



Some members of the Minneota Robotics test out the robot they built. Left to right, Caleb Sterzinger, Carter Schuelke, Joe Voit (kneeling) and Logan Schuelke. Contributed photo

Robotics team up for new challenge

Two-part competition done virtually in 2021

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After qualifying and then having its three-team alliance denied a trip to the Robotics Nationals in Detroit last season due to the COVID pandemic, the Minneota team is back at it working hard on two assigned projects for this season.

Normally, teams are sent a certain amount of components and parts, along with the rules to constructing a predetermined project each year. After working on the project for

several weeks, Minneota and other teams would then travel to Duluth for the regional tournament that determines which teams advance to the nationals.

This season, however, there will be no traveling, nor is there one particular assigned competitive project.

"There are two parts to the competition this year," said Darren Clausen, who is in his 10th year as coach of the Minneota Robotics team. "The robot will be much less complicated than normal, but will still be similar to last year's compe-

tion that was called 'Infinite Recharge.'"

Clausen is being assisted again this season by Justin Buysse.

The first part of the competition is to build a robot, then compete for the best time and most points scored via video tapes sent into the region.

Teams were sent limited supplies this year.

"We were sent three new balls for scoring and that was about it," Clausen noted.

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"This is not the senior season I have always looked forward to, but at least we get to play." — Abby Rost

MASK UP, MINNEOTA

Local athletes making best of competing with facial covering

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There weren't this many masks at an event since eight members of the Jesse James/Cole Younger gang robbed the Northfield bank in 1876.

Okay, so maybe's that's a bit of a stretch. But when witnessing a high school basketball game this season, it's a bit unnerving to see the players, coaches, officials and even the crowd all having their nose and mouth covered by cloth.

The Minnesota State High School League decided to mandate masks for athletes during the 2021 winter sports season, per Governor Walz, with the exception of wrestlers and swimmers. Athletes in the fall were not required to wear masks this past season.

The biggest complaint heard around the state from print, broadcast and social media isn't so much that the athletes have to run around with facial coverings while trying to catch their breath. It's that wrestlers and swimmers are able to participate with no facial coverings even though they have much closer physical contact



Photo right: Jacob Citterman (21) of Minneota, battles for a rebound against Renville County West last Thursday. Players, coaches and fans are all required to wear facial coverings for all basketball games. Photo above: Officials are also required to wear a mask during a game, while also monitoring the players and coaches adhering to the rule. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

with one another and would be much more susceptible to contracting or spreading COVID-19.

Obviously, it would be nearly impossible to wrestle with a mask on as it would constantly be pulled off during a match.



Wrestlers still maintain social distancing as best they can in practice and meets other than a one-on-one match. Basketball players, which

started the season without having to wear facial coverings, have dealt with an adjustment period while wearing a mask in practice and games so far in

2021.

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Katie Walerius, who will compete virtually in Original Oratory this season, is the lone senior on the Vikings' team this year. Mascot photo by Reba Lipinski

Speech takes on different look

Minneota's meets will be held virtually due to pandemic

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After the loss of several veteran speakers to graduation, and having only one senior on the team, the Minneota Speech team will be relying on a youth movement this season.

"We lost a lot of experience in the class of 2020," said Gades, a two-

time Section 3A Coach of the Year. "But, we have our veterans stepping up into those roles by recruiting and coming in with a positive attitude."

Speech meets will also be vastly different than in the past due to the restrictions put in place due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Since our season will most likely remain virtual for the year, we will only be having varsity meets every

Saturday," said coach Kim Gades. "However, our section is doing something a little different. We will also be running a junior high division so those students can receive awards in their own division as well as in the varsity division."

Katie Walerius is the lone senior on the team this season for the Vikings. She will compete in the Original Oratory category. There are

several others back from last year, although all are underclassmen.

"Katie has really been working hard in her second year as a captain to get people excited about the season," Gades said. "We are happy to be able to compete. We have some people on this team who are hungry and want to do the work. I am excited for this season."

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What's Happening?

February

Thursday, Feb. 4

7 p.m. - Girls Basketball: Canby at Minneota.

Friday, Feb. 5

7 p.m. - Boys Basketball: Lakeview at Minneota

Saturday, Feb. 6

1 p.m. - Girls Basketball: Russell-Tyler-Ruthton at Minneota

Monday, Feb. 8

6:30 p.m. - Minneota City Council meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 9

5 p.m. - Wrestling: Triangular at Tracy (Minneota, Jackson County Central, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove)

6:45 p.m. - EDA Meeting at City Hall

7 p.m. - Boys Basketball: Minneota vs. Russell-Tyler-Ruthton at Tyler

7 p.m. - Girls Basketball: Tracy-Milroy-Balaton at Minneota

Saturday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - Dance: Canby/Minneota at Yellow Medicine East

11 a.m. - Wrestling: Triangular at Slayton (Minneota, Redwood Valley, Fulda/Murray County Central)

Monday, Feb. 15

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive at Minneota Public School gym

Tuesday, Feb. 16

9 a.m. - Lyon County Board meeting at Government Center, Marshall

5 p.m. - Wrestling: Triangular at Minneota (Minneota, Quad City, Wabasso)

7 p.m. - Boys Basketball: Minneota vs. Tracy-Milroy-Balaton at Tracy

7 p.m. - Minneota School Board meeting in Conference Center.

Thursday, Feb. 18

5 p.m. - Wrestling: Triangular at Windom (Minneota, Pipestone, Windom)

7 p.m. - Girls Basketball: Minneota vs. Lakeview at Cottonwood

Friday, Feb. 19

7 p.m. - Boys Basketball: Yellow Medicine East at Minneota

Saturday, Feb. 20

10 a.m. - Dance: Canby/Minneota at Worthington

12:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball: Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa at Minneota

Students

Two from Minneota on NDSU Dean's List

Carolyn Hoffmann and Kate Konold, both of Minneota, were among 4,312 North Dakota State University students placed on the 2020 Dean's List for the fall semester. A student must earn a 3.50 grade-point-average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify for the Dean's List.

SDSU announces 2020 graduates

The following area students graduated after the summer and fall 2020 semesters at South Dakota State University. The students listed completed all requirements for a degree and/or certificate program and those requirements have been verified by the appropriate college. The names of honor graduates marked with WH designate graduation with honor; WHH, With Highest Honor; CL, Cum Laude; MCL, Magna Cum Laude; and SCL, Summa Cum Laude.

- Chase VanKeulen, Ghent, Bachelor of Science, SAFES
- Ellen Longtin, Minneota, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, SNURS
- Ivy Mahan-Deitte, Minneota, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, SNURS
- Blake VanKeulen, Minneota, Associate of Science, SAFES



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Masks

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Some have adjusted well, while other admit they haven't. "I still am not sure I am entirely used to wearing the mask yet," said Minneota senior Jacob Hennen. "It feels like every day I am adjusting my body and my breathing to more and more to adhere to the mask."

"The first day of practice, I actually wore a cloth mask, and had to switch to a disposable one halfway through the practice," said junior McKenna Yost. "It is not as bad now having to wear a mask and running up and down the court, but it would be very nice if the players did not have to."

"It has taken some time to get used to the masks, but they have gotten better as the season has gone by," said senior Jacob Citterman. "I still notice that I am wearing them during games and practices and I feel like I always will."

North Dakota does not require its prep athletes to wear masks this winter. So when a high school boys basketball game was played between West Fargo and Moorhead on Jan. 14, the West Fargo players and coaches were not donning masks, while the Moorhead players and coaches were.

Can it get much weirder than this? Some physicians have said that it may not be in the best interest, health-wise, for athletes to have their airflow restricted during sporting events.

"Right away it was hard to get used to wearing a mask, but now it is easier than I expected," said senior Abby Hennen. "Coming into the season, I thought it was going to be difficult to keep the mask on and breath with, but the adjustment has been fairly easy. The hardest part is when your mask gets sweaty and you are breathing in hot air and you can't cool off or catch a breath."

While some players have grown accustomed to the mask, others are still finding it difficult to compete while wearing one.

"Breathing is difficult from the get go, but once it becomes wet with sweat and spit and hot breath, my ability to breathe falls downward at a surprising rate," Jacob Hennen said. "I feel as though I am not breathing in any air, just my mask. When my breathing gets heavier and the mask is wet, I am just sucking the mask into my mouth rather than breathing oxygen."

Yost said another problem with the mask is keeping it in place during a game.

"The biggest problem for me is having to constantly adjust the mask," said Yost. "In a game, it always falls down, and I am constantly moving it back up. It does get stuck to my face a lot, too, because it is so sweaty. It is not as hard to breath with one on anymore, but for the first few days it was pretty difficult."

And there are a few communication problems between players and coaches because of the covering, too.

"The biggest problem with wearing a mask for me is trying to hear my coaches and teammates," said Rost. "Our coach will

yell out a play for us to run and none of us will know which play he was yelling because we can't hear him through his mask."

Citterman agrees that the mask not staying in place becomes a nuisance.

"The biggest problem for me is that the mask becomes sweaty or falls down," he said. "I am constantly fiddling with my mask to wear it right. I usually switch masks during practice and that tends to help with the problem."

Players look forward to the time when they can pull the mask down during a break and allow some cool air to splash against their face.

"I am always looking forward to the time that I can take it off," Yost said. "But, if it helps prevent the spread of the virus, I know my teammates and I are willing to wear one for as long as we need to."

Some might feel sorry for the boys and girls basketball team having the the season delayed, shortened and now requiring the use of masks. The girls' team was also a favorite to repeat as Class A state champions last year before having the state rug pulled out from under them just prior to the semifinals.

"Having the state tournament cancelled was a big disappointment right away, but then we stepped back and looked at the bigger picture of how this was affecting other people's jobs, families, etc.," said Abby Hennen. "Starting late made us appreciate the times we had when we were playing because we missed it so much."

Since there was no state basketball tournament last season, nor was there a state volleyball or football tournament this fall season (Minneota would have been vying for a third straight Class A volleyball title), the basketball players are anticipating a possible state tourney this year, although nothing has been set in stone yet.

"We know what it is like getting stuff taken away from us, so we want to make the basketball season as memorable as it can be," Yost said. "There is talk about having a state tournament for basketball. I think that will motivate my team and I to work even harder, and to push ourselves to be



Jacob Hennen (15) of Minneota stands outside the free-throw lane awaiting a teammate's free throw. All Minneota high school basketball players are required to wear facial during a game this season. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

the best we can be. Hopefully COVID does not throw us too many loopholes, and we can make another good run in the post-season, and advance to state to finish off what we were supposed to do last year."

A shortened season forces games to be played more often in a shorter time span.

"I am bummed we are only scheduled for 18 games, but I am hoping we are still able to have a state tournament this year," said Abby Hennen. "As I previously said, I was not looking forward to wearing a mask, but I will do it as long as we are able to play."

Citterman feels grateful just to have some type of a season after the football season ended before the state tournament.

"With being one of the seniors on the team I was disappointed that the season started late and we had fewer games than normal," he remarked. "I was not sure that there was even going to be a season when football ended. When I found out that we had to wear a mask, I was willing to try it because this is my last year."

This wasn't exactly how some seniors wanted their final season to go.

"It has been difficult but we all try to stay positive and make the best out of what we are given," said Rost. "This is not the senior season I have always looked forward to, but at least we get to play. I would much rather get to play and have to wear a mask than not get to play at all."

Speech

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Other veterans joining Walerius on this year's team will be: juniors Thomas Belaan in Storytelling, Tristan Bierschenk in Discussion, and Emma Lipinski in Great Speeches; sophomores Joey Clark in Storytelling and Reagan Bierschenk in Informative; freshman Cora Fischer in Great Speeches; and eighth-grader Wyatt Pohlen in Discussion.

"I have a few students who are still on the fence about joining due to competing virtually,"

Gades noted.

Newcomers to the team will be Norah Fadness, a junior, who will compete in Discussion. Fadness was about to join the team late last year when the COVID hit and she did not get a chance to participate.

Gades also noted that the team will be adding several sixth graders in Addison Buysse, Leah Coequet, Amadeus Molina, Ava Panka, Brenna Meyer, and Nolan VanKeulen.

This year's team is still without an assistant coach to this point after Amanda Engels

decided to step down due to a busy schedule.

This year's meets will be run virtually, per guidance from the Minnesota State High School League.

"Some of our meets will run synchronously and some will run asynchronously," Gades explained. "For the synchronous meets, each competitor will come to school and be sequestered in a classroom by themselves after a screening."

"Then, they can take their masks off to compete for judges through an online platform

where they can see the judge and other competitors — similar to a Zoom or Google Meets meeting. The rules during the rounds stay the same as any other year."

Minneota will begin the virtual season this Saturday and then compete every Saturday until the end of the regular season on March 27. The subsection will be held April 10 hosted by Minneota, followed by the section on April 17 hosted by SMSU, and the state tournament on April 24 hosted by Eastview High School.

<p>MINNEOTA HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>First Semester 2020-2021 Senior High Honor Roll</p> <p>Our honor roll is divided into three sections: Straight 'A' Honor Roll (4.00 GPA), 'A' Honor Roll (3.666-3.999 GPA), and the 'B' Honor Roll (3.333-3.665 GPA). The honor roll is published each nine-week period for grades 7 and 8, and each semester for grades 9-12.</p> <p>Straight 'A' Honor Roll Seniors - Audra Buysse, Braxton Downing, Reid Fier, Kaitlyn Hanson, Abigail Rost, Logan Schuelke, Caleb Sterzinger</p> <p>Juniors - Alyssa Engels,</p>	<p>Jonah Gruenes, Jeren Rost, McKenna Yost</p> <p>Sophomores - Reagan Bierschenk, Autumn Dovre, Kate Hennen, McKenna Moore, Michael Pitzl, Evan Popowski, Michael Popowski, Sylvia Rabaey, Tara Sterzinger</p> <p>Freshmen - Cora Fischer, Grace Hennen, Andrew Lipinski, Faith Myhre, Kylie Sterzinger</p> <p>'A' Honor Roll Seniors - Klair Banks, Jodi Buysse, Jacob Citterman, Abby Hennen, Jacob Hennen, Anna Krier, Olivia Mahan-Deitte, McKenzie Monnet, Laura Schmig, Carter Schuelke, Joshua Schuelke, Kathrin Walerius.</p>	<p>Juniors - Summer Hennen, Alex Josephson, Ellen Meagher, Laney Myhre, Natalee Rolbiecki, Aleksa Sanow, Cale Sorensen, Tucker Thooft, McKenzie Tolk</p> <p>Sophomores - Ella Bot, Kaci Callens, Sophia Fischer, Devyn Hansen, Lyssa Kremen, Madison Lozenski, Kaitlyn Ludwikowski, Kayla Myhre, Logan Myhre</p> <p>Freshmen - Brooke DeSmet, Sawyer DeSmet, Dakota Hennen, Samantha Landrus, Jacquelynn Moon, Maxwell Rost, Benjamin Schmidt, Samuel Skorczewski, Samara Sumerfelt, Joseph Voit</p> <p>'B' Honor Roll Seniors - Beau Banish, Eric Carrasco, Kaden Culver,</p>
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WRESTLING

Vikings 1-1 at Parkers Prairie triangular

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Minneota, ranked No. 6 in Class A, received seven forfeits in a 56-24 victory over Osakis, but then fell to No. 7 Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale/Parkers Prairie in a triangular wrestling meet at Tuesday in Parkers Prairie.

The Vikings had one open weight in each match.

Against Osakis, the Vikings parlayed the forfeits and technical falls from Eric Carrasco at 132 pounds and Zack Fier at 145 pounds, plus a major decision by Alex DePestel at 160 pounds into the easy win.

Peyton Gillund at 120 pounds, Troy VanKeulen at 126, Jonah Gruenes at 170, Brandon Johnson at 182, Hudson Scholten at 195, Jackson Esping at 220 and Barry "Trey" Gronke at 285 all won by forfeit for the Vikings.

Fier, who is ranked No. 10 at 138 pounds, pulled off a big win when he pinned Justin Koehn, who is ranked No. 7 at 152 pounds by the Guillotine Wrestling Publication, in only 21 seconds.

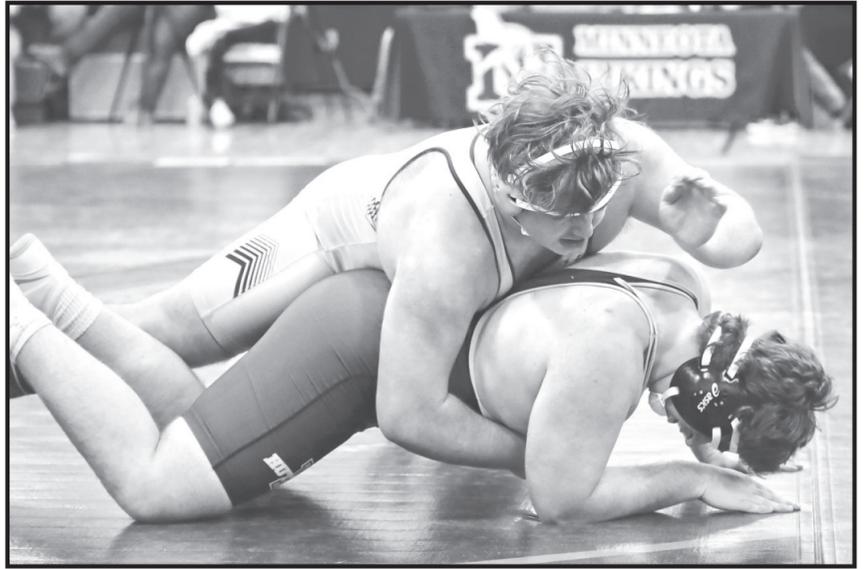
Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale/Parkers Prairie then won the next four matches by falls to clinch the match.

Jayden Gamrak of Minneota closed out the match with a 12-5 win at heavyweight.

Minneota led 3-0 at Adam DeVlaeminck won a decision at 106 pounds. Trailing 6-3, Eric Carrasco put the Vikings back in the lead with a pin at 126 pounds. BHVPP then won the next three matches for a 19-9 advantage before Fier and Gruenes' wins tied it 19-19.

- MINNEOTA 56, OSAKIS 24**
 106 - Jacob Taplin, Osk, pin Adam DeVlaeminck 2:49
 113 - Logan Grove, Osk, pin Destin Fier :19
 120 - Peyton Gillund, Min, won by forfeit
 126 - Troy Van Keulen, Min, won by forfeit
 132 - Eric Carrasco, Min, techfall Gaven Cimburra 15-0
 138 - Carsten Jacobson, Osk, dec Gruenes 6-5
 145 - Zack Fier, Min, techfall Kale Drevlow 19-4
 152 - Tyson Hagedorn, Osk, won by forfeit
 160 - Alex DePestel, Min, majdec Kaleb Helberg 20-9
 170 - Jonah Gruenes, Min, won by forfeit
 182 - Brandon Johnson, Min, won by forfeit
 195 - Hudson Scholten, Min, won by forfeit
 220 - Jackson Esping, Min, won by forfeit
 285 - Barry "Trey" Gronke, Min, won by forfeit

- BHVPP 43, MINNEOTA 22**
 106 - Adam DeVlaeminck, Min, dec Bennet Arceneau 9-7
 113 - David Revering, BHVP, dec Destin Fier 6-4
 120 - Deagen Captain, BHVP, dec Peyton Gillund 9-5
 126 - Eric Carrasco, Min, pin Aiden Larson 4:36
 132 - Reese Thompson, BHVP, majdec Troy Van Keulen 9-0
 138 - Blake Sumstad, BHVP, won by forfeit
 145 - Gauge Malone, BHVP, dec Eli Gruenes 5-2
 152 - Zack Fier, Min, pin Justin Koehn :21
 160 - Jonah Gruenes, Min, majdec Mason Schroeder 11-2
 170 - Brock Peterson, BHVP, pin Alex DePestel 3:59
 182 - Hunter Dean, BHVP, pin Brandon Johnson 3:28
 195 - Gideon Ervasti, BHVP, pin Hudson Scholten :42
 220 - James Grant, BHVP, pin Jackson Esping 5:18
 285 - Jayden Gamrak, Min, dec Hayden Captain 12-5



Jayden Gamrak (top) of Minneota works over Riley Carrigan of Hutchinson before recording a pin in the first period on Saturday. Mascot photo by Reba Lipinski

Minneota upends Luverne, Worthington in triangular

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(* - pin time not available)

Following a couple of losses to highly-rated teams last week, Minneota regrouped and topped Luverne 78-6 and Worthington 39-24 in the Worthington Triangular last Thursday.

"Worthington has a nice team and they defeated us last year with pretty much the same team," said Minneota coach Matt Myrvik. "We had some big matches from our middle weights to lead the way."

Pins by Kade Lozinski at 138 pounds, Zack Fier at 152 and Alex DePestel at 170, along with a major decision by Jonah Gruenes at 160 pounds sparked the Vikings' win.

Also winning for Minneota against Worthington was Adam DeVlaeminck by decision at 106 pounds, Troy Van Keulen by decision at 126, Eric Carrasco by technical fall at 132, and Jayden Gamrak by fall at heavyweight.

Against a depleted Luverne team that had numerous out with injuries, the Vikings were credited with eight forfeit wins. DeVlaeminck got his second win of the night, earned a pin at 106 pounds for Minneota. Zack Fier won by fall at 152 pounds, and Brandon Johnson pinned his opponent at 182 to secure his first win of the season.

- MINNEOTA 78, LUVERNE 6**
 106 - Adam DeVlaeminck, Min, pin Uriel Hernandez*
 113 - Chase Johnson, Min, won by forfeit
 120 - Riley Cowell, Luv, pin Peyton Gillund*
 126 - Troy Van Keulen, Min, won by forfeit
 132 - Eric Carrasco, Min, won by forfeit
 138 - Kade Lozinski, Min, won by forfeit
 145 - Eli Gruenes, Min, won by forfeit
 152 - Zack Fier, Min, pin Braydon Ripk*
 160 - Alex DePestel, Min, pin Jaden Reisch*
 170 - Jonah Gruenes, Min, won by forfeit
 182 - Brandon Johnson, Min, pin Ayden Bonnett*
 195 - Hudson Scholten, Min, won by forfeit
 220 - Jackson Esping, Min, won by forfeit
 285 - Jayden Gamrak, Min, won by forfeit

- MINNEOTA 39, WORTHINGTON 24**
 106 - Adam DeVlaeminck, Min, dec Alex Galvez Mendoza 6-0
 113 - Ethan Meyer, Wor, dec Destin Fier 5-1
 120 - Oscar Galvez, Wor, dec Peyton Gillund 4-3
 126 - Troy Van Keulen, Min, dec Oliver Ortiz Perez 12-10
 132 - Eric Carrasco, Min, techfall Miatt Htoo 15-0
 138 - Kade Lozinski, Min, pin Zaydan Abdulrahman 1:47
 145 - Chase Byrne, Wor, pin Eli Gruenes :36
 152 - Zack Fier, Min, pin Damon Schutz 4:00
 160 - Jonah Gruenes, Min, majdec Jaden Hennings 14-2
 170 - Alex DePestel, Min, pin Evan Neuberger 3:46
 182 - Kent Lais, Wor, pin Brandon Johnson 1:36
 195 - Tanner Hennings, Wor, dec Hudson Scholten 7-5
 220 - Cole Hennings, Wor, dec Jackson Esping 8-2
 285 - Jayden Gamrak, Min, pin Kasey Gerhard 2:00

Minneota solid in win, loss at home

Vikings knock off United, narrowly lose to AA-ranked Hutchinson

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In what head coach Matt Myrvik called "or best outing of the year", Minneota thumped United (Dawson-Boyd/Lac qui Parle Valley/Monteideo) 54-18 and nearly pulled off an upset over Class AA No. 5-rated Hutchinson before falling 40-36 in triangular Saturday in Minneota.

"The team brought a great energy to both duals and really stepped up against two quality programs in United and Hutchinson," Myrvik said.

Against a solid Hutchinson team, Minneota managed to record seven falls and jumped out to a 30-22 lead before the Tigers rallied to win four of the final five weight classes to pull out the win.

"Hutchinson is really strong in the upper weights, and has been for a long time," Myrvik noted.

Destin Fier registered a 28-second fall at 113 pounds to tie the match 6-6. At 126 pounds, Troy VanKeulen notched a pin and again tied the match, 12-12.

Hutchinson won the next two matches by fall and major decision, respectively, for a 22-12 advantage. The Vikings then got consecutive pins from Kade Lozinski at 145, Zack Fier at 152, and Jonah Gruenes at 160 to put the hosts in a 30-22 lead.

Hutchinson then amassed two pins and two decision to put the match away, including a pin by Cale Luthens, ranked No. 3 in Class AA at 170 pounds by The Guillotine, and a decision by No. 10-rated Hayden VanderVoort at 220.

Minneota heavyweight Jayden Gamrak won by a pin in the first period to close out the match.

Against United, the Vikings earned nine falls. "I really liked what we did today," said Myrvik. "We still have a long way to go, but the guys went out and battled and it was fun to see."

Getting pins for Minneota was Peyton Gillund at 120 pounds, VanKeulen at 126, Eli Gruenes at 138, Lozinski at 145, Zack Fier at 152, Brandon Johnson at 182, Hudson Scholten at 185, and Jackson Esping at 220. Jonah Gruenes at 160 and Gamrak at heavyweight each won by a decision.

Myrvik was generally pleased with the way one of his up and coming wrestlers performed despite a loss.

"Destin Fier had an outstanding match vs. No. 9-ranked Daniel Gunlogson," said Myrvik. "I really felt he outwrestled Gunlogson and gave himself a chance to win; a match like that could really help Destin as the season goes on. Destin has really turned the corner in his first season on

varsity, and we look to build off of what he has done so far this season."

- HUTCHINSON 40, MINNEOTA 36**
 106 - Max Martin, Hut, pin Adam DeVlaeminck 2:43
 113 - Destin Fier, Min, pin Raydon Bipes :28
 120 - Simon Schmitz, Hut, pin Peyton Gillund 2:30
 126 - Troy Van Keulen, Min, pin Nolan McGraw 1:10
 132 - Treyton Card, Hut, pin Eric Carrasco :20
 138 - Parker Peterson, Hut, majdec Eli Gruenes 15-2
 145 - Kade Lozinski, Min, pin Jay Rickertsen 3:01
 152 - Zack Fier, Min, pin Micheal Hahn 1:21
 160 - Jonah Gruenes, Min, pin Eddie Tristan 4:57
 170 - Cale Luthens, Hut, pin Alex DePestel :11
 182 - Brady Andersen, Hut, pin Brandon Johnson :32
 195 - Riley Gill, Hut, dec Hudson Scholten 7-3
 220 - Hayden VanderVoort, Hut, dec Jackson Esping 8-1
 285 - Jayden Gamrak, Min, pin Riley Carrigan 1:43

- MINNEOTA 54, UNITED 18**
 106 - Kameron Sather, U, pin Adam DeVlaeminck 2:33
 113 - Daniel Gunlogson, U, dec Destin Fier 3-1
 120 - Peyton Gillund, Min, pin Ethan Moravetz :58
 126 - Troy Van Keulen, Min, pin Tyler Schickedanz 1:01
 132 - Zander Clausen, U, pin Eric Carrasco 2:59
 138 - Eli Gruenes, Min, pin Isaac Moravetz 3:48
 145 - Kade Lozinski, Min, pin Kadin Huntley 5:46
 152 - Zack Fier, Min, pin Mason McDougal 1:00
 160 - Jonah Gruenes, Min, dec Dain Mortenson 8-4
 170 - Avery Wittnebel, U, dec Alex DePestel 10-9
 182 - Brandon Johnson, Min, pin Eli Lowry 2:22
 195 - Hudson Scholten, Min, pin Parker Bohun 1:10
 220 - Jackson Esping, Min, pin Landon Olson 1:25
 285 - Jayden Gamrak, Min, dec Trey Teichert 3-1

Athlete of the Week:

Zack Fier

Sophomore

Fier went 4-0 this past week wrestling at 152 pounds. All four of his wins were by pin against Worthington, Luverne, United and Hutchinson.

Congratulations, Zack!



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Lyon County Throwback

Melham Brothers Lumber Company in Minneota was located at the corner of Third and Jefferson Streets in the 1930s. Photo Courtesy of the Lyon County Museum.

From the Mascot Files

100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 Years Ago (Feb. 4, 1921)

Gislason named by Speaker of House

Hon. J.B. Gislason of Minneota was named by the Minnesota Speaker of the House, as one of five on a special committee to investigate the theatre trust of the Twin Cities. Acting under authority of a resolution introduced by Representative John J. Levin of St. Paul, demanding an investigation of an alleged theatre trust in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Speaker W.I. Nolan appointed Gislason, Levin F.J. McPartlin of International Falls, C.H. Warner of Aitkin, and F.E. Minocks of Minneapolis to the committee. The committee is limited to an expenditure of \$150 by the rules committee.

Opera Hall hosts boys, girls games

The Opera Hall located above the Big Store in Minneota will play host to a doubleheader of high school basketball this Friday evening. The girls will play the first game against Canby at 6 p.m., followed by the Minneota and Canby boys' game.

Tractor price lower

The Mascot is pleased to announce that we have received good news for farmers. The Fordson tractor has just been reduced in price from \$790 to \$625.

75 Years Ago (Feb. 8, 1946)

Local churches to honor servicemen

A father and son banquet, honoring returned servicemen and women, will be staged by congregations of Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran churches on Friday evening, Feb. 22. The banquet will be held at the Legion Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are 75 cents and can be purchased from the pastors of those two churches or at Jones Barber Shop. A three-course meal will be served. E. Hjalmar

Bjornson of the Minneapolis Tribune will be the guest speaker.

Worst blizzard in years hits area

One of the worst blizzards in recent years struck this community Tuesday afternoon, continuing through the night and into Wednesday, tying up traffic and closing schools here. The storm came up on the heels of a light rain which was frozen as it fell. Schools here were closed Wednesday and there was no bus or train service. Electric service to parts of Minneota was off for a few hours late Tuesday afternoon.

Blizzard doesn't stop chicks from hatching

Newly-hatched chicks, which are usually associated with the return of spring and balmy weather, were making their entrance into this world during the blizzard Wednesday at Dr. Kerr's Hatcheries here. The first batch of the season was scheduled to come out of the incubators Thursday of this week, but a lot of the little fellows couldn't wait and were breaking out of their shells during the worst part of this week's blizzard.

Two Minneotans win Golden Gloves finals

Two Minneota boys, Lawrence Fox and Renil VanOverbeke, won in the final round of the Golden Gloves tournament at Slayton on Monday evening and have the right to enter the northwest eliminations at Minneapolis on Monday. Six from Minneota were entered in the tournament. Fox won a decision in the featherweight division, while VanOverbeke won by a knock-out in the light heavyweight division. The Minneota boys have been coached by Dr. William W. Merritt.

50 Years Ago (Feb. 4, 1971)

Two St. Edward's students win awards

Two students from St. Edward's Catholic School of Minneota won awards recently after entering a national contest staged by the Educational ABC's of Industry. Mark Buysse was the recipient of a pair of skates and Linda Fox received a check. The purpose of the program and contest is to afford an opportunity for students to gain insight into the way in which industries operate.

Blood drive here receives 139 pints

Mrs. Bernard Tillemans, chairman of the local blood donation program, reported this week that residents of this community donated 139 pints of blood when the bloodmobile visited Minneota last week. This was the most donated here during the past 10 years. There were 27 first-timers to donate during the recent drive. Charles B. DeSutter of Minneota reached the four-gallon mark in donations.

Wambeke purchases 'Culligan' building

In a business transaction that was completed recently, James Wambeke, proprietor of Wambeke's Repair Service, became the owner of the "Culligan" building on North Jefferson Street. The building, erected about six years ago, was bought from Fritz Boerboom of Slayton. Wambeke is now in the process of moving equipment and supplies from the Kiley building, across the street, to the structure which he owns.

25 Years Ago (Feb. 7, 1996)

Mailboxes getting buried in the snow

Alvin Smith, Officer in Charge at the Minneota Post Office, has a special request. Your mail is becoming a real challenge to deliver because of the collection of snow by the mailboxes. Perhaps this is even more of a problem in town, as the huge piles of snow are hard to move. But you must clear out the area around your

delivery boxes, or your mail will not get to you.

Minneota announces Snow-Ball royalty

The Minneota High School students are preparing for the annual Snow-Ball festivities. One of the first orders of business was naming the class representatives for the royalty. They are: Seniors - Roberta Bottelberghe, Lisa DeSmet, Adam Dero and Jesse Ratajczak. Juniors - Beth Miller, Shawn VanHecke, Nathan Lozinski and Chris Swedzinski. Sophomores - Val Bottelberghe, Kristi Coover, Ross Eischens and Joe Kimpe. Freshmen - Carrie Dalager, Angela Laleman, Joey Boerboom and Joshua Sanow. First grade students who carry the crowns are Keith Downing and Emily Dyce.

FLA helping with community project

FLA students at Minneota have agreed to make cotton turbans for cancer patients as part of their Community Service, Ivy Hammerstrom, who is chairing this project, said that Fabric Plus of Marshall donated the fabric for the turbans as part of the volunteer program staged last summer. The students are working now to cut and sew the turbans before the March 11 region FLA meeting. The Minneota students have a goal of making 200 turbans. A total of 7,000 turbans are needed.

Porter woman works on beach project

Cindy Potz of Porter has been working to turn a portion of the Lake Shaokatan shoreline into a beach area for local enthusiasts. She developed and planned the beach area and other recreational facilities for the Picnic Point County Park at Lake Shaokatan in Lincoln County. She drew a basic blueprint and a cost estimate of her ideas before asking for bids on materials from area businesses. The Lake Shaokatan Sportsmen's Club offered financial support in developing the area.

Outside Looking In



By Scott Thoma

Crossed signals

Deshaun Watson is only 25 years old and has played in the National Football League for four seasons and wanted a say in the naming of a new general manager and coach for the Houston Texans. When he felt that the team did not adhere to the promise that he would be included in the discussion and instead found out the team had hired Nick Caserio from the New England Patriots as the new GM, Watson demanded that he be traded.

Tom Brady has played in the NFL for 21 seasons, has won six Super Bowls and been named to 14 Pro Bowls, yet has not had any input on front office or coaching hires. Aaron Rodgers has been in the NFL for 17 seasons, the last 14 as a starter, won a Super Bowl and has been named to nine Pro Bowls. He also has had no say over which GM and coach the Packers selected, according to reporters covering both of those teams.

Having your quarterback be included in the naming of coaches and front office personnel is a recipe for disaster. Once you've opened that can of worms, there's no resealing the lid. NBA players began gaining substantial control of the naming of head and assistant coaches in recent years. But the NFL is not run like the NBA.

What happened to the days when professional athletes played for the love of the game and the competitive nature? All they seem worried about now is who makes the most money and who is the best at their particular position.

When the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Chicago Bears last season, instead of celebrating the win after the game with his teammates, Patrick Mahomes made sure the cameras captured him counting to 10 on his fingers, an obvious gesture toward him being selected No. 10 in the 2017 draft while Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky was chosen No. 2 in the same year.

Does it matter who is better? It's a team game and all that should matter is if your team wins, not if you looked good in the game, win or lose.

LeBron James is seemingly upset with someone every day for not being named ahead of Michel Jordan as the NBA's GOAT. Unless you are playing an individual sport like golf or tennis, there is absolutely no way of knowing who the GOAT in any team sport is. Many of Jordan's former teammates and opponents have said that he never once declared himself the greatest player of all time.

I once asked Walter Payton, one of the best running backs of all time, how hard it was playing for four different coaches during his 13-year career.

"I don't have a say in who my coach is and I don't want one," he said. "I just do what the coaches tell me to do. I just want to play football and be the best that I can be."

If you are going to have a star player assist in the naming of front office personnel or the coaching staff, wouldn't the Texans have looked to longtime defensive stalwart J.J. Watt, an 11-year veteran and three-time defensive player of the year, before Deshaun Watson?

Matthew Stafford, a talented quarterback for the hapless Detroit Lions (he was recently traded to the Los Angeles Rams), never asked to be included in personnel decisions despite the Lions have only been able to win one playoff game in the last 63 years, also according to a Lions' beat reporter.

It's understandable that the general managers and coaches on Watson's short list were all African American. With nearly 70 percent of the NFL players being black, the number of head coaches and GM's pale in comparison. And that needs to be improved. With a record number of black coordinators and assistants being hired for next season, it's a step in the right direction and many of those coordinators will eventually get head coaching jobs.

But because Caserio was not among your choices for the GM position, is that a reason for Watson to demand to be traded? No where in Watson's contract was it spelled out that he would be allowed to make personnel decisions. If he was promised to be included and he feels betrayed, it doesn't mean the team has to hire someone from his list.

As talented as Watson is both throwing and running with the ball, most teams would love to have him on their roster.

Twitter tweeters are having a ball making fun of the way the Texans' organization is run. But that franchise has made the playoffs four of the past six seasons; more than a lot of teams can say.

What makes a four-year NFL player suddenly a guru on the top GM candidates? Is he doing background checks on everyone of the GM candidates to see how they evaluate players, deal with agents and contracts, control salary caps and much more?

Shouldn't a player be more focused on studying game film in order to make yourself and your team better and let those with much more front office experience do their job?

What's next ... fans will demand to have a say on the price of concessions? Good luck with that.



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Obituaries

Duane Sanow

Duane Sanow, age 63, passed peacefully at his home in Montevideo surrounded by his beloved family on January 25th, 2021 after a 15 month courageous battle with Glioblastoma.



Duane Sanow

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Anderson - TeBeest Funeral Home in Granite Falls, 845 Hwy 212 W. A livestream of the funeral service will be available on Duane's obituary page on Saturday at 12:45 PM.

Visitation with the family was held on Friday, January 29 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Anderson - TeBeest Funeral Home in Granite Falls., 845 Hwy 212 W. Masks and social distancing will be required for both the visitation and the funeral service.

Duane was born on August 26th, 1957 in Marshall MN to Donald and Janyce Sanow. Duane married the love of his life and soul mate on May 20th, 1995 and made a home with her in Montevideo and Nicaragua. The rest is history. He had many close friends and business associates who loved and appreciated his kind, spontaneous, intelligent, and adventurous spirit.

His family and friends describe him as the following:

Amazing, World Traveler, Businessman, Hardworker, Family Man, Fun, Deep, Funny, Generous, Loving Father, Advisor, BAMF, Remarkable, BEST Grandpa. Just a few, amongst so many other notable descriptions that he was known for.

Duane loved to travel and had a zest for life that he continuously instilled upon his family and friends. He always found a way to make the smallest of moments the most special. After his terminal diagnosis to no one's surprise, he continued to take trips, traveling to Florida, Nicaragua (twice), South Dakota, drove the Pacific Coast Highway, saw the Wisconsin fall colors with his granddaughters, and went four wheeling in Utah.

If you ever asked him, "how are you doing?", his reply every time was "Living the dream!"

Strong until the very last moment and very well loved. This is his legacy. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

He leaves behind his wife, Jan Sanow; children: Holly (Schuyler) Pulford, Michelle (Terry) Schuldt, Jacob (Amber) Sanow, Mackenzie (Josh) Snortum; grandchildren: Kellen DeCock, Mariah Samuelson, Justine and Danica Buseman, QC Schuldt, Piper Sanow, Reece Adams, Syler and Calloway Snortum; his parents: Donald and Janyce Sanow; sisters: Cynthia (Carrie) Dorrance, and Brenda Sanow; sister-in-law, Linda (Jim) Wagemaker; nieces and nephews- Adam Dorrance, Brett (Jillian) Dorrance, Preston (Alise) Sanow, Tiffany Van Nostrand; and great nieces and nephews: Indie Dorrance, Graham and Jordyn Sanow.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents: Frank and Fana Sanow, Ray and Helen Blanchard, Earl Persons; in-laws: Quentin and Virginia Brandt; a son, Joshua DeCock; multiple aunts and uncles; and a brother, Ray Sanow.

Police Blotter

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

Jan. 26, 2021

- Permit to Purchase application.
- Traffic stop on Hwy 68 at N. Grant Street.
- Medical call in the 100 block of E. Lyon Street.

Jan. 29, 2021

- Funeral escort at St. Edward Catholic Church.

Jan. 30, 2021

- Medical call in the 4500 block of Van's Street.

Jan. 31, 2021

- Burglary alarm in the 200 block of Hwy 68.

Byron 'Lin' Rafnson

Byron ("Lin") Rafnson passed away on Jan. 16, 2021 at the age of 77. Byron was born in Minneota, MN in 1943 to Byron and Louise ("Babe") Rafnson. Byron graduated from Minneota High School on 1961 and attended St. Cloud State University. After attending college, he enlisted in the United States Navy from 1962-1965 and served on the USS Coontz (DLG-9) where he was a Boiler Operator and was proud to be the Oil King.

After serving in the Navy, Byron moved to California and worked in various sales jobs. He later became a realtor, moved to Hesperia, California, and opened Shadow Mountain Investments.

Byron's pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Phillips, daughter Stephanie Rafnson McKinnie (Robert), stepsons John Phillip (Rodrigo) and Jeffrey Phillips (Amanda).

Byron had two grandchildren, Andrew Phillips and Jenna Phillips, and numerous nieces and nephews. Byron is also survived by two brothers, Leon and Philip, and three sisters, Arlene DePestel, Marilyn Lee, and Carol Lozinski (Tom).

Byron is preceded in death by his parents, Byron and Babe Rafnson, brother Larry Rafnson, and sister-in-laws Rosalyn Rafnson and Kathy Rafnson, and brother-in-laws Cy DePestel and Lowell Lee.

Byron enjoyed the beach, golfing with his friends and traveling with his family. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Byron will be interred at the Riverside National Cemetery in a private ceremony. Due to COVID, a celebration of life will be held later this year in Minneota (date and time to be determined).

Ask the Chief

By Minneota Police Chief Bill Bolt



Scams bigger than ever

COVID-19 has helped scams make more money in 2020 than ever before.

I continue to talk to people who have been contacted by mail, phone, email, or social media about "winning" large sums of money. However, all of these "winnings" can only be claimed by providing a processing fee, paying a tax, or covering some other expense upfront.

Also, these fees must be paid using prepaid debit cards, cash, i-tune cards, or other such devices that are impossible to track.

These scams prey on your need or your hope of one day being rich. The best thing you can do is avoid being scammed because it is almost impossible to get your money back once it is gone.

Menus

MINNEOTA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Monday, February 8

Breakfast: Cinnamon round or notable, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chicken wrap or burrito, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit choice and milk.

Tuesday, February 9

Breakfast: Cinnamon roll or notable, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Soft shell taco or chicken fajita, lettuce, cheese, veggies, granola bar, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, February 10

Breakfast: Pancake sausage or notable, fruit, milk.
Lunch: California burger or hot dog, baked beans, harvest chips, lettuce salad, fruit, milk.

Thursday, February 11

Breakfast: Muffin/cereal or notable, fruit, milk.
Lunch: French toast sticks, scrambled eggs or pancake sausage, tri tators, fruit choice, milk.

Friday, February 12

Breakfast: Waffles or notable, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Hot ham and cheese or riblet, lettuce salad, fresh veggies, fruit choice, milk.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

Monday, February 8

Lunch: Chicken wrap, lettuce, tomato, roasted potatoes, broccoli with cheese, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, February 9

Lunch: Taco salad, tortilla chips, lettuce, salsa, cheese, refried beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, February 10

Lunch: BBQ with bun, cheese, maple roasted butter squash, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

Thursday, February 11

Lunch: Spaghetti and meat sauce, mixed vegetables, spaghetti squash, bread stick, fruit, milk.

Friday, February 12

Lunch: Pancake bar with strawberries, whip cream, chocolate chip, hashbrowns, eggs, cheese, milk.

Students

Locals named to SMSU Dean's List

Several area students were among Southwest Minnesota State University students honored for achievement during the 2020 Fall semester of study. There are two Honors categories for the Dean's List. An undergraduate student who completes 12 or more A-F graded credits and achieves a grade-point-average of 3.5 or higher earns Honors. If a 4.0 grade-point-average is achieved, the student earns High Honors.

High honors

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Emily Gillingham, Minneota

Honors

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Denaca Moore, Minneota
Justin Otto, Minneota
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From the Mascot Kitchen

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1/3 cup chunky peanut butter
1/4 cup honey
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
1/3 cup quick-cooking oats
2 Tbl graham cracker crumbs

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, mix together the peanut butter, honey and vanilla. Stir in the milk powder, oats and graham cracker crumbs. Roll mixture into one-inch balls, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Each

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St. Leo, MN
Mass Times: See Bulletin

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: FEB. 21

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Worship Times:
Sunday, February 7: Worship at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, February 10: GLOW at 5:30 p.m.

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Pastor Ellen Munter

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Mass Times:
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Saturday, February 6: Mass at 5:30 p.m., confession 4:45 p.m.
Sunday, February 7: Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 10: School Mass at 10:30 a.m., CCD at 6:30 p.m.
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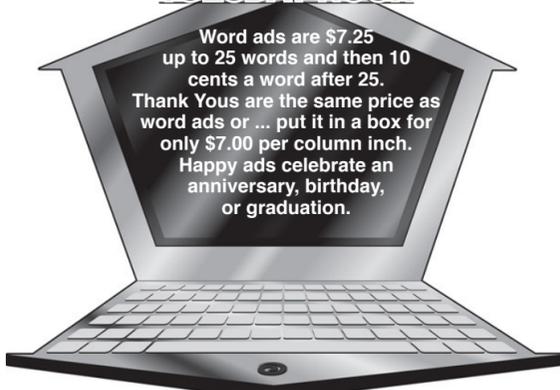
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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE to the Lyon County Planning and Zoning Administrator by Gavin Laleman for a Conditional Use Permit request for a new feedlot and to hear public comment to fulfill Minnesota Session Law 2000 – Minn. Stat. 116.07, subd 7(l). Odor OFFSET setback requirement is 94 %. Minimum setback for a new feedlot from neighboring dwellings is 1320'. In this case, variance request of 159' feet closer to the neighboring dwelling was approved on 10-13-2020. The land is zoned agricultural. The land is explained and described as following:

All that part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2, SE 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township One Hundred Thirteen (113) North, Range Forty-one (41) West, Lyon County, Minnesota.

The Proposed Facility to Consist of:
(New) Feeder Cattle (850 x 1 animal factor) = 850 Animal Units

Type of Building:
(New) Approximate dimensions include a 76'x 321' proposed 850 head confinement barn with four (4) below the barn manure pits. Each pit has a dimension of 56'x 80'x 14' deep. Other buildings to include working shed and feed storage.

Manure to be applied agronomically up to two times a year.
The Total Animal Unit Capacity = 850 Animal Units

Parcel ID – 19-004002-3

A Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Permit and Feedlot Public Comment will be held by the Lyon County Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Lyon County Government Center, Marshall, Minnesota.

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

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We desire to extend our sincere thanks for all the kindness and sympathy shown to use by neighbors, relatives and friends following the death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Margaret Kimpe. Your kindness will always be held in grateful remembrance.

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Lyon County Board Minutes

**LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board
9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Anderson, Crowley, Graupmann, Sanow and Ritter. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Maes.

MSP to nominate Commissioner Ritter as Board Chair for 2021.
MSP to nominate Commissioner Anderson as Board Vice-Chair for 2021.
MSP to approve the agenda.
MSP to approve the consent agenda.
MSP to approve resolution 2021-01 to designate depositories and authorize Auditor/Treasurer to make investment of funds for 2021.

MSP to approve resolution 2021-02 authorizing Auditor/Treasurer to pay certain claims in 2021.
MSP to approve resolution 2021-03 authorizing Auditor/Treasurer to make electronic funds transfers in 2021.
MSP to approve resolution 2021-04 authorizing Auditor/Treasurer to transfer funds between drainage systems in 2021.
MSP to approve the Landfill Professional Engineering services in 2021 for an amount up to \$115,000.
MSP to designate the official publication of advertisement of bids as www.lyonco.org for 2021 for transportation related projects.
MSP to approve the elected officials Out-of-State travel policy.
MSP to award up to 10 free nights of camping at County parks as prizes for parks sponsored events. Certificates will be excluded on holidays and weekends and limited to Sunday-Thursday use.
MSP to authorize Environmental

Department to request proposals for recycling collection services through 2025 to include apartment pickup with the biweekly pickup. Motion carried with Commissioners Graupmann, Anderson and Sanow voting in favor. Commissioners Crowley and Ritter abstained from voting.
MSP to approve the telecommuting policy and extend through June 30, 2021.
MSP to allow sick time to be used for COVID-19 related issues including illness, quarantine, school and daycare closures through June 30, 2021.
MSP to approve the septic loan subordination agreement to a mortgage from First Independent Bank for parcel 13-021005-0.
MSP to adjourn at 11:02 a.m.

A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at www.lyonco.org.

Bid Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Independent School District 414 ("District") requests proposals for group insurance coverage for the health plan year beginning July 1, 2021. Sealed proposals will be accepted in paper form until 4:00 pm central time on March 29, 2021 at Minneota Public Schools, Attn: Daniel Deitte, 504 N Monroe St, Minneota MN 56264. Copies of the complete request for proposal may be requested from Minneota Public Schools, Daniel Deitte at daniel.deitte@minneotaschools.org, and will be sent electronically at no charge.
District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. District reserves the right to select the proposal which it determines to be in the best interest of the District.

Help Wanted

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Robotics

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The second portion of the competition is to design a new game that could be used for a competition.

"You have to design the game, name it, and come up with all the rules and scoring system for it," Clausen said.

Clausen has been teaching the students how to use 3D designs utilizing downloaded

apps for the game they are designing.

Due to social distancing, the Robotics students have been doing test runs at St. Edward's School gymnasium after school each day.

Because of the overlapping of sports and other activities this year due to the pandemic, this year's Robotics team is much smaller than in the past.

The team is comprised of seniors Reid Fier, Carter Schuelke, Logan Schuelke and Caleb

Sterzinger; juniors Thomas Be-laen and Emma Lipinski; and freshmen Samantha Landrus, Drew Lipinski, Sam Skorczewski, Kylie Sterzinger and Joe Voit.

Minneota has been working on its projects for three weeks now.

"It's similar to trap shooting where you aren't competing in person with any other teams," said Clausen. "You do runs and then keep track of your best times and scores and send

them in. We will be competing (virtually) in a pod of 30-35 other teams in the region."

The deadline for the two separate competition is March 4. Those with the best times, scores and game will advance to the national competition.

"Without the building demands like other years, it's a little bit easier," said Clausen. "But there are so many challenges teaching 3D designs in a short amount of time."



Several members of the Robotics team do a test run on their robot at the St. Edward's School gymnasium recently. Left to right, Caleb Sterzinger, Carter Schuelke, Logan Schuelke and Joe Voit. Contributed photo

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cold-shooting Vikings fall to RCW

Minneota shoots only 38 percent in loss; Hennen scores 23

By Scott Thoma
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Renville County West shot a blistering 61 percent from the field and upended Minneota 72-65 in a Camden Conference game on Thursday night.

Minneota (2-3) hit on 38 percent of its shots and dropped its third straight game.

Jacob Hennen sank 9 of 20 shots from the floor and led four Vikings in double digits with 23 points. He also had nine rebounds, two assists and two steals.

AJ Josephson made 5 of 11 shots and finished with 15 points to go along with nine rebounds for Minneota. Cale Sorensen added 11 points, four rebounds, two assists and three steals. Jacob Citterman chipped in with 10 points, four rebounds and two steals.

Minneota bolted out to an

14-5 lead before the Jaguars went on a 25-8 run to take a 30-22 advantage.

The Vikings slowly whittled away at the deficit until a 13-5 run that extended from the latter stages of the first half into the second half knotted the game at 35-35.

RCW pulled away with a 12-0 run that gave the Jaguars a 57-42 lead with just over eight minutes remaining. Trailing 62-46, Minneota refused to go away and climbed back within five points after an 11-0 run made it 62-57 with 2:33 left in the game. But the Vikings would get no closer and RCW held on for the win.

Riley Ashburn led all scorers with 28 points. The Jaguars' 6-4 senior forward, made 12 of 17 shots from the field while also pulling down seven rebounds. Branden Hoberg had 14 points and Tyler Froland nine for

RCW.

RCW 72, MINNEOTA 65
HALFTIME: RCW 33, MINNEOTA 27

RENVILLE COUNTY WEST (total points) - Riley Ashburn 28, Tyler Froland 9, AJ Gasca 3, Ayden Gustafson 0, Branden Hoberg 14, Nathan Schmidt 6, Adam Schrupp 7, Jayden Serbus 5. Totals 26-43 16-31 72.

MINNEOTA (FG, FT, Pts) - Jacob Citterman 4-10 2-2 10, Bishop Drietz 2-4 0-0 6, Jacob Hennen 9-20 3-3 23, AJ Josephson 5-11 6-8 15, Cole Myhre 0-2 0-0 0, Braeden Panka 0-1 0-0 0, Joey Rybinski 0-1 0-1 0. Cale Sorensen 4-14 1-2 11. Totals 24-63 11-16 65.

3-pointers: RCW 4 (Ashburn 1, Hoberg 1, Schmidt 1, Schrupp 1). Minneota 6 (Drietz 2, Hennen 2, Sorensen 2).

Rebounds: RCW 21 (Ashburn 7). Minneota 29 (Hennen 9, Josephson 9, Citterman 4, Sorensen 4, Drietz 1, Myhre 1, Rybinski 1).

Assists: RCW not available. Minneota 12 (Rybinski 3, Drietz 2, Hennen 2, Sorensen 2, Citterman 1, Josephson 1, Panka 1).

Steals: RCW not available. Minneota 9 (Sorensen 3, Citterman 2, Hennen 2, Myhre 1, Panka 1).

Blocked shots: RCW not available. Minneota 2 (Citterman 1, Sorensen 1).

Result Tuesday, Jan. 26
MACCRAY 72, Minneota 54

In a game last Tuesday night, the Vikings shot only 31 percent from the field and fell to MACCRAY 72-54.

Minneota was led by Jacob Hennen with 23 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Bishop Drietz added 14 points and AJ Josephson had eight points, five rebounds and two blocked shots. Jacob Citterman finished with four points and seven rebounds, Joey Rybinski three points and three steals, and Cale Sorensen two.

Museum's new gallery open

Lyon County Museum's new gallery on the second floor entitled "Making Lyon County Home" was featured in last week's Mascot. Here are a few more photos of this informative and educational new gallery.

Photos by Scott Thoma



A 16-minute narrated documentary depicts the farm crisis in Lyon County.



The Minneota storyboard features Bill Holm and Les Josephson among other informative items.

Sesquicentennial Farm Applications due March 1

Minnesota Farm Bureau's Sesquicentennial Farm program will honor Minnesota families who have owned their farms for at least 150 years. Since the Sesquicentennial Farm program began in 2008, over 400 farms have been recognized. Applications are due March 1. The Sesquicentennial Farm program recognizes family farms according to the following qualifications:

1) The farm must be at least 150 years old this year (2021) according to the abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings or other authentic land records. Please do not send originals or copies of records.

2) Your family must have owned the farm for 150 years or more. "Family" is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, first cousins and direct in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, daughter, son-in-law).

3) Continuous residence on farm is not required, but ownership must be continuous.

4) The farm should consist of 50 or more acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.

A commemorative certi-

cate signed by Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen and Governor Tim Walz will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign signifying Sesquicentennial Farm recognition.

Applications are available by writing Sesquicentennial Farms, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, P.O. Box 64370, St. Paul, MN 55164; emailing info@fbmn.org; or calling 651-768-2100. Applications are also available on our website, www.fbmn.org. Deadline for application is March 1. Previously recognized families should not reapply.

Century Farms are not automatically recognized as Sesquicentennial Farms. Families must apply to receive Sesquicentennial Farm recognition. County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to work with county agriculture societies and county fair boards on local recognition of recipients. Recipients will be announced at the beginning of April.

To see a list of previously recognized Sesquicentennial Farms in Minnesota, visit fbmn.org/pages/farm-recognition.

Sen. Dahms has concerns over California Emissions Standards

The Minnesota Senate's Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy and Legacy Committees recently held a joint hearing regarding the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA's) intention to adopt California Emissions Standards through the administrative rulemaking process, bypassing the legislature.

"Minnesotans elected representatives who should be making these decisions and not an unelected board from California," said Senator Gary Dahms (R-Redwood Falls). "These regulations will only limit choice and increase costs for consumers."

If adopted, the California Emissions Standards will rattle Minnesota's economy by raising transportation costs for lower-income residents and disproportionately hurting rural communities. Data suggests that demand for new vehicles will drop 7.1% and that Minnesotans can expect to pay \$800 - \$2,500 more per vehicle, not just on electric vehicles.

"These changes will especially hurt our border communities and devastate our automotive dealers," added Senator Dahms. "Also, there is little evidence to suggest that these changes will make a meaningful and positive impact on the environment."

The "proposed benefit" of the rules also seems questionable

based on data from Minnesota and across the nation. Without adopting the standards, the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT's) forecast shows that gasoline usage has already hit its peak and is projected to decline exponentially in the future. Furthermore, states that have already adopted the standards have a smaller percentage of electric vehicles than Minnesota.

State data also suggests that Minnesota's market is already moving towards cleaner and more efficient cars, with more models hitting lots yearly. Like the energy industry, consumers seem to be determining the trend as electric vehicles become more affordable, and the technology becomes more accessible.

The MPCA began hosting public information sessions in the agency's effort to impose the California Car Mandate on Minnesotans. You can find more information at https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/clean-cars-mnrulemaking.

Minnesotans who wish to submit public comments can either attend one of the planned virtual hearings or submit comments via the Office of Administrative Hearings website.

The hearings for public comments will take place virtually at 3 p.m. on Feb. 22 & 23.



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