

## St. Ed's Fall Festival set for Sept. 20



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The annual Fall Festival hosted by St. Edward Catholic Church is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 20 at the church.

The annual event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include a catered meal, a carnival, silent auction, cake walk, country store and music by Mario Callens and the Midwest Cowboys beginning at 11 a.m.

The dinner tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and free to children age 3-and-under.

The meal will consist of roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, fresh vegetable sides, homemade dessert and beverages.

Meals will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Takeout meals

will be available.

The children's carnival is slated to be held throughout the event. Punch cards can be purchased for children. When the card is filled, tickets are given to the child to place in a bucket with a chance to win prizes.

One of the more popular things going on at the festival is the annual Cake Walk. Several varieties of cake which are made by parishioners will be available for individuals to bid on them.

The silent auction features many prizes for all ages that have been donated for the event. The silent auction will be held throughout the duration of the festival to allow those attending a chance to bid or to try and outbid another individual.

The Country Store will be selling a variety of donated garden vegetable items, as well as hseveral omemade candies and baked goods.

## St. Edward's statue has historic tale

Our Lady of Beauraing placed beside church 68 years ago; in need of repair

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Standing outside the front of the St. Edward's Catholic School in Minneota is the historic "Our Lady of Beauraing" statue. It was placed there in September of 1958, had the arms vandalized and repaired in 1970, and is now slowly deteriorating.

The 62-inch statue sits atop a bench in the Marian Garden area that was dedicated in 2014 to former St. Edward's School teacher Brenda Verschelde for her 35 years of teaching. Recently, Verschelde and Jan Bot noticed the statue's many cracks and erosion and began to research where it came from in an attempt to find someone who can repair it. Constructed of some type of concrete or plaster over a light metal framework the statue depicts the Virgin Mary with her golden crown and radiant heart, recalling the appearance described by the children of Beauraing, Belgium.

Our Lady of Beauraing, also known as the Virgin of the Golden Heart, is the title of 33 Marian apparitions reported in Beauraing, Belgium between November 1932 and January 1933 by five children. For several years after the apparitions, pilgrims flocked to the small town of Beauraing, and many cures were claimed.

"We are checking some places to see if they can repair it, but one place we checked wasn't able to," said Bot, who retired as a librarian at St. Edward's last year. "Father Todd contacted a place in the Cities that might be able to repair the statue. They would have to repair it at their place to protect it from the elements."

There are significant cracks in the neck portion and in the hands and wrists, and the base color has faded significantly.

Sometime after the end of World War II, a ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean and traveling from Europe to the United States had 70 children aboard. One of the children was the son of George Herter and his Belgian-born wife who had a deep devotion to Our Lady of Beauraing. Before the Herters left Europe, they went to Beauraing, and received pieces of the hawthorn tree near where Our Lady appeared.

During the voyage, typhus, a bacteria commonly spread through infected bites from fleas, lice or mites, broke out among the children.

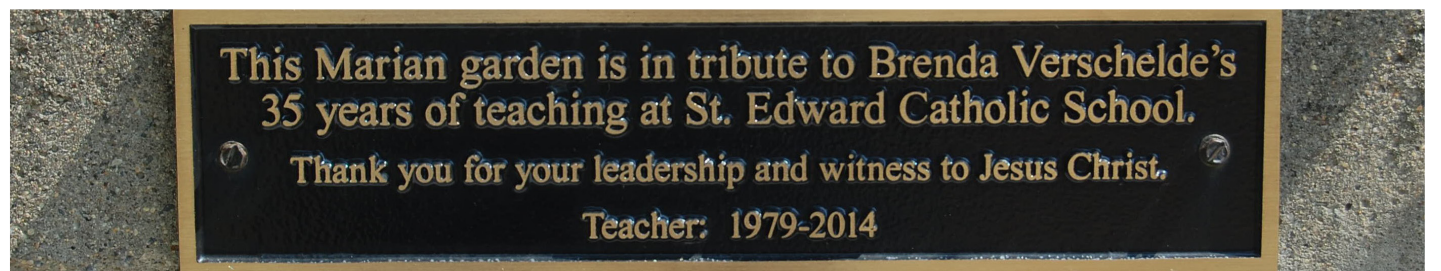
Herter's son was placed in a Catholic hospital in Pittsburgh and Herter's wife placed one of the sprigs from a Beauraing hawthorn tree under her son's pillow and entrusted him to Mary's care. He was the only child to recover from the disease.

The Herter family then moved to Winona, MN. Herter commissioned 49 statues of Our Lady of Beauraing and they were produced in Albert Lea. The statues were then distributed to churches, monasteries and Catholic institutions across America.

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This historic 62-inch statue sits outside St. Edward's Catholic School beside the church. It has deteriorated over time due to the elements and now parishioners are attempting to raise money to have it repaired. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma



## St. Edward's School hires three new staff members

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St. Edward's Catholic School has three new staff members on hand for the 2026-2027 school year — Corissa Van Keulen, Jessica Moberg and Kacie Callens.

School opened on Monday for both the Minneota Public School and St. Edward's. The new public school teachers and staff members were recognized in last week's Mascot.

Corissa Keulen was hired

as an administrative assistant to Trudy Banks. She is from Ghent and is a 1991 graduate of Minneota High School. She has been helping out with After School and Summer Care programs at St. Edward's, and was asked if she was interested in also assisting Trudy in the administrative office.

Corissa is also the Religious Education Director at St. Edward's and St. Eloi in Ghent. She and her husband, Daren, have three grown sons.

Jessica Moberg will be a pre-

school/kindergarten assistant to Rose Blake this school year. She is a 2023 graduate of Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley High School and is currently a student at Southwest Minnesota State University, majoring in Elementary Education.

SMSU placed Jessica with St. Edward's School as a student teacher. She is engaged and planning a 2027 summer wedding.

Kacie Callens will also be a pre-school/kindergarten assistant to Rose Blake this year.



Corissa Van Keulen



Jessica Moberg



Kacie Callens

Kacie, who is also employed by Maurice's in Marshall, attended St. Edward's School

through the eighth grade. She is a 2023 Minneota High School graduate.

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### Minneota Memory

The new teachers at Minneota Public School for the 2001-2002 school year posed for this photo on the first day of school. Front row, left to right: Mary Noyes, Language Arts; LeaAnne Bot, Family & Consumer Science; Ann Schlenner, fifth grade. Back row, left to right: Derrek Sattler, Junior High Science; Tara Van Heel, Language Arts; Ron Mann, Industrial Technology.

## Yesteryear

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

#### 100 Years Ago (August 27, 1926)

##### Hog cholera breaks out in herds in this locality

Hog cholera has broken out in this locality; one case being found about two miles south of town and three cases north of here. The warning two weeks ago from Dr. Kernkamp, Division of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota, was reiterated this week by W.P. Tillemans, local hog buyer. The disease can be handled by proper treatment, with good serum, if it has not already become too far advanced, Tillemans said.

##### School set to open Set. 6; record enrollment expected

When students return to the local school on Labor Day this year, they will find a materially improved campus. The grounds have been filled in and seeded, a retaining wall constructed along the entire frontage, and an additional walk put in. A record enrollment is expected to report on registration day on Monday, Sept. 6. A tuition fee of \$36 will be charged to out-of-town pupils.

##### Amundson, Orsen among those advancing to State Fair

Two young people from this locality are among those selected from Lyon County to go to the State Fair Sept. 4-11 to represent Lyon County Boys' and Girls' work. Miss Vivian Amundson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amundson of Island Lake Township and a graduate of the local high school, is one of three girls selected to exhibit her "Own Your Own Room" project at the state fair. Norman Orsen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Orsen of Westerheim Township, was selected in the Dairy class with his purebred Jersey calf.

#### 75 Years Ago (August 31, 1951)

##### Three injured when cars collide south of Minneota

Three persons received minor injuries Sunday evening when their cars collided at the four corners near Kompelien's Midway Store on Highway 19. Involved in the mishap were Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stave of Marshall and Walter Hohn of Island Lake.

Mrs. Stave suffered an arm injury, while the men received bruises. Both automobiles were damaged badly. The accident occurred when the Stave car, traveling toward Marshall, was hit by the Hohn auto from the north.

##### Taunton school to start classes on September 4

Public school students at Taunton, like those in the remainder of the country, will start their classes next Tuesday morning, Sept. 4. Teachers there for the coming term will be Mrs. Florence Oien and Richard Larson. The Taunton School Board will open bids this Friday on a new 36-passenger school bus. The new bus will replace the one that has been hauling children from there to Minneota for many years.

##### Two inches of rain brings August total here to 8.66

This area, which has received more than normal rainfall during the month of August, was deluged by another heavy shower Thursday morning when two inches fell in about half an hour. The two inches raised the total for the month to 8.66 inches. Thursday morning's rain, which began around 8:30 a.m., was accompanied by a strong wind and a short but severe electrical storm. Some trees in town were blown down and many large branches were knocked down by the strong wind.

#### 50 Years Ago (August 26, 1976)

##### Plans call for Big Store to become shopping mall

The Minneota Development Corporation is making plans for occupancy of the former Big Store building, which has discontinued since Sept. 30, 1972. Plans call for developing a shopping mall that would be similar to the existing mall in the old Ward's building in Brookings, SD. Approximately six or seven shops would occupy the building. Several people have indicated that they are interested in opening shops there.

##### Brazilian youth is new AFS student at Minneota

The community's new student, Alexandre Mesquita of Brazil arrived in Minneota

and will be making his home with the Orrin Paulson family during the school term, which begins on Monday. Mesquita is 18 years old. His father is a ladies' apparel salesman in the South American country. His older brother is studying medicine and his older sister is a teacher in Brazil.

##### Swede Home Lutheran Church to observe 100th anniversary

Swede Home Lutheran congregation, whose house of worship is 11 miles northwest of Minneota, will observe the 100th anniversary of its beginning on Aug. 29. Festival services are to begin at 10:30 a.m. A dinner is to be served at noon, and a centennial program is set to start at 2 p.m. Fred Olson, a Minneota resident, has been secretary of the congregation since 1928.

##### Mercury reaches 104 degrees on Aug. 18

Weather in Minneota has been very hot and dry for the past week. The temperature reached the century mark three times during that span. It was 104 degrees on Aug. 18, 100 degrees on Aug. 19, and 101 degrees on Aug. 21.

#### 25 Years Ago (August 29, 2001)

##### Boxelder Bug Days committee going over final plans for event

The Boxelder Bug Days meeting last Wednesday night found a number of committee members detailing all of the activities being planned for the upcoming celebration. Frank Josephson, the committee chairperson, and Bonnie Borson-Hanson, the MACC secretary, work closely with committee members. These two folks do a lion's share of the work and take personal pride in bringing a weekend of family entertainment to our area.

##### Whopper Feed planned before first football game

The Minneota Rotary Club invites you to their Whopper Feed on Thursday night at K.P. Kompelien Field prior to Minneota's first football game of the season against Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley. Proceeds from the meal will support the Minneota Rotary Scholarship program.

### Outside Looking In

Scott Thoma



#### Mine eyes have seen the glory

"You're going to what?" That was my initial response when I finally dragged myself into Fischer Laser Eye Center in Willmar to check on why my right eye was cloudy.

As I typically have done over my lifetime when it comes to medical issues, I put off going to a medical facility, instead figuring it will go away on its own. For months, I rubbed my right eye in an attempt to make it clear, as I do most mornings to get the "sleep" out of my eyes. I put Visine drops in the eye, figuring it would clear up, but nothing helped.

My left eye was dominating my vision, and it was becoming difficult to see the small graphics shown during a televised sporting event, such as the balls and strikes or outs in a baseball game.

This time, I decided enough was enough and since the eye clinic was just a few blocks from my house, I make an appointment.

It seemed like nearly everyone I talked to had already experienced some sort of laser eye surgery and tried to convince me that it was painless and quick. Sure, it is, I thought to myself. That's what they told the Civil War soldiers before amputating one of their legs.

I was also reminded several times that when the procedure was over, I was going to wish I had it done sooner.

Seated in a comfortable chair inside the large clinic along 19th Avenue, I was greeted by one associate after another, each with a different area of expertise and each different area of my eyes.

Four lines of an eye chart were digitally presented to me to read, each smaller than the line above it. While covering my "good" eye. I couldn't even read the larger print on the top row very well.

Eventually, Dr. Fischer entered the room. This man has a way about him that instantly makes you feel at ease. He informed me that my right eye was 20-70 and my left eye was 20-30.

"Technically," he said, "you are not legal to drive a car."

I have had no problems driving all this time and could read all road signs clearly, but Dr. Fischer explained that my eyesight was not within the legal limit.

After going through my medical history, Dr. Fischer determined that cataracts had formed in both of eye, although much worse in the right eye, due to my prolonged steroid use. For years, after I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at age 19, I was given prednisone and other steroids. While I have not been taking them for over 25 years, over time the excessive use of steroids causes cataracts.

There were three options to choose from when determining which laser outpatient procedure I wanted to have done to correct the vision in my right eye — each one more effective and more costly.

I was then informed that during the outpatient cataract procedure, Dr. Fischer removes the clouded natural lens using either traditional techniques or, if you have selected laser cataract surgery, an advanced femtosecond laser. Dr. Fischer then implants an artificial replacement lens — either a standard monofocal lens or an advanced technology lifestyle lens — in its place. The incision heals naturally and no stitches are necessary.

"Incision?" I asked. "You're going to cut a slice in my eyeball?"

I was then told it requires just a small incision and then the cataracts are broken up and with the use of the "world's smallest vacuum", the pieces are removed. A lens folded in half is then inserted and the unfolded once it's in place.

The procedure is performed in 10-15 minutes, they informed me.

"No hurry; take your time," I said, thinking I didn't want a rush job.

Before the surgery, I did something I would not recommend anyone doing. I watched a YouTube video showing the incision being done on an eyeball. It almost made me cancel my surgery, but fortunately I forged ahead.

The morning of the procedure last week, I arrived for my laser surgery along with my required designated driver because anesthesia would be administered. I wasn't nervous at all. I just wanted to be able to see better.

I went into a small curtained area and had my vitals checked before the anesthesiologist came in and asked if I wanted an IV or a tablet to relax me during the procedure. I was told that I would feel no pain, but that I would probably be able to feel Dr. Fischer touching my eyeball.

I chose the tablet that was placed under my tongue and told to allow it to dissolve slowly.

After a few minutes passed, I was about to tell the nurse that the pill had no affect on me, when suddenly it hit me and I felt like all was good with the world.

I never felt a thing during the procedure and was surprised when Dr. Fischer said "all done" so quickly.

I was told that my vision should improve gradually over the next couple off days.

That night, while watching a game on the TV, I noticed the colors were brighter and I could read the small graphics on the screen much better.

A follow-up appointment the next day at the eye center revealed that my right eye was already 20-20.

When I went back home, I opened and closed one eye at a time, noticing that what I thought was my left or "good eye", was now not nearly as sharp as the right eye. So, I made the decision to have the laser surgery on my left eye in September.

This time, I won't have to tell myself that I wished I had done it sooner.

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2026 FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW

Vikings chasing 5th straight state title

Minneota win streak sitting at 47 in row

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All eyes will be on the Minneota football team this season as the Vikings seek a fifth straight Class A state championship.

Minneota is also riding a 47-game winning streak, second only in team history to a 49-game winning streak set in the 1980s. The possible record-setting 50th straight win could come on Homecoming night at the new Gerhard Meidt Stadium against Canby on Sept. 18.

Chad Johnston begins his 25th season as head coach. During that span, he has compiled an impressive 240-41 record, as well as 11 state tournament appearances and eight state titles.

He will be assisted by Matt Myrvik, Les Engler, Steve Sussner, Brian Rodas, Matt Buysse, Bryce Jeppesen, Matt Myhre, Jordan Fink and Lucas Damm.

"We have very high expectations this season," Johnston said. "We know that we are going to be young and inexperienced in certain positions, but feel we have very good kids looking to fill those voids. We have always had the mentality of reloading vs. rebuilding. We feel we will continue to improve as the season progresses and should be a very competitive team by the post season."

Despite losing some key personnel to graduation, the Vikings return several skilled players, including quarterback Tristen Sussner, a senior who completed 63 percent of his passes for 1,620 yards and 25 touchdowns during the Vikings' 2025 state championship season.

"Tristen is very athletic with a very strong and accurate arm," said Johnston. "He understands and reads the defense well. You



The 2026 Minneota Vikings football team. Front row, left to right: Randy Sorensen, Ian Myhre, Tristen Sussner, Quinton Anderson, Sawyer Bradley. Second row, left to right: Silas Malone, Owen Dalager, Hudson Thostenson, Logan Pohlen, Brody Anderson, Owen Myrvik, Kaden Christensen, Landon Esping, Wyatt Moore, Sam Myhre. Third row, left to right: Blayze Hulzebos, Simon Gruenes, Tim DeSmet, Bryce Gorecki, Mason Moore, Bekkam Gillund, Eli Faris, Gage Johnston, Bryce Becker. Fourth row, left to right: Derek Fier, Evan Jerzak, Carter Pesch, Logan Esping, Noah Jerzak, Connor Boerboom, Lane Shoultz, Colton Bitker, Beckham Norby, Aiden Jerzak. Fifth row, left to right: Pierce Ascheman, Nolan Coequyt, Jacob Swoboda, Wyatt Opdahl, Kade Sussner, Vance Claeys, Berkley Sheik, Jaggat Stassen. Sixth row, left to right: Levi Pohlen, Brooks Johnston, Quinn Pohlen, Noah Bottelberghe, Reed Sorensen, Braxton Hennen, Mason Christensen. Back row coaches, left to right: Les Engler, Matt Buysse, Bryce Jeppesen, Chad Johnston (head coach), Matt Myrvik, Steve Sussner. Not pictured Brian Rodas. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

**HEAD COACH:** Chad Johnston

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Matt Myrvik, Les Engler, Steve Sussner, Brian Rodas, Matt Buysse, Bryce Jeppesen, Matt Myhre, Jordan Fink, Lucas Damm.

**2026 CAPTAINS:** Ian Myhre, Tristen Sussner, Quinton Anderson, Randy Sorensen, Sawyer Bradley.

offensive line will be big but inexperienced.

"We are expecting to see multiple players rotating at the running back and wingback positions," said Johnston. "We will be very inexperienced and potentially young on the offensive line."

Brody Anderson, a junior, is the only player returning that spent significant time on the offensive line last season.

"We will really need some sophomore lineman to step up

and fill some vacancies for us," Johnston said. "We have good size in the sophomore group. They are just inexperienced. The whole offensive line group has been working hard in the off season and fall camp. They are showing great growth."

On defense, the Vikings have good depth and experience in the secondary, although six of the eight starters in the defensive interior graduated.

"We will have a few new faces on defense that are really going

to have to step up," said Johnston. "Again, they are working very hard and continuing to grow at a defensive unit."

On special teams, Ian Myhre is a strong-legged kicker and the school's all-time scoring leader among kickers.

"He has a very strong, and accurate leg," Johnston remarked. "He will also most likely add punting to his responsibilities this season."

All the players that were included on the traveling team

lettered last season. The key returning lettermen who saw playing time on the varsity a season ago include:

Seniors — Tristen Sussner, quarterback/defensive back; Ian Myhre, wide receiver/defensive back/kicker; Landon Esping, wide receiver, defensive back; Quinton Anderson, linebacker; Kaden Christensen, wingback/outside linebacker; Hudson Thostenson, center/linebacker; Sam Myhre, tight end/defensive end.

Juniors — Randy Sorensen, running back/linebacker; Brody Anderson, offensive line/defensive line; Owen Myrvik, tight end/defensive back; Gage Johnston, running back/defensive back; Sawyer Bradley, wingback/linebacker.

2026 VOLLEYBALL SEASON PREVIEW

Vikings loaded with experience, talent

**HEAD COACH:** Kaley Buysse

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Ireland Stassen, Emily Citterman, Shelby Domeier, Lydia Sussner (volunteer)

**2026 CAPTAINS:** Libby Sussner, Eden Megher, Autum Anderson

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Nine letterwinners return from a solid Minneota volleyball team that went 27-7 last season under first-year-coach Kaley Buysse.

"We have quite a few returning starters, and many girls with years of experience on varsity," said Buysse. "So, I feel like that will be a strength of ours, both defensively and offensively."

Buysse will be assisted this year by Ireland Stassen, Emily Citterman, Shelby Domeier and Lydia Sussner (volunteer).

Two standout regulars — Abby Rolbiecki and Sarah Gruenes — were lost to graduation and others will have to step up to fill their spots on the team. Rolbiecki was an all-state libero. Autum Anderson, a junior, will step into that role this season after being a defensive specialist last season and notched 120 digs to go along with 31 ace serves.

"Autum will be a huge leader for us defensively," said Buysse.

Eden Meagher, a junior outside hitter, led the Vikings last season with 233 kills. Meagher also recorded 126 digs, 31 aces and 17 blocks.

"Eden will continue to be a strong offensive and defensive player for us all the way around," Buysse said.

Jaylyn Coequyt, a senior rightside hitter, recorded 199 kills and 28 blocks last season. Leah Coequyt, a senior middle blocker, notched 126 kills and a team-high 45 blocks in 2025.



The 2026 Minneota varsity volleyball team. Back row, left to right: Assistant coach Shelby Domeier, assistant coach Ireland Stassen, Madison Minnehan, Sydney Hennen, Libby Sussner, Jaylyn Coequyt, Leah Coequyt, Grace Horner, Sophie Gillund, Brek Fier, Elise Hennen, head coach Kaley Buysse, assistant coach Emily Citterman. Front row, left to right: Brooklyn Ryer, Kaylee Schmidt, Ava Rost, Eden Meagher, Autum Anderson, Brynn Rost, Niara Gorecki, Addy Kiley. Mascot photo by Brian Jeremiason

"Leah and Jaylyn are two of our stronger offensive players who be looked to as leaders offensively when it comes to putting the ball away," said Buysse.

Libby Sussner, a senior, and Sophie Gillund, a junior setter/rightside hitter, shared setting duties a season ago. Sussner finished with 432 assists, while Gillund amassed 342 assists. Sussner also led the team with 41 ace serves.

"Libby and Sophie will continue to lead our offense, and do it with so much poise and confidence," said Buysse.

Other letterwinners returning include junior defensive specialist Brynn Rost, junior outside hitter Ava Rost, and sophomore

middle blocker Sydney Hennen. Newcomers expected to contribute include junior rightside Grace Horner, junior defensive specialist Niara Gorecki, sophomore middle blocker Brek Fier, and sophomore outside hitter Elise Hennen.

Although the Vikings are expected once again be a formidable foe for most teams, Buysse said there is always room for improvement.

"It's always a challenge when you have some girls stepping into new positions that they haven't played before, and getting in the groove of playing next to different players," Buysse said. "We don't have a lot of depth in each of our positions outside of our core players."

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2026 BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY SEASON PREVIEW

C/M boys, girls have eyes on big prize

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While the Canby/Minneota boys’ cross-country team is looking to repeat as Camden Conference champion, the Canby/Minneota girls are determined to take back the conference crown that they held for several years before finishing as runner-up a season ago. Allyson Pesek returns as head coach, with Jared Josephson as her assistant.

“The boys are ready to be competitive,” said Pesek. “We have been rebuilding and now have five returning runners from our 2025 section team. They are aiming to keep the conference championship and stay in the top of the section.

“For the girls, we have all varsity runners back from last season’s

HEAD COACH: Allyson Pesek  
ASSISTANT COACH: Jared Josephson

in the state meet again come November. They want to continue to build a strong team and be back in the top of the section.”

The C/M boys won three regular-season meets last fall, besides winning the conference title. Seniors Tallen Merritt and Kendon Knutson were all-conference runners last season, finishing fourth and seventh, respectively. The C/M boys finished fourth out of 20 teams in the Section 3A meet a season ago. Seven letterwinners return this season, giving the team experience and depth.

Other returning letterwinners for the boys’ team include: Se-

niors Seth Paluch and Nolan Van Keulen, and sophomores Jaxon Ruether, Logan Stoks and Henry Vidoloff.

The C/M girls also won three regular-season meets, as well as finishing second in three others. Junior Mya Pesek was a state participant last season. She was also all-conference, along with and senior Taylor Ourada, as the two finished second and sixth, respectively in the conference championship.

The C/M girls finished fourth out of 16 teams at the Section 3A meet.

Other girl letterwinners returning this season are: Seniors Jonna Briggs, juniors Ella Cleveland and Charlotte Brunsvig, sophomore Addison Full, freshmen Adri Christianson and Allyson Gieese, and eighth graders Sophie Becker and Anna Briggs.

Managers are senior Kallie DeVos and sophomore Sophia Full.

This Day in History - August 27

- 1859 - Edwin L. Drake drills the first successful oil well in the United States, at Titusville, Pa.
- 1928 - The Kellogg-Briand Pact is signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.
- 1945 - U.S. troops begin landing in Japan after Japan’s surrender in World War II.
- 1963 - Author, journalist and civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois dies in Accra, Ghana, at age 95.
- 1967 - Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, is found dead in his London flat from an accidental overdose of sleeping pills.
- 1989 - The first U.S. commercial satellite rocket is launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. — a Delta booster carrying a British communications satellite, the Marcopolo 1.
- 2003 - Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in 60,000 years.
- 2005 - Coastal residents jam freeways and gas stations as they rush to get out of the way of Hurricane Katrina, which is headed toward New Orleans.
- 2006 - A Comair CRJ-100 crashed after trying to take off from the wrong runway in Lexington, Ky., killing 49 people and leaving the co-pilot the sole survivor.
- 2007 - NFL star Michael Vick pleads guilty to a federal dog-fighting conspiracy charge.
- 2008 - Barack Obama is nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.
- 2009 - Jaycee Lee Dugard, kidnapped when she was 11, is reunited with her mother 18 years after her abduction in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.
- 2009: Alex Grass, founder of the Rite Aid drugstore chain, dies in Harrisburg, Pa.

Local Reserve & Grand Champions from Lyon County Fair

The following are the Reserve and Grand Champions from Minneota 4-H members that competed in the Lyon County Fair recently:

| Name              | Grade | Category                    | Award            |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Olivia DeVos      | 8     | Beef Showmanship            | Grand Champion   |
| Derek Fier        | 9     | Dairy Showmanship           | Reserve Champion |
| Drew Fier         | 6     | Dairy Showmanship           | Reserve Champion |
| Titan Fier        | 5     | Dairy Showmanship           | Grand Champion   |
| Ella Moorse       | na    | Poultry Showmanship         | Reserve Champion |
| Ella Moorse       | na    | Poultry Chickens            | Grand Champion   |
| Imogen Moriarty   | 10    | Projects-Self Determined    | Grand Champion   |
| Imogen Moriarty   | 10    | Projects - Creative Writing | Grand Champion   |
| Imogen Moriarty   | 10    | Projects - Creative Writing | Reserve Champion |
| Padraic Moriarty  | 7     | Beef Showmanship            | Reserve Champion |
| Becca Roberts     | 5     | Poultry-Egg display         | Reserve Champion |
| Becca Roberts     | 5     | Projects-Photography        | Reserve Champion |
| Becca Roberts     | 5     | Projects-Horticulture       | Grand Champion   |
| Becca Roberts     | 5     | Rabbits Showmanship         | Reserve Champion |
| Zach Roberts      | 4     | Beef-Prospect Calf          | Grand Champion   |
| Zach Roberts      | 4     | Beef-Cow/Calf               | Grand Champion   |
| Zach Roberts      | 4     | Beef-Heifer                 | Reserve Champion |
| Zach Roberts      | 4     | Beef-Showmanship            | Reserve Champion |
| Nevaeh Schreiber  | 8     | Rabbits-Showmanship         | Grand Champion   |
| Winston Strand    | 7     | Projects-Industrial Tech    | Grand Champion   |
| Winston Strand    | 7     | Projects-Industrial Tech    | Grand Champion   |
| Harmon Van Keulen | 8     | Poultry-Showmanship         | Grand Champion   |
| Harmon Van Keulen | 8     | Poultry-Chickens            | Grand Champion   |
| Nolan Van Keulen  | 11    | Poultry-Showmanship         | Grand Champion   |
| Violet Vlaminck   | 6     | Projects-Pets/Cat           | Grand Champion   |
| Violet Vlaminck   | 6     | Projects-Health & Wellness  | Grand Champion   |
| Violet Vlaminck   | 6     | Projects-Science Inquiry    | Reserve Champion |

Help a child succeed as a Foster Grandparent

“Kids need someone to talk with,” said Laura Kryzer, a Foster Grandparent for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota who volunteers at the elementary school in her area. “Some chat with me about challenges they are facing, others tell me stories and share about their good times.”

Kryzer has been serving as a Foster Grandparent volunteer since 2011. What draws her back to the classroom each year? “I have always loved kids, and it just seemed like the right thing to do,” she said.

Foster Grandparent volunteers are age 55 and older who offer one-to-one mentoring and tutoring in the classroom and other settings for children and youth. Their presence and reassurance can help children and youth improve self-esteem, social and emotional development, and literacy and math skills.

As the school year gets underway in September, more Foster Grandparents are needed, explained Brittany Thoms, program director for Lutheran Social Service. “If you love kids, this is one of the best volunteer opportunities you’ll ever have. Being a Foster Grandparent is fun and incredibly meaningful because you can make a direct impact on the success and well-being of kids in your community for years to come.”

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is currently seeking volunteers, age 55 and older, who can commit to volunteering at least 10 hours per week. The service offers volunteers a tax-free hourly stipend, transportation/mileage reimbursement, onboarding and ongoing training, and no prior experience is necessary.

The service is offered in partnership with AmeriCorps Seniors and the Minnesota Board on Aging. To ensure safety, Lutheran Social Service conducts background checks. If you are interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent, call 888.205.3770 or visit lssmn.org/volunteer/fostergrandparent.

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The historic statues are still standing in Talkeetna, Alaska; Salt Lake City, Utah; and in the Minnesota cities of Rochester, Collegeville and St. Edward Church in Minneota. Some believe Herter placed sprigs from the original Beauraing hawthorn tree inside the statues before they were made, although it is unknown if the one in Minneota contains such a sprig.

“We’re not sure we will ever know unless they have to take the statue apart when they repair it,”

Bot said. “They might just repair it from the outside and never see the inside of it.”

The approximate cost to repair the statue is around \$5,000. Anyone interested in donating to the restoration and repair of the Our Lady of Beauraing statue at St. Edward’s can send a check or money order to:

St. Edward Church Office  
408 N. Washington St.  
Minneota, MN 56264  
Memo: Our Lady of Beauraing



The Our Lady of Beauraing statue outside St. Edward’s Catholic School has cracks in several places and the hands and wrists are deteriorating. Mascot photo by Scott Thoma

FUN FACTS

**Labor Day is more than just a long weekend — it’s a celebration of workers, the labor movement, and the unofficial end of summer. Here are some fascinating facts to share:**

The first Labor Day parade took place in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, organized by the Central Labor Union. The idea is credited to either Peter J. McGuire (carpenter) or Matthew Maguire (machinist), both from rival unions. In 2011, Linda Stinson, a former U.S. Department of Labor’s historian, said she didn’t know which man should be credited - partially because people over the years confused them because of their similar-sounding names.

Oregon was the first U.S. state to make Labor Day a public holiday in 1887. By 1894, more than half the states were already celebrating it.

President Grover Cleveland signed the bill making Labor Day a federal holiday on June 28, 1894, choosing the first Monday in September to avoid May 1, which was linked to the Haymarket Affair. On May 4, 1886, a bomb exploded at a union rally in Chicago’s Haymarket Square, which led to violence that killed seven police officers and four others. The incident also led to May 1 being celebrated in most nations as Workers Day. The U.S. government chose Labor Day instead to avoid a celebration on May 1.

Labor Day arrives during the peak of hurricane season, and there have been a number of memorable storms on or around Labor Day weekend, including Hurricane David in 1979 and Hurricane Dorian in 2019. Among the most destructive was the unnamed hurricane of 1935, which hit the Florida Keys as the first recorded Category 5 storm in U.S. history.

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### August

**Thursday, August 27**  
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center  
7 p.m. - Volleyball - Redwood Valley at Minneota

**Friday, August 28**  
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center

**Monday, August 31**  
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center  
5 p.m. - Cross Country: Canby/Minneota at Lakeview Invite

### September

**Tuesday, September 1**  
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, September 2**  
1 p.m. - "Hand, Knee & Foot" at Senior Center

**Thursday, September 3**  
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center  
7 p.m. - Football: Minnesota Valley Lutheran at Minneota

**Friday, September 4**  
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center

**Monday, September 7**  
Labor Day  
1 p.m. - "Mahjong" at Senior Center

**Tuesday, September 8**  
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 p.m. - Volleyball: Minneota at Westbrook-Walnut Grove

**Wednesday, September 9**  
1 p.m. - "Hand, Knee & Foot" at Senior Center

**Thursday, September 10**  
10 a.m. - "Exercise" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "Bingo" at Senior Center  
5:35 p.m. - Cross Country: Canby/Minneota at Tracy  
7:15 p.m. - Volleyball: Minneota at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton

**Friday, September 11**  
Boxelder Bug Days  
12:45 p.m. - "Bien" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "500" at Senior Center  
1 p.m. - "Quilting" at Senior Center  
5 p.m. - Volleyball: Minneota at Southwest Challenge  
7 p.m. - Football: Minneota at Eden Valley-Watkins



### Soup, Slaw & Sandwich

These three combined recipes of creamy vegetable soup, pineapple coleslaw and Swiss tuna melts make a tasty lunch or dinner in less than 30 minutes.

#### Creamy Vegetable Soup

**Ingredients**  
2 cups chicken broth  
1/4 cup diced carrot  
1/4 cup diced celery  
1/4 cup finely chopped onion  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
Dash of salt  
2 cups milk  
1/2 cup Velveeta cheese, cubed

**Directions**  
In a small saucepan, bring the chicken broth to a boil. Add the carrot and celery; simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes or until tender. In a large saucepan, saute onion in butter until tender. Stir in the flour and salt until blended. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thick and bubbly. Stir in the carrot and celery mixture. Remove from heat; add cheese and stir until melted.

#### Pineapple Coleslaw

**Ingredients**  
2 cups coleslaw mix  
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained  
1/3 cup shredded carrot  
3 medium radishes, shredded  
1/4 teaspoon celery seed  
1/3 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip

**Directions**  
In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. Add mayonnaise and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

#### Swiss Tuna Melts

**Ingredients**  
1 can (6 ounces) light water-packed tuna, drained & flaked  
3/4 cup shredded Swiss cheese  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
14 cup chopped celery  
Pepper to taste  
8 slices of bread  
2-3 tablespoons butter, softened

**Directions**  
In a bowl, combine the first 7 ingredient. Spread over four slices of bread, about 1/2 cup on each; top with remaining bread. Butter the outsides of sandwiches. On a griddle or in a large skillet over medium heat, grill sandwiches for 4-5 minutes on each side or until lightly toasted.

### LYON COUNTY MUSEUM

#### Museum closed on Labor Day

The Lyon County Museum will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day. There will be no Genealogy Club for the month of September.

#### Veterans Coffee to be held Sept. 1

The next monthly Veterans Coffee at the Lyon County Museum will be at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1.  
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.  
For more information, contact the Lyon County Museum at 507-537-6580.

#### Four LCHS board seats available

The Lyon County Historical Society (LCHS) is currently seeking volunteers to fill four positions on the board of directors for a two-year term.  
The Lyon County Historical Society is governed by a nine-member board of directors. The board of directors meets the third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. every other month.  
The application is available at the Lyon County Museum, by email: [director@lyoncomuseum.org](mailto:director@lyoncomuseum.org), and on the museum's website at [www.lyoncomuseum.org](http://www.lyoncomuseum.org).  
For questions or for more information, contact LCHS Executive Director, Jennifer Andries at 507-537-6580 or [director@lyoncomuseum.org](mailto:director@lyoncomuseum.org).

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Thursday, Aug. 28: Adoration from 5-7 p.m.  
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During this difficult time, we have been reminded of how deeply she was loved and how many lives she touched. We are grateful for each person who has stood beside us, offered comfort, and helped us honor her life.

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Bradley  
Lawrence

1951-2026



Bradley (“Brad”) Reed Lawrence of Payson, AZ, 74, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Aug. 10, 2026.

Brad was born in Redwood Falls, MN, on Aug. 14, 1951, to Carl and Audrey (Meiners) Lawrence. He grew up in Minneota, MN, with an older sister and an older brother. He graduated from Minneota High School with the Class of 1969.

Following in his dad’s and brother’s footsteps, Brad joined the U.S. Navy in 1969 and served our country for four-and-a-half years as an Interior Communications Technician Second Class aboard the Sam Houston, a nuclear-powered ballistic-missile submarine.

After his discharge from the Navy, Brad attended Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, CA, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Scientific and Industrial Photography. Later in his career, he earned his MBA from Colorado State University.

Brad thrived as a sales and business development manager for several companies, primarily marketing semiconductors. His career took him all over the world and allowed him to be part of an industry supporting high-performance technology used in aero-

space, defense, and space exploration.

Over the years, Brad called both Southern and Northern California, as well as Arizona, home. He connected easily with others and maintained longtime friendships wherever he lived. He loved visiting family and friends and attended most of his family and high school reunions in Minnesota over the years. He had a witty, quiet sense of humor and was often the center of attention as a storyteller, sharing tales of his many adventures and endeavors. He also absolutely adored cats, especially rescued ones.

Brad’s hobbies included hiking, photography, playing golf, genealogy—he loved keeping the family’s history alive—volunteering with veteran-related organizations, and traveling the world, both domestically and internationally. Over the years, he enjoyed sports cars and motorcycles, but aviation became his passion. Brad received his pilot’s license in 1979 and thoroughly enjoyed everything about the aviation lifestyle, including his home in an aviation community next to his hangar.

Brad and Carol first met in the 1970s, when Brad was in pilot school with Carol’s first husband, David. Both being from Minnesota, Brad and David became fast friends and stayed in touch until Dave’s passing in 2017. Brad and Carol reconnected through shared grief, fell in love, and married in 2021. Though their years together as husband and wife were too few, the love they shared was rooted in a friendship that had endured for decades. Brad and Carol settled in Payson, AZ soon after marriage where Brad became a prominent figure in the tight knit community. Passionate about volunteering, Brad dedicated much of his retirement to working with multiple veterans’ organizations, including Hospice Companionship for Veterans and the Marine Corps League. Second to his work in the veteran community, Brad also served as an officer in numerous aircraft associations, including the EAA

Chapter 810, in which he took pride in showing young people the world of aviation. The Young Eagles program allowed Brad to share his passion for flying while connecting with local families. Brad had an altruistic spirit and was deeply motivated to make a difference in the lives of others. His passing has left a void in the community, as he is greatly missed.

Brad was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carol Lawrence; his parents; his sister, Sherie Stroklund; and his brother, Larry Lawrence.

Brad is survived by his two stepdaughters, Lindsay (Nick) Kellams and Ashley Wood; sister-in-law, Donna Lawrence; brothers-in-law, Les Stroklund and David Thompson; three nieces, Lisa (Jeff) Bernard, Amy (Mike) Budd, and Amber (Ryan Devine) Lawrence; one nephew, Trevor (Ami) Lawrence; three step grandchildren; other extended family; and good friends. He is also lovingly remembered by Deb Buckner, who became a cherished part of his life.

There will be two gatherings for family and friends to celebrate Brad’s life:

Mountain Bible Church  
302 E. Rancho Rd.  
Payson, AZ 85541  
Friday, September 11, 2026 - 10 a.m.

A special aircraft flyover to honor Brad will occur prior to the service. Please arrive early.

Hope Lutheran Church  
113 S. Jefferson St.  
Minneota, MN 56264  
Friday, October 16, 2026 - 3 p.m. (with visitation starting at 2:30 p.m.)

Richard  
Erickson

1934-2026



Richard L. Erickson, 92, of Minneapolis, MN and formerly of Baxter, MN, and Minneota MN, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 5 at Mount Olivet Careview Home.

The family is holding a memorial service on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN with visitation for one hour prior to the service. A lunch will follow the service at the church and the internment will be at the Mount Olivet West Campus at a later date.

Richard was born Jan. 26, 1934 on his family farm near Gilbert, IA to Lloyd and Josie (Prescott) Erickson. After his graduation from Gilbert High School, Richard attended Waldorf College in Forest City,

IA. While there, he met the love of his life, Mavis Ullestad. Following Waldorf, Richard received his undergraduate degree from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. In December 1956, Richard and Mavis were united in marriage in Thompson, IA. After the wedding they moved to St. Paul, MN and welcomed their first child, Ann, while Richard was finishing his master’s degree from Luther Seminary. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to New Rockford, ND where Richard served as pastor at three local churches and Mavis worked as a nurse at the nursing home. While in New Rockford, their first son, Paul, and second daughter, Rita, were born. In 1963, the family moved to Marseilles, IL where Richard served as pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Mavis worked at a nearby hospital. In 1967, they moved to Belview, MN where Richard served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and Mavis worked at a local hospital. While in Belview, he also attended Minnesota State University Mankato to get his teaching certificate to be a substitute teacher. In 1968, they welcomed their second son, Bruce, to the family.

After six years, the family moved to Minneota, MN where Richard became administrator of the Minneota Manor nursing home and pastor of Hemnes Lutheran Church and Mavis worked at the Manor. Richard was particularly proud of Hemnes for sponsoring a Vietnamese refugee family of six to help them resettle in Minneota. After retiring, Richard and Mavis moved to their lake home in Baxter, MN

and spent winters in Florida.

Richard enjoyed gardening, reading, playing board games, camping, fishing, going to the cabin, attending sporting events, and traveling. He particularly loved being involved in the lives of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was also active in community organizations including Rotary Club, Minneota’s school board and ambulance crew, Minneota’s Long-term Care Association, Big Brother Big Sister program, and others.

Richard is survived by his children, Ann (Dennis) of Kenyon, MN, Paul (Jon) of Minneapolis, Rita (Gabe) of Runnels, IA, and Bruce (Mary) of Roseville, MN; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Rachel (Siddhartha), Ronya (Giang), Josh (Lindsey), Joey (Jenn), Nathan, Ben, Hans, and Lars; great-grandchildren, Rowan, Oscar, Hayden, and Maya; sisters-in-law Karen, Stella, Clara, and Rosella, cousins, and many nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Mavis, an infant daughter, his parents, three brothers, Harold, Jim, and Marvin, three sisters, Lois, Naomi, and Ramona, in infancy, grandson Jeremiah, and several brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Richard was a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is dearly missed. Blessed be his memory. The family wishes for memorials to be directed to Richard’s favorite organizations, Lutheran Social Services or Lutheran World Relief.

Genevieve  
Ahmann

1932-2026



Mass of Christian Burial for Genevieve Ahmann, 94, of Marshall, will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 28 from 4-7 p.m. with a CCW Rosary at 4 p.m. and a Parish Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. at the Horvath Remembrance Center in Marshall. Visitation will continue on Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the Remembrance Center. Interment will follow the

service at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Marshall.

Genevieve Agnes (VanDorpe) Ahmann was born on May 25, 1932, to Camiel and Alma (Bjerkestrand) VanDorpe. She attended St. Edward Catholic School and Minneota High School. After her schooling, she took a waitressing job in Marshall. On July 23, 1955, she was united in marriage to Duane Ahmann at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. The couple made their home and raised their family in Marshall. Genevieve worked at different jobs including many years as a Clerk at the Coast to Coast Store and doing housekeeping at Weiner Memorial Hospital. She was very active in her community and volunteered for many organizations including the Avera Gift Shop, Prairie Home Hospice, Bloodmobile, Catholic Daughters of America, and the VFW Auxiliary. Genevieve enjoyed time with her friends and her family. She belonged to a couple of bridge groups and she was very fond of family gatherings; birthday parties and holiday gatherings.

Genevieve died on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026, at the Avera Morningside Heights Care Center in Marshall due to congestive heart failure.

She is survived by her children Greg (Debra) Ahmann of Marshall, Mike (Denise) Ahmann of Minneota, Al Ahmann of Minneota, Bryan (Julie) Ahmann of Marshall, Doug (Kris) Ahmann of West Haven, UT; grandchildren Josh (Christine) Ahmann, Christopher Ahmann, Abby (Joe) Thostenson, Craig (Candice) Ahmann, Sarah (Greg) Wilwert, Jennifer (Harvey) Klinger, Christina Ahmann, Eric (Abby) Ahmann, Breanna (Andrew) Thompson, Alyssa (Dawsyn) Deutz, Curt (Angel) Ahmann, Nic (Shalee) Ahmann, Justin Ahmann, Kyle (Lyss) Ahmann and Jessi Ahmann, 32 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Duane, son John, grandson Craig and siblings Alice Determan, Ray VanDorpe, Bernice Fry, Delores Sussner, Vincent VanDorpe, and Andrew VanDorpe.

The family wishes to express gratitude for the care provided to Genevieve by the staff of Boulder Estates, Morningside Heights and Prairie Home Hospice.

Arrangements with Horvath Funeral Service.

Thank you to our Gold Sponsors!

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BUG DAYS

SEPTEMBER 11-13

2026

Musical Guests

KAYLA DANIELS MUSIC

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BAR & GRILL

Alan Geiwitz

Schedule of Events

All events take place in Bug Square unless otherwise noted

Friday 9/11

8PM Danica Michaels performs on Main Stage  
Sponsored by City Hall Bar & Grill

Saturday 9/12

Tractor show all day @Minneota Grain Bin

7:30AM Family Fun Run/Walk Registration (Fixen Chiropractic)

8AM Family Fun Run/Walk begins (\$10 recommended donation)

9AM Countryside Golf Club 3 Person Scramble begins

9AM-3PM Craft/Vendor Sale (Veterans Park West Lot)

9AM-3PM Bloody Mary Bar (City Hall Bar & Grill)

9:30AM Sand Volleyball Tournament starts (Countryside Golf Club)

9:30AM Fun Run Prize Drawings (small stage)

10AM-6PM Vietnam Memorial Center Open

10:30AM Kiddie Parade Registration (small stage)

11AM Kiddie Parade (sponsored by Bethel Fellowship)  
Free will donations for school supplies matched by Hope Lutheran endowment fund

11AM-4PM Opera Hall open

11AM Chili Cook-Off Judging

11AM Kids' tractor pull registration (behind Gislason's)

11:30AM Pickleball Tournament begins (Jefferson Street)

11:30AM Chili Tasting

11:30AM Kids' Tractor Pull (behind Gislason's)

12PM Boxelder Bug Races (small stage)

12-6PM FREE inflatables on Jefferson St. courtesy of Alan Geiwitz  
Orion Financial Corporation

12:30PM Coloring Contest Ends (turn in to Bug Hut)—winners announced during coronation

1PM Route 68 Big Band

1PM Minneota Barrel Race and Pole Bending (Silver Spur Arena)

1:30PM Bean Bags Tournament Registration (Hwy 68)

2PM Kayla Daniels

2PM Junior and Adult Bean Bags Tournaments (32 team bracket, 100% cash payout)

2PM Pints, Poppers, and Puzzles

2:30PM Doug Ohman: America 250 Presentation (Opera Hall)

Saturday 9/12

3PM Up South performs

4PM Ali Gray performs

4PM Vietnam Memorial Center Guided Tour

5PM Up South performs

6PM Ali Gray performs

7:30PM Queen Coronation (main stage)

After Coronation: Shove The Bug (behind Gislason's)

9PM Street Dance featuring Casey Muessigmann

Courtesy van rides will be provided Saturday night

Sunday 9/13

8-11AM Firemen's Pancake Breakfast (Fire Hall)

9AM-3PM Bloody Mary Bar (City Hall Bar & Grill)

10AM Community Worship Service

11AM-5PM Vietnam Memorial and History Center Open

11AM-1PM Friends of the Library Pie Sale

11AM Ali Gray's Country Jamboree performs

1PM Grand Parade

After Parade:

-Lawnmower Barrel Racing (Silver Spur Arena)

-Ali Gray's Country Jamboree

-B-Town Bubbles

-Sharon Cartway Carriage Rides

-Captain Jack Sparrow

3PM Golf Ball Roll

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