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VIKING TEAMS SET SAIL TO STATE





Players from the Minneota football team (above) and volleyball team (right) celebrate after their respective trophy presentations after each captured a section title. *Mascot photos by Brian Jeremison*

Minneota gridders eye fifth straight Class A state championship

By Scott Thoma
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Minneota's quest for a fifth straight Class A Prep Bowl title is still in play after the Vikings defeated rival Dawson-Boyd 21-12 in the Section 4A championship at SMSU's Mattke Field on Saturday.

The Vikings weren't generating points on the board via the pass as they have been mst of the season, so quarterback Tristen Sussner used his legs instead, running for a pair of first-half touchdowns.

RJ Sorensen, who ran for 128 yards, delivered a classic 23-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, lowering his head and plowing through three defenders near the goal line like a snowplow through a drift.

"That particular play was just a blast up the middle," said Minneota coach Chad Johnston. "We did a nice job of getting on everyone on the inside, especially (Colten) Bothun. Once Randy got past the linebacker depth, he just looked like he was looking to hit someone. Instead of trying to avoid people, he ran right at them and ran them over to get into the end zone."

Minneota, which has now won 56 straight games over four seasons, will now face Mayer Lutheran in the Class A state quarterfinals at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 at Mattke Field.

The Vikings forced Dawson-Boyd into five turnovers — four interceptions and a fumble — but gave the ball back to the Blackjacks a season-high three times.

"The turnovers were uncharacteristic of us. We don't truly know why Tristen was having issues holding on the ball,m"Johnston said. "It almost looked like Tristen pulled away too fast on a couple of them. Those were all key possessions that we needed to take care of the ball and keep our offense on the field and burn some time. Unfortunately, we didn't do that."

Dawson-Boyd sputtered on offense over the first quarter, fumbling the ball away after reaching the Minneota 21 following a roughing-the-passer penalty. Brody Anderson recovered the fumble.

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RJ Sorenesen (30) bulls his way past three Dawson-Boyd defenders and scores on a 23-yard run in the third quarter on Friday. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

Minneota volleyball team back at state following 2-year hiatus



Minneota libero Autum Anderson makes a spectacular save against CMCS in the Section 3A-North championship Thursday in Marshall. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

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Minneota punched its ticket to the Class A state volleyball tournament after an impressive 25-18, 25-14, 25-14 sweep of Adrian-Ellsworth in the Section 3A championship Saturday at SMSU in Marshall.

Minneota (29-4) returns to state after a one-year hiatus. The Vikings placed second to Mayer Lutheran in the 2024 state tournament.

The Vikings were seeded No. 1 in the tournament and open at state on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Grand Casino Area (formerly Excel Center) against No.8 Pine River-Backus at 5 p.m.

The Vikings were expected to face rival Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, the top seed in the South Subsection, in Saturday's 3A final. Adrian-Ellsworth, to No. 2 seed, pulled off the upset and the right to face Minneota. The Vikings proved to be too much for the Dragons, however, trailing only once in the entire match.

Leah Coequyt had the most dominating match of her career, finishing with a match-high 15 kills and three ace blocks in the final. The senior middle blocker got stronger as the match wore on, recording four kills in each of the first two sets and seven in the final set.

Jaylyn Coequyt delivered eight kills, Eden Meagher seven, and Brek Fier five.

Minneota was solid in all phases. Setters Libby Sussner and Sophie Gillund moved the ball around efficiently to the hitters, keeping the Dragons off-balance all night. Sussner finished with 19 assists and Gillund had 15.

Autum Anderson and Meagher made numerous stellar defensive plays, finishing with seven and six digs, respectively.

The serving was again solid with Gillund dropping in three of the team's six aces.

Eden Meagher had five of her seven kills in the first set in which Minneota never trailed.

Leading 19-16 in the first set, the Vikings went on a 5-0 run to make it 24-16. Meagher had a kill and an ace serve, while Ava Rost and Jalyn Coequyt also provided kills.

A service error gave Minneota the win in that opening set.

In the second set, the Vikings bolted out to a 9-1 lead with Brek Fier, Ava Rost and Jaylyn Coequyt notching kills. Libby Sussner aced a serve and the other five points came on Adrian-Ellsworth hitting errors.

Volleyball *Continued on Page 4*

Investigation ongoing for vandalized statue

The investigation into the vandalism of the Viking statue at Gerhard Meidt Stadium is ongoing.

The statue was vandalized over the weekend of Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Law enforcement is pursuing all leads as part of the collaborative effort between the district, city, and county.

MASCOT PUBLISHED 2 DAYS EARLY THIS WEEK

The Minneota Mascot was printed two days earlier than normal this week due to no mail service on Veterans Day.

SPMH's tea party fundraiser a success at Opera Hall

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the iconic Opera Hall in Minneota, the Society of the Preservation of Minneota's Heritage (SPMH) staged a fancy tea party that ended up being a sell out.

The event was held as a fundraiser for the Opera Hall.

Karen Golden, who occasionally hosts tea parties at her home in Minneota and is a member of the SPMH, was instrumental in organizing the tea party. She decorated the tables and planned the menu for the event. Volunteers also assisted with the food preparation.

"The whole tea 'experience' was an education for me, at least, because I had no knowledge that an afternoon tea meant three courses of a variety of little fancy sandwiches and sweets," said SPMH President Wendy Sarazyn. "We sold all 40 tickets and had a fun time."

The first course from the menu included three kinds of tea sandwiches --chicken salad in a phyllo cup, ham salad, and cucumber.

The second course brought out was two varieties of scones — blueberry and lemon, and orange and white chocolate — as week as lavender tea bread.

The final course consisted of three kinds of sweets such as cookies, bars and brownies.

Several of those attending noted that they hope this becomes an annual event.



Ladies dressed in hats attended the fancy three-course tea party hosted by the SPMH recently in the Opera Hall. *Contributed photo*

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Minneota Memory

This photograph from 1911 shows the class of the Lyon County Country School Subdistrict 1, Minneota. Names not available. Courtesy of Lyon County Historical Society

Yesteryear

From the Mascot files 100, 75, 50 & 25 years ago

100 Years Ago
(November 12, 1926)

Work crews prepare roads for upcoming winter traffic

Trunk highway patrolmen around Minneota have been busy the last few days getting the highways in shape for winter. Besides making preparations to keep the roads open when snow comes, the state highway department promises to do all that can be done to keep the road surface smooth when there is no snow. The maintenance forces try to keep the roads in such shape that they will be smooth when they freeze. No snow plowing or grading will be done until snow is more than six inches deep.

Village Council votes to turn off light atop water tank

The light on the top of the city water tank, which has blazoned forth Minneota's existence for miles in all directions for several years is a thing of the past from now on, according to a decision made at the last meeting of the Village Council. Council members felt that the $120 spent annually in keeping this light going was an unnecessary expenditure and their movement toward economy will doubtless meet with the approval of a large majority of citizens.

Name of local church was changed at annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Minneota Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church was held Monday afternoon, Nov. 1. Some very important business took place, involving a change in the congregation's name, and a revision of the constitution. The congregation chose Hope Lutheran Church as the new name of the church. The constitution was accepted as proposed by the committee with very little discussion.

75 Years Ago
(November 16, 1951)

Three injured when car hits tractor west of town

Mrs. Darrell Nelson is still being treated at the Weiner Memorial Hospital in Marshall as a result of injuries sustained in a car-tractor accident that occurred last Thursday afternoon west of Minneota. Two others received minor injuries. The mishap occurred when an automobile in which Mrs. Neson was a passenger crashed into a parked tractor. Mrs. Donald Wigness, the driver of the car, stated that a large cloud of smoke on the highway obstructed her view and she was unable to see the parked implement ahead before smashing into its left wheel. W.J. Tillemans, owner of the tractor, was burning weeds along the roadside when the accident happened.

Minneota teen loses tips of two fingers in farm accident

Peter Guerts, 17, lost the tips of his fourth and fifth fingers on his right hand in a corn picker. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Guerts. The youth was injured when he tried to free a corn stalk from his father's picker. Seeing that the corn had lodged itself between the picker and the tractor seat, he grabbed the stalk just as the other end was sucked into the picker. With his hand tangled in the mechanism, he was pulled from the tractor seat onto the battery box. In an attempt to free his hand. Peter threw himself to the ground and yelled for help. The boy's father heard his cry for help and rushed to free his son from the mechanism.

Borson named queen, Brewers named king at school carnival

The highlight of last Friday evening's annual school carnival was the crowning of the carnival queen, who this year was Bonnie Borson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Borson. Bennie Brewers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brewers, was named carnival king. The carnival grossed $707.57. The school thanked the parents who donated food and candy for the carnival, and to the businesses who donated prizes.

50 Years Ago
(November 11, 1976)

Minneota Fire Department called to three fires in area

Minneota fire fighters reported three fires in the community during the past week, but only one did any great damage. The fire at the John DeSmet farm six miles southwest of Minneota resulted in a hog barn being destroyed, along with 110 small pigs and 10 sows. A spokesman for the fire department reported that the blaze was started by garbage burning and then spread to the grass in the hog building. They also reported a fire at the dump ground here at 5:20 a.m. last Saturday caused by burning dead elm trees, and another fire in a ditch at 6:30 p.m. last Saturday six miles south of town.

Minneota School Board purchases new school bus

The purchase of a 66-passenger school bus was the major item of business at last week's school board meeting. The bus is a Thomas-Chevrolet demonstrator and was purchased from Southwest Bus Sales of Hanley Falls for $14,200. The new vehicle was expected to be delivered this week and assigned to the Ghent area route.

Ghent apartment complex fund given $300 donation

The Mascot was informed that an additional $300 more has been turned into the fund which originally started the Ghent apartment project a few months ago. There were 12 names on the list. The donors were: Nellie Byrne, Tom Bot, John E. Regnier, Gerart Verstraete, Archie VanHee, Brenda Wignes, L. Joe Claeys, Vincent Hennen Sr., Randy DeRoode, Sheila DeRoode, Ed Boerboom, and Francis A. Claeys.

25 Years Ago
(November 14, 2001)

Community welcomes home volleyball state runners-up

The "Welcome Home" for Minneota's volleyball team on Saturday night began with the team being escorted into town by the Minneota Fire Department and the Minneota Police Department. Many community members were also on hand to welcome the team after they finished as state runners-up in the Class A volleyball tournament. The official welcome home took place on Sunday afternoon in the gymnasium. The Vikings lost to Fosston 3-1 in the state championship held at Excel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Official school board election results announced

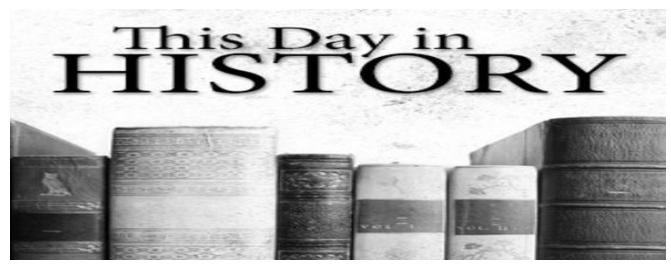
The election results from Nov. 6 are officially in. There were 1,649 people officially registered in Minneota. There were 421 who voted with eight absentee ballots for a total of 429 votes. There were three ballots left blank and 33 that were defective. In the school board election, Rick Stiklestad was re-elected to a four-year term with 344 votes. Tim Gossen received 223 votes for a four-year term and Dennis Buysse received 43 votes in the write-in spot for the third four-year term. Ther were also 115 other write-in votes.

Outside Looking In

Scott Thoma



Due to the early press run this week, "Outside Looking In" will not appear this week, but will resume in next week's edition.



This Day in History - November 12

1866 - Chinese revolutionary Sun Yat-sen, the first provisional president of the Republic of China, is born.

1920 - Baseball gets its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is elected commissioner of the American and National Leagues.

1927 - Josef Stalin becomes the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky is expelled from the Communist Party.

1936 - The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opens as President Franklin D. Roosevelt presses a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the green light to traffic.

1948 - Former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders are sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

1977 - The city of New Orleans elects its first Black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, the winner of a runoff.

1987 - The American Medical Association issues a policy statement saying it was unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person has AIDS or is HIV-positive.

1998 - Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley files a $433 million lawsuit against the firearms industry, declaring that it has created a public nuisance by flooding the streets with weapons deliberately marketed to criminals. (A judge would dismiss the lawsuit in 2000; an appeals court would rule in 2002 that the city of Chicago could proceed, but the Illinois Supreme Court would dismiss the lawsuit in 2004.)

2001 - American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 headed to the Dominican Republic, crashes after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 people on board and five people on the ground.

2009 - Same-sex marriages begin in Connecticut, a month after the state Supreme Court ruled that gays have the right to wed.

2013 - An international panel of architects announces that the new World Trade Center tower in New York would replace Chicago's Willis Tower as the nation's tallest building upon its completion.

2017 - Syndicated gossip columnist Liz Smith dies at the age of 94.



Fun Facts - November

Novem is the Latin word for the number nine. Interestingly, before January and February were added to the calendar, November was the ninth month. Instead of changing November to Unidecimber (Latin for 11), they kept the name.

If you're American, you know the presidential election is always in November. It comes down to the farmers. Not wanting to disturb the planting, growing or harvest seasons, the month of November was chosen as the most logical month for everybody to be able to vote.

The official flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. Meaning 'golden flower', the chrysanthemum represents honesty, joy and optimism.

The official birthstone of November is the topaz. This orange-yellow gemstone is said to represent friendship. The Greeks also believed that Topaz had the power to turn you invisible.

On November 1, the people of Mexico celebrate Dia de los Muertos or The Day of the Dead. It's believed that the souls of deceased loved ones return on this day. But don't be scared, this day is for celebration with food, drinks and music.

Movember is a charity organization started in Australia that has quickly spread across the world. Raising money for prostate cancer, men are encouraged to shave on November 1 and keep only the mustache growing until November 30. So far, the charity has raised over $800 million.

November is the only month that Shakespeare never mentioned in all of his plays and sonnets, although the reason is unclear.

November is home to many delicious special days: November 3 is Sandwich Day, November 6 is Nacho Day. November 14 is Pickle Day, November is French Toast Day, and November 29 is Lemon Cream Pie Day.

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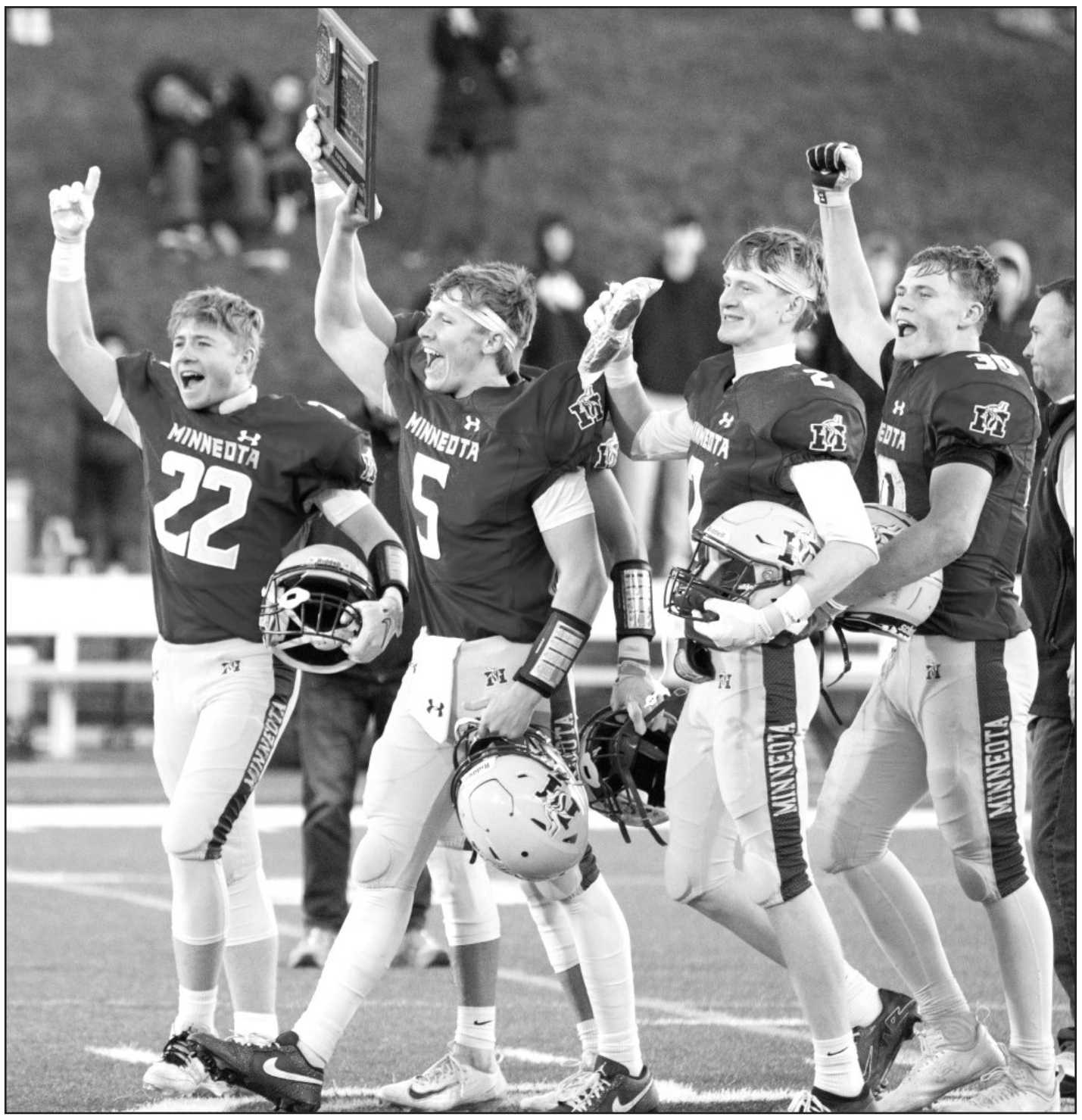
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FOOTBALL



Minneota captains, left to right: Sawyer Braclley, Tristen Sussner, Quinton Anderson (behind Sussner), Ian Myhre and RJ Sorensen carry the championship plaque after their Section 4A win over Dawson-Boyd last Friday. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*



Aiden Jerzak (32) of Minneota intercepts a pass against Dawson-Boyd. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*



Minneota quarterback Triten Sussner scores on a 30-yard keeper in the first quarter against Dawson-Boyd last Friday at SMSU in Marshall. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

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On the Blackjacks' second series, Landon Esping intercepted a pass along the sideline. Minneota was unable to capitalize on either of those turnovers, but following a Dawson-Boyd punt on its third series, the Vikings scored on a five-play, 65-yard drive. Sorensen carried three straight times for 11,12 and 11 yards. Sussner capped the drive with a run up the middle before cutting left into the end zone from 30 yards out for a 7-0 lead with :03 left in the opening quarter.

The Vikings then took a 14-0 lead on their next possession. Ian Myhre returned a Blackjack punt to the Dawson-Boyd 42. Sussner then connected with Kaden Christensen on a screen pass that went for 37 yards to the Blackjack five. Sorensen ran the ball to the two before Sussner plunged up the middle for a score.

On the ensuing possession, Dawson-Boyd went on a 10-play, 81-yard drive with quarterback Carson Stratmoen scoring on a bootleg from seven yards out. In that series, Stratmoen completed passes of 24 and 21 yards to Colten Bothun. A pass interference penalty kept the drive alive and put the ball on the Vikings' 28. Dahl then ran three times for 13 yards to the 15. Stratmoen completed an eight-yard pass to Adeyn Dahl before scoring himself on the bootleg.

The conversion kick failed, leaving the Blackjacks trailing 14-6 with 1:234 remaining in the first half.

Following a Dawson-Boyd punt on its opening possession of the second half, Minneota marched 54 yards for a touchdown to take a 21-6 lead. Utilizing Sorensen's bulldozer style, the Vikings called on the junior five times in the drive and he amassed 45 yards, including the 23-yard TD for a 21-6 advantage.

Dawson-Boyd produced the final score of the game with 8:02 remaining when Cale Tufto, with two defenders on him, pulled in a 32-yard TD pass from Stratmoen. Again, the conversion kick failed.

Dawson-Boyd reached the Minneota 24 late in the game before Ian Myhre came up with his second interception of the night at the one-yard line.

Evan Jerzak and Sam Myhre had eight tackles apiece to lead the Minneota defense. Sorensen and Anderson had seven stops each, and Owen Myrvik and Tim DeSmet had six each. Hudson Thostenson had the lone sack.

"I thought we did a few things well. Defensively I was pretty happy with how we played," said Johnston. "We turned them over multiple times with interceptions and fumbles. One of their TDs came after a controversial pass interference call and their other TD was well covered and they just made a good throw and catch. That was actually after we intercepted the ball and then fumbled it and gave it right back to them."

Stratmoen completed 15 of 27 passes for 200 yards. Mason Bothun paced the Blackjacks' defense with six tackles, including a sack.

STATE TOURNAMENT
Quarterfinals Nov. 13
Minneota vs. Pine River-Backus at SMSU, 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart vs. Chisholm
Upsala-Swanville vs. Park Christian
Breckenridge vs. Mt. Iron-Buhl

Semifinals Nov. 21
At U.S. Bank Stadium
Semifinals, 9 &11:30 a.m.

Championship Nov. 27
At U.S. Bank Stadium
Semifinal winners, 10 a.m.

Minneota 21, Dawson-Boyd 12

Dawson-Boyd	0	6	0	6	- 12
Minneota	7	7	7	0	- 21

Scoring Plays

Min - Tristen Sussner 30 run (Ian Myhre kick)
Mn - Tristen Sussner 2 run (Ian Myhre kick)
DB - Carson Stratmoen 8 run (kick failed)
Min - RJ Sorensen 23 run (Ian Myhre kick)
DB - Cale Tufto 32 pass from Carson Stratmoen (kick failed)

Team Statistics

TOTAL YARDS: Dawson-Boyd 254, Minneota 239 ... **PASSING YARDS:** Dawson-Boyd 200, Minneota 50 ... **RUSHING YARDS:** Dawson-Boyd 54, Minneota 189 ... **FIRST DOWNS:** Dawson-Boyd 17, Minneota 15 ... **TURNOVERS:** Dawson-Boyd 5, Minneota 3 ... **PENALTIES:** Dawson-Boyd 7-66, Minneota 4-25

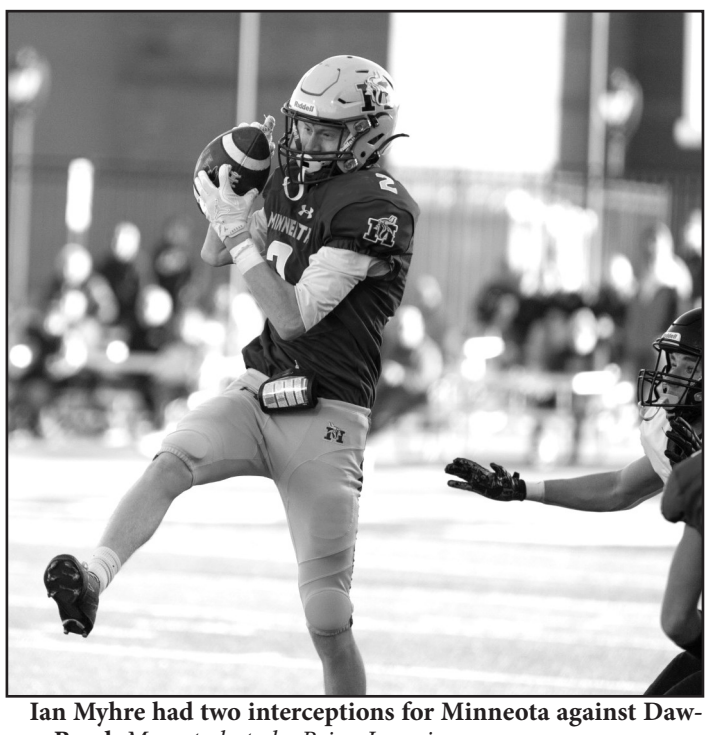
Dawson-Boyd Statistics

PASSING (com-att-yds-td-int): Carson Stratmoen 15-27-200-1-3 , C.Brent 0-2-0-0-1
RUSHING (att-yds): Adeyn Dahl 11-28, Colten Bothun 7-27, Carson Stratmoen 8-(-1)
RECEIVING (rec-yds): Cale Tufto 2-60, Colten Bothun 2-45, Thatcher Johnson 3-43, Adeyn Dahl 2-19, Mason Bothun 2-17, Owen Schindler 1-7
TACKLE LEADERS (solo-assists-total): Mason Bothun 6-0-6, Carver Schwegel 2-3-5. Adeyn Dahl 2-2-4, Ace Larson 1-2-3
SACKS: Mason Bothun 1, Adeyn Dahl 1

INTERCEPTION: Cade Tufto

Minneota Statistics

PASSING (com-att-yds-td-int): Tristen Sussner 4-11-50-1
RUSHING (att-yds): RJ Sorensen 22-148, Tristen Sussner 12-24, Kaden Christensen 3-16, Gage Johnston 1-0
RECEIVING (rec-yds): Kaden Christensen 1-36, Owen Myrvik 1-9, Ian Myhre 1-8, Sam Myhre 1-(-3)
TACKLES (solo-assist-total): Evan Jerzak 6-2-8, Sam Myhre 4-4-8, RJ Sorensen 3-4-7, Brody Anderson 1-6-7, Owen Myrvik 5-1-6, Tim DeSmet 2-4-6, Quinton Anderson 0-3-3, Hudson Thostenson 2-0-2, Beckham Norby 1-1-2, Wyatt Moorse 0-2-2, Kaden Christensen 1-0-1, Ian Myhre 1-0-1, Gage Johnston 0-1-1, Logan Esping 0-1-1, Sawyer Bradley 0-1-1
SACKS: Hudson Thostenson 1
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Tim DeSmet 1, Hudson Thostenson 1, Kaden Christensen 1
INTERCEPTIONS: Ian Myhre 2, Evan Jerzak 1, Landon Esping 1
FUMBLE RECOVERY: Brody Anderson 1
PUNTING: Ian Myhre 3-35.0



Ian Myhre had two interceptions for Minneota against Dawson-Boyd. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

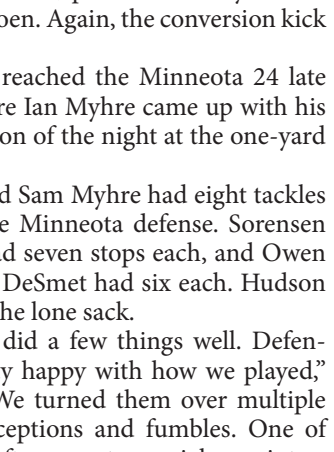
WILLMAR WINS 2AAAA CROWN

The Willmar Cardinals, coached by Minneota native Jon Konold, defeated Marshall 22-12 in the Class 2AAAA football championship on Friday to advance to the state tournament.

The Cardinals (10-0) were given the No. 2 seed in the 2AAAA South bracket and open against #3 Hill-Murray at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 in Blaine.

Pet OF THE WEEK

* Boots *



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Performer of the Week

Leah Coequyt
Senior



In the sub-section and section championship matches, Leah provided 23 kills and six ace blocks, both team highs, helping the Vikings advance to the state volleyball tournament.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Canby/Minneota's Pesek records season-best time at state

By Scott Thoma
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In her fifth straight appearance at the Class A state cross country meet, Mya Pesek of Canby/Minneota finished in the top third of the 160 runners competing.

The junior from Canby placed 46th with a season-best time of 19:55.4.

"What a way to cap off the cross-country season," said her mother and Canby/Minneota coach Allyson Pesek. "A top 50 finish was going to be a tough goal, but Mya went out there and did it. A great finish to another season of hard work, dedication, and representing our team with pride."

Margaret Duffy of St. John's Prep was the individual champion in a time of 17:25.2.

GIRLS TOP 10

(1) Margaret Duffy, SJP, 17:25.2 (2) Isabel Pass, Nova Classified Academy, 17:26.1 (3) Caitlin Bauer, LARPH, 17:38.9 (4) Maya Bartosova, LaCrescent, 18:29.9 (5) Karissa Anderson, Border West, 18:22.5 (6) Charlotte Meyer, LCSC, 18:27.6 (7) Kendra Miller, Bertha-Hewitt, 18:35.6 (8) Olivia Yotter, Lake City, 18:46.9 (9) Sophia Stencel, Maple River, 18:50.2 (10) Hope Docan-Morgan, LaCrescent, 19:05.0

Volleyball *Continued from Page 1*

Leading 21-13 in the set, The Vikings got three consecutive kills from Leah Coequyt and the set point coming on another A-E hitting miscue.

Leah Coequyt then took over in the final set after the Viking trailed briefly at 12-11. First, a cross-court kill by Jaylyn Coeqyt knotted the set before Leah Coequyt blasted three straight kills down the middle.

With the Vikings leading 18-13, Leah Coequyt stuffed a Dragon attack and then notched a kill to cap a 10-1 run for a 22-13 lead. An ace serve by Gillund put the Vikings up 24-14, and a hitting error provided match point.

STATE TOURNAMENT
At Grand Casino Arena
Quarterfinals Nov. 12
1. #1 Minneota vs, #8 Pine River-Backus, 5 p.m.
2. #4 Sacred Heart vs. #5 Chisholm, 5 p.m.
3. #2 Fillmore Central vs. #7 Sleepy St. Mary's, 7 p.m.
4. #3 Mayer Lutheran vs. #6 Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa, 7 p.m.

Consolation Nov. 13
5. Loser-1 vs. Loser-2, 1 p.m.
6. Loser-3 vs. Loser-4, 3 p.m.

Semifinals Nov. 13
7. Winner-1 vs. Winner-2, 1 p.m.
8. Winner-3 vs. Winner-4, 3 p.m.

Consolation final Nov. 14
9. Winner-5 vs. Winner-6, 10:30 a.m.

Third place Nov. 14
10. Loser-7 vs. Loser-8, 12:30 p.m.

Championship Nov. 14
11. Winner-7 vs, Winner-8, 1 p.m.

Minneota 3, Adrian-Ellsworth 0

Adrian-Ellsworth	18	14	14
Minneota	25	25	25

Minneota Individual Statistics

SERVING (aces): Sophie Gillund 3, Eden Meagher 1, Libby Sussner 1, Autum Anderson 1
SETTING (assists): Libby Sussner 19, Sophie Gillund 15
ATTACKING (kills): Leah Coequyt 15, Jaylyn Coequyt 8, Eden Meagher 7, Brek Fier 5, Ava Rost 2, Sophie Gillund 2
BLOCKING (aces): Leah Coequyt 3, Jaylyn Coequyt 1
DIGS: Autum Anderson 7, Eden Meagher 6, Brynn Rost 3, Brek Fier 2

Vikings sweep CMCS for 3A-N crown

Top-seeded Minneota captured the Section 3A-North title with a 25-20,25-19, 25-22 victory over No. 2 Central Minnesota Christian School last Thursday at SMSU in Marshall.

The Vikings (28-4) faced CMCS three times this season, beating the Bluejays in five sets on Sept. 17, then sweeping them in the Camden Conference championship last Monday.

Jaylyn Coequyt paced the Vikings' attack with 12 kills. Eden Meagher had nine kills and a team-high 14 digs, Leah Coequyt had eight kills and three blocks.

The opening set went back and forth with CMCS leading as late as 12-11 after a kill by Maddy VanderArk. Tied 18-18, Minneota went on a 7-2 run to close out the set. During that run, Sophie Gillund had an ace block and an ace serve, and CMCS had five unforced errors, including set point on a hitting error.

CMCS jumped out to an 8-5 advantage in the second set before the Vikings eventually took an 11-10 lead and never trailed again. The Vikings built the lead to 19-15 following kills by Jaylyn Coequyt and Meagher. A kill and an ace block by Brek Fier pushed the lead to 22-18 before Ava Rost's tip found the floor to close out the set.

CMCS started out the third set looking like it might extend the match with a pair of ace serves, and a kill by Emery Fussy for a 5-0 lead.

Minneota eventually fought back to tie the set 13-13. CMCS regained the lead briefly at 18-17 on a kill by Mya Dannen.

Leah Coequyt then pounded down consecutive kills and had an ace block to push Minneota in front 20-19. A CMCS hitting error and an ace serve by Autum Anderson gave the Vikings a 22-19 advantage.

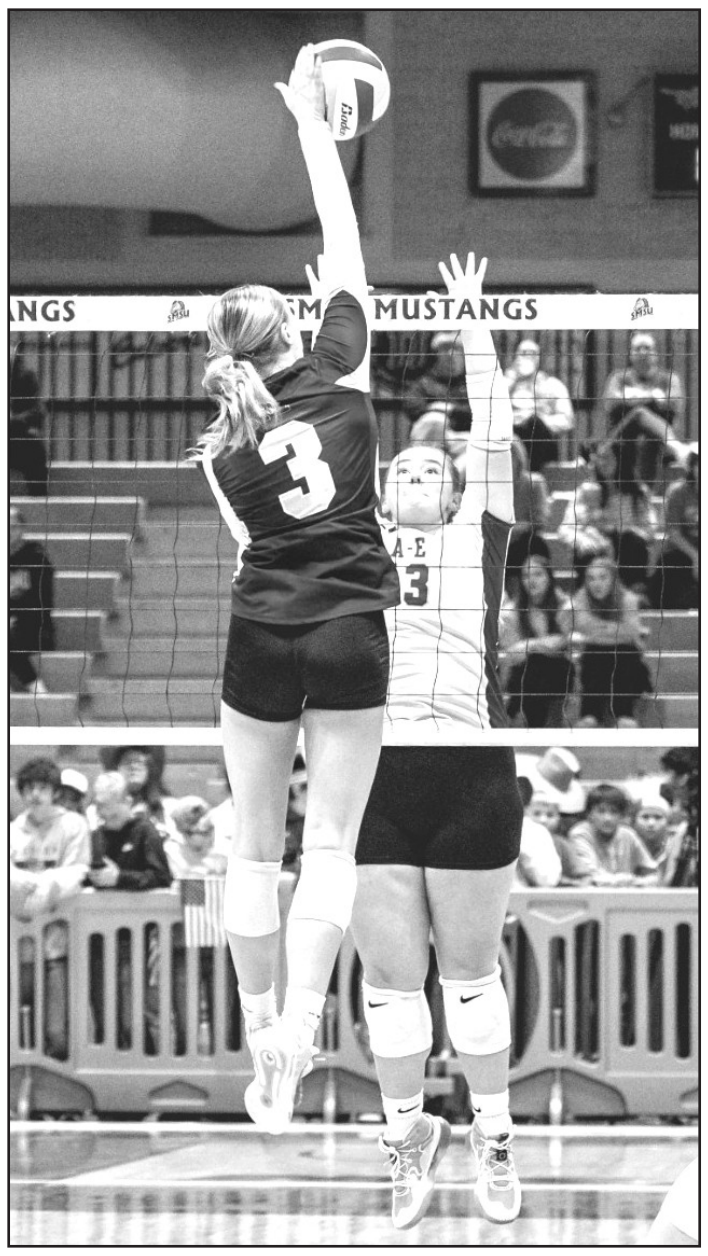
Brek Fier's kill made it 23-20 and Jaylyn Coequyt closed out the match with consecutive kills.

Minneota 3, CMCS 0

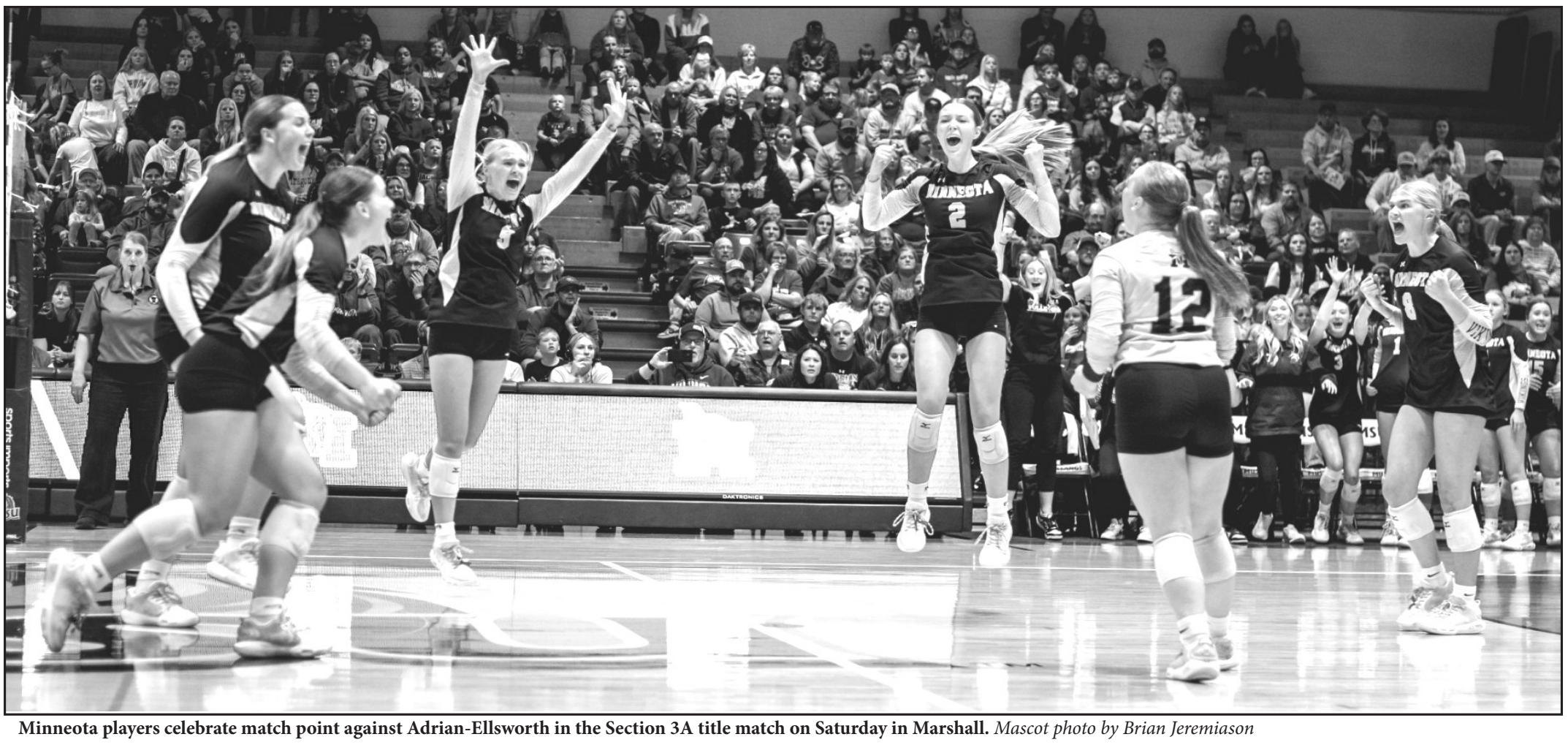
Central Minnesota Christian	20	19	22
Minneota	25	25	25

Minneota Individual Statistics

SERVING (aces): Sophie Gillund 2, Brynn Rost 1, Autum Anderson 1
SETTING (assists): Libby Sussner 19, Sophie Gillund 17
ATTACKING (kills): Jaylyn Coequyt 13, Eden Meagher 9, Leah Coequyt 8, Brek Fier 4, Sophie Gillund 3
BLOCKING (aces): Leah Coequyt 3, Brek Fier 3, Sophie Gillund 2
DIGS: Eden Meagher 14, Autum Anderson 10, Libby Sussner 10,



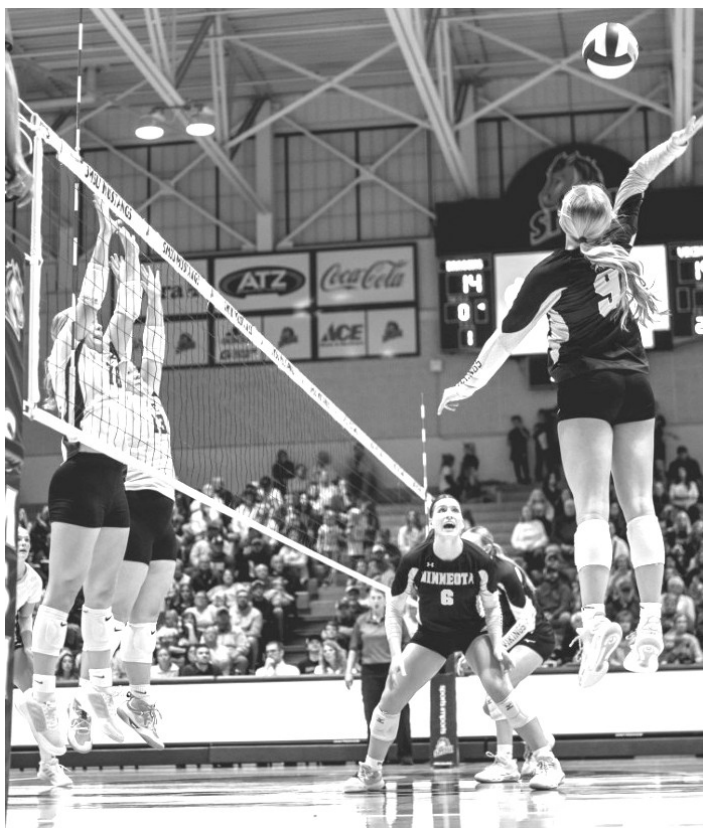
Minneota's Brek Fier (3) launches an attack against Adrian-Ellsworth in the Section 3A final on Saturday at SMSU. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*



Minneota players celebrate match point against Adrian-Ellsworth in the Section 3A title match on Saturday in Marshall. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*



Leah Coequyt puts down an attack against CMCS in the Section 3A-North championship last Thursday in Marshall. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*



Ava Rost of Minneota attacks through a double block set up by Adrian-Ellsworth in the 3A championship. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

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November

Monday, November 12
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center
5 p.m. - Volleyball: Class A State quarterfinals, Minneota vs. Pine River-Backus, Grand Casino Arena, St. Paul

Friday, November 13
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center
1 & 3 p.m. - Volleyball: Class A State semifinals, Grand Casino Arena, St. Paul
7 p.m. - Football: Class A State quarterfinals, Minneota vs. Mayer Lutheran, SMSU

Saturday, November 14
1 p.m. - Volleyball: Class A State championship, Grand Casino Arena, St. Paul

Monday, November 16
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center

Tuesday, November 17
10 a.m. - Lyon County board meeting, Marshall
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center

Wednesday, November 18
1 p.m. - "Hand, Knee & Foot" at Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Minneota School Board meeting

Thursday, November 19
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center

Friday, November 20
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center

Saturday, November 21
9 a.m.- Football: Class A State semifinals, U.S. Bank Stadium
11:30 a.m. - Football: Class A State semifinals, U.S. Bank Stadium

Monday, November 23
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center

Tuesday, November 24
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center

Wednesday, November 25
1 p.m. - "Hand, Knee & Foot" at Senior Center

Thursday, November 26
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1 cup butter, softened
1 ½ cups brown sugar
1/3 cup molasses
1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
2 eggs
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
2 ½ cups flour
1 cup toasted wheat germ
1 ½ teaspoons baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 cups old-fashioned oats
1 cup raisins
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup chopped walnuts

Directions

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, cream together butter, brown sugar, molasses, and peanut butter. Add eggs and vanilla and blend into mixture. In a separate bowl, combine flour, wheat germ. Baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Stir dry ingredients into the creamed mixture until evenly blended. Add oats, raisins, chocolate chips, and nuts. Refrigerate one hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease baking sheets or line with parchment paper. Shape dough into balls using ¼ cup of dough per ball. Place on prepared baking sheets, leaving 3 inches between cookies. Flatten slightly with a fork. Baker for 15-18 minutes, or until tops are soft to the touch. Cool cookies on baking sheets for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool.

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Tickets: $25. Fundraiser to support the Lyon County Historical Society's mission of preserving and presenting Lyon County history. Limited tickets are available — at the Lyon County Museum or call 507-537-6580.

Holiday attire encouraged — bring your festive flair.

Christmas Tree Walk to open No. 21

The 14th annual Indoor Christmas Tree Walk opens on Saturday, Nov. 21. The trees and museum will stay decorated through Dec. 31. View decorated trees by area families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and service organizations.

To vote for your favorite(s), place money in a box located by each tree. The top three organizations/businesses with the most money in their boxes will win the 2026 tree walk. There will be an online option to vote on the museum's website. All proceeds from the boxes will go to benefit the Lyon County Historical Society's mission of preserving and presenting Lyon County history. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded to the top three trees. First prize is $150 in Marshall Chamber Dollars, second prize is $100 in Marshall Chamber Dollars, and third prize is $50 in Marshall Chamber Dollars.

The museum will have extended hours during this time. The museum hours for Nov. 21-Dec. 31 are Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. 5 p.m.; Closed on Sundays.

The Lyon County Museum will be closed on Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 24-25.

Holiday Home Tour cancelled

The Lyon County Museum has made the decision to cancel this year's Holiday Home Tour. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure enough homes for the tour to make the event work this year.

We have homeowners interested in being on the Holiday Home Tour, and we hope to bring it back next year on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2027.

For more information, contact the Lyon County Museum at 507-537-6580.

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(Grade 7)
Cale Bitker
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Ellery Harrison
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Bentley Walerius

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Camber DeVos
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Oakley Norby
Easton Nuese
Bentley Pesch
Camden Popowski
Piper Schoultz
Harper Tolk
Zoey Verdin
Noah Woodbeck

Trunk or Treat Photo Album
Saturday, Oct. 31
St. Edward School

(We had limited space last week, so here are a few more photos for you to enjoy)



Joel Walerius of the Lyon County Sheriff's Department passed out stickers, pencils, coloring books and more to kids in attendance on Halloween. *Mascot photo by Scott Thoma*



Kently Richards of Marshall held onto the leash of Hank, a Great Dane, as they sought out treats. Even Hank had a treat bag around his neck. *Mascot photo by Scott Thoma*



Everything was groovy on Halloween for this trio as they passed out treats. Left to right: Dr. Alex Lentz, Ashley Tolk and Leah Myhre. *Mascot photo by Scott Thoma*



Bellamy Buysse, 1 1/2, was all smiles in her chicken costume. *Mascot photo by Scott Thoma*



Imogen Moriarty, dressed as Glinda the Good Witch from Wicked, supported the Ribbon Wranglers 4-H group by passing out treats. *Mascot photo by Scott Thoma*

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