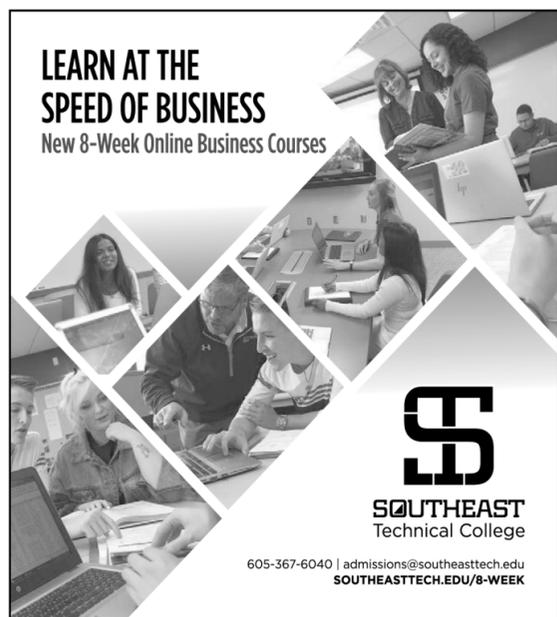
**NOTICE** - Nordland Township is requesting gravel bids on 3,000 cubic yards, more or less, of screened and also class 5 crushed gravel to be spread on township roads by July 1, 2021.

These bids will be opened at the clerk's office on April 14th, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

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## Obituaries

### Barbara Fodness

March 28, 1940  
- April 4, 2021



The funeral service for Barbara Fodness, 81, of Minneota, will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Hope Lutheran Church in Minneota.

A walk through visitation will be Friday, April 9, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. all at Hope Lutheran Church. Interment will follow the service at Hope Lutheran Cemetery.

Masks are required at all indoor events and social distancing guidelines will be followed. A recording of the service will be available later at [www.horvathfuneralservice.com](http://www.horvathfuneralservice.com).

Barbara Louise (Lawson) Fodness was born on March 28, 1940, in Baring, Missouri. Her parents were Harold and Dorothy (Slocum) Lawson. She attended all twelve years of school at the Baring Public School and graduated in 1958.

She attended Kirksville University for a year and then married Joseph McManus. He was a member of the U.S. Navy, and they lived in San Diego, CA, for a few years.

When his enlistment was up, they moved to Chicago, IL, where he was employed. They had three children, Joseph M. McManus, Sandra (Dan) Struif and John (Christine) McManus. Barbara worked at the Lombard Public Library and then went to work at Chicago Bridge and Iron Company.

In 1995, she married Eugene C. Fodness, and in 1998 they both retired and moved to Minneota, MN. Barbara and Gene enjoyed many trips together, like Alaska, Hawaii, Caribbean cruises, as well as car and bus trips throughout the United States with friends.

Barbara had seven grandchildren: Ashley and Kylie McManus, Dan and Christopher Struif, Rebecca, John, and Tom McManus; and one great-grandchild, Nolan Herrigan. She also had two step-daughters, Kelly (Gerard) Watras and Jean (Walter) Siewierski, and four step-grandchildren: Emma, Ayanna, Zak, and Eli Siewierski.

She was active in church, singing in the choir and serving as secretary for the Hope Lutheran Church Women and for the Altar Guild. Barbara also wrote stories printed in the Minneota Mascot for several years and had various other hobbies.

Barbara died on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at the Avera Marshall Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, sister Marilyn (Kenneth) Goodwin, and brother Tom (Karen) Lawson, brother-in-law Tom Hirmer and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, sisters Linda Hirner and Suzanne Small, and brother Robert Lawson.

Blessed be the memory of Barbara.

### Betty Prellwitz

Betty Prellwitz of Minneota passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021. Services are pending with Horvath Funeral Home. A complete obituary for Betty will be in next week's edition of The Mascot.

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## Police Blotter

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

Monday, March 29, 2021

- Permit to Purchase Application
- Family Matter in the 200 block of N. Jefferson Street.
- Suspicious Activity in the 200 block of N. Jefferson Street.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

- Assist the Lyon County Sheriff Department in rural Taunton.
- Found Property in the 4500 block of Van's Street.
- Medical Call in the 4500 block of Van's Street.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

- Assist Minneota Public School in the 500 block of Van's Street.

Thursday, April 1, 2021

- Animal Complaint in the 200 block of Hwy 68.
- Medical Call in the 2500 block of County Road 13

Friday, April 2, 2021

- Animal Complaint on Hwy 68 at N. Monroe Street.

Saturday, April 3, 2021

- Medical Call in the 3300 block of 160th Avenue.
- Medical call in the 810 block of County Road 1.

## Menus

### MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Monday, April 12

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken drummies or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, bun, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 13

Breakfast: Long John or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken wrap or burrito, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, April 14

Breakfast: Pancake sausage or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Cook's choice, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.

Thursday, April 15

Breakfast: Muffin/cereal or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken alfredo or corndog, bun, lettuce salad, veggies, fruit, milk.

Friday, April 16

Breakfast: Waffles or notable, fruit, milk.  
Lunch: Cheese dunkers, riblet, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit, milk.

### ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

Monday, April 12

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tator tots, peas, baby carrots, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, April 13

Lunch: Super nachos, lettuce, tomaotes, refried beans, chips, salsa, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, April 14

Lunch: Pizza, Romain salad, baked beans, carrots, pears, milk.

Thursday, April 15

Lunch: Corn dogs, mixed greens, French fries, baked beans, oranges, milk.

Friday, April 16

Lunch: Tuna salad sandwiches, PBJ sandwiches, carrots, lettuce salad, green beans, fruit, milk.



## Ask the Chief

By Minneota  
Police Chief Bill Bolt

### Do you own a pet?

Pets are a big blessing to their owners. They provide comfort, entertainment, and a purpose. However, many owners fail to properly control and care for their pets and this causes many problems in town.

I am not saying that you are a bad person, but perhaps you are too busy and have too much going on in your life to care for a pet. Perhaps your life has changed due to health, a birth, a job change, or a move, and a pet doesn't work for you anymore.

It is 100 percent your responsibility to keep your dog or cat on YOUR property. It is incredibly disrespectful and rude to open your door so that your cat or dog can use your neighbor's yard as a bathroom or scare people walking in town.

If you are walking your dog you must also pick them up after them. I am sure you don't like picking up another dog's poop in your yard, so why would you leave your dog's poop in someone else's yard. This happens a lot in town and most people are "too nice" to report it.

Please do your part and either be responsible for your pet or adopt it out to someone who has the time, energy, and willingness to be a responsible owner. There is no shame in doing the right thing.

## From the Mascot Kitchen

### Chicken & Wild Rice Bake

A very delicious and traditional Minnesota dish that can be made in various ways, eliminating or adding certain vegetables or spices to your liking.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 3-1/2 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked wild rice
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 2-1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cups cooked chicken, diced
- 1 2 oz. jar chopped pimiento
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 tsp curry powder
- 1/4 cup grates Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup slivered almonds

#### DIRECTIONS

In a large pot, bring water to a boil. Stir in uncooked wild rice, diced carrots and diced celery, along with 1 teaspoon of salt. Reduce heat, cover and simmer, approximately 50-55 minutes. Drain any excess water. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large stockpot, heat butter over medium heat until melted and then saute mushrooms and onion for 5 minutes. Stir in rice, chicken, pimiento (drained), parsley, pepper, curry, broth, cream and remaining salt. Transfer to a 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle cheese and almonds on top. Bake, uncovered for 50-60 minutes.

### On this Day in Minnesota History

1905 - Christened by Rose Marie Schaller of Hastings, the battleship Minnesota is launched at Newport News, Virginia.

## — Minneota Area Community Churches —

### Healing Waters Parish

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

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

Vicar Mort Meyenburg  
Church Contact No. 320-841-1085

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St. Leo, MN

Mass Times: See Bulletin

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Worship Times:  
Sunday, April 11 : Worship at 9 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 14: GLOW at 5:30 p.m.

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

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Worship Times: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Allen Campbell

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

### Hemnes Lutheran Church

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

### St. Eloi Catholic Church

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Mass Times:  
Saturday, April 10: Mass at the convent at noon  
Sunday, April 11: Mass at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 14: CCD at 6:30 p.m.

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

### Bethel Fellowship Church

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### St. Edward Catholic Church

Minneota

Mass Times:  
Thursday, April 8: Mass at 7 a.m., adoration 5-7 p.m.  
Saturday, April 10: Mass at 5:30 p.m., confession 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 11: Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
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**BRIDAL SHOWER:** Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Jennifer Krog bride-to-be of Alex Pohlen Saturday, April 17, stop and stroll from 9-11a.m. Hope Lutheran Church in Minneota. Gift registries can be viewed at the following links: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/jenniferkrog0301> <https://www.zola.com/wedding/jenniferandalexjune12> Masks required.

**Public Hearing**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE to the Lyon County Planning and Zoning Administrator by Novel Energy Solutions, LLC (Applicant) for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) as regulated by the Lyon County Zoning Ordinance. The Project is referred to as the Novel Fultz Solar, LLC Solar Garden. The project's peak production will be approximately 1-megawatt. The project will be leased from Sheila & Jay Fultz. The area representing the request is zoned agricultural. The affected property is described as follows:

The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 29, Township 109 North, Range 40 West, Monroe Township, Lyon County, Minnesota

Parcel ID: 13-029001-2

A Public Hearing on the Conditional Use will be held by the Lyon County Planning & Zoning Commission in the Commissioners Room of the Lyon County Government Center, Marshall, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Due to COVID, if you would like to attend the meeting remotely, please contact John Biren at least one day prior to the meeting.

**John Biren, Lyon County Zoning Administrator  
Phone: 507-532-8207 Extension 3**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE to the Lyon County Planning and Zoning Administrator by Bonnie Heintzman, owner and Justin Richards, owner/operator – Barrels and Arrows, for a Conditional Use Permit Request to operate a Gunsmithing/Archery Services Business. This is an extended home occupation. The area representing the request is zoned agricultural. The property is described as follows:

The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty (20) Township One-hundred twelve (112) N Range Forty-one (41) W Fairview Township, Lyon County, MN

A Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use Permit request will be held by the Lyon County Planning and Zoning Commission in the Commissioner's Room of the Lyon County Government Center, Marshall, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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**HELP WANTED: HEAD LIFEGUARD**

The City of Minneota is accepting applications for Head Lifeguard for the 2021 Season to oversee Lifeguard staff and all pool activities. Water Safety Instructor (WSI) preferred. 20-40 hours per week with variable work schedule including some weekends. Interested individuals may obtain an application form online at [www.minneota.com](http://www.minneota.com) or by contacting the City Administrative Office, 129 E. 1st St., Minneota, MN. Phone: 507-872-6144. Applications must be received by Thursday, April 8th, 2021.

**HELP WANTED: LIFEGUARDS & WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS**

The City of Minneota is accepting applications for Swimming Pool Lifeguards for the 2021 Season. Interested individuals may obtain an application form online at [www.minneota.com](http://www.minneota.com) or by contacting the City Administrative Office, 129 E. 1st St., Minneota, MN. Phone: 507-872-6144. The City of Minneota Applications must be received by Thursday, April 8th, 2021.

**HELP WANTED: CERTIFIED POOL OPERATOR** The City of Minneota is accepting applications for a Certified Pool Operator for the 2021 Season. Previous experience and CPO certification preferred. Interested individuals may obtain an application form online at [www.minneota.com](http://www.minneota.com) or by contacting the City Administrative Office, 129 E. 1st St., Minneota, MN. Phone: 507-872-6144. Applications must be received by Thursday, April 8th, 2021.

YOUTH WRESTLING

# Strong showing at NYWA



The Minneota K-6 team went 4-1 at the Northland Youth Wrestling Association (NYWA) State Tournament this past weekend. Front row, left to right: Drew Fier, Jacob Myrvik, Bryson Javers, Camden Johnson, Hylar Danielson, Trevor Gronke. Middle row, left to right: Bekkem Gillund, Owen Myrvik, Ehann Faris, Nolan VanKuelen, Derek Fier, Eli Faris, Colt Bouwman. Back row, left to right: Cole Johnson, Mason Javers, Quinton Anderson, RJ Sorensen, Landon Pohlen, Blake Mead, Sam Myhre, Heydan Danielson, Levi Gamrak, Cael Fier.



The Minneota K-6 wrestlers who placed individually at the NYWA State Tournament, left to right: Bryson Javers, seventh place at 50 pounds; Derek Fier, eighth place at 64 pounds; and Jacob Myrvik, second place at 45 pounds.



The Minneota 7th and 8th grade team went 3-2 and won their pool at the NYWA State Tournament this past weekend. Front row, left to right: Cael Fier, Quinton Anderson, Blake Mead, Hunter Danielson, Adam DeVlaeminck, Levi Gamrak. Back row, left to right: Browdy Lozinski, Brock Fier, Tyler Lozinski, Destin Fier, Eli Gruenes, Chase Johnson, Noah Gorecki.



The Minneota 7th and 8th grade wrestlers who placed individually at the NYWA State Tournament, left to right: Adam DeVlaeminck, seventh place at 95 pounds, and Eli Gruenes, fourth place at 135 pounds.

*Contributed photos*

## Red Cross celebrates National Volunteer Month; donors can give blood in Minneota on April 22

With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential for hospital patients in need of transfusions. During National Volunteer Month this April, the American Red Cross is celebrating the blood, platelet and plasma donors who help fulfill its lifesaving mission and urging healthy individuals to join them in giving.

Nearly 2.6 million Red Cross volunteer donors step up every year to ensure blood is on the shelves when patients need it. The generosity of these heroes has been especially impactful over the past year as they helped the Red Cross continue to meet patient needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Red Cross continues to urge healthy individuals, especially those with type O blood, to give blood to ensure hospitals can meet patient needs. Schedule a donation appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a special thank-you, those who come to give by April 30 will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of choice. Additional details are available at [rcblood.org/Gift](http://rcblood.org/Gift).

### Health insights for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Plasma from routine blood and platelet donations that test positive for high levels of antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to meet potential future needs of COVID-19 patients. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood product collected from COVID-19 survivors who have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is also screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive antibody test and sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

### Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face masks for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming local blood donation opportunities:

#### Lyon County

Cottonwood  
April 23: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lakeview High School, 875 Barstad Road N.

Marshall  
April 22: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., In Honor of Healthcare Workers, Marshall YMCA, 200 S. A St.  
April 23: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., In Honor of Healthcare Workers, Marshall YMCA, 200 S. A St.

Minneota  
April 22: 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., St. Edward's Church, 409 N. Adams St.



## Mark your calendars!

The Minneota Spring Citywide Garage Sales are Friday and Saturday, April 30 & May 1!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Ad?    Yes    or    No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Payment (\$7): \_\_\_\_\_

25 Words or Less Description of Items:

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Stop in or mail to the Minneota Mascot  
201 N. Jefferson St., P.O. Box 9  
Minneota, MN 56264  
Call us at 507-872-6492 or email us at [scott@thomabooks.com](mailto:scott@thomabooks.com)  
**Ad deadline is noon on Monday, April 23.**  
Ads will run in the April 29 Mascot.