



STEELE COUNTY Times



It could have been the real thing



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie firefighter Lee Holtberg allows students and staff of the Blooming Prairie Elementary School to re-enter the building after completing a successful fire drill. Seven Blooming Prairie firefighters performed drills at the elementary school and high school on Tuesday, Oct. 11 as part of Fire Prevention Week.

“Unexpected obstacles are the reasons drills are performed”

— John Worke

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It could have been the real thing but thankfully it was only a fire drill.

Students and staffs at both the Blooming Prairie Elementary School and the Blooming Prairie High School exited their buildings quickly and smoothly on Tuesday morning, Oct. 11 in drills organized by the BP Fire Department.

The drills were scheduled as part of Fire Prevention Week. Elementary students were also busy last week, creating fire prevention posters. Cash prizes are given to students in three grade categories: K-1, 2-3 and 4-5. The contest is sponsored by the Minnesota Fire Chiefs Association,

Local fire marshals Joe Morgan and Justin Krell said they were “very pleased” with the effectiveness of the drills. Seven firemen participated in the drills. Four fire trucks and a Blooming Prairie police car were dispatched to the two schools.

Firemen entered both schools and blocked entrances/exits to make the drill more realistic, Morgan and Krell said. a stairwell on the northeast side of the elementary school was blocked, forcing students and staff to find another exit on the northeast side. The main entrance of the high school was blocked.

These drills are just that and are spontaneous as to how the fire department blocked out certain entrances/exits forcing students and staff to choose another alternative exit.

Elementary School principal Chris Staloch and high school principal John Worke both reported exit times of one minute and 15

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Steele County Historical Society announces annual meeting

Moving Forward, Making History

The Steele County Historical Society (SCHS) announces “Moving Forward, Making History”, the theme for the 2016 Annual Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Steele County History Center, 1700 Austin Road, Owatonna.

The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm. In addition to the business meeting, attendees

will hear a presentation of the year in review, as well as awards, including Volunteer of the Year, Tour Guide of the Year, and Business and Community Partners of the Year.

This year’s menu options include: Windsor Smoked Pork Chop with a Brandy Raisin Glaze or Wild Rice Stuffed Chicken Breast with

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Responding to domestic abuse

By SAMANTHA AHRENS

In early 2016, Laura Isenor, Assistant Steele County Attorney, and I formed the Steele County Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team in an effort to have a consistent and coordinated response to domestic violence cases throughout the system. We work together to emphasize offender accountability and rehabilitation, as well as the safety of victims and the

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Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Steele County Sheriff's Posse members Jodie Briant, left, and Mary Delzer lead Lewis Luedtke, who played a “bad guy,” out of the woods between their horses during a training session Saturday morning outside of Medford. About 20 posse members and special deputies took part in the special training.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Sheriff's volunteer groups practice searching skills

“It brings us a real life situation so that we know what we’re doing and how to do it.”

— Tine Donahue
Sheriff's Posse Member

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

On some rugged terrain located just south of Medford, sheriff's posse members on horseback and others on foot searched for clues to find a missing child Saturday morning.

It wasn't a real emergency, however. The volunteer groups with the Steele County Sheriff's Office were practicing their search and rescue skills just in case they are needed for the real thing some day.

Sheriff Lon Thiele brought his special deputies, who are unlicensed officers, and the mounted posse to Medford Sand and Gravel for several hours of training. Both groups are volunteers who can be utilized in emergency situations to help licensed deputies.

For Tine Donahue, who is a member of the mounted posse, the exercise was a good opportunity to reinforce other training she has received in the past. “It brings us a real life situation so that we know what we’re doing and how to do it,” she said.

Donahue said Saturday's training specifically taught her teamwork with her partners. She also picked up awareness and observation skills that could be valuable if she's ever called upon in a real

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Pedestrian killed

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A 20-year-old man who was walking home after working the overnight shift at a local restaurant was killed Friday morning in Owatonna.

Police identified the victim as Mackale J. Simanski-Sturges of Owatonna. He had just gotten off work at Perkin's restaurant when he was hit by a 5-axle tractor-tanker at the intersection of Riverside Avenue and West North Street. A patrol officer discovered the crash at 6:35 a.m.

According to police, the tractor-tanker driven by Thomas J. David, 56, of rural Kenyon, was turning

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Our view

Turn it off and tune into life

Back in the early 1900s, if the power went off, someone would strike a match, light a candle and go about their business. Today the power goes off and someone strikes a match, lights a cigarette and can't do any business.

We have tethered ourselves to technology. It has become the drug of choice for the modern world, and everyone jumped in with both feet until nobody can exist without it. The world is addicted. Everyone is at its mercy.

And not only at its mercy, but in danger from those who have invaded an intimacy that this drug promised to protect. And like the early mob activities of the past century, there is an ever increasing need to pay for protection.

The government is spending \$12 billion dollars a year on cybersecurity and it's not nearly enough. The cyber attacks have increased and include hacks on everything from President Obama's schedule to staff emails from top security personnel at the Pentagon.

And what about those right here in small town America? The average Joe. There are spam attacks every day dropped like dirty bombs into Grandma and Uncle Arthur's spam folders and the new daily viruses and malware are increasing at a rate that cyber cops can't keep up with or that you can't pay enough to stop.

The cyber companies are thriving on the addiction of the world and sending forth their strong armed fear based messages through an impenetrable firewall.... to you – as a personal message. "Warning, your computer may be infected."

Words that send shudders and cold chills down the spine of an addict that is afraid to lose something he can not live without. People of another generation actually lived and loved and laughed and existed without being tethered to an all consuming technology.

Where there was no computer, there was a notebook and a pencil. Where there was no Kindle, there was a hard covered classic novel. Where there was no television, there was nature. Where there were no cars, there were horses. And where there were no Kardashians, people made due with their own lives. Some people know more today about what's going on in Hollywood than what's going on in the room across the hall.

The generations before us succeeded because they had back up plans. Simple perhaps, but nevertheless, back up plans. No lights – they refused to be held captive by the technology they created. They had matches and candles.

What kind of society is held captive to something that holds them hostage because they had no back door in the master plan? What kind of a people jump into new things without a trouble shooting guide? Everyone was so excited about the new shiny train. The time saving device. The ease of it all. The pleasure it could bring. But it's a run-away. And there are no plans as to how to shut it down or control it without doing away with life as we know it.

Perhaps one day everyone will have to go and take classes from the Amish. Perhaps it will be the simple that teach the lessons of how to live again without shackles. And perhaps... it's closer to being a reality than one would think.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

It likely comes as no surprise to most that there is a lot of brokenness going on in our families these days.

It seems like there is something lurking around every corner that tries to destroy our family system.

Divorce rates are soaring, poverty is on the rise, children are neglected and abused, parents struggle to raise kids and make ends meet, domestic violence wounds family systems and the list goes on. Many of us are let to bumble our way through life to try and pick up the broken pieces.

Unfortunately, brokenness in the journey of life seems to be as common as getting up in the morning. But I believe we have the opportunity as families, even in patterns of brokenness, to become unbroken. Simply it's what we do with our lives and how we handle the stressors and brokenness that truly defines who the kind of person we are.

One unique way that our family has made a commitment to keeping in touch with each other is through

Bringing family together during special game

family game nights. Our family kicked off a new season of game nights last Saturday. They will continue at least once a month, sometimes more, through the winter months.

My youngest daughter loves game nights. She loads up a laundry basket of board games and card games and off we head to another family member's house for an evening of games, food and lots of laughter. It's by far one of the cheapest date nights out there.

Some of our favorite games are Apples to Apples, Rook, Phase 10, Uno Attack, Scattergories, Taboo, Life and Sorry.

The electronic devices are tossed aside and everyone gets their hands entrenched in whatever game we choose to play. I still believe cell phones and the like are the root of very little good, but I'll save that discussion for another time.

What makes our game nights so much fun is that we have all ages involved from as young as 9 years old to 82.

When I was a child, I remember having a game night on New Year's Eve every year. We escorted the new year in with lots of hilarious games like "Honey

do you love me?" played in a large circle of people all together at once. To this day, I have many fond memories of those New Year's Eves.

While my daughter likely doesn't realize it yet, the best part of the night really has nothing to do with the games. I hope we are instilling in her the value of family and how important it is to get together and have fun.

Family is the single most important influence in a child's life. From their first moments of life, children depend on parents and family to protect them and provide for their needs.

When a family shares principles and values, they grow together. The home and family become a foundation for the family's shared sense of purpose.

It doesn't have to be a game night, but I encourage families to find something that will bring them together-- for the sake of our families.

In a world of turmoil and uncertainty, it is more important than ever that families go in hot pursuit of finding ways to keep the family unit together.

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Making rosettes is tricky business



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Judy Bishop is the leader of the rosette pack at First Lutheran Church, in preparation for the annual lutefisk dinner Oct. 18. She led a crew of about 25 who worked with rosette making, the rosettes being served to customers as part of a dessert tray.

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

I had a crazy dream the other night. I was dreaming that I was being attacked by a GIANT rosette. That GIANT rosette put its marks all over me. Oh yeah, I was being sprinkled with sugar.

Why did I dream something that silly? Oh, it had to be the power of reality.

Earlier in the day, I had been part of a team of Blooming Prairie First Lutheran Church volunteers who were making rosettes, a cookie-like pastry of Scandinavian origin, for the annual First Lutheran Church Lutefisk Dinner to be held on Oct. 18.

Waking up, and tuning into sheer reality, I couldn't help but be amazed at the strength of the volunteer network at First Lutheran Church.

For years I have been told by my sister-in-law Cindi Hansen and brother-in-law Darrell Hansen about the huge lutefisk dinner served in Blooming Prairie.

At one time, the dinner drew nearly

2000 hungry customers. That number has declined over the years as has been the case with many lutefisk dinners throughout Minnesota. The number is now around 1400 consumers and this is still very respectful.

I'm not a stranger to lutefisk dinners. First of all, let me clarify that I am no stranger to the dinners not because of my love for lutefisk . . . which I don't have. . . but because I worked many dinners served by Faith Lutheran Church in Forest Lake. I managed to stay out of the kitchen and handled ticket sales and seating of customers. The Faith Lutheran dinners currently draw about 600, a much smaller number than in Blooming Prairie.

Let me get back to the rosette experience. Just the thought of lutefisk scrambles my brain. Oh yah, I must provide a disclaimer and say I have no malice against the many Scandinavians who consume the fish in large amounts.

My wife Judy drafted me to help with the rosette experience. There are, of course, many other preparations to be

made before the dinner can be served. There are special work days for making rosettes, krumkake, a special time for peeling potatoes and a time to make meatballs, and the cranberry salad.

Judy Bishop has been the organizer of the rosette making for years. She has a rosette bible that lists her volunteers and a strategic plan of attack.

"Our goal is to make 1600 rosettes," Judy told volunteers who showed up near the noon hour.

Judy, Becky Broaten and my wife Judy showed up a few hours earlier to start preparing for the work crew. I just planned to drop Judy off for her work assignment. That work assignment also voluntarily became my work assignment.

Judy's major task was to help Judy B. with making the rosette batter. Because of the excellent tutelage, Judy L. became an instant success as batter preparer. She made 24 double batches of the batter.

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Second Front

Feedlot lawsuit gains more momentum



“Dodge County has glossed over its own requirements that it considers known threats to the environment and public health.”

— Kevin Lee

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

The embattled feedlot controversy involving Blooming Prairie area farmers is gaining more momentum as a coalition of the nation’s leading environmental, public health and animal protection groups have joined the legal fight.

Several groups have joined a lifelong family farmer’s legal efforts to address what they

allege are negative impacts associated with factory farms. Lowell and Evelyn Trom of rural Blooming Prairie initiated the legal action more than two years ago to protect their land, home, health, livelihoods and the future of their family on a generational farm where Trom was born 87 years ago.

In an unprecedented action last week, professionals affiliated with John Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, the Minnesota Center for En-

vironmental Advocacy, Environment Minnesota, Food and Water Watch, The Humane Society of the United States and Animal Legal Defense Fund filed briefs with the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

The appeals court is considering an appeal of a Dodge County District Court ruling that upheld Dodge County’s issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Masching Swine Farms for a hog feedlot on property adjacent to the Troms in Westfield Township.

The groups have volunteered their time to help inform the court about the multiple dangers posed by industrial-scale corporate factory animal-production operations like the facility at issue in the Trom case. Dodge County’s approval of the Masching facility paves the way for the 11th industrial-scale factory livestock operation to locate within a 3-mile radius of the Trom farm.

According to faculty and researchers affiliated with John Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, there are substantial public health impacts from air emissions, including hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, particulate matter, endotoxins and methane. Additionally, disease-causing bacteria, viruses and other pathogens can be found in animal manure and can be transferred to people through fecal-oral transmission and exposure to contaminated air, drinking water and recreational water, they allege.

“In approving this factory farm, Dodge County has glossed over its own requirements that it considers known threats to the environment and public health,” said Kevin Lee, attorney with Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. “This facility alone will produce more fecal waste than the entire human population of Dodge, and there are

hundreds of others in the county. Much of the waste will ultimately run off into the Mississippi River and to the Gulf of Mexico. Unless Dodge officials abide by their own rules, the situation only promises to worsen.”

John Rumpler, clean water program director for Environment Minnesota, said massive amounts of manure from industrial-scale hog operations are a persistent threat to Minnesota’s rivers and streams. “If local officials choose to take on the responsibility of issuing permits for operations like the Masching’s, then they must be held accountable to protect our water,” he said.

The misuse of antibiotics from factory farms steams from their disregard of animals’ basic needs, disregard for the health and safety of workers and disregard for the communities they operate in, according to Michael Greger,

director of public health and animal agriculture at the Humane Society of the United States. “This practice of continuous, herd-wide drugging has created a threat so significant that the United Nations General Assembly, acting for the fourth time ever on a public health issue, recently called antibiotic resistance a most urgent global risk,” Greger said.

Added Stephen Wells, executive director of the Animal Legal Defense Fund: “Factory farms are filthy, germ-ridden places, so it’s not surprising that the meat industry has overused antibiotics to the point of rendering them useless against some of the most pressing public health crises of our time.”

Wells said, “It’s time for consumers to reject this model, which not only disregards animal suffering, but also profoundly endangers public health.”

Former BP graduate honored with chaplain leadership award



The Rev. Laurie Peterson Jeddelloh of Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, Colo. received the 2016 Outstanding Local Leadership Award from the Association of Professional Chaplains in June. She grew up in the Blooming Prairie area.

A Colorado pastor who grew up in the Blooming Prairie area has been awarded a top chaplain leadership award.

The Rev. Laurie Peterson Jeddelloh of Aurora, Colo. received the 2016 Outstanding Local Leadership Award from the Association of Professional Chaplains in June.

The honor is given to a member of the APC who exhibits outstanding dedication to the association and promotes professional chaplaincy through active involvement and initiative at the local or regional level.

Pastor Jeddelloh credits Blooming Prairie for giving her a great start on her life journey.

“I believe APC is the largest international, multi-faith

organization of board certified chaplains, so this was quite an honor for me,” Jeddelloh said, noting she received the award with another chaplain colleague. “We both work with a lot of community projects and student supervision in our hospitals, plus together run a semi-annual large conference for chaplains in Colorado.”

Jeddelloh is the Director of Pastoral Care at Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, Colo.

She is a 1978 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School. Jeddelloh graduated from Luther College in 1982 and Luther Seminary in 1986. She is the daughter of Louise Peterson of rural Austin and the late Richard Peterson.

Death appears to be accidental

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west from Riverside Avenue onto West North Street. Police said Simanski-Sturges was in the roadway, but not seen by David.

After the crash, police officers and Gold Cross Ambulance provided emergency treatment to Simanski-Sturges. He was transported to Owatonna Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

David is employed by Atlas Materials, which is a branch of Cemstone Concrete Materials. Police reported that David and company officials are cooperating with the investigation.

Capt. Jeff Mundale said the death appears to be accidental, but remains under investigation by local police with assistance from the Minnesota State Patrol.

Pedestrian crashes in Minnesota were at their highest level last year since 2008, according to crash facts from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. In 2015, 41 pedestrians were killed and 904 were injured. Men are at greater risk as they accounted for 68 percent of all pedestrian fatalities in the state in 2015, the report shows.

Promoting peace

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public. Our CCR team is made up of individuals from several entities, including the County Attorney’s Office, Probation Services, Law Enforcement, Child Protection, community members, school Social Workers, the Crisis Resource Center, and South Central Human Relations Center, among many others. We meet on a monthly basis to better educate ourselves and to work to fill in the gaps of the system regarding our response to domestic violence.

One of our focuses is child abuse and the effects domestic violence has on children. If something seems to be off about a child, like the way they are acting, their dress, appetite, and bruises or marks, report it. In

the system, we are mandated reports, but there are only so many of us, and we do not always have contact with these children. The community needs to get to a point where we decide enough is enough and get involved. While there are currently some gaps in the system, continuing to report for these children will help us learn where those gaps are so we can fill them and get the children and families the help they need to become a healthy, violence free family unit.

Samantha Ahrens is a domestic violence probation officer at the Steele County Probation Services and a member of the Steele County Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team.

Volunteers train for search and rescue

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emergency.

During last weekend’s training, 11 posse members and eight special deputies fanned out over 150 acres of rolling land that included hills, gullies, ravines and even a man-made swimming area. The property also includes a girl scouts’ campground with walking trails that has been abandoned for several years. Owners Don and Sue Redman allowed the groups full access to their property for the important training.

Sheriff Thiele utilized the county’s mobile emergency command center for the training.

As the groups conducted dif-

ferent types of searches, including strip, spiral and grid, they used their police radios to call in clues they found along the way. At one point, they found a pair of “bad guys” hiding in the woods and had to detain them while they called for help from regular deputies that was quite a distance away.

The mounted posse members led the “bad guys” out of the woods by holding unto their hands while walking in between a pair of horses.

Sheriff Thiele said he threw in different variables during the training to “keep my teams sharp and crisp with their skills.”

The volunteer groups, Thiele said, are used on average twice a year for different situations. A few years back they were called to help with tracking down a violent offender on the run in the southwestern corner of the county. “The horses were able to go through the terrain so much better,” he noted.

Thiele says the volunteers have “enormous value” to the sheriff’s office. “When I have the ability to contact a dozen people for a call, that’s valuable to me,” he said.

Posse members, for example, can usually respond to an emergency within an hour and a half

with their horses, according to Thiele. “They are all volunteers working different jobs,” he said. “It works out really nice to utilize them the way we do.”

For members like Donahue, they like to volunteer and ride their horse. “It’s the camaraderie and giving back to the community,” Donahue said.

Redman appreciates the efforts of the sheriff and his groups at improving their overall skills for the betterment of the public. “These guys do a good job and they’re needed in the county,” Redman said. “They’re an unpaid group that deserves a lot of credit,” he added.

Drills scheduled as part of Fire Prevention Week

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Four Blooming Prairie Fire Department trucks were dispatched to the school during a fire drill on Tuesday morning, Oct. 11. With the sounding of a fire alarm, students and staff were asked to depart the building in a safe manner. Some of the entrances/exits were blocked, forcing a different plan.

seconds.

“We are usually under a minute but with the blocked exits, it took a little longer to vacate the building, said Worke. He said a few doors were left open because the room was vacant and one entrance was limited due to some items partially blocking the doorway.

Unexpected obstacles are the reasons drills are performed, Worke said. “We remind staff to know where all the students are in the classroom; many times students may be in the bathroom, in the library, in the computer lab, or getting extra help from a teacher.

Principal Staloch said teachers do a “good job” in explaining the drill to students as they are departing the building and finding sanctuary across the street from the school.

Krell and Morgan said the main objective of the drill is to get people out of the building quickly and also to record accurate head counts. “We actually held back a few students at the high school to make the drill more realistic,” Morgan said. This forced staff to check every room.

It is important that all students are located and identified, Worke said.

The Blooming Prairie Fire Department participates in one drill a year. Students and staffs or both schools participate in five mandated drills during the school year.

Moving Forward, Making History

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Chardonnay Cream, and will include garlic mashed potatoes, fresh green beans, fall greens salad with herbed vinaigrette, French rolls, and assorted cake.

“This has been an exciting year at the SCHS, with creative new programming, exhibit planning for the future, expanded children’s programming and more” said Kim Purscell, Executive Director. “We are looking forward to an evening of great food, celebration, and

fellowship”.

To reserve a spot make a reservation online at www.eventbrite.com, via the Facebook event, with the RSVP card in the SCHS newsletter or by stopping in the History Center. Reservations must be received by November 3rd. The cost is \$20 per person. Space is limited. For more information about the annual meeting or the SCHS, call 507.451.1420.

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Simple maintenance tips to keep your ride running

Motor vehicles are sizable investments that, for many people, trail only homes and educations in terms of the biggest expenses they will ever have. So it's in drivers' best interests to take every step possible to protect their investments and keep their vehicles running smoothly as long as possible. While knowledgeable mechanics can be invaluable resources, drivers can take several minor, simple steps to keep their cars running smoothly for years to come.

- Perform weekly visual inspections. Few drivers take the time to look at their vehicles once those vehicles lose their new car luster.

But visual inspections can help drivers find problems that, though minor, may impact their vehicles' performance. For example, a routine examination of vehicle tires can indicate if those tires are properly inflated. Poorly inflated tires can decrease fuel efficiency and affect the overall safety of a vehicle. If tires appear flat, check their pressure and inflate them to the levels listed in your owner's manual.

- Look for fluid leaks. Another telltale and easily identifiable sign that a vehicle needs some maintenance is the sight of fluids beneath the car. If you notice puddles or stains beneath where you normally park your car,

your vehicle may be leaking fluids. Note the color and consistency of the fluid and then call your mechanic to determine which fluid is leaking and how to fix the problem.

- Stick to manufacturer-recommended maintenance schedules. Whether your vehicle is brand new or has some tread on its tire, consult the owner's manual for manufacturer recommendations with regard to changing fluids and replacing filters. Many recent models can now be driven roughly 5,000 miles before they need an oil change, but check your owner's manual for the guidelines established by your vehicle's manufacturer, and adhere to

that schedule religiously. If you drive an older car, recognize that the vehicle may benefit from more frequent oil changes and tuneups.

In addition, read the manual for additional guidelines, such as how often to replace the air filter, headlight, turn signal and brake lamps, windshield wipers, and other vehicle parts that can wear down over time.

- Look under the hood as well. While many drivers feel that the area beneath their vehicles' hoods is best left to the professionals, you can still lift up the hood every so often to see if there are any glaring problems that demand attention. Inspect rubber belts for signs of wear and tear, and know that such belts may need to be replaced every 50,000 miles or even more frequently depending on your driving habits. Lifting the hood is also necessary when checking fluid levels, which you should check periodically and before and after any long trips.

Drivers who notice or suspect damage when performing simple vehicle maintenance should bring these concerns to the attention of their mechanics as soon as possible.



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These dog breeds are especially compatible with seniors

Pets often make ideal companions. They are around when a person needs support, they can provide protection for those living alone, they're always willing to lend an ear to problems, and many tend to offer unconditional love. Seniors facing an empty nest or the loss of a spouse may find pets can buoy their spirits. Studies have shown that seniors can benefit both mentally and physically from having a pet around. Pets can alleviate anxiety, depression and boredom.

While pets can provide comfort and companionship, they remain a significant responsibility. Seniors should find an animal that will fit in with their lifestyles. This is an important consideration for those seniors who travel frequently or have mobility issues. In addition, men and women living in senior communities or assisted living facilities should determine if there are any pet restrictions in place. Those seniors who have



The loyalty and intelligence of Schnauzers makes them ideal companions.

decided that a dog will be the best fit can choose among several breeds that may be a good match for

their needs. When selecting a dog, consider both size and temperament. Smaller dogs tend to be easier to

handle and will need less maintenance. They are easily carried and won't take as long to bathe and groom. Smaller dogs also consume less food than larger breeds, reducing the expense of dog food and the hassle of wrangling large, heavy bags of chow. Temperament is also important, as some breeds tend to be more easygoing than others. Larger breeds may be preferable to a smaller breeds, which tend to be hyperactive. However, always remember there are pros and cons to each breed, and each dog will demonstrate his own personality traits. The following are some dogs that can be especially compatible with seniors.

* Pug: Equally playful and willing to be a lap dog, the pug requires little exercise and grooming. The breed is typically nonaggressive and submissive. Pugs are good-natured and playful; they don't often bark and are easy to train.

* Shih Tzu: The Shih Tzu lives for attention,

but this breed can be dominant and difficult to train. The Shih Tzu will be alert to its surroundings and, despite its small stature, can be a good watchdog.

* Pomeranian: Pomeranians look like big balls of fur and can bring a smile to an owner's face. The breed tends to be perky, can display dominance and can be difficult to train. Because Pomeranians can be dog-aggressive, they may be best as the only pet in the house.

* Yorkshire terrier: The Yorkie is a diminutive breed in size only, as they tend to have exuberant personalities that dwarf their stature. The ideal lap dog, Yorkies want to lie around and lounge, though some do like to bark. If the fur is kept short in a "puppy cut," the dog can be easy to maintain.

* Pembroke Welsh Corgi: This medium-sized dog hails from Wales and typically requires only

moderate exercise and little grooming. They are easy to train and moderately dominant. They don't bark excessively, and they often get along with other dogs.

* Schnauzer: Available in three sizes, Schnauzers are good companions and protectors. This is an intelligent and loyal breed and will need to be kept amused to stave off boredom.

* Brussels Griffon: These dogs do not shed, but they will require professional grooming at least once every 3 months. If socialized early, the Griffon can be a good companion but will likely remain wary of strangers. They are good watchdogs and devoted to their owners.



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Big winnings for Steele County



Leah Barner poses with her winnings from the Minnesota state lottery. She won \$50,000 on a Gold Rush scratch ticket.

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Two Steele County residents have come up as big winners in the Minnesota Lottery in recent weeks.

“Dad, have you ever seen anything like this?” Owatonna resident Leah Barner asked while showing her father a \$50,000 Gold Rush scratch ticket.

Barner had uncovered a \$50,000 win on the ticket. “He said, ‘Let me get my glasses—\$50 ... \$50,000?!—No, no I have not.’”

Barner said she always believed that she would win a big prize, but when she finally did, “I was thinking, ‘Oh, okay, for real?’ I was in total disbelief.”

Barner claimed the prize at

the Lottery’s headquarters in Roseville on Sept. 16.

She purchased the winning ticket at Kwik Trip in Dodge Center.

Gerald Oxley of Blooming Prairie is the other recent big winner from the county. Oxley won \$5,000 playing the Big Money game.

He claimed the prize on Oct. 12. Casey’s General Store in Blooming Prairie sold the winning ticket.

Lottery players have won more than \$6.5 billion. All Minnesotans are winners because more than \$2.6 billion in lottery proceeds have helped the state, including \$1 billion for the environment and another \$1.5 billion for education, public safety and health and human services.

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ROSETTES: from page 2A

“The recipe is simple and just involves flour, water, eggs, salt, sugar and some vanilla,” Judy B said.

As soon as some batter was made, the frying could begin. I didn’t realize there were so many variables involved in this project. An iron is heated to a high temperature (375 degrees) in oil, dipped into the batter, then re-immersed in a hot oil to make a crisp shell around the metal.

The iron is immediately removed and the rosette is separated from the iron. The rosettes made by all the fryers are then dipped into sugar by another work crew.

The perfect rosette is made when one taps the iron with a fork and the pastry falls onto a paper toweling.

The un-synchronized tapping reminds one of the tapping done at a bridal table when the bride and groom are encouraged to kiss. “Bring a hammer,” one of the fryers said in jest.

Once in awhile, and hopefully, not too often, the batter sticks to the iron. That’s a real mess. Just ask my frying partner, Linda Knutson. She and I were two “newbies” and had to be coached and cheered on by Becky Braaten and Judy Bishop.

Then, I looked over at Dort Trom, Bev Hoveland, Marlys Schmeling, Carol Kruckeberg, Jennifer Milton and first-timer Cindi Hansen. They were all producing a high number of quality rosettes, maybe 2 to 1 for what I was producing. The rosette makers were indeed polished at their vocation for the day.

I graduated from doing a single iron to a double iron later in the day (after Dort left for the day and left me a double iron). It worked much better but I was still discouraged when I saw a reject tray that contained some of the creations I had made. Overall, 1800 rosettes were made to be served as dessert and also to be sold at the church on lutefisk day.

It definitely takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to make a successful lutefisk dinner at First Lutheran Church. I am proud to say that I saw that volunteer base in action and was part of it.

Now, as I prepare for bedtime, I just hope I do not get swallowed up by a GIANT fish.

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Tickets are on sale at Kottke's, Insty Prints Owatonna, and Owatonna City Administration Offices at a cost of \$15.00. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, November 14th (A reminder Kottke's is not open on Mondays).

Questions, please contact Sandra McConn-Halla at 213-6080.

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4:45 p.m. BP Boys N Girls Club Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. B.P. Ambulance Commission Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 19

10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time

Monday, Oct. 24

6:30 p.m. Fire Relief Association Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 25

BP Card Club & Luncheon
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
6 p.m. BPBL Book Club
7 p.m. Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 26

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Wednesday, Oct. 19

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Thursday, Oct. 20

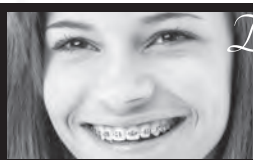
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Room

Monday, Oct. 24

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Thursday, Oct. 20

The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior
Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

Monday, Oct. 24

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OWATONNA

Tuesday, Oct. 18

9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
10 a.m. OPL So Many Books... So Little Times Book
Club

4:30 p.m. OPL Board Meeting, Gainey Room

7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers,
City Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 19

4 p.m. Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall

Thursday, Oct. 20

2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films

6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time

Friday, Oct. 21

7 p.m. Reformers Unanimous, Bridges of Hope
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Monday, Oct. 24

4 p.m. Owatonna Housing & Redevelopment Authority,
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Tuesday, Oct. 25

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Finals

10:30 a.m. Story Time

3:45 p.m. Book Pals (3rd & 4th Grade) ALPL

5:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

6 p.m. Nonfiction Book Club, ALPL

6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Finals

End of 1st Quarter (39 Days)

2 p.m. Intro to the Internet, ALPL

Thursday, Oct. 20

Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time

10:30 a.m. Music & Movement, ALPL

2 p.m. MEA BINGO!, ALPL

4 p.m. Friends Book Sale - Members Only Night, City
Center Garage

5:30 p.m. Council Workshop

6 p.m. Night Time Story Time, ALPL

Friday, Oct. 21

Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

12 p.m. Friends Book Sale, City Center Garage, ALPL

6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr,
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Saturday, Oct. 22

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9 a.m. Friends Book Sale - Bag Sale! - City Center
Garage, ALPL

6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr,
Albert Lea

Sunday, Oct. 23

2 p.m. UFOs of the Midwest with Author Terry Fisk, ALPL

Monday, Oct. 24

Begin Quarter 2

10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time

3:45 p.m. Book Pals (Gr. 5 & 6) ALPL

7 p.m. City Council

7 p.m. Financial Aid Night, Room E113, ALHS

AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Tuesday, Oct. 18

10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -
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10 a.m. Hearth and Home: The History of SPAM,
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3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym,
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6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen
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7 p.m. Austin Artist Series: Dallas Brass, Knowlton
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Wednesday, Oct. 19

10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -
Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch, Austin
ArtWorks Center

12 p.m. A Talk with TED - The Puzzle of
Motivation, Austin ArtWorks Center

12 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Austin
Armory

12 p.m. Picnic in the Lot, Mower County Senior
Center

5:30 p.m. Writing Memoirs and Personal Stories
#6 - Revising and Editing Your Story, and Volunteer
Story Concert, Austin ArtWorks Center

6:30 p.m. Adult Hockey, Riverside Arena

Thursday, Oct. 20

10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -
Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch, Austin
ArtWorks Center

3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym,
M / HS Gym

4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave
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4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in
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4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers' Market, Corner of
Broadway and Main Street, Downtown LeRoy

6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to
change)

Friday, Oct. 21

9 a.m. Garden Spot Market, 106 W Main St,
Brownsdale

9 a.m. Volunteer Appreciation, Mower County
Senior Center

10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -
Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch, Austin
ArtWorks Center

11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House

11:30 a.m. Tater Time, Mower County Senior
Center

2 p.m. Fall Break Kids Event: "Drive in Movie",
Austin Public Library

2 p.m. Jewelry Making Class, Mower County
Senior Center

5:15 p.m. Bingo, Austin VFW

7 p.m. Austin ArtWorks Open Jam Session, Austin
ArtWorks Center

Saturday, Oct. 22

9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave E

9 a.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in
front of Shopko

10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -
Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch, Austin
ArtWorks Center

10 a.m. Exploring Abstract Art with Watercolor &
Acrylic, Austin ArtWorks Center

10:30 a.m. Kids Studio - Clay, Austin ArtWorks
Center

3 p.m. Public Skate, Riverside Arena

7 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Officers Association Fall
Country Western Show, Knowlton Auditorium

7 p.m. 2016 Caravan du Nord, Historic Paramount
Theatre

8 p.m. Sola Fide Observatory Viewing, Sola Fide
Observatory

Sunday, Oct. 23

12 p.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery Show
- Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch,
Austin ArtWorks Center

1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling
Room, Weight Room

2:15 p.m. Public Skate, Riverside Arena

3:45 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena

Monday, Oct. 24

Lyle Lion's Club Meeting

11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House

4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave
East

4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in
front of Shopko

5:15 p.m. Bingo, Austin VFW

7:15 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena

Tuesday, Oct. 25

10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -
Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch, Austin
ArtWorks Center

11:30 a.m. Chef Jack's Fall Harvest Luncheon,
Mower County Senior Center

12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods
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3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym,
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4 p.m. Our Family Matters: Advance Planning - 7
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Wednesday, Oct. 26

10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -
Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch, Austin
ArtWorks Center

11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House

5 p.m. 2016 Best Bartender Competition, Hormel
Historic Home

6:30 p.m. Adult Hockey, Riverside Arena

7 p.m. National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer
Support Group, First Congregational Church,
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How much does an average funeral and body burial cost? I need to make funeral arrangements for my aunt, who's terminally ill, and would like to have a cost idea going in so I can plan and budget appropriately.
The Executor

Dear Executor,

It definitely pays to know what charges to expect when pre-planning a funeral. Most people don't have a clue, and can often be upsold thousands of dollars worth of extra services you may not want or need. Here's a breakdown of what you can expect.

Funeral Prices

The first thing you need to be aware of is that funeral costs will vary considerably depending on your geographic location, the funeral home you choose and the funeral choices you make. With

that said, here's a breakdown of what an average funeral costs, nationwide, according to recent data from the National Funeral Directors Association.

Professional services fee: This is a basic non-declinable fee that covers the funeral provider's time, expertise and overhead. \$2,000

Transfer of the remains: This is for picking up the body and taking it to the funeral home. \$310.

Embalming and body preparation: Embalming is usually mandatory for open-casket viewing, otherwise it's not required unless the body is going to be transported across state lines. Embalming costs \$695. Other body preparations, which includes hairdressing and cosmetics runs \$250.

Funeral viewing and ceremony: If the viewing and funeral ceremony is at the funeral home, you'll be charged

for use of the chapel and any necessary staff. Costs: \$420 for viewing, and \$495 for funeral ceremony.

Metal casket: This is a big money maker for funeral homes, with markups of up to 300 percent over the wholesale price. \$2,395.

Funeral transportation: Use of hearse and driver \$318 to transport the body to the cemetery. Use of a service car/van \$143.

Memorial printed package: This includes printed programs and memorial guest book. \$155.

In addition to these costs, there are a number of other related expenses such as flowers for the funeral (around \$200 to \$400), the newspaper obituary fee (\$100 to \$600 or more), the clergy honorarium (\$200 to \$300) and extra copies of the death certificate (\$5 to \$35 per copy depending on the state).

And, a number of large

cemetery costs like the plot or mausoleum fee, the vault or grave liner that's required by most cemeteries, and the opening and closing of the grave, all of which average between \$2,000 and \$4,000; and the gravestone, which typically costs between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

All told, the average cost of a total funeral today is around \$11,000 or more.

Ways to Save

If you aunt's estate can't afford this, there are ways to save. For starters, you should know that prices can vary significantly by funeral provider, so it's wise to shop around.

If you need some help finding an affordable provider, your area funeral consumers alliance program may be able to refer you. See Funerals.org/local-fca or call 802-865-8300 for contact information.

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you can turn to, like Parting.com that lets you compare prices, and FuneralDecisions.com that will provide estimates from local funeral homes based on what you want.

When evaluating funeral providers, be sure you get an itemized price list of services and products so you can accurately compare and choose what you want.

But, the most significant way to save on a funeral is to request a "direct burial" or "direct cremation." With these options your aunt would be buried or cremated shortly after death, which skips the embalming and viewing. If she wants a memorial service you can have it at the graveside or at her place of worship without the body. These services usually run between \$600 and \$2,000, not counting cemetery charges.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

Linda Kaplan has been elected to become Blooming Prairie's first Outstanding Person of the Year. This new award will be given each year by our local Chamber of Commerce. The elected person will be a citizen of Blooming Prairie who has contributed their time, talents, and has shown leadership that has led to the betterment of our community.

Big time entertainment is coming to the small town of Blooming Prairie next month, as "Guys and Dolls" takes the stage. No, Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando are not starring in this production, but an all-star cast of unbelievably talented 9 th -12 th graders are! "Guys and Dolls", the story of a group of gamblers and the ladies in their lives, is a musical full of humor that will keep you engaged and laughing all night long. Preparations

for the musical have been intensive as well over 200 hours will have been invested by opening night. The \$18.00 tickets include a lasagna dinner that will be served by cast in full costume.

Coming next June, high school Spanish teacher Jenny Thomas will be taking the Spanish club on its third trip to Spain since 2003. Thomas and her students are excited to put their Spanish speaking to the test in a "real world" environment, an experience firsthand a Spanish culture outside of Mexico.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

The local VFW post and Auxiliary would like to warn parents and children that tattoos laced with drugs are making the rounds again. Every few years it seems reports of tattoos called 'Blue Star' are being sold to school children. The star, soaked with the drug LSD, is absorbed

through the skin simply by handling the paper. Some of these tattoo drugs will react quickly. Some symptoms include hallucinations, severe vomiting, uncontrolled laughing, mood changes, and changes in body temperature.

In an effort to obtain additional information about the impact of last winter's severe weather on Minnesota deer populations. Department of Natural Resources members will be collecting additional data from harvested deer this fall in parts of northern Minnesota.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, Oct. 20, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

A path of hail did severe damage to bean fields in an area north of Blooming Prairie last Friday afternoon, according to several farmers in the area. The hail stones were estimated to be 2 inches in diameter and covered the ground. Among the

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farmers suffering losses were Chester Ditlevson, Robert Gonzagowski, and Emmitt Filley.

Work on the construction of a 6,000 square foot warehouse addition was started this past week at the Associated Grocers Coop. The new addition is necessary due to the increased volume of the large wholesale grocery concern, located on the east edge of Blooming Prairie. The firm has shown a steady volume growth each year under new management and serves over 150 stores in Minnesota and northern Iowa.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, Oct. 23, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Steele County will supply 14 men in the 26 th selective service call in the early part of November. The 14 men selected will report to Fort Snelling on November 6 th , the state draft headquarters announced. In the same call, Mower County will send 28 men to Fort Des Moines November 5 th . Freeborn County will send 20 men to Fort Des Moines, while Dodge County will supply 5 men to report to Fort Snelling on November 3 rd . Minnesota will be required to furnish 1,484 men for this

call, which covers the first half of November.

Richard Peterson, 12, is still in critical condition at the St. Olaf Hospital after suffering head injuries during a fall from a horse. The lad was reported yesterday as being somewhat improved, but still in serious condition. He was found unconscious in a pasture on the farm where he had gone to bring up some cows. It is believed the boy was thrown from the horse and dragged about 30 rods when his foot caught in the stirrup.

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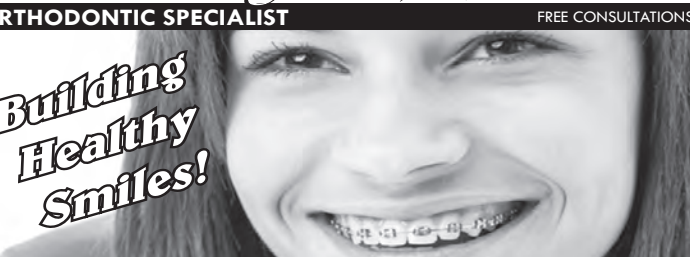

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Playoffs begin

A strong wind in the game at USC last Friday didn't stop the Blossom football team from rolling along to their sixth win of the season.

Coach Chad Gimbel made a wise decision when he chose to take the wind in the first quarter, as the Rebels were unable to get away from their own end zone the whole first quarter and gave up 9 points in the process.

That and the great possession drive against the wind in the third quarter really made a difference in the game. Add to that a rock-solid defense, and one has the right recipe for a good win.

That sets up what should be a great game tomorrow night (Wednesday) when Kenyon-Wanamingo comes to McFarlin Field.

The only bad thing about last Friday's victory was the injury to linebacker Payton Simon. We hope he is doing well and recovering from the injury.

The Knights defeated BP at Kenyon last year, and the locals will be trying to avenge that loss.

Playoffs begin the following Tuesday, and the Blossoms should earn at least one home game in the playoffs.

With just one match remaining in the regular season, the Blossom volleyball has been riding a frustrating streak over the last nine matches.

The team will conclude the regular season tonight with a match at Richland.

For the Blossoms, the losing streak bothered both coach Ranell Kittelson and the girls, as they have been playing pretty well over the last few matches, yet they have nothing to show for it.

Maybe the playoffs will turn their luck around just a little, and they can win one or two matches in the tournament.

That would offer a little retribution for the long losing streak the team has endured. We wish them luck in the playoffs.

The BP cross country finished second in the team standings for the boys in the third match in a row for. Alec Ille and Elijah Baker continue to run one and two for the Blossoms, but the strength of the team lies in the balance and the narrow gap in times for the other runners on the team.

Credit should go too, to Bobbie Bruns for the girls, as she has emerged as a very good runner for her team.

Both the boys and girls have one regular season meet left, and then they will be preparing for their playoff meets too.

This time of the season in all three of those sports are some of the most exciting times, and I think all local fans will be following them with keen interest.

Let's close with this little grain of truth. "Father, the man asked during confession, is it a sin to play golf on Sunday? "Son," the priest replied, "The way you play, it is a sin every day."

Ponder that, and we'll talk again.

Huskies to play in Section 1-AA final

Owatonna hands No.6 Panthers first loss in semifinal win

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

In the first round of the section tournament, the fourth-seeded Owatonna Huskies were awarded a home playoff game in which they would host the Rochester Mayo Spartans.

In a loss and you're out scenario, Owatonna's Nate Smith made it clear that the Huskies weren't ready to end their season early.

Propelled by two Smith goals in the second half, the Owatonna Huskies defeated the Spartans 4-1 Tuesday night at the Owatonna Soccer Complex in Section 1-AA quarterfinal play.

The win ensures the Huskies a match up with Lakeville North. Head coach Bob Waypa said that experience in the playoffs paid off.

"You look at their roster, their starting sophomores and juniors. They're young kids like we are, but young kids in their first playoff game is a big difference," he said.

The Huskies were on the offensive attack from the opening kick. In fact in the first five minutes of the game, Owatonna registered four official shots on goal, two of which were registered by Smith. However, they were unable to connect on any of them.

It wouldn't take long for Smith to get a third opportunity. After Alex Beaver created a turnover in the middle third, the sophomore fed a pass to Zakariya Abdi.

Being forced to put a shot on net, Abdi's shot curved just in front of the net, buying Smith ample time to step in and head the ball into the back of the net in the 16th minute.

The Huskies defense was continuing the strong play that helped them win their last three home contests prior to Tuesday night.

Led by Captain Mitchell Mayer and Beaver, the Owatonna back half didn't surrender a shot on goal until the 27th minute.

The Huskies took the 1-0



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Nate Smith (4) watches as his shot sails into the back of the net in the second half of Owatonna's Section 1-AA quarterfinal game against Rochester Mayo on Tuesday at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. Smith recorded a hat-trick to propel the Huskies to a 4-1 win and a matchup with top-seed Lakeville North on Thursday. Smith added a goal in Thursday's contest to help guide the fourth-seeded Huskies to a matchup in the finals.

lead into the half, outshooting Mayo five to one. However, just a minute into the second half, the Spartans tied the game from a short strike from Captain Mohamed Muse.

It wouldn't take long for the Huskies' defense to settled back in and lock down the final third. Owatonna allowed just four shots on goal.

The Huskies would take back the lead after Zach Kraus' header attempt from a Daniel

Keller corner kick sailed just over the outstretched hands of the goalie. From there, Nate Smith took over. The junior would net the game's final goals in the 54th and 77th minutes, giving him a hat-trick. Afterward, Smith credited being aggressive to getting back on the scoring streak.

"I think being in attacking mode, like past games I've been slowed in scoring. I've been trying to go more side to side and

today I just went after them," he added.

Aside from the lone goal, it was a pretty slow night for Huskies' keeper Aiden Buryska. The senior allowed Mayo's lone goal while registering three saves.

Section 1-AA semifinal

Owatonna 2, Lakeville North 0

Goals by Dan Keller and Nate Smith proved to be enough as the Huskies down

the section's top seed 2-0. Keller registered the game-winning goal in the 12th minute off an assist from Zakariya Abdi. The Smith brothers of Nick and Nate, combined for the game's final goal of the contest.

The Huskies will look to break a two-year drought from the state tournament when they travel to Farmington on Tuesday.

Tigers stomp Blossoms

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

The losing streak continued for the BP volleyball girls Tuesday, but Coach Ranell Kittelson thought the team played much better this time out.

Medford won all three games 25-17, 25-16, and 26-24 on the last home volleyball game for four senior players.

The match was punctuated with numerous tipped balls over fingers, some spectacular saves off the floor for both teams and a lot of soft tips that fell into the opponents' court. Some long and tenacious volleys punctuated the match.

"We played much better tonight," remarked Coach Kittelson. We had more players consistently rise to the occasion and do some things offensively and defensively. We hustled well in the third game especially, and we had two chances to win that one before a Tiger block earned them the win.

On the other side, Coach Tanya Powers also expressed satisfaction with the play other

team. "The hitters were hitting hard," remarked Powers, "and the blockers built quite a wall at the net. It was a good clean volleyball match."

For Medford, Payton Powers, Emma Kniefel, and Sydney Langeslag all had 9 kills in the match. Callie Nagel scrambled for 27 digs, and Dani Morgan piled up 29 assists.

Courtney Wobschall, Kari Forystek, and Sam Wurst had 9, 8, and 7 kills for the Blossoms.

Forystek had 14 digs, Bria Baldwin 11, and Leah Inwards 9. Wobschall had 5 blocks, and Wurst added 3. Inwards had 17 assists, and Leah Schiefert added 12.

The Blossoms now have lost nine matches in a row, while Medford is still undefeated in the conference.

Frustration mounts

No one can blame Coach Ranell Kittelson or her players for being frustrated at this point. But the Blossom volleyball team

VOLLEYBALL
Continued on page 2B



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

Blooming Prairie's Courtney Wobschall (12) goes up for a kill attempt as Rachel Kubicek (9) watches in the first period of the Blossoms match up against Medford last Tuesday. Wobschall finished the night with five blocks and nine kills in the loss.



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Huskies fall in Section semifinal



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna’s Josie Sullivan (2) tries to stop before tripping up a Spartan attacker on Tuesday Section 1-AA quarterfinal match at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. The Huskies defeated Rochester Mayo 1-0 before falling to Lakeville North on Thursday 2-0.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

There’s a saying that goes, “In the playoffs, it doesn’t matter what the stat-sheet says, as long as the scoreboard at the final buzzer is in your favor.”

Well, in the opening round of the Section 1-AA tournament, the Owatonna Huskies can certainly attest to it.

Powered by Ashley Green’s goal in the 65th minute, the Huskies defeated the Spartans, keeping their playoff hopes alive. Head coach Matt Roddy said that out of everything from tonight, he was pleased with the grit his team showed.

“How hard we competed the whole match really stood out to me. Mayo is a good team. They got some really good athletes who fight really hard. We did a good job of matching their intensity and playing 80 hard minutes. That was a really intense game,” he added.

In the first nine minutes of the match, there really was not set presence from one team of the

other. When one team’s offense entered the zone, the opposing defense clamped down and forced turnovers.

The first shot on goal in fact, was not registered until 11 minutes in, when Owatonna’s Sophie Amundson’s shot sailed just right of the net after two Spartan defenders collided.

Just minutes later, junior Ken-na West gave the Huskies another chance at connecting for the first goal. However, her shot sailed about 20 feet over the net. Mid-way through the first half, the Spartans started to threaten the offensive zone.

With 15 minutes left in the half, Spartans had two separate opportunities slapped away by Huskies ‘keeper Britta Ganter.

The Huskies were outshot six to one, but managed to keep the score tied.

The second half started similar to the boys match-who played prior to the start of the game- as the Spartans were threatening to score early into the second half.

However, Ganter came out of the box to stymie another Mayo scoring chance.

Ashley Green fired a shot on net that deflected off of two defenders.

As Spartans ‘keeper Morgan Misner came out to cover, she chipped the ball backward, having it trickled between her legs into the back of the net to give the Huskies the decisive 1-0 lead.

Despite the defense allowing 6 shots in the first half, the second half saw the Spartans record just two shots on goal.

Section 1-AA semifinal

Lakeville North 2, Owatonna 0

Traveling to Lakeville to face the Panthers, the Huskies were a completely different team since the first match of the season. However, the deciding goal by the Panthers in the roughly 25 minutes sealed the Huskies’ fate.

This marks the fourth straight season that Owatonna has lost to Lakeville North in the Section semifinals. It’s also the eighth straight season the Huskies lost in the semifinals.

Owatonna finished with a 8-7-1 record.

Husky round up

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Boys cross country

The Huskies placed third with Mankato East winning the meet with 81 points. Head coach Dave Chatelaine was pleased with his teams results. “Braydon Kubat ran a strong race and finished second with a personal best time.”

He also noted that Ross Stevensen, Bryce Knutson and Evan Steiger also ran personal best times. Steven St. Martin moved up to the No.5 five runner spot on the team. Brett Ruiter and Caedon McCartney also competed in the varsity race. McCartney was recovering from illness and was about 50 seconds off his normal pace today, added Chatelaine. He

also added that he hopes he is ready to go come Tuesday for the Big 9 Conference meet.

Results

Braydon Kubat 16:32 2nd Ross Stevensen 17:17 10th; Bryce Knutson 17:30 19th; Evan Steiger 17:31 21st; Steven St. Martin 18:05 40th; Brett Ruiter 18:11 45th; Caedon McCartney 18:20 47th

Girls cross country

The girls finished in 7th place out of the nine teams. Eighth-grader Catrina Herr Finished in 20th place to lead the Lady Huskies. Sara Wall, Abigail Moran and Payton Wunderlich joined Herr to finish in the top 40.

Results



Catrina Herr 20:42.7 20th; Abigail Moran 20:57.1 30th; Sara Wall 21:07.5, 35th; Payton Wunderlich 21:14.8, 50th; Liv Larson 21:59.0, 51st; Grace Randall 22:07.5, 57th; Madelin Bruessel 22:35.8.

Volleyball

On Tuesday, the Huskies faced Big Nine Conference foe Austin. After squeaking out a win in the second set, the Huskies won the deciding set in dominating fashion take the match in straight sets. (25-15, 26-24, 25-11).

Schultz led the Huskies with 12 kills while Lexi Langeland added eight kills. Maddie Kubista led the team with 17 assists while Olivia Spatenka registered a team-high six digs. Lexi Langeland added eight kills.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



Kylie Forystek

The senior volleyball player has been a consistent leader for the Blossom team all season. She generally is one of the team leaders in digs and also manages her share of kills from the back line. In two matches last week Forystek piled up 25 digs and also had several kills in the two matches.

Connor Getchell



The senior linebacker and offensive star has been a consistent leader on defense and has also scored his share of touchdowns. Always one of the team leaders in tackles, Getchell has piled up 15 tackles in the last two games and has also scored touchdowns in each contest. He is ne of the team’s all-around leaders.

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BP junior high volleyball

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Coach Chelsey Fleming and her seventh grade volleyball team have been busy playing matches over the last three weeks.

The girls lost more than they won, but many of the games were close contests.

Medford took all four games over the blossoms last Tuesday, by scores of 25-11, 25-15, 25-

12, and 25- 20 after the locals had won all four games over Southland the day before.

BP won 25-12, 25-17, 25-20, and 15-3.

On Oct. 6, WEM won all four games over BP by scores of 25-22, 25-16, 25-14, and 25-21.

At Bethlehem Academy on Oct. 5, for the second time in the season, B.A. won all four games over the locals 25-10, 25-21, 25-25, and 25-8.

At Maple River on Sept. 29,

the Eagles won three of four games.

Back on Sept. 27, the Blossoms beat Southland again in three games.

BP won 25-13, 25-7, and 25-8.

Finally, against Triton on Sept. 26 BP won the first game 25-20, the Cobras took games two and three 25-19, and 25-22 and BP edged Triton in game four 15-12.

Blossoms lose nine straight

VOLLEYBALL: from page 1B

The Blossom volleyball team lost its seventh match in a row to Southland last Monday at Adams.

Southland won game one 25-23, but the Blossoms rebounded for a 25-17 victory in game two, with Wobschall leading the way with six serving points.

The frustration deepened, however, when the Rebels dominated the next two games 25-13 and 25-19.

As Coach Kittelson commented, “This was another frustrating loss. We had a difficult time on both sides of the net and just couldn’t find any consistency in our play.

“I feel we are a better team that we have been showing. Practices have been good, but we are struggling to carry over that good play into matches.”

Wobschall and Sam Wurst had 10 and 7 kills, and Forystek had 11 digs. Schiefert and Inwards had 14 and 17 assists, and

the two combined for 24 digs in the match.

Medford stats vs. BP

Callie Nagel 2 ace, 27 digs, 1 kill
Becca Edel 1 digs, 3 kills
Krystal Hanson 1 ace, 14 digs, Payton Powers 9 digs, 11 assists, 9 kills,
Emma Kniefel 8 digs, 9 kills
Rachel Bluhm 3 digs, 2 assists
Kaylee Kern 8 digs,
Dani Morgan 2 ace, 6 digs, 29 assists, 1 kill
Amanda Honsey 9 kills
Sydney Langeslag 2 digs, 1 assists, 9 kills, 7 SOLO Blocks, 4 block assists
Mikayla Spinler 5 kills, 4 SOLO blocks, 1 block assist

Medford at WEM

Coming off a sweep of Blooming Prairie, the Tigers were in Waterville-Elysian-Morristown to face the Buccaneers.

However, the Bucs proved too much for Medford, winning in straight sets.

Medford stats vs. WEM

Callie Nagel 28 digs,
Krystal Hanson 7 digs
Emma Kniefel 3 digs, 5 kills



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

Blossoms players Courtney Wobschall (12) and Leah Schiefert (5) attempt to block a shot from Medford’s Amanda Honsey (15).

Ladies bowling league

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2. F & M Bank	4	4			2. Kristi Fiebiger	471
3. J&H/DQ	4	4	High Team Series (Handicap)			
3. Kosters' Kar	2	6				
High Team Game (Scratch)			J&H/DQ	1661		

*Editors note

NRHEG Panther volleyball stats were not submitted prior to press for contests from 10/10-10/15.

I apologize for any inconvenience for those who were looking forward to seeing a recap.

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Blades drop home opener 4-3



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Steele County Blades forward Colton Sprenger (21) watches as the pucjs sails just under the pad of Ducks' goalie Nick Levesque (30) and into the net after his shot attempt during the second period of Steele County's 4-3 loss to the Dells Ducks. Sprenger was the second star of the game, recording a goal and an assist.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After playing the first 11 games on the road, the Steele County Blades were anxious to

open up the newly renovated Four Seasons Centre with a win. The Dells Ducks had other plans. Powered by Sherman Mowery's hat-trick, the Dells Ducks

(7-2) defeated the Blades (6-4-1) 4-3 Saturday night. Assistant coach Bobbie Solari said that there were some mental errors that led to the outcome. "A lack of initiative to get back

in our zone in transistion cost us early," he added. The game started out looking like it could be in favor of the Blades. Just minutes into the first pe-

riod, Spencer Heitkamp chipped in a Colton Sprenger centering pass to give the Blades an early 1-0 lead.

However, a turnover in the neurtal zone just minutes later led to the first of Mowery's three goals to tie the game at 1-1. The Ducks' forecheck was on full display in the first period, not allowing the Blades to generate any rythmn.

With the Blades matching the forecheck, scoring chances were at a premium. One chance late in the first period could have drastically changed the outcome.

Fighting off a Ducks defender, Kaleb Combs sends a centering pass to Jordan Jackson, who was cutting to the net on the backside but was just out of the reach of the puck.

The second period could easily be called "the period of the penalty."

Five seperate penalties were called on each team. The first one on the Blades however, opened up the scoring.

Facing a double-minor for roughing, the Blades were on a four-minute penatly kill. Unfortunately, the Ducks capitalized on the power play and Mowery netted his final two goals on the contest, extending the Ducks lead to 3-1.

It wouldnt take long for the Blades to cut the lead as Colton Sprenger added an even strength goal mid-way through the second period. Just minutes later, the Blades were on the power-play after a check from behind

was assessed on a Ducks' defen-seman.

With just seconds left, assistant captain and Ellendale native Soren Colstrup went top shelf to tie the game at 3-3.

Not to be outdone, the Ducks forecheck created a turnover in the neutral and fired a pass to Cory Schwarz. Facing a lone Blades defender, Schwarz fired a shot to the top shelf, clanking off the post before falling into the net.

The third period saw the Blades facing a 4-3 deficit. They were able to generaste shots on goal but the Ducks forecheck was drastically cutting into the Blades' opportunity to establish position in the offensive zone.

With just under a minute left to play, Blades Head coach Nick Adamek pulled goalie Tim Grounds, giving the Blades a man advantage.

Despite that, they were unable to generate any shots on goal as the time was dwindling down, spending a vast majority of the time, fighting on the boards for the puck.

In one of the lone bright spots of the evening, Blades forward Kyle Wadden had a strong night in the circle.

In three periods of work, Wadden was 18-2 on faceoffs.

The three stars of the game were Blades forwards Colstrup and Strenger, who each recorded a goal and an assist.

The first star of the game was Dells' Sherman Mowery for his three-goal performance.

Tennis: Owatonna falls in Section 1-AA team final

Pair of Huskies make finals in Sub-Section individual tournament

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Hoping that the third time was a charm, Owatonna was looking to knock off the reigning section champion in Rochester Mayo.

However, the No.3 seed Huskies were no match for the top-seeded Spartans, falling 6-1 in the section finals for the third straight year.

Mayo's win was the third straight for the Spartans over the Huskies, and it also secured the school's fourth-straight trip to the Class AA state tournament. Despite the loss, head coach Curt Matejcek said he was proud of the effort his team played with.

"We had a great season and the girls performed at a high level all season long," he said.

Prior to their loss in the championship, the Huskies were able to defeat Lakeville North in the semifinals, making the series tied with them for the season after dropping a contest to the Panthers earlier in the season.

At Singles, No. 1 Emily Rahr-ick and Sara Anderson were able to defeat their Lakeville opponents 7-5,6-0 and 6-2,6-2 respectively. Owatonna would split the four matchups at sin-gles, dropping contests at No.2 and No.4 singles respectively.

In the doubles group, Caitlyn Anderson and Gabi Deml continued their strong postseason with a 7-6, 6-3 win over Paige Andrews and Katie Smreker. The Huskies would capture two of the three matches at doubles, with the No. 2 doubles pair of Macy Voss and Katie Segler defeated their opponent 6-4,6-3.

In the finals however, Owatonna freshman Sara Anderson was the lone Husky to record a win, defeating Taylor Julsrud 6-0,6-0. The win kept Anderson at a perfect 29-0 on the year.

While many of the matches were decided in straight sets, the Huskies didn't go down without a fight. Emily Rahr-ick at No.1 singles pushed her opponent to a 7-6 game in the first set before dropping the second set. The same can be said for No. 3 doubles duo of Lauren Betti and Margaret Schlicker, as they managed to fight to keep each set close before falling 6-4,6-3.

Sub-Section individuals

At the Sub-Section 1-AA individual tournament in St. Paul Thursday, the Huskies have

two of their team members still alive. No. 1 singles player Emily Rahr-ick and No. 1 double duo of Caitlyn Anderson and Gabi Deml made the finals of the individual tournament.

Rahr-ick defeated Carson Johnson of Mankato West in the first round before beating Bri-anna Rosewald in the quarter-finals. The sophomore would go 3-0 on the afternoon.

In what was a surprise, fresh-man Sara Anderson fell to top-seed Julia Geske of Rochester John Marshall 6-0,6-0 in the second round after winning her opening match.

The double duo of Anderson and Deml will face Northfield's Molly Smith and Sarah Will. Rahr-ick will try to upset the top-seed in Geske, who she lost to 6-1,6-2 earlier this season.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Emily Rahr-ick returns a serve against her opponent at the Big Nine Conference tournament earlier this month in Rochester. The sophomore is in the Sub-Section finals in the individual tournament.

Tiger slashes old records



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Medford senior Callie Nagel prepares for a serve at a home match earlier this month. The senior currently is third in the state of Minnesota for digs.

Medford senior third in Minnesota history for digs

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
Staff Sports Writer

When Callie Nagel takes the court, history is made.

This Medford senior plays libero for the Tigers, and she's currently sitting third in Min-nesota high school volleyball history for career digs with over 1,500 digs.

It's no surprise Nagel has gotten as good as she is. She started playing volleyball in the second grade and has fiercely pursued it ever since.

"I really just have a passion for the game," Nagel says.

She loves the leadership skills the sport has taught her and says the friendships she's made are great. Loving competition, she fondly remembers many game, like ones played in Waterville, where tough opponents made for even more satisfying victories.

Nagel took her place at third on Oct. 6. She started the season knowing it was a possibility, and the day of the game knew it was a certainty. She started the night needing only two digs to break

into third place. Now she's recognized as one of the best volleyball players in the state.

She's spending the rest of her senior season putting even more distance between her and the record she beat.

As much as she's enjoying third place, before her last season's done, Nagel's hoping to break number two.

When she's not dominating the court, she serves on student council and is setting school pole-vaulting records on the track and field team.

She plans to keep playing volleyball in college, where she's thinks she might pursue a career in medicine, but she's keeping her options open.

Her advice to young athletes is to "stick to it" and not get frustrated. She wants them to enjoy the game and says, "don't take anything for granted."

Opponents of this tiger better beware.

Nagel and the Tigers play their final home regular season tonight.

The game is slated to begin at 7:15 p.m.

BP takes second at USC

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

For the third meet in a row the BP cross country boys finished second of eight teams at the United South Central Invitational Tuesday. The girls placed fifth in their division as well.

La Crescent won the boys' meet, whileTri-City United took the girls' title.

Individually Alec Ille finished fourth and Elijah Baker eighth with times of 17:27 and 17:55. Evan Doerhoefer, Cameron Kubista, Quentin Kubista, and Kyle Bramstedt all placed in the top twenty runners. Their times were 18:42, 18:50, 19:05, and 19:05 respectively.

For the girls, Bobbie Bruns recorded her personal best time of 20:53 and earned fourth for the race. Olivia Johnson ran second to Bruns with a 23:50, and Jerrin Jax timed a 25: 53. Rose Michaud, Asha Lightizer, and Jackie Hyland also ran for the BP girls.

It marked just the second meet this year in which the girls entered a full team.

"This was another good meet for us," commented Coach John Bruns.

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Senior Josh Fleming led the Panther boys in the USC Invitational with a time of1 9:36 to place 21st in the meet. Kollin Reese followed Fleming with a 22:05, with Jager Beck close behind at 22:13. Braden Routh ran fourth for the boys in an incomplete team.

For the girls Jade Mely placed 20th in the race with a 23:58 time. Madysin Buetel, Destiny Medrano, and Mia Williams followed. They had times of 25:51, 27:00, and 27:24 respectively.

Medford

The Tigers cross country teams also competed at the United South Central invitational at Oakview Golf Course.

The boys squad finished sixth out of the seven schools with sophomore Brett Johnson taking home the highest finish for the Medford boys team.

Along with Dylan Stenzel's 44th place finish, Medford had two runner place in the top 45. Ryan Hermanstorfer (52nd), Brendon Rahn (64th), Isaiah Chavis (66th) and Tristen Kern (68th) also recorded finishes for the Tigers.

As for the Medford girls, Kes-ley Walock (34th) and Beth Ann Hanson (40th) each recorded top 40 finishes.

Community

Death Notice

Marie A. Guerrero, 81, Rochester

Marie A. Guerrero, age 81 of Rochester, MN, formerly of Blooming Prairie, died Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Samaritan Bethany in Rochester. A graveside service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Blooming Prairie City Cemetery with Pastor Charles Leonard of First Lutheran Church officiating. Memorials can be directed to the Lester family. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

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Front row left to right: Amesbury Truth HR staff members: Anni ule, Darlene Jenö, Maria Gonzalez, and Lindsey Bishman. Back row are Owatonna Foundation Trustees: Betsy Lindgren, Jerry Deetz, Dale Gandrud, Sharon West, Matt Kottke, Denny Meillier, Monte Mitchell and Julie Rethemeier.

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By joining forces, AmesburyTruth became an industry-leading organization offering an extensive product line and considerable global resources. "We're so appreciative of this donation from AmesburyTruth. It is this continued community support that keeps the Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation, and education a reality for all of us that live in Owatonna," said Foundation Executive Coordinator, Laura Resler.

Training classes at Minimizer U program

Minimizer, known for its innovative products and practices, is trying something new to ensure all of its distributors are properly trained when it comes to Tested & Tortured material. Minimizer U is a brand-new online training program designed to keep distributors up-to-date on products as well as new product lines. Any distributor employee who has received in-person training from a Minimizer Territory Manager will be enrolled in classes at Minimizer U. Those that haven't received in-person training may request it. After their in-person training is complete, their name will be added to the program. "As I used to tell my father, nobody wakes up with Minimizer in their heads," CEO and Chief Visionary Craig Kruckeberg said. "We have to make sure we stay in front of everyone. This online training course is a great way to engage our distributors on a regular basis."

Those that have received in-person training will be sent monthly e-mails and videos designed to further their education on Minimizer products. Once that person has read the e-mail and watched the video, they will take a short quiz. Those that complete the quiz will be rewarded with a \$5 gift card, plus their name will be entered into a monthly drawing for a 55-inch flat screen TV, as well as an annual drawing for a trip for two to Las Vegas.

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Wind chimes. Where are you hanging?

Those of you who have been to our home know that we have wind chimes both in the back and front of our house. I love them. When the wind blows and because they are positioned to be blown by the wind, the songs they play are so pleasant to listen to. It happens often as the wind is quite active in Southeast Minnesota. Sometimes the wind is so strong, the chimes move violently, yet again because they are positioned to be blown by the wind, the beautiful music plays. It would be safer for them to be hung inside the house, perhaps on my wall, or

ceiling. I know, silly picture, wind chimes hanging INSIDE a house, certainly safe, but no song. There is a spiritual correlation between wind chimes and wind...and us and the Holy Spirit. In fact, the Greek word for wind and spirit in the Bible is the same...Pneuma. Furthermore, Jesus connected the two when talking to a religious leader named Nicodemus in John 3:8: "The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the

Spirit." The wind is like the spirit, but in addition, we are like wind chimes! When we are filled with God's Spirit, and moved by God's Spirit, you might say there is a spiritual song that plays. What does that song look and sound like? Peaceful, joyful and loving no doubt, but also impactful. We, as well as those around us, are drawn closer to Christ, and that is beautiful music. Risky and perhaps even dangerous at times? Certainly. Like wind chimes inside a home displayed on the wall, we could play it safe, but that's not the purpose of wind



chimes nor is it the purpose of Christ followers. And in both cases, the music is missing. We've been called to relinquish control, to be filled with God's Spirit, (Ephesians 5:18) and let Him move us, so we would speak and act as He directs. Then and only then is the music of risk, adventure and impact heard. Hang in the wind and let the music begin!

Pastor Aaron de Neui
Cedar Creek Church

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Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Pastor Kristen Venne
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Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

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7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale
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Worship 8:30 AM



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Education hour: 10 a.m.

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6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:15 Hands
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6:30 p.m. Youth Group

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(June - Aug.) 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

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The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 477-2256

Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

Reconciliation: Before Mass

Adoration: Tuesdays 9 to noon

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Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday
and 10 a.m. Sunday.

Adoration: Mondays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer, Pastor
The Rev. Brian Sutton,
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with Children's Church
Reconciliation: after Mass 1st Sunday
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Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Tampering. On Oct. 6, deputies received five reports of vehicles that had been broken into during the night throughout Dodge Center. One of the vehicles had sunglasses and change taken from it.

CRIME BRIEF

Police uncover a form of hash in stop

A traffic stop has resulted in officers finding Butane Honey Oil in Owatonna.

On Oct. 8, an Owatonna police officer saw a vehicle fail to use its turn signal. While talking to the driver, the officer noticed what appeared to be a green leafy substance scattered about the center console. When asked about it, the driver handed over a small plastic wrapper of marijuana.

The officer also located a grinder, pipes, butane and a soft rubber container with a brown wax-like substance known to be consistent with Butane Honey Oil, police said.

Butane Honey Oil is a super-potent type of hash that has surged on the marijuana market. The “dabs” of oil can be vaporized and inhaled without the pungent smell of weed, and produce a soaring high for even longtime cannabis smokers with a strong tolerance for the drug.

Baldemar Villarreal, 24, has been charged with fifth-degree controlled substance possession, which is a gross misdemeanor, as well as possession of marijuana, a petty misdemeanor.



Baldemar Villarreal

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Oct. 11
Suspicion. At 10:50 p.m., officers responded to suspicious activity in the city.

Owatonna Police
Oct. 7
Arrest. Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Lincoln Ave. S. and School St. E. at 12:17 a.m.

Burglary. Officers began a burglary investigation in the 1800 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 8:13 a.m.

Crash. At 2:33 p.m., paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 300 block of Main St. E.

Fraud. Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 3:58 p.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 400 block of North St. W. at 4:05 p.m.

Theft. A theft report was received from the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 6:14 p.m.

Oct. 8
Arrest. At 1:19 a.m., police pulled over a motorist at Cedar Ave. N. and Rose St. E. They took the motorist into custody.

Trespassing. Officers responded to a trespassing incident in the 400 block of Pearl St. E. at 11:36 a.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Threats. A subject was making threats in the 200 block of Oak Ave. N. at 4:16 p.m.

Restraining Order. Officers arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 300 block of 22nd St. SE at 9:18 p.m.

Oct. 9
Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 7:22 a.m. They made an arrest.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 2400 block of Stony Creek Dr. NE at 2:33 p.m.

Vulnerable Adult. At 4:46 p.m., officer took a report of a vulnerable adult in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW.

Oct. 10
Arrest. Police arrested a motorist at 23rd St. NW and 4th Ave. NW at 12:01 a.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 10:05 a.m.

Child Protection. At 11:19 a.m., a child protection report was received from the 1200 block of Lincoln Ave. S.

Oct. 11
Warrant. At 9:29 a.m., officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 800 block of Park Dr. NW.

Theft. A citizen reported that his or her identity had been stolen in the 1200 block of Clover Lane SE at 12:37 p.m.

Child Protection. Police received a child protection report from the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 2:05 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported on Ocala Place NE at 4:48 p.m.

Oct. 12
Property Damage. Vandalism was reported in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 6:14 a.m. and in the 1200 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 10:38 a.m.

Child Protection. At 1:49 p.m., police received a child protection report from the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

Oct. 13
DWI. Police arrested motorists for driving while intoxicated on Hwy. 14 at 1:21 a.m. and in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S. at 3:41 p.m.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 2400 block of Bridge St. W. at 10:25 a.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 400 block of 16th St. NE at 12:53 p.m. and in the 400 block of St. Paul Place NE at 4:37 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff
Oct. 7

DWI. At 12:10 a.m., deputies made a DWI arrest at Cedar Ave. S. and Mill St. E.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 12800 block of 72nd Ave. SW at 11:09 a.m.

Oct. 8
Warrant. Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 6800 block of Dane Rd. at 4:34 p.m.

Harassment. At 8:02 p.m., deputies responded to a harassment incident in the 12700 block of 42nd Ave. SW.

Oct. 9
Drunken Driving. Deputies made two DWI arrests – at 133rd St. SW and 52nd Ave. SW at 6 p.m. and at Glendale St. NW and State Ave. NW at 9:31 p.m.

Oct. 10
DWI. At 4:22 a.m., deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated on Hwy. 218.

Fraud. Deputy took a report of fraud in the 400 block of 6th Ave. W. at 1:33 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 200 block of 1st St. SE at 2:04 p.m.

Oct. 11
Warrant. At 6:11 a.m., deputies arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center.

Theft. Deputies took a report of identity theft in the 100 block of 5th Ave. E. at 1:15 p.m.

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a noise complaint in the 200 block of Central Ave. E. at 6:07 p.m.

Oct. 12
Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the 7500 block of 52nd Ave. NW at 7:47 a.m.

Oct. 13
Arrest. Deputies arrested motorists following traffic stops on Hwy. 14 W. at 5:12 a.m. and 11:13 p.m.

Warrant. At 11:18 a.m., deputy made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Main St. E.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 3 – 7 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltesel presiding:

Theodore R. Haugland, 27, Chicago, IL, previously appeared and was convicted of felony conspiracy to commit theft. He was sentenced to \$2,730.90 and 1 year in St. Cloud State Prison.

Abaas N. Said, 22, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of firearm. Said was sentenced to \$131 and 60 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Frank L. Tubbs, 40, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of firearm. Tubbs was sentenced to \$131 and 60 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 3 – 7:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Kristin M. Anderson, 31, Albert Lea, suspended license; Jeremy R. Larson, 33, Spring Valley, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Ryan M. Rust, 23, Lyle, revoked





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- Michael Hale – theft - \$3,000 bail
- Brandon Haley – theft – no bail
- Dean Hall – motor vehicle theft – no bail
- Brian Hambly – theft, shoplifting - \$500 bail
- Cassidy Hammer – open bottle - \$300 bail
- Lori Hanson – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- Robert Haston – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Andrew Heidemann – theft - \$300 bail
- Nancy Heim – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Jewel Herrera – damage to property - \$10,000 bail

- Jonathan Hinote – false name - \$500 bail
- Thomas Hitchcock – revoked license - \$500 bail
- Justin Hoag – theft - \$500 bail
- Brandy Hodges – domestic assault - \$1,000 bail
- Brittany Hoverkamp – disorderly conduct - \$1,000 bail
- Renant Hubbard – controlled substance – no bail
- Bryan Hughes – damage to property - \$11,000 bail
- Andrew Hull – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- Spencer Hutchinson – DWI – no bail
- Trung Huynh – drugs – no bail





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license, \$281; Julie M. Toscano, 25, Austin, permit violation, \$131; Joel Vargas, 44, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Travis L. Scholljegerdes, 18, Medford, migratory birds violation, \$181.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Nathan F. Anderson, 41, Wayzata, revoked license; Jacquelyn N. Bingham, 36, Blaine, suspended license; Karol A. Borwege, 43, Medford, speeding, \$131; Jessica C. Cline-Rolfer, 25, Cottage Grove, speeding, \$141; Alex L. Cuevas, 19, Shakopee, speeding and revoked license, \$321; Melissa D. Czenkus, 27, Ellendale, suspended license, \$281;

Silvia Dominguez-Sosa, 43, St. Cloud, suspended license; Richard P. Donovan, 62, Delano, speeding, \$131; Trevor J. Drake, 38, Randolph, speeding, \$141; Kathleen E. Dusek, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Gerardo Esparza, 44, San Antonio, TX, cancelled license; Christine L. Fitzgerald, 39, Ramsey, license violation and speeding; Oscar V. Fragoso Valencia, 29, Brooklyn Park, suspended license, \$281;

Roberta S. Frelix, 36, Burnsville, speeding and revoked license, \$321; Elton D. Furlow, 38, Apple Valley, suspended license; Jacob D. Glende, 26, Faribault, revoked license; Kevin L. Griffith, 52, Austin, TX, suspended license; Amy R. Gunderson, 35, no license, \$181; Kevin R. Hanenberger, 44, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Daniel A. Hennen, 53, Jordan, suspended license; Althelda K. Jackson, 42, Minneapolis, invalid license; John L. Jacobson Jr., 66, Siren, WI, invalid license; Stephanie D. Jeffery, 49, Burnsville, speeding, \$131; Johnny C. Johnson, 55, Minneapolis, suspended license and speeding; Marcus H. Jones, 28, St. Paul, suspended license and open bottle; Brittany C. Lark, 27, Albert Lea, speeding, \$141; Cory C. Lund, 33, Minneapolis, seat belt and no insurance; Guillermo Martinez-Benitez, 29, St. Paul, speeding, invalid license and revoked license; Chelsey S. McGee, 22, Maple Grove, speeding, \$141;

Tamaseugogo J. Merrick, 36, Royce City, TX, invalid license; Daniel L. Miller, 24, Delta, CO, invalid license and seat belt; Abdirashid D. Mursal, 25, Faribault, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Rakesh J. Nandish, 38, Plymouth, speeding, \$121; Pierson R. Pass, 18, Chaska, speeding, \$131; Grady E. Roos, 41, Edwardsville, KS, invalid license; Taylor L. Rouillard, 18, Oglala, SD, no license and no child passenger restraint system, \$231; Rosalinda Ruiz, 28, Shakopee, revoked license and no insurance;

Jose L. Sabinas-Lechuga, 26, Lakeville, invalid license; Anil S. Sayani, 59, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Gabriel W. Schlough, 31, Eau Claire, WI, revoked license and possession of Marijuana; Tara N. Schmoll, 34, Lime Springs, IA, suspended license; Jhmahl L. Shannon IV, 28, St. Cloud, revoked license and invalid license; Destiny R. Short Bull, 18, Oglala, SD, seat belt, \$106; Everardo Sierra, 39, Waseca, revoked license; Mario S. Sierra-Ramirez, 35, Elk River, decal violation, \$181; Vaughn Smith, 45, Little Rock, AR, invalid license; Chad A. Sondag, 31, Lafayette, vehicle weight violation, \$1281; Judy A. Taylor, 53, Blooming Prairie, revoked license; Casey A. Triplett, 35, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131; Jeremy J. Weber, 29, Morristown, unsafe equipment, \$121.

Owatonna Police Department
Tiesha Allen, 31, Owatonna, no license; Damion L. Andrews, 40, Owatonna, suspended license and seat belt; Joseph R. Aubin, 29, Waseca, game and fish license violation; Adam J. Balzer, 37, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$81, diversion program, domestic abuse evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation; Anthony E. Baumgartner, 26, Owatonna, speeding and no insurance; Jonathan L. Becker, 26, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana, \$131; Toni E. Becker, 26, Owatonna, permit violation; Scott W. Behne, 42, Owatonna, revoked license, expired tabs and no insurance; Sharon M. Bell, 35, Owatonna, cancelled license and

no insurance, \$481; Segonia D. Bradley, 47, Owatonna, theft by swindle, \$131 and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Joshua D. Bramer, 29, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Susan R. Brein, 44, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181; Vanessa A. Brekke, 60, Owatonna, seat belt and no insurance; Marissa A. Bush, 20, Owatonna, failure to yield and no insurance, \$331; Vanessa L. Cardenas, 26, Owatonna, suspended license; Jose A. Cardona Merlin, 31, Owatonna, cancelled license; Korey M. Carroll, 23, West Concord, suspended license, \$281; Valentina A. Castanon, 20, Austin, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; Nicole M. Coffee, 34, Austin, cancelled license; Jessica A. Dahle, 40, Owatonna, revoked license; Dalicia N. Davis, 32, Minneapolis, speeding and revoked license; Lyle F. Davis, 61, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Fakrudin A. Fakrudin, 29, St. Cloud, suspended license;

Jeannette Fuentes, 30, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, seat belt and no insurance, \$181, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jared L. Gardow, 24, Owatonna, careless driving; Jessie J. Garza, 37, Claremont, speeding, suspended license and prohibited passing; Saul Gonzalez, 33, Minneapolis, no license; Jeremiah R. Gray, 35, Austin, registration violation, \$181;

Derick T. Helgeson, 24, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Kourtney A. Hendrickson, 20, Claremont, contributing to the delinquency, \$381, 4 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation; Pearl L. Herrera, 24, Owatonna, permit violation; Jamie L. Holey, 32, Faribault, possession of paraphernalia, \$131;

Drake A. Holman, 19, Kenyon, shoplifting, \$190.96; Matthew R. Honsey, 28, Owatonna, revoked license; Vernon M. Horton, 29, South St. Paul, suspended license; Quinn A. Johnson, 50, Waseca, no insurance; Jake M. Karow, 30, Waseca, receiving stolen property, \$381, 4 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend AA, psychological evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation;

Ashly M. Kirsch, 24, Morristown, no insurance and expired tabs, \$311; Corey A. Larson, 26, Fort Dodge, IA, revoked license; Bryant J. Malone, 25, suspended license; Monte L. Mancini, 51, Dodge Center, revoked license, no insurance and seat belt;

Heather J. Marovich, 36, Montgomery, possession of controlled substance, \$131, 48 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, do not enter liquor establishments and 5 years of supervised probation;

Amanda G. Mesagna, 23, Morristown, suspended license and no insurance; David J. Miller, 27, Owatonna, revoked license and seat belt; Marco A. Morales, 44, Brownsdale, revoked license and expired tabs; Muhammad Muhammad, 26, Owatonna, no license; Heather S. Olson, 32, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, \$281; Belinda J. Ortega, 27, Rochester, speeding and suspended license;

Ricardo B. Padilla Buentello, 28, Owatonna, revoked license; Rosalba Perez, 35, St. Paul, revoked license; Ruth Perez, 29, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; David M. Porras, 26, Owatonna, revoked license and suspended registration;

Zachary L. Prins, 26, Morristown, revoked license; Monica J. Prusha, 24, Albert Lea, no license; Luis U. Rangel, 27, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance; George Reyes, 58, Owatonna, suspended registration, \$381; Aldo M. Rodriguez, 32, Faribault, invalid license; Remigio A. Rodriguez, 29, Waseca, suspended license and no insurance; Eduardo G. Santos, 23, Owatonna, no license and no insurance, \$381; Jazmyne A. Shinabarger, 23, Albert Lea, revoked license and no insurance; Everardo Sierra IV, 39, Waseca, revoked license and no insurance;

Kenneth D. Simms, 24, Owatonna, no license; Antonio V. Smith, 29, Rush City, speeding and suspended license; Ricky S.

Steele, 41, Owatonna, no license and no insurance; Paulo C. Tarelo Garcia, 31, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$381, 3 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation;

Martha E. Torrez, 27, Rochester, revoked license; Cyrus N. Trevino, 24, Owatonna, revoked license; Michael L. Vansabben, 46, Northwood, IA, no insurance and stop sign; Blas O. Varela Santos, 39, no license, \$181; Joel Vargas, 44, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Jose I. Villa, 32, Del Rio, TX, revoked license; Han N. Vorwerk, 35, Rochester, suspended license and no insurance; Chris A. Vruno, 29, Shakopee, revoked license and no insurance; Reannon L. Westra, 27, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$381, 6 days in county jail, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic abuse evaluation, no possession of firearms and 1 year of supervised probation;

Delwyn D. Whitefeather, 46, Geneva, no license, \$181; Randy J. Wolke Jr., 39, Owatonna, no insurance; David J. Wolkenhauer, 33, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Michael P. Wood, 34, Owatonna, DWI and possession of marijuana, \$581, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Rodney A. Zak, 56, Owatonna, stop sign and no lights on bicycle, \$151; Isaias Zamorano-Mina, 25, Owatonna, invalid license and no insurance, \$381.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Kenneth M. Anderson, 58, Co-kato, speeding, \$141; Gabriel E. Andrade, 22, Minneapolis, speeding, \$581; Anthony E. Baumgartner, 26, Owatonna, failure to drive on right around rotary traffic island, revoked license and no insurance; Melinda Beraza, 46, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance;

Sally M. Bridges-Stanbrough, 45, Hampton, IA, no insurance; Victor A. Brown, 31, Faribault, suspended license; E. O. Cole, 70, Austin, speeding, \$131; Christopher L. Copeland, 34, Milwaukee, WI, seat belt and suspended license; Maria D. Enriquez Garcia, 26, Brooklyn Center, speeding, \$141; William J. Foster, 70, Waseca, DWI, \$381, 1 day in county jail, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation;

Kuron D. Fultz, 31, Mankato, revoked license and possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia, \$381; Cyрил E. Geringer, 47, Grain Valley, MO, suspended license; Clarissa G. Halder, 40, Zumbrota, speeding, \$121; Sandra A. Harris, 41, New Richland, no insurance; Gerald W. Heckel, 55, East Troy, WI, speeding, \$121; Wallace K. Helgeson, 75, Austin, failure to yield, \$131; Byron P. Holmes, 36, Bloomington, speeding, \$121; Jay P. Holmes, 44, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Shanay U. Hopson, 31, Minneapolis, suspended license;

Brian S. Hullett, 41, Owatonna,

suspended license; Jon M. Kanzenbach, 27, West Concord, revoked license and no insurance; Lindsey M. Kruse, 22, Caledonia, speeding, \$121; Whitney M. Kylvlo, 26, Kenyon, speeding, \$121; Debra N. Landreth, 36, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Edgardo G. Martinez, 29, Faribault, no license; Kevin M. Maslakow, 51, Mapleton, DWI, \$406, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Amanda G. Mesagna, 23, Morristown, suspended license and no insurance; Toya M. Mitchell, 26, Kansas City, MO, speeding, \$131; Steven M. Murray, 28, Corcoran, expired tabs, \$111; Alangi A. Omot, 46, Mankato, speeding, \$141; Brent A. Pearson, 38, Mankato, expired tabs and speeding, \$161; David M. Porras, 26, Owatonna, no license; Monica J. Prusha, 24, Albert Lea, no license; George Reyes, 58, Owatonna, revoked license; Destiny R. Rietveld, 18, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181; Robin M. Roseland, 34, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Dwayne F. Salinas, 30, Waseca, no license; Sheila K. Schulz, 53, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121;

Matthew Seeger, 25, Marshall, speeding, \$281; Joshua J. Simpson, 45, Austin, speeding, \$121; Demarcus Smith, 38, Mankato, no license and speeding, \$231; Heather J. St. Dennis, 32, Red Wing, speeding, \$121; Logan J. Starkson, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Ashley N. Stumpf, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Travis M. Swartz, 29, Owatonna, revoked license; Emilia A. Temple, 26, Lakeville, speeding, \$121;

Katrell K. Townsend, 34, Mankato, revoked license; Leah M. Trom, 39, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Violet J. Twoeagle, 69, Parmelee, SD, no license; Joel Vargas, 44, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Josh D. Watkins, 30, Owatonna, speeding and revoked license;

Mitchell J. Wenker, 33, Brown Valley, no license; Steven M. Williams, 23, Faribault, DWI, \$381, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Aishah H. Zambrella, 27, Edina, suspended license and no insurance.

POLICE BLOTTER
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 212 complaints during the week of Oct. 5 – 11. Some of them include:

Oct. 5
Suspicion. At 12:31 a.m., deputies responded to suspicious activity at State Hwy. 56 and 560th St. in West Concord.

Civil. At 8:35 a.m., deputies assisted with a civil matter regarding a divorce in the 100 block of 1st Ave. NW in Hayfield.

Environment. A citizen called deputies at 12:56 a.m. when a waste management truck was losing paper and garbage at State Hwy. 56 and 690th St. in Hayfield.

Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 900 block of 3rd Ave. SE in Hayfield at 3:15 p.m.

Oct. 6
Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield at 12:49 a.m.

Fire. At 5:33 a.m., deputies, Claremont Fire, West Concord Fire and Owatonna Fire responded to a shop on fire in the 11000 block of 585th St. in Claremont.

Carbon Monoxide. Deputies and Dodge Center Fire responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 200 block of 1st Ave. SE in Dodge Center at 9:01 p.m.

Oct. 7
Sexual Assault. Deputies began an investigation of a sexual assault in Dodge Center at 3:58 p.m.

Disturbance. At 5:02 p.m., deputies responded to an out of control juvenile making threats to harm people on Main St. W. in Hayfield.

Suspicion. Deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle in the 67000 block of 130th Ave. in Claremont at 6:43 p.m.

Oct. 8
Fraud. At 1:53 p.m., a West Concord citizen reported being the victim of identity theft in the 18300 block of 560th St.

Fire. Deputies responded to a house fire in the 300 block of Main St. W. in Hayfield at 6:36 p.m.

Combine Fire. At 8:31 p.m., deputies responded to a combine that was smoking in the 25700 block of 550th St. in West Concord.

Narcotics. Deputies responded to a narcotics incident on 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 9:06 p.m.

Oct. 9
Disturbance. At 2:13 p.m., a woman called deputies when there was an unwanted male at a residence in the 800 block of 6th Ave. NW in Dodge Center. Deputies responded and transported him to Detox.

Order for Protection. Deputies responded to a violation of an order for protection in the 200 block of Julia St. in Claremont at 9:08 p.m.

Oct. 11
Sexual Assault. Deputies began an investigation of a sexual assault in West Concord at 1:12 p.m.

COURT NEWS
Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Oct. 3 – 10:

Dodge County Sheriff's office
Travis R. Andrews, 25, Dodge Center, revoked license and failure to yield right of way, \$330; Chad S. Behne, 36, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Tracy K. Coriell, 59, Hutchinson, speeding, \$120; Jenna J. Dahlgren, 21, Kasson, expired registration and speeding, \$170; Uriah D. Flowers, 21, Zumbrota, possession of paraphernalia and marijuana, \$280; Kenneth D.

Heins, 24, Hayfield, no insurance, \$280; Noel A. Lopez, 19, Dodge Center, invalid license and speeding, \$240; Matthew S. Machacek, 29, Stewartville, speeding, \$220; Derik R. Wencil, 20, Dodge Center, underage drinking and driving, \$230 and 6 months of supervised probation.

Kasson Police Department
Jenna J. Dahlgren, 21, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Lawson S. Harder, 17, Kasson, failure to yield right of way, \$130; Cyrus O. Hickman, 36, Oronoco, seat belt, \$105; Amber M. Mills, 31, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Joshua J. Mitchell, 28, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; James L. Nelson, 38, Kasson, revoked license and seat belt, \$305; Lori A. Thaldorf, 39, Kasson, speeding, \$140.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Ralph D. Bartz, 65, Austin, move over law violation, \$130; Patricia J. Lewandowski, 51, Roberts, WI, speeding, \$120; Nicole G. McClure, 34, Kasson, speeding, \$130; Joshua J. Mitchell, 28, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Luke J. Risius, 17, Brownsdale, speeding, \$120; John A. Shikoski, 62, New Ulm, speeding, \$130; Tin Thai, 52, Sugar Land, TX, speeding, \$120.

West Concord Police Department
Melissa M. Berg, 37, Dodge Center, speeding, \$220; Justin B. Blank, 21, West Concord, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$180; Andrew J. Carlson, 30, Zumbrota, speeding, \$130; Cami M. Fuchs, 40, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$180; Najau M. Mullins, 21, West Concord, invalid license, \$180; Kevin J. Pohl, 35, Dennison, speeding, \$120; Jesse J. Shipp, 42, Rochester, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$180; Tracy A. Williams, 49, Owatonna, speeding, \$120; Thalamus H. Wilson, 38, Kasson, suspended license, \$280.

ARREST
Steele County

Owatonna Police
Baldemar Villarreal, 24, arrested at 1:59 a.m. Oct. 8, felony possession, held for court.

Hector Rocha, 24, arrested at 11:55 a.m. Oct. 8, warrant arrest, \$20,000 bail.

Raymond Keith Scott, 38, arrested at 9:36 p.m. Oct. 8, felony order for protection violation, held for court.

Torrie Lee Bolden, 39, arrested at 8:05 a.m. Oct. 9, domestic assault, held for court.

Marcos Ernesto Reyes, 40, arrested at 12:08 a.m. Oct. 10, cancelled license and no insurance, held for court.

Kyle Ray Schultz, 32, arrested at 1:50 a.m. Oct. 13, DWI, held for court.

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USDA announces plans to purchase surplus cheese

New report shows Trans-Pacific partnership would create growth for dairy industry



Following a roundtable discussion with dairy producers near La Crosse, Wisc., Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering to purchase \$20 million of cheddar cheese to reduce a private cheese surplus that has reached record levels, while assisting food banks and other food assistance recipients.

While USDA projects dairy prices to increase throughout the rest of the year, many factors including low world market prices, increased milk supplies and inventories, and slower demand have contributed to a sluggish marketplace for dairy producers and caused dairy revenues to drop 35 percent over the past two years. Section 32 of the Agriculture Act of 1935 authorizes USDA to purchase surplus food to benefit food banks and families in need through its nutrition assistance programs.

"America's farming families are being called on to demonstrate their world-famous resourcefulness and resilience in the face of this current market downturn, and USDA is making use of every tool that we have to help them," said Vilsack. "For dairy farmers, this has included \$11.2 million in payments in August through the Dairy Margin Protection Program, in addition to the surplus purchase offers. While our analysis predicts the market will improve for these hardworking men and women, reducing the surplus can give them extra reassurance while also filling demand at food banks and other organizations that help our nation's families in need. Farmers at other points in the supply chain are also receiving a boost with over \$7 billion in Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss

Coverage payments for the 2015 crop year, which by design kick in when times are tough. As always, we continue to watch market conditions and will explore opportunities for further assistance in the coming months. For producers challenged by weather, disease and falling revenue, we will continue to ensure the availability of a strong safety net to keep them farming or ranching."

A solicitation will be issued shortly, and cheese deliveries to



food banks and other food assistance recipients are expected to occur beginning in March 2017.

Also at the roundtable, Vilsack shared details of a new report by the USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, which shows continued growth of the U.S. dairy sector is largely contingent on trade and that the Trans-Pacific Partnership could create an additional \$150 to \$300 million in annual U.S. dairy exports. Free trade agreements have contributed to the growth in U.S.

dairy exports and helped to address tariff and nontariff barriers that disadvantage U.S. products in overseas markets. U.S. dairy exports to free trade agreement partners grew from \$690 million in the year prior to each agreement's entry into force to \$2.8 billion in 2015, driven by lower trade barriers and increased U.S. competitiveness. For more information on TPP, visit www.fas.usda.gov/topics/trans-pacific-partnership-tp.

USDA works to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. Since 2009, USDA has provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

Candidate Forum Oct. 24

A forum focusing on rural and agriculture issues with local legislative candidates will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 24 at the Milton Town Hall, Dodge County. It is sponsored by the SE Minnesota Ag Alliance. The public is invited.

\$2 million available to fund Crop Research Grants

Seeking future-focused projects to improve agriculture



The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) announces \$2 million available to applicants for applied Crop Research Grants. Research must focus on improving agricultural product quality, quantity and value. Projects must benefit Minnesota farmers and the state's economy in the next three to five years. Maximum grant awards are \$250,000 per project, which can last up to three years.

Any Minnesota organization, research entity, individual, or business with agricultural research capability is eligible and encouraged to apply for funding. This includes: farmers/farmer networks, institutions of higher education, research institutions,

nonprofit organizations, agricultural cooperatives, and agricultural businesses with research capabilities.

Applications for the Fiscal Year 2017 grants must be received by 4:00 p.m. November 22, 2016 and may be submitted to the MDA by mail, email or in person. To view grant details and the Request for Proposals, visit the Crop Research Grant Program webpage. The online application is now available.

The Crop Research Grant Program is part of the Agricultural

Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program created by the Minnesota Legislature to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries. The AGRI Program focuses on creating jobs and profitable businesses in the areas of livestock investment, value-added business and market development, crop production and processing research, and renewable energy.

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Haunted Corn Maze and Feed Mill open four nights

Farmamerica's annual Haunted Corn Maze & Feed Mill opens October 21

This is the 13th year that Farmamerica has created a Haunted Corn Maze and Feed Mill for the public. And this year promises to be scarier and the maze trickier than ever before. You can claw your way past the beasts in the abandoned feed mill and hope you find your way out of the Haunted Corn Maze without awakening the terror that lies between the corn rows on Fridays and Saturdays - October 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission is \$10/person. The event is a fundraiser for Farmamerica with proceeds going toward its education programs to help share Minnesota's agricultural story with students and consumers. The event requires months of planning and days of set-up to create a unique experience that keeps folks coming back each year. It relies heavily on volunteers who are passionate about Farmamerica's mission and who simply love Halloween fun.

This year Hot 96.7, Mankato's hit music station, will be blasting tunes live onsite on October 22 and Uncle B's Last Chance BBQ Shack food truck will be onsite all four nights. This event is only for the brave and not recommended for children under 10.

Farmamerica is a non-profit organization established by the state legislature in 1978 as Minnesota's Agricultural Interpretive Center, telling the story of agriculture through historical tours, educational programs, and family events. The 360-acre Farmamerica site is just off Highway 14 on County Road 2, west of Waseca. Address: 7367 360th Ave, Waseca, MN. More information is available at farmamerica.org.



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Minnesota Crop Report:

Almost one-quarter of the soybean acreage was harvested in Minnesota during the week ending October 16, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork, the most days suitable since the first week of August. While the drier weather allowed harvest in most areas, there were reports of fields or spots in fields still too wet to harvest. Field activities for the week included harvesting and fall tilling.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus.

With almost all of Minnesota's corn acreage mature, 31 percent of corn for grain was harvested, 6 days behind the five-year average and 5 days behind last year. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest was 19 percent. Corn condition rated 86 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week. Virtually all of the corn for silage acreage had been harvested. Eighty-seven percent of the soybean acreage was harvested, slightly ahead of average but 1 week behind last year. Fifty percent of the sunflower acreage was harvested, just ahead of average but 1 week behind 2015. Sunflower condition rated 59 percent good to excellent. Ninety-eight percent of the potato acreage had been harvested, ahead of average. Advancing 31 percentage points from the previous week, 71 percent of the sugarbeet crop was harvested, 2 days behind the average pace. Pasture condition rated 70 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week.





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Four generations of my family reside in Steele County and are deeply connected to the community of Steele. My roots, community involvement, leadership and career of service bring the appropriate perspective and experience for today and our future.



Living in gangsterland

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

“Put on your zoot suit. Grab your Tommy gun,” Chad Lewis welcomed the audience to his talk Minnesota’s Gangster Past—the Land of 10,000 Crimes at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library.

Lewis spoke about Minnesota’s criminal history during prohibition. The state was a haven for the biggest names in organized crime.

“Why Minnesota?” Lewis asked the audience. The answered he said was simple: they were invited.

More specifically, at a time

when across the county city officials and police were decrying gangsters, police chief John O’Connor of Saint Paul invited them to his city.

The invitation came with just a few conditions. The gangsters had to register with the police. Gambling was fine. Prostitution was dandy. Gangsters just needed to let the police know what they were up to.

The second condition was the more critical. No crime was allowed within the city limits of St. Paul. The suburbs of the city and even a few more distant towns were flooded with illegal businesses from

the gangsters who made their home in St. Paul. In the city itself, however, crime against civilians was actually at a low point. If crimes were taking place, they were gang on gang.

During prohibition Saint Paul had more gangsters per capita than any other city, but paradoxically, the “saintly” city was one of country’s safest. So many criminals flooded into the state, that famous gangster Alvin Karpis was known to say that if he hadn’t seen a buddy in a while they were either “in prison or St. Paul.”

While the city was relatively safe, smaller towns in

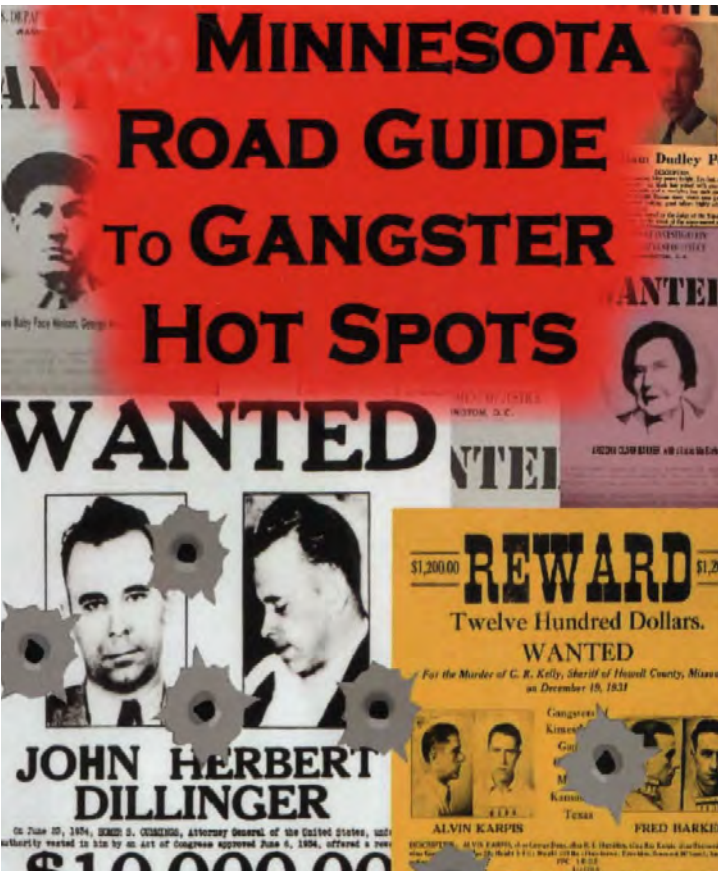
Minnesota still had to worry about regular heists. In Austin, multiple bank robberies happened during prohibition. In one instance, a mail truck delivering money was robbed for thousands, and the bandits were never caught.

One of the most notorious gangsters to inhabit Minnesota was Lester M. Gillis, better known to the public as Baby Face Nelson.

He was “one of the best connected gangsters of all time,” according to Lewis. He was known for his split personality. On one hand, unlike other gangsters, he had no mistress and was devoted to his wife and two kids. Things would get ugly, however, when he lost his temper.

In October of 1933, he took his temper out on Brainerd, Minn. when he and his gang robbed a bank. After staking out the business for a few days, they stopped the janitor on his way in one morning and demanded he let them in. Never one to argue with a tommy gun, the janitor complied, and the gang waited inside while the employees arrived.

Lewis paused his talk to address a common misconception about bank



The cover of Chad Lewis’s road guide to famous gangster sites in Minnesota

heists. Robbers didn’t tell people to “stick ‘em up.” Banks at that time were often heavily windowed, and a bunch of people sticking their

hands up would have drawn unwanted attention from

GANGSTER
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Local jeweler heading to Antwerp

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If you think the diamond of your dreams is in your near future, contact Mark or Jonathan and they’ll be happy to go on a fruitful search for you. Douglas Diamonds is located at 300 Western Ave NW in Faribault and 1100 Frontage Rd W. in Owatonna, they can be reached at 507-332-2347.



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Marissa Larson, a senior at Blooming Prairie High School, was the first place winner of the Blooming Prairie VFW Auxiliary Post 878 Voice of Democracy Contest this past year. She is shown at left, receiving her award from Marilyn Witzel of the Auxiliary.

VFW and Auxiliary sponsor Voice of Democracy competition

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie’s VFW Post 878 and Auxiliary will again sponsor the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest.

This year’s theme is “My Responsibility to America.”

Monetary awards will be given to the first, second and third place winners and presented to them at the annual Memorial Day program in Blooming Prairie.

The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12. Deadline for submission of audio essays is Nov. 1.

For more information and entry forms, contact Cory Hendrickson at the high school or Carol Holman at 583-2966.

The VFW Voice Of Democracy audio-essay program was established in 1947 and provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay.

Each year, nearly 40,000 students in grades 9-12 from across the country enter to win their share of \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the Voice of Democracy program.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient’s American university, college or technical school.

Grayson Campbell, a senior at Covenant Christian School in Panama City Beach, Florida, was named the 2015-16 Voice of Democracy winner. His speech was on the theme of “My Vision for America.”

Grayson was sponsored by VFW Post 10555 and its Auxiliary of Panama City Beach, Florida.

Marissa Larson, a senior at Blooming Prairie High School, was a first place winner of the Blooming Prairie VFW Auxiliary Post 878 Voice of Democracy Contest last year. Her essay focused on her perspective of racial discrimination. She is the daughter of Jeff and Tammy Larson.

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Anniversary approved

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

There’s a party coming to Blooming Prairie. The Blooming Prairie city council met on Oct. 10 to discuss the 150-year anniversary and several permits for community events.

Chamber of commerce director Becky Noble addressed the council in regards to the anniversary celebration. The plan is to combine the anniversary celebration with the town’s current Fourth of July celebration.

The committee planning the celebration is debating several ideas for that weekend including an all school reunion, a big birthday party in the park on Sunday, a tour of old businesses and the cemetery, and a kiddie parade. There’s also hopes for a town picnic, where kids will release a 150 balloons and emergency services can display vehicles. Letters are being sent out to local churches seeing if any will hold a service in honor of the anniversary.

There are also plans for several citizens, including the Time’s Lemar Nelson, to write a booklet on last 25 years

since the previous anniversary celebration.

The committee is asking the council for a small amount of funding, but more importantly, permission to host the aforementioned events. They also hope to get volunteers to help out, as the event gets closer.

Moving on to more formal business, the council adopted an ordinance to opt out of Minnesota Statues 462.3593, one that requires cities to set up temporary housing for people in specific medical circumstances. There was little debate on the matter, and Blooming Prairie joined one of several local towns adopting similar ordinances.

The council also awarded a contract for the 2017 Street Rehabilitation Improvement Project. Bids have been placed, and costs are looking to come in \$100,000 cheaper than the engineers’ original estimate of \$500,000. The project should hopefully come under half a million when all is said and done. The bids were approved by the council.

The council approved a request for a temporary liquor license for the Servicemen’s Club on Nov. 13. A request for an exempt gambling permit

for the Recreation Association to hold a raffle was approved, and the Cancer Group’s request for a gambling permit for their turkey bingo was also approved.

Adjustments were made to the city’s zoning map. Both the Servicemen’s Club and the Boys and Girls Club had parts of their property in residential zones, but the map is being realigned so both will sit completely in business zones.

The City Administrator’s report on police coverage addressed concerns of citizens that the police force needs expanding. There’s \$15,000 allocated in the 2017 budget for additional coverage. The preliminary budget is already set, so no further money can be allocated, unless the city fired someone in a different department to free up the funds. The council expressed no plans to do so.

The council also wanted to remind everyone that if a letter is sent to the council it must have names attached.

“You have to be willing to put your name on it, or it has no status,” Mayor H. Peterson said. Signing it “concerned citizens” is insufficient.

Offender information

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

On Oct. 14, members of the Blooming Prairie community gathered to learn about predatory offender laws in light of a level three predatory offender moving to town.

Police Chief Greg Skillestad opened by welcoming everyone and reaffirming his priority is to “make sure everyone in Blooming Prairie is safe.”

“I don’t want people to be scared,” he said, “I just want people to be educated.”

He turned the floor over to Sarah Hustad from the Minnesota Department of Corrections. She gave a presentation on predatory offender laws in Minnesota.

She explained the predatory offender registration list. People who have been convicted of sex crimes, kidnapping, or false imprisonment are required to register. Offenders have had to register since 1991 as a direct result of the Jacob Wetterling case.

There are 91 registered offenders in Steele County as of Oct. 13, 2016. There are now six predatory offenders in Blooming Prairie.

Not all registered offenders require public notification. Only people with a higher risk of re-offending require notification. People with prior convictions account for only seven percent of new sexual misconduct convictions.

In most cases, the sexual offenders are known to their victim; they have some established relationship. Only 10 percent of victims are assaulted by strangers.

Hustad reinforced how important it is for adults to talk openly with their children and reaffirm that their children can come to them if anyone ever makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

The level three predator who has moved to Blooming Prairie is named James Peter Zylstra. He is 61 years old and a former resident.

He has a history of indecent exposure and sexual touching with female victims from age 12 to adult. The adult victim was vulnerable due to developmental disabilities. The police, for reasons of public safety, cannot release his exact address. He has served his full sentence and is not on probation.

The community is urged to report to the police any suspicious activity they see, by Zylstra or others.

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Painting for a cure:
another Rembrandt on the way

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Another Rembrandt may be on the way.

Yes, one of history’s greatest painters, Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, may be born again at a special painters’ night out on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Sisters Colette Lea and Sarah Wencil love to paint on canvas. They wish to share that artistry with others by sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group.

It’s called “Painting for a Cure.” All you have to do is walk in, sit down and Colette and Sarah will show you how to paint a snowman. The painting session begins at 6 p.m. at the Pizza Cellar. Refreshments will be available.

For \$40, painting students of all aages will get a 16 x 20 canvas, acrylic paint, brushes, easel, painting cloths and lots of instruction. Spaces will be available for 30 painters.

All proceeds go to the BP Cancer Group. The painting project was actually born last year with a snowman as the painting object.

“You don’t have to be a painter and it’s as easy as it can get,” Colette says.

Colette has been very active in BP Cancer Group activities, hosting the annual cancer auction just outside the doors of the Leas’ Cue Company and Pizza Cellar. Involvement in the auction “keeps me out of trouble, and I have a chance to help others out,” Colette said.

Cancer has no boundaries and has struck Colette’s family and friends.

The “Painting for a cure” fundraiser has been promoted on Colette’s Facebook page and in flyers around town.

Come to the Pizza Cellar on Oct. 20 and create a masterpiece. At the same time, you will be helping out a very worthwhile support organization called the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group.

Photo submitted

Here's the snowman that will be painted by the many aspiring artists who also wish to help out the Blooming Prairie Cancer group on Thursday, Oct 20. "Painting for a Cure" is the brain child of Colette Lea and Sarah Wencil who are organizing a painting party at the Pizza Cellar beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 20. All proceeds go to the BP Cancer Group.

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Lewis closed his talk telling the audience, “Whatever you make of these character, what should be celebrated is the history they came out of.” That history played out against the backdrop of Minnesota’s cities.

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The following you will see what we have to offer, from popular returning programs and activities to "new" ones. Speaking about popular.... The 3rd Annual Trick or Treat Trail will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 2-4pm at Manthey Park!

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Manthey Park

Ghosts and Goblins of all ages grab your trick or treat bags and head out to Manthey Park for our 3rd Annual Trick or Treat Trail! Visit local businesses along the trail for treats, games, a photo shoot, and crafts. NEW at this year's event include a kiddie train ride, a scavenger hunt, trunk or treating and a petting zoo! We'll also have two bounce houses, free hot chocolate and Papa Murphy's Pizza will be serving pizza until 5:00pm! Mark your calendars!

Calendar Photo Contest

Time is running out to enter your photos! Submit your favorite photo for your chance to win a \$25 or \$10 gift card and be featured in the 2017 Owatonna Parks and Recreation calendar! Submit your photo by email to: Jessica.Abrahams@ci.owatonna.mn.us or mail photos to: 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, Attn: Jessica. Photos must be submitted by October 21, 2016 and must include photographer's name and phone number. The cover photo winner will receive a \$25 Owatonna Park and Rec gift card, monthly photo winners will receive a \$10 gift card and all winners will receive a free calendar. Stop by Perfect Day Cakes in Owatonna between October 28 and November 14 to see all the great submitted photos and vote for your favorite! The photo with the most votes will be our 2017 calendar cover!

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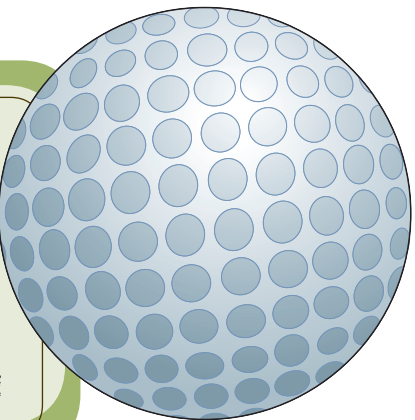


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founder, Steven Currington, after a ten-year addiction to drugs and alcohol, was able to put aside his addictions through his faith in Jesus Christ, the support of his church, and his understanding of God's principles of life from the Bible. Currington founded RU in April 1996, to share the Truth and principles that helped him overcome his addictions. The success rate is over 80% for students who apply the curriculum and the principles

taught, and are faithful to the meetings. Reformers Unanimous of Steele County held an Open House Orientation on Oct. 7 at their meeting hall located at 130 West Bridge Street in Owatonna. Official weekly meetings started on October 14th. People can still join. There is no fee or cost to join RU, and insurance is not required.

Retirement after 42 years

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

A hard day's work deserves a good long rest, and after 42 years of hard work, that's exactly what Roger Wencil deserves. At a time when most people change careers on average six time in their life, Wencil worked with Bosch Automotive Service Solutions in Owatonna for 42 years straight. He started with the company back when it was the Owatonna Tool Company and has stayed with it through several changes of ownership and reconfigurations. Wencil is a CC Machinist and operates the computerized system that builds the equipment and

parts for fixing cars. Growing up on a nearby farm and graduating from West Concord, he took the job because it was in the area, but he kept at it for decades because of the work environment. Wencil says he loves the people he's gotten to work with, and they've become a "close-knit group of people." During his time at Bosch, there was one lady he grew particularly close to. At a company picnic, he met a young woman who worked in sales commissions and marketing research. They started going steady. He worked the night shift, and she worked during the day. He caught her on a break one afternoon and proposed under

the company's flagpole, and she said yes. His wife and he continued to work for Bosch, and she retired only a few years ago after working there for 34 years. Wencil is happy with the roughly four decades he has worked with the company, but he's looking forward to new adventures in retirement after his last day on Friday. His wife and he have bought a house that they're working to fix-up. They spend time running a support group called The Compassionate Friends they started after having a daughter pass away in a house fire in 2003. Wencil's also on the board for the local Salvation Army and will be spending even

more time volunteering, as the organization gears up for their yearly bell-ringing campaign. Retirement isn't stopping Wencil from still being an active member of the Owatonna community. When asked about what advice he has for people in the workforce today, Wencil said the most important thing is persistence. "When things look down, it's usually not for that long," Wencil says. He was with Bosch through ups and downs in the economy and knows there were times his name was next on the layoff list, but he says, "You're not out the door until you want to be."

Board approves buildings

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

With water back under the bridge, it was business as usual for the county board. The county board of commissioners met briefly on Oct. 11 to address building permits and the county's new water plan. The first proposed permit was for a temporary concrete plant permit just north of Medford. It would be built on a pre-existing gravel pit site. Due to zoning issues, only temporary permits can be requested, through the plant would be an ongoing business that would simply keep applying for temporary permits. The planning commission did approve the permit, though there was some concern about an increase in the traffic on the road to the plant. With a few standard conditions in place,

the board approved the permit. The next permit was from B.A.R. Properties. They want to build mini-storage units just south of Medford. The structures themselves are straightforward enough, but the land they want to build it on has several issues. The most significant being that a corner of it is located in the "flood fringe", land immediately adjacent to the floodway and therefore at a higher risk of flooding. This concern was addressed by reaffirming that B.A.R. Properties would follow the standard practice of building up the structures so they rested higher than flood levels. The planning commission approved the permit, and the board did likewise. In the middle of the meeting, the county opened up for a public hearing on the new Steele County water plan. The current water plan expires at the end of this year,

and the proposed one is a five-year stopgap plan until county watershed plans are complete. This is the second public hearing, and all that remains is for final approval in December from the department of water and soil resources. No members of the public came forward to comment on the plan. When the board opened the meeting to general public comments, Gene Hovey came forward concerned that detention center costs are too high. He cited his research that showed the center cost 5.5 million last year to care for 40 inmates. He felt the county was taking on more inmates than was their duty and said, "we need not subsidize Rice and Dodge county." The board responded that there has been no consensus on the cost of housing an inmate, but the matter did need to be looked into.

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NRHEG HOMECOMING

Panther Pride rises

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

When NRHEG’s homecoming comes around, all of Ellendale and New Richland comes out to cheer on the Panthers.

The high school heads into the week electing their homecoming royalty. This year the court included Grace Johns, Lacey Nelson, Kallie Spooner, Rachel Collins, Cynthia Quezada, and Mercedes Dickerson as candidates for queen. Candidates for king were Josh Fleming, Alex Blaschko, Luis Gaona, Jack Schultz, Will Rudau, and Chad Agrimson.

At coronation Monday night, Rachel Collins was crowned queen and Alex Blaschko joined her as NRHEG’s homecoming king. Collins is a member of FCA, student council, and plays for several sports teams. Blaschko focuses his energy on serving as a high school ambassador when he’s not working an after school job.

Sophia Bunn and Mason Peterson were also crowned homecoming princess and prince, respectively.

Both the elementary and high school marked the rest of the week with dress-up days like animal day and pajama day.

When the day of the big game rolled around, the elementary school students kicked off their day with a pep fest complete with cheerleading and a teddy bear parade. After the pep fest, grades kindergarten through fifth took turns running a lap around the local baseball diamond as their parents and fellow students cheered them on.

The first annual community picnic followed before the parade kicked off at just after noon. All of the elementary students got a chance to be in the parade in addition to the homecoming court. The fastest girl and boy from each class also got to ride in a special truck.

Over in New Richland, the high school let out early and held their own parade at 2:15. Their parade included the high school band, homecoming court, and different class floats, as well as the football team.

The community was happy to come out and support their team, even with a drop in temperature that day.

All of that spirit didn’t go to waste. That night the Panthers crushed their opponents, the Knights 26-0.



Staff photos by Kylie Rice

The Panther football team players rode in the New Richland parade on top of one of the town’s fire trucks. They were just a few hours from a complete homecoming victory on the field



Staff photos by Emily Schoenbeck and Kylie Rice



Top left: Kindergarteners at the elementary school put on a teddy bear parade. Each “float” was designed by one of the students and presented at the school pep fest the morning of the game.

Top center: The high school marching band faced off against the cold as they played in the Homecoming parade in New Richland.

Top right: A group of kindergarten boys wait in their Panther apparel for their run to start. The boys ran in a separate group from the girls.

2nd left: King Alex Blaschko and Queen Rachel Collins ride with Princess Sophia Bunn and Prince Mason Peterson in the Ellendale parade.

2nd right: The NRHEG cheerleaders and the Panther mascot ride atop a fire truck in the parade. The cold weather had many of the participants bundling up.



3rd left: Students and an instructor in the Bridge program serve as cheerleaders for the grade school students during their run. Bridge is a transitional program for students between preschool and kindergarten.

3rd right: Students from the elementary school line up to walk in the parade with their handmade posters cheering on the panthers in their game that night.

Bottom left: Different grades from the elementary school themed the signs they walked through the parade with.

Bottom center: The high school parade had several floats by students including a boxing ring themed one that encouraged the football players to “K.O. the Knights.”

Bottom right: The owners of Lerberg’s Foods drove their old-fashioned car. They were one of the few non-school participants in the Ellendale parade.



Legal Notices

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Alan P. Christenson and Ronda K. Christenson f/k/a Ronda Kaplan, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., a California corporation n/k/a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$263,200.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 21, 2003

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 26, 2003 as Document Number A317433 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$226,938.07

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 1, Frerham Addition, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1901 N CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-1234

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., a California corporation n/k/a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-339-0101

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: September 6, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Bonnie L. Petersen, an unmarried person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$330,000.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 23, 2009

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 27, 2009 as Document Number 362972 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$193,677.19

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North Range 20 West, Change North 1312.97 feet along the East line of Section 28 to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 205.75 feet; thence North 190.0 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid road No. 1; thence South 190.0 feet to the point of beginning. And

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North, Range 20 West, thence North 1502.97 feet along the East line of Section 28, thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence continuing West 205.75 feet; thence North 214.35 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1, thence South 214.35 feet to the point of beginning, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 3890 N CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 12-028-2106 and 12-028-2105

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 22, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: September 23, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$125,200.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph L. Erler and Barbara R. Erler, Husband and Wife; Jeremy J. Erler and Brittany L. Erler, Husband and Wife and Jeff T. Evans, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100021278104668426

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rochester Mortgage Company

SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 22, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000346605, thereafter re-recorded March 28, 2007 as document number A000348664; thereafter validated by an Order dated April 25, 2016 recorded May 3, 2016 as document number A000407382

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 29, 2015 filed: August 5, 2015, recorded as document number A000403486; Thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The West Half of the following described property, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the South 242 1/2 feet of Lot 23 in NE1/4 of Section 16, Township 107 North, Range 20 West (said point being in the center of Oak Street); running thence East 329.5 feet, more or less, to a point 20 rods West of the East line of said Lot, thence South 60 feet, thence West 329.5 feet to the center of Oak Street, thence North to the place of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1039-1041 S Oak Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1260

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$120,211.22

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 15, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2017, or the next business day if May 15, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: September 23, 2016

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Assignee of Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1

Foreclosure

15-101570

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph L. Erler and Barbara R. Erler, Husband and Wife; Jeremy J. Erler and Brittany L. Erler, Husband and Wife and Jeff T. Evans, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100021278104668400

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rochester Mortgage Company

SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 22, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000346604, thereafter re-recorded March 28, 2007 as document number A000348663 to add additional mortgagors

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 27, 2015 filed: August 3, 2015, recorded as document number A000403434; Thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated March 21, 2016 and recorded May 18, 2016 as document number A000407640.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 9 and the East 6 feet of Lot 8 in Block 23 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, Minnesota; Excepting the South 55 feet to the above described premises.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 404 Elm Ave S, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-2310

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$112,504.93

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 15, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

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Dated: September 23, 2016

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Assignee of Mortgagee

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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF STEELE Court File No. 74-PR-16-1970

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Vera L. Swanson, also known as Vera Louise Swanson, Decedent

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated September 28, 1995. The Registrar accepted th eapplication and informally appointed Richard W. Swanson, whose address is 126 North Prairie Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objections to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 2016.09.26

Kris Schmitz
Probate Registrar

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Adam D. Jensen, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by assignment recorded on March 22, 2016 as Document Number A000406720 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; as corrected to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by corrective assignment recorded on August 23, 2016 as Document Number A000409190 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,200.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 21, 2009

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 3, 2009 as Document Number A000364463; as reformed by Court Order recorded on June 7, 2016 as Document No. A000407930 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$122,754.80

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Half of the following: Commencing 80 rods East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21, running thence East 9 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 9 rods; thence South 8 rods to beginning. (Being Sublot 3, and part of Sublot 4 of Lot 10 in Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21)

Together with and subject to that certain Well Agreement dated and filed June 21, 1994, as Document No. 242387 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8921 13TH ST SW, MERIDAN, MN 56093

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION

NUMBER: 09-017-4211

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION

NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 13, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: October 13, 2016

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST

Mortgagee THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A. By:/s/Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.*

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an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on June 13, 2017, or the next business day if June 13, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: October 14, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee

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Steele County - Synopsis 9.13.16

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 9/13/2016
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Glynn/Huntington to approve the agenda. Ayes all.

2. Schultz/Brady to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes all.

A. Approve the Minutes of August 23, 2016.

B. Approve the Listing of Bills.

C. Approve Personnel Report

D. Approve purchase of office furniture for three existing offices in the Public Health Department and approve lowest quote.

E. Approve two new monitors for the Septic Inspector's office in Planning and Zoning.

F. Accept Public Safety Minutes from August 24th and September 7th.

G. Accept the Community Services Minutes.

H. Accept the Land Use and Records Minutes.

I. Accept Internal Central Services Minutes.

J. Accept Probation Dashboard.

1. Huntington/Brady to approve replacing a full-time Network Support position in the Information Technology Department. Ayes all.

2. Brady/Schultz to approve hiring a temporary position in the Auditor's office for the Elections through December 2016. Ayes all.

3. Ayes all.

4. Brady/Huntington to approve Outsourcing and mailing of the TNT statements. Ayes all.

5. Glynn/Huntington Resolution to approve the SCDIU Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

6. Glynn/Schultz to approve upgrade of the Stanley Integrator Software and four new pcs to run it at the Detention Center.

7. Schultz/Glynn Resolution approve the delegation of duties to County Auditor for authorizing the Steele County Auditor or designee to approve the payment of the County payroll, including approved Commissioner salary and per diem payments made pursuant to Minnesota law and the annual resolution approving certain meetings for per diem payments for the year of 2016. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

8. Glynn/Huntington to adopt the County Election Emergency Plan. Ayes all.

9. Glynn/Brady to approve classification of SCRAM revenues as restricted revenues. Ayes all.

10. Brady/Huntington to Amend and Restate the Joint Powers Agreement by and between the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative and Steele County. Ayes all.

11. Brady/Glynn to approve bid removal of Quonsets at 1123 and 1903 SE 44th Ave to Steven Dornquist for total bid amount of \$2,000.

12. Glynn/Schultz to approve Highway Department to utilize rental trucks to supplement trucking needs for shouldering operations in efforts to get the shouldering placed prior to snowfall and still make progress in mowing and other roadway repairs. Ayes all.

13. Glynn/Brady to approve Purchase Agreement for the property located at 1123 SE 44th Ave and authorize chair to sign. Ayes all.

14. Schultz/Glynn Resolution Steele County has entered into a Purchase Agreement with Dalton Wanous at a purchase price of \$123,850 for the sale of property located at 1123 44th Avenue scheduled to be closed on or before October 31, 2016. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

15. Huntington/Schultz to approve PW Project Phase 1 Change Order No.

1 to DMI in the amount of \$1,052.70 for staking additional stockpile area boundaries.

16. Brady/Schultz approve the Administrator to draft a letter requesting HSEM/FEMA to expedite processing of the previously submitted time extension request for Phase I of the PW Facility project. Ayes all.

17. Huntington/Brady Resolution Contract No. 163423 has in all things been completed, and the County Board being fully advised in the premises, now then hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the Steele County Highway Department and authorize final payment as specified to James Bros. Construction in the amount of \$29,569.80. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

18. Commissioners Reports:
Commissioner Glynn reported on his attendance at the JD 23 meeting. Commissioner Huntington reported on her attendance at the Childrens Mental Health Collaborative, Drug Court Graduation, South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Board meeting and SCCL Board meeting.

Commissioner Brady reported on his attendance at JD 23 meeting and SE Water Resources Board.
Commissioner Schultz reported on his attendance at the Fair Board meeting, SEMCAC meeting, and 911 Joint Powers Board.
Commissioner Ebeling reported on his attendance at JD 23 meeting, 911 Joint Powers Board and SCCL Board meeting.

19. Schultz/Brady to approve the following listing of bills:

LISTING OF BILLS
9/13/2016

30th Place LLC	17,509.75
A'viands, LLC	20,581.69
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	8,586.26
Aug's All Home Services	2,560.00
Bushey/Jodi L	10,750.00
Clearview Window Cleaning	2,435.00
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	43,000.00
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	4,247.72
East Central RJC	8,829.00
Election Systems & Software Inc.	3,620.13
Hansen Excavation Inc.	2,700.00
Harlands Tire & Auto Center	6,972.00
Hosfield/John C	2,964.00
Houston Engineering Inc.	4,000.00
Information Systems Corp	13,515.36
Integra Telecom	2,919.11
McClunes Tree Service	9,137.50
Owatonna Motor Company	6,021.61
Owatonna Public Utilities	31,519.02
PSC Alliance Inc	3,201.40
Schultz Excavating	5,680.00
Steele County Central Service	7,487.28
Steele County Treasurer - PCP	6,964.62
Stonebrooke Engineering Inc	42,201.24
Taser International	2,002.35
Trane U.S. Inc.	2,947.25
Turnkey Corrections	15,912.28
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	19,261.00
Waste Management of WI-MN	104,126.76
192 Warrants under \$2,000	73,234.46
Total:	\$484,886.79

LISTING OF BILLS
9/27/2016

A'viands, LLC	5,407.15
All American Arena Products	4,895.00
Amazon	5,362.35
AMCON	20,224.00
Central Farm Services	5,835.86
CPS Technology Solutions	2,575.00
Dakota County Financial Svc	3,296.82
Dirt Merchant	120,783.00
Erickson Engineering CO LLC	5,442.34
FFF Enterprises	10,532.39
H & L Mesabi, Inc	6,190.48
Link Support Services LLC	5,135.20
Marco Technologies LLC	2,838.88
Northern Safety Technology Inc	2,192.59
Oertel Architects	26,000.00
Olmsted County Community Svcs	3,515.00
Pump & Meter Service	44,792.00
R & R Specialties of Wisconsin Inc	5,271.34
Ramy Turf Products	12,158.10
Riverland Community College	2,600.00
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc	3,389.92
Steele County Treasurer	9,323.49
Stonebrooke Engineering Inc	6,527.59
Turnkey Corrections	9,606.13
University of MN Regents	10,266.13
Verizon Wireless	2,296.03
116 Warrants under \$2,000	65,356.37
Total:	\$401,813.16

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 6:33 p.m. Ayes all.

10/18/16

Steele County - Synopsis 9.27.16

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 9/27/2016
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Glynn/Huntington to approve the agenda. Ayes all.

2. Huntington/Brady to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes all.

A. Approve the Minutes of September 13 and September 26, 2016.

B. Approve the Listing of Bills.

C. Approve Personnel Report

D. Approve the following Four Seasons Centre Contracts - Junior A Rental Agreement-Blades 2016-2017; Locker Room Lease-Blades 2016-2017; OYHA-Advertising 2016 and OYHA Concession Agreement and Lease-2016.

E. Award quote for Four Seasons Center Parking Lot Striping to Seykora Asphalt Maintenance & Paving

F. Accept the Public Works Minutes.

G. Accept Internal Central Services Minutes.

1. Glynn/Huntington to approve review of Conditional Use Permit #215 for Tracy Holland in Section 14-105-21 and Section 15-105-21of Berlin Township with conditions per the Planning Commission and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.

2. Glynn/Schultz to approve review of Conditional Use Permit #404 for Hidden Creek Ag. LLC in Section 23-106-21 of Lemond Township with

10/18/16

STEELE COUNTY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that on Tuesday, November 1 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, Minnesota, the Steele County Board of Adjustment will hold Public Hearings on the following variance applications:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Meriden has requested to build a deck onto the house 90 feet from the centerline of SW 92nd Ave. on property located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 20, Meriden Township.
The property address is 2781 92nd Ave. SW.
Marie and Kevin Gallagher have requested to build a front porch addition 35 feet from the front property line and a garage addition 19 feet from the side property line on property located in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 6, Havana Township.
The property address is 3597 Dane Road.
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or contact the Planning and Zoning office to be held on this matter.

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BP Trading Company owner Brian Madsen stands behind the counter of his shop located here in Blooming Prairie. While Madsen has been back in the area for two years, the company has been apart of Jesse's Boot Barn since the 1990's.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Are you a hunter that is looking to upgrade your arsenal but struggle trying to find the one that is best suited for your needs? One Blooming Prairie Company is hoping to become that one shop stop for all of your firearms needs.

Since the early 1990's, The BP Trading Company has been a fixture in the firearm communi-

ty, providing everything a hunter or enthusiast may need.

"We buy, trade, and sell fir - arms. If somebody is looking to upgrade something we can do that as well," Owner Brian Madsen said.

With December marking the two-year anniversary of coming back to the area, Madsen stated that his shop provides a welcoming feel. Most of the time, people who go to big shops such as a Cabelas or any other major

outfitting store, may be able to find their product but never have the chance to build a relationship with the associate.

At the BP Trading Company, Madsen said that due to it being such a smaller scale of shop compared to those major outlets, it really allows him to build a

relationship with his customers.

"It's more one on one than those big box stores. Sometimes it's too much one on one," he jokingly chuckled.

From handguns to commemorative shotguns, Madsen also noted accommodations for a customer's needs can be eas-

ily fulfilled. While he initially believed that shotgun would be the high seller-largely due to not being allowed to hunt deer with a rifle per state law- hand guns sales have really driven the business.

"Handguns are by far our best seller, Followed by our AR's (automatic rifles). There are a lot of guys who use that for coyote hunting," he added.

He also noted that while some of the products come from national companies, that the vast majority of his AR-15's and other automatic rifles come from Alex Pro Firearms, which are manufactured in Alexandria, keeping some of the hottest products in state.

Despite the high sales in AR-15's and handguns, Madsen said that he will have a few upland hunters come in every now and than. He stated that the a lot of them are going away from the traditional pump-action shotguns to the bolt-actions for deer hunting season.

While he is never upset about selling or trading one of his products, there was one product that he joked about a bit.

"I have a few Henry's (shotguns). If someone were to buy one of those and shoot it, I would cry," he joked. "They are commemorative."

Aside from the main stream of buying, selling and trading fir - arms, he also teaches a primitive carry class, making sure that those who are to buy a firearm from his store practice safe handling of a firearm.

Ducks Unlimited Duck Bash

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

On a night where you could not only eat great food and win new firearms, you also had the ability to help bring positive changes to the local wildlife habitats.

The Ducks Unlimited chapter of Steele County held its 44th annual Duck Bash at the Richie Brothers Auction Facility.

DU volunteer Bob Hoen said that it was a fun-filled evening.

"The event went really well. I know there was a lot of people there," he chuckled.

There's a reason Hoen's chuckle though. 379 people were in attendance to eat some of the food that was catered for the event. Since Hoen started helping out with Ducks Unlimited events in 1991, he believes that it was the biggest number

of people eating dinner in that span.

Out of the 379 people, 64 of them were kids. Hoen said that it was good to have such a high number of young kids in attendance because out of the bevy of items that were being auctioned off, 10 of them were solely designated for kids to win.

"That's our future. You want those kids to be excited," he added.

As for the auctions, 35 fir - arms of numerous makes and models were up for grabs. However, Hoen said that the only thing about running around assisting in just about everything is that you don't get the time to soak in the smiles that strike the kids' faces.

"When they are drawing those names and seeing those kids get all excited, I miss that. It's kind of cool to see those excitement,"

he said.

With an exact dollar amount has yet to be made official, Hoen wasn't ready to put a rough estimate on the table. He did, however, say that last year they cleared over \$25,000 raised and that the highest dollar amount they've had is near \$30,000. So not to speculate, with the number of people dining at what Hoen believes is the highest ever, the money raised could be a good number.

As for what the money will be used for, Hoen said that it's sole purpose is to be put back into the habitat.

"People think the money goes just the ducks, but it really goes to the habitat as well. In January to February, we'll start building wood duck boxes at Rice Lake," he added.



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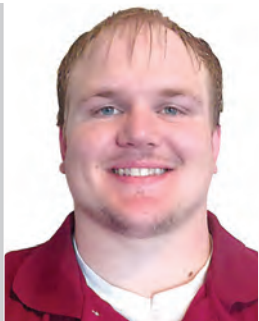


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JOSH
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How bout those Cubs?

October is the best time of year for a sports fan. The NFL and college football seasons are in full swing, the NBA is gearing up with preseason games, and the NHL drops the puck to signify the start to the hockey season.

While those seasons are either starting or are in the early goings, for baseball fans, the MLB postseason is reaching its climax as the final four teams battle it out in the NLCS and the ALCS.

For natives of Chicago, to include myself, the NLCS signifies the long awaited arrival of reaching baseball glory and breaking a curse that has clouded Wrigley Field for 108 years.

Now, before I confuse anyone who has consistently read my columns, let me explain this to you. My father was military and the first base he was stationed at was just outside of Chicago- a place I would call home for six years.

Montana may have my love, but Chicago will always have my heart.

25 years of pain

Growing up Cubs fans, you learn to get tough skin fairly quick. I'm 25 years old and there is one memory that still stings.

2003 was my first real heart-break as a Cubs fan. Known as the Steve Bartman incident, the Cubs were up 3-0 in top of the eighth inning of Game 6 of the NCLS. Marlins second baseman Luis Castillo skies a foul ball down the left field line, a sure out for Moises Alou.

That was until Mr. Bartman grabbed the ball from his glove. The Marlins went on to not only win Game 6 but reach the World Series and beat the New York Yankees.

Young stars

The last two years have been music to my ears as a Cubs fan. Sure, they lost to the Mets in the 2015 NLCS but the season helped set the stage for what I am witnessing now.

Last season, the Cubs had the emergence of multiple stars. From the Rookie of the Year in Kris Bryant and the pinch-hit machine in Javier Baez, to eventual 2015 Cy Young winner Jake Arrieta.

The foundation was set for what the Cubs would accomplish this year. In the 2016 regular season, the Cubs were the first team since the 2009 Yankees-who went on to win the World Series- to record 103 wins.

It was also the first time

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Making the playoff push



Staff Photo by Josh Zimmer

Huskies quarterback Abe Havelka (3) attempts to throw as he is pressured by a New Prague defender late in the second quarter of Owatonna's 29-16 win over the Trojans Friday. Despite the strong winds, the junior signal caller finished with seven completions, one of which, going for a touchdown. For complete results, go to page 2D.



Staff Photo by Kylie Rice

Panthers quarterback Sam Prigge (3) hauls in an 18-yard touchdown pass from running back Perry Peterson (22) in the first quarter of NRH G's 26-0 win over Lake-Crystal Wellcome Memorial Friday. Peterson's only attempt was the lone completion as teams around Steele County had to battle fierce winds. For complete game results, go to page 5D.

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No ‘Trojan Horse’ in New Prague



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Huskies running back Jason Williamson (22) lunges for the endzone as teammates Mitch Weise (26) and Darik Elstad (53) watch during the second quarter of Owatonna’s Big Southeast-Red Division match up in New Prague on Friday. Williamson ran for nearly 260 yards and two scores in the Huskies’ 29-16 win over the upset minded Trojans.

Owatonna amasses 391 yards of total offense in 29-16 win

By **JOSH ZIMMER**
Sports Editor

With just two games left in the regular season, the Huskies are hoping to ride a hot streak into the playoffs.

That should really say, the Huskies are hoping to ride on the back of sophomore running back Jason Williamson.

Powered by a pair of Williamson touchdowns, the Huskies kept the four-game win streak alive, defeating the New Prague Trojans in a Big Southeast-Red division match up Friday.

Head coach Jeff Williams said that despite no precipitation, the weather-more particularly the wind- played a hand in the outcome.

“It was very difficult. The wind was strong at times. Obviously it affected the kicking game. You know you think about whether or not to punt the ball at times. It was tough,” he said.

Owatonna would receive the opening kickoff from its own 20-yard line after a touchback.

Leaning on Williamson, the Huskies started to march into Trojan territory. However, three separate penalties would ultimately stall the drive. Williams added that they’re drive killers, especially when you’re fighting the weather.

“This is one of the more heavily penalized teams that we’ve ever had here at Owatonna,” he added.

After a New Prague punt, the Huskies were again on the move. Led heavily by the running game, Owatonna orchestrated a long, physical scoring drive. The Huskies put together a 19-play drive that spanned 84-yards.

The drive ended with the first of Williamson’s two touchdowns, this one being from 7-yards out. The sophomore also punched in the two-point conversion after kicker Aiden Buryska was roughed on the PAT attempt.

Williamson finished the night with 49 carries for 258 yards, two touchdowns, and two successful two-point conversion at-

tempts.

Owatonna’s defense continues its strong play as of late as well in every facet of the unit. Facing a fourth-and-four on New Prague’s 27-yard line, senior defensive end Goy Tut exploded into the backfield, tripping up Trojan running back Nick Arguedas for a loss of six yards.

Facing the best starting field position of the night, the Huskies put together a quick three-play drive that was capped off by a 6-yard Abe Havelka touchdown pass to Alex Raichle. Williamson’s second successful two-point conversion attempt extended the lead to 16-0 with 8:38 left in the first half.

Taking over from their own 45-yard line after another fourth down stop, the Huskies started to open up the playbook. A balanced attack allowed the Huskies to drive all the way to the Trojans’ 16-yard line.

They would receive extra yardage after running back Zach Mensink took a hit to the helmet from a New Prague safety. After the penalty, Williamson punched

it in from one yard out to extend the Huskies lead to 23-0 just before halftime.

On New Prague’s second drive of the half, the Trojans reached into the bag of tricks. New Prague quarterback Nathan Berg pitched the ball to Aruggedas, who then launched a 47-yard touchdown strike to tight end Tylar Lindell, cutting the lead to 23-8.

The Huskies answered the Trojan score by putting together another long scoring drive. Leaning on their star running back- who averaged nearly 5.5 yards a carry on the drive- Owatonna found itself in the New Prague red zone.

After a late hit out of bounds on Owatonna’s Noah Budach, Havelka punched in the Huskies final score of the contest.

New Prague attempted to mount a comeback, putting together 14-play drive that was capped by a Berg touchdown pass. The successful two point-conversion locked the score at 29-16. A failed onside kick attempt allowed Owatonna to

send out its victory formation to kneel out the clock.

With the win, Owatonna (5-2, 4-0 Red Division) clinched a share of the sub-district championship.

Heading into a short week this week, Williams they have to find a way to finish.

“We’ve got to find a way to play four quarters of football and close people out. We have a short week now. Hopefully we’re relatively healthy and the kids are feeling pretty good and ya know, we’ll saddle it back up on Wednesday,” he said.

Owatonna travels to Rochester to face Big Southeast-Red Division foe Rochester Century. With a win, the Huskies will win the division outright.

Scoring Summary

Owatonna 29, New Prague 16
Second quarter
O-Williamson 7-yard run (Williamson conversion) 11:18
O- Raichle 6 yard pass from Havelka (Williamson conversion) 8:38
O- Williamson 1-yard run

(Buryska kick) 1:04
Third quarter
NP-Lindell 47-yard pass from Arguedas (Lindell from Berg conversion) 0:11

Fourth quarter
O-Havelka 3-yard run (kick blocked) 8:21
NP- Tyler Montanye 11-yard pass from Berg (Arguedas conversion) 3:32

Team stats

Passing: O 45 yards, NP 48 yards
Rushing: 346, NP 103
Total offense: O 391, NP 151

Huskies individual stats

Passing: Havleka- 7 for 12, 45 yards, TD
Rushing: Williamson- 49 carries, 258 yards, 2 TD’s; Havelka- 10 carries 57 yards, TD; Thorn- 4 carries, 19 yards; Mensink- 2 carries 12 yards.
Receiving: Raichle- reception, 6 yards, TD; Dalton Kubista- reception 8 yards, Budach- four receptions, 30 yards.



Huskies linebacker Mitch Weise (26) is joined by defensive tackle Chandler Buckhalter (67) and safety Brett Solie (11) as they wrap up a Trojan ball carrier in the fourth quarter of Friday’s match up. The Owatonna defense held New Prague to 151 yards of total offense in the win.

Blooming Prairie

Blossoms blow out Rebels



Staff photos by Seth Bedenbaugh-DeLap

Blossoms running back Lucas Noble (6) prepares to recieve the hand off fom quaterback Seth Peterson (12) as running back Max Romeo (2) looks to become the lead blocker during Blooming Prairie's 45-6 win over United South Central Friday. BP rushed for 172 yards in the win. Top right: Wide reciever Tim Wolf (9) checks with the side judge prior to lining up for Blooming's offensive pla . Bottom left: Quarterback Seth Peterson (12) prepares to hand the ball off to running back Max Romeo (2). Bottom ight: BP players kneel as an injured player is attended to.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Despite a night when wind gusts hit 35 miles an hour, the Awesome Blossom football team routed United South Central 45-6 at Wells on Friday..

The victory marked number six against one loss and set up a battle against one-loss Kenyon-Wanamingo tomorrow night at McFarlin field.

BP wisely took advantage of the wind and elected to kick off in the game, and That decision quickly paid off. USC punted only to its own 33, and the Blossoms took only 4 plays to score the touchdown.

Quarterback Seth Peterson found Wyatt Grundmeier for 21 yards at the 8:50 mark. Brad Staska kicked the first of six extra points and BP led 7-0. Connor Getchell tackled the USC quarterback in the end zone in USC's next possession for a 9-0 edge after one quarter.

After the Rebels kicked off from their own 20, BP mounted a 50-yard 11 play drive to score again. Peterson culminated the drive with a 7-yard pass to Ben Smith.

Neither team could move the ball under the windy conditions and the locals led 16-0 at the half. The wind had a lot to do with the lack of scoring.

On their second possession of the third quarter, the Blossoms mounted one of their most

impressive drives of the season against the wind. It took 15 plays, none of which gained more than 11 yards, and over five minutes to march the 76 yards and the touchdown. Lucas Noble negotiated the last 4 yards for the score and a 23-0 margin at the 4:35 mark.

Connor Getchell scored again in the quarter on a 31-yard gallop with just over a minute left in the quarter.

The fourth quarter opened with another safety for the Blossoms, this time on a Trent Swenson tackle in the USC end zone.

Max Romeo, who appeared to injure a shoulder late in the third quarter, said it was a battle in the trenches.

"We had a little trouble with our blocking in the first half, but the line blocked much better in the second half. The defense really played well. Now we have to get ready for the short week of practice," he added.

BP scored two more touchdowns in the final quarter as well. Peterson to Gabe Hagen counted the one score on a pass of 26 yards, and Alex Baldwin ran an end around for 14 yards.

Staska missed his only kick conversion after Hagen's touchdown, when the snap from center went over the holder's head.

The lone score for the rebels came on a 72-yard pass and run from quarterback Zack Lynde to Keenan Biddle

That lockdown defense lim-

ited USC to negative yardage for much of the game. Mitchell Oswald accounted for 8 tackles, Getchell 7, and Noble 6. The pass defense also shone in this game, limiting USC just two completions.

As Coach Chad Gimbel remarked after the game, "Our defense really played well. USC had minus yardage until that long touchdown pass and run against the reserves.

"The offense did just enough also, to put points on the board, despite the strong winds." The only bad thing that happened was an injury to linebacker Payton Simon. We didn't know his status yet after the game."

That lockdown defense limited USC to negative yardage for much of the game.

Game Statistics

Blooming Prairie 45, USC 6

Team Statistics

BP Rushing 172 yards-Passing 157
USC Rushing 45 yards- Passing 72 yards

Individual Statistics

BP Rushing Romeo 24 yards, Getchell 38 yards, Noble 63 yards
BP Passing Hagen 38 yards, Getchell 28 yards



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Cyclones daze Tigers 28-21



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Tigers linebacker Josh Schauer (51) and defenisve tackle Mitch Borwege (71) line up against the St. Clair offense in the secon quarter of action in Medford's 28-21 loss to the Cyclones Friday. Schauer finished the contest with 11 tackles, and a fumble recovery.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After struggling to record a win the past few weeks, the Medford Tigers were looking to finish out the final two games of the season with wins at home. The St. Clair Cyclones had different plans. On a windy Friday night, the Tigers were unable to come up with the win, falling to the Cyclones 28-21 at home. Head coach Jerome Johannes said that the wind certainly played a factor in the outcome. “We wanted to throw the ball

more than we did, especially with Jarvis (VonRuden) coming off a game last week where he threw for 388 yards. With the wind, we sort of became one dimensional at times,” he added. While they intended to be more balanced, if you had to rely on the run, senior running back Marcus DeLeon makes you thankful you can. DeLeon had another strong performance, rushing for 125 yards on 27 carries. He would also add a touchdown on the evening. Depsite the wind, VonRuden was efficient airing the ball out. While it certainly wasn’t the impressive stat-line that he

posted last week against Blooming Prairie-a 54-29 blowout loss that the signal caller threw for nearly 400 yards- he protected the football. He was five for 10, throwing for 80 yards and two scores. His favorite target on the night was Ty Devoe, who hauled in two catches for 55 yards and a touchdown. The offense was able to move the football but Johannes added that they left points on the board. Facing a deficit of 28-21 with just under three minutes left in the game, the Tigers attempted to mount a comeback, marching down the field. The drive

ultimately stalled inside the Cyclones red zone after Medford failed to convert a fourth-and-goal attempt. “We moved the ball well, but getting inside the 10-yard line with under three minutes in the game and get four cracks to punch it in stings for our team,” he said. Defensively, the Tigers were led by the play of linebackers Nick Masso and Bo Noble, who both recorded double-digit tackles. Masso led the team with 17 while Noble followed closely behind with 15 tackles respectively. Medford struggled to shut

down the Cyclones rushing attack, giving up 273 yards on the ground. With the quick turn around, the Tigers will be at home Wednesday night for the season finale against United South Central.

Medford 21, St. Clair 28

Team Stats

Passing: M 80, SC 38
Rushing: M 184, SC 273
Total offense: M 264, SC 311
Turnovers: M 1, SC 2

Tigers Individual stats

Passing: VonRuden- 5 for 10, 80 yards, 2 TD’s
Rushing: DeLeon- 27 carries, 125 yards, TD; Nate Meixner- 6 carries, 59 yards.
Receiving: DeVoe- 2 receptions, 55 yards, TD
Defense
Masso 17 tackles, sack, forced fumble, TFL, Noble 15 tackles, Josh Schauer 11 tackles, fumble recovery, Meixner 10 tackles, fumble recovery, 2 TFL.



(From left to Right) Tigers defensive back Tanner Barbeau (11) awaits the snap while linebackers Josh Schauer (51) and Marcus DeLeon (25) adjust to the offensive formation late in the rst quarter.The Tigers defense struggled to stop a Cyclone rushing attack that carved Medford for over 250 yards rushing.



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Panthers blank LCWM



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Top: Panthers running back Perry Peterson (22) stiff arms a LCWM defender as he runs in for a touchdown in a first quarter touch own Friday night in New Richland. Peterson continues his strong campaign with 166 yards on the ground in the Panthers 26-0 win over Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial. Bottom: Panthers wide reciever Brady Agrimson (27) squares up to block a LCWM defender late in the second quarter of action.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

A determined NRHEG football team shut down a big,physical Lake Crystal-Welcome Memorial team, holding the Knights scoreless in a 26-0 victory at New Richland Friday. The win was the sixth in a row for the Panthers and set up an important last regular season contest against Maple River tomorrow night. With just under five minutes

gone in the first quarter, running back Perry Peterson dashed 28 yards for the first score of the game. The conversion attempt failed, but the home team led 6-0. Before the quarter ended, the Panthers scored again with 2:20 on the clock. Jack Schultz capped a medium drive with a 1-yard burst and a 12-0 lead at the first break. Peterson connected with quarterback Sam Prigge for 18 yards for the only second quar-

ter touchdown, and this time the two-point conversion run by Peterson gave NRHEG a 20-0 edge at the half. “We played much better this week,” remarked coach Dan Stork. “The guys weren’t happy with their effort last week, and they practiced hard this week. LCWM was very physical, but we handled them pretty well. They were on a mission. We are looking forward to the game with Maple River.”

Neither team could mount much of an attack in the third quarter, and the teams went into the final quarter with the Panthers’ halftime 20-0 margin intact. Shortly into the final period, however, the winners put the game safely away on Sawyer VanMaldeghem’s 6 –yard score. The conversion try failed, but the Panthers defense remained stout to record the shutout victory.

Scoring summary

NRHEG 26, LCWM 0
First quarter
NR-Perry Peterson 28-yard run (Conversion failed) 7:56
NR- Jack Schultz 1-yard run (conversion failed) 2:20
Second quarter
NR- Prigge 18-yard pass from Peterson (conversion good) 6:15
Fourth quarter
Sawyer Vanmaldegham 6-yard run (conversion failed) 9:44

Team stats

Passing: NR 18, LCWM 60
Rushing: NR: 297, LCWM 181
Total: NR 315, LCWM 241
Turnovers: NR 0, LCWM 2
Panthers individual stats
Passing: Prigge- 0 for 5; Peterson 1 for 1, 18 yards, TD
Rushing: Peterson- 21 carries, 166 yards, TD; VanMaldegham- 9 carries, 61 yards, TD; Noah Sletton- 13 carries, 53 yards; Lucas Bailey- 2 carries, 34 yards; Jack Schultz- 2 carries, 1 yard; TD; Prigge- 3 carries, -18 yards.





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A willing helper



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Blooming Prairie freshman Jacob McHenry stands in front the grand stand at Blooming Prairie's football stadium. McHenry is one of two football managers that helps on the sidelines with a bevy of diffe ent tasks during Friday nights.

One BP kids way to be near the game he loves

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

I think most people have a good life when they consider their work a pleasant experience. That being the case, the same thing would apply to students who like football, but do not actually play the game. I speak of the several students who labor behind the scene and provide assistance to the team. One of those individuals is Blooming Prairie's Jacob McHenry. The freshman is one of the managers for the Awesome

Blossom football team. When I asked Jacob if he volunteered for the duty, or if he were asked, he was quick to reply, "I volunteered, and it was something I wanted to do. I really like the job, and I get along with all the guys real good." Most of the players treat him like one of the team, and his primary task for the team is to provide water whenever it is needed. Although he does take on other tasks, and will help out whenever and wherever it is needed. As fellow manager Richie Feeney commented, "I holler at him sometimes, but we get

along fine." McHenry and Feeney are just two of the team managers, and they all have specific duties for the team on Friday nights. When not on the sidelines for a BP football game, Jacob enjoys hanging out with friends and occasionally playing Xbox. He is the son of BPHS instructor Michelle Southworth. As a student, he enjoys Home Economics and art among the classes he takes. Geometry probably is the most problematic class for him. He is at his most comfortable, however, when he is helping out on the football field.

As his mother said, "He really enjoys being with the team, and I am sure he will enjoy the chance to be heard about his experience." Assistant Coach Matt Kittelson commented, "We treat him just like the rest of the players, and he seems to get along with everyone." It is always a good thing when one enjoys what he is doing, and there is no doubt that Jacob is having a great time carrying water for the football players. Next week, we will feature fellow football manager Richy Feeny, who has been a manager for the last three seasons.

JV football: Tigers bite BP

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Medford scored 18 points in the first quarter against BP's JV team last Monday, and then spent the next three quarters fending off a local comeback. The Tigers won the contest 18-8, despite not scoring after that first quarter. Medford counted an early

touchdown, and then held the Blossoms to three plays and a punt attempt. The snap from center went over the punter's head; Medford recovered the ball and scored a second touchdown quickly. BP had a short drive stopped at mid-field, and the Tigers moved the ball into the end zone in a hurry. The 18-0 score stood up to the halftme break. Medford fumbled the second

half kickoff and the Blossoms recovered the ball. Quarterback Kaden Thomas tossed a 32-yard pass to Ian Wayne to reach the Tiger 2-yard line, and Zach Archer navigated the final two yards for the touchdown. Wayne caught a bubble screen pass for the two-point conversion, and BP was back in the game. The Blossoms had several drives in the second half, but just came up short of scoring

every time. "This was a tough loss, remarked Coach Nate Pillar. "We made a good comeback after being down so much early in the game, but we came up short several times in the second half. A combination of bad luck and an inability to make the most of our chances hurt us in this game." The team record dropped to 1-3 with the loss.

108 years since Cubs postseason glory

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1935 that the organization reached 100 wins. As for All-Stars, the Cubs dominated this year's All-Star Game, sending their entire infield (Anthony Rizzo, Ben Zobrist, Addison Russell, Kris Bryant). Outfielder Dexter Fowler, along with starting pitchers Jon Lester and Arrieta, joined the infield in San Diego. **Postseason glory** The match up against the San Francisco Giants made me nervous. To be honest, if any Cubs fan said that they weren't a little nervous, they were lying to you. That Giants bull pen has some filthy stuff, not to mention Madison Bumgarner was fourth in the majors with a 2.74 ERA.

Chicago's Kyle Hendricks was first. None the less, the stars were out in both Chicago and San Francisco, as Baez took over the series at the plate. **New star?** The Cubs may have the best organization in the majors. In 2015, the team's minor league system was littered with top prospects. In fact, some of the names I've mentioned earlier, (Baez, Bryant, Russell) were not only tops in their respective positions but each were ranked in the top ten of the MLB's top 100 list. Last season was the year of Bryant and Russell. This year, however, is the year of Javier "Javy" Baez. In 142 games, the young utility star has 115

hits. From his 115 hits, Baez has a triple, 14 home-runs, 19 doubles, and 59 RBI's, placing him in the top five of the National League. While I'm not in the business of trying to break curses, I'm certainly rooting for one to end. After seeing Miguel Montero hit that pitch-hit gram slam in the bottom of the eighth inning Saturday night in Game 1 last night, my heart exploded. I genuinely believe that this is the year that older Cubs fans-like my father- will be able to forget about the "Curse of the Billygoat" as fans my age can forget about Steve Bartman. Even though the NLCS is tied 1-1 , I'll keep the belief alive. I've been in baseball purgatory for 25 years, staying strong for the remainder of the series can't

add to the pain I've endured as Cubs fan. **Next week teaser** Next week, I'll hopefully give you all a more joyful update on the Chicago Cubs' quest for that elusive World Series trip. With the Vikings coming off the bye week, I will also provide an in-depth look at the match-up against the Philadelphia Eagles and rising star Carson Wentz. Until next time though, I hope the stars shine down on Los Angelos. On a twist of what Cubs great Ernie Banks would say, "Let's win TWO!" **To contact ot interact with Josh, follow him on twitter at JZimmer_Sports.*

Prep Preview

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

The final week of the regular season brings play implications for a trio of Steele County teams.

Owatonna (5-2, 4-0)

After coming off a 29-16 win in New Prague, The Huskies (5-2, 4-0) will travel to Rochester to face the Century Panthers. With a win, the Huskies will claim the Big Southeast-Red Division title. Century (2-5, 1-3) is coming off a 14-7 loss to Northfield. **NRHEG (6-1, 6-1)** The Panthers will look to keep the win streak intact when they travel to Mapleton to face Maple River.

The Eagles (5-1, 5-2) are coming off a 14-7 loss to state vote getter Mayor Lutheran. **Medford (1-6, 1-5)** In the final home game of the season, the Tigers (1-6, 1-5) are looking to finish the season on the note against United South Central. The Rebels (2-5, 1-5) are coming off a 45-6 loss to Blooming Prairie.

BP (6-1, 6-0)

After a 45-6 thumping of USC, the Blossoms welcome Kenyon-Wanamingo in for a clash for the conference title. The Knights (6-1, 6-0) are coming off a 28-13 win over J-W-P.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Huskies running back Jason Williamson (22) hurdles a pile of New Prague defenders in the first quarter of Owatonna s 29-16 win.

Mid Southwest-West

	Div.	Overall
Blooming Prairie	6-0-0	6-1-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	6-0-0	6-1-0
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	4-2-0	4-3-0
Bethlehem Academy	3-3-0	3-4-0
St. Clair	3-3-0	3-4-0
United South Central	1-5-0	2-5-0
Medford	1-5-0	1-6-0
Mankato Loyola	0-6-0	0-7-0

South Central-Blue

	Div.	Overall
Mayer Lutheran	6-1-0	6-1-0
NRHEG	6-1-0	6-1-0
Maple River	5-1-0	5-2-0
Norwood-Young America	4-2-0	4-3-0
Sibley East	3-3-0	3-4-0
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	2-3-0	4-3-0
Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity	2-4-0	3-4-0
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	1-5-0	2-5-0
LeSeur-Henderson	1-5-0	1-6-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	0-5-0	0-6-0

Big Southeast-Red

	Div.	Overall
Owatonna	4-0-0	5-2-0
Northfield	3-1-0	5-2-0
Rochester Mayo	3-1-0	5-2-0
Rochester Century	1-3-0	2-5-0
Rochester John Marshall	1-3-0	2-5-0
New Prague	0-5-0	1-6-0

Football State Rankings

Class 1A

1. Minneota
2. Minneapolis North
3. Rushford-Peterson
4. BOLD
5. Hinckley-Fintayson

*Receiving votes:
Fillmore Central
Wabasso

Class 2A

1. Caledonia
2. Barnesville
3. Pilager
4. Eden Valley-Watkins
5. Eveleth-Gilbert

*Receiving votes:
Redwood Valley
Mayor Lutheran

Class 5A

1. Elk River
2. Spring Lake Park
3. Mahtomedi
- 4.Chanhassen
5. Mankato West

*Receiving votes:
Alexandria,
St. Michael-Alb.

*Rankings source: Northstarfootball.com

*Conference standings: Minnesota-scores.net

Steele County Football Schedule

Blooming Prairie

Sept. 2... at Rushford-Peterson L 26-6
Sept. 9... vs. Bethlehem Academy W 32-0
Sept. 16... at St. Clair W 34-16
Sept. 23... vs. J-W-P W 12-8
Sept. 30... at Mankato Loyola W 2-0 (*Won by forfeit)
Oct. 7... vs. Medford W 54-29
Oct. 14... at United South Central W 45-6
Oct. 19... vs.Kenyon Wanamingo
Medford
Sept. 2... at Lewiston-Altura L 41-0
Sept. 9... at JWP L 32-25
Sept. 16...vs. Mankato Loyola W 44-0
Sept. 23... vs. Bethlehem Academy L 24-21
Sept. 30... vs. Kenyon Wanamingo L 47-0
Oct. 7... at Blooming Prairie L 54-29
Oct. 14... vs. St. Clair L 28-21
Oct. 19... vs. United South Central

NRHEG

Sept. 2... vs. Mayer Lutheran L 36-13
Sept. 9... at Lester Prairie W 39-31
Sept. 16... vs. WEM W 30-22
Sept. 23... at G-F-W W 58-8
Sept. 30... vs. Sibley East W 38-29
Oct. 7... at LeSueur-Henderson W 14-11
Oct. 14... vs Lake Crystal-WM W 26-0
Oct. 19... at Maple River

Owatonna

Sept. 2... vs. Mankato West L 34-19
Sept. 9... vs. Rochester JM W 26-7
Sept. 16... at Fairbault L 21-10
Sept. 23... at Northfield W 21-3
Sept. 30... vs. Austin W 49-18
Oct. 7... Rochester Mayo W 42-21
Oct. 14... at New Prague W 29-16
Oct. 19... at Rochester Century

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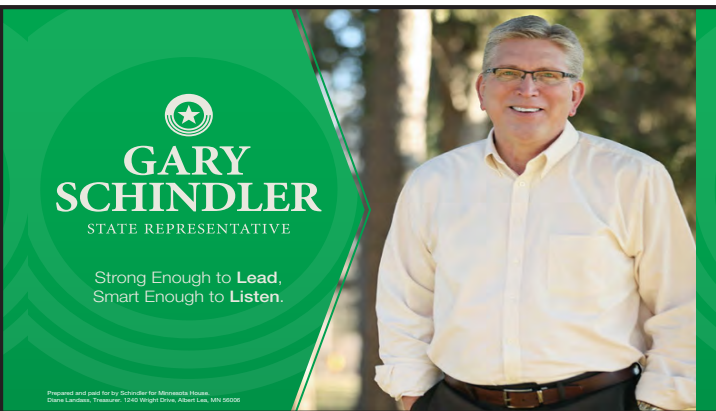
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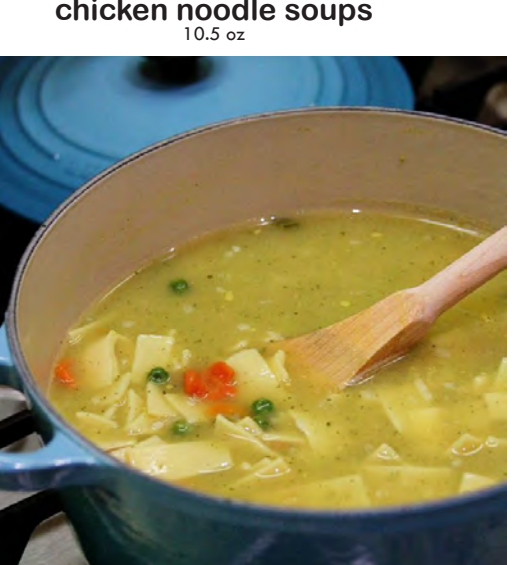
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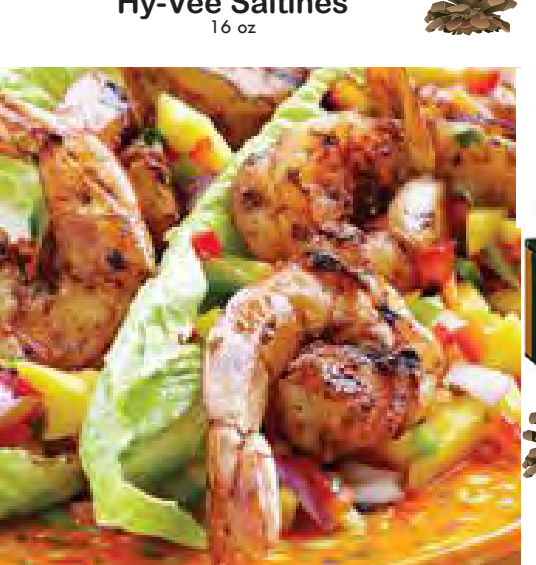
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