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DERAILED AND OUT

Entire town evacuated after train derails by Ellendale

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Residents of Ellendale got an early morning wake-up call Friday that proved to be anything but normal and took on the appearance of part terror and uncertainty.

After emergency workers went door-to-door ordering residents to leave their homes shortly after 6 a.m., some went to a disaster shelter at United Methodist Church on the west edge of town while many others simply left town. The community quickly took on the appearance of a ghost town with only police officers and firefighters blocking every street throughout town.

"It's a little surreal to have everyone displaced," said Stephanie Kibler, who was one of the 691 residents told to get out of their homes and serves on the Ellendale City Council. "The fear factor comes in where you throw your shoes on and run out the door. It's kind of scary."

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Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Officials with the Union Pacific Railroad survey the damage of a train derailment Friday afternoon south of Ellendale. About 20 cars of a 146 car train jumped the tracks and caused the entire community of Ellendale to be evacuated for about six hours.

"It's a little surreal to have everyone displaced. The fear factor comes in... it's kind of scary."

- Stephanie Kibler
Evacuated Ellendale Resident



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Members of the Rochester Chemical Assessment Team assisted with the train derailment Friday. More than 100 emergency workers responded to the scene.



A map of the derailment site in relation to the rest of Ellendale.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Vets' day celebration

Blooming Prairie Elementary School fourth grader Maeveda Warner strikes a high note while singing as part of a fourth grade choir during Veterans Day ceremonies at the servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie on Friday, Nov. 11.

New slate of commissioners

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The winds of change are sweeping Steele County. All three county commissioner incumbents lost reelection to their challengers.

Come January, district three will be represented by Rick Gnemi instead of Mark Schultz, district four by Jim Abbe instead of James Ebeling, and district five by Greg Krueger instead of Nina Huntington.

While the district three race was fairly close, both Abbe and Krueger won their districts on a 70-30% split. That signals pretty strong feelings from Steele County citizens that it's time for new faces on the county board.

With the ousting of two incumbents in the 2014 election, the residents of Steele County in two years have replaced all of the members of the county board.

Abbe is very excited to serve as county commissioner for district four.

He's preparing for a transitional



Submitted photos

Rick Gnemi, Jim Abbe, and Greg Krueger will be sworn in as commissioners of district three, four, and five this January and replacing the three incumbent commissioners.

period when he takes office, when he hopes to meet as much of the county staff as he can and learn the board procedures. He knows there'll be a learning curve, but he hopes with a little patient from county residents, he'll get up to speed quickly so he can get to work.

Abbe says his guiding principle when he takes office will be to fight for the best interests of the entire county. He says he may represent district four specifically, but plans need to be made

that will serve everyone.

His priority when he takes office will be the new public works building. He said that issue was brought up to him more than any other when he was campaigning and scaling back the costs is crucial.

The detention center will also have his attention. While he acknowledges

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Opinion

Our view

Let the healing begin

Likening the political campaigns in America to a sickness in the stomach or a flu virus is pretty much an understatement. Now as that sickness is passing, it has left most Americans with an emotional dehydration, weakness and the feeling that we may never want to eat again.

But in every recovery, there is a point where a body needs to get up and begin to function again. It is first a matter of the mind. You must decide in your heart that you want to get better. You must fight the battle that pits your comfort of a warm bed and no activity against the need to put that body into motion so that it stays in motion. Normal and healthy come only with great effort.

We are a week past the election and still the vomiting continues in this country. The fallout from a debilitating family feud is now upon us. We have choices to make. The very candidate that half this country chose to cast a vote for, took a high road and called for “healing” and an “open mind.”

The other candidate became mellow and suddenly supportive and called for the same thing. Here were two candidates locked in death-grips just days before the election and now it was like... everything had miraculously changed.

And that is what healing is all about. Miraculous change. If the candidates we loved and supported are calling for this healing, then why do we as Americans step out into our own land of protesting and/or gloating.

The fight is over. The last bell has rung. The 15 rounds have been accomplished and the prizefighters are hugging in the middle of the canvas. Some are disappointed, some are angry, some are prideful, but your continuing the fight in the cheap seats is not the heart of the boxers.

If you gloat. If you protest. If you continue to raise your fists and utter your threats, you are in essence, going your own way to prolong a fight that is now over. You are doing damage to the land we are all fighting to preserve. You are throwing stones at the gaping wound that Lady Liberty has acquired.

You would rather be right in your own mind than see a nation healed and strengthened, because, God forbid, what if you were wrong? Did you really support your candidates? Did you honestly follow them faithfully? Did you believe in what they said? Or was it all a lie?

Your actions after the fight is over will speak louder than your words or your “politicians promises.” If you obeyed your candidate and respected them while the fight was going on, then your choosing to abandon their post-fight wishes is nothing short of hypocrisy.

America is recovering from this political sickness. It’s certainly easier to remain comfortable in your anger and your pride and your bed of bitterness. But if this body is ever going to get up and be put again into motion, then we must resolve to drop the stones – on both sides, and come together for the common good.

“We are all just a car crash, a diagnosis, an unexpected phone call, a newfound love, or a broken heart away from becoming a completely different person. How beautifully fragile are we that so many things can take but a moment to alter who we are forever?” – Samuel Decker Thompson.

Our moments can alter our tomorrows. Choose to walk within them wisely.



Hot Pursuit



RICK

BUSSLER

In the midst of what had the potential of being pure chaos, there was a spirit of calm and collectedness in Ellendale last Friday. Shortly before sunrise a southbound Union Pacific train jumped the tracks just outside Ellendale, setting into motion disaster plans that involved evacuating the entire community. Emergency personnel went door-to-door making sure everyone would make a quick but safe exit out of their homes. No doubt some fear and uncertainty overcame people as they made a run for it. I arrived in Ellendale to cover the train derailment and subsequent evacuation around 8 a.m. Though Ellendale is certainly not a bustling hub of activity most days, there was a certain eerie feeling and chill in the air when I drove through Main Street to reach the incident command center at United Methodist Church on the west end of town. I found businesses closed, no vehicles around (other than emergency vehicles), no people and hardly any sign of life in the small community that has been a part of the Steele County landscape since 1900. After what happened earlier

Calm chaos in Ellendale

in the morning, there were no trains blasting through town either. It was like traveling through a ghost town. Even for a small city, Ellendale is anything but a deserted town any time of the year. It’s ironic that the founder of Ellendale was Ellen Dale Ives, who was the wife of a prominent railroad official. The city, which was built around the railroad, recognizes its importance by bearing an image of a train on the city sign welcoming folks to town. Once I reached the command center, which also ended up being the evacuation shelter for residents, I marveled at the response from local emergency crews. Fire departments and ambulance services from multiple jurisdictions descended on Ellendale to save the town. Sheriff Lon Thiele, along with his counterpart from Freeborn County, Sheriff Kurt Frietag, appeared to have things well under control in the emergency command center. Mike Johnson, the county’s emergency management director, also joined in to keep Ellendale the safe haven it normally is for 691 residents. Besides the emergency response, I was also impressed with city council member Stephanie Kibler, who made herself available to answer any questions residents had about what was happening with the situation. “Our fire department is

spot on,” Kibler said. “I’m pleased with how they are responding. I don’t think we could do it any better.” Kibler, a lifelong resident of Ellendale, is not aware of the town ever being evacuated before. In the face of chaos, she expressed concern about her fellow citizens. She overheard a story about a sheriff’s deputy who had to “charm a resident out of their house,” during the evacuation. “My biggest concern was some of the residents who didn’t want to leave their homes,” she said. “It’s kind of scary,” Kibler admitted. “It’s a little surreal to have everyone displaced,” she said. In the fellowship area, Allie Larson led the volunteers’ efforts to prepare food for evacuees and emergency responders. By 12:15, the sheriff appeared at a news conference giving the green light to residents to go back home. Many residents who attended the briefing broke out with applause. Our public safety heroes once again brought peace and calm to what had all the makings of turning a chaotic situation into something even worse. Thankfully, residents in Ellendale will be allowed to go in hot pursuit of enjoying their peaceful small town life once again.

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Letters to the Editor

No position for Lt. Gen. Flynn (retired)

Dear editor,
We have to support Donald Trump so he can hopefully perform well as President. He won the election, and a large segment of the U.S. population has spoken. I agree with many of the policies he wants to implement, and I believe he will stop the nasty rhetoric that he used in the primaries and the general election. I am

convinced his rhetoric was contrived to draw attention to himself and away from other candidates. Every time he said something controversial he received extensive and free media coverage and he was in the spotlight. He played the media very well. The next step is for President-Elect Trump to fill Cabinet and advisory positions. Due to his lack of political, government and military experience the appointment of highly qualified people to key positions will be critical in determining the success of his

Presidency. Early information on his possible appointees indicates he will surround himself with qualified and competent people. Rudy Giuliani, Newt Gingrich, Chris Christie, and others being mentioned are potential viable candidates. One person mentioned for the position of Secretary of Defense, former LT. GEN. Michael Flynn (Ret.), should not be considered for any position. Flynn might be anti semetic, or at the very least be biased against Jews. In a CNN report that Clin-

ton’s campaign blamed Russia for leaking DNC emails, Flynn tweeted a anti semetic remark directed toward Jews. Flynn is a Trump advisor, and it is amazing to me that Trump has kept Flynn around. What is incredible is a bigot like Flynn could make it to the highest levels of our Army. I was enlisted and an officer in the Navy, and I never encountered a high ranking officer with biased views like Flynn. In addition to his personal bias against Jews, I don’t see how Flynn as Secretary of Defense could interact with

Israel. Israel is a key ally in the Middle East who we need to help us contain and thwart the radical Islamic terrorism prevalent in Middle East countries. If Israel goes down, Europe could be next, and then they will come at us. Haters should not be included in the Trump administration. I look forward to a successful Trump Presidency that embodies the unbiased spirit of the American people.

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Second Front

18 Quilts of Valor given



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Veteran James Johns of Blooming Prairie had the honor of raising the American flag during Veterans Day ceremonies at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie. He was assisted by Joe Wacek, commander of the VFW.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff riter

It was a day of remembrance and a day to say thank you to our many military veterans.

On Friday, Veterans Day (Nov. 11), communities around the nation paused to thank our living veterans. Blooming Prairie was one of those communities and it passed on thanks and appreciation to 18 veterans by giving them Quilts of Valor.

Blooming Prairie's VFW Post #878 Auxiliary has presented 79 Quilts of Valor to local veterans during the past three years.

Two Quilts of Valor were given to two Prairie Manor Care Center residents, Helen Pakasis and Vernon Jackel, early in the day on Friday. A community choir also stopped by Prairie Manor to sing some patriotic songs to the residents and paid tribute to the Quilt of Valor recipients.

Sixteen veterans were honored with Quilts of Valor during an evening program at the Servicemen's Club of Blooming Prairie.

Recipients were: David Goodnature, Joseph Prokopec, Kenneth Winzenburg, Kenneth Anderson, Noel Severson, Keith

Holman, James Prokopec, Don Carlson, Chip Decker, Paul Nelson, Stan Arndts, Beaumont Senjem, Robert Prokopec, Don Glynn, Dennis Bank and Galen Bungum.

The Veterans Day activities in Blooming Prairie started at 9:30 a.m. in the Foxhole at the Servicemen's Club with coffee and donuts served to veterans.

Three classes of fourth graders from the Blooming Prairie Elementary School walked to the Servicemen's Club from the school and listened to two veterans reciting their service to their country. Doug Miner, a U.S. Army veteran, and Doug Johnson, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, told their stories and took questions from the students.

"My dad was a veteran before I was born, should I tell him thank you?" a student asked Miner and Johnson.

Issuing a challenge to the fourth graders, Miner, a retired chief warrant officer 2, said, "Find some veterans today and thank them for their service to their country."

After enjoying the interaction with Miner and Johnson, the fourth graders marched to the parking lot to participate in special Veterans Day ceremonies. Joyce Johns,

president of the Auxiliary, introduced Doris Rasmussen who delivered a prayer.

The ceremonies continued with a color guard firing a military salute, fourth graders singing some patriotic songs and veteran James Johns raising the American flag, with assistance from VFW Commander Joe Wacek.

The highlight of the day came in the evening with a veterans supper hosted by the VFW Auxiliary at the Servicemen's Club. A delicious roast beef dinner was served to 210 persons attending the evening festivities.

Following supper, a special program was held. Julie Hoffman, American Legion Auxiliary president, was master of ceremonies. "Thank you veterans for serving and for protecting our freedoms," Hoffmann said.

Judy Lestrud and Vikki Wacek of the VFW Auxiliary presented a special POW/MIA remembrance ceremony.

Lestrud read, "We remember and we rededicate ourselves to an accounting as full, as is humanly possible, for America can never move forward as long as even one missing son or daughter is left behind. Without the service and sacrifice of he American servicemen and women, there would not have been a United States of America."

Tom Peterson, adjutant for the Sons of the American Legion, gave a brief overview of the drive to build a veterans memorial just east of the Servicemen's Club. "We salute with our hearts and we always will remember and will never forget," Peterson said.

"One year ago tonight, we announced the availability of pavers for the memorial," Peterson said. About 35 percent (\$75,766.12) of the monetary goal has been reached, Peterson said. He said 112 pavers have been sold. Each wall will hold 120 pavers.

"There's two ways you can help, buy a paver or make a monetary donation," Peterson said.

Auxiliary President Joyce Johns presided over the presentation of the Quilts of Valor, a program that has been coordinated by local resident

Chris Butler.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation was started with a Blue Star mother named Catherine Roberts of Seaford, Delaware in 2003. The first quilt was made for a young soldier from Minnesota who lost a leg in Iraq in 2003. Since then, the program has exploded in popularity.

Butler said the making and giving of these quilts gives her a wonderful feeling because she said some veterans have told her that nobody ever said thank you to them. "We are here tonight," Johns said, "to say 'thank you' to our veterans for their sacrifice, valor and service to their country."

The quilts presented on Veterans Day were assembled and quilted by Vikki Wacek, Tiffany Boecker, Chris Butler, Carol Prokopec, Cheri Krejci, Bev Hoveland, Shirley Nelson and Diane Anderson.

In addition to the quilters, there are long arm quilters who add a pretty design on the top of the quilt to keep it together with the backing. Long arm quilters are: Cathy Lightly, Cathy Martin, Gina Larson, Bev Wacek, Mary Dallman and the Calico Hutch Quilt Shop of Hayward. Linda Klemmenson of Sports Stitch was also thanked for providing quilt labels.

"These ladies have put their hearts and time and talents int these quilts," said Johns.

In most cases, the maker of the quilt presented the quilts to the veterans and to their family members.

The day's Veterans Day activities ended with a moving prayer by Bev Hoveland of the Auxiliary: "Heavenly Father, we thank you for your many blessings. We thank you for America and our many freedoms that we take for granted.

"Protect the men and women who are serving around the world so that others may have a better life. Lord, we realize that as a country we are not perfect, and we ask your guidance in our decisions as a nation, and that we may always stand firm for God and Country. Help us forever to be 'One Nation under God'.

"In thy name we pray. AMEN."

Voter turnout recorded at 82.98% in Steele County



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Bloomington prairie Election Judge Gerry Oswald has another ballot ready for an early morning voter on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Bloomington Prairie reported 989 voters, 153 new registered voters.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Voter turnout on Tuesday, Nov. 8 in Steele County was exceptional, said Laura Ihrke, county auditor.

Auditor Ihrke reported the turnout at 82.98 percent.

Ryan Furlong, communications director for Secretary of State Steve Simon, reported the state voter turnout at 74.14 percent.

Ihrke said voting "went very smoothly" throughout the day in all of Steele County's 26 precincts. Ihrke said there were 21,036 registered votes when voting began at 7 a.m. During the day, there were 2287 new registered voters.

The county vote count was listed by Ihrke at 19,352. She emphasized that the vote total was unofficial until it was certified by the Steele County Canvassing Board on Monday

in the county board room.

This year's vote total represented 124 more votes than cast during the presidential election of 2012. In 2008, 19,760 votes were cast, representing 408 more than in 2016.

Ihrke praised the work of election judges and other election workers. "They did a great job," Ihrke said. Steele County had nearly 200 election judges working the polls.

In Minnesota, nearly 4 million eligible voters were reported at 7 a.m. The total was reported at 3,972,330 for the 87 counties and 4,120 precincts in the state. this compares to 3,861,043 eligible voters in the 2012 presidential election

Secretary of State officials reported Tuesday's voter turnout at 2,957,031.

New plans for new comissioners

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jails are not designed to make money, he wants to limit the costs to the county.

Kruger will be representing district five, and he's excited to be taking office. In the wake of being elected, he fells a "little bit overwhelmed", but is preparing to get to work.

In the time before he takes office, he'll be watching the situation with the sitting board, especially in regards to the new public works complex. Once the sitting board makes their decision, he'll know what to anticipate when he takes office.

His guiding principle, however isn't dependent on the

board's decisions.

"Providing the needed services to the residents of Steele County within a reasonable budget," he says is the goal.

To that effect, he'll be focusing on projects like the county detention center's budget and Koda to make sure they're being run in a cost effective manor.

He wants to thank the people of Steele County for their support and reassure them that he and the new board will work to be good stewards and "regain that trust between the county board and the tax payers that [he] thinks has been lost."

Referendum Voted Down

By KYLIE RICE
Staff riter

The city of Medford's referendum failed this past election week. The project, which started in 2008, was voted down 70/30. It was initiated by a city administrator, the whole city council, and the fire department.

The original hopes were for the building to be funded by a state grant. None were found, and the city had to turn to other means of paying for the 3.95-million-dollar complex. "The need [for a new building] continues to escalate," said Mayor Lois Nelson.

The fire department is currently connected to the city hall, and the public utilities building is overflowing with all of the equipment.

The new building would have housed the public works building, the fire department, the city hall offices and a conference room available

for rent to the public, and a mezzanine (upstairs). "The idea was that all of our equipment that is currently needing to be stored offsite would fit into the new building."

"We wanted the building to accommodate the community for the next two generations as it grows and changes," Nelson remarked. Of the 19,100 square feet of the building, 16,000 of it would have been used for the fire department.

The city of Medford did not agree with the need for a new building. "I think that our building got caught up in the national voting hysteria," Mayor Nelson said. "We are still reeling from all those results from our area, the state, and national elections."

Mayor Nelson went on to say that the city government is currently grouping. They are still hoping and looking to continue with plans to build a new complex, as they see that



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

The fire department, currently housed in the same building as city administration, is struggling to fit all of its equipment and trucks into its current space.

"the need is great". Currently, they are researching options and are hoping to come back with another proposal. They cannot currently bring the matter to another vote for six months.

"The committee and the council is unanimous that this matter needs to be a voting matter," Nelson said. "We will just have to see how it shakes out."

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With an Earth Science learning sheet in hand, Blooming Prairie High School eighth graders, visited Marion Mast's rock whop on East Main Street in Blooming Prairie. Mast, second from right is shown with eighth graders Adrianna Bermea and Chris Sheperd, teacher Jen DeKok and geology expert Tom Stockwell of Owatona.

BP 8th graders rock on

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff riter

Blooming Prairie's newest Main Street businessman, Marion Mast, was having a time of his life recently when 70 eighth grade students from Blooming Prairie High School paid a trip to his rock shop.

Mast, wearing a t-shirt lettered with "Rock on," is a rock hound and has been so since his Boy Scout days in Colorado. He also was decked out with an Outback style hat.

Just recently, Mast leased a store front at 326 E. Main St., with the purpose being to start a shop called Gems, Minerals and Stones. To promote the business and to educate youngsters about geology, Mast contacted the high school and connected with Jen DeKok, eighth grade Earth Science teacher.

DeKok brought three classes at separate times to visit Mast's rock shop on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Mast visited with students as they examined his unique rock inventory displayed professionally on shelving in a small storefront. With a water bottle in hand, he would spray all shapes and sizes of stones and thus show what a shiny stone would look like.

Mast told the students they would love geology because they will find things they didn't expect to see in their ground environment.

Some of the rocks displayed in Mast's shop came from his yard.

Since his business quarters are quite small, Mast divided the class into two sections, one studying the collection out front and the others in a small classroom waiting for Uncle Tom Stockwell to visit. Stockwell is a rock collector who has a shop in Owatonna called Uncle Tom's Antique Mall.

Speaking to the eighth graders, Stockwell smiled as he pulled out a handful of

rocks from his pocket. "If you like rocks and the ones you see are pretty, pick them up," Stockwell lured.

Stockwell says he has traveled to mines and to other parts of the country looking for rocks and at the same time, enjoying what he says is God's beauty in rocks.

Mast said he was pleased with the eighth graders' interest and awareness of geology. He also plans to invite elementary students to visit his shop.

With Christmas soon here, a trip to Mast's rock shop should be a must.

Business hours at the downtown shop will be from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. He welcomes school groups and other groups to visit him at his new shop.

Merchandise related to mineral collecting will be available and displayed at B to Z Hardware and at A Touch of Charm.

Fire Department breakfast



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

These happy smiles indicate satisfaction with the Blooming Prairie Fire Department's annual breakfast on Sunday, Nov 13 at the Servicemen's Club. The smiles belong to Beckett VanderPlas, 4 and Jovie VanderPlas, 7 of Robbinsdale. The siblings are the great grandchildren of Nels and Vonnie Lee of Blooming Prairie.

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Emergency personnel from three counties and Rochester responded with about 100 rescuers to assist with a train derailment Friday morning in Ellendale. The train jumped off the tracks around 5:43 a.m. and caused some tense moments as two of the cars were carrying hazardous materials. Deputies and firefighters went door-to-door evacuating all residents in Ellendale. They were allowed to return home about six hours later. No injuries were reported.

Elvebak helps navigate disasters

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

When a crisis hits the county like last week’s train derailment by Ellendale, county administrator Laura Elvebak puts aside her regular duties and goes into disaster mode.

Elvebak is designated as the county’s public information officer for disasters and works closely with emergency management teams, including top officials from the sheriff’s office

and fire departments.

“They’re able to focus on the situation at hand and not worry about dealing with the public,” said Elvebak. She typically works right along side public safety officials to determine what information needs to be disseminated to the public and when.

Her primary function is to coordinate timely and accurate communications with the public through local news media as well as the county’s own social

media venues like Facebook. She also is on hand to keep the county board of commissioners apprised of whatever situation is developing.

The incident command center was established for last week’s derailment and evacuation at the United Methodist Church on the west end of Ellendale. Elvebak joined Sheriff Lon Thiele in providing press briefings throughout the day. With a laptop at her side, she also kept funneling updates onto the county’s Face-

book.

The train derailment is the third time Elvebak has been called into action for disasters this year in Steele County. She also handled the Beaver Lake algae bloom and the September flooding around the county.

During last week’s evacuation in Ellendale, about 20 agencies from three counties plus the Rochester Chemical Assessment Team converged on the community within hours to help out. “We had a quick and uni-

fied response from neighboring agencies,” Elvebak pointed out. “We take this very seriously,” she added.

The ultimate goal in any crisis is quite simple for county officials. “We want to provide a safe outcome,” Elvebak said.

And, in last week’s emergency crisis, the goal was “to get the situation resolved and get people back into their homes,” she said. Residents were allowed to return home about six hours after they were forced to leave.

Elvebak said citizens should feel “very confident” in the response they get from emergency personnel in crisis situations.

She credits much of the county’s success to Mike Johnson, who serves as the emergency management director. Johnson coordinates disaster trainings, emergency response meetings and table top exercises throughout the year for police, fire and EMS agencies.

“We want to feel confident in how we respond,” Elvebak said.

Ellendale residents forced to leave home after derailment

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Laura Elvebak, administrator with Steele County, who acted as the county’s public information officer throughout the disaster, said Ellendale was under a “forced evacuation” in which residents had no decision about staying in their homes. “We want to get the situation resolved and get people back into their homes in a way that protects the community and the environment.”

Within two hours, the entire community had been evacuated, according to Sheriff Lon Thiele, who coordinated the county’s disaster response.

School was cancelled at the NRHEG Elementary in Ellendale as the district posted a message on its website, “there is no way to get to the elementary building.”

The scare that created tense hours within the community was a 146-car Union Pacific train that derailed about a half mile south of Ellendale near 158th Street at about 5:43 a.m. In the tangled mess of the derailment

were two cars that contained hazardous materials, including propane and butane.

Throughout the morning, air space within a two-mile radius had been restricted.

More than 100 emergency workers from three counties and Rochester quickly descended on the community in an effort to keep the situation from becoming worse. The Methodist church became the incident command center for all the emergency responders. The American Red Cross responded to the area with its disaster team.

Rebecca Lassahn, who lives on the south end of Ellendale, had just begun her daycare operation when she got the word to flee her house. She grabbed one of her daycare children and went to the disaster shelter at the church.

“I couldn’t believe it,” she said. “It’s scary stuff.”

Lassahn said she heard loud banging prior to receiving the order to evacuate. “I wasn’t sure

what was happening,” she said. “I just thought they were switching (rail) cars,” she added.

She was not upset at all about leaving her home behind even without knowing for sure when she would be able to return. “Just so we’re safe. That’s all that matters,” Lassahn said.

While residents took cover at the church shelter and elsewhere, emergency workers diligently worked to contain the hazardous spill caused by the derailment.

Steele County Emergency Management Director Mike Johnson said the biggest concern was one of the cars that had been punctured and was heaped up on the tracks. He said the Rochester Chemical Assessment Team utilized a computer simulation to assess and monitor the spill.

Johnson said the concern was the gas igniting into a ball of fire. “If it has an ignition source, we could end up with a fire,” he said. “As a safety precaution, we evacuated people out of there.”

Sheriff Thiele said members of the CAT team began approaching the scene around 10 a.m. “They have to be very cautious,” he said. “This takes time and it takes patience.”

Authorities later confirmed that one car containing liquid petroleum gas had a 12-by-5-inch hole in the side. Thiele said by 12 p.m., the plume of evaporating gas had mostly dissipated.

At a press briefing shortly after noon, Thiele delivered good news noting that the immediate danger had subsided and residents would be allowed to return home.

“The plan at this time is to let it exhaust itself to a point, and then they’re going to assess it again to see if they need to offload it,” he said. “It’s basically turned into a slush, and according to them its an auto-refrigeration process, so it has slowed down to leaking almost zero now.”

Even after people were allowed to go back home, authori-

ties maintained a “hot zone” of 400 feet around the derailment. “There is no threat to the public outside of the hot zone,” Thiele said.

The sheriff’s office, Ellendale Fire and the CAT team remained on the scene throughout much of the day working with railroad officials on the response. The incident was turned over to Union Pacific officials by 1:30 p.m. The railroad was responsible for the removal and clean-up of the derailment as well as track restoration.

On Saturday at about 3:40 a.m., a controlled vent and burn took place at the site of the derailment. Rail cars identified as carrying hazardous materials were strategically punctured to release pressure and drain contents and then subsequently burned in a controlled setting, according to Elvebak.

There were reports of an explosion and flames shooting as high as 200 feet into the air during the controlled burn. The

controlled burn was under the command of railroad officials and local emergency teams.

Union Pacific said it decided the safest way to remove LP gas from the two derailed cars was to “vent and burn” the liquid. That involved puncturing the hull of the cars, releasing the liquid into a pit and burning it.

“Throughout the entire incident, the safety of responders and the public remained the top priority,” Elvebak said.

Officials determined there was no risk of groundwater contamination or any other environmental concerns from the spill.

No injuries were reported during the derailment and evacuation.

Railroads have a rich history in Ellendale, which was platted in 1900. The community was named for Ellen Dale Ives, the wife of the president of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. The first business in the city was a train depot.

Water bills debated

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

It’s rough waters in Ellendale as taxes come due.

The main issue for discussion at the Ellendale city council meeting was how the city should respond to complaints by citizens about delinquent water bills being added to their taxes.

One resident, Ron, came forward to say he had his water shut off 7 years ago, but is still be charged for the utility cost, which has totaled to \$1,400 over the years. It would now be added to his taxes this November.

Mayor Skroch responded, “I don’t think you need to pay if you haven’t been getting the water.”

The council moved to make sure the charges wouldn’t be on his taxes, so they could have more time to look into it

and address the matter at their December meeting.

The owner of a local pizza shop that recently closed wasn’t paying his water bill, and the property owners of where the restaurant sits are now stuck with the bill. They had no idea the restaurant owner was delinquent in his payments.

They inquired of the council what could be done, especially since the bill is to be added to their November taxes as well. The council, likewise, moved that the bill should not be added to their taxes, so the council could have time to look into the proper ordinances.

The council is hoping to address all the delinquent water bill concerns at their December meeting.

In other council business, the new grill for The Muni Bar has been ordered.

Derailement Timeline:

Friday, Nov. 11

5:43 a.m.- Union Pacific 146-car train derails ½ mile south of Ellendale

6 a.m.- A forced evacuation of Ellendale community begins

Morning- 20 agencies from 3 neighboring counties assist with disaster. Rochester Chemical Assessment Team also responds.

12 p.m.- Evacuation lifted as officials deem situation to be safe

1:30 p.m.- Emergency personnel clear the scene and turn over incident to Union Pacific for clean-up and track restoration

Saturday, Nov. 12

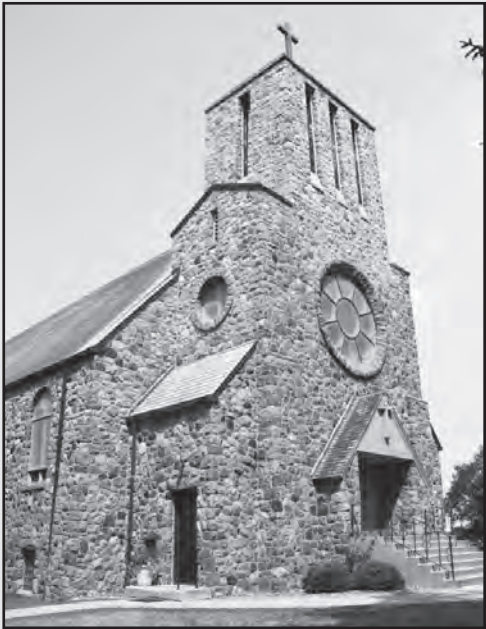
3:40 a.m.- A controlled vent and burn took place to drain contents from derailed cars



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Volunteers with the American Red Cross responded to Ellendale Friday for disaster relief for residents who were forced from their homes after a train derailed outside of town. In addition to the Red Cross, volunteers from United Methodist Church served food and refreshments for residents as well as emergency workers. Residents were allowed back into their homes about 12:30 p.m., six hours after the train derailment.

Area Church Spotlight



Holy Catholic Church of Litomysl, Owatonna

Pastor’s corner

Come forth

Here in the northern hemisphere we have entered the time when the change of seasons brings about the seeming death of nature and the beauty of the creation around us reveals a paradox - the beauty of the leaves is most brilliant in their dying. As the trees and bushes move through their cycle of life they begin to shed their leaves until they bud again in the spring. In that cycle we see the fingerprints of God. We recognize that this rhythm is playing out in our own life. In the cycle of dying and rebirth we witnessed the core of the Christian belief - that in the death and resurrection of Jesus we, too, will die and rise.

The month of November is tra-

ditionally a time in which many churches remember those who have died. His experience has changed our perspective on death and has given us hope for a future of eternal life.

In his own death, Jesus experienced all that we do when confronted with the reality of death. He felt the darkness, the threat, the loneliness. He knew the powerlessness and suffering. What is unique and salvific is the response of Jesus in the face of his own death. In his struggle Jesus accepts death. He places his hope in the Father, overcoming death itself. By his submission to God’s will Jesus begins to live fully with God.

The insistence of the Christian community that we have such faith is a constant affirmation of our confidence in the power of the Risen Christ.

The American playwright, Eugene O’Neill, wrote a seldom performed play entitled: Lazarus Laughed. It tells the famous biblical story of the raising of Lazarus in verse form. Lazarus, having been raised from the dead is a figure of controversy in his town. People don’t know what to make of him and some respond violently. Over and over he laughs and as he does he becomes younger and younger. Lazarus speaks few words except to repeat variations on a refrain: “Laugh with me,



Father John Sauer
Holy Trinity Catholic of Litomysl
Owatonna

death is dead, fear is no more, there is only life, there is only laughter.”

I encourage you to take the opportunity to visit the graves of your loved ones this November. Pray for them. Pray for the grace of a happy death. But above all, be confident that the power of Christ overcomes even death itself.

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School

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Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
Charles Leonard, Senior Pastor
Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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8953 S.W. 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
(507) 451-3854

Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School,
Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m.

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Sunday School/Adult Education
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Minister Dwight DoBell
(507) 567-2474

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School: 9:45 a.m.

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Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Collin Duling
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Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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104 First St. S.E., Hayfield
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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Pastor Jesse Krusemark
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Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Education hour: 10 a.m.

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Pastor Patti Meyer
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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, November 21, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

Citizens of Blooming Prairie recently had the opportunity to give blood at an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the local high school on November 13. The drive, put on by the school's chapter of the National Honor Society, really showed how the community gives its time and blood to help those in need. The annual Fall Blood Drive is a tradition for our small city. Blooming Prairie usually has three drives a year, with the fall drive following the spring and summer drives.

The week of October 23, 2006 was an exciting one for a group of local FFA members, it was no ordinary week for that matter. The National Convention for FFA was in Indianapolis, Indiana that week. Everyone in the club expressed their excitement about the convention. At the National FFA Convention, there were approximately 45,000 FFA members who were from all around the United States. It's an experience none of them will ever forget.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, November 19, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

The county board approved the purchase of two transit buses, which could be on hand around the first of the year. The commissioners approved the lease/purchase agreement for the buses for the new county-wide transit system, which should be ready to go by the spring of 1997. Routes will be ready by then for the 16-passenger buses, which will have a handicapped lift elevator in the back of the bus. The transit program is being funded 80 percent by the state and federal grant money. The remaining 20 percent will be financed for a two-year period by Steele County.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, November 17, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Blooming Prairie's General Livestock and Meat judging teams took top honors in competition at the District 14 contest, held Friday, November 11 at the Geo. A. Hormel & Co plant in Austin. In second place behind the local FFA'ers in the General Livestock judging was Albert Lea, while Glenville finished second place behind

Blooming Prairie in the meats judging competition.

The newest staff member in the Blooming Prairie School District is Mrs. Nancy Perrier, the first full-time public health nurse ever employed here. Mrs. Perrier a 1965 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, was

employed this past year by the Albert Lea school system.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, November 20, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Charles M. Nelson, 11, was severely injured Sunday morning when he was struck in the

cheek by a bullet accidentally fired from a .22 caliber rifle in the hands of his brother Ralph. The accident occurred at the farm home of the boys' grandparents where their family was visiting. Charles has been shooting pigeons with his BB gun near the barn. His brother

Ralph and his uncle Tom Lelum, were shooting the .22 on the other side of the barn. Charles came running around the side of the barn just as the uncle was attempting to set the safety of the gun. The gun suddenly discharged and the shot struck Charles in the cheek

knocking out four teeth, shattering part of the tongue, and embedding itself in the roof of the mouth. Tuesday the boy was showing much improvement. Doctors hold out high hopes for a complete recovery.

GRIEF RELIEF



What is grief like? Grief is like a series of waves that come and go, feelings that vary in intensity over a long period of time as we are constantly reminded of changes that result from the death of our loved one. We need to take time to face our emotions and feelings. Then make careful plans for our new lives without the deceased. Our feelings and grief may seem unpredictable and confused at times, but that is perfectly normal.

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Win a turkey at BP Cancer Group Bingo

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Kids, adults, grandpas and grandmas are invited to the 5th Annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Turkey Bingo Thursday, Nov. 17 in the party room of the Pizza Cellar, Blooming Prairie.

The first of 25 games will start at 7 p.m. Lindsey Krejci is the official caller. "This event has grown and grown," said BP Cancer Group treasurer Cheri Krejci. "We won't turn anybody away and will use the Pizza Cellar dining room for the overflow crowd," Krejci added.

Lots of prizes will be given away during the evening.

Whole turkeys, in the 10 to 12-pound range, have been donated by Arkema Inc. Many other turkey products donated by Jennie O Turkey stores including turkey breast, turkey patties, taco seasoned ground turkey and turkey burgers will also be given away.

Hope butter will also be given as a prize, donated by Victor Mrotz of the Hope Creamery.

Door prizes will also be given, for example, sweat shirts, t-shirts, snack mix

and cookies and bars.

Bingo players can play all 25 games for \$25 and may play additional cards at \$1 each.

The 25th game will be a blackout with the prize being a basket of Thanksgiving goodies featuring a turkey breast, Hope butter, napkins, plates and much more.

Four meat raffles will be held throughout the night.

"People come as early as one hour before the start of the bingo games; it's a great fund-raiser with all profits going to the BP

Cancer Group," Krejci said.

Another bingo event called Jingle Bingo is planned for Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Pizza Cellar party room.

Twenty games will feature 20 wrapped gifts as prizes. Win great prizes or give gifts for giving. A holiday bake sale is also planned for before, during and after bingo.

All proceeds benefit the BP Cancer Group.

For more information on both events, contact Cheri Kreci at 507-438-6895.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Yell BINGO and you may win a turkey or other fine prizes, says Cheri Krejci of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. The Fifth Annual BP Cancer Group Turkey Bingo will be held beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Pizza Cellar in Blooming Prairie.

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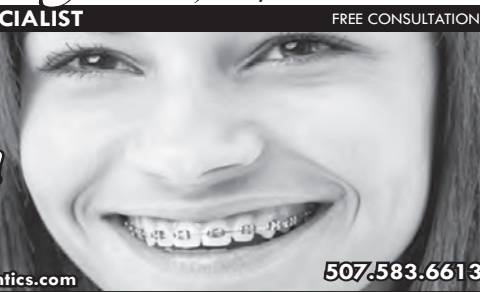
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Thyroid Disorders often missed in seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you write a column on the overlooked problem of thyroid disease? After struggling with chronic fatigue, joint pain and memory problems, I was finally diagnosed hypothyroidism. Now, at age 70, I'm on thyroid medication and am doing great. Five years of feeling lousy. I wish I'd have known.

Frustrated Patient

Dear Frustrated,
I'm glad to hear that you're finally feeling better. Unfortunately, thyroid problems are quite common in older adults but can be tricky to detect because the symptoms often resemble other age

related health problems. In fact, as many as 30 million Americans have some form of thyroid disorder, but more than half of them aren't aware of it.

Here's a basic overview: The thyroid is a small butterfly-shaped gland located at the base of your neck that has a huge job. It produces hormones (called T3 and T4) that help regulate the rate of many of your body's activities, from how quickly you burn calories to how fast your heart beats. It also influences the function of the brain, liver, kidneys and skin.

If the gland is underactive and doesn't produce enough thyroid hormones, it causes body systems to slow down. If it's overactive,

and churns out too much thyroid, it has the opposite effect, speeding up the body's processes.

The symptoms for an underactive thyroid (also known as hypothyroidism) – the most common thyroid disorder in older adults – will vary but may include fatigue, unexplained weight gain, increased sensitivity to cold, constipation, joint pain, muscle stiffness, dry skin and depression. Some patients may even develop an enlarged thyroid (goiter) at the base of the neck. However, in older adults, it can cause other symptoms like memory impairment, loss of appetite, weight loss, falls or even incontinence.

And the symptoms of an over-

active thyroid (or hyperthyroidism), which is more common in people under age 50, may include a rapid heart rate, anxiety, insomnia, increased appetite, weight loss, diarrhea, excessive perspiration, as well as an enlarged thyroid gland. Too much thyroid can also cause atrial fibrillation, affect blood pressure and decrease bone density, which increases the risk of osteoporosis.

Those with the greatest risk of developing thyroid disorders are women who have a family history of the disease. Other factors that can trigger thyroid problems include: autoimmune diseases like Hashimoto's or Graves disease; thyroid surgery; radiation treatments to the neck or upper chest; and certain medications including interferon alpha and interleukin-2 cancer medications, amiodarone heart medication and lithium for bipolar disorder.

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If you have any of the aforementioned symptoms, or if you've had previous thyroid problems or notice a lump in the base of your neck, ask your doctor to check your thyroid levels. The TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) blood test is used to diagnosis thyroid disorders.

Thyroid disease is easily treated once you've been diagnosed. Standard treatment for hypothyroidism involves daily use of the synthetic thyroid hormone levothyroxine (Levothroid, Synthroid and others), which is an oral medication that restores adequate hormone levels.

And treatments for hyperthyroidism may include an anti-thyroid medication such as methimazole (Tapazole), which blocks the production of thyroid hormones. Another option is radioactive iodine, which is taken orally and destroys the overactive thyroid cells and causes the gland to shrink. But this can leave the thyroid unable to produce any hormone and it's likely that you'll eventually become hypothyroid and need to start taking thyroid medication.

For more information on thyroid disorders, visit the American Thyroid Association at thyroid.org.



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FOUR-POINT STANCE
JOSH ZIMMER
Twins GM Levine in store for busy offseason

Baseball season is officially over. Well, for the pros anyway as many of the big league’s highly touted minor leaguers compete in the Arizona Fall League.

While my previous columns were about my beloved Chicago Cubs, I would be remissed if I did not bring the Minnesota Twins to the front of the line.

100 losses isn’t really anything to be overly happy about, even as a fan. However, with new General Manager Thad Levine taking the reins officially as of earlier this month, the start to rebuild championship hopes for the Twins are underway.

No Moneyball

For those unfamiliar with the term (although highly unlikely thanks to Brad Pitt), Moneyball is where you try to build a roster using statically analysis over conventional scouting due to having a slashed payroll.

Modeled by Billy Beane of the Oakland Athletics, teams such as the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians, St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Padres, Arizona Diamondbacks, Toronto Blue Jays, Washington Nationals, and the New York Mets have since hired full-time sabermetric scouts.

However, much to the excitement and even the awe that surrounds sabermetrics and baseball, Levine told the Washington Post in 2011 that he has a person first approach.

“One thing that fuels the stereotype for young people is that you’re either one side of the ledger or the other, and the pendulum has no middle. I’ve always felt like if you want to stereotype me that’s on me. I need to communicate to them that I’m more of a centrist than a leftist or a rightist. I feel very much committed to scouting.”

The new general manager—who had stops in both Texas and Colorado—will be trying to guide the Twins back to the postseason, something that the Twins territory hasn’t seen since 2010. In fact, the Twins haven’t won a playoff game since 2004 and haven’t won a series since 2002, sweeping the team that inspired moneyball, Billy Beane and the Oakland A’s.

While he noted that during the press conference at Target Field that metrics would have a role in the Twins organization, that actual on-hand scouting will be the prime focus.

Levine’s first job as general manager will be to dive into a roster that has continued to see major influxes with its payroll.

Pricey roster

Before we dive into the roster, here are the opening day payrolls since the Twins last

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“The Havelka Hail”

Huskies’ quarterback tosses two Hail Mary’s in 28-24 thriller

*“That’s just storybook stuff right there.”
-Quarterback Abe Havelka*

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

In any sporting event, there’s a mantra that big time players make big time plays in big time games. Well, although it was certainly a team effort Saturday night, the Owatonna High School football team was catapulted to the Class 5A state semifinals due to some big time plays from some key players.

Converting on two separate ‘Hail Mary’ attempts from quarterback Abe Havelka, the Huskies upended the Apple Valley Eagles 28-24 Saturday night at Lakeville North High School in the State 5A quarterfinals.

Facing a long fourth down conversion attempt with just under 25 seconds remaining in the game, Havelka fired a rocket in the end zone where Alex Raichle caught it before rolling into the end zone to give the Huskies the final score of the game. Afterward the junior signal caller said when Raichle caught it, he was at a loss for words.

“I’m just thankful. I was like ‘holy cow there’s a guy upstairs for us,” he added.

Owatonna started the scoring off mid-way through the second quarter when Jason Williamson punched it in from seven yards out giving the Huskies an early 7-0 lead. In what was unfamiliar this season, Williamson had just 11 touches in the first half, and 24 for the game, finishing with 94 yards.

Coming in to the matchup, there was a lot of hype and concern for that matter of Apple Valley’s signal caller Noah Sanders. The senior quarterback amassed nearly 2,300 yards prior to Saturday’s matchup. Despite the initial score however, it was very much a battle among the two team’s defenses for most of the first half.

In fact, the Eagles wouldn’t tie the game up until there was just seconds remaining in the half off of a Sanders 17-yard touchdown pass.

Taking over with just 11 seconds on the

FOOTBALL
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Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna senior linebacker and captain Ben Staska (51) celebrates in front of the Huskies’ student section after Abe Havelka’s second Hail Mary of the game lifted the Huskies to a 28-24 win over Apple Valley Saturday at Lakeville North in the Class 5A state quarterfinals. The Huskies defense led by Staska, forced a key stop late in the game that made the Eagles attempt a 33-yard field goal

Blades trap Cougars



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Blades center Kyle Wadden (25) celebrates with Oskari Valli (9) after scoring the game’s first goal on Friday night against the Chicago Cougars at the Four Seasons Centre in Owatonna. Wadden was the first star of the game, registering a goal and an assist in the Blades 4-3 win.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After spending the last week on the road, the Steele County Blades were looking to continue their winning ways at home.

Powered by Kyle Wadden’s goal thirty seconds into the game, the Blades defeated the Chicago Cougars 4-3 Friday night at the Four Seasons Centre. Head coach Nick Adamek said is starting to learn to win.

“We’re that organization that works hard for their wins, but now we’re finding ways,” he added.

Center Kyle Wadden got the Blades on the board early. After generating a turnover in the neutral zone, he was all alone on the breakaway, putting a nice move on the goalie before flicking the puck into the net.

After Wadden’s early goal, the offenses disappeared and the defenses took over. It was a physical contest from the opening drop of the puck, with players struggling to carry the puck into the zone due to the forechecks being so aggressive and physical.

Just two minutes into the second period, Blades forward Chase Lewis chipped in a shot to give the Blades an early 2-0 lead in the second period. However, the Cougars would add two goals in the period. One of those goals, coming off a deflection just minutes after the Blades tallied their third goal of the night. Jake Freise would give the Blades a 3-2 lead into the third period off of a two-on-one.

The third period saw little scoring chances, but plenty of big hits.

The biggest hit however, wasn’t necessarily delivered to a player. On a Blades power-play, forward Oskari Valli fired a beautiful one-timer blocker side off a feed from Koy Payne, giving the Blades a commanding 4-2 lead.

After adding a late goal, the Cougars pulled their goalie to try and tie but were unsuccessful.

The Blades will be back in action on Nov. 18 against Chicago at the Four Seasons Centre.



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A new season nearing

In the two weeks remaining before winter sports begin, we can take a quick peek at fall.

Season summaries for the sports will be up in the coming weeks, but it is evident that the teams had good seasons. The football team, especially, completed another seven-win season and a trip to the section semi-finals. The teams that defeated them were excellent teams that advanced to section playoffs, and Rushford-Peterson will represent Section 1A in the state semi-finals.

The cross country teams had good seasons, with the boys winning the conference and taking second or third in several Invationals. Alec Ille advanced to the state meet for the second straight year and timed an excellent 17:25.2 in that meet.

The volleyball team suffered through a long losing streak and finished worse than they had hoped, but I was struck by their competitive nature and the realization that the girls were having fun, despite the record. That was great to see, and I think all

the teams deserve a pat on the back for their spirit, their determination, and their fine efforts.

Coming soon

Several events are on schedule for the community in the next few weeks, culminating in the annual Holiday Dazzle celebration on Main Street Friday, Dec. 2.

Before that, however, we have a spaghetti dinner for the benefit of the local Boys and Girls Club. This has become an annual affair that is very popular with the community and is sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus organization.

That event will be this coming Saturday, Nov. 19. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20 or at the door for \$25. This is a semi-formal event, and entertainment is also provided. The local KC’s do an excellent job of making this a memorable evening.

Then on Nov.23, the Boys and Girls club is sponsoring a Heroes’ breakfast at the Servicemen’s club. This is an opportunity to recognize all the businesses and individuals who lend support to the local club and its many activities every year. The breakfast is scheduled for just one hour from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and former BPHS graduate and now fitness guru Jason Linse will be a featured speaker.

Approximately 35 kids attend the local club each school day, and, in addition to an hour of homework, several classes, outdoor exercises, and recreational activities occupy the kids. Unit Director Marcy Sundine and her staff operate an efficient and meaningful program for approximately 100 total members. This breakfast offers club to thank contributors and also ask for continued assistance for the club programs.

Finally, the day after the break-

fast on Thanksgiving morning, the popular Gobble Wobble will be back. Before indulging in the traditional Thanksgiving feast and its ensuing feeling of discomfort from eating too much, residents are encouraged to take part in this healthful and invigorating event. The gobble wobble begins at the Boys and Girls club promptly at 8 a.m. and two distances are involved.

The race can be walked or run, and there will also be a race for toddlers. Details can be found on posters throughout the town, and everyone is invited to partake of this prelude to Thanksgiving dinner. It is just another of those activities that make our community such a fun place in which to live.

All of these events lead up to the Holiday Dazzle on Friday, Dec. 2. Details for that event will be forthcoming next week.

Trivia

We must be due for a change in the season, but nobody can complain this late fall about the weather. We continue to have mild temps many degrees above normal, and sunshine, and farmers are getting way ahead of the game now. I suppose we will be complaining about the cold eventually, but for now, let’s sit back and enjoy.

For the 150th celebration of Booming Prairie, I have volunteered to write a summary of the last twenty-five years leading up to the big celebration next Fourth of July. I am, however, quickly discovering that it is quite a daunting task. I may need all of that time to get the job do, so wish me luck. A lot has happened in the community over the last twenty-five years!

Keep enjoying the weather, and we’ll talk again.

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clock, Havelka danced around in the pocket before firing a deep pass up the seam. Just when it looked like the half was going to be ended by an interception, Owatonna’s Jay Sullivan comes up with the football to score on a 61-yard catch-and-run to give the Huskies a commanding 14-7 lead heading into the half. Head coach Jeff Williams said that what he loved most about those plays is that it gave them a chance to forget mistakes that were made.

“We had other kids come up big and make up for it and that’s what being a team is supposed to be all about. You overcome your mistakes, the mistakes of your buddies by making big plays,” he said.

Coming out of the half, the game still remained a defensive battle as Owatonna went three and out on their first two possessions of the half. While Apple Valley had a few of the same struggles, the Eagles managed to establish some offense, creating big gains behind the legs of running back Mario Lewis and Sanders. In fact, in the third quarter, the Huskies defense would allow 14 unanswered points.

With 5:30 left in the third quarter, Apple Valley managed to tie the game on an end around to tight end Spencer Rolland. Just minutes later the Eagles were back in the

Huskies’ red zone. After three plays from the two were unsuccessful, Apple Valley head coach Chad Clendening opted to go for it. A fumble snapped would have resulted in Owatonna taking over on downs. However, a questionable unnecessary roughness penalty was assessed and on the ensuing play, Sanders leaped into the end zone to give the Eagles a 21-14 lead.

On the ensuing drive by Owatonna, the Huskies started to generate some momentum running the ball with Williamson. An 18-play, 77-yard drive -that saw the talented sophomore running back take the bulk of the load-was capped by a Havelka pass to Mitch Wiese on fourth down to tie the game at 21 with just 5:20 left in regulation.

While Weise had his high moments, there was also a low. Just two plays following an Eagles’ punt, Weise fumbled to give the Eagles prime field position with just under two minutes to play.

However, the defense didn’t bend nor break, stopping Lewis and Sanders behind the line twice to force Apple Valley to try a 33-yard field goal.

The Huskies were trailing by three until Raichle hauled in Havelka’s second ‘hail Mary’ attempt, creating what could be called “The Havelka hail” and lifting the Huskies to the

next round of the state playoffs. Williams said afterwards that there’s a lot of work ahead prior to Friday.

“We have to sit down and meet now because I honestly have not thought-I don’t even know what I’m going to say to the kids- because I haven’t thought beyond all zeros on the clock,” he added.

The Huskies will be at U.S. Bank Stadium for the Class 5A semifinals to face top-ranked Elk River on Friday at 2 p.m.

Owatonna 28, Apple Valley 24

Team Stats

Passing: O 205, AV 116
Rushing: O 130, AV 217
Total: O 335, AV 333
Turnovers: O 1, AV 0

Huskies Stats

Passing:Havelka- 10 for 23, 205 yards, 3 TD’s
Rushing: Williamson- 24 carries, 94 yards, TD; Weise- 4 carries, 15 yards; Mensink- 2 carries for 5 yards; Havelka-carries for 16 yards.
Receiving: Williamson- 3 receptions, 18 yards; Budach- 2 receptions for 49 yards; Raichle- 3 receptions for 72 yards, TD; Jay Sullivan- reption for 61 yards, TD; Weise- reception for 5 yards, TD.



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Owatonna qaurterback Abe Havelka (3) looks to throw while sophomore runningback Jason Williamson (22) provides protection in the fourth quarter Saturday. Havelka finished the night going 10 for 23, for 205 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Ladies bowling league

Week 6 (Nov. 9, 2016)

Team	W	L	High Team Game (Scratch)	High Team Series (Handicap)
1. Epic Contracting	19	5	F & M Bank	577
2. F & M Bank	12	12		
3. J&H/DQ	9	15		
3. Kosters’ Kar	8	16		
			High Team Game (Handicap)	High Game Individual
			Epic	619
			High Team Series (Scratch)	High Series Individual
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• 2008- \$ 56,932,000
• 2009- \$ 65,299,000
• *2010- \$ 97,559,000
• 2011- \$ 112, 737,000
• 2012- \$ 94, 085,000
• 2013- \$ 85, 802,000
• 2014- \$ 85, 776,000
• 2015- \$ 108,945,000
• 2016- \$ 108,300,000
(*Denotes postseason appearance)

In 2016, the Twins had the 20th ranked payroll in the big leagues on opening day. The average for the MLB this past

season was \$130.3 million. That’s roughly a \$15 million difference.

A lot of that money will tied up into four major keys of the Twins last season (if there was really one). First baseman and designated hitter Joe Mauer had the highest hit on the club, making \$23,000,000 the final two years of his contract (2017 and 2018).

Making nearly \$46 million over the next two years and having a full no trade clause in his contract, fans and even front office personnel should say a quick prayer that the 33-year-old slugger from St. Paul can stay healthy.

While Mauer finished the

year with a subpar .260 batting average, after he injured his quad running bases in Atlanta in August, the slugger’s average plummeted to an abysmal .146 in 82 at-bats. With the amount of money invested into the aging star, fans across the country will hope that there is still glimmer to the star.

Aside from an aging Joe Mauer, the Twins front office needs to figure out how to get promising youngster Byron Buxton on the right track. Due to injuries during his rookie season in 2015, Buxton finished the season with the Class AAA Rochester Red Wings.

In 2016, baseball’s 2015 top rated prospect had a dramatic

start to his season. In 17 at-bats, Buxton had a batting average of .156 and was demoted back to triple-A.

He was called up later in the season and finished strong, batting .225 with 10 home-runs and 38 RBI’s. After trading former center fielder Aaron Hicks, the Twins need to hit with Buxton to come out as winners.

Minor League gems

With a handful of players either designated free agents or eligible for arbitration, the Twins and Levine may turn to the minors to find young players that fit the mold of

championship baseball.

One player who has continued to catch eyes for everyone is shortstop Nick Gordon. Gordon-whose father was a big league pitcher and his older brother Dee, is one of the bright spots for the Marlins- is a player that Twins executives believe can take over the position at the big league level.

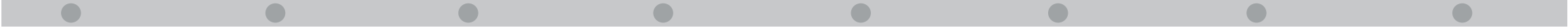
Since being drafted by the Twins in first round of the 2014 draft, the 21-year old phenom has flown through the minors. In three Minor League seasons, Gordon has been promoted twice, the highest being the Class A Advanced Fort Myers Miracle

earlier this year.

According to scouts from MLB.com, Gordon is the No.2 ranked prospect in the Twins organization and No. 47 in MLB’s Top 100 prospects for 2016. One MLB scout said that “the Twins never had much doubt Gordon would be a big leaguer one day.

How he’s begun his career has the organization more enthused about just how good he’ll be once he gets there.”

Even though Levine just took the job less than two weeks ago, he’ll have his hands full trying to rekindle championships dreams for fans of Twins territory.



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This week's winner is Dennis Kasper with 11 wrong.

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30. Arizona @ Minnesota (Tie breaker)

NRHEG's Schultz honored



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Top: NRHEG offensive and defensive lineman Jack Schultz sits on the sidelines of Panther Stadium while reminising on his career during an interview on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Schultz was selected for the 2016 Minnesota Football Showcase All-Star game on Dec. 3 at US Bank Stadium. Bottom: Schultz (60) looks for someone to block during a 13-12 overtime loss to Maple River on Oct. 19.

Panthers two-way lineman selected for the 2016 Minnesota Football Showcase

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

As an athlete during recruiting season, it's fairly normal to be pulled out of class to meet with a respective school's coaching staff. When you get pulled out of class to go to your father's room, who's not only a coach, but a teacher, you start playing through events through your head to make sure that you didn't do anything wrong.

That was the situation for NRHEG High School football player Jack Schultz.

"Coach Stork pulled me out of class and walked to me my dad's class room," recalled the senior offensive lineman.

While they were attempting to keep stern faces, to make Jack think he was in trouble, Schultz recalled that once the door shut, the two coaches both started to break a smile and look at each other saying, "Do you want to tell him?"

What Jack was going to be told was something that would be a crowning achievement to his football career. He was selected for the 2016 Minnesota Football Showcase All-Star game, featuring Minnesota's top high school football players on Dec. 3 at US Bank Stadium.

"I'm pretty honored to be selected," Schultz humbly recalled. "I'm really thankful of my coach (Dan Stork) to nominate me to get me the chance to play there. It sure will be a cool experience and I'm glad I at least get one more game in my high school career."

Schultz, a 6-foot, 2-inch, 250-pound senior offensive and

defensive lineman recently had a tough finish to a strong season, falling to Kenyon-Wanamingo in the Section 2A semifinals on Monday, Oct. 31. As a dominating offensive and defensive lineman, Schultz guided the Panthers' defense to allow just less than 18.2 points per game while also paving the way for a 1,000-yard rusher and an average of 27.1 points per game on the offense.

During the twenty-minute interview, Schultz dived back into his career as a Panther to reflect on his senior season and what it meant to him to be a senior on a team that hasn't won a playoff game since the late 2000's.

While it would have been easy to reflect on his senior class or his personal performance, sticking to his humble roots, Schultz noted that this might not be the last time that NRHEG is deep in the playoffs.

"Being a senior, I couldn't be more proud of the younger guys," he added. "I feel like we are going to have good teams because it's all underclassmen. I mean, we had a freshman on the line and he really stuck it out."

He went on to add that after losing the amount of seniors they did last year, expectations were swirling that NRHEG may not be very good. He believes that the younger kids took that to heart and helped guide them on the season that they accomplished this year.

While he dominated both sides of the ball last year, Schultz was quick to noted that he really enjoys the defensive line.

"It's kind of cheesy, but as an offensive lineman, I'm not sure

what they get recognized for, 'Oh good block?' On the defensive line, you get tackles and sacks," he added.

Even though he noted that he prefers the defensive line of the ball, he noted that his intensity stays the same no matter what side of the ball he's on. Just by talking to him, you are immediately blown away by his football intelligence, being able to paint you the perfect picture of a particular play.

As a defensive lineman, Schultz says while there is a special feeling when you get a sack, the feeling of being consistent against the run is even better.

"I like pass rushing, but I feel like I'm better against the run," he said. "We're taught attack and read here and no offense to the rest of the league, getting a read is much harder due to playing more spread offenses," he added.

With all the accolades on the field, Schultz also has accolades in the classroom to be proud apart, being named an Academic All-State team member, making him just the second football player from NRHEG to win the award.

"I feel honored to have that because only one other person has won that for football. We've had plenty of 4.0 students who were great athletes that didn't win it. And again, I have to thank my coach for nominating me," he added.

As for his future, Schultz already seems to have it nailed down. Despite still going through the recruiting process, he said that after the loss in Kenyon, he wants to follow in his father's footsteps to become a physical education teacher and a football coach.

"After that loss, I couldn't want anything more than to coach high school football, and teaching is the best thing for that," Schultz commented. "I always thought I could get a job that offers more money, but I don't really care. I think I'd be really happy."

Despite having his future job planned out, Schultz is still awaiting to see what school will be called home for the next four-five years, depending on if he is redshirted.

Division II powerhouse Minnesota Duluth and Division III Eau Claire-the school that his father played at- as well as Division II MSU-Moorhead have shown their interest in the mam-

moth senior. He hasn't made a decision yet, but has noted that he is intrigued by idea of staying within the state.

"It was three awesome game visits. They all won thier gmaes when I was there. It will be tough to narrow them down," he added.

Kickoff is tentatively set for 3 p.m. and will be televised on KMSP FOX 9 for Dec. 3.



CommunityLiving

Obituaries

Beulah May (Bond) Nelson, 98



‘Grandma’ Beulah died suddenly on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the age of 98 at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis, where she had been living for almost two years. She was born Oct. 22, 1918 to Walter and

Laura (Ahyers) Bond, who ran a vegetable farm in rural Dodge Center, MN.

After high school graduation, Beulah attended teachers training and taught at multiple country schools in the Dodge and Steele County School Districts before meeting and then marrying Richard Diderick Nelson in June of 1948.

They were married 35 years and raised three sons, Paul, David, and Donald, on the Nelson family farm near Bixby. Beulah enjoyed living in the country, producing hatching eggs and supporting her three boys and their many adventures with pets, wild animals, and birds.

She loved to watch birds, read, cook, sew, can vegetables, and was a long-standing member of the Bixby Westsiders Homemaker’s Club and the

Daughters of the American Revolution. Beulah took care of two aging uncles in her home, Arthur and Louie Ahyers, as well as her own mother, Laura, before her death.

In retirement, she and Dick enjoyed living many winters in Florida where they enjoyed the warmth and their Friendly Shores neighbors.

Beulah is survived by her sons, Paul (Shirley) Nelson of Bixby, David (Patricia) Nelson of Marble, CO, Donald (Teryl) Nelson of Byron, MN; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, as well as multiple nieces and nephews that never forgot to come and visit.

Her ‘extended’ families included many of the young couples that rented the little house on the farm, as well as her neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Laura Bond, her husband Dick, brother Raymond, and granddaughter Katie. She was a good servant of the Lord and is happily rejoicing with her First Father and many loved ones that she has dearly missed.

Blessed be the memory of Beulah May (Bond) Nelson. She will be dearly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home Chapel.

The Nelson family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Bixby.

Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Dorothy “Dot” Sloan, 86, of Williston, ND



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Her Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Williston.

Fr. Russell Kovash will celebrate the Mass.

Burial will be in the family plot at Riverview Cemetery, Williston.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home in Williston.

Friends may call at the Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the mass.

Dorothy was employed by Jostens Ring Factory at Owatonna and later at St Mary’s Hospital at Rochester. She married John Sloan on June 30, 1949 at Holy Trinity

Catholic Church, Litomysol at Owatonna.

They lived in Rochester and moved to Williston, ND in 1965 where John worked for the National Weather Service. Dorothy worked for AVCO Financial Services for ten years and J.W. Gibson Well Service for twelve years.

She liked golfing, playing pinocle, bowling and dancing at the Moose and Elks.

She volunteered at Mercy Hospital. Dorothy really enjoyed visiting other cancer patients and survivors.

Later in life, she enjoyed watching NFL games, particularly the Minnesota Vikings and lately the Philadelphia Eagles. One of the highlights of her life was her trip to Rome.

Dorothy is survived by

two daughters and their families, Cynthia (Eugene) Youngman, grandsons David and Michael Youngman, all of Eugene, OR. Nancy (Terry) Thomas, granddaughters Lynn Thomas, Angela (Clevon) Dunbar, two great granddaughters, Makenzie and Harper Dunbar (they were her greatest joy) all of Williston, ND.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband John, her brother Gene, and his wife Virginia, and his sister Elaine and her husband Neil Zwiener, all of Blooming Prairie. Brother-in-law Tom Sloan and his wife Alvina and brother-in-law William Sloan.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials be sent to St. Joseph Catholic School or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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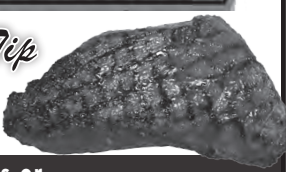
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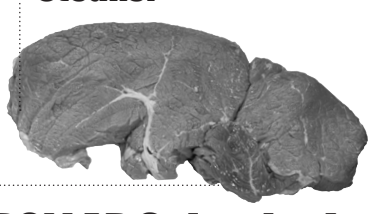
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Farmers just south of Blooming Prairie took advantage of the warm and dry weather in late October and early November to nearly complete the corn harvest. Yields were reported in the high 200 bushels to the acre range.

Farmers stay on top of harvest

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Warm and dry weather has been on the side of Minnesota farmers the past few weeks and allowed them to near the end of the harvest season.

The soybean harvest was the first to be completed and then it was onto the corn.

As of the end of the first week of November, the corn for grain harvest advanced to nearly 90 percent

complete, reported the United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service for Minnesota.

Harvesting in Minnesota was reported four days behind the five-year average and nine days behind last year.

Corn moisture content of grain at harvest was 17 percent. Eighty-five percent of the sunflower acreage was harvested four days behind the average.

There continued to be fields too saturated to harvest, leading some to decide that they will wait for a hard freeze to complete harvest. Field activities for the week included harvesting and tillage.

Soybean harvest reports for Minnesota showed yields in the high 60 bushels to the acre average. For corn, harvest averages were reported in the high 220 bushels to the acre range.

Early harvest predictions indicated

the harvest to be the second highest ever.

Many portions of Minnesota received record, or near-record, levels of precipitation during the 2016 growing season. Rainfall in late September forced many state farmers to delay their harvesting but once warm and dry weather returned, farmers took advantage of the change.

Full moon on the rise... What next?

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mark DeLap

There was no full moon and yet, some strange occurrences have transpired in the past two weeks. Wondering what is going to happen when it plumps full of that green cheese?

If I were you, I'd be looking for some major upsets in the NCAA football world. Stay tuned. You heard it here first, folks. It began on Halloween.

Spooks abounded and the lowly Bears knocked off our beloved Vikings. Nobody saw THAT coming.

Then the Cubs won the World Serious for the first time since 1908 so perhaps I'm thinking that it's just Chicago that has stolen the spell-book from Broomhildy. But, no. Just when it can't get any freakier, Donald Trump upends the heavy favorite in the political world. I came across an interesting stat concerning the uber-control of the Republican Party.

"When George W. Bush became president in 2001, it marked the first time in 70 years that conservative Republicans controlled all three branches of government. By the time Bush left office, we were all reminded why. The financial crisis and resulting global economic meltdown Bush left us with were eerily reminiscent of the Great Depression, but there was also 9/11, the Iraq War and Katrina—a multifaceted record of spectacular failure so stunning that it should have disqualified conservative Republicans from holding power for at least another seven decades," wrote Barry Ritholtz.

He's just sayin'.

Not that I am taking any political sides, I am just remarking how the winds of the hallows came in and decided to stay awhile. All this and 72-degree weather in Minnesota in November.

And now, as we go forward, there are so many challenges. Perhaps the best quip was one given on SNL by Colin Jost as he stated, "Soon we'll come together as a country to begin that long journey toward impeaching whomever we just elected. Because on Tuesday, the fate of our country is finally in the hands of the people who truly matter: the Russian teenagers who will hack into our voting machines."

It may be tongue-in-cheek, but seriously folks, there are bigger fish to fry than the persistent arguing and protesting and gloating after the fight was over. In case anyone missed it among the hot topics brought forth in the debate such as hair color, dress codes, hand size and emails, there is a whole world out there wondering what we're going to do next.

Isis is still alive and well. The Russians have moved back to the Cold War. People are still starving in this country. Children are being slaughtered. The national debt is so big and out control that clicking on this national debt clock made me have to take a heart pill. www.usdebtclock.org/ Go ahead... check it out!

It's time to regroup, come together, forget the wasted energy on painting signs and walking pickets. We need some real help folks cause this country is in serious danger. I will tell you what I told my kids when they were growing up. You don't have to like each other, but you have to love each other... because there is work to do – and you can't do it alone.

The moon is full and the winds of November remember. Be careful out there.

Tap your toes to “The 12 Dancing Princesses”



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Journey Anderst, who played a serving girl, helps hand out gifts to the director and crew on behalf of the cast. The show was directed by Shelly Fitzgerald with stage manager Katie Larson and assistant Taylor Keppers.

BY **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff riter

Medford High School put on a fairytale for the whole family with their production of “*The 12 Dancing Princesses*.”

The show was colorful and light fun, everything a person looks for in their favorite stories of clever princesses and valiant heroes.

Lively music moved the scenes along. A tavern dance number among the villagers had the audience smiling and the princesses’ dance was lovely.

The bit of singing also in the show was a pleasant surprise.

The costumes were colorful with each of

the titular princesses in a different shade that brightened the stage and helped in identify which was which.

The set was well-made and detailed with bright flowers and even throne room walls painted to look like stain-glass windows.

Special effects added atmosphere with a nicely done rainstorm.

The production fully embraced its fairytale roots. The show geared toward children was well received, as several excited little girls in the audience oohed and aahed and during intermission said they couldn’t wait for the rest.

The show ended its run happily ever after.

Supper Club starts serving lunches

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

It’s been three months since the Lansing Corners Supper Club reopened after being closed for some time.

Through the efforts of business owners Ward and Tammy Jenö, the supper club has brought back a restaurant that had been a popular eating spot dating back to 1939.

With a complete evening dining menu, Lansing Corners has now added a popular Sunday brunch and also just started to serve noon lunches. “The word is getting around about our noon lunches and we offer them to sit-down and to-go customers.

Call ahead for lunch to go at 507-433-7841. It is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trucks, tractors or whatever are welcome in the parking lot for pickup. For regular dining, reservations are encouraged.

Tammy and Ward are offering a variety of lunch items for the reasonable price of \$8. Try a mouth-watering prime rib sandwich, or select a one-third pound hamburger

served with lettuce, pickle and onion.

Other noon luncheon items include barbecued pulled pork sandwiches, chipotle chicken sandwich and a chicken caesar salad. For the soup lovers, specialty soups will be available at \$3.99 a bowl.

Lansing Corners’ Sunday brunch has become a popular draw for customers within the 20-mile radius of the restaurant. “We had 160 brunch customers on a recent Sunday,” owner Ward Jenö says. The brunch is advertised at \$14.99 regular price and \$9.99 for senior citizens. It is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A wide variety of items are featured including freshly cut ham, pork and beef.

Both Ward and Tammy say their restaurant adventure the first three months has been challenging but rewarding. “I wish I knew early on what I know now about the business,” confesses Tammy who has taken over the management of the kitchen.

The restaurant has 22 employees in addition to Tammy and Ward who wear

many different hats. Tammy even waitresses at times and Ward clears tables, tends bar and handles custodial duties, too.

“Our team is coming together,” Tammy says. That team includes chefs Dave Hiner and Nick Zago, an Austin police officer.

Both Tammy and Ward spend most of their hours at the restaurant but do manage to spend time at their residence located just north of the restaurant. “We just try to stay awake and keep our sanity,” Tammy laughs.

Asked what the customers are saying about Lansing Corners, Tammy quickly responds: “They love the ribs.” The barbecue ribs are smoked and feature Tammy’s own recipe and rub. Ward also has a recipe for his pork butts which become pulled pork sandwiches. Baked beans are a popular side for the pork offerings.

Other popular dining menu items are the breaded haddock, shrimp and the juicy prime rib.

Ward says the restaurant is already booked for every



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

It’s been three months since the Lansing Corners Supper club, Lansing, reopened. The reception by its customers has been overwhelming, said owners Ward and Tammy Jenö.

Friday and Saturday in December for the upstairs and downstairs party rooms. New Year’s Eve is expected to be a busy night for dining as is next Valentine’s Day. Lobster may be added to the menu for these days.

Lansing Corners is planning a special Minnesota Vikings football party on Thursday night, Dec. 1. The Vikings host

the Dallas Cowboys. “We will have our own nacho bar and plan to give away a gift certificate (donated by the Steele County Times) for a weekend stay at the Holiday Inn in Albert Lea,” said Tammy.

Lansing Corners will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Blooming Prairie Living

“Into the Woods” thrills crowd

By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Writer

Except for my usual rant about the thoroughly inadequate sound, the BPHS students performed a high quality musical, which combined a number of favorite fairy tales into an entertaining and often thrilling production.

The all-school musical cast performed “Into the Woods” four times, including a matinee staging for elementary students, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 10-12.

One could tell immediately the setting for the musical by the woody staging. One could also note quickly that this was a production that proved a student favorite.

I have never been a fan of Stephen Sondheim’s music, but the students loved it, and the refrain “into the Wood, into the Woods, into the woods we go” tied the whole production into a seamless performance.

It surprised the audience that Sondheim was able to work so many fairy tales into the story and the action, and a satisfying conclusion could still be reached.

The various characters all

filled their roles with enthusiasm and knowledge, and the songs fit the story quite well.

To single out any actors is a difficult task, and there were several highlights for the audience, especially the elementary students at the matinee performance.

Rose Johnson, a veteran of BPHS musicals, gave a particularly strong performance as the Wicked Witch.

She was one character who the audience had no trouble hearing, and she was especially effective in the second act of the play. Linnea Byers-Sunde, as Cinderella, was a winsome and attractive character, and Little Red Riding Hood, played by Rose Michaud, offered believability to that character.

Elijah Baker and Leah Inwards as the baker and his wife created sympathy from the audience in their desire for a family, and both Snow White (Samantha Wurst) and Sleeping Beauty (Leah Schiefert) provided touches of romance in their brief appearances.

Max Romeo’s Wolf added just the right touch of fear from the characters in the fairy tale and was a crowd favorite with the

young ones in attendance.

Gabe Hagen played a wise narrator, Camden Heimerman proved naïve, yet likeable, as Jack, and Emma Christianson portrayed Jack’s mother as the stern, but caring person she was.

All of the other characters-Cinderella’s sisters,-McKenna Hein and Kylie Forystek- Cinderella’s stepmother, Courtney Wobschall Granny, (Riauna Bishop) Rapunzel (Rachel Peterson), and the two princes-Clint Peterson and Bryan Fristedt, plus the other characters that were met in the woods, made this production a pleasing and entertaining one for the large audiences that attended the performances.

Much credit is due long-time director Tamzen Johnson and assistant Kari Bottin for their direction and staging concepts.

Amelia Harthan on piano, Michelle Southworth on percussion, and Ellen Sunde on flute all provided excellent background music and accompaniment for the cast members. Overall, it was a heartwarming and entertaining production that the actors can tuck into their memory boxes as special for years to come.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Rapunzel, aka Rachel Peterson, was part of the cast that performed “Into the Woods” for Blooming Prairie Elementary School students on Wednesday, Nov. 9. She is shown with first graders Jonathan Schweisthal, Kylo Callister and Michael Wilberding.

Spaghetti supper to benefit Boys & Girls Club

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

The Third Annual Blooming Prairie Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper is planned from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at the

Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club.

The event will raise money for the Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club. Over the past two years, more than \$6500 has been raised and donated to the local club.

Part of the proceeds from this year’s supper will be used to help area Boy Scouts purchase needed equipment and supplies.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment provided by the Lights of Lito-

mysl, a musical group highly praised by diners of the past two suppers. Their music sets a light and easy background that won’t inhibit conversation during the meal.

Troy Anderson, one of the musicians, said some group

members have been performing together since 2002. “We grew together,” Anderson said of the group’s evolution.

Menu for the evening sill include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and a glass of wine. Cost of

the meal is \$20 for tickets bought in advance or \$25 at the door.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Troy Anderson at 507-363-1701; Keith Holman at 507-583-2966 or Ken Esplan at 507-583-2729.

Heroes honored locally



Submitted photo

Jason Linse will be the speaker for the Boys and Girls Club’s heros breakfast. He’s a Blooming Prairie native who works as a business coach.

the BP Boys and girls club attended a Heroes breakfast at the parent Rochester club.

Now, the BP club wants to honor its own heroes at a breakfast at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club.

Invitations have been sent to local business people and educators to attend the breakfast from 7 to 8 a.m. to honor local heroes.

Minnesota Lynx Women’s basketball Coach Cheryl Reeves was the featured speaker at Rochester, and local celebrity Jason Linse has graciously accepted the local club’s request to be the featured speaker at the BP breakfast.

The Heroes breakfast celebrates the youth of Blooming Prairie and the endless possibilities that lie ahead.

We celebrate the heroes who inspire us to provide a GREAT FUTURE for all kids.

Linse proudly calls Blooming Prairie his hometown, and after

graduation from the local high school in 1991 earned a degree at Mankato State University.

He began his career in the health fitness industry and assisted a major 24-hour fitness center grow from 14 locations to 1,000 in just five years.

Linse now provides business coaching and team building within and outside the fitness industry.

As Linse commented, “I left BP in 1991, but I have maintained membership at the local country club, winning the club golf championship several times.

“I am not a father, but my nephews know me better than most kids know their uncle. I would like kids to know that disagreeing with someone, or having someone disagree with you is never bad, as it can lead to positive behavior.

“I would like young people to spend much less time in the cyber world and more time in-

teracting with real people.”

Since 2010 Linse has been a self-employed business coach, mainly focusing on fitness centers, but has also done team building and other coaching for businesses outside of the fitness industry, including local business Minimizer.

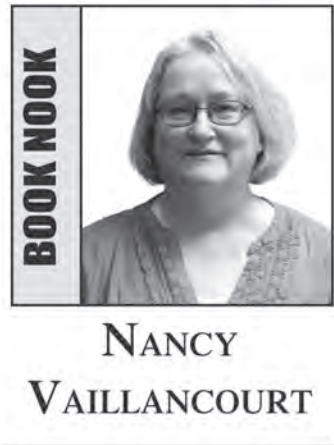
He is passionate about fitness and the necessity of being fit and in a healthy condition.

The local boys and girls club considers itself lucky to have this very special hero speak to us about his thoughts on leading through change and the potential for individual growth.

His message will be a passionate and inspiring one that we hope will bring the community together to support the mission of Boys & Girls Club of Blooming Prairie.

The breakfast here is sponsored by Johnson, Doerhoefer, and Miner PA. and Minimizer We would like to see you.

Teddy bears tell tales at library



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

My teddy bear is my special friend, you can pick him up at either end

His fur is the color of breakfast toast, and he’s always there when you need him most!

If you have a special teddy bear (or other stuffed animal), bring them to our Teddy Bear Tales Family Fun Night on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Blooming

Prairie Branch Library. We will have teddy bear stories, songs, and crafts with our friends from Early Childhood Family Education.

Why do we encourage storytimes with even the youngest children? Well, first of all it is fun and creates bonds within families. But also research by the American Academy of Pediatrics shows that reading daily to young children, starting in infancy, stimulates early brain development and helps build key language, literacy, and social skills.

Some parents have expressed that they are embarrassed to read out loud. To that I say, try it! Your children aren’t going to criticize how you read. They are just going to be thrilled with having your attention and one on one time. If you need some colorful, exciting books to read out loud, come see us at the library!

Gobble wobble restarts this year

By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Writer

After a one-year hiatus due to weather concerns, the annual Gobble Wobble returns for another year of fun and competition.

Wouldn’t you rather approach that traditional Thanksgiving dinner table with an empty stomach and a feeling that good health is within reach?

That will happen, if you arise early from that comfortable couch and join your neighbors and friends in the one or three-mile run or walk on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 24.

The race will begin at the Boys and Girls Club promptly at 8 a.m., with registration starting a 7:15 a.m. The cost of the run is \$30 for an individual or \$55 for a team of two. A T-shirt is guaranteed to

every participant. There will be a four city-block run/walk for kids, and each kid will get a free kiddie bag of treats.

For those who would just rather gobble, \$20 and a T-shirt will be yours.

Prizes will be awarded participants, activities for kids with adult supervision will be conducted, and kids’ T-shirts can be purchased for \$10.

This should be a really fun way to begin the Thanksgiving

festivities, and all profits will benefit the local Boys and Girls club.

Activities should be complete by 10 a.m., so that everyone can join family for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner and afternoon football on TV. Thanks are due to the almost 20 sponsors of this entertaining event. See you at the Gobble Wobble.

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HometownLiving Community Calendar

Event Spotlight

November 19, 2016

BP high school FFA is hosting an antique plow show on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. behind the high school.

The public is invited for the chance to see old-fashioned farming equipment in action.

❖ ❖ PHOTO MEMORY ❖ ❖



❖ ❖ LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME ❖ ❖

Archive photo

On Nov. 21, 2015, a melodrama called “Misdeeds at Mistletoe Mine or the Sanity Clause” took place at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club. The event began with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Pictured from left to right are Rose Bush (Jenny Hendrickson), Redmond “Red” Wood (Jim Fiebiger), Diogenes (Greg Skillestad) and Holly Hock (Calista Lembke.)

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❖ ❖ HAPPENING NOW ❖ ❖

Staff Photo by Howard Lestrud

These happy smiles indicate satisfaction with the Blooming Prairie Fire Department’s annual breakfast on Sunday at the Servicemen’s Club. The children are Beckett VanderPlas, 4 and Jovie VanderPlas, 7 of Robbinsdale.

AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Wednesday, November 16-

10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery -Austin ArtWorks Center

11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House

5:30pm - 7:30pm Uncork and Create: Truck Where: Austin ArtWorks Center

6:30pm - 8pm Adult Hockey Where: Riverside Arena

7:30pm - 10pm It’s A Wonderful Life Where: Frank W. Bridges Theatre, Riverland C.C.

Thursday, November 17-

All day Give to the Max Day, Austin

10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery

2pm - 3pm Senior Technology Training, Mower County Senior Center

3:30pm - 5pm Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym

7:30pm - 10pm It’s A Wonderful Life

Friday, November 18-

8am - 12pm Sons of Norway Bake Sale Where: Mower County Senior Center

10 am-5pm: Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery

10am - 4pm Hornel Historic Home Holiday Event Where: Hornel Historic Home

11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal Where: Heritage House, Lyle

12pm - 1:30pm Senior Center Traditional Thanksgiving Meal

Where: Mower County Senior Center

5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo Where: Austin VFW

6pm - 9pm Enchanted Evening Tour/Concert Where: Hornel Historic Home

7pm - 9pm Austin ArtWorks Open Jam Session Where: Austin ArtWorks Center

7pm - 10pm Austin Bruins vs Minnesota Magicians

7:30pm - 10pm It’s A Wonderful Life

Saturday, November 19-

9am - 3pm One Stop Christmas Shopping Women’s Expo

Where: IJ Holton Intermediate School

10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery

10am - 4pm Hornel Historic Home Holiday Event

10:15am - 11am Saturday Science Experience - The Scientifi

Method: You Have to Have a Plan Where: Austin Public Library

10:30am - 12pm Kids Studio - Clay Where: Austin ArtWorks Center

11:15am - 12pm Saturday Science Experience - The Scientifi

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4pm - 7pm Soup and Santa Where: Hornel Historic Home

7:30pm - 10pm It’s A Wonderful Life

Monday, November 21-

All day EDA Meeting Mon Nov 21, 2016 - Tue Nov 22, 2016

Calendar: CityOfLyle

11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal Where: Heritage House

Calendar: CityOfLyle

5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo Where: Austin VFW

7:15pm - 8:45pm 2016 Give Life to Their Story Fundraising

Banquet Where: Mower County Senior Center

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Wednesday, November 16-

3pm - 4pm Snowman Tealight Where: 4th grade room, Hayfiel

6:30pm - 8pm 4th grade GBB Where: Elem Gym, Hayfield

Thursday, November 17-

3pm - 4pm Chess Where: Elem Library, Hayfield

4pm - 7pm JFK - Elem Lunchroom Where: Hayfiel

5:30pm - 8:30pm Highflyers Where: HS Lunchroom. Hayfield

6:30pm - 8pm 5th grade BBB Where: Elem Gym, Hayfiel

Friday, November 18-

7pm - 8:30pm PIE Movie Where: Hayfield

Sunday, November 20-

12:30pm - 5:30pm Open Gym Where: East Gym, Hayfield

Monday, November 21-

3pm - 8pm JFK - Elem Lunchroom Where: Hayfield

5:30pm - 7pm 6th grade GBB Where: Elem Gym, Hayfiel

7pm - 8:30pm 4th grade GBB Hayfiel

7pm - 8pm Hayfield City Council Mt

Wednesday, November 23-

9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Rene Gilormini, Steele County

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5:30pm - 6:40pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm

7pm - 8pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm 7pm - 8pm

NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm

Monday, November 21-

6:20pm - 7:40pm NRHEG Yoga, Media Center

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Wednesday, November 16-

10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Story time

7pm - 8pm Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford

Thursday, November 17-

2pm - 3pm OPL Independent & World Films

2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior

Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time

Monday, November 21-

2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior

Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

7pm - 8pm Medford Planning & Zoning Brd Mtg, City Hall

ALBERT LEA/FREEBORN Co

Wednesday, November 16-

12pm - 2pm GREASE the Musical matinee Where: ALHS

auditorium

Thursday, November 17-

10:30am - 11:30am ALPL Story time

10:30am - 11:15am Music & Movement: Albert Lea Public

Library

3:30pm - 7:30pm Elementary Conferences Calendar: Albert

Lea

6pm - 7pm Night-time Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library -

2nd Floor - Children’s Library

7pm - 9pm GREASE the Musical Where: ALHS Auditorium

Friday, November 18-

6pm - 9pm Rock Climbing Open Gym Where: 211 W

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7pm - 9pm GREASE the Musical Where: ALHS Auditorium

Saturday, November 19-

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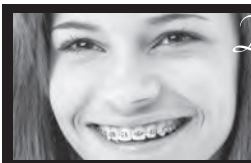
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VOICES OF ANGELS

New kind of war movie



BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff writer

War is Hell, but “Hacksaw Ridge” certainly isn’t. The movie follows the story of Desmond Doss, played by Andrew Garfield, a conscientious objector, who nonetheless enlists to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II as a field medic. Doss’s religious beliefs bar him from

carrying a weapon or taking a human life, a belief that does not sit well with his superiors and fellow soldiers. The struggle that follows pits Doss against one person after another who treats his moral objection as a sign of cowardice. The film is a gritty and hellish portrayal of war, and fans of “Saving Private Ryan” will no doubt find many scenes reminiscent of the famous D-day

sequence. The anti-war theme is unmistakable, but the movie is compassionate in its portrayal of soldiers, even the fiercest of them are still human. Telling a war story from a medic’s point of view, the absolute brutality of war is on full display, and the film comes by its R rating honestly. It’s a testament to director Mel Gibson’s skill that in a movie with roughly half of its runtime dedicated to graphic scenes of war, the violence never feels gratuitous or leaves the audience numb to it. The symbolism is, at times, heavy handed, but can largely be forgiven in a film dealing with such intense and grand subjects. Garfield’s portrayal takes what could easily have been a too-nice, too-naive depiction and infuses Doss with a real sense of personal conflict and moral weight. Doss’s story, as the first and only conscientious objector to receive a medal of honor, has long deserved to be told. He has a right to be remembered, and “Hacksaw Ridge” is a fitting tribute.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

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November 10: Basketball Kickoff Meeting/Practice: 6-7pm (Girls at OJHS, Boys at Willow Creek)
November 29: Winter Brochure Released (in the Owatonna Peoples Press)
December 1: Swimming Registration
December 17: K-2nd grade Basketball begins
January 27-29: Winter Weekend Out
January-February: Cottage 11 is closed
February: Spring Brochure Released

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www.ci.owatonna.mn.us/parksrecreation/online-registration
• Walk-In Registration (begins at 7:00 a.m.): Park & Recreation - 540 West Hills Circle

Owatonna Winter Weekend Out: January 27-29

Owatonna Parks and Recreation is organizing the 2nd Annual Winter Weekend Out! More details to come!

Youth Scholarship Fund

This fund helps support programs for all youth in Steele County and Adult Therapeutic Recreation Programs. Forms are available at the Park & Rec Office. Participants must pay 25% of program fees, any late fees, and must show verification of one of the qualifications
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*Other circumstances (will need to explain)

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The Dog Park at Lake Chase Park is open! The 1.6 acre off-leash park is a great place to give your pooch some exercise and socialize!

In-Line Rink

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OUR MISSION:

The city of Owatonna Parks and Recreation Department provides a diverse system of green spaces, trails, facilities, programs and services to enhance the quality of life for the community.



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Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Larceny. On Nov. 2 at 3:40 p.m., a Blooming Prairie citizen reported stolen checks from the 12000 block of State Hwy. 30.

CRIME BRIEFS

Sheriff identifies victim of car fire

By JOSHUA ZIMMER
County Staff riter

Authorities have identified the victim of last month’s car fire in rural Steele County.

The Steele County Sheriff’s Office positively identified the victim as Herman Hernandez, 64, of Albert Lea. The identification process took longer than usual because Hernandez was badly burned, and DNA evidence was utilized to identify him.

The sheriff’s office received help with the identification from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Southern Minnesota Regional Medical

Examiner’s Office and the Steele County Coroner’s Office.

Hernandez’s body was found inside a vehicle after firefighters extinguished a fire Oct. 23 in a farm field west of Owatonna.

No determination has been made yet as to the cause of the fire, according to Sgt. Gary Okins of the sheriff’s office. He said the investigation is still active and local investigators are receiving help from the State Fire Marshall.

Okins said he expects the investigation to take several more weeks. He added once it is completed, it will be forwarded to the county attorney’s office for review.

Plea deal reached in attempted murder case

A plea deal has been struck in an attempted murder case in Owatonna earlier this year.

Ray Cabrera, 19, of Owatonna has pleaded guilty to reduced charges of firearm possession and first-degree assault in connection with the July shooting incident in the downtown area of Owatonna. He had been charged with attempted murder.

On July 24, Cabreara, who was disguised in a hooded sweatshirt and a bandana mask, fired three bullets through an apartment door striking a man on the other

side in the hand. He fled the area and was later captured the next day at an apartment complex in Mankato.

In addition to the shooting case, Cabrera also had several other pending criminal cases in both Steele and Rice counties. Prosecutors agreed to a deal to address all the pending cases.

Cabrera, who will be sentenced in February, remains in custody in Steele County with bail of \$750,000 with conditions and \$1 million without.

Alleged drunk driver tries to mask the odor of alcohol

A suspected drunk driver apparently tried to fool police by throwing them off with a pleasant smell.

Owatonna Police came across a driver who had a strong smell of cologne coming from his vehicle when it was stopped shortly after midnight Nov. 5. The vehicle attracted the attention of police after making an improper turn while coming from West Bridge Street.

The driver was identified as Jared Sammon, 25, of Faribault. Once officers got beyond the strong cologne smell, Sammon admitted to drinking beer at a downtown bar. Based on other indicators of impairment, the officer asked him to do some roadside sobriety tests.

Sammon was taken into custody for DWI. During the booking process, he admitted to drinking five beers and felt “a little fuzzy,” police said. He provided a breath test of .11 BAC.

He has been charged with misdemeanor fourth-degree DWI. He had no prior alcohol convictions.



Jared Sammon,

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police Nov. 6

Domestic. At 12 a.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the city. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Owatonna Police Nov. 4

Drunken Driving. At 12:53 a.m., police made a DWI arrest at Bridge St. W. and Selby Ave. SW.

court in the 200 block of 17th St. NE.

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests at Bridge St. W. and Oak Ave. S. at 10:30 p.m. and in the 100 block of Mill St. W. at 11:52 p.m.

Nov. 6

Weapon. Shots were heard fired in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 2:12 a.m.

Arrest. At 2:39 a.m., police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Hoffman Dr. NW and Interstate 35 northbound.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1300 block of Oakwood Lane NE at 1:48 p.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of School St. W. at 4:46 p.m.

Nov. 7

Arrest. Police made traffic arrests at Flora St. NW and Highland Ave. NW at 12:11 a.m. and at Elm Ave. S. and Mill St. E. at 2:54 p.m.

Theft. Police received theft reports from the 700 block of Bridge St. W. at 10:16 a.m., the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 2:21 p.m. and the 1200 block of 21st Ave. NW at 3:29 p.m.

Domestic. Officers arrested subjects following domestic disturbances in the 1100 block of Hawthorne Ave. SW at 5:31 p.m. and in the 400 block of Mound St. SW at 11:54 p.m.

Nov. 8

Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 6:57 a.m.

Mental Health. Police responded to a mental health incident in the 1200 block of 21st Ave. NW at 9:39 a.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 2:28 p.m.

Nov. 9

Property Damage. At 11:45 a.m., vandalism was reported in the 600 block of Agnes St. E.

Shoplifting. Police arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:03 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff Nov. 4

DWI. Deputy arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated on Hwy. 14 W. at 1:25 a.m.

Suspicion. Deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 900 block of 56th St. NE at 8:44 a.m.

Crash. At 10:09 p.m., deputies assisted the state patrol with a motor vehicle accident in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE.

Assault. Deputies responded to an assault in the 1300 block of 92nd Ave. SW at 9:39 p.m. They arrested a juvenile at the scene.

Nov. 5

Animal. At 8:43 a.m., deputies responded to an animal call in the 4500 block of County Rd. 45 S.

Nov. 6

Property. Stolen property was recovered from the 6700 block of Austin Rd. at 7:18 a.m.

Arrest. Deputies assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 400 block of 10th St. SW at 10:04 p.m.

Nov. 7

Restraining Order. At 4:36 p.m., deputies responded to a violation of a restraining order in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE.

Nov. 8

Fraud. Deputies received information regarding a fraud incident in the 6000 block of 54th Ave. SE

at 10:42 a.m.

Restraining Order. At 4:22 p.m., a restraining order violation in the 200 block of 1st Ave. NE.

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 5:12 p.m.

Nov. 9

Transport. At 1:12 a.m., deputies transported a subject from the 300 block of Hwy. Ave. S.

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 4400 block of 88th St. SE at 7:16 p.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 31 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Alexander J. Brown, 21, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. Brown was sentenced to \$81,45 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 3 years of supervised probation.

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 31 with Judge Joseph A. Buetel presiding:

Brandon J. Jen0, 26, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony financial transaction card fraud, misdemeanor financial transaction card fraud and revoked license. Jen0 was sentenced to \$381, 58 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no contact with victims, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation and 5 years of supervised probation.

Ricky S. Steele, 41, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony check forgery, felony offering a forged check, felony check forgery-falsely endorse and misdemeanor theft by swindle. He was sentenced to \$4,453.86, 62 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, cognitive skill training, 104 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Danny Escalera, 47, St. Peter, previously appeared and was convicted of felony DANCO violation. The defendant was sentenced to \$581, 60 days in county jail, domestic abuse counseling, psychological evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, maintain employment, no possession of firearms, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic no contact, obtain permission to leave the state and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 31 – Nov. 4:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Michelle L. Dempsey, 36, Medford, speeding, \$121; Larry D. Haberman, 45, Blooming Prairie, suspended license; Gerald N. Jacobson, 93, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Josefin0 Mendoza-Sandoval, 37, Austin, revoked license, \$281; Angel C. Perez, 48, Austin, no license, \$181; Isidro Ramirez-Ruiz, 38, Albert Lea, revoked license; Douglas W. Seidel, 28, Minneapolis, revoked license; Richard S. Trigilio, 56, Austin, revoked license, \$281.

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Natural Resources

Taylor R. Jacobs, 22, Faribault, take fish without angling license; Justin K. Kaneakua, 35, Minneapolis, license violation; Andrew A. Lopez, 31, Owatonna, take fish without a license; Melissa I. Robeck, 30, Owatonna, take fish without license; Nikolas C. Steinbacher, 33, Maple Grove, take fish without angling license.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Pablo Acevedo-Jimenez, 29, St. Paul, no license, \$181; Veronica A. Adame, 39, Albert Lea, invalid license; Ifrah A. Ahmed, 33, Rochester, speeding, \$221; Zachary R. Alwin, 24, St. Anthony, speeding, \$281; Darron D. Anderson, 28, Owatonna, revoked license and speeding; Nathan L. Bartness, 40, Faribault, revoked license; Christopher P. Boyer, 48, Minneapolis, speeding, \$221;

Theresa R. Brandon, 76, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Jesse F. Brown Jr., 23, Minneapolis, invalid license and speeding; Kyle J. Campbell, 23, Farmersburg, WI, implements of husbandry and no annual inspection; LaDavid J. Collins, 24, St. Paul, suspended license; Andre J. Davis, 42, Brooklyn Park, revoked license; Diane C. Duncan, 61, Alden, speeding and no insurance; Cheryl D. English, 57, Minneapolis, revoked license;

Christopher J. Fercho, 29, South St. Paul, invalid license and revoked license; Jessie J. Garza, 37, Claremont, suspended license and no insurance; Christopher E. Goad, 50, Belle Plaine, invalid license and no insurance; Brielle L. Godfrey, 22, St. Paul, revoked license and no insurance; Marcelino Gomez Reyes, 59, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Tanner L. Goodrich, 27, Delavan, suspended license; Scott C. Greenwood, 38, West Concord, revoked license and no insurance;

Edward W. Grubb III, 25, Eads, TN, revoked license; Simon A. Guaman Mainato, 23, Minneapolis, speeding, \$121; Victor Guerrero, 22, Owatonna, revoked license; Samantha J. Halvorson, 27, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Tara J. Harms, 44, West St. Paul, speeding, \$121; Shawn L. Harris, 35, Duluth, invalid license and revoked license; Steven P. Hess, 32, Owatonna, illegal change of course, \$181; Kortnee B. Hoggarth, 26, Stacy, revoked license; Richard D. Holliday, 48, Fayetteville, WV, speeding, \$121; Jacquelyn C. Holt, 55, Broken Bow, OK, speeding, \$121;

Trevor A. Hovland, 46, Albert Lea, revoked license (2); Vincent A. Irving, 40, Minneapolis, revoked license; Kevin P. Italio, 49, Minneapolis, revoked license, possession of Marijuana and no insurance; Nyajuok J. Jock, 22, invalid license and speeding; Bobby J. Kilby, 44, Austin, vehicle weight violation, \$481;

Marquesha S. Lindsey-Mullins, 21, Minneapolis, invalid license and speeding; Cherish E. Little, 37, Rochester, revoked license, seat belt and no insurance; Theodors A. Mamo, 43, Austin, speeding, plates violation and no insurance; Nathan V. Martin, 22, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Anna R. McVeigh, 31, Berry Creek, CA, invalid license and brakes violation; Darron D. Miller, 32, Faribault, permit violation and no insurance;

Austin L. Mitchell, 23, Estherville, IA, speeding, \$131; Abdi M. Mohamed, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Trish J. Morales, 40, Minneapolis, no child passenger restraint system, speeding and no insurance; Jason P. Mulenbach, 44, Owatonna, no current medical certificate in possession, \$181;

Jesus Ortiz III, 29, Aurora, CO, suspended license; Carlos M. Pacheco, 36, Denison, IA, suspend-

ed license; Jorge J. Rocha, 50, St. Cloud, revoked license; Lynwood C. Roubideaux, 24, Shawano, WI, no insurance; Jocelyne Salas, 20, Brady, TX, invalid license;

Lewis Sanders, 36, St. Paul, revoked license, possession of Marijuana and speeding; Alicia F. Scott, 46, St. Paul, revoked license; Jerry L. Sherman, 31, St. Paul, revoked license; Patricia L. Shifflett, 49, Owatonna, expired registration, \$111; Edward E. Singletary, 53, Owatonna, suspended license; Michael A. Sletten, 33, Austin, revoked license and no insurance;

Robin M. Smokovitz, 44, Milwaukee, WI, invalid license; Melissa R. Spangler, 24, Maplewood, suspended license and invalid license; Leroy F. Taggart, 46, Medford, expired registration, \$111;

Nicholas R. Thielman, 35, St. Louis Park, speeding, \$141; Larry R. Tiedemann, 36, Mazeppa, revoked license; Laura L. Vergeldedios, 33, Edina, speeding, \$141; Adam D. Vesely, 32, Hollandale, unsafe change of course, \$131; Jose I. Villa Jr., 32, Del Rio, TX, revoked license; James J. Voracek, 52, Albert Lea, suspended license; Monterrio D. Wright, 39, Evansdale, IA, invalid license.

Owatonna Police Department

Myrna A. Alanis, 39, Faribault, revoked license (2); Robert I. Alikandiel, 34, Moose Lake, revoked license; Abelardo Aragon, 21, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Jacqueline T. Argueta, 33, Austin, revoked license, possession of paraphernalia and marijuana; Kenneth Artis, 49, Kentwood, MI, suspended license;

Kusheeny0 I. Bates, 26, Owatonna, no license; Scott W. Behne, 42, Owatonna, revoked license; Zachary J. Behne, 18, Owatonna, theft, \$81, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Cherrille D. Bennett, 28, Owatonna, suspended license; Brandon D. Berg, 26, Faribault, railroad stop sign and suspended license; Dana M. Bollinger, 26, Owatonna, revoked license and failure to yield right of way; Noah A. Bremer, 34, Clarks Grove, revoked license;

Melissa M. Bryant, 36, St. Paul, suspended license; Andre T. Buie, 31, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Mario A. Burciaga, 31, Dundas, revoked license; Cassandra M. Calhoun, 27, Owatonna, revoked license; Latanya A. Capote, 31, Austin, revoked license; Michael E. Carter, 42, Altoona, IA, no license, altered plates, possession of paraphernalia, open bottle and no insurance; Jesus G. Castillo-Garcia, 27, Cleveland, speeding and no license;

Alvin L. Chambers, 29, Owatonna, revoked license and no license; Nyantut G. Chan, 46, Owatonna, no license, no insurance and no child passenger restraint system; Corrin A. Christensen, 24, Faribault, suspended license, \$281; Quarrance Q. Claiborne, 31, Rockford, IL, suspended license; Nicole A. Condon, 32, Waseca, no insurance, \$281; Alexander C. Corona, 24, Waseca, revoked license; Peyton N. Crow, 22, Owatonna, stop sign and cancelled license;

Jeremy L. Crowley, 23, Rockford, IL, no license; Jessica L. Cuevas, 31, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$81, diversion program, Early Intervention Family Violence program and 2 years of supervised probation; Daniel J. Decker, 36, Faribault, theft and DWI, \$431, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend AA, obtain permission to leave the state and 90 days in county jail;

Dixie L. Denhof, 41, Owatonna, suspended license and muffler violation; Bridget E. Dickie, 24,

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County. The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

- Heron Martinez – damage to property - \$1,000 bail
- Joe Martinez – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Emmanuel Mata – burglary - \$10,000 bail
- Roger Mathers – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Robert Mattson – revoked license – no bail
- Robert Maughan – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Victoria Mays – assault - \$1,000 bail
- Gina McCarthy – aggravated violation - \$6,000 bail
- James McConnon – theft - \$500 bail
- Steven McDougal – theft, shoplifting - \$1,000 bail

- Jason Meixner – DWI – no bail
- Jorge Mendez – no license, open bottle - \$500 bail
- Juan Mendez – terroristic threats - \$20,000 bail
- Jerry Millang – cancelled license – no bail
- David Miller – drugs - \$10,000 bail
- Gina Miller – worthless check - \$3,000 bail
- Samuel Miller – soliciting without permit - \$131 bail
- Imaan Moloo – criminal sexual conduct - \$10,000 bail
- Dayson Montanto – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Rafael Montoya – drugs - \$30,000 bail

Disclosing active warrants promotes public safety and aids in the identification & apprehension of those individuals wanted on a warrant.

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Waseca, theft, \$181; Loretta T. Dorsey, 31, Owatonna, no license and no insurance; Rex B. Durham, 45, Bossier City, LA, no license; Jennifer D. Eckhart, 36, Faribault, speeding and no license; Angela M. Edge, 32, Dune, NC, revoked license; Randall C. English, 51, Kokomo, IN, no license; Casandra M. Eveillard, 36, Owatonna, no license;

Fakrudin A. Fakrudin, 29, St. Cloud, possession of paraphernalia and suspended license; John E. Felver, 45, Owatonna, DWI, \$606, 30 days in county jail with 28 days served out with electronic alcohol home monitor, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 3 years of supervised probation; Nikita M. Finley, 26, Claremont, open bottle and suspended license; Kelle A. Fleming, 53, Shakopee, no insurance;

Jason T. Fletcher, 40, revoked license; James E. Fluckes, 39, Claremont, no license; Trey T. Foreist, 23, no license; Henry C. Fox, 32, Owatonna, suspended license; Jade F. Froehlich, 24, Owatonna, theft, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jeanette Fuentes, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Arthur R. Garcia, 32, Owatonna, no license; Ernesto Garcia, 37, Owatonna, suspended license;

Jared L. Gardow, 24, Owatonna, suspended license; Treymaine Garner, 32, Minneapolis, no license and no insurance; Jessie J. Garza, 37, Claremont, suspended license; Thomas R. Gibson, 34, Moose Lake, revoked license; Roderick A. Goodale, 46, Mankato, no insurance and no license; Jeannie A. Guerrero, 22, Owatonna, no license; Victor Guerrero, 22, Owatonna, suspended license; Vincent F. Gugisberg, 24, Owatonna, suspended license and speeding; Lindsay S. Hachfeld, 31, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Thomas B. Harper, 27, Blooming Prairie, suspended license;

Hassan N. Hassan, 24, Owatonna, suspended license; Ronald D. Heard, 24, Owatonna, revoked license; Christina R. Heidvogel, 25, Hollandale, suspended license; Derek J. Heine, 25, Faribault, speeding and suspended license; Jessica R. Heise, 34, Owatonna, littering, \$181; Adbiweli A. Hersi, 22, North Mankato, no license;

Bailey N. Houston, 25, Owatonna, no license; Verdel L. Houston, 37, Minneapolis, revoked license and no insurance; Trevor A. Hovland, 46, Albert Lea, revoked license; Michael J. Howe, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Jilliena M. Jackson, 23, St. Paul, revoked license, \$281; Travis W. Jackson, 37, Owatonna, no license; Ryan R. Jacobson, 29, Claremont, suspended license; Nyalani B. Jal, 25, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance;

Mary T. Janning, 55, Owatonna, no insurance, revoked license and expired tabs; Brandon J. Jen0, 32, New Richland, theft, \$181 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Kimberly J. Jensen, 26, Dodge Center, revoked license; Vincent Johnny, 26, Austin, suspended license;

Derek D. Johnson, 29, Faribault, suspended license; Jaymar N. Johnson, 23, Owatonna, speeding and revoked license; Johnny C. Johnson, 55, Minneapolis, suspended license; Jerad A. Jones, 30, Menomonie, WI, no insurance and expired tabs; Morey N. Jones, 47, St. Louis, MO, no license and no insurance; Alexandria M. Jones-Orr, 28, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Kathleen A. Julian, 71, Owatonna, speeding, \$121;

Justin K. Kaneakua, 35, Minneapolis, revoked license; Marie T. Kinard, 47, Faribault, revoked license; Tania A. Kos, 39, Owatonna, revoked license; Nicole L. Krenzelo, 37, Owatonna, suspended license;

Michael S. Krohn, 32, Faribault, revoked license; Heather M. Krumier, 27, Albert Lea, give peace officer false information, \$381, 4 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Kimberly K. Kuiper, 36, Owatonna, theft, \$181 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Kyle R. Lafontaine, 26, Lake Crystal, no insurance; Jessica J. Laird, 39, Austin, no insurance, open bottle and possession of marijuana;

Dana M. Lambert, 34, Longville, revoked license and no insurance; David K. Lambert, 59, Sparta, WI, suspended license and seat belt; Jason D. Larson, 35, Owatonna, revoked license; Mi-

chael S. Lehnertz, 29, suspended license; Nicole K. Lien, 24, Owatonna, speeding, no insurance and suspended license;

Ryan D. Locke, 32, Burlington, IA, suspended license; Adam W. Lopez, 33, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Tyler M. Luckey, 18, Medford, theft, \$81, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Jennifer L. Marsolek, 32, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Don R. Mason, 52, Coeymans, NY, no license; John A. McCollum, 24, Hastings, suspended license and no insurance; John T. McGuire, 35, Owatonna, speeding, revoked license and no insurance;

Dalton D. Meier, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; David J. Miller, 27, Owatonna, revoked license; Mason J. Miranda, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Abdi M. Mohamed, 30, Owatonna, suspended license, expired tabs and no insurance; Jason R. Monsebroten, 24, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance; Misty J. Montgomery, 35, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance;

Anthony J. Moore, 41, Owatonna, suspended license; Aurelio Morales, 31, Owatonna, no license and no insurance; James J. Nelson, 48, South Range, WI, no license and no insurance; Kayla R. Nelson, 26, Owatonna, no insurance; Rachel R. Nelson, 37, Eau Claire, WI, revoked license and no insurance; Katelyn J. O'Connor, 28, Granite Falls, revoked license; Heather S. Olson, 32, Blooming Prairie, revoked license;

Shane A. Olson, 46, Rochester, speeding and revoked license; Delmira Ortega, 40, Owatonna, revoked license; Greyson T. Orth, 29, Austin, revoked license; Jesus Ortiz, 29, Aurora, CO, suspended license; Michelle L. Ouellette, 53, Owatonna, stop sign, no license, suspended license, failure to yield, no insurance and improper information on license; Royelio E. Padilla, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Edwin R. Pagliai III, 32, Ankeny, IA, no license;

David C. Parman, 40, Faribault, revoked license; Luis Perez Jr., 40, Owatonna, revoked license; Ramiro M. Perez, 36, Morristown, speeding and revoked license; Ebay J. Phillips, 35, Faribault, revoked license; Lorita D. Placencia, 40, Owatonna, revoked license; Xia-Xiang C. Plunkett, 27, Waseca, revoked license, no insurance and seat belt;

Tavares A. Powell, 37, Faribault, revoked license; Teriann Powell, 34, Owatonna, revoked license; Zachary L. Prins, 26, Morristown, revoked license; Gypsy L. Ramirez, 36, Austin, no insurance; Ricardo Ramirez, 36, St. Peter, revoked license; Cody M. Reed, 25, Austin, no license; Teachloach L. Ret, 27, Owatonna, suspended license;

Roy Reyes, 22, Owatonna, no license and no insurance; Roy Reyes Jr., 22, Owatonna, invalid license and vehicle lighting violation; Douglas Richards Jr., 41, Shaw, MS, no license; Jesse F. Riley, 37, Owatonna, assault, stay of adjudication, diversion program, Early Intervention Family Violence Program and 1 year of supervised probation; Hector Rocha, 24, Owatonna, no license; Israel Rocha, 47, Northfield, revoked license; Angelita Rodriguez, 28, Owatonna, permit violation; Deandre L. Rogers, 27, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Dennis Ruiz, 40, Winona, revoked license;

Salvador T. Ruiz, 61, Owatonna, no insurance and no license; Salvado R. Salazar, 38, Waseca, no insurance; David D. Sauter, 40, Owatonna, suspended license; Scott A. Schablin, 47, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance; Kyle R. Schnobrich, 24, Kasson, no insurance; Cohl J. Schwartz, 21, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Michael L. Schwebach, 27, Owatonna, no license; Noemi Y.

Segura, 32, Faribault, no license; Isaac R. Smith, 30, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, \$131; Tamas R. Smith, 47, Waterloo, AB, no insurance, seat belt and possession of marijuana; Timothy J. Spatenka, 25, Faribault, muffler violation, revoked license and no insurance; Anthony D. Stapleton, 31, Owatonna, no license; Miles B. Stevens, 42, Faribault, revoked license; Devonte A.

Stevenson, 23, Milwaukee, WI, no license; Caly M. Stockwell, 26, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$81, diversion program, Early Intervention

Family Violence Program, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms and 1 year of supervised probation;

Katrina S. Swenson, 32, West Concord, sale of tobacco to children, \$181; Robert L. Tanner, 47, Waseca, revoked license and no insurance; Adam J. Techau, 32, Rush City, revoked license; Alysia M. Teele, 27, Trimont, windshield covered with frost or steam and revoked license; Larry D. Thompson, 24, St. Paul, revoked license and no insurance; Scott R. Thorpe, 37, Ellendale, revoked license; Anthony M. Todd, 26, Minneapolis, suspended license;

Corey J. Tollefson, 46, Lonsdale, suspended license and no insurance; Nicole B. Torres, 21, Medford, suspended license and stop sign; Travis J. Troska, 37, revoked license, \$281; Zachery C. Vangen, 24, Owatonna, revoked license; Ashley I. Von Ruden, 28, Owatonna, no insurance and suspended license; Neshon Wadley, 44, Owatonna, revoked license; Darrien D. Walker, 48, St. Joseph, MO, seat belt, no child passenger restraint system and no license;

Darrien D. Walker, 48, Owatonna, revoked license; Heather M. Walters, 40, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Josh D. Watkins, 30, Owatonna, revoked license and improper information on license; Dylan R. Watson, 23, Albert Lea, permit violation; Eric D. Watson, 29, St. Paul, revoked license; Zachary M. Wellentin, 29, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Barbara L. Wheelock, 75, Waseca, failure to yield, \$131;

Kati J. Whiteside, 23, Owatonna, permit violation and stop sign; Cody G. Wilcox, 23, Morristown, possession of marijuana; Annette K. Wilson, 56, Austin, violation of restraining order, stay of adjudication, \$100, no contact with victim and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without adjudication;

Matthew J. Winkelman, 33, Owatonna, suspended license; Randy J. Wolke, 39, Owatonna, revoked license; Changkuoth K. Wool, 23, Mankato, DWI, \$606, 90 days in county jail, Ignition Interlock Program, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 3 years of supervised probation; Nina A. Worrell, 34, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Myron W. Wunderlich, 28, West Concord, revoked license.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Mohamed M. Abdi, 35, Owatonna, permit violation and speeding, \$171; Dotou F. Akle, 34, Austin, speeding, \$121; Myrna A. Alanis, 39, Faribault, speeding, revoked license and no insurance; Shane J. Anderson, 25, Hastings, no insurance; Robert W. Baker, 48, Kenyon, speeding, \$121; Virton E. Bear, 47, Sisseton, SD, no license; Jonathan L. Becker, 26, Owatonna, revoked license; Scott W. Behne, 42, Owatonna, revoked license;

Stephanie L. Behrends, 30, Austin, revoked license; Brandin D. Botten, 28, New Market, revoked license; Rodisha M. Boyd, 37, Brooklyn Park, suspended license; Cassandra M. Calhoun, 27, Owatonna, revoked license; Gracia A. Carlos, 24, Owatonna, no license; Alvin L. Chambers, 29, Owatonna, revoked license; Alexander C. Corona, 24, Waseca, revoked license; Tony S. Cunningham, 58, Faribault, expired registration, \$111; Dustin J. David, 24, Waseca, revoked license;

Dwain D. Dinse, 56, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Brandon C. Froid, 30, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device and revoked license; Nyakwach T. Gach, 22, Austin, speeding and suspended license; Arthur R. Garcia, 32, Owatonna, speeding, no

license and no insurance; Jessie J. Garza, 37, Claremont, speeding and suspended license; Thomas R. Gibson, 34, Moose Lake, revoked license and no insurance;

Roderick A. Goodale, 46, Mankato, no license; Robert D. Gosse, 57, Medford, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$81, diversion program, Early Intervention Family Violence Program, no alcohol or controlled substance use, Substance Abuse Screen, chemical dependency evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation; Thomas B. Harper, 27, Blooming Prairie, suspended license; Ismail O. Hassan, 19, Faribault, speeding, \$100;

Jessica A. Hayes, 33, Waseca, no insurance; Ronald D. Heard, 24, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Vincent Johnny, 26, Austin, revoked license and no insurance; Arthur T. Johnson, 30, Spring Valley, revoked license;

Alexandria M. Jones-Orr, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, headlights violation and no insurance; James C. Knuth, 21, Johnston, IA, speeding, \$221; Edward T. Lawson, 37, Medford, speeding and no insurance; Jonathan E. Lee, 26, Little Rock, AR, no license and speeding, \$321; Alexander Martinez, 22, Owatonna, no license; Jason E. McDonald, 37, Wichita, KS, speeding, \$141;

David J. Miller, 27, Owatonna, speeding and revoked license; Yvonne M. Montes, 29, Morristown, revoked license; Christina B. Morales, 42, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; David J. Morey, 24, suspended license and no insurance; Kerry A. Much, 40, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Cory H. Nairn, 21, Stover, MO, speeding, \$121; Jose E. Padillas Hernandez, 35, Burnsville, no license, \$181; Siarhei Paliakou, 22, Rodgersville, MO, speeding, \$281; J. Ascencion R. Pascual, 39, Austin, no license; Roland Pierrot, 24, Austin, no insurance, stay of adjudication, \$200 and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Zachary L. Prins, 26, Morristown, revoked license; Remigio Rodriguez, 59, Waseca, speeding, no license and no insurance;

Takela D. Rogers, 34, Austin, speeding and revoked license; Eric P. Schulte, 34, Rochester, invalid license; Jennifer L. Shelstad, 42, Faribault, careless driving, \$181; Derrick J. Smith, 96, Orlando, FL, speeding, \$121; Channon L. Swyers, 38, Waterville; Ruon Y. Tut, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Ashley I. Von Ruden, 28, Owatonna, revoked license;

Brandon L. Weitzenkamp, 25, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Anjanette S. Wells, 42, Owatonna, revoked license; Daniel G. Willert, 49, Blooming Prairie, no license and speeding.

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Fredrick A. Hanson, 32, Red Wing, domestic assault, \$205, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Dawn L. Johnson, 52, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Garrett A. Johnson, 25, Blooming Prairie, cancelled license and speeding, \$320; Ricky J. Johnson, 54, Dodge Center, DWI, \$230, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Logan J. Onken, 24, Owatonna, possession of Cocaine/Heroin/Methamphetamine, stay of adjudication, \$125, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, maintain employment and suitable housing, mental health screening, 100 hours of community service and 20 years of supervised probation; Omar A. Santos, 37, Dodge Center, stop sign and invalid license, \$230; Bla Yang, 18, Milwaukee, WI, speeding and no insurance, \$480.

Kasson Police Department

Mark E. Gamm, 57, Mantorville, seat belt, \$105; Justin P. Grobe, 34, Pine Island, domestic assault, \$480, 2 days in county jail, domestic abuse evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 1 year of supervised probation; Matthew R. Moore, 32, Plainview, seat belt, \$105; Bjorn J. Olson, 34, Spring Valley, seat

to a narcotics incident on 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 8:17 a.m.

Threats. At 10:48 a.m., deputies responded to a subject making threats in the 800 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center.

Noise. Deputies received a noise complaint of someone playing drums in their garage in the 300 block of Front St. E. in Claremont at 11:35 p.m.

Nov. 4

Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint from Main St. W. in Hayfield at 3:36 p.m.

Civil. At 4:42 p.m., a citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield.

Nov. 5

Civil. A West Concord resident reported someone hunting on his residence in the 14800 block of 530th St. at 8:07 a.m.

Animal. At 7:13 p.m., a bald eagle with a broken wing was found in the 10100 block of 535th St. in West Concord.

Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Meadow Lark Lane in Dodge Center at 8 p.m.

Disturbance. A disturbance occurred in the 700 block of 2nd St. NW in Hayfield at 11:05 p.m.

Nov. 7

Suspicion. Deputies responded to suspicious activity in the 500 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 9:36 a.m.

Nov. 8

Assault. At 4:53 p.m., Hayfield woman called police when her daughter was assaulted on the school bus.

Nov. 9

Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 9:36 a.m.

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belt, \$105; Hendrik J. Pretorius, 24, Zumbrota, texting while driving, \$130; Jon D. Quam, 36, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Ricky L. Sanden, 32, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Jacob C. Severson, 26, Hayfield, seat belt, \$105; Jon A. Stevens, 50, Kasson, seat belt, \$105.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Joshua D. Montoya, 24, Owatonna, take fish without angling license, \$180; David L. Wetzstein, 76, West Concord, change public waters without permit, \$280.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Lloyd R. Henslin, 39, Hayfield, inoperative brakes and insecure load, \$240; Yazim Ortiz Calleja, 27, Kasson, no license, \$180; Joseph L. Peterson, 27, Mantorville, speeding, \$130; Amanda R. Sargent, 20, Winona, speeding and underage possession of alcohol, \$220; Leslie E. Severson, 66, Stewartville, seat belt, \$105; Jeremy P. Townsend, 41, Waukesha, WI, no license, \$180.

West Concord Police Department

Rayshalonda A. Hall, 26, Kenyon, revoked license (2), open bottle, no insurance and speeding, \$820; Gary A. Johnson, 68, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Jake K. Schulz, 18, Mantorville, seat belt, \$105; Eliceo N. Sermen0 Inocente, 48, Maplewood, suspended license and speeding, \$320.

Arrest Steele County

Owatonna Police

Matthew John Peters, 29, arrested at 5:01 p.m. Nov. 3, felony probation violation apprehension and detention, held for court.

Corey John Vanthomme, 35, arrested at 3:03 p.m. Nov. 7, revoked license, no insurance, intent to escape tax, expired tabs and revoked plates, held for court.

Yves Stephane Eveillard, 37, arrested at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7, assault/domestic assault, held for court.

Michelle Lea Whetstone, 42, arrested at 12:38 a.m. Nov. 8, assault/domestic assault, held for court.

Khadar Mohamud, 18, arrested at 8:35 a.m. Nov. 8, felony theft, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

Nicole Marie Coffee, 34, arrested at 12:44 a.m. Nov. 9, warrant arrest, held for court.

Daniel Charles Niles, 43, arrested at 1:42 a.m. Nov. 9, DWI-test refusal, held for court.



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Winter parking ban begins in Owatonna

The ground may still be free of snow, but that won't keep Owatonna from beginning its winter parking ban this week.

On Nov. 15, the city's winter parking ordinance kicks into action and continues until April 1. During these months, residents may park on either side of the street between the hours of noon and midnight.

Between 12:01 a.m. and noon, residents need to park on the odd side of the street on odd calen-

dar days and even side on even days. House numbers determine the odd/even side of the street. For example, if your house number is 1507, you will be allowed to park on that side on odd days.

The winter parking ordinance does not apply to any street where there is more restrictive parking requirements.

Anyone with questions about the ban can contact the parking hotline at 507-444-4399.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 14-18



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Owatonna high school students study Spanish in their colorfully decorated classroom. They’re surrounded by objects from the different Spanish speaking countries of the world.



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Medford Tigers are more than good. They’re great and committed to getting the highest quality of education they can. Medford school is the only school for the town of Medford and houses grades K-12.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Blooming Prairie High School holds its own Spanish class, and students study under a fun array of pinatas. The high schoolers are enthusiastic participants in their foreign language studies.



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Science class at Blooming Prairie High School captures students’ full attention. They listen and take notes as their teacher explains a scientific theory on her smartboard.

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Annual cattle feeder days workshops focus on optimizing feedlot management

The University of Minnesota Extension Beef Team will present three workshops on managing feedlot cattle to optimize performance, profit and cattle welfare with a focus on addressing the challenges of Minnesota weather extremes.

The first workshop will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13th at The Hub Supper Club, 30905 CR 13, Burtrum. The second is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14th at Blue Mound Banquet Center, 401 W

Hatting St., Luverne. The final workshop will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15th, at Rochester Eagles Club, 917 15th Ave SE, Rochester. There is a \$30 charge to attend, with a fee of \$15 for each additional person from the same family or farm. Participants can pay at the event or pre-register on-

line for a discount at z.umn.edu/CFD2016.

“Feedlots can make adjustments to projections or explain performance on a closeout based on weather data,” said Dr. Sherri Bundy, consulting feedlot nutritionist and invited speaker, when discussing the topic of her pre-

sentation, the impact of feedlot environment on cattle performance.

Additional topics to be covered include strategies to manage cattle in open feedlots and BQA feedlot assessments. To view the full program Cattle Feeder Days agenda or find more information on beef related topics please visit extension.umn.edu/beef.



What is a fair and profitable farm rental agreement?

Landlords, Farmers, Agri-Business Professionals should make plans to attend one of the informative meetings being held across Minnesota. These free meetings are being provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Farm land rental rates have started to lower as corn and soybean prices continue lower in 2016. Determining a fair farm rent agreement is a challenge in today's economy with current significantly lower corn and soybeans prices in 2016 compared to recent record corn and soybean prices and record farm land values.

Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the land owner and the farmer is a challenge. David Bau, Pauline Van Nurden, Gary Hachfeld and Nathan Hulinaky, Extension Educators in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways; by exam-

ples, factsheets and worksheets to determine a fair farm land rental rate for both parties.

Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental rate trends, current farm land values and sales, a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2017 will be presented along with current 2017 corn and soybean prices. Worksheets will examine 2017 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2017, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and examine flexible rental agreements

Make plans to attend one of these meetings now. Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets that will help to determine what is a fair 2017 farm land rental rate is.

Meetings will be held locally as follows:

11/2/16 at 9:00 a.m., Waseca, Richard Dunn sponsored, Miller Armstrong Building, 3rd Floor Chevelle Room, 204 2nd St. SW, Waseca, MN 56093

11/16/16 at 9:30 a.m., Rochester, Auditorium UCR-Heintz Center HB 117, 1926 College View Road SE, Rochester, MN 55904

11/16/16 at 1:00 p.m., Rochester, Auditorium UCR-Heintz Center HB 117, 1926 College View Road SE, Rochester, MN 55904

11/29/16 at 1:00 p.m., Owatonna, Owatonna Community Center, 1380 S. Elm St., Owatonna, MN 55060

12/8/16 at 9:30 a.m., Albert Lea, Fairlane Community Center, Freeborn County Fairgrounds, 1029 Bridge Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007

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MDA announces keynote speakers for 2017 Minnesota Organic Conference

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is pleased to announce that two outstanding keynote speakers will headline the 2017 Minnesota Organic Conference in January.

Renowned agroecologist and farmer Fernando Funes-Monzote will share insights about challenges for organic agriculture in Cuba on Thursday, January 12. Donald Wyse will highlight the Forever Green Initiative and offer insights on improving economic opportunities for farmers on Friday, January 13.

Funes-Monzote's background as a scientist, scholar, and lecturer in the science of sustainable agriculture, known as agroecology, has brought him international accolades. He is a founding member of the Cuban Association of Organic Agriculture and earned a nomination for the 2015 Louis Malassis International Scientific Prize for Outstanding Career in Agriculture. Funes-Monzote owns and operates Finca Marta, Cuba's premiere agroecology operation, which dedicates its efforts to activating the local economy, creating jobs, valuing rural life, and protecting the environment.

Professor Wyse was the founding director of the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture and the Midwestern Cover Crop Council. He

also initiated the development of the Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships at the University of Minnesota. His research includes diversification of cropping systems, weed management, and renewable energy systems. Wyse currently serves



as co-director of the Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management at the University of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Organic Conference will be held January 12-13, 2017 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Learn more about the event's educational sessions

and trade show and register for the conference at www.mda.state.mn.us/food/organic/conference.aspx.

To request larger files of each image, including the Minnesota Organic Conference logo, please contact alauna.yust@state.mn.us.

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USDA has made a powerful statement about the importance of scientific discovery by strengthening our institutions, building our capacity and leveraging the strengths of our outside partners to do the same. From the farm to the lab to the boardroom, we've increased our investment in delivering problem-driven and solutions-based science that empowers farmers, foresters, ranchers, landowners, resource managers, professors and policymakers to help

manage the risks we face. Studies have shown that every dollar invested in agricultural research now returns over \$20 to our economy. For our part, since 2009, USDA has invested \$19 billion in research both intramural and extramural. As a result of that investment, research conducted by USDA scientists has resulted in 883 patent applications filed 405 patents issued and 1,151 new inventions disclosures covering a wide range of topics and discoveries since 2009.



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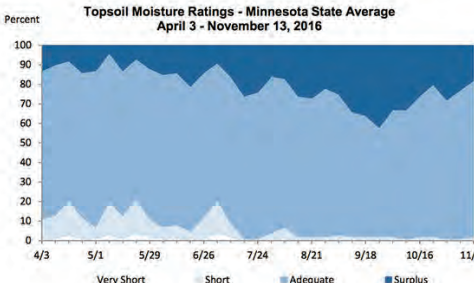
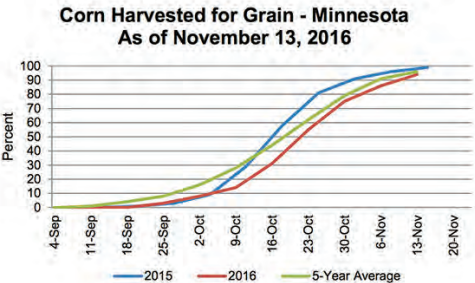
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Minnesota Crop Report

Above average temperatures and dry weather allowed Minnesota farmers to continue harvest and field activities during the week ending November 13 with 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There continued to be some excessively wet areas that farmers were unable to harvest. Field activities for the week included harvesting, applying fertilizer, hauling manure, baling corn stalks, and tillage.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

Corn for grain harvest advanced to 94 percent complete, 4 days behind the five-year average and 8 days behind last year. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest was 17 percent. Ninety-one percent of the sunflower acreage was harvested, 5 days behind average.



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2016 ELECTION RESULTS

STEELE COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS BY PRECINCT

	President		U.S. Congress		MN Senate 24		MN Senate 27		MN Rep 24A		MN Rep 24B		MN Rep 27 A	
	Trump	Clinton	Walz	Hagedorn	Jasinski	Jensen	Dornink	Sparks	Petersburg	Cashman	Daniels	Fritz	Bennett	Schindler
Aurora Township	223	64	126	182	203	105	x	x	x	x	203	102	x	x
Berlin Township	218	66	133	174	204	103	x	x	x	x	206	103	x	x
City of Blooming Prairie	527	383	530	430	X	x	450	500	x	x	155	x	498	450
Blooming Prairie Township	166	66	119	132	151	98	x	x	x	x	x	95	x	x
Clinton Falls Township	179	50	85	155	161	84	x	x	154	85	x	x	x	x
Deerfield Township	245	72	122	207	226	101	x	x	209	122	205	141	x	x
City of Ellendale	216	98	164	182	198	149	x	x	x	x	260	93	x	x
Havana Township	253	73	134	217	248	105	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lemond Township	205	62	120	170	195	94	x	x	194	94	412	244	x	x
City of Medford	437	168	276	372	423	234	x	x	x	x	192	117	x	x
Medford Township	200	89	151	157	181	127	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Meriden Township	246	81	150	190	231	116	x	x	202	140	139	x	x	x
Merton Township	151	38	73	126	143	58	x	x	x	140	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-1/P-1	629	482	646	578	666	555	x	x	605	627	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-1/P-2	866	529	758	762	903	612	x	x	841	686	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-2/P-1	671	375	563	570	683	448	x	x	629	515	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-2/P-2	1012	582	711	996	1089	611	x	x	1060	650	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-3/P-1	526	358	489	441	499	427	x	x	466	463	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-3/P-2	560	405	541	500	549	501	x	x	528	522	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-4/P-1	717	518	698	649	760	583	x	x	702	656	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-4/P-2	802	526	695	682	771	611	x	x	750	633	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-5/P-1	722	449	577	666	725	509	x	x	705	530	x	x	x	x
City of Owatonna/W-5/P-2	710	422	580	628	730	477	x	x	675	532	x	x	x	x
Owatonna Township	281	95	137	249	281	109	x	x	271	116	x	x	x	x
Somerset Township	278	121	191	236	278	147	x	x	x	x	264	159	x	x
Summit Township	159	67	115	119	140	95	x	x	x	x	142	64	x	x

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Hillary Clinton	1,364,067	46%
Gary Johnson	112, 778	4%

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Tim Walz	169,075	50%

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Brian Daniels	10,474	58%
Patti Fritz	7,440	41%

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Duane Quam	12,934	60%
Linda (Wally) Walbruch	8,615	40%

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Gary Schindler	7,633	38%
Peggy Bennett	12,330	62%

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Nikki Gieseke	6,246	51%

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Vicki Jensen	15,462	41%

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David H. Senjem	26, 839	63%
Dale Amorosia	15,555	37%

MN SENATE 27		
Gene Dornink	16, 948	45%
Dan Sparks	20, 545	55%

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Greg Peterson	1, 393	22%
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Write-in	862	13%

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CLAREMONT COUNCIL MEMBER		
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Kiel Schleusner	61	19%
Nancy Schwanke	86	27%

HAYFIELD SPECIAL ELECTION COUNCIL		
Gary Dahl	200	36%
Linda Pack	348	63%

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Anne Hemann	1,061	25%
Jon Sutherland	1,013	24%
Gary Wiersma	1,037	24%
Write-in	51	1%

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Linda Pack	348	63%

BLOOMING PRAIRIE MAYOR		
H. Peterson	841	95%
Write-In	48	5%

BLOOMING PRAIRIE COUNCIL MEMBER		
Mary F. Kittelson	786	52%
Tara Gimbel	667	44%
Write-in	64	4%

ELLENDALE MAYOR		
Mark Skroch	144	42%
Russell Goette	192	55%

ELLENDALE COUNCIL MEMBER		
Steve Engel	270	46%
Duane Goebel	194	33%
Richard Lassahn	101	17%

MEDFORD MAYOR		
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Write-In	155	27%

MEDFORD COUNCIL MEMBER		
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Marie Sexton	375	41%

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Write-In	9	13%

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Karen Flatness	1,442	21%
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Raymond Truelson	823	10%

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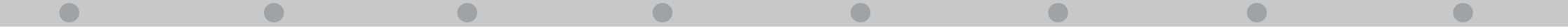
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Legal Notices

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): 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 the place of beginning, Except the West 36 feet thereof. AND Commencing 89 rods East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, running thence East 5 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 5 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 COUNTRY 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 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.

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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 June 13, 2017, or the next business day if June 13, 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: October 14, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Mortgagee

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following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 18, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Nancy J. Larson, a single person, MORTGAGEE: Advisor's Mortgage LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: April 23, 2008

Steele County Recorder

Document #: A000356751

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. on April 18, 2008 and said assignment was recorded on April 23, 2008 as Document No. A000356752 and subsequently assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC on January 13, 2014 and said assignment was recorded on February 4, 2014 and given document number A000395631.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

LOT 23, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 7 FEET THEREOF AND THE SOUTH 22.3 FEET OF LOT 24, ALL BEING IN BLOCK 2, MANN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF OWATONNA, MINNESOTA.

PARCEL ID #: 171720223

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1054 11th Ave. NE, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Transaction Agent: N/A

Transaction Agent Id No.: N/A

Current Mortgage Servicer: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Advisor's Mortgage LLC

COUNTRY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$167,382.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$150,248.90 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgagors have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled; PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 15, 2016 at 10:00 am

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Law Enforcement Center 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns. DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is June 15, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m. MORTGAGOR RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None 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. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Dated: October 17, 2016

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
Mortgagee
Kenneth J. Johnson
Minnesota State Bar No. 0246074
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
230 W. Monroe St., Ste. 1125
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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): Josh Dale and Holly L. Dale, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants Inc.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 27, 2011 as Document Number A000380851 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$189,560.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 7, 2009

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 21, 2009 as Document Number A000368421; as amended of record by document recorded on November 8, 2011 as Document No. A000381093 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: \$211,371.37

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of the North Half of Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 105 North, Range 21 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Southwest Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East, assumed bearing, 468.00 feet along the West line of said Southwest Quarter to the True Point of beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 202.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East 58.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 0 minutes 115.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes West 124.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East 86.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes West 178.00 feet to the West line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 259.00 feet to said True Point of Beginning. Containing 1.42 acres, more or less. Containing 1.13 acres, more or less, excluding highway easement. Subject to a public highway easement along the West line thereof

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 16411 SOUTH WEST 52ND AVE, ELLENDALE, MN 56026-3064

COUNTRY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells

Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 03-036-3101

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100052221010839741

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: January 3, 2017 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 July 3, 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: Josh Dale

Dated: October 27, 2016
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee
THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
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The Academy Professional Building
25 North Dale Street
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(16-1415-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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11/22, 11/29, 12/6

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: **November 9, 2016**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

- Date of Mortgage: **December 3, 2014**
- Mortgagors: **Community Resource Bank**
- Mortgagees: **Tripp Oil, LLC**

Recording Information:
Recorded on January 9, 2015, as Document Number A000400337 (or in Book [...] of [...] Page [...]), in the Office of the **X County Recorder** Registrar of Titles of **Steele County, Minnesota**

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to [insert name of Assignee] by written assignment recorded on [month/day/year], as Document Number [...] (or in Book [...] of [...] Page [...]), in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

Further assigned to [insert name of Assignee] by written assignment recorded on [month/day/year], as Document Number [...] (or in Book [...] of [...] Page [...]), in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

For additional assignments of Mortgage, provide the relevant information below. [...]

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 17-3260104 (Abstract Property)

• Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

All that part of Lot 3, Block 1, Matthew's Northtown Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence S 89 degrees 57' 14" E, assumed bearing, 233.00 feet along the North line of said Lot 3; thence S 0 degrees 02' 46" W 198.00 feet; thence N 89 degrees 47' 14" W 227.47 feet to the West line of said Lot 3; thence N 1 degree 33' 16" W 198.08 feet to beginning.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: **435 26th Street NE, Owatonna, MN 55060.**

other foreclosure data

9. The person holding the Mortgage: [check one] is a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are [...].

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is [...].

X is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are [...].

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is [...].

INFORMATION REGARDING Foreclosure

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$199,302.51.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$201,616.62.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on December 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is Six (6) Months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on "NOT APPLICABLE".

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.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: **MARTIN & SQUIRES, P.A. Attn: John Paul Martin 332 Minnesota Street, Suite W2750 St. Paul, MN 55101**

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: **Community Resource Bank 1605 Heritage Drive Northfield, MN 55057**

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Advertisement for Bids – Buildings to be Removed from Property

Close December 1, 2016
Steele County, MN

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County, MN until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Office of the County Auditor, Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060 for the contract listed below at which time the bids will be opened and read publicly: LOCATION: 828 Hoffman Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060
TYPE OF WORK: Three Buildings to be Removed from Property

Contact the Steele County Highway Department for bid documents at 507.444.7670.

11/8, 11/15, 11/22

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: November 9, 2016

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: April 24, 2014

2. Mortgagors: Community Resource Bank

3. Mortgagees: Tripp Oil, LLC

4. Recording Information: Recorded on April 29, 2014, as Document Number A000396801 (or in Book [...] of [...] Page [...]), in the Office of the X County Recorder Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to [insert name of Assignee] by written assignment recorded on [month/day/year], as Document Number [...] (or in Book [...] of [...] Page [...]), in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

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Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 435 26th Street NE, Owatonna, MN 55060.

other foreclosure data

9. The person holding the Mortgage: [check one] is a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are [...].

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10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is [...].

INFORMATION REGARDING Foreclosure

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$289,000.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$299,674.50.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on December 29, 2016 at 10:15 a.m., at 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is Six (6) Months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on "NOT APPLICABLE".

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.

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Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT CIVIL DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Case Type: Action to Determine Adverse Claims to Real Estate Court File No. 74-CV-16-2102

SUMMONS

SEMCO Properties, LLC, A Minnesota limited liability company, Plaintiffs

v. Hans Klein, Kate Klein also known as Katherine B. Klein, Robert D. Klein, Edw. Ferkinhoff and Cecilia Ferkinhoff and also any unknown assigns and successors of the above-named Defendants; and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO HANS KLEIN, KATE KLEIN, AKA KATHERINE B. KLEIN, ROBERT D. KLEIN, EDW. FERKINHOFF AND CECILIA FERKINHOFF

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons. 2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

David L. Einhaus Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A. 202 North Cedar Avenue /P.O. Box 545 Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute. 7. This Action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Steele, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

PARCEL A

All that part of the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 4-T107N-R20W, Steele County, Minnesota; described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said SE1/4 SW1/4; thence North 00°39'33" West a distance of 245.00 feet, on an assumed bearing on the west line of said SE1/4 SW1/4, to the point of beginning;

thence North 00°39'33" West a distance of 123.00 feet, on said west line, to the south line of Block 1, TWELFTH AVENUE ADDITION, as the same is platted and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in Steele County, Minnesota;

thence South 89°05'06" East a distance of 175.19 feet, on the south line of said Block 1, to the west line of a parcel described in Document No. 406322, as the same is recorded in said Office;

thence South 00°39'33" East distance of 123.01 feet, to the north line of a parcel described in Document No. 361231, as the same is recorded in said Office;

thence North 89°04'51" West a distance of 175.19 feet, to the point of beginning;

subject to a highway easement on the west side thereof and any other easements or restrictions of record, if any.

AND

PARCEL B

All that part of the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 4-T107N-R20W, Steele County, Minnesota; described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said SE1/4 SW1/4; thence South 89°04'51" East a distance of 345.00 feet, on an assumed bearing on the south line of said SE1/4 SW1/4, to the southeast corner of a parcel described in Document No. 361231, as the same is recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in Steele County, Minnesota, being the point of beginning;

thence South 89°04'51" East a distance of 150.01 feet, on said south line, to the southwest corner of STADHEIM ADDITION, as the same is platted and recorded in said Office;

thence North 00°41'56" West a distance of 115.18 feet, on the west line of said STADHEIM ADDITION; thence North 89°04'51" West a distance of 149.93 feet, to the east line of said parcel; thence South 00°39'33" East a distance of 115.18 feet, to the point of beginning; subject to a public road easement on the south side thereof and any other easements or restrictions of record, if any.

The object of this action is to obtain a judgment that Plaintiff SEMCO Properties, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company is the owner of that real estate and that none of the Defendants have any estate or interest therein.

EINHAUS, MATTISON, CARVER & HABERMAN P.A.

Dated: October 17, 2016

/s/ David L. Einhaus David L. Einhaus MN# 26190 202 North Cedar Avenue Owatonna, Minnesota 55060 Telephone: (507) 451-3580 Facsimile: (507) 451-3532 e-mail: Einhaus@owatonnalawyers.com

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §549.211, to the party against whom the allegations in this pleading are asserted.

Dated: October 17, 2016

EINHAUS, MATTISON, CARVER & HABERMAN P.A.

By: /s/ David L. Einhaus

David L. Einhaus (#26190)

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Assumed Name

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: Park Place

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 125 Park Street East, Owatonna MN 55060 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: Steele County Communities Address: 1995 East Rum River Drive South, Cambridge, MN 55008

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and

that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Trent Pepper, Esq.

MAILING ADDRESS: 1995 East Rum River Drive South, Cambridge MN 55008

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: Janel.paulson@bhshealth.org

11/15, 11/22

Our better selves

We've had a bit of a rough patch lately in our interactions with each other. Together we've gone through the strangest and most emotionally charged election cycle in recent history. Somewhere along the line as were listening to the news and the noise we might have momentarily stopped seeing our neighbors, our colleagues and friends.

In our urgency to understand the importance of what was going on with national leadership, we may have shifted our focus away from what we can really have an impact on: our local community and those in need in our own hometown.

Let's please bring the focus back to the needs of Steele County and our neighbors. Let's create an environment where everyone can be their best selves. Let's help a child overcome the effects of living in poverty. If we make sure he or she has roof to sleep under and enough food to eat then

he or she can pay attention in class, keep up with grade level work and eventually graduate high school and get a good job in our community.

Let's help a single mom make ends meet by providing essentials like clothing: what her kids need for school and what she needs for the better paying job she is up for.

Let's help senior citizens age with dignity at home. Let's work together to support neighbors with mental illness, those victims of domestic violence or child abuse, those with physical disabilities. These are areas of need in our community that we can all help with and all have an impact on.

The response to the needs in our community are a reflection of all of us. Because United Way of Steele County is a community organization we are your representative in the

care given to those in need.

We pay attention to all these conditions, and many more, every single day, for you, and for our entire community. But we cannot do it without you.

Because we are a community organization we must have your help to make sure this safety net stays strong enough to keep our community the best it can be.

A donation to United Way of Steele County supports 30 programs which aids more than 11,500 of our neighbors in need.

You can give via check, online at www.unitedwaysteelecounty.org or make a pledge and we will bill you next year.

Thank you and bless you all for your generosity and the care you have for all Steele County residents.

Steele County Second HALF Agricultural Real Estate and Manufactured Home Taxes

Due November 15, 2016 When paying in our office Remember to bring in your Tax statement

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FT- No weekends, evenings or holidays. Warehouse Inventory Controller. Some office duties, receiving and labeling products, stocking products. Small; whole-sale distributing business, must work well independently, will train. Resume: MAM Box 219, Dodge Center, MN 55927; 507-374-2542 Wanda 48,49c;50nc

FOR RENT

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Prime office spaces for rent on Main Street, Kasson. High traffic location. Call 634-4307 for more information. 37tfc

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Blood Clot patients, if you have experienced any serious problems with an IVC filter, call 507-201-8964 to speak with a lawyer. You may be entitled to compensation. tfc

DODGE CENTER, one bedroom apt. in tri-plex, water, heat, stove and refrigerator furnished, non smokers, no pets, \$550 deposit and \$550 rent. 507-374-6747 41tfc

KASSON, 1 br apt, laundry on-site, off street park-

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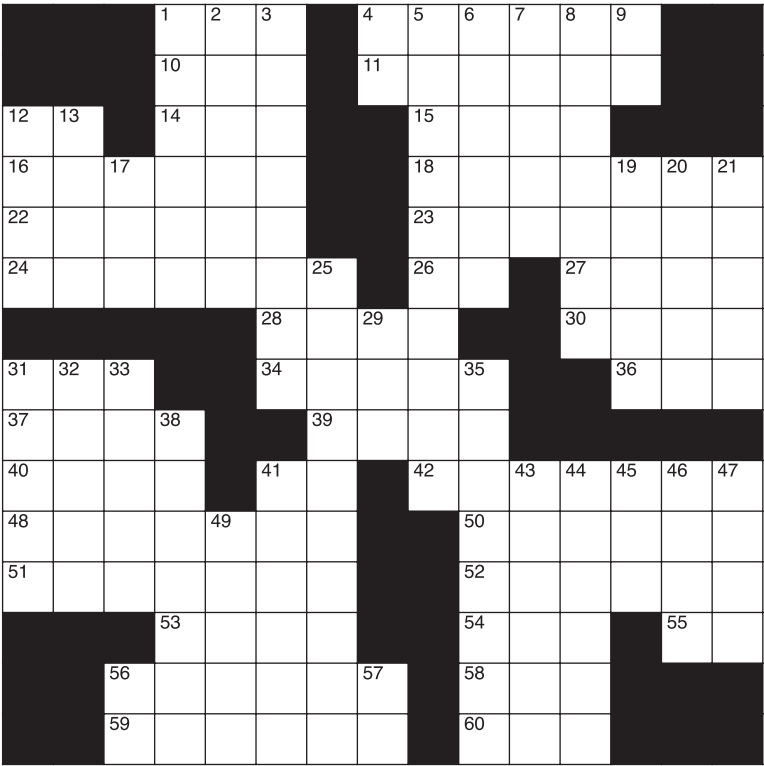


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58. Monetary unit
59. If not
60. Very fast airplane

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- 44. Able to speak or write a language
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- 46. Information
- 47. Communicate information
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- 56. Of (French)
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Dracula is villainiously good time

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff riter

“Dracula” was dreadful fun. The Owatonna high school fall play delved into the darkness, and despite a few stumbles, never lost its way.

Adapted from the famous novel, the play is dialogue heavy, not unusual for stories that originate in non-visual mediums.

Fans of the book will appreciate the resulting faithful adaptation. Non-purists may have found the production a little too word heavy, especially at times when the actors’ volume made the dialogue hard to hear.

Where the lines faltered, however, the atmosphere never failed. Between the fog rolling in from offstage, the stagehands moving set pieces in ominous masks, and objects moving of their own accord, courtesy of the show’s very own magic consultant, the play was saturated with a sense of unease.

It can be hard making an audience sacred for two hours straight, but “Dracula” managed to keep hairs on edge for its entire run time.

That’s not to say the production didn’t know how to crack a smile. Welcome moments of humor gave the audience necessary breathers.

Most of the laugh credit goes to Will Titchenal, who played human punching bag Robert Renfield. Titchenal shows a promising knack for pratfalls and stage combat. Watching him take one hit after another was a highlight of the show. Though just to be safe, someone should probably still get the poor boy a medic.

The runway talent of the show, however, was Isaiah Damitz, who I assume is a

high school student and not an actual 50 year-old widower, but after that performance who can be sure. Damitz unfaltering embodiment of Abram Van Helsing was flawless. He grounded the supernatural thriller in a very human fear.

That fear was brought to bear by Ian Crum as Dracula himself. Crum clearly loved every minute he got to play the famous villain and gave the vampire a lot of menace as he tormented Kyra Rahn’s Lucy Westphal.

Westphal could so easily have been a throwaway character, the damsel that’s just there to be saved. Rhan gave the character a firm voice. She claimed Westphal as her own person and made the audience care about her fate, raising the stakes of the whole show in the process.

Those stakes were also smartly updated for a modern audience. Dracula is often told as the story of people, particularly young women, struggling not to give over to a dark and seductive force. Traditionally, when the characters succumb it’s a much to their own passions as to Dracula.

At a time when sexual assault is becoming an ever more pressing topic, Owatonna’s “Dracula” focuses more on the victimization that occurs when people are forced into something against their will. There’s nothing sexy or alluring about this Dracula. He’s out to attack and destroy the lives of young women. He must be stopped.

This new interpretation paired with Rhan’s more assertive Westphal elevates the play above a simple seasonal thriller. They took an old horror story and infused it with a sense of present danger.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

One of Dracula’s brides hugs a friend who came to see her perform at the Nov. 11 show. The cast, still in costume, was given a warm reception by their audience after the show.

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