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Small Business Saturday grows, thrives

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer

Small Business Saturday generally comes and goes with little fanfare. But to several Minneota business owners, the event was a success.

"There was a steady stream of people here all day," said Carla Thompson, who was holding the Grand Opening of her Mary Louise vintage and antique store.

"I've been open a month, but this was the best Saturday I've had by far."

Mary Louise, named after Carla's mother, offered discount prices from 20-40 percent off on merchandise based on the selection of a candy cane.

And, there was one candy cane that included a 50 percent off discount.

"The first person that came in today (Nov. 24) picked the candy cane with the 50 percent off," noted Thompson.

"Because I had just opened and the 50 percent discount was the first one picked, I added another one on the candy canes."

Terri Downing and Dealyn Rose, both from



Carla Thompson, the owner of Mary Louise, a vintage/antique store, stocks an item on a shelf during her Grand Opening ceremony that coincided with Small Business Saturday. Staff Photo by Scott Thoma.

Marshall, made the trip to Minneota to support Thompson's new business that formerly was

housed in Marshall.

"We heard she was having her Grand Opening here so we wanted to come and check it out," said Downing.

At Gislason's Hardware/The Arched Door, business was also steady throughout the day.

"It was busier than a normal Saturday," said Barb Rye of The Arched Door.

Customers there were also given a chance for various discounts.

Cecelia Pohlen expressed delight after selecting a holiday décor item and learning she was getting an additional 25 percent off her purchase.

"Oh wow," she said. "I never expected this."

Earlier in the day, a customer exited The Arched Door and told a friend that the store was so busy that she was going to come back later.

"They have some nice things in there, but it's really busy right now," she said. "It's nice to see people supporting the businesses in town."

Shirley Gladis of This and That Recreated/Coffee Time also mentioned that Small Business Saturday was a success in her store.

"Much better than normal," she said when asked how this Saturday stacked up against past

weekends.

"I've been here a year now and this was one of the best days I've had. This past year has been an awesome journey."

This and That Recreated, recently added Coffee Time, a small coffee shop in the back of the store, and many customers took advantage of the hot beverages (coffee, tea and hot chocolate) to warm up during their shopping sprees in town.

Small Business Saturday was designed in 2010 to encourage holiday shoppers to patronize small and local businesses.

It is held on the last Saturday of November as a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday; considered one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Many small town businesses in the state reported little or no additional traffic on Small Business Saturday. Minneota was not among them.

"We appreciate the support we get in the community," said Dave Fahey of Gislason's Hardware.

"Minneota people always seem to be supportive of whatever is going on." Photos/Page 12



Firemen from all over the county, including Minneota, were called to help fight the fire at Southwest Tour and Travel on Highway 23 just south of Marshall on Tuesday. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Everyone called to fight Southwest Tours fire

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

Several emergency response crews battled a fire at Southwest Tours and Travel along Highway 23 in Marshall. They included the Minneota Fire Department.

In fact, Minneota Fire Chief Jeff Sussner said all the crews in the county had been called out.

The fire broke out Tuesday morning at Southwest Tour and Travel.

Apparently, the buses were on their rounds and other buses were moved from the building.

Lyon Co., Emergency Management indicated fire departments and other emergency responders were at the building for much of the Tuesday.

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Countryside Golf facing obstacles

• Asks community for help!

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

Fighting to keep the Countryside Golf Course operating has become, to say the least, challenging.

In fact, "The year 2018 has been the most challenging year our club has face since work began in the early 1960's," said Board Member Ralph Hagen.

Although membership actually grew from 100 in 2017 to 120 last year — several unexpected issues magnified the seriousness of keeping the golf course in operation.

"April snowstorms, then rains, wiped out six weeks of our traditionally good early season income," stated Hagen.

In addition, "Four of the six car shows had rain. Huge rain storms and flooding several times made Brandon's work nearly impossible," said Hagen. Brandon Hennen is the course caretaker.

In short the weather, "Wrecked many of our plans to jump-start the club."

As a result of all that rain, there is damage to the course with tile and drainage pipes needing repair.

"This was magnified in our clubhouse income and green fees were way down.

The weather, and lack of participants to sign up eventually led to the cancellation of the "Club Tournament," that has become a staple for many years.

During the winter, "The board cut expenses over the next four years by over \$28,000, which will continue until 2021," said Hagen.

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Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Nov. 20	24	07	0.00
Nov. 21	35	26	0.00
Nov. 22	43	27	0.00
Nov. 23	52	33	0.01
Nov. 24	35	24	0.00
Nov. 25	25	12	0.00
Nov. 26	16	08	0.00
Nov. 27	24	07	0.00

Outlook:

The highs for the week will vary from 40's down to teens and lows in the teens and 20's.

Chances of snow highest on Saturday (55 percent) and Sunday (45 percent).

Have a great week!



Holiday cheer Christmas decorations went up on Minneota light poles last week. The city crew, including Tim DeVlaeminck along with Jeff Yeop spruced up the community. Staff photo by Byron Higgin



Airport package leads to a Marshall arrest

A package intercepted at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport led to the arrest of a twenty-two-year-old Marshall man on charges of felony-controlled substance possession.

Arrested was Omar Yanez, Jr. Also found after a search warrant was produced at the site where the package was delivered was a plastic baggy and glass jar containing marijuana.

It also contained numerous items of drug paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, November 20, the Brown/Lyon/Redwood/Renville Drug Task Force was contacted by officials at the airport.

That contact indicated a packed they intercepted contained approximately 10 pounds of marijuana.

With the cooperation of the Minneapolis-St.

Paul Airport Police, the Marshall Police Department and the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, a controlled delivery of the package was done in Marshall.

It was later that the search was conducted and the marijuana and paraphernalia were confiscated.

Yanez is expected to appear in Lyon County Court on the charges.

The combined Drug Task Force has been operating for several years and recently announced another arrest had been made.

Over the years the Drug Task Force paid for by funds from the counties served, has been instrumental in the area.

Lyon County has officers represented on that task force. — Special Report.

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What's Happening?

November

Thursday, November 29

7:30 p.m. — The SMSU Men's Glee Club and Bella Voce, under the direction of Stephen Kingsbury, will perform "I'm Bound Away: Favorite Folksongs and Carols" on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church in Marshall. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact Stephen Kingsbury at Stephen.kingsbury@smsu.edu, or by phone, 507-537-7247.

December

Saturday, December 1

6 p.m.- The Countryside Golf Club will be having it's annual Stockholders Meeting. Social hour is at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Please stop out for the meeting.

7:30 p.m. — The SMSU Chorale, SMSU/Community Concert Band, Men's Glee Club, Bella Voce and SMSU Jazz Ensemble will perform "A Very Prairie Christmas" at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts at Marshall High School.

Sunday, December 2

2-6 p.m. — Larry Olsen Band at the Minnesota American Legion. All are welcome!

Monday, December 3

7 p.m. — VFW meeting. All members and potential members are welcome!

Tuesday, December 4

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

Thursday, December 6

7:30 p.m. — The SMSU/Community Concert Band, under the direction of John Ginocchio, will present "Happy Birthday Lennie" in the SMSU Fine Arts Theatre. For more information, contact John Ginocchio via email: john.ginocchio@smsu.edu.

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

5:45 p.m. — EDA Meeting, Council Chambers.

7:30 p.m. — The Southwest Minnesota State University Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of John Ginocchio, will perform "Celestial Music: An Out Of This World Musical Experience" in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact John Ginocchio at john.ginocchio@smsu.edu or by phone 507-537-7209.

Thursday, December 13

7 p.m. — The Southwest Minnesota Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Daniel Rieppel, will perform "Holiday Cheer" at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Marshall.

Tuesday, December 18

9 a.m. — Lyon County Board Meeting, government center, Marshall.

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

Avera Marshall awarded health care accreditation

Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center in Marshall was awarded accreditation by the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP).

HFAP is the nation's original independent, accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Accreditation confirms that Avera Marshall is providing high quality care as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation. "Avera Marshall clearly demonstrates a commitment to quality and patient safety," said Lawrence Haspel, DO, Chairman of the Bureau of Healthcare Facilities Accreditation for HFAP.

"We base our decision on the findings of an extensive and thorough on-site review of the hospital against recognized national standards for patient safety, quality improvement, and environmental safety. Avera Marshall has earned the distinction of HFAP accreditation through its performance in successfully meeting those standards."

"We're proud to achieve this prestigious accreditation," said Mary Maertens, Avera Marshall Regional President and CEO.

"Earning HFAP accreditation is a significant achievement that recognizes our commitment to providing outstanding care to our patients and our community. In fact, quality is consistently the priority focus in our strategic plans and goals."

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Moose on Farm Bureau board

By Scott Thoma
Mascot Staff Writer



Grant Moore

Grant Moore of Minneota, was recently elected to the Farm Bureau Federation state board of directors and will serve a one-year term as chairman of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee.

Moore and his wife, Denaca, have served the past two years on the Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee from District III which represents southwestern Minnesota. There are a total of seven MFBF districts.

"As the chairman, I will now sit in on the (MFBF) board of directors meetings," Moore said. "They meet about every other month. I'm excited to be able to take part in these meetings."

County voting delegates at the MFBF's 100th annual meeting on Nov. 16 in Bloomington, also re-elected Dan Glessing to a two-year term as vice president. Glessing and his wife, Seena, farm in partnership near Waverly in Wright County.

"I'm honored and humbled to serve as vice president," said Glessing. "One of Farm Bureau's greatest strengths is our grassroots structure and policy development process which is well respected amongst our elected and appointed officials."

Re-elected to a three-year term were Keith Allen of Kenyon in Goodhue County representing District I, and Miles Kuschel from Sebeka in Cass County representing District VI.

"Our Young Farmers & Ranchers and Promotion and Education programs will continue to engage consumers in conversations to increase the understanding of today's farmers," noted Glessing.

Tony Seykora of Ellendale in Freeborn County was also elected to the board of directors and will serve a one-year term as Promotions and Education Committee chairman.

Moore and 20 other Farm Bureau Federation members from across Minnesota, including Brad Hennen of Ghent, traveled to Washington, D.C. in September to discuss agricultural issues with State Senators and members of Congress.

Minnesota Farm Bureau is comprised

of 78 local Farm Bureaus across the state. Members make their views known to political leaders, state government officials, specific interest groups, and the general public.

"Young Farmers & Ranchers are required to be between the ages of 18-35 and can serve three one-year terms on the committee," said Moore, 26. "As committee members, my wife and I would help plan the leadership conference every winter. We would help to line up the speakers and entertainment and things like that."

Farm Bureau set up the Young Farmers & Ranchers program to give young agriculturalists a voice. Programs for Young Farmers & Ranchers help develop leadership abilities and improve farm management. Promotion and Education committee members work with programs such as Ag in the classroom, and safety education for farm children.

Minnesota Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization in the state focusing on Farmers, Families and Food, boasting nearly 30,000 family members.

Those members help to determine various grassroots policies involving the Farm Bureau members in the 78 counties and regional units in a democratic process.

Countryside Golf needs community help

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"We had some staff lined up to start the year. Everyone's vision of getting onto the right track seemed likely and long-term success seemed possible," said Hagen.

But the tough year and lack of income has forced the board to consider some "new" and some "old" issues.

"We would like to fix some tiles, add others, replace the pipe across from Hole No. 1 with a bigger one and finish the deck project," he said.

Also on the list are repairs to the kitchen. "We need to plan to replace and repair

machines and to restructure our debt," he added.

There is also work that needs to be done in the basement.

The board is likely to re-set their priorities for the next year at the upcoming Saturday, December 1 annual stock holders meeting.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. "Please consider joining the board or working as a volunteer, or helping donate time or money to keep the club as a community treasure," said Hagen.

Many people volunteer and members

of the board thanked them for all the time they've donated.

"Sixty years ago, those community members pledged their time and money to create the Countryside Golf Course. It's a vision of the future we have benefited from," stated Hagen.

Many non-golfers support the club through members and donations.

"Your generosity and partnership in our club and in Minneota is greatly appreciated. If you know of folks who would like to join, please do so," Hagen urged on behalf of the board.

Personal hygiene drive held to benefit local people

United Way of Southwest Minnesota (UWSWMN) recently coordinated a personal hygiene drive in conjunction with United Acts of Kindness week (November 12-16).

A variety of items were collected including: diapers, wipes, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, feminine products, Kleenex, razors, etc.

More than 3,000 hygiene items were collected and distributed to benefit youth, families, and seniors served by area food shelves, crisis programs and schools throughout the UWSWMN service area.

Volunteers spent time sorting, counting and packing do-

nations for distribution.

Personal hygiene items are an on-going need at various schools and human service providers.

They are not often able to be purchased at low cost by providers who may be eligible to purchase food items from

a food bank to serve children, families and seniors in need.

UWSWMN will continue to accept/collect hygiene items both travel and full size on an ongoing basis.

Only brand new; unopened items will be accepted and can be dropped off at our office at

800 East Main St., Marshall.

For more information on the United Way of Southwest Minnesota and our commitment to the area, please visit our website at www.UnitedWaySWMN.org.

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Sign comes down

Folks who live in small towns get used to “landmarks” in their community. So quite a few folks have taken a double take when they noticed the “Bank of the West” sign with the bear on it is no longer there. The bank recently underwent a new painting on the outside and the name was painted on the front of the building. So bank officials figured it was time to take the old sign down as well. A crane did the honors, left, as workers made sure it was safe coming down. Then it was lifted onto a flatbed trailer and hauled away (above). While old-time signage has given way to a cleaner, less obtrusive look, it also signals a new era in commercialism. “It was time,” said bank officials.

Staff Photos by Byron Higgin (left) and Sue Jacobson (above).

One more summer should complete school renovations

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Publisher

After two straight summers of construction and renovation at the Minneota Public School and Elementary School, there is one summer of construction remaining.

According to Minneota Superintendent Dan Deitte, the locker room renovation will start in March of 2019.

“It will last through the summer along with a visitor’s locker room,” according to Deitte.

The work will also include painting and acoustical tiles added to the walls in the “newer” gymnasium.

The school board has been undergoing removal of asbestos during the current projects and the, “Remaining asbestos will be removed from the first floor classrooms and new flooring will be installed.”

Also scheduled to be done next summer will be the building of a vehicle garage across from the elementary school.

The board purchased the lot last year and helped a bidder remove the home to another site in the community.

MINNEOTA renovated the high school and gymnasium area plus the front of the building two summers ago.

Then last summer they removed some high school rooms and the entire elementary school.

One of the big changes in the high school is now called the, “FACS room.”

That’s what was formerly called Home Economics. A room was added and a lot more space is now available.

Elementary Principal Jennifer Mahan-Deitte made a presentation to the Minneota Rotary Club last week regarding the latest renovations.

Mahan-Deitte indicated one of the toughest parts of the construction had to do with the staff. “There was a lot up in the air, but all the teachers handled it very well and everything went smoothly,” she said.

Some teachers had to wait until the last minute to get into their rooms for the new school year.

“But they were excited to have so much more room and everything so nice,” said the principal.

She told the Rotary the “big thing” was the remodeling of the boys and girls bathrooms.

“They were horrible and way beyond repair because the plumbing was too old to fix any-

more.” Tiling on the walls and floor in the new bathrooms matches that in the renovated part of the high school building.

She also indicated the new kindergarten rooms with LED lights, additional space and built-in bathrooms have been very beneficial to the teachers.

Many areas of the school, including these areas, still have to have carpet put in. While rugs were installed, the official carpeting has to wait until next summer.

“Because construction went so late, we couldn’t get all of that done so we decided to hold up on the carpeting,” said Supt. Deitte.

Even a new entrance was added to the elementary school along with new concrete, flagpole, rest area and bike racks outside the school.

Additional lighting was installed outside the school in the parking lots. “That’s made it a lot safer for everyone,” said Deitte.

There are new drinking fountains for the kids and the elementary has sinks and cabinets installed in some rooms.

Also a new addition is the newly renovated competition gymnasium, with new mural, walls and a re-conditioned floor.

Next summer’s renovation of the locker rooms will complete the athletic facilities renovations.

Currently, visiting teams must dress in one area but take showers in a different area.

Once completed, there will be a boys and girls locker room and also a visitors locker room that will be much more convenient for visiting teams.

“This should complete our renovations and we will have a very nice school that will last a long time,” said Supt. Deitte.

Principal Mahan-Deitte indicated this year’s renovations will go a long way toward helping the staff maintaining a good teaching environment for a long time to come.

At the current time, the school board and administration has been discussing the need for “safety measures” in an effort to make the school as safe from a potential “terrorist” attack as possible.

Shootings and other disasters in schools have caused school districts across the country to embark on efforts to make their schools as safe as possible.

Minneota is no different. While change will be made, it’s unlikely they will be announced, in an effort to keep the kids as safe as possible.

Shedding light on harms of tobacco

This month, ClearWay Minnesota launched a new campaign to shed light on the hidden harms of tobacco addiction.

The campaign highlights teen tobacco use, the smoking-related costs borne by all Minnesotans, and Big Tobacco’s youth-focused marketing tactics — all under the theme of, “See What You’ve Been Missing.”

“The tobacco industry is still causing tremendous harm, but it’s more hidden from view than it used to be,” said Michael Sheldon, ClearWay Minnesota’s Director of Marketing.

“Through this campaign, ClearWay Minnesota hopes to bring attention to how the tobacco industry targets our youth and costs all of us money, even Minnesotans who don’t smoke.”

While Minnesota has made significant progress in the last two decades to reduce tobacco’s harm, tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease.

New tobacco products also threaten to disrupt efforts to reduce youth smoking.

For the first time in 17 years, the rate of

youth tobacco use rose in Minnesota in 2017, due to large increases in teens using e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco products.

The “See What You’ve Been Missing” campaign began as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced new proposals to curb youth e-cigarette addiction, which the agency calls an epidemic.

Through powerful ads, “See What You’ve Been Missing” calls attention to rising youth tobacco rates and to the dangers of e-cigarettes and flavored tobacco products.

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Lots of smoke

The smoke from the Southwest Tour & Travel Fire in Marshall Tuesday could be seen from many communities around Marshall. Firemen tried to keep the fire under control but the large amount of smoke seemed to indicate the building would be a complete loss. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

Minnesota gets the best of Border Battle

Minnesota sports had a great Border Battle weekend! Both the Gophers and Vikings defeated their Wisconsin foes. I don't follow the Gophers, but I did enjoy the Viking victory.

If you thought watching the Vikings defeat the Packers on T.V. was fun, you should have been there. And I actually was.

Long story short, one of my Packers fan friends has always wanted to see them play in person and a whim last week, we purchased tickets.

From the moment we got on the train to U.S. Bank Stadium, the feeling was electric. There were fans of both teams on the train and everyone was just having a good time.



My view of the Packers and Vikings game on Sunday night.

Of course, there was a lot of friendly back and forth banter, but it was all in good fun.

My friend had never been to the stadium but I've been there twice before. But, I think every time you walk in, it's just such an impressive building and atmosphere it kind of takes your breath away.

The worst part of the night, was getting into the stadium. There were so many people trying

Milk Maid

By Brittany Moore



to get in and it was so cold. It was an impressive sea of purple and green. It was really neat because some of the people that were in line near us actually had ties to people we each knew. Such a small world, right?

There were many highlights of the game like the U.S. Men's Olympic Gold Medal team led the Skol chant before the game. They are all from Minnesota and Wisconsin and are fans of both teams, so that was a really neat way to start the game.

3M handed out these neat little purple sheets that you placed over the flashlight of your phone. When your light was on, it shined purple. There were a few times during the game that the whole stadium was covered in purple. It was really, really cool.

During halftime, Randy Moss received his Hall of Fame ring and gave a nice speech and razzed the Packers fans a bit. So did John Randle. "Sorry Packers fans, but I don't really like you," said Randle.

The actual game itself was exciting! Our team played well and sometime in the third quarter, Packers fans just wanted to fire their coach and start fresh next season. They banded together, it was nice.

U.S. Bank Stadium really is as loud as it sounds on the radio and T.V. It was such a blast and the "better state" shined. Skol!

From the Mascot Files

75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

75 Years Ago November 26, 1943

Mrs. Westdal, 89, mother of 11, buried on Sunday

Funeral services were conducted at St. Paul's Lutheran church here last Sunday for Mrs. Gudny Westdal, 89, who died at her home in Minneota on Wednesday of last week.

Carl's Cafe now in new quarters

Carl's Cafe last Friday opened for business in the new quarters, formerly the Finnegan building. Carl Christianson, proprietor of the restaurant recently purchased the building from Mrs. J. F. Finnegan and he moved into it last week.

He has redecorated and remodeled the place. The Christianson Cafe formerly occupied the Myhre building, which is vacant at the present time.

Kockelman-Reinhart

Peter Kockelman, formerly of St. Leo, but now of Fairfax was married to Miss Evelyn Reinhart, also of Fairfax, at St. Andrew's church there on Wednesday, November 17. Rev. H. Theisen officiated.

Sturm-Sussner

Pfc. Alphonse J. Sturm of Pine Camp, N. Y., second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sturm of near here, and Miss Ann Sussner, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sussner of St. Leo, were married at the St. Leo church at a nuptial mass on Nov. 23. Rev. John Gores officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

50 Years Ago November 28, 1968

Wrapping servicemen's gift

Virgil Ufkin, local Legion commander, Mrs. W. J. Dero and Mrs. Wendell Larson were among the first on hand last Thursday night when Legion and auxiliary members started wrapping Christmas gifts for men from this community in the Armed services.

The packages, which contained a variety of items, were being mailed to men in this country as well as those overseas.

Awarded trip to 4-H congress

Susan Hytjam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Hytjan of Balaton, has been awarded a trip to the 47th National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago.

Election Tuesday; no contests here

There will be two names on Minneota ballots when voters here go to the polls for the annual village election Tuesday - Harold Schwartz and Byron Rafnson - and two spots on the paper will be vacant - justice of the peace and constable.

Youth to attend U.S. Dairy conference

Michael Moore has been selected to participate in the fourteenth annual 4-H Dairy Conference, December 5-7, according to Ray Newell, county agricultural agent.

Mike, a long-time 4-H member, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moore of Minneota.

Married 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Downing of Taunton, who were married 50 years on November 26, were honored guests at an open house noting that event on Sunday.

25 Years Ago November 24, 1993

Mahnomen to be mighty foe in Class C battle

This week the Vikings prepare to take on Mahnomen for the Class C State Title - and know they have their work cut out for them.

Thanksgiving dinner shared

The Minneota Senior Center had "full house" this past Thursday for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Over 150 people gathered for the delicious meal and were later entertained by Bill Holm and Simon Fensom.

Camden Conference award winners

The Camden Conference this week named their Volleyball All-Conference selections. Becky Sharp was named to the first team and Jami Rolbiecki and Rhonda Vershelde were given Honorable Mention status.

Sharp, a senior, proved to be a good team leader on this year's squad with her all-around good floor game. Hitters Rolbiecki and Vershelde are both juniors.

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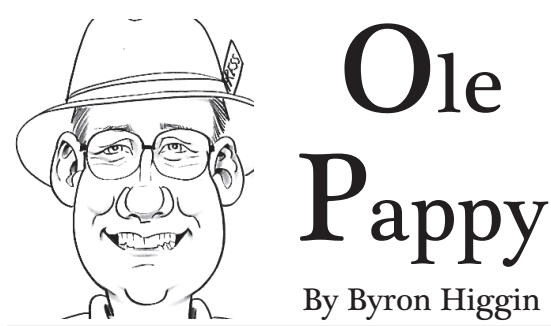
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Joan Cusack



Ole Pappy

By Byron Higgin

Create something that survives

Ole Pappy once told me, "Son, we all die. There's no way to get around it. Nobody has survived it yet."

So I asked him, "So why are we here, anyway? I mean, if we're all going to die, what's the point?"

Well, Ole Pappy looked me straight in the face and said, "The goal is not to live forever — the goal is to create something that will."

I was thinking about that the other day as I scanned some of Ole Pappy's copies of the Cosmos News.

It started out as the Cosmos News — but some time along the way folks got together in Cosmos and decided to name all the streets after things in the heavens.

You know, they named one street, "The Milky Way," and another Mars Street.

The they constructed a make-shift space ship and hoisted it to the top of the water tower so everyone in town could see it when they drove past the intersection of Highway 4 and 7.

After all, COSMOS literally means, "Center of the Universe."

At the time I was growing up and Cosmos really was, "The center of my universe." I found out much later that it was a pretty little town and not really the center of much of anything.

Then when I went back home a couple of years ago I discovered the old water tower was gone and so was the rocket on top. It was nicely decorated (see above).

Anyway, Ole Pappy re-named his newspaper, "The Sun." As I look over those old issues, I realize Ole Pappy did leave something that lasts — his newspaper.

Thanks Ole Pappy! I'm grateful!

LAUGH A LITTLE: Did God make you?

The little girl climbed on her grandfather's lap and said, "Did God make me?"

Grandpa said, "Yes he did!"

The little girl then asked, "Did God make you?"

Grandpa said again, "Yes, he did!"

The little girl looked at Grandpa's wrinkles and thinning hair and said, "He's sure doing a better job these days, isn't he?"

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: As my Ole Pappy used to say, "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it so complicated. So instead of wishing life was easier, wish that you were better."

Ole Pappy was a great thinker. But when he wanted to simplify things he'd say, "Just do it. Don't make things so complicated."

Worked for me and I always got the job done.

Thanks Ole Pappy!

Mailbag

Warm hearts made for warm coats

Dear Editor:

United Community Action Partnership would like to thank everyone in Marshall and the surrounding communities who came together and responded so quickly and graciously to our request for help with Coats of Kids this year.

The need for coats and other winter items was greater than previous years and we believe the earlier-than-usual cold weather played a role in the high demand.

This year we provided 878 coats, mostly to children, and some for adults in need.

When you add in hats, scarves, mittens, boots, snow pants, etc., the total number of items provided to keep Lyon County warm was 1,508.

Compared to last year's approximately 400 coats, we blew it out of the ballpark.

Thank you for being such a caring community and understanding the importance of warm clothes in Minnesota.

Executive Director Nancy Straw
United Community Action Partnership

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Ask the Chief

By Minneota
Police Chief Bill Bolt

Why suspicious person calls?

Someone recently asked why are there so many suspicious person calls in Minneota and if they should be worried.

This is a good question that speaks volumes about our community.

Suspicious person or vehicle calls occur when someone sees someone or something that causes them concern. There are several factors that guide people into calling the police.

Some include, time of day, location and the person's familiarity with the community. For instance, a person walking around late at night wearing dark clothing.

A person in your neighbor's yard. A person staggering down the street. A vehicle constantly driving around the neighborhood looking at homes or taking photos.

Constant vehicle traffic at a residence where cars pull up and leave after only a few minutes. There could be innocent reasons for all of these incidents or they could be thieves, drunks, drug deals or people in need of help.

Minneota is a community that cares about each other and in keeping our community safe.

I tell people that it is better to call the police and learn that there is an innocent explanation rather than to not call the police and later learn that a crime had actually been committed. It is much easier to investigate the incident right away rather than a day or two later.

The fact that we have a lot of suspicious person calls means that we have a community that is taking ownership of their safety. It also means that criminal behavior is not welcome in Minneota.

You should be very worried if you are dealing drugs, stealing or committing other crimes in Minneota. People are watching. People will report you.

People will testify in court. Minneota has zero tolerance for criminal behavior. We are a community of families and hometown business and we take pride in having a strong and safe community.

County Board addresses law enforcement issues

By Doug Clevenger
Lyon County Reporter

Lyon County commissioners last week initiated user agreements for third-party access to the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN) with the cities of Marshall, Minneota and Tracy.

The shared confidential information includes 911 public safety emergency dispatching information.

"We haven't done anything like this before?" asked Chairman Paul Graupmann in the board's deliberation.

Sheriff Mark Mather responded, "Correct. It's recommended by the state."

The computer equipment is jointly owned 60 percent by the county and 40 percent by the contracted cities.

Commissioners also renewed Lyon County's agreement for police services with the cities of Balaton and Cottonwood.

Mather explained how the county rotates officers to provide a full police presence in each city. He cited positive feedback he has received from city officials for providing several familiar faces of law enforcement in each community.

At the request of Sheriff Mather, the county board also agreed to accept a \$100 donation from the Peterson family of Florence for the purposes of National Night Out. The money will be used to provide handouts at special events.



Dealyn Rose, left, and Terri Downing, both of Marshall, look over holiday items at This and That Recreated/Coffee Time during Small Business Saturday.



Shopping Minneota

This and That Recreated/Coffee Time was well stocked with Christmas items during Small Business Saturday (left). Below, Cecelia Pohlen, left, shows the 25 percent discount ticket she won for her purchase from Gislason's Hardware/The Arched Door during Small Business Saturday. Barb Rye and Dave Fahey looked over one of the special items.

Staff Photos by Scott Thoma



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On The Bench

With
Byron Higgin



Way to go, Gophers!

Got to admit I sat in front of the television and cried like a baby as I saw the Minnesota Gophers very young football team win the Wisconsin game and go on to capture Paul Bunyan's Ax.

That's something I haven't seen much of in the past very many years.

To see this young bunch rebound from a very poor season to beat Wisconsin, capture the ax and get a bowl game, was enough to bring anyone to tears.

I felt so good for this group of young players who didn't give up under Coach P. J. Fleck.

Then on Sunday the Minnesota Vikings beat the Green Bay Packers, their arch-rival.

I can't remember very many weekends when both the Gophers and Vikings won.

This is one for the ages and will have to be savored.

Also ... happy for **Jon Konold** and the great season his Willmar Cardinal football team had — finishing second in state.

Most people felt BOLD would roll easily to a state title.

But if we recall, Mahnomen gave Minneota a tough game in the state quarterfinals last year — and with two good football programs coming together — it wasn't hard to imagine that was a very good team as well.

ODDS & ENDS:

•A year ago **Cole VanOverbeke** put on a wrestling exhibition at the state finals and ended up in third place.

Wrestling much like his state championship brother **Josh** did, VanOverbeke surprised many of the wrestlers in his class.

Now, he's a senior and will lead his team into a new season.

It will be interesting to see if the younger VanOverbeke can follow in his big brother's footsteps.

He's a very intelligent wrestler, if not a bit unorthodox, as his brother Josh was.

•It was surprising to see the first Class A wrestling pairings and see **Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove** ranked No. 1

During all those years when Minneota was on top, Tracy wasn't a contender at all.

But with their third place finish last year, and several returning wrestlers, I guess they've earned the honor.

There could be some good wrestling when they meet Minneota and also in the Section 3A Tournament.

Minneota likely will bring their youngsters to a point where they will contend but a lot might depend on three wrestlers the coaching staff hope will return before playoffs: heavyweight **Jackson Esping** and middle-weight wrestlers **Austin Kloos** and **Landon Rolbiecki**.

•When **Thomas Hennen** came out of the Section 5A championship football game with BOLD, many began to hold their breaths.

Hennen suffered a leg injury and the fear became how that would affect his basketball season.

Thomas is back on the court, although **Coach Dave Busselman** has been holding him out to let the leg recover.

Ironically, his brother **Jacob**, the other half of the one-two-scoring punch for Minneota on the hardwood, is trying to work his way back into shape after recovering from a broken hand in the first game of the year.

But don't count each brother out. They likely will be in the starting lineup come opening day.

•Nice to see **Riley Buysse** back on the basketball court. He lost a lot of time with a painful couple of knee injuries. But he's a gamer and is giving basketball another try.

•Coach Busselman likes what he's seen from **Alex Saltzer**, a junior who got limited playing time last year. "He can jump," said the coach. He may fit into the starting lineup or at least will be a top man off the bench.

•A deep freshman class is how JV Coach **Dale Kockelman** describes the Minneota upcoming girls' basketball squad.

Some of them will be on the varsity squad as well as the JV. Led by **Natalee Rolbiecki**, **Jeren Rost** and **McKenna Yost** appear to have made the talented varsity girls' team.

Old and New in Class A

By John Millea, Minnesota State High School League

There was the old and the new in the Class A Championship game.

Mahnomen/Waubun defeated BOLD to win the state title.

The two towns, separated by 12 miles of Highway 59 in northwest Minnesota — completed season No. 1 as a cooperative team with a 22-21 win over BOLD and a record of 13-0.

Mahnomen went to state 26 times between 1974 and 2017, winning eight state titles (most recently in 2013). Waubun made four state appearances, including 2015 and 2016.

That was the new.

The old was BOLD coach Steve Solem, who has led the Warriors for 33 years.

Saturday's game was his last before retirement; his teams won two state titles and this year's runner-up finish was the Warriors' fourth under Solem.

"I've got grandkids," Solem said. "I've got two sons who coach football (Grant Solem is the head coach at Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial and Trevor Solem is an assistant at Minnewaska Area) and a daughter who raises cows. So I might go out and help her when I'm not watching the other two play games."

A group of BOLD fans showed their admiration for the coach by holding up sheets of white paper, each bearing one letter. The message was clear and from the heart: THANK YOU COACH SOLEM!

Girls roll over BOLD

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

Rankings don't mean much at the start of the season.

But when the No. 1-ranked Minneota Vikings took on the No. 10-ranked BOLD Warriors in the season's lid-popper Tuesday night, it raised some interest.

After a 23-22 lead by BOLD in the early going, Coach Chad Johnston threw a press at BOLD, the Vikings vaulted out to a 43-27 lead at the half and BOLD never recovered.

The final was Minneota 77, BOLD 60.

Ironically, "We haven't had time to work on the press," said Coach Johnston. But it was the press at the end of the first half, plus Minneota's ability to run fresh girls in and out of the game that made the difference.

"We were gassed early and then they were so the press worked," said the coach.

"We were concerned about getting rebounds," said Coach Johnston.

He should have been. The taller Warriors out-rebounded Minneota, 37-23.

"They were a tall team," the coach said.

Initially, 6-0 post Makenna Steffel was the problem for Minneota. The Warrior senior tossed in six points in the first eight minutes, would end with 20 and gathered in 10 rebounds.

But she got in foul trouble — also appeared tired since the Warriors depth is a little thin.

Steffel and Makayla Snow had their team in the lead at 23-22 — but the press and fatigue set in and the fresher Vikings suddenly vaulted into a 43-27 halftime lead.

The Vikings hit five three-pointers in the first half and Lydia Sussner hit four of five free throws and nine points.

"We got something going, it worked for us and they couldn't handle it," said Coach Johnston.

Morgan Hennen, who ended with 20 team-leading points, hit on four, three-pointers and scored 10 points in each half.

"There's something about BOLD. We hit 12 three-pointers against them last year," said Coach Johnston.

Sussner ended with 15 points, eight rebounds and two blocks. Abby Hennen and Natalee Rolbiecki each scored eight and Morgan Kockelman had seven for the Vikings.

Playing the entire game was Lizzy Gillingham and she ended with 11 points. The senior didn't hold back after nursing an ankle injured in the state volleyball tournament.

As for Steffel, she ended with 20 points and four fouls. The fouls kept her out of the game at times, and she scored 14 of those points in the second half.

When Sussner came out of the game, Steffel was at her best. "We could not stop her without Lydia in the game," said the Minneota coach.

In a backup role, Snow ended with 16 points. "They're a good team with good height," said the coach.

BOLD's downfall was their turnovers — they committed 22 and Minneota had just 13.



Battled on the floor at BOLD was Lizzy Gillingham. She was surrounded by the Warrior's Ashley Trongard and Brenna Weis. Photo for the Mascot by Brian Jeremiason.

Both teams free throw shooting was at and under 50 percent — so that was a wash.

All together, it was a pretty good showing for a first game of the year.

Maybe what you'd expect from the No. 1-ranked team in the state.

"We did a lot of good things for an opening game," Johnston said.

Unfortunately, rebounding was not one of them.

"We'll be working on that," the coach said.

Minneota 77, BOLD 60

MINNEOTA (2's, 3's, FT, F TP) Morgan Kockelman 2 1 0-0 3 7; Lizzy Gillingham 3-1-2-5 3 11; Morgan Hennen 4 4 0-2 3 20; Natalee Rolbiecki 1 2 0-0 8; Abby Hennen 4 0 0-0 3 8; Abby Rost 3 0 0-1 3 8; Lydia Sussner 5 0 5-8 2 15; Audra Buysse 1 0 0-0 0 2; Jeren Rost 0 0 0-0 1 0; Mariah Muhl 90 0 0-0 1 0; Madison Sorensen 0 0 0-0 0 0; Katie Konold 0 0 0-0 0 0; McKenna Yost 0 0 0-0 0 0. **Totals 24 8 7-16 19 77.**

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3; Morgan Schmitz 1 0 0-0 1 2; Lanie Mages 0 1 0-0 1 3; Makenna Steffel 8 0 4-5 4 20; Madyson Herdina 0 0 1-2 0 1; Ashley Trongard 0 1 2-4 4 5; Makayla Snow 6 1 1-2 16; Brenna Weis 4 0 2-5 4 10. **Totals 19 4 10-21 17 60.**

Score by Halves

Minneota	43	34	—	77
BOLD	27	33	—	60

Statistics

SHOOTING: Minneota 31 of 60 for 52 percent; BOLD 23 of 53 for 43 percent.

FREE THROWS: Minneota 8 of 16 for 50 percent; BOLD 10 of 21 for 48 percent.

REBOUNDING: Minneota 23 (Sussner 8, A. Hennen 4, Kockelman, Gillingham 3 each, Rolbiecki 2; M. Hennen, A. Rost, Yost 1 each); BOLD 37 (Steffel 10; Snow 9, Weis 8; Trongard 4; Mortenson 2, Schmitz, Mages, Abby Meyers 1 each).

TURNOVERS: Minneota 13; BOLD 22.

STEALS: Minneota 12 (Sussner 4, A. Hennen 3, A. Rost 2; Rolbiecki, Gillingham, Kockelman 1 each); BOLD 7 (Snow 3, Steffel 4).

BLOCKS: Minneota 3 (Sussner 2, A. Hennen); BOLD 1 (Steffel).

B SQUAD: Minneota 59, BOLD 33.

Thomas Hennen is most valuable

By Byron Higgin
Mascot Sports Editor

On Monday, senior quarterback Thomas Hennen was named the Most Valuable Teammate.

The award came at the annual football banquet at KB's in Ghent.

Other team awards included:

Hardest Worker: Ty Lipinski

Most Improved: Blake Reiss

Offensive MVP: Cole Sanow

Defensive MVP: Shawn Buysse.

The JV Most Valuable teammate was AJ Myhre and the Viking Award went to Josh Laleman.

Named captains for next year's squad were: Cole Sanow, Blake Reiss, Logan Sussner and junior-to-be Jacob Hennen.

Also announced was the selection of six Vikings as all-district players; two as honorable mention and eight as all-academic selections.

They were:

Southwest District (All-District)

Seniors: Thomas Hennen, Ty Lipinski, Shawn Buysse, Cole VanOverbeke and Mitchell Rost. Junior: Cole Sanow

Honorable Mention: Logan Sussner and Blake Reiss.

All-Academic (Southwest District)

Thomas Hennen, Tanner Sterzinger, Mitchell Rost, Cole VanOverbeke, Ty Lipinski, Cole Sanow, Logan Sussner and Blake Reiss.

Minneota finished the season with a 10-1.

Coach Chad Johnston told a large banquet audience, "We go in with high expectations. And while the kids were disappointed, we battled adversity that snowballed all season."

The team was 10-1 after winning the Southwest District with an 8-0 record.

All-Area selections were: (first team) Cole Sanow and Cole VanOverbeke; (second team) Thomas Hennen, Ty Lipinski and Logan Sussner.

He singled out Landon Rolbiecki, who broke his leg in two places last year and said, "He sacrificed to do this."

For the season, Thomas Hennen, who started as a wide receiver and switched to quarterback



Thomas Hennen was voted the Most Valuable Teammate by his fellow players and he got his award Monday night at the football banquet from Offensive Coordinator Matt Myrvik. On the right waiting to congratulate him was Assistant Coach Jordan Fink. Staff Photo by Byron Higgin.

when his brother Jacob broke his wrist, threw for 1,066 yards on 59 of 114 passes. He completed 51.8 percent of his throws. He threw for 10 touchdowns with seven interceptions. And he rushed 65 times for 443 yards or 6.8 yards per attempt and scored eight touchdowns.

He also caught 10 passes for 223 yards with two more touchdowns.

Jacob Hennen completed 39 of 78 passes for 606 yards, a 50 percent completion rate.

Cole Sanow rushed 170 times for 1,442 yards, a rate of 8.5 yards per carry. He scored 25 touchdowns and two, two-point conversions.

The junior rushed for an average of 131.1 yards per game. Sanow also caught 19 passes for 229 yards or 12.1 yards per catch.

Blake Reiss had 48 rushes for 369 yards and LaShad Smith carried 34 times for 308 yards.

The pass receiving leader was Alex Salter with 19 receptions for 438 yards or 23.1 yards per catch. He scored two touchdowns.

Logan Sussner had 12 catches for 221 yards; Landon Rolbiecki 17 for 189 yards; Tate Walearius six for 140 yards and Reiss caught seven passes for 96 yards.

The defensive leader for Minneota was Shawn Buysse. He made 96 total tackles and helped with one sack. Reiss had 65 tackles, four of them for losses. Mitchell Rost contributed 58 tackles with three sacks and VanOverbeke had 55 tackles with a team-leading seven and a half sacks.

Sanow on defense forced a fumble, recovered two and intercepted two passes along with his 54 tackles.

Lipinski had 53 tackles, five for lost yards with six sacks. Beau Banish had 44 tackles and two and a half sacks and Logan Sussner had 39 tackles with six sacks.

Austin Sorensen added three and a half sacks.

Scoreboard

BOLD, Willmar fall in state finals

Football
MINNESOTA STATE PLAYOFFS
Nine-Man
CHAMPIONSHIP
Spring Grove 40, Mountain Lake 18
CLASS A
CHAMPIONSHIP
Mahnomen/Waubun 22, BOLD 21
Class AA
CHAMPIONSHIP
Caledonia 21, Barnesville 0
Class AAA
CHAMPIONSHIP
Rochester Lourdes 24, Fairmont 7
Class AAAAA
CHAMPIONSHIP
St. Paul Academy/Minnehaha Academy/Blake 44, Willmar 18
Class AAAAAA
Owatonna 14, St. Thomas Academy 3
Class 6A
CHAMPIONSHIP
Lakeville North 28, Eden Prairie 21

Games This Week
Friday, November 30
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton at Minneota, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4
Minneota at Yellow Medicine East, 7:15 p.m.

Boys' Basketball
Camden Conference

Team	W-L	All
MACCRAY	0-0	0-0
Renville Co. West	0-0	0-0
Lac qui Parle Valley	0-0	0-0
Dawson-Boyd	0-0	0-0
Kerkhoven-MS	0-0	0-0
Central MN Christian	0-0	0-0
South		
Minneota	0-0	0-0
Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	0-0	0-0
Lakeview	0-0	0-0
Yellow Medicine East	0-0	0-0
Russell-T-R	0-0	0-0
Canby	0-0	0-0

Games Next Week
Monday, December 3
Minneota at Edgerton, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 7
Minneota at Tracy-Milroy-B., 7:15 p.m.

Wrestling
Thursday, November 29

Minneota, Minnewaska, United at Lac qui Parle Valley, 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 1
Minneota at Litchfield Invitational, 10 a.m. — Litchfield, Alexandria, Totino-Grace, Monticello, Eden Valley-Watkins, Milaca, Hutchinson.

Football WARS

WARS didn't end very strong, hitting three of seven correct in the state finals. The correct picks were Caledonia, Rochester Lourdes, and SMB as winners. But WARS got the Spring Grove dynasty wrong in nine-man, the Mahnomen/Waubun winner incorrect in Class A and the two large school classes incorrect. Oh well, the WARS (We Aren't Really Sure) didn't know much after all. But it was a fun year.

First-year co-op Mahnomen/Waubun capped an historic inaugural season of uniting nearby football communities by capturing the Class A crown in stunning fashion with a 22-21 victory over BOLD in the title game at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Thunderbirds (13-0) scored what proved to be the final margin of victory when senior quarterback Jon Starkey scored on a 10-yard run with five minutes, 12 seconds remaining in regulation to pull Mahnomen/Waubun to within 21-20.

With little hesitation, Thunderbirds head coach John Clark, Jr., opted to go for the lead by attempting a two-point conversion.

That move paid off when senior running back Parker Syverson zipped around the right end to tack on the two points.

But then the Thunderbirds had to rely on its staunch defense, a unit that had kept BOLD's potent attack scoreless in the second half.

The Warriors (13-1) had a promising ensuing drive, but it was halted when Mahnomen/Waubun senior linebacker Jayden Heisler forced a fumble on BOLD senior running back Dawson Vosika on the Thunderbirds' nine-yard line.

Heisler recovered the fumble to preserve the victory and the co-op's first state championship. It was the ninth football championship overall for Mahnomen High School.

Syverson powered the Thunderbirds offensively with 190 yards rushing on 30 carries. Senior quarterback Jon Starkey chipped in 58 yards rushing and 66 passing yards.

The big was BOLD senior Riley Weis, 6-foot-1, 300-pound lineman who left the game with an injury in the second quarter. Riley is usually double-teamed when he's on defense, and his loss loomed large.

"You took a kid who's going to play in the all-star game and is probably one of the best linemen in the state, and you put him on the sideline," Solem said. "The kid that goes in there does a great job but it isn't him."

Nobody argued that the loss of Weis changed the outcome of the game, but still...

"With Riley, a big, strong 300-pound super-strong tackle, you can't really single-team him," said BOLD linebacker Hayden Tersteeg.

"Having him in there drawing double-teams, he doesn't get enough credit because he doesn't make all the tackles. But he draws double-teams and triple-teams all the time, and that kind of lets the rest of us flow free. The guys that came in, they did what they could. Like coach said, they're not Riley but they worked their tails off."

The small was someone who made the biggest play of the game. Mahnomen/Waubun's Heisler is listed at 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds, but Clark said he might be closer to 150.

Heisler met the ballcarrier, stripped the ball and fell on it with 96 seconds to play. Ballgame!

Asked to explain the play, Jayden said simply, "I kinda blitzed."

As for Coach Clark, "My father's been coaching football for 44-plus years and he's never won one," Clark said. "And I wanted it a lot for him. Nobody knows that but myself, now I'm getting emotional thinking about that."

students from St. Paul Academy, Minnehaha Academy and The Blake School, completed an amazing four-year journey by capturing the Class AAAAA championship with a 44-18 victory over Willmar in the title game

Jalen Suggs, a junior quarterback and defensive back, was a standout on each side of the ball in accounting for five touchdowns in powering the Wolfpack (13-0), a team created when each of the schools was struggling with participation numbers.

Suggs completed nine of 11 passes for 216 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 67 yards and another score. For good measure, he returned an interception 97 yards for a touchdown that gave the Wolfpack a 31-12 lead about midway through the third quarter.

His interception return is believed to be a Prep Bowl record, however, that statistic isn't documented. The return is believed to rank eighth all-time in MSHSL history. Levi Hintermesiter of Brandon-Evansville had a 104-yard interception return in 2008 against Bertha-Hewitt.

Willmar Coach Jon Konold, a native of Minneota, had senior quarterback Drey Dirksen pace the Cardinals (12-1) on the ground and through the air.

Dirksen rushed for 79 yards on 21 carries and completed 10 of 19 passes for 149 yards and two touchdowns. Dirksen also threw four interceptions.

Willmar junior kick returner Ethan Roux set a Prep Bowl record with 161 return yards.

That broke the old mark of 157 that was equaled during the 2017 Prep Bowl by Elk River's Adam Nelson.

In 1997, Tony Stoering of Waterville-Elysian-Morristown set the original mark of 157.

Too much Jalen Suggs for Willmar

SMB, a football co-op that combines

Football banquet

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When it came to returning kicks, LaShad Smith led the team with 13 returns for 272 yards. Sanow returned eight for 270 yards.

Minneota kicker Sebastino Beraldo made 30 of 35 extra point attempts; Smith had 11 of 19 and Rolbiecki two of five.

This year's Vikings who added their names to the all-time Viking records lists included:

Rushing: Cole Sanow, individual rushing, 14th place at 1,442. Garrett Hennen is the leader with 2,070. And Sanow is fourth in overall rushing leaders with 2,945 yards, a 7.6 average with 47 touchdowns. Brandon Anderson is the Viking career leader with 4,641 yards and 76 touchdowns.

Thomas Hennen is eighth on the single season pass reception list for his 833 yards in 2017. He's ninth overall with 1,294 yards on 73 receptions and 16 touchdowns in his career.

Cary Miller is the all-time leader with 2,026 yards in 1984 with 16 touchdowns.

Sanow also is ninth among scoring leaders with 166 points. Isaac Hennen topped the list with 238 points in one season in 2017 and is also second with 206 in 2016.

Sanow is all-time fourth among scoring leaders with 332 points on 54 touchdowns and four extra points while Isaac Hennen leads the list with 552 points on 89 touchdowns and nine extra points.

DEFENSIVELY, Shawn Buysse climbed into the ninth spot for 178 tackles in 2017 and is 14th overall with 273. Tim DeVlaeminck leads the list with 579 career tackles.

Cole VanOverbeke is 14th overall in career sacks with 15. Daniel Harrison had 37.5 in his Viking career.

Thomas Hennen's five interceptions puts him fourth overall. Dale Kockelman leads with 10. Overall, Hennen has nine for his career and Kockelman 18.

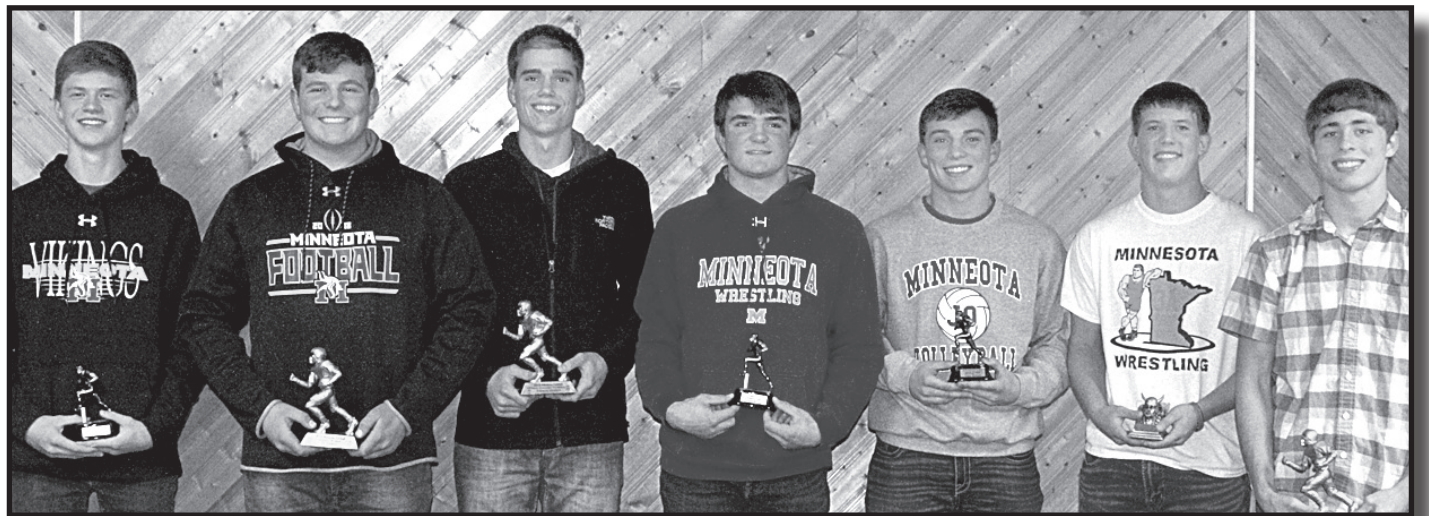
Foreign Exchange kicker Beraldo ranks 14th overall with his 30 kicks. Diego Meza-Palmer is the leader in one season with 69. Meza-Palmer had 176 in his career.

Coach Johnston said it was a challenge to move people around with all the injuries, but he added, "Kids stepped up and got a chance to shine and rolled with it."

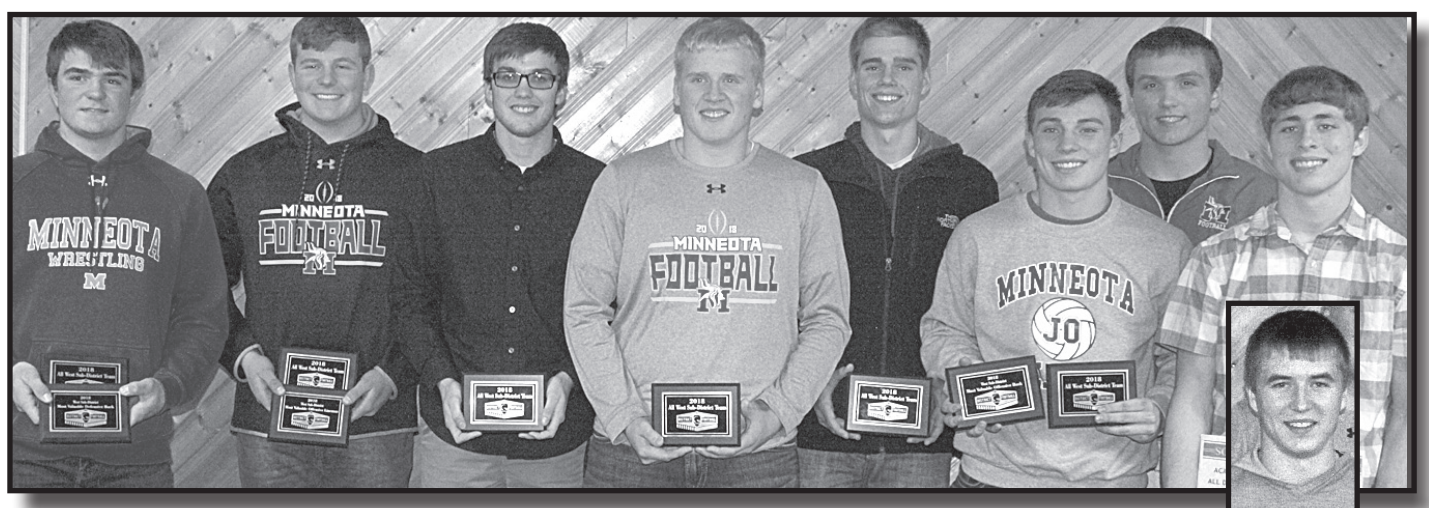
All year it was, "A kid goes down and we have to say NEXT."

He said Austin Sorensen had to change position in the middle of the year and AJ Myhre filled in at defensive back and kept the job. "Lots of kids did that. That's what good teams do. Whatever we threw at them, they made the adjustments."

By the way, Johnston himself was named Sub-District Coach of the Year.



Top honors for Minneota players included: (left to right) AJ Myhre, Most Valuable JV player; Ty Lipinski, hardest worker; Thomas Hennen, Most Valuable teammate; Shawn Buysse, defensive MVP; Cole Sanow, offensive MVP; Josh Laleman, Viking Award and Blake Reiss, most improved.



Named to the Southwest District All-Southwest District team were: (left to right) Shawn Buysse, Ty Lipinski, Cole VanOverbeke, Mitchell Rost, Thomas Hennen and Cole Sanow with Logan Sussner and Blake Reiss honorable mention. All accept Buysse were also on the All-Academic Team and so was Tanner Sterzinger (inset, right). Named captains (left) of the Minneota Vikings 2019 football team were: (left to right) Logan Sussner, Jacob Hennen, Cole Sanow and Blake Reiss.



Minneota's Abby Rost battled two BOLD defenders for possession of the ball. But she had a hand and a leg up on her opponents. Minneota won, 77-60. Photo for the Mascot by Brian Jeremiason.

Athlete of the Week:

Morgan Hennen
The Minneota junior pumped in 20 points in the season-opening win over BOLD, 77-60. She had four three-pointers. Congratulations Morgan!

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Area News

Minnesota West among 'Best Colleges' in nation

Minnesota West Community and Technical College Announced as a Recipient of the Schools of Distinction Award for Online Education Excellence by Best Colleges.
 Minnesota West Community and Technical College – Best Colleges announced Minnesota West a 2018 recipient of the Schools of Distinction Award for Online Education Excellence.
 Minnesota West is one of only five community colleges honored as a School of Distinction and joins the top 10 percent of all online colleges nationwide earning a bronze standing.
 This award celebrates the colleges and universities that stand out as leaders in the field of distance education.



A photo from the exhibit that will be on display at the Lyon County Museum. *Special Photo.*

World War I traveling exhibit at museum

The West Central Minnesota Historical Association World War I traveling exhibit, "How the Great War Hit Home in West Central Minnesota," opens at the Lyon County Historical Society Museum in Marshall on December 10.
 The exhibit runs in Marshall through January 18.
 The West Central Minnesota Historical Association (WCMHA) is a collaboration of the county and area historical societies and museums of 10 counties in West Central Minnesota.
 The counties included are Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Swift and Yellow Medicine. The purpose of this collaboration is to promote and tell the history of West Central Minnesota.
 In 2017, the Kandiyohi County Historical Society received a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$99,900 on behalf of the WCMHA to develop the World War I traveling exhibit.
 Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008.
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Obituaries

Steve Nelson

Hilding S. "Steve" Nelson, 71 of Sauk Centre, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at his home in Sauk Centre.

A Funeral Service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, November 30 at First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre with Rev. Michael Carlson officiating.

Burial will be held in Calvary Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Patton-Schad Funeral Home in Sauk Centre and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Hilding Steven Nelson was born September 4, 1947 in Minneapolis to Hilding and Olive (Hazelquist) Nelson.

He grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Washburn High School and the University of Minnesota where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry.

Steve worked in Seattle, Washington for the U.S. Forestry Service and also served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Morocco, North Africa as a forestry engineer.

Steve was married to Dianna Myhre on June 20, 1970 at Hope Lutheran Church in Minneota.

He worked at the Milroy and Sauk Centre Co-op Elevators and later owned and operated Steve's Dairy Sales and Service for many years.

Steve also worked at Osakis Ag Service, Walmart, and for the past 20 years, co-owned Sunrise View Adult Foster Care with Dianna.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre, Alexandria Gun Club, and the Sauk Centre Lions Club where Steve was past president and held numerous other offices.

Steve's pride and enjoyment were his German Shorthair hunting dogs and the puppies he raised and sold.

He loved hunting and fishing.

His family was very important to him and he adored each of his grandchildren.

Steve enjoyed traveling, especially on motorcycle trips with his friend, Rod.

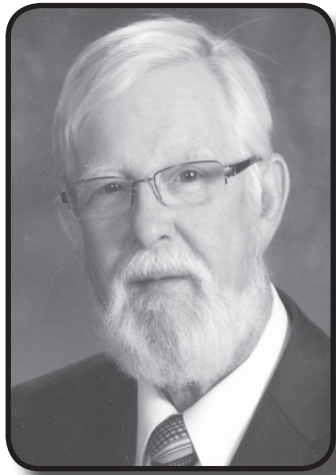
Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Dianna Nelson of Sauk Centre; children, Peter (Jennifer) Nelson of Sauk Centre, Jamila (Aaron) Drevlow of Cottage Grove and Ryan (Siobhan) Nelson of Columbus, Indiana; 10 grandchildren with one on the way; sisters, Karen and Mary Nelson of Minneapolis and his adult foster care family, Lisa, Irene, and Ramona.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents; infant son; and father and mother-in-law, Johnny and Thora Myhre.

Serving as casket bearers will be Jason, Rick, John, Seth, Craig, Dude, and Mike Myhre, Jon and Matt Mohn, Nick Howland, Richie Sorensen, and John Kienholz.

Honorary bearers will be Rod Grove, Dave Johnson, Bob Williams and members of the Sauk Centre Lions Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.



Steve Nelson



Schooling on skates

Students at St. Edward Catholic School have been busy rolling around the gym. St. Edward school rents roller skates from Skatetime, a company out of the Twin Cities. Students then get to use the roller skates during their PE classes. Roller skating is a great activity to learn and practice balance and coordination. It has been fun to watch the progress students have made from when we first got the skates at the end of October until now.

Special Photo.

Bloodmobile coming to Ghent

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donors to give now to ensure blood is available for medical treatments and emergencies during the holiday season.

The Bloodmobile will be in Ghent on Tuesday, December 11 at KB's Bar & Grill.

Blood and platelet donations often decline during the holidays. Regular donors are busy with holiday activities, and travel and severe winter weather may cause blood drive cancellations.

Yet donations remain critical for patients like four-year-old Wyatt Monacelli who is in the midst of intense chemotherapy treatments for leukemia. He has received a number of transfusions since his diagnosis in June and will likely need more.

"We are fortunate to have had so many donors give the gift of life to our child so far throughout the course of his treatment, and even more so, we are lucky to have had a supply of blood available for him when he needed it," said Julianna Monacelli, Wyatt's mother.

Donors are urged to give now to ensure that families like Wyatt's don't have to worry about the availability of blood this winter.

In thanks for helping meet the urgent need around the holidays, all those who come to donate blood now through Dec. 19, 2018, will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. (Restrictions apply; see amazon.com/gc-legal. More information and details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.)

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Another way to help keep the blood supply strong is to host a Red Cross blood drive this winter.

To learn more about hosting a blood drive and to sign up, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.



Cherri's Korner

By Cherri Schmig

1973 Recipe from Barb!

Another flash back recipe from the Barb Guttormsson recipes. This one is from the November 1, 1973 with headlines saying, "Corn Supplies at 20 Year Low".

Pumpkin Bundt Cake

- 3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups salad oil
- 2 cups canned pumpkin

- 1) Combine first 5 ingredients, add nuts.
- 2) In another bowl combine eggs, sugar, oil, pumpkin. Beat until blended and light.
- 3) Add flour mixture slowly.
- 4) Pour into lightly greased bundt pan and bake at 325° for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes before removing from pan.
- 5) Pour the following topping over cake while warm.

Topping

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 tablespoons orange juice concentrate

Mix in sauce pan and pour over cake.



Menus

Minneota Senior Mealsite

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

Thursday, Nov. 29: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Menu not available; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 30: Menu not available; "500" at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 3: CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Swedish Meatballs over Noodles or Ham, mashed potatoes, beets or cabbage, and Apple Brown Betty "500" at 12:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Christmas Tea with food by Karen (Gossen) Golden at 2 p.m. Sign up early! \$5 at the Door!

Thursday, Dec. 6: Exercise at 10 a.m.; Beef Stew or Pork Chow Mein, rice, veggie blend, and Raspberry Blackout Bar; Bingo at 1 p.m.

Minneota Public School

Monday, Dec. 3: Cinnamon round, cereal, fruit, milk; Chicken patty on WG bun, chips & salsa, fresh veggies, peaches, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Cinnamon roll, fruit, milk; Crispito or Quesadilla, lettuce, cheese, fresh veggies, pears, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Pancake sausage, fruit, milk; Hotdog or Corndog, baked beans, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, applesauce, milk

Thursday, Dec. 6: Muffin, cereal, fruit, milk; Chili, coleslaw, breadstick, fresh veggies, fresh fruit, milk

Friday, Dec. 7: Uncrustable, fruit, milk; Pizza, lettuce salad, fresh carrots, fruit, milk

St. Edward's School

Monday, Dec. 3: Hotdog on bun, sweet potato fries, lettuce salad, apple-sauce, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 4: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, dinner roll, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 5: Pizza burger, green beans, tator tots, fruit, milk

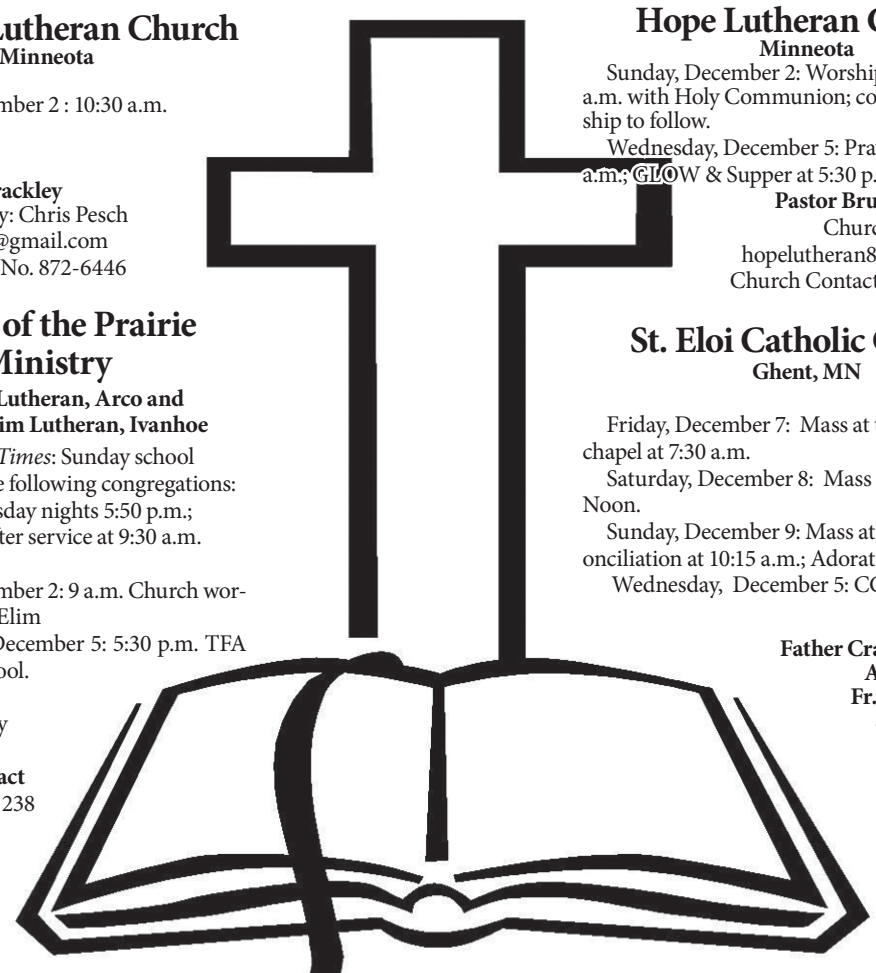
Thursday, Dec. 6: Baked potato bar, chili, ham bits, broccoli, cheese, lettuce, fruit, blueberry bubble bread, milk

Friday, Dec. 7: Stuffed cheese sticks, baked beans, lettuce, tomato, cucumbers, fruit, milk

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— Minneota Area Community Churches —

<p>Healing Waters Parish Augustana, Clarkfield; Bergen, Clarkfield; St. Lucas Lutheran, Cottonwood; Yellow Medicine Lutheran, Hanley Falls</p> <p>Sunday, December 2: Services at Bergen and Yellow Medicine at 10:30 a.m.; St. Lucas & Augustana at 9 a.m.; YMLC Choir practice at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, December 5: Confirmation at YMC at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Pastor Steve Quist Church Contact No. 507-776-0909</p>	<p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church Minneota</p> <p>Sunday, December 2: 10:30 a.m. Service</p> <p>Pastor Bruce Drackley Church Secretary: Chris Pesch hopelutheran87@gmail.com Church Contact No. 872-6446</p>	<p>Hope Lutheran Church Minneota</p> <p>Sunday, December 2: Worship services at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion; coffee and fellowship to follow.</p> <p>Wednesday, December 5: Prayer Circle at 8 a.m.; GLOW & Supper at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Pastor Bruce Drackley Church Secretary: hopelutheran87@gmail.com Church Contact No. 872-6446</p>	<p>Bethel Fellowship Church Hwy 68 - Minneota</p> <p><i>Ephesians 2:8 - By grace you are saved.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pastor Thomas Nomeland 507-828-1637</p>
<p>St. Leo Catholic Church St. Leo, MN</p> <p>Thursday, November 29: Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday, December 2: Mass at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Father Craig Timmerman Associate Pastors Fr. Zachary Peterson & Fr. Kenneth Salisbury</p>	<p>Winds of the Prairie Ministry Bethany Lutheran, Arco and Bethany-Elim Lutheran, Ivanhoe</p> <p><i>Sunday School Times:</i> Sunday school takes place in the following congregations: Bethany Wednesday nights 5:50 p.m.; Bethany-Elim after service at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday, December 2: 9 a.m. Church worship at Bethany-Elim Wednesday, December 5: 5:30 p.m. TFA and Church School.</p> <p>windsministry@gmail.com Church Contact No. 507-694-1238</p>	<p>St. Eloi Catholic Church Ghent, MN</p> <p>Friday, December 7: Mass at the convent chapel at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, December 8: Mass at chapel at Noon. Sunday, December 9: Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Reconciliation at 10:15 a.m.; Adoration at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5: CCD at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Father Craig Timmerman Associate Pastors Fr. Keith Salisbury and Fr. Zachary Peterson Church Contact No. 428-3285</p>	<p>St. Edward Catholic Church Minneota</p> <p>Friday, November 30: 2:30 p.m. Manor Mass Saturday, December 1: Mass at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, December 2: Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Reconciliation at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, December 5: School Mass at 10:30 a.m.; CCD at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Father Craig Timmerman Associate Pastors Fr. Keith Salisbury and Fr. Zachary Peterson Church Contact No. 872-6346</p>



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Thanksgiving feast

About 150 people attended the Thanksgiving Community Dinner at Bethel Community Church in Minneota on Thanksgiving. It was the largest crowd they've had since they've been serving the dinner. Pastor Tom Nomeland stopped to visit with some of the folks attending (above), then prayed for the guests and the meal before the gigantic feast was served (middle, left). Helping son Logan was Becky Esping (above, left). On the right, serving up buns in front of a steaming pan of food was Angie Kesteloot. A short program was presented. Meals were also sent to homes where people were unable to attend the event.



Fire departments from every community in the county and area helped fight the fire at Southwest Tour and Travel along Highway 23 just south of Marshall. That included the Ghent Fire and Rescue squad, which was parked in front of the fire as flames continued to lick the interior. The long building was attended to most of the day on Tuesday as firefighters fought to get the fire under control.

Fire damage reported extensive

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Temperatures in Marshall were hovering in the mid-teens on Tuesday.

Warming tents had been set up for first responders at the scene. The facility houses tour buses and other equipment.

There has been no official report on how the fire began, but it's suspected it started in a chimney.

Apparently, two buses were lost in the fire and the roof collapsed.

Tour and school buses were parked outside the building during Tuesday's fire so it appeared many of the vehicles were removed before they could be destroyed.

Southwest Tours and Travel is a motor coach tour and charter company and also is the school bus transportation company for Marshall Schools and others in the surrounding area.

Southwest Tours and Travel has been in operation for 45 years. Apparently, a chimney fire was originally reported about 7 a.m. Marshall Fire Chief Quentin Brunsvold reported the fire went into the roof and rafters of the building, which posed a challenge for firefighters.

High ceilings with steel siding and a steel roof made the fire more difficult. It was harder to get into the structure to find the fire, reported the chief. The roof eventually collapsed.

Firefighters used a forklift to pry up part of the steel roofing on the garage.

Company officials announced after the fire that the school bus schedules would not be affected. Southwest Coaches operates a total of 20 school bus routes in Marshall, traveling to Marshall High School, Marshall Middle School, Parkside Elementary, West Side Elementary, MATEC, Holy Redeemer School and Samuel Lutheran School.

The fire is under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office.

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