

SPEECH

Voit, Belaen 1st at Marshall meet

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Minneota's Joe Voit and Thomas Belaen each placed first in their respective category in the Marshall Mini-Spectacular Speech Invitational on Saturday.

All Minneota speech team members placed in the top six at the annual event.

Voit was first in Novice Humor and third in Extemporaneous Speaking. Belaen was first in Storytelling.

"It was a fun day. It has been so great to be back in person and see speeches live," said Minneota coach Kim Gades, referring to last year's virtual competitions due to pandemic restrictions.

Emma Lipinski was second in Novice Humor and third in Prose. Joey Clark was second in Storytelling, while Noah Harms placed fifth in Novice Humor and Cora Fischer finished sixth in Great Speeches.

The tournament consisted of three rounds and a final.

Minneota hosts the next speech meet on Saturday, March 5.



These Minneota speech team members competed in Marshall this past weekend. Left to right, Joey Clark, Cora Fischer, Emma Lipinski, Thomas Belaen, Joe Voit and Noah Harms. All finished in the top six at the meet. Mascot photo by Reba Lipinski



Superintendent's Report

By Minneota Superintendent
Dan Deitte

School Board Recognition Week

The Minneota School District will join school districts throughout the state to salute their local school board members during Minnesota's annual School Board Recognition Week Feb. 21-25.

The commemorative week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Minnesota's school board members, including the Minneota School Board, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Minnesota school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. Statewide, school board members oversee multimillion dollar budgets which fund education programs for more than 893,000 students in more than 2,000 schools. Their personnel decisions affect more than 58,000 teachers and thousands of administrators and support workers.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curriculum, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in our community. We salute the public servants of the Minneota School Board whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible:

- Abby Thostenson, School Board Chair
- Dawn Van Keulen, School Board Vice-Chair
- Terri Myhre, School Board Clerk
- Jeff Buysse, School Board Treasurer
- Carmen Panka, School Board Director
- Ryan Runia, School Board Director
- Tom Skorczewski, School Board Director

Please join us by saying thanks to our school board members during Minnesota's School Board Recognition Week.

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The groups will be offering a variety of music ranging from rock to folk and original compositions.

Darwin and Emily performed during the Opera Hall Old-Fashioned Christmas event this past holiday season. Dyce, who is self-taught on the flute, played several Christmas songs on that instrument while Emily lent her voice to entertain those in attendance. Dyce had formal training in the trumpet that played for 20 years with the Route 68 Big Band, although he no longer plays that instrument.

Dyce posed the idea of a live music venue with SPMH president Wendy Sarazyn, who played piano at the Old-Fashioned Christmas. Sarazyn shared their discussion with the current SPMH board members, who were supportive of the idea.

"Following the Christmas event, I shared with Wendy how impressed I was with the revitalized space (in the Opera Hall) and indicated how fun it would be to bring the community into the space and hear some of our music."

Dyce will also be performing as part of a trio called "Happy to Be Here" at the Artist Opening Display at the SMAC in Marshall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on March 10.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Vikings get top seed in 3A-North

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Minneota received the top seed in the upcoming Section 3A-North tournament.

The Vikings (22-3) will play the winner of No. 8 Lakeview or No. 9 Dawson-Boyd in the quarterfinals at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in Montevideo.

The semifinals are slated for March 1 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Tracy-Milroy-Balaton is the top seed in the south half of Section 3A. Minneota and TMB split their home-and-home series this year, each

winning on its home court. If those teams reached the section title game, it would be played on March 11 at SMSU.

Entering playoffs, Natalie Rolbiecki leads the Vikings in scoring with a 16.1 points-per-game average. McKenna Yost is averaging 13.5 ppg, Ireland Stassen 10.7 ppg, Jeren Rost 6.7 ppg, McKenzie Tolk 4.8 ppg, Kenadi Arndt 4.6 ppg, Grace Hennen 3.7 ppg, and Kennedy Jurens 3.0 ppg.

Minneota's final regular season game at Mayer Lutheran scheduled for Monday, Feb. 21 was rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 23. The Mascot went to press before the start of that game. Results will be printed in

next week's edition.

SECTION 3A-NORTH (First round Feb. 24)

1. #9 Dawson-Boyd at #8 Lakeview, 7 p.m. (Quarterfinals Feb. 26 at Montevideo)
2. Winner-1 vs. #1 Minneota, 11 a.m. (Semifinals March 1 at SMSU)
3. #4 Yellow Medicine East vs. #5 Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, 12:30 p.m.
4. #2 Lac qui Parle Valley vs. #7 Wabasso, 2:30 p.m.
5. #3 Canby vs. #6 MACCRAY, 4 p.m. (Semifinals March 1 at SMSU)
6. Winner-2 vs. Winner-3, 6 p.m.
7. Winner-4 vs. Winner-5, 7:30 p.m. (Final March 4 at SMSU)
8. Winner-6 vs. Winner-7, 8 p.m.

SECTION 3A-SOUTH (First round Feb. 24)

1. #9 Murray County Central at #8

- Adrian-Ellsworth, 7 p.m. (Quarterfinals Feb. 24 at Worthington)
2. Winner-1 vs. #1 Tracy-Milroy-Balaton, 11 a.m.
3. #4 Edgerton vs. #5 Red Rock Central, 12:30 p.m.
4. #2 Southwest Christian vs. #7 Westbrook-Walnut Grove, 2:30 p.m.
5. #3 Hills-Beaver Creek vs. Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda, 4 p.m. (Semifinals March 1 at Worthington)
6. Winner-2 vs. Winner-3, 6 p.m.
7. Winner-4 vs. Winner-5, 7:30 p.m. (Final March 4 at SMSU)
8. Winner-6 vs. Winner-7, 6 p.m.

SECTION 3A (Championship March 11 at SMSU)

9. 3A-North winner vs. 3A-South winner, 5 p.m.



Ask the Chief

By Minneota
Police Chief Bill Bolt

Understanding value

If I asked you, what is the most valuable thing you own, how would you answer? Would you tell me your home, vehicle, or retirement?

I recently had an opportunity to explain to several people that the most valuable thing they own is their good reputation and integrity. Your good reputation is very precious as it is a giant neon sign telling others what they can expect from you and who you are. It also reflects on your family through your family name.

For instance, as I was growing up, I was known as "Cliff's son" or "Bolt's boy" and everything I did reflected on my father and how he raised me. This continues with my children. They are known as "Bill's kids" or "the cop's kid".

Our actions don't just impact us but also impact the reputation of those who raised us. You get to decide what type of reputation you have based upon how you act and treat others. If you lie, you will be known as a liar. If you steal, you will be known as a thief. Do you want a bad reputation? You can blame others for your situation but at the end of the day, your reputation will be impacted by YOUR actions. No one makes you take drugs. No one makes you cheat on a test. No one makes you lie or abuse others.

Good reputations are not given, they are earned. Bad reputations are the same. Reputations can take years to build and seconds to destroy. If you have a good reputation, I encourage you to guard it and build upon it. If you have a bad reputation, you can change it by making better decisions and being a better person.

Life is not easy. Work hard. Be honest. Value your family name. Be an example to others. Own your mistakes. Be quick to apologize and slow to anger. Forgive. What does your reputation say about you?

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Similar to a phone tree, Ben notified his wife, Jan, who then called Rick's daughter, Carolyn, who then called her mother, who had not yet left for Sioux Falls.

"Everyone knew about it before I did," Ruth laughed. "When I got there around 4:15, there were fire trucks, ambulances, pickup trucks and people standing all around the bin."

"It was scary, but I knew Rick was in good hands when I watched the Cottonwood Firemen and First Responders at work. They really knew what they were doing. We are grateful and blessed for the wonderful support Rick was given by those men and women."

The Cottonwood Fire Department personnel had never used the panels before in an actual emergency. They had only practiced with them one time before in an empty bin.

"They really did a great job," Rick said. "Farming is a dangerous job and we are fortunate to have their help."

Rick's vitals were checked by First Responders in the ambulance, and his blood pressure was initially 188/108.

Other than being a little chilled, Rick came out okay. His blood pressure eventually went back to his normal 120/74.

"Praise the lord," Ruth said. "He had an eye on us."

Catholic Daughters offer scholarship

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas local Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 is offering a \$500 scholarship to a 2022 graduating Catholic girl who plans to continue her formal education.

To be eligible, you must be a member of the Holy Redeemer parish or any of the adjacent Catholic parishes that do not have a Catholic Daughter Court.

Applications are available at the Holy Redeemer Parish office or from Lois Novosad, 710 N. 6th Street, Marshall, MN 56258. Completed forms, including letters of recommendations, must be returned to Lois Novosad no later than April 15.

For more information, call 507-532-5236.

From the Mascot Kitchen

Cherry Coffee Cake

This is an easy coffee cake to make with just a few ingredients. A delicious dessert to serve guests.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. In a large bowl, beat together the sugar, eggs and oil. Add flour, baking powder and salt and mix well. Spread half of the batter in a greased 9 x 13 baking pan. Spoon pie filling on top and spread evenly. Spread remaining half of batter on top and spread evenly. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Performer of the Week

Joe Voit
Sophomore

Voit placed first in Novice Humor and third in Extemporaneous Speaking at the Marshall Mini-Spectacular Speech Meet on Saturday.

Congratulations, Joe!

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MORE INFO: Paul or Deb @ 507-694-1708