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VIKINGS SET RECORD WITH 49TH STRAIGHT WIN



Minneota players from the 2022 team up to the current 2026 team that contributed to the 49-game winning streak posed for a photo following Minneota's record-breaking win over Canby Friday night at Gerhard Meidt Stadium in Minneota. *Mascot photo by Reba Lipinski*

Thump Canby 65-14 to shatter mark; stadium dedicated; Meidt bust unveiled

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With several former football players from the glory years in attendance, the Minneota Vikings shattered the school record with their 49th consecutive win from 2022 to the present on a damp Friday night, thumping Canby, 65-14 at the newly-dedicated Gerhard Meidt Stadium.

RJ Sorensen accounted for five touchdowns for the Vikings, four on the ground and one through the air.

Players from the former consecutive win streak of 48 from 1986-89, including three Class C state championships, were in attendance at the game. The Meidt family and the Angel donors who helped fund the new stadium scoreboard and signs, were recognized at halftime.

Earlier in the day, the former players, Meidt's family and fans were on hand at the school to help unveil the donated bust of Meidt. Following the game, those players and other former alumnus gathered at City Hall Bar & Grill to reminisce about the past and present state of affairs of Minneota's football program.

"I think the streak is pretty cool for the kids," said Minneota coach Chad Johnston. "It shows that we have put something together for this amount of seasons. They've been able to maintain the streak despite a lot of pressure from other teams."

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Prior to the game, there was a moment of silence for Ed Lozinski, a veteran who passed away on June 5 following a motor vehicle accident. Lozinski was a longtime fan of the Vikings. The Lozinski family walked onto the field with the color guard for the playing of the National Anthem.

The thoughts of the Minneota win streak were temporarily put on hold when Canby's Hunter Kack took the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead just 17 seconds into the game.

"Canby has been known to come out against us with a little spunk," Johnston said. "We knew they would complete some passes against us."

Two minutes later, Minneota scored on a screen pass from Tristen Sussner to RJ Sorenson, who scampered 36 yards to the end zone, getting a key downfield block from tight end Sam Myhre. Ian Myhre's conversion gave the Vikings a 7-6 lead that they would not relinquish.



Evan Jerzak (32) of Minneota sacks Canby quarterback Owen Peterson, his cousin, on Friday night in Minneota. *Mascot photo by Emma Lipinski*

After backing up the Lancers and forcing them into a fourth-and-28 punting situation from their own two, Minneota coughed up the slick ball and Canby recovered on its own 31.

Owen Myrvik made a nice play on a third-and-10 pass, recovering after slipping on the wet grass and knocking the pass away, again forcing Canby to punt.

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Old train depot sign now in Opera Hall

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The former Chicago & Northwestern train depot in Minneota was torn down in 1962, but a part of that depot now hangs on the south wall of the Opera Hall.

Retired carpenter Peter Johnson of Robbinsdale donated a 16-inch tall by 9-foot long Minneota sign that hung on one of the sides of the depot. A duplicate sign hung on the other side of the depot to face any oncoming train traffic so engineers knew what city they were entering.

"When they tore the depot down, my dad (Ambros Johnson) was able to talk them into giving him one of the signs," said Peter.

Ambros Johnson grew up in Minneota, as did his parents, Magnus ("MD") and Alida Johnson. Ambros, a 1949 Minneota High School graduate, and Magnus were both carpenters.

Magnus, Alida and some of Peter's aunts are buried in Hope Lutheran Cemetery.

The former depot sign has been at the Johnson family's lake home in Brainerd for many years.

"I just thought it belonged in Minneota," Peter said. "My dad was buddies with Daren Gislason. I stopped in Minneota to talk to Daren about five years ago about donating the sign, but didn't get it doone until now."

Peter recently contacted the Minneota Public Library, who put him in touch with Society for the Preservation of Minneota Heritage (SPMH) President Wendy Sarazyn. Peter then came to Minneota to donate the sign recently, and it was on display on the south wall in the Opera Hall during Boxelder Bug Days.



The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad depot in Minneota in this circa 1910 photo was torn down in 1962. The MINNEOTA sign was donated to the SPMH and now hangs on a wall in the Opera Hall.



The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, which was instrumental in the growth of Minneota, eventually shut down operations and the last train passed through here on Jan. 6, 1981.

Minneota Assisted Living celebrates themed NALW

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Minneota Assisted Living celebrated National Assisted Living Week's theme entitled "Shining Through the Years" from Sept. 12-19.

National Assisted Living Week is an annual observance established in 1995 by the National Center for Assisted Living. The observance is to honor residents, caregivers, volunteers and communities involved in assisted living.

Several internal events were held throughout the week at Minneota Assisted Living.

On Monday and Thursday, Sept 14 and Sept. 17, Barb Okrina called a special Bingo for the residents, with the game staying within the "Shining Through the Years" theme.

"When someone got a Bingo, I held up a star and a sun," Okrina explained. "The resident chose one of them, and on the back of the picture was a money amount that they won. The residents had a great time with this."

Another one of the events was on Tuesday, Sept 15, which included the monthly Arts & Crafts day coordinated by Okrina. Residents constructed a sun windsock in connection with the theme.

After the crafts were completed, Okrina and Marci Petersen made banana splits and served them to the residents.

The residents were going to celebrate Minneota's Homecoming on Friday by watching the parade and doing some outdoor things, but the steady rain cancelled those events.

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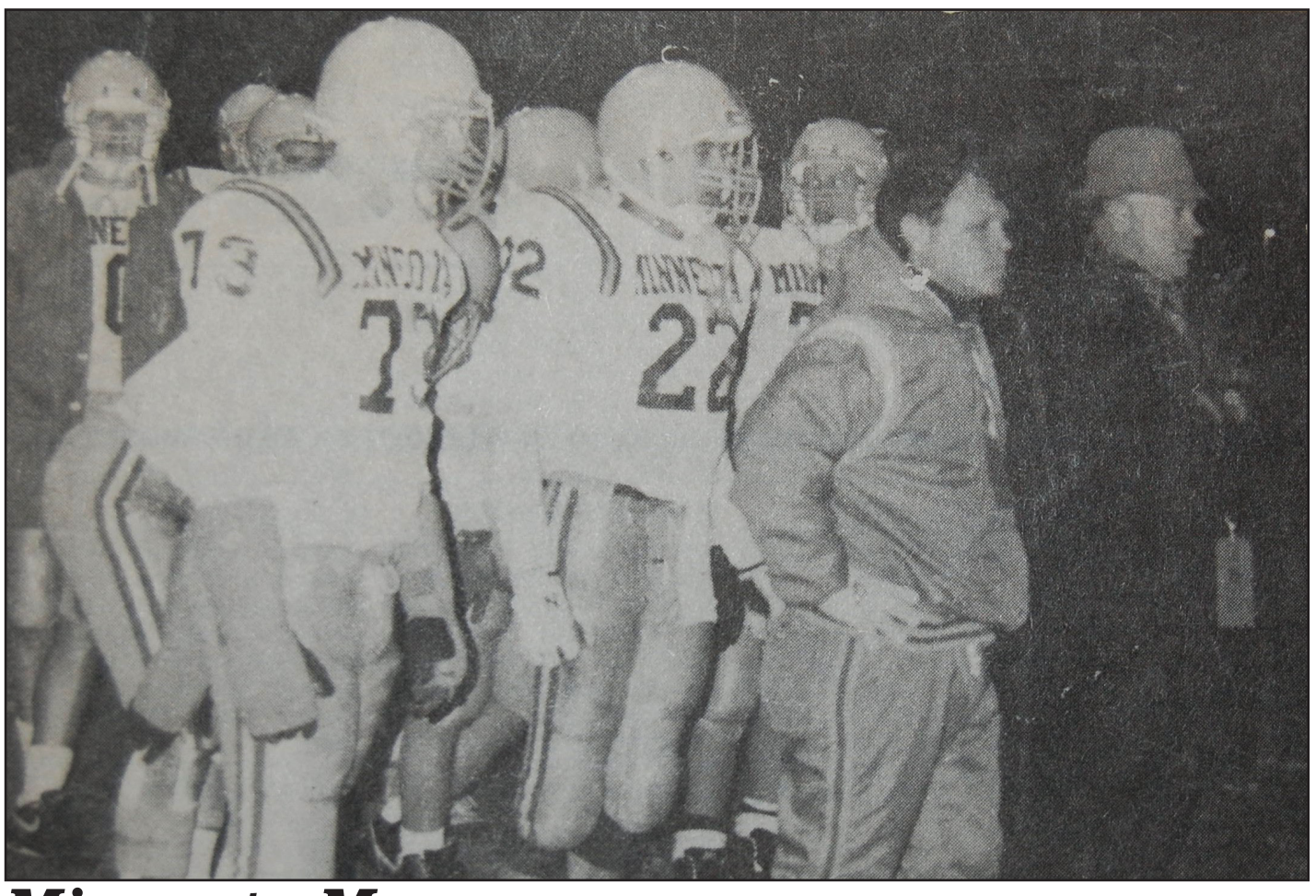
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Minneota Memory

In this photo taken in November of 1989, the Minneota Vikings defeated Harmony 42-26 for the program's 48th consecutive win. Looking on with the players is assistant coach Jim Rolbiecki and head coach Gerhard Meidt. The record was broken Friday, Sept, 19, 2026 when Minneota topped Canby 65-14 for the current program's 49th straight victory.

Yesteryear

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

100 Years Ago
(September 24, 1926)

Icelanders here give $800 for Bjarnason Academy

Rev. Carl J. Olson, who left here over a week ago for Winnipeg, was quite successful on his campaign for funds for the Jon Bjarnason Academy, an institution maintained by the Icelandic Lutheran Synod. Among the Icelanders of this community, Rev. Olson secured $800 in cash and pledges for the furthering of the cause of a religious school maintained by that nationality. The United Lutheran Synod aids considerably in bearing the expense of maintaining this school.

Stenke barn near Taunton struck by lightning, destroyed

A barn on the Sternke farm near Taunton was struck by lightning last Saturday morning and was completely destroyed. Some livestock in the barn were killed by the fire. Also lost was some feed and hay.

Friendly Aid of Baptist Church to hold chicken dinner at Hall

The Friendly Aid of the Baptist Church is putting on their annual chicken dinner on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the Friendly Hall above Kaith's Store. The dinner will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m., and a lunch will be served at 3:30 that same afternoon. The charge for the meal will be 50 cents.

YLU cookbooks have been selling like hotcakes

Sales of the YLU cookbooks have been rapid since their arrival last week. It is a masterly work and one that will appeal to almost every housewife. All recipes are new ones, gathered from all over, and the book is of the highest grade in workmanship and appearance. They can be purchased at Roberts Store, Dalmann's or the Big Store for $1.50.

75 Years Ago
(September 28, 1951)

Light frost nips corn; farmers hope for warm weather soon

Most area farmers are of the opinion that a week or two of warm, dry weather will mean the difference between marketable and soft corn. Some say that most of the corn is safe and what happens from now on won't make much difference, while others state that they have fields that probably won't be worth picking. Last weekend's frost nipped the leaves on the corn but didn't damage the stalks to any extent.

Hospital members vote to consider returning funds

Lively discussion characterized the annual meeting of the Minneota Hospital Association, held at the Legion building Tuesday evening. Members present voted 49 to 34 to hold a special meeting for the purpose of considering whether or not hospital funds should be returned to the donors. Trustees of the association were instructed to make a study prior to the membership election of the possibility of building a small clinic here. Election of five trustees to three-year terms were: H.J. Tillemans, August Josephson, Mrs. Marie DeSutter, Knute Dovre and William Gossen.

Fire destroys barn, 325 Chickens on Callens' farm

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a barn containing hay, grain, chickens and one calf on the farm operated by Lucian Verkindren 8 1/2 miles southwest of Minneota last Friday morning. The farm belongs to Remi Callens. Both Minneota and Porter firemen answered the call, but by the time they reached the scene, the building and its contents were completely destroyed. Destroyed with the 48' x 52' building were 12 tons of hay, 150 bales of straw, 50 bales of alfalfa, 800 bushels of oats, 600 bushels of barley, 325 chickens and one calf.

50 Years Ago
(September 23, 1976)

Kompelien crowned Minneota 1976 Homecoming Queen

Kris Kompelien, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erling Kompelien, was chosen Homecoming Queen at Minneota High School for 1976 on Thursday evening. She was crowned by football captains Larry Fox, Dennis Stoks and Dan Bernardy, and also received a bouquet of roses. Minneota won the Homecoming football game over Hills-Beaver Creek, 27-14.

City of Minneota to demolish old creamery

Minneota will no longer have a creamery building. The City Council held a discussion on Monday evening and tabled any decision until Tuesday morning when it decided to retain the services of K.P. Kompelien and raze the structure which had belonged to the city since 1969, when it was purchased from Roy Velde. In later years, it served as the office for Kerr Feed Company and also as an ambulance garage until the addition to the Municipal Building. It was erected in the early 1900s and for years it was used to house a cooperative creamery. Kompelien's crew are expected to demolish the building in the near future.

Johnson dairy barn destroyed by fire, three calves are dead

A 48' x 50' dairy barn on the Alden Johnson farm about five and one-half miles north of Minneota, was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin between 9-10 pm. last Wednesday. Also destroyed were three calves, hay, straw, milking equipment, two butter tanks, bale elevator, gutter cleaner and a load of hay that stood outside the building. The farm is operated by Johnson's son, Ardell. The Minneota Fire Department responded to the call.

25 Years Ago
(September 26, 2001)

School Board seeks to approve referendum

At the September school board meeting, it was decided that a referendum would be in the best interest of people in District 414. Rural areas are being hit with declining enrollments, and less students means less money from the State. There is one big difference this year, however, and that is the State's change in funding. The State is taking over the basic responsibility of funding schools. The taxpayers will notice a big reduction in their taxes next year. The proposed referendum will be for 10 years. The proposed referendum would bring in $126 per student, with the levy at $16,794.84. The referendum would bring in $102,005.53 to the district. In calculating hat this would cost the individual taxpayer, the referendum would add a tax increase of $19 based on an $80,000 home. It is also noted that all farm land is no longer taxed; only on the homestead.

Vikings improve to 4-0 with win over RTR, 27-14

Minneota came away with a 27-14 victory over Russell-Tyler-Ruthton for Homecoming on Friday night. The win improved the team's record to 4-0 this season. Ryan Fier ran for 127 yards and a touchdown in 23 carries. Craig Myhre had 96 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and also caught a touchdown pass from Wade Gillund Jeremiah Moe led the defense with 13 tackles and a fumble recovery.

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Outside Looking In

Scott Thoma



Remembering Gerhard

As the bust of former Minneota football coach Gerhard Meidt was unveiled Friday afternoon at the high school, many of those in attendance remembered him as more than just a football coach.

Gerhard and his wife, Karen, came to Minneota in 1981 and spent 13 years here. Beyond being the superintendent, he directed choir and musical orchestras, was Community Education director and coached the football team. From 1985-1993, Gerhard led Minneota to a state playoff berth. His 1985 team was Minneota's first state playoff team. He then went on to win three Class C Prep Bowl titles from 1986-1988.

One of the most memorable things Chris Meidt heard from several people on Friday, was "Your Dad showed what it meant to win on the field and in life. He was so much more than a football coach."

Chris Meidt quarterbacked the team for three seasons in 1985-86-87 and helped the Vikings win two of their three straight Class C state titles,

Chris and several members of the state playoff and championship football teams in the 1980s donated the bronze bust that Nick Legeros of Minneapolis was commissioned to make. Members of the 1985 Minneota football team paid for the bust.

"I think Dad would appreciate everything (the bust, scoreboard and his name becoming the stadium's name), but would say it isn't necessary." Chris said. "He would have loved to have heard Bryon (Sharpe), Kevin (Buysse), and Dan (Noyes) talk about his impact at the bust dedication certainly.

"I was thankful (that) Mom and her kids could be together," Chris noted. "As well all of my best friends and teammates that played for Dad, and the many influential people in our family's lives that all came together."

Around 50 people, including spouses, gathered at Countryside Golf Club prior to the game for Happy Hour and dinner.

"Tony Esping did an amazing job with the event," said Chris.

With an impressive new digital scoreboard showcasing the recently dedicated Gerhard Meidt Stadium that Chris and former teammates were instrumental in garnering donations for, the current Minneota football team was breaking the former consecutive wins record under Meidt. Minneota routed Canby 65-14 for its 49th straight win, one more than the team of the 80s amassed.

Chris said he spent most of the game talking to "so many great people. After out second score, I wasn't too worried about the game. Chad (Johnston) and Matt (Myrvik) had it under control."

Since Chris moved back to Minnesota 12 years ago, he and his class of 10 teammates get together a couple of times a year to hang out. Besides Chris, the others are Brett Van Vooren, Aric Fier (who works at North Risk Partners with Chris), Corey Kack, Tim Stegner, Brian Buysse, Colonel Troy Fink (retired), Wayne Hennen, Steve Van Keulen, and Mike Fox.

"Great men," Chris said.

Chris and his family were recognized at midfield at halftime of Friday night's football game, as well as the angel donors who funded the renovated stadium entire project.



Gerhard and Nancy Meidt's children posed with the bronze bust of their father on Friday. Left to right: Greg Meidt, Karen Meidt, Chris Meidt and Melody (Meidt) Leidall. *Mascot photo by Emma Lipinski*

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Football



Former Minneota football players from the 1985-86-87--88 teams gathered around the bust of former coach Gerhard Meidt during an unveiling ceremony on Friday at the high school. Standing, left to right: Kevin Buysse, Larry Carline, Todd Swedzinki, Dan Noyes, Dan Kockelman, Boyd Van Vooren, Wayne Hennen, Steve Van Keulen, Aric Fier, Brian Buysse, Troy Fink, Tim Stegner, Corey Kack, Chris Meidt, Brett Van Vooren, Mike Fox. Tim DeVlaeminck, Rick Gossen. Kneeling ,left to right: Bryon Sharp, Martin Hennen. *Mascot photo by Emma Lipinski*

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"Owen played a nice game on defense for us," Johnston noted. "He made a nice play on that one and was in on a lot of stops."

Minneota was also stopped on downs on its next possession, but got the ball right back on Ian Myhre's interception at the Canby 36. Kaden Christensen ran for 17 yards to the 19. The Vikings would reach the six yard line as rain began to fall again and Ian Myhre booted 28-yard field goal for a 10-6 lead to close out the opening quarter.

From there, Minneota took control of the game, scoring on its next five possessions for a commanding 44-14 advantage.

"We kind of got into our game after those early miscues," said Johnston. "We played well on defense and the offense established the run game. We put together some nice drives that ended with points."

In the second quarter, Sorensen, who ran for a career-high 156 yards on 18 carries, scored from two yards out on Minneota's next possession for a 17-6 lead, then scored from 17 yards out on an option run into the right corner of the end zone on the Vikings' next possession to make it 24-6.

Minneota rushed for 320 yards, while Canby finished with minus-25 on the ground.

"We have a young line and we've got a little room to improve, which they will," said Johnston. "But I thought they played well. I thought Tim DeSmet looked good run blocking. He always gives 100 percent."

Canby got on the board again on a 21-yard aerial strike from Owen Peterson to Daven Van Engen to close the gap to 24-14. Minneota's defense held after that and blanked the Lancers the rest of the way.

Sorensen added a 12-yard TD run to cap a four-play, 54-yard drive for a 30-14 halftime lead. That drive included a five-yard run by Christensen, six and 16-yard runs by Sussner, and a late hit penalty by Canby.

Meanwhile, the Vikings tacked on three more scores in the third quarter and two more in the fourth quarter.

In the third frame, Sorensen scored from five yards out, breaking two tackles on the way to the end zone, Sussner connected with Landon Esping in the flat and the senior wideout took it 60 yards to the house. Sussner then notched his third TD pass of the night when he and Ian Myhre teamed up for a 26-yard score.

The two touchdowns in the final stanza came via a six-yard TD run by Gage Johnston, and a 55-yard scamper for a score from Evan Jerzak.

Sussner completed 4-of-8 passes for 143 yards with three TDs. Esping had two recceptions for 81 yards.

Myrvik led the defense with nine tackles, while Sorensen and Jerzak had six apiece. Jerzak, Sam Myhre and Brody Anderson each recorded a sack.

The 49 consecutive wins is the fifth most among football teams in Minneota State High School League history, trailing Stephen-Argyle Central (76), Caledonia (71), Minneapolis Washburn (60), and Grand Meadow (51).

Minneota hosts Lakeview at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25.

Minneota 65, Canby 14

Canby	6	8	8	0	- 14
Minneota	10	20	21	14	- 65

Scoring Plays

Can - Hunter Kack 95 kickoff return (kick failed)
Min - Randy Sorensen 36 pass from Tristen Sussner (Ian Myhre kick)
Min - Myhre 28 field goal
Min - Sorensen 2 run (Myhre kick)
Min - Sorensen 17 run (Myhre kick)
Can - Daven VanEngen 21 pass from Owen Peterson (M.Zitzman pass from Peterson)
Min - Sorensen 12 run (pass failed)
Min - Sorensen 5 run (Myhre kick)
Min - Landon Esping 60 pass from Sussner (Myhre kick)
Min - Myhre 26 pass from Sussner (Myhre kick)
Min - Gage Johnston 6 run (Eli Faris kick)
Min - Evan Jerzak 55 run (Faris kick)

Team Statistics

TOTAL YARDS: Minneota 483, Canby 104 ... **PASSING YARDS:** Minneota 163, Canby 128 ... **RUSHING YARDS:** Minneota 320, Canby (-25) ... **FIRST DOWNS:** Minneota 26, Canby 6 ... **TURNOVERS:** Minneota 1, Canby 1 ... **PENALTIES:** Minneota 2-23, Canby 5-50

Minneota Individual Statistics

PASSING (com-att-yds-td-int): Tristen Sussner 4-8-143-3-0, Owen Myrvik 1-1-20-0-0

RUSHING (att-yds): Randy Sorensen 18-156, Evan Jerzak 1-55, Quinton Anderson 5-26, Gage Johnston 4-23, Tristen Sussner 2-23, Kaden Christensen 5-17, Sawyer Bradley 2-15, Eli Faris 1-5

RECEIVING (rec-yds): Landon Esping 2-81, Randy Sorensen 1-36, Ian Myhre 1-26, Sam Myhre 1-20

TACKLES (solo-assist-total): Owen Myrvik 5-4-9, Randy Sorensen 1-5-6, Evan Jerzak 1-5-6, Sawyer Bradley 2-2-4, Brody Anderson 1-3-4, Sam Myhre 1-3-4, Eli Faris 0-4-4, Gage Johnston 0-3-3, Noah Jerzak 0-3-3, Ian Myhre 2-0-2, Quinton Anderson 1-1-2, Tristen Sussner 0-2-2, Landon Esping 0-2-2, Simon Gruenes 1-0-1, Jacob Swoboda 0-1-1, Derek Fier 0-1-1, Vance Claeys 0-1-1, Hunter Thostenson 0-1-1, Kaden Christensen 0-1-1, Wyatt Moorse 0-1-1, Colton Bitker 0-1-1

SACKS: Brody Anderson, Sam Myhre, Evan Jerzak

TACKLES FOR LOSS: Owen Myrvik, Brody Anderson, Sam Myhre, Randy Sorensen, Evan Jerzak, Quinton Anderson

INTERCEPTION: Ian Myhre

PUNTING: Ian Myhre 1-46.0





Photo left: Kaden Christensen (24) gets a block from Connor Boerboom (62) on his way to a 17-yard gain in the second quarter Friday night against Canby. Photo right: Owen Myrvik (11), who led Minneota with nine tackles, tackles Canby receiver Brennan Giese in the first quarter Friday night. *Mascot photos by Emma Lipinski*

FUN FACTS - MINNESOTA VIKINGS

With the NFL season underway, here are some Fun Facts about the Minnesota Vikings.

The Minnesota Vikings conducted summer training camp at Bemidji State University from 1961 to 1965.

The Vikings played their home games at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis from 1982-2013.

The search for the first head coach saw the team court then-Northwestern University (and later Notre Dame) head coach Ara Parseghian, who, visited team management in the Twin Cities under the condition that his visit was to be kept secret from his current employer. The cover was blown by local columnist Sid Hartman, who reported the visit and forced Parseghian to issue denials.

The Minnesota Vikings had a combined record of 32 wins, 59 losses, and 7 ties in their first seven seasons with only one winning season.

On March 10,1967, the The Minnesota Vikings hired new head coach Bud Grant to replace Van Brocklin, who had resigned on February 11, 1967.

On January 27,1972, the The Minnesota Vikings traded Norm Snead, Bob Grim, Vince Clements and first-round draft picks in 1972 and 1973 to the New York Giants to reacquire the popular Fran Tarkenton.

The Vikings had the fifth highest winning percentage among all NFL teams during the regular season in the 1990s.

Pet of the Week

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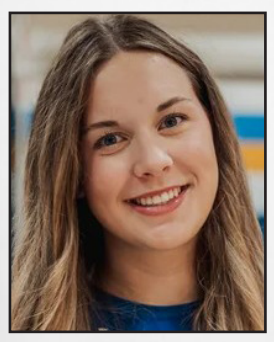
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Athlete of the Week

Leah Coequyt
Senior



In two volleyball matches last week, Leah, a middle hitter, recorded 20 kills and four ace blocks as the Vikings defeated Ortonville and Central Minnesota Christian.

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VOLLEYBALL

Vikings outbattle CMCS, sweep Ortonville

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In a battle of Camden Conference volleyball powers Thursday night, Minneota held off Central Minnesota Christian School in a five-set marathon, winning 25-18, 23-25, 25-18, 17-25, 15-11 in Prinsburg.

The Vikings (2-0, 8-2) are ranked No. 3 in Class A, while the Bluejays (1-1, 8-1) suffered their first loss of the season. CMCS is receiving votes in the Coaches Association poll.

"We really stuck together as a team, and all took responsibility for our roles, and what we needed to do," said Minneota coach Kaley Buysse. "In previous sets, we were playing as six individuals on the court trying to put it all together, and we don't find much success when we do that."

Eden Meagher pounded down 14 kills and had two blocks, and Jaylyn Coequyt had 13 kills and four blocks. Leah Coequyt, one of the most improved players on the team from a season ago, notched 11 kills and a block for Minneota.

(Leah) has become so much more confident in herself and what she is capable of doing in the middle for us," said Buysse. "She has really stepped up as a senior leader and taken a lot of responsibility in that. We are also working to do a better job of staying in system, so that we can be utilizing our middles more."

Libby Sussner (28) and Sophie Gillund (23) combined for 51 assists. Gillund also had five kills.

Autum Anderson recorded 20 digs to pace the Vikings' defense. Ava Rost was next with 11 digs, to go along with six kills and four blocks.

Autum has done an exceptional job for us stepping into the libero role this year," Buysse said. "She is such a leader for us in the back row and just defensively overall. Her relentless pursuit of the ball is visible every time she is on the court."

Mya Dannen led CMCS with 15 kills. Ellie Wieberdink had 10 kills. Sienna Duininck amassed 42 assists, 17 digs, two aces and two blocks. Aurora Rosen and Emery Fussy recorded 24 digs apiece.

After 10 matches under their belt, Buysse has been pleased with the team's effort to his point.

"I think we are doing a lot of really good things both offensively and defensively," she said. "Of course, there are always things to work on and areas we can continue to improve on. We find way more success when we are doing well defensively, and can keep ourselves in system, so that we are able to set all of our hitters offensively, something we continue to work at to be more consistent."

Minneota 3, CMCS 2

Minneota	25	23	25	17	15
Central Minnesota Christian	18	25	18	25	11

Minneota Individual Statistics

SERVING (aces): Libby Sussner 1, Ava Rost 1, Brek Fier 1, Sophie Gillund 1

SETTING (assists): Libby Sussner 28, Sophie Gillund 23

ATTACKING (kills): Eden Meagher 14, Jaylyn Coequyt 13, Leah Coequyt 11, Ava Rost 6, Sophie Gillund 5

BLOCKING (aces): Jaylyn Coequyt 4, Ava Rost 4, Eden Meagher 2, Sophie Gillund 1, Leah Coequyt 1

DIGS: Autum Anderson 20, Ava Rost 11, Brynn Rost 8, Sophie Gillund 6, Libby Sussner 4

Vikings throttle Ortonville

Leah Coequyt had a team-high nine kills and three blocks as Minneota rolled past Ortonville 25-7, 25-12, 25-3 in its Camden Conference opener Tuesday night in Ortonville.

The Vikings (7-2) were solid all-around in not allowing the Trojans any momentum, dominating the net while also chalking up 12 aces from the service line.

Brek Fier had four aces, followed by Libby Sussner with three, Sophie Gillund and Ava Rost with two each, and Autum Anderson with one.

Eden Meagher and Ava Rost delivered seven kills each, Jaylyn Coequyt had five and Sydney Hennen three.

Anderson led a strong defensive effort with seven digs, while Brynn Rost and Ava Rost had six apiece.

Sussner and Gillund combined for 31 assists.

Minneota 3, Ortonville 0

Minneota	25	25	25
Ortonville	7	12	3

Minneota Individual Statistics

SERVING (aces): Brek Fier 4, Libby Sussner 3, Sophie Gillund 2, Ava Rost 2, Autum Anderson 1

SETTING (assists): Libby Sussner 17, Sophie Gillund 14, Niara Gorecki 3

ATTACKING (kills): Leah Coequyt 9, Eden Meagher 7, Ava Rost 7, Jaylyn Coequyt 5, Sydney Hennen 3

BLOCKING: Leah Coequyt 3, Ava Rost 1, Brek Fier 1, Sydney Hennen 1

DIGS: Autum Anderson 7, Brynn Rost 6, Ava Rost 6, Libby Sussner 3

CROSS COUNTRY

Canby/Minneota girls 1st, boys 3rd in home meet

By Scott Thoma
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Canby/Minneota had four of the top 13 finishers in the girls' race and finished atop the six-team meet Thursday in Canby.

The Canby/Minneota boys placed third among the six full teams.

Mya Pesek came in second to Ortonville's Lilly Lovgren in the girls' meet. Pesek finished in 21:17.8. Taylor Ourada was fifth in 21.52.0, Adri Christianson sixth in 22:02.9 and Jonna Briggs 13th in 23:30.4.

"We're incredibly proud of how our team battled through one of the toughest courses, stayed mentally strong, and continued to push hard from start to finish," said Canby/Minneota coach Allyson Pesek.

Two other incomplete teams were also represented at the meet.

"Our little home meet that started with just 5-6 teams has now grown to eight teams this year, bringing some great competition that helped push our runners even more," said Coach Pesek. "It was a great day of racing on our home course."

Tallen Merritt led the Canby/Minneota boys with a sixth-place finish in 18:24.1 Kendon Knutson was seventh in 18:33.5, Seth Paluch 18th in 19:32.8, and Henry Vidoloff 24th in 20:05.4.

Flandreau won the boys' meet, followed by Benson/KMS and Canby/Minneota.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES

(1) Canby/Minneota 37 (2) Frandreau, SD 56 (3) Benson/KMS 76 (4) Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 102 (5) Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 111 (6) Lakeview 113

GIRLS TOP 10

(1) Lilly Lovgren, Ortonville, 20:59.1 (2) Mya Pesek, M, 21:17.8 (3) Willow Stephens, Flan, 21:25.5 (4) Lainey Jackels, MB, 21:39.9 (5) Taylor Ourada, CM, 21:52.0 (6) Adri Christianson, CM, 22:02.9 (7) Kayla Tollefsrud, BKMS, 22:37.7 (8) Shelby Remiger, Lake, 22:50.0 (9) Kiley Westberry, Flan, 23:03.2 (10) Miranda Mischke, TMB, 23:11.8

CANBY/MINNEOTA GIRLS

(2) Pesek (5) Ourada (6) Christianson (13) Jonna Briggs 23:30.4 (16) Anna Briggs 24:47.4 (20) Addison Full 25:37.3 (21) Sophie Becker 25:37.8 (22) Kyra Giese 25:47.4 (24) Charlotte Brunsvig 26:02.3 (33) Willow Brunsvig 28:33.0 (37) Anaceli Maldonado 32:09.0

BOYS TEAM SCORES

(1) Flandreau, SD 31 (2) Benson/KMS 51 (3) Canby/Minneota 73 (4) Tracy-Milroy-Balaton 95 (5) Lakeview 104 (6) Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 163

BOYS TOP 10

(1) Tate Remiger, Lake, 17:02.5 (2) Logan Konts, Flan, 18:00.3 (3) Nathaniel Hobbie, Flan, 18:08.0 (4) Tayte Joachins, Flan, 18:15.5 (5) Alex Zurn, BKMS, 18:18.7 (6) Tallen Merritt, CM, 18:24.1 (7) Kendon Knutson, CM, 18:33.5 (8) Abram Heck, Ort, 18:38.3 (9) Wyatt Hoff, BKMS, 18:40.3 (10) Sam Schmidt, Flan, 18:48.0

CANBY/MINNEOTA BOYS

(6) Merritt (7) Knutson (18) Seth Paluch 19:32.8 (24) Henry Vidoloff 20:05.2 (26) Jaxon Ruether 20:23.2 (29) Jasper Pochardt 20;38.8 (32) Zeyan Anderson 20:46.3 (34) Nolan Van Keulen 20:58.0 (38) Tate Frazeur 21:10.5

Minneota City Council Minues

MINUTES OF THE MINNEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 AT 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Rolbiecki
Council Member Travis Gillund
Council Member Tim Koppien
Council Member Chris Swoboda
Council Member Nancy Reisdorfer

STAFF PRESENT: Chesney Guetter, Shalayna Kloos, Mario Redlegs

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy Anderson, Anita Carlson, Riley Rinhart

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Rolbiecki called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: CALL FOR AGENDA ADDITIONS
There were no additions to the agenda.

ITEM 3: ADOPT AGENDA
Koppien motioned, seconded by Swoboda to adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4: MEETING MINUTES
The Council reviewed the prior month Council meeting minutes. With no questions or additional comments
Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Swoboda to approve the July 13, 2026 Council meeting minutes. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 5: REPORTS & UPDATES
The Council reviewed the following reports:
(5a) – Police Chief Mario RedLegs requested authorization to advertise for an additional part-time police officer to provide coverage when he is on vacation. Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Swoboda to advertise for a part-time police officer. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Police Chief RedLegs discussed the police cruiser, noting that additional repairs are becoming necessary and that the City should begin seriously considering replacement options. Officer RedLegs also raised concerns regarding e-scooters and e-bikes and the safety issues he is seeing with their use in town. He suggested looking into permitting these similar to the current process for golf carts and ATVs;

(5b) - the current Financial Report as submitted by Administrator Guetter; (5c) – Y-T-D Budget.

ITEM 6: EXPENSES & DISBURSEMENTS
Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Swoboda to approve the payment of $80,309.49 (as listed on the check register summary), to approve the payment of $56,215.55 (as listed on the payroll check register). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 7: CONCERNED CITIZENS
No comments or requests were received either in person or in writing. Page 2 (Minutes 08/10/26)

ITEM 8: WALKING TRAIL
Bill Drown's family requested permission to place the following signs along the walking trail: a 12" x 18" memorial plaque near the Silver Spur Saddle Club and Trailhead Maps near Hope Lutheran Church and the Minneota Pool. Koppien motioned, seconded by Swoboda to approve the signage. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 9: PESCH SEPTIC
Pesch was not present to discuss this item.

ITEM 10: E LYON STREET
(10a) – Koppien motioned, seconded by Swoboda to adopt Resolution 26-08 declaring cost to be assessed, and ordering preparation of proposed assessment for E Lyon Street Improvements Project. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(10b) – Koppien motioned, seconded by Swoboda to adopt Resolution 26-09 for hearing on proposed assessment for E Lyon Street Improvements Project. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(10c) –Riley Rinehart with DGR Engineering was present to present the Proposed Final Assessment Report.

(10d) – Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Swoboda to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion and the Engineer's Statement of Final Completion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(10e) – Koppien motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to accept Amendment No. 1 to Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 11: INDUSTRIAL PARK
Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Koppien to adopt resolution 26-10 approving application for the Business Development Infrastructure Grant Program. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 12: NUISANCE
A nuisance issue involving feral cats on N Madison Street was brought to the Council's attention. Swoboda motioned, seconded by Reisdorfer to place live traps in the neighboring yard and utilize the City's feral cat program. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT
Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:
Chesney Guetter, City Administrator
John Rolbiecki, Mayor



The Minneota School Board. Front, left to right: Abby Thostenson, Martin Hennen, Jon Buysse. Back, left to right: Ryan Runia, Julie Mead. Tom Skorczewski, Emily Coequyt.
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Scott Monson
Minneota Public School Superintendent

Recognizing the Minneota School Board

September is Minnesota School Board Recognition Month, providing a great opportunity to recognize and thank the seven individuals who serve our students, staff, families, and community as members of the Minneota School Board. This year's theme, "Minnesota School Boards Help Minnesota Kids Rise," is a fitting reminder of the important role locally elected School Board Members play in creating opportunities for students to learn, grow, and succeed.

Serving on a school board is an important responsibility… and one that requires considerably more time, preparation, and thought than most people probably realize. Our Board Members spend countless hours reviewing information, attending meetings, studying complex issues, listening to different perspectives, asking questions, and making decisions that impact not only our students today, but also the future of Minneota Public Schools.

The responsibilities entrusted to our School Board are significant. Our locally elected Board oversees a budget of nearly $12 million, serves nearly 600 students, supports more than 100 employees, and provides stewardship for approximately 130,000 square feet of school facilities. Board members establish district priorities, approve budgets, adopt policies, oversee district operations, advocate for public education, and ultimately provide the governance and direction necessary for our school district to move forward. Those numbers and responsibilities tell only part of the story, however.

The true impact of a school board can be seen in our classrooms, programs, facilities, activities, and opportunities available to students. It can be seen when we recruit and retain quality staff, invest responsibly in our facilities, provide opportunities for students to participate and belong, and continually look for ways to make Minneota Public Schools even better.

School Board service also requires making difficult decisions. There is rarely a shortage of opinions about what a school district should, or should not, do. Our Board Members are asked to carefully balance educational opportunities, student needs, fiscal responsibility, community expectations, state and federal requirements, and the long-term interests of our school district. They may not always make decisions that please everyone, but I appreciate their willingness to ask questions, consider different perspectives, work collaboratively, and keep the best interests of our students and school district at the center of their discussions.

Perhaps most importantly, School Board Members choose to serve. They give their time and energy because they care about our students, our schools, and the future of our community. Much of that work happens quietly and without recognition, which makes School Board Recognition Month an especially appropriate time to simply say thank you.

The members of the Minneota School Board are Jon Buysse, Emily Coequyt, Martin Hennen, Julie Mead, Ryan Runia, Tom Skorczewski, and Abby Thostenson. I sincerely appreciate each of them for their leadership, their commitment to public service, and their willingness to take on the responsibilities that come with serving our school district.

As September comes to a close, I encourage our students, staff, families, and community members to join me in thanking these seven individuals for their service. Their leadership helps ensure that Minneota Public Schools remains, "A Community in Continuous Pursuit of Excellence" and continues creating opportunities for our students today while preparing our district for tomorrow.

Thank you, Minneota School Board members, for your leadership, your service, and your commitment to our students and community. To learn more about the Minneota School Board, visit www.minneotaschools.org.

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COMMUNITY events

September

Thursday, September 24
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center
7:15 p.m. - Volleyball: Minneota at KMS

Friday, September 25
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center
4:30 p.m. - Volleyball: Minneota at Class A Showcase, Blaine
7 p.m. - Football: Lakeview at Minneota

Saturday, September 26
8 a.m. - Volleyball: Minneota at Class A Showcase, Blaine

Monday, September 28
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center
4:30 p.m. - Cross Country: Canby/Minneota at Granite Falls

Tuesday, September 29
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
7:15 pm. - Volleyball: Lac qui Parle Valley at Minneota

Wednesday, September 30
12:30-6:30 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive, high school gym
1 p.m. - "Hand, Knee & Foot" at Senior Center

October

Thursday, October 1
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center
4:30 p.m. - Cross Country: Canby/Minneota at Redwood Falls
7:15 p.m. - Volleyball: Minneota at MACCRAY

Friday, October 2
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: Minneota at MACCRAY

Monday, October 5
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center

Tuesday, October 6
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
7:15 p.m. - Minneota at Renville County West

Wednesday, October 7
1 p.m. - "Hand, Knee & Foot" at Senior Center

Thursday, October 8
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center
4:30 p.m. - Cross Country: Canby/Minneota at Pipestone
7:15 p.m. - Volleyball: Tracy-Milroy-Balaton at Minneota



Meatball Stew

This hearty stew is sure to warm you and your family when there's an autumn chill in the air. It's chock-full of tender meatballs and vegetables.

Ingredients
3 eggs, lightly beaten
2/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
Dash pepper
1 1/2 pounds ground beef
4 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into small chunks
3 medium carrots, sliced
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
1 medium onion, cut into wedges
1 garlic clove, minced
1 envelope onion soup mix
2 1/4 cups water
1 cup frozen peas, thawed
4 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh parsley

Directions
In a large bowl, combine the eggs, bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese and pepper. Crumble beef over mixture; mix well. Shape into 1 1/2-inch balls. Place meatballs in a foil-lined baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until no longer pink. Place the meatballs, potatoes, carrots, celery, onion and garlic in a soup kettle or Dutch oven. In a small bowl, combine soup mix and water; pour over meatball mixture. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 25-30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in peas and parsley; heat through.

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BLOOD DRIVE AT SCHOOL SEPT. 30

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive from 12:30-6:30 p.m. On Wednesday, Sept. 30 in Minneota High School gymnasium.

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. One donation can make a meaningful difference for patients and families in need.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code MinneotaHS, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or use the Blood Donor App.

As an added bonus, donors who give blood Sept. 21–Oct. 18 will receive a $15 e-gift card.

LYON COUNTY MUSEUM

Veterans Coffee scheduled for Oct. 6

The next monthly veterans coffee at the Lyon County Museum will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6. The monthly coffee is the first Tuesday of the month and is open to all veterans. Enjoy coffee, water, juice, and treats while visiting with fellow veterans in the ice cream shop at the museum.

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www.hopeminneota.org

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Sunday, September 27: Worship at 9 a.m.

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Worship Time: Sunday, September 27: 10:30 a.m.

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Mass Times:
Thursday, September 24: No Convent Mass
Friday, September 25: Noon Convent Mass
Saturday, September 26: Noon Mass at Convent
Sunday, September 27: Mass at 10:30 a.m.

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Mass Time:
Thursday, September 24: Mass at 7 a.m.
Thursday, September 25: Mass at 7 a.m.
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Sunday, September 27: Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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2026 Minneota Homecoming





Minneota celebrated Homecoming Week Sept. 14-18 with daily themed events and activities. On Monday, the coronation took place in the afternoon with the crowning of Jaylyn Coequyt as Queen and Tristen Sussner as King. Gretta Buysse and Sam Myhre were crowned Princess and Prince, respectively. Among the activities following the coronation was the candidates playing "Most Likely To" between the boys and girls, a "Hands-Free" Donut eating contest (above left), and a "Mummy Wrapping" race (above right). Mascot photos by Brian Jeremiason



The 2026 candidates, royalty, attendants and crown bearers. Front, left to right: Crown bearers Rhett Myhre and Claire Williams. Back, Left to right: Freshman attendant Joel Johnson, sophomore attendant Brycen Myhre, junior attendant Landon Pohlen, and candidates Quinton Anderson, Ian Myhre, Kaden Christensen, Prince Sam Myhre, King Tristen Sussner, Queen Jaylyn Coequyt, Princess Gretta Buysse, candidates Leah Coequyt, Clare Swedzinski, Avery Culver, junior attendant Eden Meagher, sophomore attendant Ellise Hennen, and freshman attendant Reagan DeSmet. *Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason*

LYON COUNTY MUSEUM

Fall Reflections Series at Lyon County Museum

All programs are free will donation and open to the public. Programs are sponsored by Lyon County Historical Society members. For more information, contact the Lyon County Museum at 507-537-6580.

Grammond presents roadside curiosities

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.

Jay Grammond will present, "Wind, Prairie, and Stone in Southwest Minnesota" at the Lyon County Museum ay 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Step into the windswept prairies and rugged stone country of Southwest Minnesota! In this fascinating presentation, we'll uncover hidden roadside curiosities, explore historic windmills; stone buildings and formations, and hear stories that bring the region's past to life, from railroad depots to churches, to Carnegie libraries and so much more. This presentation features 18 counties of prairie beauty and one-of-a-kind landmarks. You will see familiar landscapes in a whole new way.

Grammond is a Minnesota-based photographer, author, and public speaker known for capturing the essence of Americana, rural landscapes, remembering our veterans, and fading history through his lens. As the creative force behind J Grammond Photography, he leads photography workshops, speaks at cultural and historical events, sells Fine Art; and publishes books that preserve visual stories of the past. His work has been featured in galleries, healthcare spaces, radio, tv, and podcast programs; and educational programs throughout the region. Jay is passionate about using photography to honor veterans, explore forgotten places, and inspire others to pursue meaningful personal projects, and to plant the idea with them that it is never too late to start something new.

Gaul presents St. Eloi's history

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.

Anita Gaul will present, "Living (and Fighting) Together in the Bishop's Colony: St. Eloi's First Thirty Years" at the Lyon County Museum at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Bishop John Ireland of St. Paul established ten Catholic colonies in western Minnesota from 1876-1883, including Ghent. Although the Bishop envisioned his colonies to be harmonious and prosperous settlements, Ghent's new St. Eloi parish experienced great turmoil as the Flemish and French-Canadian Catholics attempted to build a church. Dr. Gaul explores the fractious relationship between St. Eloi's ethnic groups and the reasons why they were able to continue worshipping together in the same parish.

Dr. Gaul currently teaches at Minnesota West Community & Technical College. Her work as an historian focuses on local and regional history. Her published works include The Women of Southwest Minnesota and the Great War (2018), Homely Girls and Pretty Babies: A History of the Murray County Fair (2013), and "Living in Perfect Harmony: A Multiethnic Catholic Parish on the Minnesota Prairie, 1881-1910" in the Journal of American Ethnic History (2010). She is the winner of the 2026 Minnesota Board of Trustees Educator of the Year Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Wong presents on Japanese in Minnesota

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

Ka Wong will present, "Enmity and Empathy: Japanese Americans in Minnesota During World War II" at the Lyon County Museum, 301 West Lyon Street, Marshall on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM

The forced eviction and confinement of Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor in 1941 was one of the worst civil rights violations of the twentieth century. In Minnesota, the impact was dramatic: the state's Japanese American population grew from just 51 in 1940 to several thousand by war's end.

Drawing on personal interviews, archival sources, and historical literature, Professor Ka Wong explores the courageous struggles of trailblazers who left incarceration camps to rebuild their lives in Minnesota. The book illustrates how Japanese Americans transformed both the state and their own lives—from college students and Cadet Nurses to soldiers training at the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling. Despite wartime hostility, bonds of empathy developed between resettlers and local allies, demonstrating a legacy of solidarity that remains deeply relevant today.

Ka Wong is Professor of Asian Studies at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. His book Enmity and Empathy: Japanese Americans in Minnesota During World War II (Minnesota Historical Society Press) won the 2026 Emilie Buchwald Award for Minnesota Nonfiction at the Minnesota Book Awards.
craft shows.

Obituaries

Sister Angela Schreiber
1936-2026

Sister Angela Schreiber, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, died on Sept. 3, 2026, at her home in St. Paul.

She was the second of seven children born to Joseph and Helene (Welvaert) Schreiber in 1936.

Angela started school in Ghent at the Catholic Grade School.

In 1947, the family moved to a farm near Minneota and then Angela was enrolled in the St. Edward Catholic School in Minneota. She completed her high school education at Minneota Public School, graduating in 1954. She then enrolled and entered the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul where she earned a teaching degree in Elementary Education.

On Sept. 8, 1958, Angela entered the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Paul.

She taught elementary school for years. She loved to read and had many books.

Her body was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery in Inver Grove Heights on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2-26.

May she rest in peace.

Isabel (Gunlogson) Freer
1940-2026

Isabel (Gunlogson) Freer, formerly of Cincinnati, OH, and a native of Clarkfield, MN died Sept. 11, 2026 in Austin, TX.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

This Day in History - September 24

1869 - Thousands of businessmen are ruined in a Wall Street panic known as "Black Friday" after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempt to corner the gold market.

1934 - Babe Ruth makes his farewell appearance as a player with the New York Yankees in a game against the Boston Red Sox.

1968 - "60 Minutes" premieres on CBS; the undercover police drama "The Mod Squad" premieres on ABC.

1976 - Former hostage Patricia Hearst is sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery in San Francisco carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (Hearst was released 22 months later after receiving clemency from President Jimmy Carter.)







Minneota Assisted Living Arts & Crafts Day

Minneota Assisted Living celebrated National Asisted iving Week with the theme "Shining Through the Years" from Sept. 12-19. Barb Okrina coordinated the group to make a sun windsock. Photo far left: Sam Waldner show his completed windsock. Photo center: Clockwise from lower left, Susan Fischer, Duane Trosin Pam Boogaard, Tom Esping and Steve Anderson work on their project. *Contributed photos*