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Chad Johnston, surrounded by his wife and three sons, received a plaque after being inducted into the Minnesota Girls Baasketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last week at St. Thomas University in St. Paul. Left to right: Gage, Chad, Nicolle, Brooks and Easton Johnston. *Contributed photo*

JOHNSTON INDUCTED INTO GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES HALL OF FAME

By Scott Thoma
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Another honor was bestowed upon Chad Johnston last week. This time, it was for a sport he coached five years ago.

Johnston was inducted into the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame at a ceremony on Oct. 23 at St. Thomas University in St. Paul.

Johnson, a three-time Class A Girls Basketball Coach of the Year (2013, 2019, 2021), left the Minneota girls' basketball program after 21 seasons with 478 career wins to become the boys' basketball coach in 2022. He achieved his 500th basketball coaching win in January of 2024.

Following a social hour and buffet, Johnston was inducted into the Hall of Fame with Laurie Kelly, Molly Kasper, and Brian Hovland.

Kelly is the head women's basketball coach at Gustavus Adolphus College, where she has built a strong program and mentored numerous players.

Kasper has been the women's basketball coach at Eastview Senior High School since 2015. Before that, she served as an educator in the Apple Valley Educator in Business and EBD/LD program and as a Graduate Assistant Coach at Winona State University.

Hovland has been the Underwood girls' basketball coach from 2004 to the present. His teams have qualified for the state tournament in 2004-2005 and in 2022-23. His teams have gone 106-26 overthe last five seasons.

Johnston's longtime assistant, Dale Kockelman, introduced him at the ceremony, which was also attended by Johnston's wife, Nicolle; his three sons, Easton, Gage and Brooks; and another of his former assistant girls basketball coaches, Al Panka, the current Minneota head coach.

These types of honors are nothing new to Johnston, who has won nine state titles in football, was Class A Minnesota Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year for all classes for 2022, and was also Class A Coach of the Year in 2009, 2015, 2017 and 2022.

Minneota Public School hosting Veterans Day program Nov. 11



Minneota High School will be hosting a Veterans Day program beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in the Viking Gym.

All veterans are welcome to come in beforehand for coffee, cookies, and conversations with Minneota National Honor Society students.

Dude Myhre of the National Guard will be on hand to announce the winners of the VFW Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay winners.

Gretta Buysse will be speaking about Girls State.

The high school band and choir will each be performing.

National Honor Society President Natalie Ratajczak and Senior Class President Jents Knutson will give welcome and conclusion speeches.

There will be a flagburning ceremony following the program at the Legion. Bring your damaged flags to the Roundup or to any Legion member.

Halloween treats available at Opera Hall



The Opera Hall in Minneota will be open on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be passing out treats to Trick-or-Treaters during that time.

Seven running for four seats on Minneota School Board

Voters go to polls on Nov. 3; Hennen, Schmig running for 15A House seat

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Seven people are running for four open seats on the Minneota School District #414 School Board this year when voters go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

After eight years serving on the school board, Tom Skorczewski has elected not to run for re-election. Jon Buysse, who has served on the board for the past four years, is also not running for re-election.

Incumbents Abby Thostenson and Martin Hennen have filed for re-election.

The newcomers running this year are Josh Anderson, Lisa Becker, Trisha Fink and Shelby Sorensen.

City Council

Longtime Minneota council members Tim Koppien and Nancy Reisdorfer are running unopposed for re-election to the Minneota City Council.

In Ghent, Austin Morris and Patti Welvaert are running for re-election to the council. No one is running against them.

Josh Sumption has filed to run for re-election to the Porter City Council, but Craig Petesen has decided not to run again. Sumption and Charlie Anderson are running for the two empty council seats unopposed.

In Taunton, Jim Pesch and David Beyfogle are seeking re-election to the City Council. No one else filed to run against them.

Jared Philipp is the lone councilman running for City Council this year in St. Leo, and is also running unopposed.

Mayor

Minneota incumbent mayor John Rolbiecki is running unopposed for re-election.



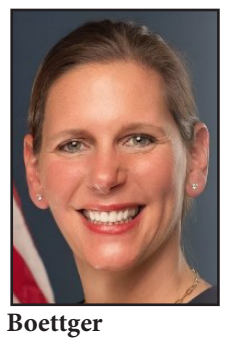
Hennen



Schmig



Seifert



Boettger

Ghent incumbent mayor Doug Anderson is also seeking re-election and running unopposed.

In Taunton, incumbent mayor Eriann Faris has filed to run for re-election. No one else has filed to run against her.

Porter incumbent mayor Donald Verschelde is running unopposed for re-election.

David "Bubba" Gorecki is seeking another term as St. Leo mayor and is also running unopposed.

House of Rep.- District 15A

Chris Swedinski has elected not to seek re-election after serving on the House of Reprensatives for the past 12 years.

Brad Hennen (R-Ghent) will oppose Nathan Schmig (D-Minneota) for the open seat.

Hennen was born and raised on a family farm near Ghent in Lyon County, where he learned the value of hard work, personal responsibility, and showing up for your neighbors. He and his wife Barb raised their nine children here, and now, as grandparents, they care deeply about the future being built for the next generation.

Hennen is running for representative because he believes Southwest Minnesota should be a place where families can build a life, grow a business, and put down roots — without feeling like they have to leave to succeed.

Schmig graduated from Canby High School and has lived in Minneota for about 30 years. He's married and has four kids. He grew up on the farm and has been a garbage truck driver for Olson Sanitation for about 15 years.

Schmig believes that record profits are pointless if workers, small businesses and farmers are left behind. People deserve dignity, respect and representation. He's asking to be your voice for the average worker in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

State Senate - District 15

Braxton Seifert (R-Marshall) is running for State Senate in District 15 against DFL opponent Andrea Boettger (D-New Ulm) following the resignation of longtime Senator Gary Dahms (R-Redwood Falls).

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NHS students volunteer to clean up leaves

Minneota National Honor Society students volunteered their services last week at Veterans Park and also at homes in the community. On Friday morning, under the direction of NHS advisor Angela Werner, the students picked up their rakes and leaf blowers and went out into the community to help rake leaves. Photo above: Front row, left to right: Natalie Ratajczak, Brynn Rost, Eden Meagher, Ava Rost, Alexa Mead, Madison Minnehan. Back Row, left to right: Leah Coequyt, Jaylyn Coequyt, Grace Horner, Seth Paluch, Gretta Buysse, Olivia Claeys, Piper Anderson, Khailynn Fier, Niara Gorecki, Addysen Kiley, Sawyer Bradley. Not pictured: Autum Anderson, Jayla Jerzak, Brynn Kern, Aubri Krog, and Ava Panka.

Photo right: The students began the day at Veterans Park and also went to a few area homes to rake leaves. Service is one of the four main pillars of NHS. *Contributed photos*



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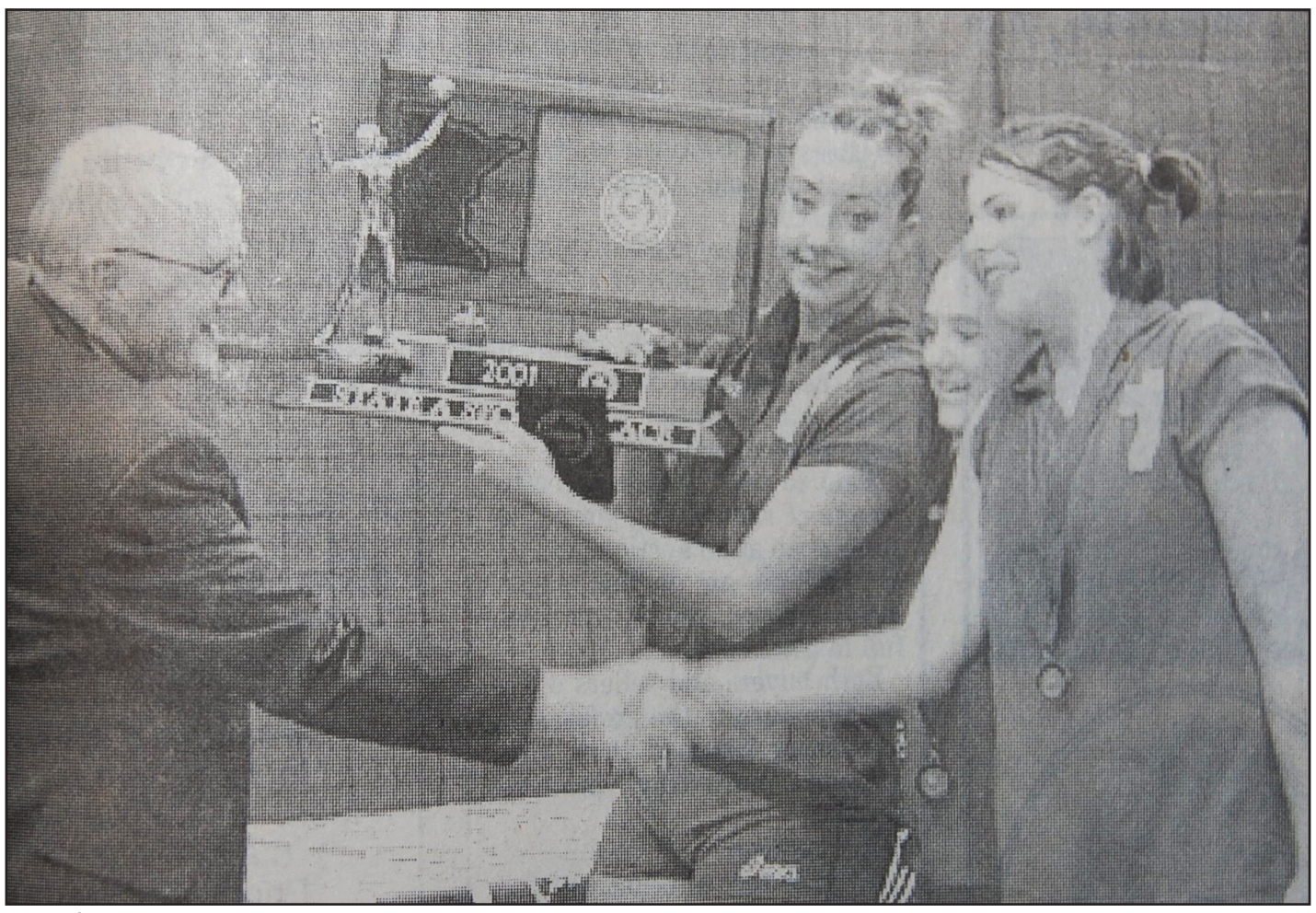
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Minneota Memory

The Minneota volleyball team placed second in the Class A state tournament in 2001. Accepting the runner-up plaque from a Minnesota State High School League representative are team captains Emily Kopfmann, Amber Lozinski and Jenna Boulton. Minneota lost to Fosston 3-1 in the championship at Excel Center in St. Paul.

Yesteryear

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

100 Years Ago
(October 29, 1926)

Local girl gets chance to see Queen of Romania

Laura Deen of Minneota, a post-graduate student of Columbia University, wrote to the Mascot about her thrilling experience of getting to see Queen Marie of Romania at Johnson Hall at her school recently. The flags of Columbia University were flown next to the United States and Romanian flags.

Minneota Fire Department called to Gossen garage fire

A fire that damaged P.S. Jokull's car quite badly and caused some damage to Felix Gossen's garage and workshop, in which the car was stored, called the Minneota Fire Department into action shortly before six o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Gossen arose at five to go to work and upon approaching his garage he saw smoke and flames through a hole near the floor. On opening the doors, he saw that the interior of the car was all in flames. The upholstery and seats of the car were destroyed, the windows al broken, the top burnt through, and the body badly scorched. The fire was suspected to come from a short-circuited battery.

75 Years Ago
(November 2, 1951)

Annual school carnival to include King for first time

Students at Minneota High School decided the other day that the annual school carnival should also include the naming of a king to along with the queen. For the first time in the history of the annual event, one off four boys — Russell Leland, freshman; John Koch, sophomore; Louis Leland, junior; or Benny Brewers, senior — will reign as king at the carnival. As in the past years, the queen will be selected by the residents off Minneota with containers for cash donations being set up in the business establishments. Candidates for queen are Connie Gislason, freshman; Joyce Friedrichs, sophomore; Patricia VanOverbeke, junior; and Bonnie Borson, senior.

DePestel loses little finger in corn picker accident

John DePestel, who farms five miles southwest of Taunton, suffered injuries last Friday when he caught his hand in a corn picker. The little finger of his right hand was cut off by the machine, and two other fingers were broken.

Minneota Businessmen's Assn. meet to discuss baseball, more

Members of the Minneota Businessmen's Association discussed baseball, The United States Defense Bond drive, Boy Scouts, and closing stores on the Monday following Armistice Day at their monthly meeting on Monday. Ony 17 members of the association were present for the meeting that was held at the Legion building. Opinions of those present were that local business places should be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Armistice Day, which has been the custom in past years. They also stressed the importance of continuing as a parent organization of the Boy Scout troop and urged the association's executive committee to appoint a leader as soon as possible.

50 Years Ago
(October 28, 1976)

Large turnout expected to vote for local races

Those in the know are predicting a large turnout of voters in various local elections, especially the four new men seeking office as councilmen, with only three of them to be named and a new mayor to be chosen. Byron Rafnson, longtime councilman and mayor for several years, and councilmen Jon Guttormsson and E.E. Nordquist are not seeking re-election. Art Bergeth, Gary Gould, Paul Larson and Gary Swensrud are seeking council seats. The two men with the largest number of votes will be elected to four-year terms, and the man getting the third most votes will be elected to a two-year term. Jack Rehkamp is the only file for Minneota mayor and will be elected to a two-year term.

Minneota receives first snowfall of fall season

Mother Nature continued to produce cool weather in this community all of the past week, sending the mercury as low as 20 degrees Oct. 22. Two inches of snow fell on Saturday, Oct. 23. Temperatures are expected to be mild the rest of this week.

VanOverbeke wins Soil & Water speech contest

Cindy VanOverbeke of Minneota was the first-place winner of the Soil & Water Conservation speech contest on Oct. 16 at Southwest State University in Marshall. The subject of the contest was "How does soil and water conservation affect food production." Cindy will compete with six other winners from Minnesota in the upcoming state contest in St. Cloud. The contest is for students in grades 7-9.

25 Years Ago
(October 31, 2001)

Local groups join efforts to raise money for NY relief

The Minneota Jaycees, Minneota Lions, Minneota Women of Today and the Minneota Rotary Club have combined their efforts in a fundraiser for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund of New York. A dinner is planned for Sunday, Nov. 11, which is also Veterans Day. It is the two-month anniversary of the terrorist bombings that took the lives of so many people in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. The meal will be held at the Southwest Sportsmen's Club. The free-will donation meal will consist of hot beef sandwiches, baked beans, pickles, bars, coffee and a cold beverage.

Community goes to polls for school board, referendum

Our community will be going to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6 when we vote for our Minneota school board representatives, as well as the referendum. Four seats are open for the Minneota school board, but only three people have stepped forward to run for those seats. The positions currently held by Tim Gossen, Rick Stiklestad, Douglas Moen, and Jolene Schroepfer are about to expire, and all but Schroepfer have filed for re-election this year.

MACC giving bonus bucks for North Pole Extravaganza

The Minneota Area Chamber of Commerce is once again using the North Pole Extravaganza to promote shopping in Minneota. How are they doing it? By giving away $500 in Minneota Bucks to 22 lucky people. Register at local businesses the week off Nov. 4-10. If your name is drawn on Nov. 10, you will win one of many various amounts from $10 to $100. The North Pole Extravaganza will be held on Nov. 10 with many local merchants taking part.

Outside Looking In

Scott Thoma



Living in a funeral home

For some people, one of the scariest places to visit is a cemetery. Perhaps even scarier would be to live in a funeral home.

Nancy Buysse did just that as her father, Donald Bourgeois, had his funeral home business in the north side of the new house he had built for his family of six in 1952.

"My dad always reminded me and my sister and two brothers that there was nothing to be scared of because the people were dead," Nancy said. "It really was something we grew up with and were used to it, so it wasn't that big of a deal to us."

Donald worked for Joe Rehkamp in the funeral home in Marshall before moving to Minneota and entering into a partnership with Gene Nordquist, with the Nordquist-Bourgeois Funeral Home on Madison Street. Bourgeois also had a furniture store downtown.

"When there was a large funeral or a Catholic Rosary, we would open the double doors of the funeral home, which opened up to the living room of our house. They would set up chairs in the living room and would use that room, too," Nancy recalls. "We had our basement all fixed up, so we would either go down there or upstairs. Sometimes we would go to the neighbor's house."

Nancy would sometimes assist her father with a body.

"They did the embalming at Rehkamp's Funeral Home in Marshall and then do the prep work at our place," she said. "One time, my dad had prepped a woman's body and asked me to help place her in a casket. I had helped dress a body and fix their hair, so I was used to it."

The woman was then moved to the casket, but both Nancy, who was around 1 years old at the time, and her father were not ready for what happened next.

"The woman had been dead for two days before they found her body," Nancy told. "Her hands were down by her sides and when we put her in the casket, we placed her hands together holding the Rosary on her stomach. But her hands wouldn't stay down because she had rigor mortis from being dead so long. So, dad placed her hands together again and he held one hand down and I held the other down. We waited for 5 to 10 minutes and then let go and her hands stayed down.

At least for a few seconds anyway.

As they walked away from the casket, the woman's hands popped apart.

"My dad and I jumped so much," said Nancy, with a laugh. "We didn't expect that to happen at all."

Bourgeois and Nordquist also were Minneota's ambulance service back in the 50s and 60s.

Bourgeois then built a new home on Monroe Street and had the funeral home in the former Joy theatre building that now houses Horvath Funeral Home.

Bourgeois retired in 1975 and Gene Nordquist had always said that if Donald retired, he would, too.

Brothers Jack and Paul Rehkamp bought the funeral home from Bourgeois and Nordquist.

With Halloween right around the corner, Nancy was asked if kids would trick-or-treat at their house, or were they too frightened by the funeral home?

If we didn't have a visitation that night, the kids would come and we would pass out treats.

Nancy and her husband, Dale, live near the golf course now.

"We have around 200 kids come to our house and trick-or-treat now," she said.

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FOOTBALL

Vikings repel Dawson-Boyd upset bid, 28-21

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In its closest game of the season, Class A top-ranked Minneota thwarted upset-minded Dawson-Boyd 28-21 last Thursday night in Dawson.

Minneota (8-0) increased its unbeaten streak to 54 straight games. The Vikings' last loss was to Dawson-Boyd in 2022.

Dawson-Boyd (6-2), the No. 9-ranked team in Class A, took an early 7-0 lead when Jaxton Hastad intercepted a pass and scampered 54 yards for a touchdown with 5:19 left in the first quarter.

Minneota knotted the score just over three minutes later on a 9-play, 66-yard drive capped off by a two-yard TD run by Gage Johnston and the conversion kick by Ian Myhre. During the drive, Tristen Sussner completed passes to Landon Esping and Kaden Christensen of 12 and 25 yards, respectively, and Quinton Anderson had a 26-yard run.

The Blackjacks then regained the lead on its ensuing possession with Carson Statmoen connecting with Colten Bothun for a 53-yard touchdown early in the second quarter.

The Vikings answered back at 7:26 of the second stanza when Sussner found Anderson in the back of the end from 10 yards out. The big plays of that dive was a 25-yard completion from Sussner to Esping, and a 10-yard run by Sussner.

Minneota took its first lead of the game, 21-14, with 4:02 left in the third quarter with Sussner faking a handoff and bootlegging around left end untouched from three yards away. That completed an eight-play, 67-yard drive.

This time, it was Dawson-Boyd's turn to tie the game at 8:54 of the final quarter when Aedyn Dahl scored on a two-yard run up the middle.

Minneota, which overcame three turnovers, scored three minutes later for the final score off the night. RJ Sorensen, who rushed for 88 yards in 16 carries, scored the eventual game-winner when he burst through the line and reached the end zone from 29 yards away.

Minneota's defense then allowed no yards in Dawson-Boyd's final two series, including a sack by Hudson Thostenson on the game's final play with the Blackjacks bottled up at their own 30 as time ran out.

Sussner completed 6 of 13 passes for 122 yards. Esping had four receptions for 87 yards.

Sorensen and Tim DeSmet led the defense with 11 tackles apiece. Thostenson, Desmet, Sam Myhre and Wyatt Moorse each recorded a sack. Ian Myhre intercepted a pass.

These two teams could meet again if each advances to the section final on Nov. 6.

Minneota received the No. 1 seed in Section 4A and received a first-round bye. The Vikings will host the winner of the Lakeview vs. MACCRAY game on Saturday, Oct. 31 at Gerhard Meidt Stadium. Dawson-Boyd is the No. 2 seed and open at home against Yellow Medicine East on Oct. 27.

Minneota 28, Dawson-Boyd 21

Minneota	7	7	7	7	- 28
Dawson-Boyd	7	7	0	7	- 21

Scoring Plays

DB - Jaxton Hastad 54 interception return (Elvis Bellefeuille kick)
Min - Gage Johnston 2 run (Ian Myhrre kick)
DB - Mason Bothun 53 pass from Carson Stratmoen (Bellefeuille kick)
Min - Quinton Anderson 10 pass from Tristen Sussner (I.Myhre kick)
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DB - Aedyn Dahl 2 run (Bellefeuille kick)
Min - RJ Sorensen 29 run (I.Myhre kick)



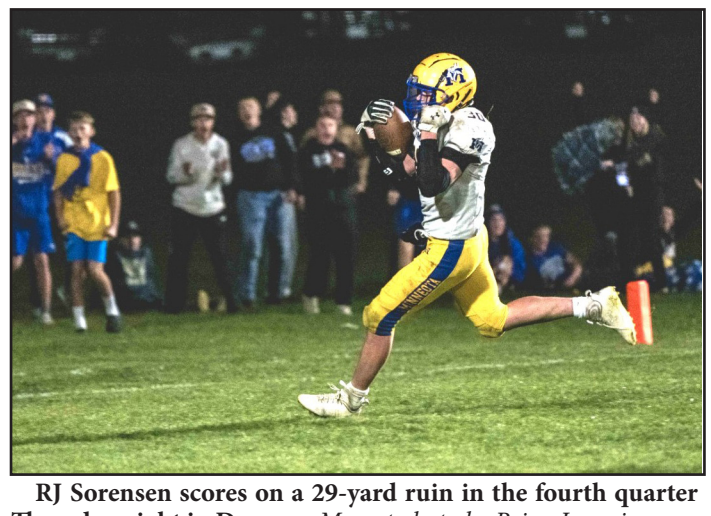
Tim DeSmet, right, of Minneota chases down Dawson-Boyd quarterback Carson Stratmoen last Thursday night in Dawson. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

Team Statistics

TOTAL YARDS: Minneota 29, Dawson-Boyd 16 .... **PASSING YARDS:** Minneota 122, Dawson-Boyd 126 ... **RUSHING YARDS:** Minneota 173, Dawson-Boyd 34 ... **FIRST DOWNS:** Minneota 16, Dawson-Boyd 8 ... **TURNOVERS:** Minneota 3, Dawson-Boyd 1 ... **PENALTIES:** Minneota 5-20, Dawson-Boyd 2-7

Minneota Statistics

PASSING (com-att-yds-td-int): Tristen Sussner 6-13-122-1-2
RUSHING (att-yds): J Sorensen 16-88, Quinton Anderson 6-48, Kaden Christensen 3-19, Tristen Sussner 5-11, Gage Johnston 3-1
RECEIVING (rec-yds): Landon Esping 4-87, Kaden Christensen 1-25, Quinton Anderson 1-10
TACKLES (solo-assists-total): Tim DeSmet 4-7-11, RJ Sorensen 4-7-11, Sam Myhre 2-4-6, Owen Myrvik 2-2-4, Beckham Norby 1-3-4, Ian Myhre 3-0-3, Evan Jerzak 2-1-3, Quinton Anderson 0-3-3, Sawyer Bradley 2-0-2, Wyatt Moorse 1-1-2, Brody Anderson 0-2-2, Kaden Christensen 1-0-1, Landon Esping 0-1-1, Logan Esping 0-1-1, Colton Bitker 0-1-1, Hudson Thostenson 0-1-1, Aiden Jerzak 0-1-1, Destin Fier 0-1-1
TACKLES FOR LOSS: RJ Sorensen 3, Sam Myhre 2, Tim Desmet 1, Wyatt Moorse 1, Hudson Thostenson 1
INTERCEPTION: Ian Myhre 1



RJ Sorensen scores on a 29-yard ruin in the fourth quarter Thursday night in Dawson. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

Minneota Schol Board Minutes

Minneota Public School - ISD #414

September 22, 2026 School Board Regular Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #414, Minneota PubIic Schools. was called to order by Chair Abby Thostenson on Tuesday. Sept. 22, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Emily Coequyt, Martin Hennen, Abby Thostenson. Tom Skorczewski. and Julie Mead.

Also present: Heather Anderson, Brandon Castor, Karen Dalager, and Superintendent Scott Monson.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Hennen, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Bagley, Food Service Director, shared a brief update and answered questions.

Superintendent Monson gave a presentation about Minnesota's Permanent School Fund and the vote for the Constitutional Amendment that will be taking place on Nov. 3, 2026.

Motion by Skorczewski, seconded by Hennen, to approve payment off bills and the check register as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with Mead abstaining.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Coequyt, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Monson reviewed activities and next steps related to the building bond project and answered questions.

Motion by Skorczewski, seconded by Mead, to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the district's general obligation school building bonds: covenanting and obligating the district to be bound by and to use of the state credit enhancement program; and declaring the official intent of the district to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the district. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Coequyt, to approve an agreement with Nexus Solutions, contingent on favorable review by legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Monson presented preliminary of results from 2025-2026 Achievement and integration Plan and the 2025-2026 Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Hennen, to approve the maximum preliminary 2026 payable 2027 levy limitation and certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, seconded by Hennen, to establish the date for public discussion regarding the 2026 payable 2027 levy limitation and certification for Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2026 at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Mead, to recognize the preliminary 2026-2027 MEMO seniority list. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, seconded by Mead, to approve the 2026-2027 Assurances of Compliance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, seconded by Coequyt, to approve the snow removal quote from Tolk Graveling for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board conducted a first reading of ten (10) policies currently in place, but no formal action was taken.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Hennen, to approve a resolution urging legislative action to strengthen accountability, transparency, and local oversight of supplemental online courses. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Skorczewski. to approve a Resolution for Acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Hennen, to approve the 2026-2028 agreement with AFSCME. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Skorczewski, seconded by Coequyt, to approve an application for dissolution of a girls' hockey cooperative sponsorship with Marshall. Wabasso. and Lakeview. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Coequyt, seconded by Hennen, to approve an application for a girls' hockey cooperative sponsorship with Marshall and RTR. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Skorczewski, to enter into closed session, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 130.05, subdivision 3, to evaluate the performance of Superintendent Scott Monson. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session started ot 7:04 pm. Motion by Skorczewski. seconded by Mead, to re-enter open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The re-entered session began at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Mead, seconded by Skorczewski, to move the starting time for the Regular School Board Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14 to 7 a.m. Motion carried unanirnously.

Motion by Skorczewski. seconded by Hennen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Martin Hennen, Clerk

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VOLLEYBALL

Vikings capture Camden championship

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Eden Meagher recorded the 1,000th kill of her career as Minneota swept Central Minnesota Christian School 25-18, 25-19, 25-16 to capture the Camden Conference championship Monday night in Minneota.

Meagher notched a match-high 16 kills to go along with nine digs, two ace serves, and two ace blocks.

Jaylyn Coequyt recorded 10 kills. Autum Anderson had nine digs and three ace serves. Brek Fier led with three blocks.

Libby Sussne and Sophie Gillund had 15 and 13 assists, respectively.

The Vikings (25-4) open Section 3A-North action on Friday night at home against Dawson-Boyd.

SECTION 3A-NORTH
Quarterfinals Oct. 30
1. (9) Dawson-Boyd at (1) Minneota, 7 p.m.
2. (5) MACCRAY at (4) Lakeview, 7 p.m.
3. (7) Canby at (2) CMCS, 7 p.m.
4. (6) Wabasso at (3) Renville County West, 7 p.m.

Semifinals Nov. 2
At SMSU, Marshall
5. Winner-1 vs. Winner-2, 5:30 p.m.
6. Winner-3 vs. Winner-4, 7 p.m.

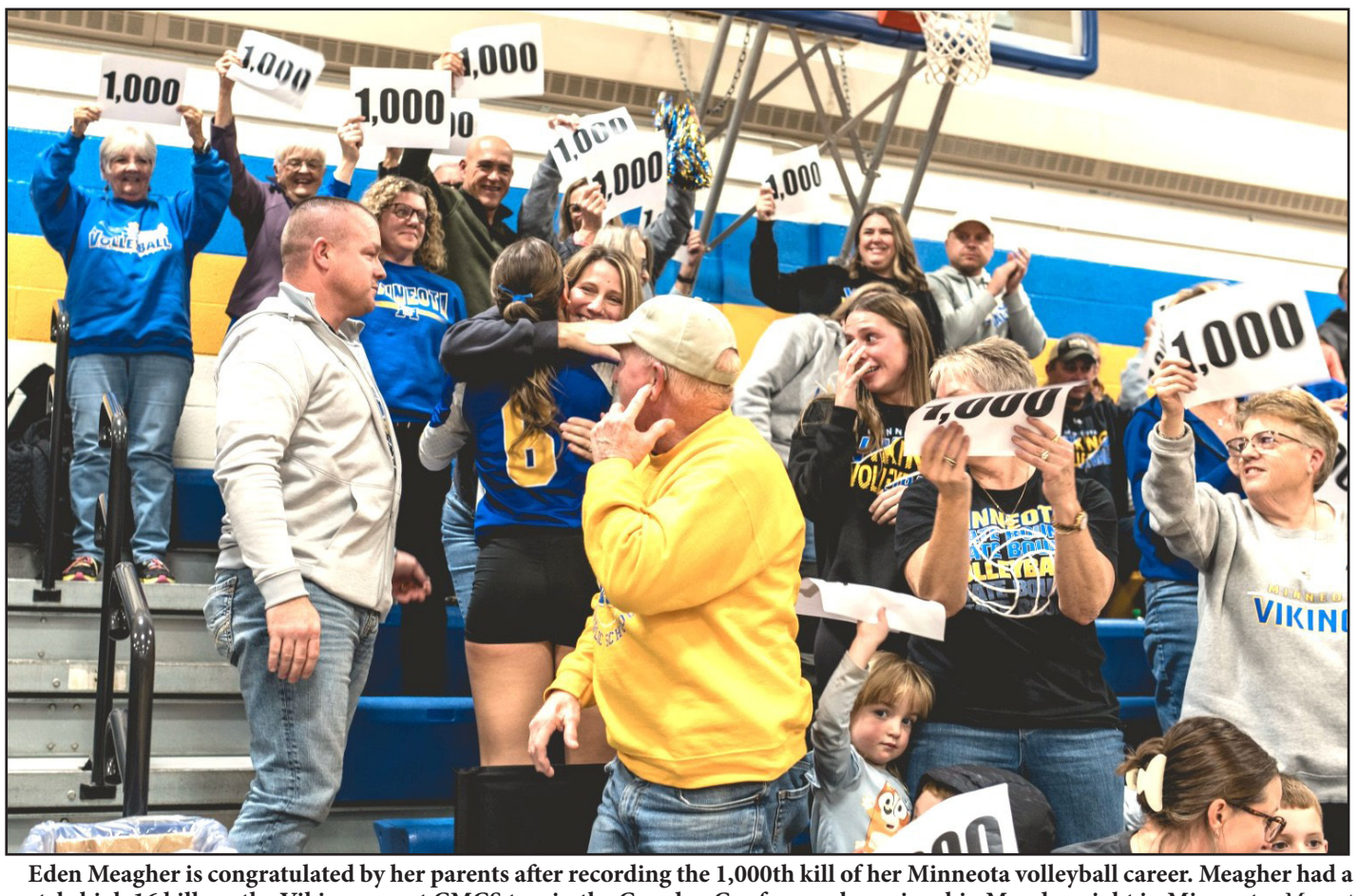
Final, Nov. 5
At SMSU, Marshall
Winner-5 vs. Winner-6, 7 p.m.

SECTION 3A CHAMPIONSHIP
Nov. 5 at SMSU
North winner vs. South winner, 5 p.m.

Minneota 3, CMCS 0

Central Minnesota Christian	18	19	16
Minneota	25	25	25

Minneota Individual Statistics
SERVING (aces): Autum Anderson 3, Eden Meagher 2, Libby Sussner 1
SETTING (assists): Libby Sussner 15, Sophie Gillund 13
ATTACKING (kills): Eden Meagher 16, Jaylyn Coequyt 10, Leah Coequyt 4, Sophie Gillund 2, Brek Fier 1
BLOCKING (aces): Brek Fier 3, Eden Meagher 2, Jaylyn Coequyt 1, Ava Rost 1
DIGS: Eden Meagher 9, Autum Anderson 9, Brynn Rost 4, Libby Sussner 3



Eden Meagher is congratulated by her parents after recording the 1,000th kill of her Minneota volleyball career. Meagher had a match-high 16 kills as the Vikings swept CMCS to win the Camden Confrence championship Monday night in Minneota. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

Vikings unbeaten in Camden

Minneota wrapped up a perfect Camden Conference season with a 25-6, 25-12, 25-14 sweep of Yellow Medicine East last Tuesday.

The Vikings (11-0 in conference, 24-4 overall) again dominated at the service stripe, recording 11 aces, led by Brek Fier with five, Libby Sussner with three, Eden Meagher two and Autum Andeson one.

The Vikings made quick work of the Sting with Jaylyn Coequyt pounding down 12 kills, followed by Meagher with eight, Sophie Gillund seven, Fier six and Leah Coequyt five.

Sussner recorded 18 assists and Gillund contributed 13. Anderson led with 13 digs.

Minneota 3, Yellow Medicine East 0

Minneota	25	25	25
Yellow Medicine East	6	12	14

Minneota Individual Statistics
SERVING (aces): Brek Fier 5, Libby Sussner 3, Eden Meagher 2, Autum Anderson 1
SETTING (assists): Libby Sussner 18, Sophie Gillund 13
ATTACKING (kills): Jaylyn Coequyt 12, Eden Meagher 8, Sophie Gillund 7, Brek Fier 6, Leah Coequyt 5
BLOCKING (aces): Leah Coequyt 1, Brek Fier 1, Eden Meagher 1, Jaylyn Coequyt 1
DIGS: Autum Anderson 13, Eden Meagher 6, Sophie Gillund 3

CROSS COUNTRY

Canby/Minneota girls 2nd in conference championship; boys 4th

By Scott Thoma
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The Canby/Minneota girls placed second in the six-team Camden Conference cross-country race, while the boys placed fourth among eight teams last Tuesday in Madison.

Mya Pesek, who finished third overall in the girls' run, and Taylor Ourada, who was 10th, each received all-conference honors by placing in the top 10.

Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd finished first in the girls' race with 41 points. Canby/Minneota was close behind with 45.

Adri Chistianson came in 13th place and Finley VanOverbeke was 15th.

On the boys' side, Tallen Merritt and Kendon Knutson earned thei way onto the all-conference list, finishing seventh and eighth, respectively. Seth Paluch came in 15th and Jaxon Ruether 24th.

Benson/KMS won the boys' race with 45 points. Ortonville finished second with 68 points, Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd was third with 69 and Canby/Minneota was fourth with 7.

"Our team competed hard, supported one another, and gave us plenty to celebrate," said Canby/Minneota coach Allyson Pesek. "We also had 13 runners run faster than they did on this same course in September. That is a great reminder of the growth and progress our athletes have made throughout the season."

BOYS TEAM SCORES
(1) Benson/KMS (2) Ortonville 68 (3) Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd 69 (4) Canby/Minneota 74 (5) Lakeview 120 (6) Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove 137 (7) Yellow Medicine East 205 (8) Border West 207

BOYS TOP 10
(1) Tate Remiger, Lake, 17:18.7 (2) Alex Zurn, BKMS, 17:36.2 (3) Levi Pappadackis, BKMS, 17:40.1 (4) Collin Rosendahl, LQPVDB, 17:58.8 (5) Wyatt Hoff, BKMS, 18:05.4 (6) Abram Heck, Ort, 18:08.7 (7) Tallen Merritt, CM, 18:15.8 (8) Kendon Knutson, CM, 18:16.7 (9) Titus Van Beek, Central Minnesota Christian School, 18:18.4 (10) Yeferson Xiquin, Ort, 18:21.5

CANBY/MINNEOTA BOYS
(7) Tallen Merritt (8) Kendon Knutson (15) Seth Paluch 18:58.4 (24) Jaxon Ruether 19:32.6 (25) Tate Frazeur 19:38.4 (27) Henry Vidoloff 19:40.2 (32) Jasper Pochardt 20:21.4

GIRLS TEAM SCORES
(1) Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd 41 (2) Canby/Minneota 45 (3) Benson/KMS 91 (4) Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove 110 (5) Central Minnesota Christian School 119 (6) Lakeview 121

GIRLS TOP 10
(1) Karissa Anderson, Border West, 18:42.7 (2) Kayla Tollefsrud, BKMS, 20:21.6 (3) Mya Pesek, CM, 20:37.0 (4) Lilly Lovgren, Ort, 20:46.4 (5) Laura Schreier, LQPVDB, 20:55.8 (6) Lainey Jackels, TMB-WWG. 21:14.9 (7) Annaliese Wood, CMCS, 21:27.8 (8) Evangeline LeGare, MACCRAY/RCW, 21:38.2 (9) Brynn Gloege, LQPVDB, 21:39.4 (10) Taylor Ourada, CM, 21:41.6

CANBY/MINNEOTA GIRLS
(3) Mya Pesek (10) Taylor Ourada (13) Adri Christianson 22:25.3 (15) Finley VanOverbeke 22:49.5 (17) Cayleigh Bordewyk 23:10.8 (18) Jonna Briggs 23:20.0 (26) Sophie Becker 24:18.6

Elections

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Seifert's website states that he and his family are six generations deep in Senate District 15. His relatives came for opportunity and to build a better life in Southwest Minnesota.

"Our families and young people are choosing other states for lower taxes and fees, a higher quality of education, a lower cost of living and more opportunities to succeed.

I've chosen to invest my future here in Southwest Minnesota — buying a farm site, raising chickens, building my businesses, working as a loan officer at a family-owned bank and helping to make Minnesota a better place," he stated on his website.

Boettger has been a resident of New Ulm for over 15 years, but was born and raised in Lehigh Valley, PA. Her early career was spent in hospitality, banking, and finance. It was in these fields that she gained expertise in how to best listen and provide meaningful service to others and effectively manage funds in both the short term and over the long term. She is the New Ulm City Council president.

She is the mother of two children. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering, reading, lap swimming and attending her son's sporting events.

U.S. Representative - District 7

Incumbent Michelle Fischach is seeking her second term in the House. She is opposed this term by Erik Osberg.

Michelle Fischbach proudly represents the 7th District of Minnesota, which covers the western half of Minnesota, reaching from the Canadian border almost all the way down to Iowa. Joining the U.S. House of Representatives in 2021, she now serves on the House Ways & Means Committee and Rules Committee.



Michelle Fischbach



Erik Osberg

Michelle is a trailblazer and proven conservative leader with over 20 years of serving greater Minnesota. She spent her career in the state legislature representing rural Minnesotan communities. In 1996, Michelle was elected to the Minnesota Senate, a position she held until 2018. In 2011, she became the first woman in Minnesota history to serve as President of the Minnesota Senate.

Osberg is a husband, father, former small business owner, current county employee, and working-class Minnesotan running to represent Western Minnesota in Congress.

He believes public service starts with listening. Across thousands of conversations with people throughout the district, he has heard the same concerns again and again: families are working hard and still falling behind, family farms are under pressure, rural healthcare is harder to access, public schools need support, and Washington is not focused enough on the people it is supposed to serve.

This Day in HISTORY

October 29

1901 - President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, is electrocuted.

1911 - Hungarian-born American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer, 64, dies in Charleston, S.C.

1929 - "Black Tuesday" descends upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapse amid panic selling and thousands of investors are wiped out as America's "Great Depression" begins.

1956 - "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premieres as NBC's nightly television newscast.

1987 - Following the confirmation defeat of Robert H. Bork to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, President Ronald Reagan announces his choice of Douglas H. Ginsburg, a nomination that would fall apart over revelations of Ginsburg's previous marijuana use.

1998 - Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roars back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier.

2012 - Superstorm Sandy slams ashore in New Jersey and slowly marches inland, devastating coastal communities and causing widespread power outages; the storm and its aftermath would be blamed for at least 182 deaths in the U.S.

2014 - Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says the military men and women helping fight Ebola in West Africa have to undergo 21-day quarantines upon their return, longer than required for many civilian health care workers.

2014 - The San Francisco Giants win Game 7 on the road for their third World Series title in five years as they defeat the Kansas City Royals 3-2.

2017 - All but 10 members of the Houston Texans take a knee during the national anthem, reacting to a remark from team owner Bob McNair to other NFL owners that "we can't have the inmates running the prison."

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COMMUNITY events

October

Thursday, October 29
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center
2:30 p.m. - SPMH Tea Party at Opera Hall
4 p.m. - Cross Country: Section 3A meet, Luverne

Friday, October 30
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center
7 p.m. - Volleyball: Section 3A-North, Dawson-Boyd at Minneota

Saturday, October 31
Happy Halloween
10 a.m. - Trunk or Treat, St. Edward's School parking lot
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Opera Hall Trick-or-Treat
1 p.m. FFA Chil Feed at Gerhard Meidt Stadium
3 p.m. - Football: Section 5A semifinals, MACCRAY or Lakeview at Minneota

November

Monday, November 2
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Volleyball: Section 3A-North semifinals, SMSU

Tuesday, November 3
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 4
1 p.m. - "Hand, Knee & Foot" at Senior Center

Thursday, November 5
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - Volleyball: Section 3A-North final, SMSU

Friday, November 6
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center
7 p.m. - Football: Section 5A championship, SMSU

Saturday, November 7
12:15 p.m. - Girls Cross Country: Class A State Meet, Northfield
1 p.m. - Boys Cross Country: Class A State Meet, Northfield
6 pm. - Volleyball: Section 3A championship, SMSU

Monday, November 9
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center

Tuesday, November 10
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



Trick-or-Treat Popcorn

This recipe packs a nice crunch and sweet flavor. The orange color makes for a perfect Halloween snack.

Ingredients
4 quarts popped popcorn
½ cup butter, cubed
1 cup sugar
6 tablespoons light corn syrup
Dash of salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
12 drops yellow food coloring
4 drops red food coloring

Directions

Place popcorn in a very large bowl. In a small saucepan, melt butter. Stir in the sugar, corn syrup and salt. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cook 5 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla and food coloring. Pour over popcorn; toss to coat. Transfer to two baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Bake at 250 degrees for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on waxed paper to cool. Store in airtight containers.

Candy Corn Snack Mix

A colorful, sweet-and-salty mix of candy corn, peanuts, pretzels, and M&Ms that can be ready in a just a few minutes.

Ingredients
11 ounces pretzel sticks
10 1/2-ounce package Peanut Butter Ritz Bits
1 cup dry roasted peanuts
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, cubed
½ cup light corn syrup
2 tablespoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon baking soda
16-ounce bag of M&Ms
18 1/2-ounce package candy corn

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the pretzels, crackers and peanuts. In a large saucepan, combine the sugar, butter and corn syrup. Bring to a boil over medium heat; boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and baking soda (mixture will foam), Pour over pretzel mixture and quickly stir until coated. Pour onto a greased 10 x 15-inch cake pan. Bake at 250 degrees for 45 minutes, stirring every 10-15 minutes. Break apart while warm. Mix in M&Ms and candy corn. Cool completely and store in airtight container.

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POLICE BLOTTER

October 12 - Hit & Run Accident (Grant/Lyon)
October 13 - Bank Alarm (200 block Jefferson)
October 13 - Mental Illness (100 block Century)
October 13 - Theft (100 block Century)
October 15 - Public Assist (100 block N Jefferson)
October 19 - Runaway (700 block N Jefferson)
October 19 - Livestock loose (160th /Golf Course)
October 19 - Medical Assistance (400 block N Madison)
October 21 - Elevator Alarm (200 block N Jefferson)
October 21 - Medical Assistance (100 block 1st Street)
October 22 - Suspicious Activity (100 block N Jefferson)
October 22 - Trash Dumping (100 block N Jefferson)
October 23 - Suspicious Item (500 block N Monroe)
October 23 - SCAM (100 block E Lyon)
October 23 - Medical Assistance (500 block N Monroe)



Longtime subscriber turns 100

Minneota native Elsie (Johnson) Keys turns 100 on Nov. 4. Elsie, who now resides in Noth Dakota, was born in Minneota in 1926. She first subscribed to the Mascot when she attended college and has continued to receive it ever since, while moving to different states and cities over the years. That makes her unofficially the Mascot's longest subscriber. Elsie is shown here attending Boxelder Bug Days this September.

LYON COUNTY MUSEUM

Halloween Family Fun Day Oct. 31

Halloween Family Fun Day at the Museum is set for 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. This is a free event. All kids dressed in costume will receive a treat bag. Activities include: Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt, Coloring Activities, and $2 Orange or Root Beer Floats.

New this year is a doll display in the museum's basement exhibit gallery.

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

– Minneota Area Community Churches –

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

Worship Times:
St. Lucas: Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.
Augustana: Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.
Bergen: Sunday Worship at 9 a.m.

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

Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church
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www.yellowmedicinelutheran.org

Worship Time: All Sunday services are in-person and also live-streamed at 10:30 a.m. Sundays on Facebook (visit Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church). Please watch the website and Facebook for more information.
Sunday, November 1: Worship at 11 a.m.

Church Contact No. 507-768-3417
Pastor Steve Quist: 507-337-0068
Tim Velde, Lay Minister: 507-828-5343

St. Leo Catholic Church
St. Leo, MN
Mass Time: Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
Fr. Brendan Rolling & Fr. Keith Salisbury
Church Contact No. 507-224-2289

Bethany-Elim Lutheran, Ivanhoe
Worship Time: Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School

Bethany Lutheran, Arco
Worship Time: Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Church Contact No. 507-694-1238
windsministry@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
Minneota
www.hopeminneota.org

Worship Time:
Sunday, November 1: Worship at 9 a.m.

Minister: Jennifer Warnock: 320-305-4955
Church Secretary, Chris Pesch:
hopelutheran87@gmail.com
Church Contact No. 507-872-6446

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Minneota

Worship Time: Sunday, October 25: 10:30 a.m.

Minister: Jennifer Warnock: 320-305-4955
Church Secretary: Chris Pesch
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St. Eloi Catholic Church
Ghent

Mass Times:
Thursday, October 29: Convent Mass, noon
Friday, October 30: Convent Mass, noon
Saturday, October 31: Convent Mass, noon
Sunday, November 1: Convent Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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

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St. Edward Catholic Church
Minneota

Mass Time:
Thursday, October 29: Mass at 7 a.m.
Friday, October 30: Mass at 7 a.m.
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Notice is Hereby Given, that a General Election will be held in the Election Precinct at:

VFW Hall, Ivanhoe, MN on Tuesday, the Third (3rd) day of November, 2026, at which the polls will be open from the hours of seven (7) o'clock AM to the hour of eight (8) o'clock PM for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

FEDERAL OFFICES
One United States Senator
One United States Representative District 7

STATE OFFICES
One State Senator District: 21
One State Representative for Legislative District: 21A
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
State Auditor
Attorney General

MINNESOTA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Increasing funding to school districts

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the permanent school fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective

July 1, 2027?

COUNTY OFFICES
County Auditor-Treasurer
County Recorder
County Sheriff
County Attorney
One Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor in the Soil & Water District 1
One Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor in the Soil & Water District 3
One Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor in the Soil & Water District 4

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES
Ivanhoe School Board
Minneota School Board

JUDICIAL OFFICES
SUPREME COURT
Supreme Court Associate Justice 1
Supreme Court Associate Justice 4

APPEALS COURT
Court of Appeals Judge 1
Court of Appeals Judge 7
Court of Appeals Judge 13
Court of Appeals Judge 15
Court of Appeals Judge 18

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT
District Court Judge 2 in the Fifth Judicial District
District Court Judge 5 in the Fifth Judicial District
District Court Judge 8 in the Fifth Judicial District
District Court Judge 11 in the Fifth Judicial District
District Court Judge 12 in the Fifth Judicial District
District Court Judge 13 in the Fifth Judicial District
District Court Judge 15 in the Fifth Judicial District

Dated September 28, 2026
Lincoln County Auditor/Treasurer
Lincoln County Minnesota

Shelly Rybinski, Clerk

Miscellaneous

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School gearing up for November musical

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Photo left: Meah Wisher displays one of the jellyfish costumes she is making for The Little Memaid musical. Photo above: Nolan Citterman, Harry Swedzinski, William Jones and Dayton DeVos rehearse a scene. *Contributed photos*

Rehearsals are currently underway for the Minneota High School's upcoming production of the "The Little Mermaid."

The musical will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19; and Saturday, Nov. 21; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Costumes and sets are being put together for this popular stage performance while rehearsals continue after school.

Winifred Swedinski will be playing the part of Ariel, the daughter of King Triton. Ariel is somewhat rebellious and has a strong desire to be part of the human world.

Oliver Hunt will be performing as Prince Eric, a human prince who is saved by Ariel and is determined to eventually find and marry her.

Sebastian, the crab who serves as King Triton's advisor, will be played by Ashlyn DeVos.

Ursula, the wicked sea witch who takes Ariel's voice in exchange for turning her into a human and then plans to use Ariel as ransom to get her father's magical trident and take over Atlantica, will be played by Adelle Molina.

Gretta Buysse plays the part of Flounder, a royal fish who is Ariel's best friend.

King Triton, a strict and overprotective father who rules over Atlantica and is prejudiced towards human, will be played by RJ Sorensen.

There are 24-character parts in this version of the Little Mermaid. Many others make up the chorus of sailors, seagulls, chefs, sea creatures, and animals.

Admission is $8 for adults and $4 for students.



FFA judging team first

The Minneota FFA Meats judging team placed first overall in the Region V qualifier on Oct. 12 at South Dakota State University in Brookings. Individually, Cole Swedinski and Colton Bitker tied for first place overall. Team members, left to right: Avery Knutson (14th overall), Jackson Noble (sixth), Cole Swedzinski (first), Colton Bitker (first), and Beckham Norby (16). *Contributed photo*

Trunk or Treat set for Oct. 31 at St. Edward's

The annual Minneota Area Trunk or Treat event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the St. Edward's School north parking lot.

The event is hosted by PEACE and is open to the public.

The committee is seeking people willing to decorate the trunk or back of their vehicle to hand out treats. There is no fee to set up; just arrive a little before 10:30 a.m. to set up and bring plenty of treats to pass out as the event..



Halloween Spirits

Minneota Assisted Living residents constructed ghosts to hang up inside or outside their apartments. They got to choose what kind of face they wanted their ghost to have. Far photo right: Each ghost had a tea light inside to make them glow. Photo above: Cathy Halverson, Rita LaVoy and Bernice Bossuyt work on their ghosts. Photo right: Jeanette DeCock and Stve Anderson.





FUN FACTS

Politics

The word "politics" comes from the Greek word "polis," meaning city.

Even animals have held office: a cat named Stubbs was honorary mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, for 20 years.

William Henry Harrison, the shortest-serving U.S. president, gave the longest inaugural speech.

In the 1872 election, Ulysses S. Grant ran against a deceased opponent, Horace Greeley.

The first U.S. presidential election in 1789 allowed only white male property owners to vote, excluding 94% of the population.

Presidential inaugurations can be unique: Barack Obama used two Bibles, including Martin Luther King Jr.'s, during his swearing-in.

The 1800 election was so contentious that Vice President Aaron Burr killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel.

Over 60% of the world's countries are democratic today.

The Democratic Party of the U.S. is the longest continuously running political party in the world.

Lyon County Museum to host Christmas Tree Walk

The Lyon County Museum 's 14th Annual Indoor Christmas Tree Walk will open on Saturday, Nov. 21 and run through New Year's Eve.

Visitors will have a chance to vote for their favorite tree or trees. Voters will place money in boxes located at each tree to vote for their favorite(s). There will also be an online option for people to vote. The three organizations/businesses/groups/individuals with the most money in their boxes will win the 2026 Tree Walk. All proceeds from the boxes will go to benefit the Lyon County Museum'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 deadline to register is Oct. 26. Space is limited. Completed registration forms and a $15 registration fee can be returned by mail, email, or dropped off at the Lyon County Museum.

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





