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Janelle Kendall
Stearns County Attorney

She played pivotal role in ending Jacob’s mystery

BP native led legal maneuvering behind the scenes

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

While she sat in law school in 1989 as a child abduction case began unfolding and capturing the hearts of all Minnesotans, little did Janelle Kendall know that she would be the one playing a pivotal role in ending the mystery decades later.

Kendall, who is the top prosecutor for Stearns County, helped carve out the legal maneuvering needed to finally find Jacob Wetterling and get his killer to confess to the chilling crime that horrified and mystified Minnesotans for more than a quarter-century.

Danny Heinrich confessed to killing Jacob last week in U.S.

Federal Court in Minneapolis last week, ending the decades old secret that propelled parents to change the way they raise their children.

She describes the work of dealing with the killer as being a “volatile situation” in the days leading up to Jacob’s discovery. “You’re making a deal with the devil,” said Kendall, who grew up in Blooming Prairie.

The deal that Kendall and others hammered out with Heinrich was that he would lead investigators to the spot where he buried Jacob and provide a detailed account of the crime. In return, Heinrich would not be charged with the murder, but would plead guilty to possession of child pornography and receive a 20-year sentence in federal prison.

“It’s been the toughest 10-12 days



Janelle Kendall

of my professional career,” Kendall told the Times just hours after a grueling day of testimony in a packed courtroom. She has been a prosecutor for 26 years, the last 14 as the county attorney in St. Cloud. “We had to make decisions in real time and a series of decisions in the dark. Lawyers are not necessarily wired to do that,” she said. “It was very dicey at times.”

No proof of murder

What made things so difficult for Kendall and investigators was that they had to make decisions based on information they didn’t have. Because the statute of limitations had expired for the kidnapping and assault of Jacob, the only remaining charge that could be pursued

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Murder follow-up

Grand jury to decide stiffer charge

By RICK BUSSLER
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A grand jury will be convened in Steele County to consider first degree murder charges in the June killing of Richard Jurgensen.

County Attorney Daniel McIntosh confirmed Thursday that he will be convening a grand jury within the next month, though he declined to give further specifics because of safety concerns with those involved in the case.

Jurgensen, 22, of Medford was

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Charges dropped in baby death



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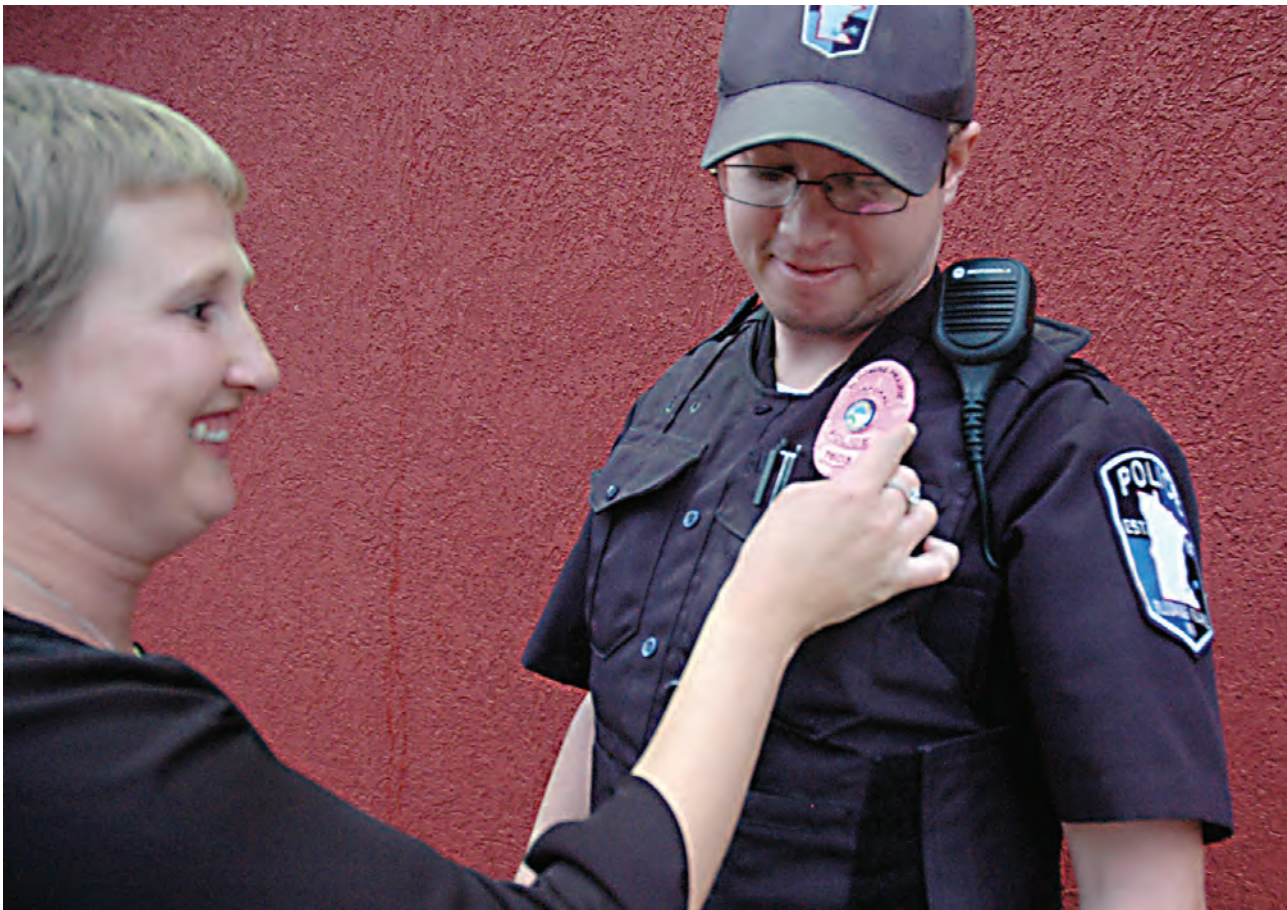
By RICK BUSSLER
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Charges against a father who had been accused of causing his infant son’s death have been dismissed.

Steele County Attorney Daniel McIntosh regretfully dropped charges in late August against Cory Neal Stucky, 30, formerly of Blooming Prairie. He had been charged with second-degree man-

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Stephanie Miller pins a pink police badge on her husband Matt during surprise ceremonies at the Big Tent last Friday night during the cancer auction sponsored by the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. Stephanie pinned all BP officers with pink badges. More BP Pink pictures developing in next week’s issue.

Turning police badges pink

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Something weird happened to the Blooming Prairie Police Department’s badges over the weekend. They turned pink.

To show support for a fellow officer’s family touched by cancer and to participate in the busy weekend of Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Paint BP Pink awareness events, officers and the chief made

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‘HALE’ TO THE FAIR

Entertainment director: one fair done, another to start on

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Just as most people are putting fairs aside for another year, one man is already preparing for next year.

Todd Hale, who is the publicity and entertainment guru for the Steele County Free Fair, is already booking acts for next year’s fair. He has been working for the fair for 25 years, but involved for much longer.

Hale loves to assemble the fair’s long list of entertainers. He’s not exactly sure how he inherited the show business side of the fair back in the early 1990s, but he firmly recalls thinking, “I know we can do better with the entertainment,” than what they had at the time.

Some of the acts are brought

back year after year, but Hale focuses on finding new entertainers to add to the mix. “It’s important that we have local entertainers at our local fair,” Hale said. For example, at this year’s fair a local group, Love Handles, performed on opening night. “Being local like that just seems to add interest for the fairgoer,” he added.

Hale admits being a little self conscious about picking out the entertainment for all ages. “I’m 77 and I’m trying to program what younger people want,” he says.

He tries to find entertainment that young people like in the grandstand and beer garden. And because old-time music has been a part of the fair since its beginnings,

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Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Todd Hale, the entertainment and publicity director at the Steele County Fair since 1991, uses his old, but reliable cassette recorder to conduct an interview during the recent fair. With this year’s fair in the history books, Hale is beginning to work on next year’s extravaganza by



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ALL LIVES SHOULD MATTER

At the Minnesota State Fair this last week there so many good things happening. Record crowds, awards being won, families bonding together, workers were able to provide for their families, and it was a time to relax from the labors of the field and a final breather before preparing for the harvest.

But there was a blight on the landscape. Like little angry destructive ants, the protesters were out in force to show everyone that only “their” lives mattered. From blocked streets to shut down exits, there was a shame brought to Minnesota.

A cultlike movement that tried to stop the crowds, but at the same time were glad that more people came to see their horror show. The same group that was shutting down bridges a few months ago where critically ill patients couldn’t get to hospitals and emergency vehicles couldn’t get through to victims in crisis. People lost their jobs because they couldn’t get to work or couldn’t get to an interview. Children crying at home because their parents were missing not able to come home.

That is not the goal of a peaceful protest, but the goal of a terroristic movement that has skipped to the front of the line to scream, “LOOK AT ME.” This group needs to re-evaluate their motives and their strategies and their ideals. What they are doing is alienating themselves from the world, not endearing people to their cause.

If all lives “don’t” matter, then this group that so flippantly tries to play the race card is in fact the prejudicial voice. Do you know how many lives their actions have adversely affected? If that’s the goal because some “hurt you” or “hasn’t listened closely enough” to you, then this protest isn’t born out of concern, but is indeed born out of revenge and rage.

Hurting someone back or getting even or getting your own way should never be the motivation or the goal of what protests are in a democratic society. It’s the privilege to be able to speak your mind without an agenda that uses force or control to alter the lives of those around you.


Some of you need to go back and revisit Dr. Martin Luther King’s marches. They didn’t stop the lives of those around them. They blessed the lives of those around them. They didn’t go out of their way to terrorize or to shut down a system that refused to hear.

With their words alone, they “caused” people to hear. Dr. King was an educated man. For words to impact, there needs to be education and wisdom and the absence of ignorance and malice toward the innocent who line your streets.

You’re doing more to turn people away than to draw people near. Any movement born out of hatred will learn that harsh lesson and will come to a crushing end. If you have love in your heart, you won’t need to put a gun to their head or hold them hostage.

They’ve let you speak, for that is what a protest promises. Now let them pass, because it will surely turn from a protest to a war zone. Take down the barriers if you are sincere about all lives mattering.

If not, it really was... all about you.



Submitted photo



Dealing with the devil

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

It’s something that didn’t come out at any news conference regarding the Jacob Wetterling case last week, but one of the lead prosecutors attributes her success with the case to her small town roots.

Janelle Kendall is the top prosecutor for Stearns County, the area where Jacob was mysteriously snatched 27 years ago. As she’ll tell you in her own words she was making “a deal with the devil” to get to the bottom of the decades old secret.

Kendall grew up on a farm outside of Blooming Prairie and graduated from BP in 1983.

With the whole world watching last week’s developments of Jacob’s discovery, Kendall led the prosecution in dealing with an evil, serious predator. After nearly three decades, the truth finally came out about the creep responsible for stealing the innocence of not only the Wetterling family, but everyone else in this state.

And we can thank Kendall for what she did to foster this gut-wrenching revelation.

“Coming from a small town, it helps in a case like this to keep you grounded in perspective,” Kendall says.

Kendall laughs about how she didn’t even know a single lawyer throughout her childhood in Steele County.

She considers herself a problem solver. I don’t think anyone is going to deny Kendall knows how to problem solve, especially after such an emotional and heartbreaking case like Jacob.

Knowing her options were limited at best, Kendall decided to reach out to the feds. In this case, that meant calling U.S. Attorney Andy Luger. As simple as this may sound, it’s not.

For Kendall, calling in the feds meant giving up power and control over what probably will go down as the most horrible crime in Minnesota’s history.

“Sometimes the only way to get an outcome is to give up power and control,” Kendall said. “Giving up power and control, that’s what has been so painful these past few days,” she admitted.

But, again Kendall knew she really had no other option. “The difficulty was giving up power and control, but it worked,” she said.

Kendall said she has heard so many gut wrenching stories over the years as a prosecutor. She says the child sex abuse cases and any death of a child are as bad as it gets.

As easy as it is to get caught up in the emotion of a case, she is quick to point out decisions can’t be based on emotion. “It’s not what we do (as prosecutors),” Kendall said.

Kendall is most proud of how well the local, state and federal teams assigned to the case worked together to bring closure to such a horrifying case. “The teams stuck with it. They could have pulled out at different times,” she said.

Part of Kendall’s role also meant refereeing the egos involved with local, state and federal officials involved. “It became my role to bring people back to the table and keep them focused on what needed to be done,” she said.

Kendall was never a cheerleader in high school. But, ironically, that’s what she turned into with this case. “The tempers, emotions, rules and policies started to clash every day,” she said. “I had to remind people of what purpose we were there for.”

She hopes the relationship that came out of the 12 harrowing days leading up to the confession will help authorities solve other cases.

As Danny Heinrich confessed to the killing in a packed courtroom, Kendall reflected, “I’m honored to have been part of it, but it’s not about me.”

This case, Kendall said, demonstrates that no case is too hard to solve, no tip too insignificant to consider and no legal obstacle insurmountable in finding answers and accountability for Jacob and for everyone near and far who knows his name.

As edgy as this case has made most of us, it’s reassuring to know there are bulldog prosecutors like Kendall going in hot pursuit of digging up the truth and nothing but the truth.

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REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

An average size woman from California came into the Austin Tendermaid restaurant earlier this summer and consumed 30 burgers, 80 ounces of water, a bag of chips and a malt in 26

minutes to surpass the Tendermaid challenge record by 13 burgers.

There’s nothing wrong with the picture. It actually happened.

Judy and I and friends Dawn and Dwayne recently visited one of our favorite restaurants, the Tendermaid of Austin, owned and operated by Gary and Sarah White of Austin. Gary is the brother of Mike White of Blooming Prairie. Mike’s wife Judy works at the Tendermaid.

After enjoying some tasty burgers, Dwayne and I were drawn to a menu board that contained a clipping from the Austin Daily Herald about Molly Schuyler’s unbelievable accomplish-

ment.

Displaying a 10-pound roll of hamburger, Judy White, who was there the day history was made in July this summer, rolled her eyes and said that container of hamburger is what Molly devoured in record time.

According to Alex Smith’s Herald story, Molly chowed down nine burgers in the first three minutes of the challenge.

Smith reported that Schuyler is no stranger to food eating competitions. She reportedly has competed more than 300 times in both small and large scale challenges. Schuyler is currently the number one ranked female independent competitive

eater in the world.

After completing the Tendermaid challenge, Schuyler headed for another eating competition in Nebraska.

To find out more about Molly’s amazing feats, go to her Facebook page, or go to Wikipedia.

Schuyler is originally from Bellevue, Nebraska and currently lives in Sacramento. She is married with four children.

On Wikipedia, Schuyler’s following exploits are detailed:

- In August 2012, she became the first woman to complete the Stellanator, a food challenge at Stella’s Bar and Grill in Bellevue, Nebraska. The Stellanator


sandwich includes six hamburger patties, six eggs, six pieces of cheese and six pieces of bacon topped with fried onions, jalapeños, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, two buns, and mayonnaise.

- Schuyler and friend Tyler Danforth ate the Big Joe Pizza at Frank’s Pizzeria in Nebraska in 28 minutes. The Big Joe is 12 pounds of pizza, 4 pounds of crust, 2 pounds of cheese, 2 pounds of pepperoni, 2 pounds of sausage and 26 ounces of sauce.
- In early 2014, Schuyler broke the 72 ounces steak eating world record, eating it in 2 minutes and 44 seconds at Saylor’s Old Country Kitchen in Port-

land, Oregon the prior world record was 6 minutes and 38 seconds.

- In January 2015, at Wing Bowl 23 in Philadelphia she ate 440 chicken wings, a new women’s record, in 26 minutes, but was beaten by Chicago’s Patrick Bertolotti, who ate a record 444.
- On May 22 in 2015, Schuyler broke a Sacramento County Fair record for eating 29 corn dogs in 8 minutes at Sacramento Cal Expo. The previous record was 22.

After reading about her food challenges, one wonders what kind of stomach this person has. One also wonders why she doesn’t weigh 500 pounds.




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Blooming Praire Elementary Volunteer Open House Event

Would you like to make a positive difference in the life of a child? Blooming Prairie Elementary School is hosting a volunteer open house in partnership with the Common Good Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) on Wednesday, September 28th at 8:30 a.m. in the school office.

Listening to a child read, helping with vocabulary words, or drilling basic math facts, are just some of the volunteer activities available.

Common Good RSVP partners with agencies to bring them life-experienced volunteers who are over

age 55. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is a nationwide movement of over 400,000 Senior Corps volunteers who have a passion for their communities. Catholic Charities facilitates the Common Good Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and has partnered with Blooming Prairie Elementary to provide volunteers supportive benefits at no cost to the school or the volunteer. These free benefits for volunteers 55 and over include mileage reimbursement, supplemental accident and liability insurance, and ongoing

volunteer support and recognition, which are funded through grants.

Seniors wishing to make a difference helping students in the Blooming Prairie Elementary School and receive these free volunteer benefits should attend the open house for more information. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Michael Maas, Common Good RSVP Regional Program Coordinator, at (507)450-1518 with any questions.



Photo submitted by Darrell Hansen

Strong winds on Sunday blew the American flag and Paint Blooming Prairie Pink flags beautifully to salute cancer awareness and a special tribute to victims of the 911 attacks 15 years ago.

Law enforcement and prosecutors work together

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was murder. “To prove murder, we had to be able to prove that Jacob died. Up until last Friday (Sept. 2), proof that Jacob was no longer alive did not exist,” Kendall said. “We did not have proof of murder. We literally had to find Jacob to move forward at all,” she added.

Heinrich led investigators to the area near Paynesville where he buried Jacob 27 years ago just hours after he abducted him at gunpoint while riding bicycle with a brother and a friend in near St. Joseph. “The team of investigators will tell you it was difficult to find Jacob’s remains even with Heinrich’s help,” Kendall noted. “Without it, Jacob would not have been found and the details of what happened would have never been told.”

One card that played favorably into Kendall’s hand was that Heinrich possessed child porn in 2015. Prosecutors would have little diffi-

culty proving the pornography charge. Heinrich had been in jail since his arrest last year awaiting trial.

Call to the Feds

Because of greater federal sentencing consequences compared to those available in a state law prosecution for child porn, Kendall called U.S. Attorney Andy Luger and asked for consideration of the exercise of federal jurisdiction for the porn case, seeking the leverage that a substantial federal prison sentence could provide in furthering the Wetterling investigation.

It was a call Kendall felt comfortable making, especially since Sen. Amy Klobuchar appointed her to be on the hiring committee for Luger’s job a few years ago. “I told him this is unusual, but hear me out,” Kendall said. “It’s not a case they (the feds) would normally take,” she added.

Luger agreed to take it on.

Kendall admits it wasn’t an easy decision to let the feds take the case. “Sometimes the only way to get an outcome is to give up power and control,” she said. “I had to call in the feds. This was a local case and had local jurisdiction.”

She paused, wondering, “What was the other option? Bummer, I guess we can’t solve this.”

With pressure mounting to solve Jacob’s disappearance, Kendall worked closely with Luger and his staff in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Minneapolis.

“The difficulty was giving up power and control, but it worked,” Kendall said.

Kendall sat down with Jerry and Patty Wetterling to outline the options they had before them. When Kendall asked what they thought of the proposed agreement, Patty responded, “Please sign it.”

From the beginning, the Wet-

terlings wanted to find their son and learn what happened to him, according to Kendall. “She was very supportive of it. My role was to ensure the Wetterlings knew what was going on,” Kendall said.

The county attorney says the deal local and federal authorities struck with Heinrich “isn’t necessarily the perfect outcome.”

Asked what would have been better, Kendall responded: “A first-degree murder conviction and child porn.”

Praise from FBI

But Kendall and the other attorneys involved are winning the praises of the FBI. “We would not have just witnessed Danny Heinrich’s guilty plea without the skill, determination and commitment of our prosecutors,” said Rick Thorton, FBI Director in Minneapolis. “The outcome is proof of what we can accomplish when law enforcement and prosecu-

tors work together at the federal, state and local level.”

Thorton added that the lawyers involved did “amazing work and often don’t get the credit they deserve.”

Kendall said, “It’s not the perfect resolution. I’m hard on myself over that. If we could have only gotten to the body without him (Heinrich).”

But, she admits, this isn’t bad. “We found Jacob Wetterling. That was the goal. The Wetterlings got their son back,” Kendall said.

“As someone who is not necessarily a risk taker, sometimes we have to take calculated risks based on what we don’t have,” Kendall said. “Hope is not an effective management strategy,” she said, noting the irony of hope being what kept this case going all these years in bringing Jacob home.

Kendall said Jacob would not have been found without the help of every member of

the local, state and national team of investigators and attorneys.

“This case demonstrates that no case is too hard to solve, no tip too insignificant to consider and no legal obstacle insurmountable in finding answers,” she said.

ABOUT JANELLE KENDALL

Profession: Stearns County Attorney since 2002.

Childhood: Grew up on a farm near Blooming Prairie (maiden name Prokopec).

Education: Graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1983, Hamline University with degree in business administration and University of Minnesota Law School with a law degree.

Stress Reliever: Lead singer and guitarist in a band, “Walter’s Wheelhouse.” Plays at Brooktree Golf Course in Owatonna Sept. 23.

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Hale is partial to booking old-time entertainers.

But Hale is surprised at what he’s found in recent years. The old-time music definitely attracts an older audience, but “it’s surprising how many young people” there are at those shows. He’s convinced old-time music hasn’t lost its luster even after all these years.

Hale noted that one of the trade-offs of being a free fair is that the fair board can’t afford the big name entertainers

as some other counties bring in. “We have so much going on around the grounds that people don’t want to take two hours off to go into the grandstand,” he said.

In his earlier years, Hale worked in radio and did live remotes throughout the fair. “I used to stroll along the grounds with polka bands and broadcast from various places,” he recalled. He retired from radio in 1991 when he got the job on the fair staff.

At least during fair week, Hale says he has a tiring job by working long days. “I’m totally exhausted by the end of the fair,” he said. But, he quickly adds, he wouldn’t trade the job for anything. “The greatest satisfaction I have is working with people in so many facets of the fair.”

Because Hale’s efforts are consumed behind the scenes, he actually sees very little of the fair itself. “I’m making it good for everyone else,” he says.

This year, Hale said, it was

hard watching so many events and acts get rained out. “It’s frustrating, especially when you put so much work into it over the past year,” he said, adding this year was the worst he’s ever seen it.

Another important aspect of his job is publicity and marketing, but most of that is done prior to the fair. And it certainly provides challenges for Hale. “You don’t fly by the seat of your pants in an operation this big,” he said. The Steele fair has

become the largest county fair in Minnesota.

Hale shows his age a bit by utilizing cassette recorders to do interviews during the fair. He’s burned through one recorder already, but he has another spare to keep going. “I have all kinds of cassettes here so I’m set to go,” Hale said.

Hale admires the commitment and overall organization of the fair board. “They are committed to make it the very best it can be,” he said. “They know we

are the largest county fair in the state and they want to keep that reputation going.”

As for this fair gig, which goes throughout the entire year on a part-time basis, Hale said: “It gets in your blood. I don’t know what I’d do if I didn’t do this. I’m not one to sit down.”

Hale doesn’t plan to stop working at the fair any time soon. “As long as my health continues, I will keep doing it,” he said.

Mother changes story in events leading to baby’s death

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slaughter and child endangerment in connection with his role in the death of his 2-month-old son in July 2015.

Stucky had been scheduled to go on trial this week on the charges.

The decision to dismiss charges came after McIntosh learned that the victim’s mother, Amy Solland, married Stucky this past July. The two have since moved out of the state, according to McIntosh.

“The state believes that the marriage may be the product of manipulation by the defendant,” McIntosh said.

In addition to the marriage, McIntosh also learned that Solland was now recanting her story. She had been the sole witness to the events leading up to the baby’s death and the circumstances under which the child was found deceased.

“Ms. Solland informed the state that she exaggerated the defendant’s conduct regarding his intoxication and the circumstances under which he took custody of the child prior to the child’s death,” McIntosh said.

Without Solland’s testimony, McIntosh said he had no case. “She drastically changed her

story and left us without a case,” he said, adding he did not believe the state could prevail at trial.

The charges, McIntosh said, require proof of at least reckless or culpably negligent.

McIntosh said the exact circumstances with the cooperation of the victim’s mother are “pretty rare for something like this.”

In July 2015, police responded to a medical emergency of a child not breathing at Stucky’s residence in the 100 block of 2nd Street NE in Blooming Prairie. The 2-month-old baby was

taken by ambulance to a hospital in Austin where he died a short time later.

Stucky told police at the time that he had fallen asleep with the baby on his chest and had woken up to his girlfriend screaming that the child was not breathing. During an interview with police, Solland said Stucky had drank at least 24 beers on the day prior to the baby’s death.

At one point, Stucky got up and took the child aggressively from the mother stating it was his weekend to get up with him, court documents alleged.

In an interview with the Times

earlier this year, Solland pleaded for Stucky to get help for his excessive drinking problem. “He needs to curb a 12-year addiction (of alcohol). He needs a lot of help,” Solland said at the time. She described him as a heavy drinker.

Solland also said Stucky has anger management issues.

McIntosh said it’s not the way he wanted the case to end up. “We think a child died for no reason in a preventable situation,” he said, adding his disgust with neither parent being interested in pursuing responsibility for what took place.

He said the marriage itself was not a legal barrier that would have affected the case. “He wouldn’t have had a full marital privilege,” McIntosh said.



Stucky

Grand jury to decide first-degree murder charge

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shot multiple times at close range June 26 in what has been described by authorities as an execution-style slaying. His body was discovered several hours later along a county road northeast of Owatonna. He had been bound with nylon cord.

Cyrus Noel Trevino, 24, of Owatonna faces one count of second-degree murder while his accomplice, Gerald William Blevins, 36, of Bemidji has been charged with one count of aiding and abetting murder in the second-degree.

McIntosh has called the case a drug-related homicide between

all parties involved, including the victim. He said all parties were heavy methamphetamine users. It is the first meth-related homicide ever in Steele County.

A grand jury is utilized to consider evidence and determine if the suspects should be charged with a more serious count of first-degree murder. Under Minnesota law, only a grand jury can bring an indictment for first-degree murder.

In general, first-degree murder applies in a premeditated killing with the intent to kill the person. There are other circumstances in which first-degree charge ap-

plies, including killing a cop, killing someone while committing criminal sexual conduct and killing during domestic abuse. In the Jurgensen case, premeditation would be the only factor that possibly applies.

The penalty for first-degree murder is life in prison. The maximum sentence for second-degree murder is 40 years in prison.

Grand juries are a group of randomly selected people from the county who are summoned to court, sworn in, instructed by a judge and advised by a prosecutor. Members of a grand jury do not decide the guilt or innocence

of the accused. No defense attorneys are present during the proceedings, which are closed to the public.

A grand jury must consist of at least 16 but not more than 23 members, according to McIntosh. At least 12 jurors must find probable cause to return an indictment.

McIntosh said grand juries are fairly rare for Steele County. He used a grand jury earlier this year in a criminal sexual conduct case against Kevin Fils, 35, of St. Paul. In that case, the jury returned an indictment of two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. A grand jury was used in that partic-



Gerald William Blevins



Cyrus Noel Trevino

ular case because Fils has several past criminal sexual conduct convictions. A third conviction would

call for a life sentence to prison, which requires a grand jury indictment.

Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Animal. On Sept. 3, deputies responded to a report of two subjects bitten by a wild bat in the 14100 block of 530th St. in West Concord at 4:55 p.m.

CRIME BRIEF

Bounty hunters looking for a felon on the run



John Thomas McGuire

Bounty hunters are seeking the public’s help in tracking down a felon who is on the run after being in possession of a firearm in Steele County.

The U.S. Bail and Fugitive Enforcement Bounty Hunters are currently looking for John Thomas McGuire, who also goes by a nickname of Bamma. He failed to appear before the courts last month on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm

The bounty group has been chasing McGuire all over Owatonna, Faribault, Waseca, Rochester and Chat-

field. McGuire is well known throughout the area and travels all around the state.

In recent weeks, there have been numerous sightings of him in local trailer parks in Owatonna and Faribault. In Owatonna, he has been known to be in the 200 block of Beech Street as well as the 600 block of Mound Street, according to USBFE. He also frequents local retail stores, motels, gas stations and fast food restaurants.

“Our hope is to have the community be aware of him and call the minute they see him, which will lead to quick apprehension,” USBFE says.

McGuire is usually on foot, but does get rides from friends occasionally.

Anyone with information as to his whereabouts is urged to call 911 or the Bounty Hunter Tip Line at 612-567-3390. All information provided is kept confidential.

Sex offender found staying in Owatonna

While police investigated another crime, they learned the targeted victim was a predatory offender.

Owatonna Police handled a gun threat at Country Inn and Suites on Sept. 2. While dealing with the victim, officers found out Robert Clement, 31, was a registered sex offender with a non-extraditable warrant out of North Carolina, making him a predatory offender in Minnesota.

Clement came to Owatonna about eight days prior from Mounds View whose predatory offender unit had not had contact with him since 2012. Clement moved



Robert Clement

back to Mounds View in May and failed to register with Mounds View and Owatonna police agencies.

Police said Clement offered fake addresses in the Mounds View area.

He faces a felony for knowingly violating predatory offender requirements.

Gun threat leads to felony charge

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A 28-year-old New Richmond man faces a felony assault charge in connection with a weapons incident at a motel in Owatonna.

Chris Michael Winegar has been charged with second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon. If convicted on the charge, he faces a penalty of seven years in prison with a minimum of three years and a \$14,000 fine

Owatonna Police responded to Country Inn and Suites Sept. 2 for a weapons complaint. A housekeeper reported witnessing a person pull a gun out of their waist band.

According to the court records, Winegar came to the motel to look for his daughter and her mother who stayed there with another man. The man told police he heard a knock at the door and upon opening the door, he was face-to-face with a gun point-

ed at him. He described it as a long, black hand gun.

The complaint alleges Winegar backed the man into the room with the gun pointed at him. At one point, Winegar said, “Where the (expletive) is my (expletive) daughter,” the complaint said.

Police found Winegar at the near-by parking lot of Taco Bell. Officers conducted a search of his vehicle and located a semi-automatic Ruger MK II .22-caliber pistol under the driver’s seat, according to the complaint. The pistol contained an empty magazine and there were no rounds in the chamber.

In a statement to police, Winegar said he came to the motel after his daughter’s mother requested to pick her up. He said the mother had called him because the man they were staying with at the motel was posting “weird” stuff on Facebook.

UP AND COMING ATTORNEY

Steele County prosecutor named one of best in the state

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

One of Minnesota’s up and coming attorneys is drawing on her positive experience with her own adoptive parents to work on behalf of Steele County’s children.

Sasha Zekoff, an assistant Steele County attorney, has been named a 2016 Up and Coming Attorney through Minnesota Lawyer. She was one of 29 attorneys statewide to be chosen. “I was very honored,” she said.

She received the honor during a special ceremony last week at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis. The program recognized attorneys who excel in their field and have been practicing for 10 years or less.

Zekoff specializes in child protection, adult protection and child support issues. She volunteered to lead the child protection area in Steele County based on her personal background and professional experience in delinquency cases.

“I have always wanted to be a part of a process that advocates for children and that works towards finding permanency outcomes that are in a child’s best interests, whether that is with the child’s parents or another safe and stable home,” Zekoff said. “My hope is to help other children have amazing parents like I have and am lucky enough to have because of my adoption.

I had the best of the adoption world.”

She admits the legal system is often difficult to navigate through. “There are not always easy answers,” Zekoff said. “There is no formula to know if you are making the best decisions for parents and children,” she added.

Zekoff calls her area of expertise one of the most gratifying in the legal world. “It is the most rewarding area where I see parents struggling and get them back on track,” she said, noting she also enjoys seeing kids rebuilding trust with their parents. “The best outcome is when a bond is restored.”

Said Zekoff, “It is always the best outcome when children remain with their family and reunification is successful because that means children are with healthy parents who can look after their best interests.”

She said she is constantly working on improving her skills. “There is certainly room for growth for me,” Zekoff said, adding she is in the area she would like to stick with.

Within the past year, Zekoff worked with other professionals to launch the Steele County Truancy Court to address habitual truancy in students 12 and older. The court began as a pilot in the Owatonna Public Schools, and will expand throughout the rest of the county this year.

Daniel McIntosh, who is



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Steele County assistant attorney Sasha Zekoff has been named one of the up and coming attorneys in the state through Minnesota Lawyer. Zekoff has been with the county attorney’s office since 2012 and specializes in child protection, adult protection and child support issues. The honor recognizes attorneys who excel in their fields and have been in practice for 10 years or less.

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Sasha Zekoff
Steele County Assistant Attorney

Zekoff’s boss, nominated her for this honor. “She has distinguished herself as a leader,” McIntosh said. “She has made a mark in her area,” he added.

This is not the first honor this year for McIntosh’s office. Earlier this year, assistant Christy Hormann and McIntosh were named Prosecutors of the Year by the Minnesota chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators for their tedious work on a complicated arson case involving

an Ellendale man.

“We think it’s pretty neat to have half of our attorney staff receive awards in the same year,” McIntosh said. There are six attorneys in the office

Zekoff came to Steele County in March 2012 after working in juvenile delinquency for the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office from 2008 to 2012. She earned her law degree at William Mitchell College of Law in 2011.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Sept. 5
Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the city at 8:05 a.m.

Sept. 7
DWI. At 7:33 a.m., police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the city.

Sept. 8
Vandalism. Officer took a property damage report at 1:07 p.m.

Owatonna Police
Sept. 2
Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 9:32 a.m.

Death. Police began a death investigation in the 2300 block of 43rd St. NW at 12:20 p.m.

Weapons. At 1:13 p.m., shots were heard fired in the 100 block of Allan Ave. SW.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of School St. W. at 2:17 p.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 200 block of 16th St. SW at 3:56 p.m.

Sept. 3
Arrest. Officers arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Cedar Ave. S. and McKinley St. E. at 2:37 a.m.

Animal. At 11:29 a.m., police responded to an animal call in the 200 block of Woodland Dr. SE.

Burglary. Police responded to a burglary in the 200 block of Northview St. SW at 11:01 a.m.

They made an arrest at the scene.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported on Knollwood Place NE at 2:13 p.m.

Sept. 4
Crash. A motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 400 block of Vine St. E. at 1:15 a.m.

Sept. 5
Drunken Driving. Officer made a DWI arrest at Bridge St. W. and Riverside Ave. NW at 1:46 a.m.

Check Welfare. Officers completed four welfare checks throughout the day.

Sept. 6
Death. Police began a death investigation in the 100 block of Park St. SE at 11:15 a.m.

Trespassing. At 1:17 p.m., officers responded to a trespassing incident in the 300 block of Elm Ave. N.

Sept. 7
Search Warrant. Police executed a search warrant in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 9:25 a.m.

Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 5:44 p.m.

Sept. 8
Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a personal injury crash at Hoffman Dr. NW and Interstate 35 northbound at 12:19 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 200 block of 16th St. NE at 12 p.m.

Theft. Thefts occurred in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 2 p.m. and in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 9:25 p.m.

Assault. Officers responded to an assault in the 200 block of 21st

St. NW at 8:37 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 5:16 p.m., officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Steele County Sheriff
Sept. 2
Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 5:44 p.m.

Sept. 3
Crash. Deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at 76th St. NW and County Rd. 45 N. at 6:50 a.m.

Sept. 4
DWI. Deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 92nd Ave. SW and Hwy. 14 W. at 1:04 a.m.

Sept. 5
Suspicion. Deputies received information regarding suspicious activity in the 2100 block of 28th St. SW at 8:22 p.m.

Stolen Property. At 10:37 p.m., stolen property was recovered in the 5000 block of 128th St. SE.

Sept. 6
Crash. Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 4000 block of 76th St. NW at 8:28 a.m.

Sept. 7
Warrants. Deputies made warrant arrests at the detention center at 6:33 a.m. and at 7:55 a.m.

Medical. Paramedics and deputies responded to a medical emergency in the 7700 block of County Rd. 45 S. at 12:46 p.m.

Fraud. Fraud incidents occurred in the 600 block of 36th St. NE at 12:16 p.m. and in the 400 block of

4th St. SE at 2:58 p.m.

Sept. 8
Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 500 block of Central Ave. W. at 12:13 a.m.

Crash. A motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred at 52nd Ave. NW and Crane Creek Rd. at 11 a.m.

Warrant. At 2:48 p.m., a subject came to the detention center to turn himself in for an outstanding warrant.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 29 with Judge Joseph A. Buellet presiding:

Willie C. Hampton, 35, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony attempted burglary. He was sentenced to \$381, 142 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, chemical dependency evaluation, maintain employment, obtain permission to leave the state, no contact with victim and 5 years of supervised probation.

Santino L. Watson, 28, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aid and abet theft. The defendant was sentenced to \$3,671.99, 181 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, cognitive skill training, obtain and

PUBLIC SAFETY
Continued on page 8A

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

- Abel Castellano – DWI - \$1,000 bail
 - Jose Castillo – DWI - \$1,000 bail
 - Mary Castleberry – DWI - \$750 bail
 - Coj Castral – domestic abuse - \$1,000 bail
 - Alan Castro – domestic assault – no bail
 - Ivan Castro – invalid license - \$500 bail
 - Noe Cavazos – DWI – no bail
 - La de Felipe Cerda – DWI - \$750 bail
 - Efrain Chavarria Jr. – assault - \$500 bail
 - Otis Chineth – cancelled license - \$1,500 bail
- Melvin Cisneros – DWI - \$700 bail
 - Luis Clara – DWI - \$1,000 bail
 - Scott Clark – no insurance - \$2,000 bail
 - Edward Climer – drugs - \$10,000 bail
 - Joaquin Colin – disorderly conduct - \$500 bail
 - Calvin Collier – assault - \$1,000 bail
 - James Collingwood – worthless check - \$2,000 bail
 - Stephen Collingwood – worthless check - \$2,000 bail
 - Robert Connell – theft, shoplifting - \$1,000 bail
 - Abel Cordova – DUI – no bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Health Tips and Advice for Senior Travelers

Dear Savvy Senior,
My husband and I are recently retired and would like to do some traveling both in the United States and abroad, but worry about health issues, such as insurance, finding a good hospital if we get sick, etc. What tips can you offer health conscious seniors who want to travel?
Older Travelers

Dear Travelers,
A dream vacation can turn into a real nightmare if you get sick or injured while you're away and aren't prepared. Before setting out, here are some simple steps to help ensure a safe and healthy trip.
Talk to your doctor: If you have a medical condition or health concerns, a good first step is to talk with your doctor now about what precautions you need to take before traveling. You should also have your doctor's contact

information with you when you travel, as well as a list of your medical conditions and the medications you're taking in case you need emergency medical care while you're away.
If you're traveling outside the U.S., you need to find out the health conditions of the country you're visiting and what, if any, vaccinations and/or preventative medications are recommended. See CDC.gov/travel or call 800-232-4632 to get this information.
Check your insurance: If you have health insurance or a Medicare Advantage plan through an HMO or PPO that covers in-network doctors only, check your plan to find out what's covered if you need medical care when traveling outside your geographic area.
Beneficiaries that have original Medicare are covered everywhere in the U.S. But if you're traveling abroad, you

need to know that original Medicare does not cover medical expenses beyond the border except in rare circumstances, although some Medicare Advantage plans and some Medigap supplemental policies do. And, many private health plans don't pay health care costs outside the U.S. either. Be sure to check.
If you need coverage when traveling abroad, get a comprehensive travel medical insurance policy that covers medical care, medical evacuation and trip cancellation coverage. See InsureMyTrip.com and SquareMouth.com to shop and compare policies.
Locate health care: Before your trip, find out what health and urgent care facilities are near the areas you're visiting. Your hotel can help you with this, or see UrgentCareLocations.com or USHospitalFinder.com for

U.S. facilities.
If you're traveling abroad, the U.S. consulate or embassy in the countries you're visiting (go to step.state.gov to enroll your trip) is a good place to get a referral. Or join the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers (IAMAT.org), which provides its members access to a worldwide network of physicians who speak English and have agreed to affordable prearranged fees. Membership is free.
Pack your meds: Make sure you have a sufficient supply of medications to last the entire trip.
If traveling by air, you need to pack your medicine in your carry-on bag, so if your checked luggage gets lost or misdirected you won't be without. It's best to keep your medications in their original containers to get through airport security without delays.



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It's also a good idea to bring along a note from your doctor that explains why you take these medications, especially if syringes or other medical supplies are involved.
For airport security requirements visit TSA.gov – click on “Disabilities and Medical Conditions.” You can also call TSA Cares at 855-787-2227 prior to traveling with questions about screening policies, procedures and what to expect at the security checkpoint.
Seek mobility aids: If mobility is an issue and you're flying to your destination, call your airline before you leave and ask them to supply you a wheelchair to use while you're in the airport. And when booking hotel reservations, ask for an accessible room that accommodates wheelchairs and walkers.

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

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher
A new activity will make its debut during Harvest Fest at the Village of Yesteryear. A Pet Parade will be held at 1:30 at the Village. The parade is open to all children and their pets, real or not. The parade will start at the north Village entrance where registration will take place. Participants will ‘parade’ around the Village as judging takes place. Each participant will receive a treat for participating, and a prize will be award to different categories, such as: Girl with Pet or Boy with No Pet (stuffed animal).
“Guys and Dolls”, considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, will be cavorting across the Blooming Prairie High School stage in the annual all-school musical.
20 Years Ago
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor
It has been brought to the administration's attention that

a few people are concerned about a change made in the Blooming Prairie High School's Homecoming activities. All activities will be the same as the past five years, except for the bonfire. With the development of the new infield practice field at Victory Field, the area used for a great number of years has been eliminated. In place of the large trash fire, there will still be a fire which will invoke the spirit like some of the bonfires of the past. The Blooming Prairie High School Student Council has worked hard to find a suitable alternative for the tradition, and have succeeded.
50 Years Ago
Thursday, Sept. 15, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
Mr. and Mrs. John Martigacco, who were injured in an automobile accident just south of Blooming Prairie on Aug.21, were transferred from St. Olaf Hospital in Austin to St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul on Sunday, September 4. Mr.

Martigacco was expected to be released from the hospital in the near future. However, Mrs. Martigacco will be hospitalized for some time. They are both making satisfactory recovery from injuries.
A number of new stop signs have been installed on Blooming Prairie streets, Police Officer Glenn Dennis reported this week. They were authorized by the town council at its last meeting and have now been placed. Four stop signs have been replaced on West Main and Memorial Drive. Officer Dennis stated that the stop signs on West Main and Memorial Drive will be policed during football and basketball games. Blooming Prairie Police Department asks motorists to familiarize themselves with these newly placed traffic regulations.
75 Years Ago
Thursday, Sept. 18, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher
The arrest of Lloyd Hofius, Ellendale farm hand, Saturday night by Sheriff Ted Helgeson,

brought the law down upon the first of numerous chicken thieves operating in the area. Hofius was caught Saturday stealing three sacks of chickens from his employer, T.J. Nelson. Hofius has been under federal probation from a five-year sentence for stealing and forging a cream check here some time ago. The check was cashed in a local tavern.
What is going to be done with highway no. 30? That was the big question Commercial Club members brought to the club meeting here Tuesday night, when they heard Mr. E.B.H. Brown, district highway engineer of Rochester, discussing plans. Mr. Brown did not directly say that all the highway from Hayfield to Ellendale would be improved in the near future, but he did go so far as to state that a survey had been made for possible improvements between Blooming Prairie and Ellendale within the next year or two.



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Community

BP Lions Club sponsors essay contest

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Students in grades 9-12 at Blooming Prairie High School are invited to participate in an essay contest sponsored by the Blooming Prairie Lions Club.

School officials have already circulated information to students in grades 9-12. The essays must be approximately

500 words in length to be judged by a committee for awarding of cash prizes. Essays must be turned in with a resume form by the end of October.

John Fourage, president of the BP Lions, said this year’s topic is “Legacy of Service.” Students are asked to write on the following topic:

Webster’s Dictionary defines a legacy as “something

transmitted or received from an ancestor, or predecessor or from the past.”

For nearly 100 years, the Lions have reached out to local communities as well as communities around the world leaving their legacy “We Serve.” How do you want to be remembered? A legacy isn’t always about things. In this essay, students are asked to write about who

they are, how they touch other people’s lives, and the legacy they wish to leave behind.

Lions Clubs International will be celebrating its 100th birthday (Centennial) in 2017. Melvin Jones, an insurance man from Chicago, Illinois, started the Lions organization in 1917. It is the world’s largest service organization.

The BP Lions Club will choose a winner who will be awarded a prize and will be invited to attend a BP Lions Club meeting. The club’s winning essay will then be submitted to zone, region and district contests.

Zone winners will receive \$100 and the district winner will receive \$500 plus a plaque. Second place winner will receive \$300 and third place winner will get \$200. District finalists will be invited to read their essays to a large audience in Mankato in February.

Judging of the essays will be similar to methods used to judge essays in school.

The four areas recommended to the judges for selection of winning essays are:

- Originality (10 percent) - Original work and proper credit cited
- Content (30 percent) – Interesting; does it draws conclusions and offer recommendations?
- Organization (30 percent) - Normal essay structure and flows evenly
- Mechanics (30 percent) - Correct in normal mechanics and uses good sentence structure

Questions may be directed to the BPHS Principal’s Office, or to Lion John Fourage at 507-208-3759.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

September 14
Marilyn Severtson
Heidi Heimgartner
Alex Johnson
Jenna Krell
Parker Blome

September 15
Jennie Esplan
Jack Shaw
Carol Heimerman
Brandon Warnke

September 16
Heather Bass Schiller
Larry Knutson

September 17
Jill Haubenschild
Briella Musel
Vicki Wacek
Jeff Zwiener
Alec Wangen
Frank Williamson
Wendy Schewe
Emma Esplan

September 18
Cord Koenig
Raegan Nelson

September 19
Lee Morem
Karen Njos
Lachelle Wondra
Sarah Greer

September 20
Tyler Bass
Heather Pirk
Kristin Miller
Gary Lueth
Kristen Robbins

September 21
Dean Naatz
Payton Fristedt
Sam Brewington
Mark Larkoski
Jackie Smith
Cathy Shawback
Krista Young

ANNIVERSARIES

September 13
Patrick & Adrienne Zak
AJ & Leigh Nielson
Slowinsky
Janis & Gary Lueth
Brian & Carrie Farr
Tony & Collette Lea

September 14
Lianna & Travis Doocy
Justin & Kristen Krell
Rick & Rebekah DeYoung
Andrew & Lachelle Wondra
Burnell & Coleen Hansen

September 15
Bob & Deb Farr

September 16
James & Amber Konz

September 17
John & Elisa Wright

September 18
Mike & Sandy Jones
Mike & Andrea Farr
Steve & Pat Ingvalson
Cameron & Megan Rask
Nik & Andrea Miller
Lonnie & Mandy Lembke

September 19
Veronica & Muriel Thompson Jr.
Jon & Sarah Esplan
Mark Ditlevson & Renae Worke
Elaine & Ken Vermilyea

September 20
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SEMCAC senior menu

- September 13:**
Alpine Chicken Casserole, Pear with Cottage Cheese, Cranberry Muffin, Banana Pudding Dessert

September 14:
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Whole Kernel Corn, Dinner Roll, Yogurt Fruit Cup

September 15:
Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, ALT: Beef Patty, Asparagus, Dinner Roll, PB Brownie

September 16:
Meatloaf, Baked Potato with
- Sour Cream, Green Beans with Mushrooms, Ice Cream

September 19:
Goulash, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Pickle Spear, Blushing Pears

September 20:
Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Peas & Celery, Cinnamon Applesauce, Pudding

September 21:
Onion Smothered Steak, ALT: Liver & Onions, Boiled Potatoes, Broccoli, Fresh Oranges

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

BP Chamber promotes community always

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

There’s no other entity that promotes the Blooming Prairie area community and surrounding communities more than does the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce.

Take a moment and read the Chamber’s Mission Statement: “To provide a framework for community growth and development by encouraging financial investment, coordinating business activities, promoting commerce and fostering a sense of community pride.”

Current Chamber executive director Becky Noble recently observed her 15th anniversary as chamber director. “I outstayed my welcome,” she laughs, pointing out that she was only going to work at the chamber for a short time.

Noble blames former Frontier Communications general manager Darrell Hansen with pointing her to the job. She said she worked for Darrell and he encouraged her to inquire about the Chamber position. She applied and got the job.

It was also Darrell who recommended her for a daily radio show job with KRFO Radio. She says Hansen and current Blooming Prairie Mayor H. Peterson are two of the best ambassadors the city has.

Many will counter Becky, however, and say that she is the top ambassador for the city. “I was only part time and did not intend to stay this long but I loved the job too much,” she said.

Communication is a key element of having a successful chamber whether it be in Podunk Valley or Blooming Prairie. That communication is structured by Noble and her member leaders.

The Blooming Prairie Chamber was initially founded in the 1980s by local dentist Dr. John Flor. Karen Beede, currently an administrator with the Main Street Dental Clinic, helped Dr. Flor organize the chamber in the early days. Jean Peterson was the BP chamber’s first director serving from 1989 until the late 1990s.

Luke Swenson, a Minimizer employee, is soon to end his two-year term as chamber president. He will be succeeded by Greg Johnson of B to Z Hardware next year. Sarah Esplan is chamber secretary and Joanne Nahlovsky is chamber treasurer.

The BP Chamber is known for its many promotions it spearheads with the help of local businesses. It’s membership counts 128, Noble says, and they come from the Blooming Prairie and surrounding areas including Owatonna, Geneva and Ellendale.

Memberships include non-profits, associate memberships and businesses. Fees for the various categories come on different scales.

The BP Area Chamber is affiliated with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and with Grow Minnesota. These affiliations allow the chamber to “have more direct contact with what is affecting small and large businesses around the state,” Noble says.

The BP Chamber has been the leading link to organizing Blooming Prairie’s 4th of July celebration. Next year’s celebration will highlight the city’s Sesquicentennial or 150th birthday.

A meeting is planned for Thursday, Sept. 15 to discuss plans for the 4th of July celebration in the 150th year of Blooming Prairie. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the City Center. “Bring your ideas,” urges Noble and President Swenson.

Other upcoming activities include the Classics and Customs Car Show on Main Street Saturday, Sept. 15. The day will also be Crazy Days in Blooming Prairie.

The Chamber’s monthly meeting is scheduled for 12 noon on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at The Bakery. The October membership meeting is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Bunkies. Doug Loon, state Chamber president, will be a featured speaker.

Noble also reminds people of a wine tasting event Nov. 3 at the Servicemen’s Club. The Chamber’s annual meeting is set for Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pizza Cellar. The Chamber’s annual Holiday Dazzle promotion is set for Friday, Dec. 2 to kick off the Christmas shopping season. Santa Claus will be a special guest. The year ends with a holiday open house at Farmers & Merchants State Bank on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

The Chamber will salute its Citizen of the Year on Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Servicemen’s Club. Holli Naatz was given the honor last year.

Noble emphasizes involvement and is thankful for the active members. Members help with these committees: Beautification Visitors Committee; Government Relations Committee; Civic Ambassadors Promotions Committee; July 4th Committee; Junior Entrepreneur Committee and the Executive Committee.

The BP Chamber offices with Tom Monson, director of training for the Community and Economic Development Associates at the City Center. CEDA helps communities and businesses grow. Chamber office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. When not in the office, Noble is cleaning the City Center and audits the Steele County Trail Association.

“I don’t think people realize what a resource center we are,” Noble says. She urges people to become active in their communities and she also recommends that event organizers contact her about event dates in order to coordinate them with other events. Contact her at 583-4472



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Becky Noble recently observed her 15th anniversary. She said she had not planned to stay with the chamber that long but loved her job and the community and thus has stayed on the job. The BP Chamber has 128 members.

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Correction:

Last week’s edition of The Steele County Times ran a story about The Bikers of Blooming Prairie that incorrectly stated that the B.O.B. ride rased almost \$1,000 for Toys for Tots on their annual ride. The ride actually raised nearly \$10,000 for the charity.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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Area Church Spotlight

Pastor's corner 'My sheep know my voice,'

One of my favorite pieces of art is a first century statue of a shepherd which can be found in the Vatican museums. It is a rather famous statue and I imagine you have seen a picture of it. It is not terribly large and shows a young shepherd standing with a sheep draped over his shoulders. Traditionally it has been identified as Jesus, the good shepherd. Indeed, I like it so much that when we were building the new reconciliation room at the Cathedral we purchased one to be placed there.

Granted, this is an idealized picture of a shepherd with his shaven face and curly hair. In actuality a shepherd's looks reflect the difficulties of their life and work. Real shepherds are often well tanned leathery-faced rugged individuals who constantly brave the elements and know sleepless nights and a lot of hard work as they protect their sheep from ravenous wolves and thieves, while constantly keeping them

watered and fed. In short, being a shepherd is most certainly not for the faith of heart.

If you have ever been out in an open field with several shepherds present, you will see hundreds and hundreds of sheep intermingled. Then an interesting thing happens. The individual shepherd calls out to all of his particular sheep and they come running, leaving the others still mingling and paying no attention. Jesus would have seen this many times in his youth and it becomes the analogy in today's Gospel. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

As we listen to those words of Jesus the question for us becomes: whose voice do you listen to? There are many voices that come to us from sources other than Jesus, the Good Shepherd. These voices are destructive voices from the evil one, either

directly from him or through the voices of this world. Some of the characteristics of these voices are arrogance, cruelty, mockery, envy, jealousy, bullying, and those that instill fear and confusion, shame and condemnation.

In contrast, when can you know that you are hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking? The loving voice of Jesus is pure beauty to the heart, mind, body and soul. The voice of Jesus speaks humility, mercy, patience, gentleness. It is life-giving, sometimes challenging but never condemning. The voice of Jesus builds us up and helps us be more compassionate, inspiring and faithful. In essence, the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd is pure unadulterated, perfect and eternal love. In the midst of the destructive and evil inspired voices that come at us daily, take some time for deep daily consistent prayer, take time to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Area Church Schedule

Lutheran

AURORA LUTHERAN
6329 SE 38th St., Owatonna
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
588 S.E. 118th St., Blooming Prairie
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696

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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
Charles Leonard, Senior Pastor
Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
(507) 583-6621

firstlutheranbp.com
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN—LCMS
2500 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
The Rev. Mark Rosenau,
the Rev. Gregory Schlicker
(507) 451-4125

www.goodshepherdowatonna.com
Services: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. &
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

9651 SW 75th Street Ellendale
(507) 465-8366

Family Choir 9:00-9:15 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Education
9:15 a.m. Sunday, Worship 10:15 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN—ELCA
30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Minister Dwight DoBell
(507) 567-2474

Service: 8:30 a.m. Sunday Sunday
School: 9:45 a.m.

RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN—ELCA
30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
Pastor Lindsay Stolen
(507) 583-2038 or (507) 437-3000
www.roglutheran.org

Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Kirk Griebel
(507) 451-2720

www.redeemerowatonna.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
4532 S.E. 84th Ave., Claremont
The Rev. Alan Broadwell
(507) 528-2404

sjlcoffice@frontiernet.net
Weekly Church Services:

Saturday Evening at 6 p.m. with Holy
Communion, Sunday Morning at
10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion
offered during the 2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month. Sunday School 9:00
a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (Sept. - June)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
28959 630th Ave., Sergeant
Pastor Collin Duling
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
104 First St. S.E., Hayfield
The Rev. Paul Hauschild
(507) 477-2248

www.trinityhayfield.org
Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN—LCMS
57403 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272

Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN—LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272

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

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
106 Third St. S.E., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
(507) 256-4288

Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale
Pastor Patti Meyer
(507) 451-2165

Worship 8:30 AM



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
108 Third Ave S.W., Medford
Pastor Mark Bieghauser
(507) 451-0447

Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Education hour: 10 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2781 S.W. 92nd Ave., Meriden
Pastor Patti Meyer
(507) 451-2165

Worship 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
609 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna
Todd Buegler, Senior Pastor
Dean Smith, Associate Pastor
(507) 451-4520

www.tlcowatonna.org

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC
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Pastor Richard Sliper
Saturday - 8 a.m. Men's
Bible Study Sunday - 9 a.m.

Worship: 10:10 Sunday School;
10:15 Coffee and Fellowship
Tuesday - 6 a.m. Call to Prayer, open
to all Churches; 7 p.m. Call to Prayer
Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study;
6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:15 Hands
of Praise; 6:30 Confirmation;
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MOLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
7618 NE 84 Ave, Kenyon
Pastor Nancy Edwardson
(507) 789-6666

(Sept. - May) 10:45 a.m. Worship
(June - Aug.) 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Catholic

ST. AIDAN CATHOLIC PARISH
Hwy 30 Ellendale
507-465-8217

The Rev. Raul Silva, Pastor
The Rev. Adam McMillan,
Parochial Vicar
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH
Rural Geneva

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The Rev. Adam McMillan,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 465-8217

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St. Hayfield
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 477-2256

Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Reconciliation: Before Mass
Adoration: Tuesdays 9 to noon

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC PARISH
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 583-2784

stcolumbanuschurch.com
Reconciliation: 4:30 p.m. Saturday
Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday
and 10 a.m. Sunday.

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

CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
307 First St. SW., New Richland
The Rev. Raul Silva, Pastor
The Rev. Adam McMillan,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 465-8217

Sunday Mass: 9:15 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LITOMYSL
9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer, Pastor
The Rev. Brian Sutton,
Parochial Vicar
(507) 451-1588

www.litomysl.webs.com

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
with Children's Church
Reconciliation: after Mass 1st Sunday
Family Faith Formation and Adult
Bible Study after Mass with noon
potluck: 2nd Sunday of month
Confirmation class: 2nd Sunday and
Wednesday evening

SACRED HEART PARISH
810 S. Cedar Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer
(507) 451-1588

www.sacredheartowatonna.org
Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday,
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass: 1 p.m. Sunday
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Adoration: Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH
512 S Elm, Owatonna
507-451-4845

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Deacon Patrick Fagan
Sunday Mass: Vigil Sat. 4 p.m.
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

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200 Sixth St. N.W., Ellendale
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Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
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Sunday of the month through Dec.
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Contemporary Worship: 10:45 a.m.
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Pastor Keith Haskell
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Hayfield

Pastor Aaron de Neui
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www.cedarcreekchurch.org

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

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2002 Austin Rd.
Pastor Doug Jones
(507) 363-3099

www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com

Sun 10 a.m. English Service

10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone

2 p.m. Spanish Service

Wed. 7:00 Bible Study

Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

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Pastor Scott Peterson
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

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404 31st St. N.W., Austin
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109 E. Main St., Hayfield

Pastor Steven Robertson
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

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2373 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna

Pastor Robert Brauer
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Service: 11 a.m. Saturday

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

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CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
211 Main St. S., Medford

Pastor Louise Bender
(507) 451-4596

Confirmation: 9 a.m. Sunday

Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday

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Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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Blooming Prairie

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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maintain employment and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 29 – Sept. 2:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Bailey J. Eaton, 20, Rochester, suspended license, \$281; Chanh D. Inboua, 39, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Marco A. Cardoso Nunez, 21, speeding, \$131; Golen E. Culpepper, 49, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Daniel L. Franken, 26, Clear Lake, IA, speeding, \$131; Son K. Hoang, 27, Apple Valley, speeding, \$141; Anthony W. Horvath, 53, Austin, speeding, \$141; Anthony M. Ingram, 28, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Ryan D. Lee, 45, Henrico, VA, speeding, \$131; Tina V. Lo, 21, Brooklyn Park, no license, \$181; Raul V. Martinez, 42, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131; Kimberly R. Mast, 42, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Andy P. Motl, 38, Blooming Prairie, over legal table weight, \$281; Ray E. Mudgett, 68, New Richland, speeding, \$121; Salax A. Omar, 40, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Don K. Perkins, 34, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Taylor K. Savoie, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Michael T. Schmidtke, 28, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Donald W. Simmons, 33, Mankato, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Nicholas R. Sultze, 26, Claremont, speeding, \$221; Sergio Tovar-Zuniga, 46, La Joya, TX, speeding, \$141; Macy E. Vonruden, 19, Claremont, seat belt, \$106; Daniel G. Willert, 49, Geneva, invalid license, \$181; William A. Zimmer, 20, Lees Summit, MO, speeding, \$141.

Owatonna Police Department
Cody J. Altepeter, 23, Owatonna, revoked license and seat belt, \$306; Dustin E. Ball, 26, Owatonna, neglect or endangerment of child, \$381, mental health evaluation, 30 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation; John E. Barnett, 47, Faribault, no insurance, \$281; Jason Bloomquist, Blooming Prairie, parking violation, \$244; Aaron K. Boss, 16, Owatonna, failure to yield right of way, \$131; Michael R. Brainer, 24, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181 and 1 day in county jail; Brandy J. Brink, 32, Mankato, receiving stolen property, \$181 and 69 days in county jail; Tina M. Cardenas, 33, Owatonna, theft, \$310.98; Carina R. Cuevas, 32, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Joshua R. Dausey, 26, Owatonna, invalid license, \$181; Erika D. Degollado, 22, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Rahmo B. Hassan, 38, Owatonna, permit violation and failure to yield, \$181; Thomas P. Kispert, 48, Owatonna, assault and domestic assault, \$381, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, no contact with victim and 2 years of supervised probation; David R. Kujac, 36,

Oklahoma City, OK, DWI, \$131 and 27 days in county jail; Tyjuan M. Lee, 20, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$131; Tyler L. Lockman, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Kimberly M. Matzke, 39, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Codie J. Moore, 23, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Justine K. Nelson, 23, Albert Lea, theft, \$181 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Adam J. Pena, 25, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Reynaldo Ramon, 35, Montgomery, theft, \$131; Sydney G. Root, 20, Waseca, seat belt, \$106; Rodney A. Ross, 48, Austin, theft, \$181 and 1 year of supervised probation; Brandon G. Schramm, 24, Burnsville, DWI, \$581, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, 216 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Russel C. Swain, 31, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181; William D. Swain, 30, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$391 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Ashley R. Thompson, 24, Albert Lea, theft, \$281 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Cyrus N. Trevino, 24, Owatonna, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; David F. Vaith, 77, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Ronald D. Volk, 37, North Mankato, possession of stolen property, \$131, 60 days in county jail; Kari M. Wright, 26, Ellendale, permit violation, \$131; Candy L. Wunderlich, 54, Owatonna, theft, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Aaon B. Zuckman, 22, revoked license, 90 days in county jail.

Steele County Sheriff’s Office

Gabriel E. Andrade, 22, Minneapolis, speeding, \$581; Abdul N. Aybakar, 48, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Ileana Babastro, 36, Austin, speeding, \$131; Adamjohn R. Babcock, 30, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Benjamin Banda, 57, Blooming Prairie, no license and no insurance, \$381; Carol G. Belmore, 57, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Steven A. Bennett-Lehner, 28, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; William J. Bono, 25, Pueblo West, CO, no license and speeding, \$241; Daryl J. Cardinal, 51, Monticello, speeding, \$121; Michelle E. Darrah, 49, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Darin F. Esplan, 49, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Layne K. Frank, 19, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Allan A. Garcia Miramontes, 22, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Teri L. Holicky, 30, Waterville, speeding, \$121; Miles B. Irwin, 71, Austin, speeding, \$141; Brandon J. Jen0, 26, Owatonna, revoked license and speeding, \$321; Derek M. Jensen, 34, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$381, domestic abuse evaluation, no possession of firearms and 1 year of supervised probation; Mitchell B. Jones, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Anthony J. Leitelt, 33, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Lennie A. Marshall, 39, St. Anthony Village, revoked license, \$281; Tad M. Merkley, 28, Waseca, unlawful possession of pharmacy drugs and no insurance, stay of adjudication, 3 days in county jail, 90 days of unsupervised monitoring without adjudication; Anika E. Nowlan, 18, Ellendale, speeding, \$141; Sergio Rosas, 42, Austin, speeding, \$141; Charles W. Sand-

ers, 19, Hampshire, IL, speeding, \$221; Lynda M. Segal, 51, Shakopee, speeding, \$121; George L. Southwick, 22, Plymouth, speeding, \$121; Hser E. Wah, 23, Austin, invalid license, \$181; Jerome A. Watkins, 25, Leroy, no license, \$181; Robert M. Williams III, 34, Medford, speeding and invalid license, \$221; Jody A. Younger, 43, Northfield, speeding, \$121, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, 216 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Russel C. Swain, 31, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181; William D. Swain, 30, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$391 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Ashley R. Thompson, 24, Albert Lea, theft, \$281 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Cyrus N. Trevino, 24, Owatonna, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; David F. Vaith, 77, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Ronald D. Volk, 37, North Mankato, possession of stolen property, \$131, 60 days in county jail; Kari M. Wright, 26, Ellendale, permit violation, \$131; Candy L. Wunderlich, 54, Owatonna, theft, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Aaon B. Zuckman, 22, revoked license, 90 days in county jail.

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POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office handled 181 complaints during the week of Aug. 31 and Sept. 6. They include:

Aug. 31
Larceny. Deputy took a report of a stolen bike in the 600 block of Main St. E. in Dodge Center at 8:26 a.m.
Animal. Deputies received an animal complaint from the 72400 block of 220th Ave. in Hayfield at 6:26 p.m.

Sept. 1
Assault. Deputies responded to a report of male subject punched in the face by another male on Main St. E. in Dodge Center at 5:33 p.m.

Sept. 2
Civil. At 7:35 a.m., deputies assisted with a civil matter in the 10800 block of 730th St. in Blooming Prairie.

Sept. 3
Disturbance. At 7:20 p.m., deputies responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Front St. E. in Claremont.
Suspicion. A suspicious activity report was made in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 8:09 p.m.

Sept. 4
Suspicious Activity. At 10:05 a.m., deputies received a report that a subject had been sleeping in the breakroom of a shop at Front St. W. and Main St. N. in Claremont all summer.

Sept. 5
Larceny. A citizen reported that a storage shed had been broken into in the 500 block of U.S. Hwy. 14 in Claremont at 12:15 p.m.
Disturbance. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 11100 block of 585th St. in Claremont at 6:45 p.m.
Terroristic Threats. Deputies received information regarding a disturbance with threats in the 200 block of 3rd Ave. NE in Dodge Center at 7:44 p.m.

Sept. 6
Disturbance. At 10:38 a.m., deputies responded to a dispute between neighbors regarding one’s dog defecating in the other’s yard in the 400 block of 2nd St. W. in Claremont.
Larceny. Deputy took a report of stolen fuel from tanks in the 500 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 11:33 a.m.
Disturbance. At 5:56 p.m., a male was threatening another male with a knife in the 10600 block of 640th St. in Claremont.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following cases were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Aug. 29 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Larry D. Haberman, 45,

Blooming Prairie, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of burglary or theft tools. He was sentenced to \$1,155, 36 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, cognitive skill training, maintain employment, no possession of firearms, no trespassing, no contact with victim, 100 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.
Jesse E. Larrison, 28, West Concord, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of Marijuana. Larison was sentenced to 52 days in county jail, \$1,155, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, maintain employment, 100 hours of community service and 10 years of supervised probation.
Drew N. Miller, 23, Steele County Jail, previously appeared and was convicted of felony receiving stolen property and felony failure to appear. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,155, 150 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, maintain employment, 100 hours of community service and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Aug. 29 – Sept. 5:

Dodge County Sheriff’s Office
Jose E. Arreguin Tapia, 19, Kasson, permit violation, \$130; Garth G. Garness, 52, Kasson, speeding, \$220; Megan Hagen, 21, Dodge Center, revoked license, \$280; Kenneth D. Heins, 24, Hayfield, speeding, \$220; Erin B. Hill, 27, Zumbro Falls, speeding, \$140; Destiny R. Reich, 26, Mankato, suspended license, \$280; Brett R. Schultze, 33, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Jordan A. Sullivan, 16, Hayfield, speeding, \$120; Michael D. Walker, 41, Austin, revoked license, \$280.

Kasson Police Department
Jasmine N. Calhoun, 30, Anoka, texting while driving, \$130; Doinga Fernandez, 60, Kasson, no insurance, \$280; Pedro A. Perez, 21, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, 3 days in county jail, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Brian N. Carstensen, 43, Mantorville, speeding, \$130; Chase P. Elias, 30, Kasson, stop sign, \$130; Daniel L. Hovel, 63, Byron, speeding, \$130; Donald P. Kimber, 37, Byron, speeding, \$220; Ricky D. Pettis, 60, Rochester, speeding, \$130; David M. Roos, 23, Lake Crystal, speeding, \$130; Krystal R. Tarabochia-Sanborn, 32, Owatonna, speeding, \$130.

West Concord Police Department
Justin B. Blank, 21, West

Concord, suspended license; Perla Cortes-Ruiz, 29, St. Paul, speeding, \$220; Cynthia R. Matson, 39, Cannon Falls, speeding, \$140; Jacob L. Sorensen, 25, Mantorville, speeding, \$130.

ARREST Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Tony Vela, 27, arrested at 8:08 a.m. Sept. 7, felony possession of meth, DWI and revoked license, held for court.

Owatonna Police
Justin Wayne Fischer, 34, arrested at 3:43 p.m. Sept. 1, probation violation, held for court.
Christopher Michael Winegar, 28, arrested at 2:08 p.m. Sept. 2, felony assault, held for court.
Robert Erwin Kewiki Clement, 31, arrested at 4:52 p.m. Sept. 2, felony failure to register, held for court.
Tahlon Reid Joslyn, 23, arrested at 11:41 a.m. Sept. 3, felony burglary, held for court.
Cassandra Lois Paulson, 28, arrested at 2:08 a.m. Sept. 5, DWI-test refusal, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff
Pedro Gonzales Dunagan, 34, arrested at 8:39 p.m. Sept. 3, warrant arrest, body only.
Drew Nathaniel Miller, 23, arrested at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 6, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.
James Alan Olson, 59, arrested at 6:11 p.m. Sept. 8, warrant arrest, \$20,000 bail.
Marcos Anthony Trevino, 24, arrested at 12:08 a.m. Sept. 9, warrant arrest, body only.

MN State Patrol
Diez Andre Moore, 32, arrested at 1:23 a.m. Sept. 3, extradition hearing arrest, held for court.
Tanner William Ware, 21, arrested at 2:21 a.m. Sept. 3, extradition hearing arrest, body only.
Julie Ann Holmes, 34, arrested at 2:57 p.m. Sept. 8, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.
Jason Lee Sitzman, 40, arrested at 2:57 p.m. Sept. 8, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

OWATONNA FIRE

Sept. 2
Crash. At 7:23 p.m., fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Hwy. 14 W.

Sept. 5
Fire. A building fire occurred in the 5900 block of 8th St. SW at 8:54 p.m.

Sept. 7
Police. Fire personnel assisted with a police matter in the 7700 block of 45th Rd. S. at 1:25 p.m.

Sept. 8
Crash. Fire fighters responded to a vehicle accident and helped with general cleanup on 52nd Ave. at 11:05 a.m.
Fire. At 2:55 p.m., fire fighters responded to a passenger vehicle fire on Interstate 35.

Blooming Prairy Cancer Group helps people with struggles BADGES: from page 1A

their badges turn pink.
The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness. Pink ribbons, and the color pink in general, identify the wearer or promoter with the breast cancer brand and express moral support for women with breast cancer.
Stephanie Miller, wife of police officer Matt Miller, has been battling cancer and underwent surgery and treatment for breast cancer early this past summer. Two successful benefits were staged for the Millers in April.
Blooming Prairie Police Corporal Jake Peterson said he saw custom badges available on the Internet. “We checked with the guys and all agreed to purchase pink badges to pay tribute to cancer victims,” Peterson said. All officers knew about the drive to buy pink badges, except officer Miller. “We all chipped in to buy his badge,” Peterson said.
All officers, pinned by Stephanie under the Big Tent Friday

night during the early part of the cancer auction, wore the pink badges during the cancer awareness weekend. Officer will also wear the pink badges during the entire months of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
“It’s something we wanted to do,” remarked Police Chief Greg Skillestad. “We’ve all been touched by cancer in one way or another,” said Peterson. He said his father is a cancer survivor and said two of his grandparents died of cancer.
Officer Miller was told by Chief Skillestad to report to the Big Tent near the Cue Company at 7 p.m. to perform a detail. He was accompanied by his wife Stephanie and by children, Claudia and Landon. “We came to support the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group and to give back a little,” Stephanie said.
The pink badge secret was kept close to the vest until Officer Miller saw all of his police colleagues show up at the Big Tent.

The auction which had already started was temporarily halted to allow the police officers to accept their badges. Officer Miller was first pinned by his wife Stephanie. She then also pinned Chief Skillestad, Corporal Peterson and officer Dan Peach, Rick Ellingson and Shane St. John. Sgt. Mark Lang was absent.
Stephanie said she is doing “extremely well” following her surgery and treatment. She is a social worker in the primary care unit of the Mayo health care center in Austin.
Officer Miller said cancer patients often may feel like they are alone but he said his family never got that feeling. “We were not alone and the BP Cancer Group came running with support,” Miller stated.
He said he vividly remembers being at Rochester for his wife’s treatment and seeing faces in the waiting room of people, many showing pity and horror. “We knew right then that we were not alone,” Miller

said.
The BP Cancer Group helped with the first benefit that was held in Blooming Prairie. “This support group makes it a lot easier and they lift up this city,” Miller said. “I cannot say enough for those who are fighting this disease,” he added.
Miller said the BP Cancer Group helps people with their financial and emotional struggles.
“We were completely humbled by what the BP Cancer Group does,” Miller said. “We have been so blessed and



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

All officer of the Blooming Prairie Police Department were pinned with pink badges by cancer survivor Stephanie Miller on Friday night during the auction. Shown with Stephanie and children Claudia and Landon are: Shane St. John, Rick Ellingson, Dan Peach, Stephanie, Matt Miller, Jake Peterson and Chief Greg Skillestad.

without the Cancer Group, we would have felt alone. We are especially proud of the city of Blooming Prairie. It’s great and we cannot believe the generosity of those who give to the

Cancer Group.”
Matt and Stephanie met when both were attending Winona State University 14 years ago. The Millers have been married nine years.

OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

A mix of events

The BP Blossom football team rebounded nicely from that first game loss at Rushford last week with a convincing victory over Bethlehem Academy at home last Friday night. The defense really dominated, and I thought the offense played quite effectively also. It felt good to get a measure of revenge over the Cardinals, after they defeated the blossoms twice last season, the last time in the section playoffs.

The Defensive line stopped B. A's running game throughout the game, and the defensive backfield allowed no long passes this week. On defense Mitchell Oswald, Wyatt Grundmeier, and Connor Getchell led the way with 12, 9, and 7 tackles respectively.

Both quarterback Seth Peterson and all-purpose back Max Romeo commented that the offensive line played much better this week, and they opened some good holes to run through. That made a big difference in the game. Overall, it was a satisfying victory

A report from the volleyball; tournament at Hayfield last Saturday remained unavailable at press time, but the Blossom team had a tough week of action. The loss to Austin found the girls playing one of their poorest matches of the young season. They followed that with a three-game loss at Medford, although coach Ranell Kittelson felt they played much netter against a team with several veterans.

The Tigers have been building their program for several years, and it looks as if the work is beginning to pay off. As far as the locals are c0ncerned, their system of play is still in preliminary action, but they continue to play hard and be aggressive while they refine their game. Fans have not given up on this team, and I think it will improve yet.

The cross country teams had a good week, with the boys taking third of 13 teams, and the girls finally fielding a complete team for the first time. Three of the Blossom boys finished in the top 35 runners, with Alec Ille completing the course in third place, again against some of the best runners in this part of the state. Both the boys and the girls will continue to improve and cut down on their time as the season moves along.

A PINK CELEBRATION

I believe if effort alone can aid in the fight against cancer, the local town and community surely did more than its part throughout the "Paint the town pink" campaign.

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Medford sweeps Blooming Prairie



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Starters for the Medford volleyball team huddle up prior to taking the court in a recent home match. The Tigers would beat the Blossoms in straight sets on Thursday.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

After an overtime first game, Medford completed a sweep over the Blossoms at Medford Thursday, Sept. 8. The Tigers won game one 26-24, and then shut down the Blossoms 25-16 and 25-21.

As Medford Tanya Powers commented, "It definitely was not pretty at times, but the girls managed to pull out the games.

The hitters all swung pretty good, and the blocking was quite effective".

On the other other side Coach Ranell Kittelson said, "This was a tough loss. We hung right in there for game one, and I was proud that the girls kept fighting. I thought we did some good things, but we need to continue to work on system passing and defense".

Emma Kniefel led Medford with seven kills. Sydney

Langeslag had 5 kills and three blocks, and Dani Morgan contributed 10 digs and 17 assists.

Marissa Larson and Sam Wurst had 7 and 6 kills for BP, Courtney Wodschall had 5 blocks, and Leah inwards managed 10 assists and 7 digs. Bria Baldwin added 9 digs.

Packers sweep BP girls

One can forgive Coach Ranell Kittelson for hoping that the volleyball match at Austin Tuesday, Sept. 6, is the only one of its kind this season. The Packers swept the Blossoms in three straight sets 25-9, 25-15, and 25-23, with the third game the only real competitive one of the three.

"Tonight was a match of way too many unforced errors", commented Coach Kittelson. "We really didn't do anything right. Our serve receiving was bad, fundamental passing missed the mark, and the defense also

looked bad much of the time. We needed to be much more aggressive, and that is something we will focus on going forward"

Larson had 9 kills and three blocks for BP, but the other front line players had a tough night. Courtney Wobschall had 5 blocks, Bria Baldwin scrambled for 15 digs, Kylie Fors-

VOLLEYBALL
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Owatonna Boys upset No. 5 Minnetonka

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

The Owatonna boys' soccer team was looking to rebound after failing to complete the comeback attempt on Thursday against Northfield. There was no better match-up to do so against than No. 5 Minnetonka.

On a cool Saturday evening at the Owatonna Soccer Complex, with a mix of great goaltending and smothering defense, the Huskies were able to pull off the upset with a 1-0 win over the Skippers. Head coach Bob Waypa said the message to his team prior to the contest was simple.

"Just go out and have fun... and I think that took some pressure off of us," he said.

The game was exactly what the score would tell it being, a tightly contested battle that had great defense and moments of excitement by both offenses. The Skippers would really dominate the time of possession and created a plethora of offensive chances. Minnetonka outshot the Huskies a combined 15-5.

However, the Huskies defense bowed its back and managed to surrender just 4 shots on goal in the first half.

The Huskies would strike first as Mitch Meyer would score on a strike with just over 13 minutes left in the first half. Owatonna would take the lead into halftime.

In the second half, there was a sense that Minnetonka was feeling the pressure of playing in a deficit.

The Skippers attack was both



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Juan Maya (left) and Nate Smith rush to guard Minnetonka's Hudson Meester as he pushes the ball into the Skippers offense zone. The Huskies would pull off the upset of No. 5 Minnetonka 1-0 Saturday at the Owatonna Soccer Complex.

rushed and relentless. Despite the immense amount of pressure by the Skippers' forwards, the No. 5 team in the state just couldn't finish their opportunities. A large part of that was because of the outstanding play in net by Huskies' keeper Aiden Buryska.

"Aiden did an outstanding job for us tonight-made some really big saves," Waypa said.

Waypa preaches purpose on

his team's possessions, stating that it doesn't matter how long we have the ball but what we do with it. On Saturday night, the Huskies were doing everything right.

Once the Skippers' would get the ball in zone, the Owatonna defense swarmed, attempting to create a counter opportunity. Late in the second half, the Huskies had two of those counter opportunities as Nate Smith

broke into the open field but couldn't finish.

Minnetonka would have plenty of chances of their own right.

On three separate occasions, the Skippers would blow a free kick attempt by either sailing it over the goal or because an Owatonna defender blocked and cleared the redirect.

On the Skippers' final free kick attempt of the evening, Buryska put the finishing touch-

es on the Huskies upset win.

The 'keeper would leap into the air to catch a top corner redirect from one of Minnetonka's forwards.

Afterward, Waypa said that he couldn't single out one player.

"It was a total team effort tonight. I'm hoping this is that springboard thing that gets the

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Legal Notices

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Bonnie L. Petersen, an unmarried person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$330,000.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 23, 2009

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$192,677.36

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North Range 20 West, Change North 1312.97 feet along the East line of Section 28 to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 205.75 feet; thence North 190.0 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1; thence South 190.0 feet to the point of beginning, And Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North, Range 20 West, thence North 1502.97 feet along the East line of Section 28, thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence continuing West 205.75 feet, thence North 214.35 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1, thence South 214.35 feet to the point of beginning.

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 12-028-1206 and 12-028-2105

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 27, 2016.

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

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

Dated: August 1, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By:/s/Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. "Curt N. Trisko, Esq."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Joel C. Menden, a single person and Bonita R. Menden, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$157,560.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 24, 2011

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 1, 2011 as Document Number A000376889 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: \$147,558.83

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Tract I: The South 83.39 feet of Lot One (1) in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Sixteen (16) Township One Hundred and Seven (107) North, of Range Twenty (20) West, Steele County, Minnesota AND Tract II: The South Half of Lot 2 in the Northeast Quarter of Section 16-107-20; Except the North Quarter of South Half of West Half of Lot 2, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 522 S CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-3202

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1104 and 17-016-1114

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: September 2, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

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By:/s/Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. "Curt N. Trisko, Esq."

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SC vs McRostie

COUNTY OF STEELE STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Steele, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, by its Board of Commissioners; Plaintiff,

vs.
George L. McRostie; unknown heirs of George L. Mcrostitie; Flavia McRostie; unknown heirs of Flavia McRostie; Ralph McRostie; unknown heirs of Ralph McRostie; Alice McRostie; unknown heirs of Alice McRostie; Morris McRostie; unknown heirs of Morris McRostie; Ruth McRostie; unknown heirs of Ruth McRostie; Alex Chambers; unknown heirs of Alex Chambers; Rose Chambers; unknown heirs of Rose Chambers; Alex Chambers, Jr.; unknown heirs of Alex Chambers, Jr.; Clark Chambers; unknown heirs of Clark Chambers; Owatonna Builders, Inc., a Minnesota corporation; Theofil J. Petranek; unknown heirs of Theofil J. Petranek; Anna Petranek and unknown heirs of Ann Petranek; Martin Gomboski aka Martin Golombowski; Kathrine Gomboski; unknown heirs of Kathrine Gomboski; and The Chicago, Rock Island, Pacific Railway Company, a corporation; State of Minnesota; John Doe and Mary Roe and all other persons known or unknown who claim and interest in the real property described herein.

Defendants.
DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Quiet Title
Court File No. 74-CV-16-1623
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
DEFENDANTS:

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: The above named Defendants and all other persons, known or unknown, claiming an interest in the property described herein.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file with the Court Administrator in and for Steele County, Minnesota.

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 at the address set forth below.

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. QUIET TITLE ACTION: This action involves, affects, or brings into question real property situated in the County of Steele, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

Outlot 4 of Crooker and Parker's Second Addition to the City of Owatonna, according to the plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County, Minnesota; which lies southwesterly of a line run parallel with and distant 100 feet northeasterly of the following described line:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 107 North, Range 20 West; thence run easterly along the north line 3

thereof for a distance of 622.7 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 01 degree 00 minute 00 second curve, (delta angle 04 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds) for a distance of 440.0 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance 1631.2 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 13 degree 00 minute 00 second curve (delta angle 87 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds) for a distance of 672.5 feet and there terminating.

And All of the following described tract:

That part of Lot 1 of the Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 107 North, Range 20 West, according to the plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County, Minnesota; lying easterly of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway right of way; except the south 150 feet thereof.

All that part of the following described tract:

That part of Sublot 1 of Lot 3 of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of section 9, township 107 north, range 20 west and Outlot 5 of Crocker and Parker's Second Addition to the City of Owatonna, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County, described as follows:

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the northerly right of way line of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company's right of way and the westerly right of way line of the Minnesota State Trunk Highway No. 1; thence in a northerly direction along the westerly right of way line of said Trunk Highway No. 1 for a distance of 384 feet; thence in a westerly direction with an interior angle of 88°12' parallel with the center line of North Street in the City of Owatonna, a distance of 274 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company's right of way; thence in a southeasterly direction along said easterly right of way line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company's right of way for a distance of 336.2 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company's right of way; thence in a southeasterly direction along said northerly right of way line of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company's right of way for a distance of 229 feet to the point of beginning;

which lies westerly of a line run parallel with and distant 50 feet westerly of the following described line:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter (NE¼ NW ¼) of said section 9; thence run easterly along the north line thereof for a distance of 622.7 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 1° 00' curve (delta angle 4° 24') for a distance of 440 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance of 1631.2 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 13° 00' curve for a distance 4

of 672.5 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance of 1139.3 feet and there terminating; containing 2.00 acres, more or less;

Subject to the following restriction: No access shall be permitted to Trunk Highway No. 1, numbered 65, from the above described real estate, except that access shall be permitted to said Trunk Highway No. 65 between points distant 380 feet and 440 feet between points distant 490 feet and 550 feet northerly of the point of termination of the above described line (all distances being measured along said line);

And That part of Outlot 5, Crooker and Parker's Second Addition to the Town of Owatonna, according to the recorded plat thereof, Steele County, Minnesota, and that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 107, Range 20, Steele County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West along the north line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 1695.96 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad; thence South 20 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East along said easterly right-of-way line a distance of 702.91 feet to the center line of West North Street and the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continue South 20 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East along said easterly right-of-way line a distance of 190.52 feet; thence southerly a distance of 346.06 feet along said easterly right-of-way line being a tangential curve, concave to the west, with a radius of 1960.08 feet and a central angle of 10 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds, to the north line of the land described in the Quit Claim Deed dated April 13, 1970 and recorded on July 30, 1970 as Document Number 145271 in the Steele County Recorder's Office; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 44 seconds East, along said north line, parallel with the center line of West North Street, a distance of 255.34 feet to the southerly prolongation of the westerly right-of-way line of Hoffman Drive as established by RIVERVIEW ADDITION, OWATONNA, MINNESOTA, according to the recorded plat thereof, Steele County, Minnesota; thence North 02 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds East along said southerly prolongation of the westerly right-of-way line a distance of 69.14 feet to the southeast corner of Block 1, said RIVERVIEW ADDITION; thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 48 seconds West along the south line of said Block 1 a distance of 211.19 feet to the southwest corner of said Block 1; thence northerly 297.70 feet along the westerly line of said Block 1 being a non-tangential curve concaved to the west, having a radius of 2020.08 feet, a central angle of 8 degrees 26 minutes 37 seconds, and a chord that bears North 16 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds West; thence North 20 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds West, tangent to said curve,

along said westerly line a distance of 131.51 feet to the northwest corner of said Block 1; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 44 seconds East along the north line of said Block 1 a distance of 12.49 feet to the east line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 10

5 seconds West along said east line a distance of 33.01 feet to the center line of West North Street; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 44 seconds West along said center line a distance of 89.21 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad and the point of beginning.

And All of the South 150 feet of the following described tract of land, to-wit:

That part of Lot 1 of the Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section 9, Township 107 North, Range 20 West, according to the plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County; described as follows: Beginning at a point 423 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, thence South 423 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, thence South to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway right of way; thence Northwesterly along the east line of said Railroad right-of-way to a point directly West of the place of beginning; thence East to the place of beginning, containing 0.31 acres, more or less.

and the object of this action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described above.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2016.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:

/s/ James Hurd Anderson

James Hurd Anderson (#0002033)

Attorney at Law

2900 Washington Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55411

Telephone: (612) 747-6662

Email: jha@skypoint.com

9/6, 9/13, 9/20

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$263,200.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 21, 2003

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 26, 2003 as Document Number A317433 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$226,938.07

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

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-339-0101

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

Dated: September 6, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Mortgagee

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Dismissal of Charges

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Plaintiff,
vs
Cory Neal Stucky,
Defendant.

STATE'S DISMISSAL OF CHARGES
PURSUANT TO RULE 30.01

District Court
File No. 74-CR-15-2591

The State of Minnesota hereby dismisses the charges in the above-named case for the following reasons: On August 29, 2016, the State learned that the victim's mother, Amy Solland, married the Defendant in July of 2016. Ms. Solland is the sole witness to the events leading up to the victim's death and the circumstances under which the victim was found deceased. The State believes that the marriage may be the product of manipulation by the Defendant. Ms. Solland also informed the State that she "exaggerated" the Defendant's conduct regarding his intoxication and the circumstances under which the Defendant took custody of the child prior to the child's death. The charges require proof of at least "reckless" or "culpably negligent" conduct. The victim's mother's current account most likely only amounts to negligence on both her and the Defendant's part. As a result, the State does not believe there is a reasonable likelihood of success at trial.

Dated: August 29, 2016

Daniel A. McIntosh, 0311881

Steele County Attorney

303 South Cedar

Owatonna, MN 55060

9/13,



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Steele County Water Plan Amendment

A public hearing will be held by the Steele County Board of Commissioners at 5:45 PM on October 11, 2016 at the County Administration Center Boardroom, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN. The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comment on the County's Draft Water Plan Amendment that has been prepared in accordance to MN Statute, Chapter 103B. The Water Plan Amendment is a five-year plan that identifies priority concerns and the actions that are planned to address them from 2017-2021.

Copies of the draft plan can be obtained by contacting the County Environmental Services Office, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, Phone: 507-444-7477, sgolberg@co.steele.mn.us. The draft water plan amendment can be found on the County's Web site: <http://www.co.steele.mn.us> (go to Environmental Services Department page, click on "Water" link).

Older adults have power to prevent falls



On Thursday, September 22, Healthy Seniors of Steele County and Owatonna SeniorPlace, along with the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and its Falls Free® Coalition, is celebrating Falls Prevention Awareness Day by helping support ready, steady, and balanced lifestyles.

"Older adults want to stay active, independent, and safe in their homes, but many worry about their risk of falling," said Edna Ringhofer, Healthy Seniors Executive Director. "In fact, one in three Americans over the age of 65 falls every year, potentially making it difficult for them to get around, do daily tasks, or even live on their own." Brad Dushaw, Owatonna SeniorPlace Director, added, "Falling does not have to be a normal part of aging. Every older adult has the power to prevent a fall."

That is why Healthy Seniors of Steele County and Owatonna SeniorPlace have teamed up to host the following free offerings to celebrate Falls Prevention Awareness Day:

•9 - 11:00 a.m. Free health offerings and screenings to reduce risk of falling. Area experts will be present from: Courage Kenney, McGregor Chiropractic, Owatonna Public Health, Reflexology by Claudia, Sunshine Massage, U of M Extension

•9 - 9:30 a.m. Educational Session: "See More, Fall Less" presented by Dr. Beth Gilthvedt of Horizon EyeCare Professionals

•9 - 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi for free – look to improve balance by building strength & flexibility

•9:30-10:30 a.m. Pilates for free – look to improve coordination and balance through a gentle total body workout

•9:45-10:15 a.m.

Educational Session: "Tips to Help Prevent Falls" by Physical Therapist Heather Lenz of Courage Kenney

•10:45-11:15 a.m. Educational Session: Sneak Peak of a new Healthy Seniors program called "Healthy Partners" – designed to keep you healthy and independent

•11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Have lunch at SeniorPlace. If you plan to eat call 455-3195 by 9 a.m. on Sept. 22. Cost is \$3.50.

•12 – 12:45 p.m.

Play Falls Prevention Jeopardy Take the first step in reducing the risk of falling by attending Falls Prevention Awareness Day on September 22 at Owatonna SeniorPlace – 500 Dunnel Drive. Seniors from the area are welcome to attend the event. Door prizes will be drawn. Contact 507-774-7648 with any questions.

Blooming Prairie MN
2017 Street Rehabilitation Improvements
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, in the City Hall at 138 Highway Avenue South, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 until 10 A.M., CDT, Thursday, October 6, 2016, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and all else necessary for the following:

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In general, Work consists of the reclamation and resurfacing of bituminous roadways, along with concrete curb and gutter spot replacement and structure rehabilitation and adjustments. The Project consists of the following approximate quantities:

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- 28 EACH Adjust Misc. Structure

Along with miscellaneous roadway items.

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com for \$20 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc #4652799 on the website's Project Search page. Paper Bidding Documents may also be viewed at the City of Blooming Prairie and at Stantec, 6188 Rome Circle NW, Rochester, MN 55901, (507) 282-2100.

Direct inquiries to Engineer's Project Manager, Brett Grabau, at (507) 529-6030.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the amount of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to retain the deposits of the 3 lowest Bidders for a period not to exceed 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids. No Bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the Contract to the best interests of the Owner.

Mike Jones, City Administrator
City of Blooming Prairie, MN

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Gearing up for 150th celebration

Historian sheds light on prohibition past in BP

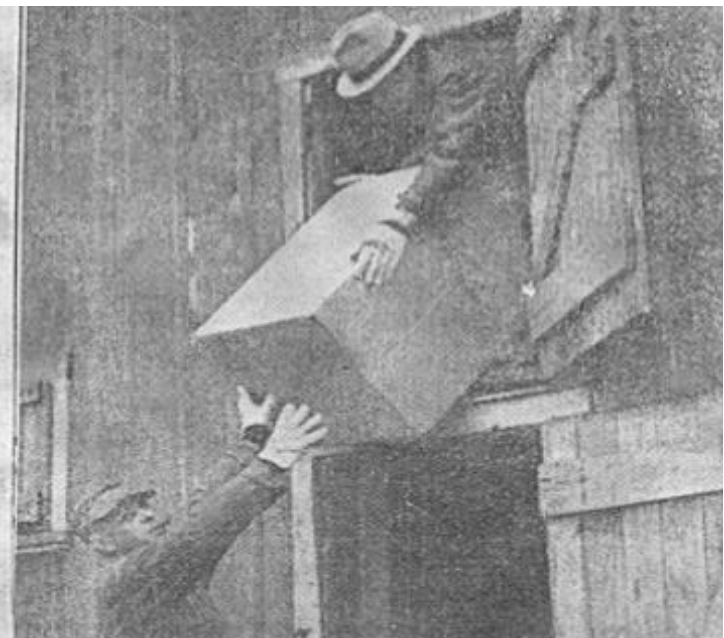
By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

A local historian is shedding light on what was perhaps the darkest secret in Blooming Prairie’s history as the community gears up for next year’s 150th celebration. Steve Wencil gave chamber members and others an overview of information available about the prohibition years in Blooming Prairie to put a more accurate light on what really took place and clear up any confusion. He spoke at the City Center on the county’s history with prohibition Thursday night. He detailed the beginning of prohibition in Steele County. The law went into effect in July 1919, but stores were allowed to sell alcohol until their current stock was depleted. Bottles flew off the shelves, and one man bought over \$5,000 in alcohol. It was legal to possess any alcohol that was in a bottle marked

sold before prohibition, and people would keep hoards of alcohol grandfathered in. The specially stamped pre-prohibition bottles would in turn become valuable once they were empty, because, while illegal, people would refill them and try to pass them off as legal originals. During prohibition, Steele County was a major source of moonshine, especially to neighboring Mower County. Raids in Blooming Prairie and Austin led to disruptions of the flow of alcohol to Mower. In January 1930, one judge declared they were bringing the heat to any bootleggers who tried to start up business in Blooming Prairie. He declared, “Blooming Prairie will be drier than the Sahara Desert.” For all the bluster, bootlegging continued to thrive in Blooming Prairie. One industrial still was even set up in a site that had been previously raided. The

business became the town’s best-kept “secret”. It wasn’t unusual for people to hitch rides on rum runs to get into town. The still workers were rough, but efficient men. Their manners were excused due to the large amount of money they brought into the town. For a few years, arrests disappeared from the books, as police and federal officers were on the take. People joked the feds in Steele County were the best that money could buy. Though the Owatonna sheriff was known to complain about having to let people in and out of jail at all times of night. He finally set a curfew telling his officers that if they were going to let people out, they had to have them all back behind bars by midnight. Wencil refers to the bootlegging business as “a community project” with kids making deliveries on their bikes and grandmothers cleaning the bottles to be used again.

In 1932, 45 men were indicted for bootlegging from five states including Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas. This did nothing to slow the amount of liquor being produced in Blooming Prairie. The town was part of an operation that stretched from Baraboo, Wisconsin to Rapid City, South Dakota. One federal agent, who was unhappy with his take, hospitalized a bootlegger who wouldn’t pay him a bribe. The agent was in turn tracked down and hospitalized. This led to a temporary increase in tensions between feds and bootleggers that were eventually calmed down. The end of operations came when federal agents decided to raid a still six miles west of Blooming Prairie. The locals knew of the raid in advance and warned the bootleggers. With the repeal of prohibition imminent, the still workers decided it was time to get out of the business. They packed up and left town in broad daylight.



Submitted photo Agents cleaning up after a blooming Prairie raid. The picture originally appeared in the Journal Chronicle newspaper in December 1932.

That night the agents showed up at the farm where the still was located, and they proceeded to “raid” the now abandoned farmhouse. The still was found to have a capacity for making over 1,800 gallons of moonshine daily.

Owatonna council votes for a good time

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Tuesday Sept. 6, the Owatonna City Council focused much of the meeting on liquor licenses and a party permit. The council opened by entertaining new business, and one gentleman from The Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities stepped forward to address what was or “rather what wasn’t” passed in this year’s legislative session. The failure to pass a tax bill means current city aid is frozen, so there will be no increase. If the current tax bill were passed, there would be an increase

of \$213,000 to Owatonna in city aid. The tax bill could be passed in a special session, but at present it looks like one will not be called. The council then reviewed recent expenditures, such as building projects with B&M construction, South East Service Cooperative Health premiums, Ford Metro’s art center improvement project, Hydro Clean’s sewer project, a water main replacement, and the lodging tax to the chamber of commerce. All expenditures were approved. The Eagle’s Club is requesting an exception to a town noise ordinance and

a temporary liquor license extension for a parking lot dance on Friday, Sept. 23. Kris M. Brusse, city administrator, said, “an agreement has been reached between the Eagles and our police department” in regards to sound complaints. Chief of police Keith Hiller asked the council to set stipulations for what an acceptable noise level was for a group with a permit. The council told the chief they had faith in the common sense of the police force, and a monitoring of the volume of complaints should be a sufficient metric. The representative of the Eagle’s Club at the council

meeting said the club was definitely willing to work with police force to maintain a reasonable noise level. The council approved both requests. There was a proposed amendment to alter city ordinance in regards to liquor licenses to allow for taprooms and microbreweries in Owatonna. The hours of sale for such establishments would be the same as other licenses currently issued. This would be in keeping with current state legislation passed in favor of microbreweries. Councilman Nathan Dotson was in ward one advocated for making the process as easy

and attractive as possible to businesses. The council voted unanimously to allow the alteration to move forward for a second reading. The council deliberated on the 2017 budget and levies. Dotson voted against measures to increase levies and said the council should be focused on keeping costs down, and a lower limit would serve as a motivator. All measures passed on a six-one vote. Representatives of the Trail User Group reported that their grant was approved. They had requested funding from DNR for help maintaining the mountain bike trails during the

winter months. The council approved the acceptance of the grant and thanked the group for its work. The group in turn thanked Kyle Skov, public work director, for his help in organizing the grant. The meeting closed with comments from council members, and Kevin P. Raney of ward 4 reminded people to watch out for children on the roads now that school has started. Les Abraham, council member at large, hoped everyone had a happy Labor Day weekend and called for an adjournment.

Hardships of prairie life but the miracle of Mayo

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

Usually each week I am blessed to be able to share another adventure or a tale or two from life on the prairie in southeastern Minnesota. It is a place where the immodest winds are hearty and are not afraid to bust in on your private parts, not intimidated by long woolen coats in the middle of winter, sealed at the seams with duct tape. What? You know you’ve done that.

This week it wasn’t the might of the wind or the force of the rain or the paralyzing power of the snow that brought me to my knees. It was a stone. Now, you may not think that a stone could hurt you, but they say that people in glass houses should use extreme caution when throwing them and of course, Goliath laughed at one. Until impact. My adventure this week was not from the extremes of the external prairie conditions, but tells about how those external places had the power to embrace me when my internal extremes had reduced me to a gurgling mass of warm weakness. After spiking with a 105.6° temperature I came up close and personal with the term, “hot mess.” A stone. In the teapot of my abdomen that had gained so much weight that it indeed looked much like Winnie the Pooh stuck in Rabbit’s

hole. The doctors said that it made that little gall-bladder very “angry.” Evidently there was some kind of labor dispute and as one thing led to another, nothing was working, nothing was moving and infection set in quite quickly. After trying to seek comfort from the cool linoleum of a hot and humid Tuesday evening, the battle began and the pain shot to levels that had not imagined could exist within a human body. As the strong and dumb Midwestern man I am, I fully believed I was strong enough to get through it on my own and refused any real medical treatment. After all, I was still coherent, so, Dr. Dumb was on call. I fought back in fetal positions, unkind words, Tylenol with codeine, Tylenol, Extra-Strength Excedrin, Hydrocodone that had more Tylenol in it. I then washed things down with Pepto-Bismol, Alka-Seltzer,

apple-cider vinegar, and then just a few Prilosec for dessert. I considered rubbing dirt on it, but I wasn’t in the South. Ok. So, yeah. After the blindness began to set in, I decided that I had better find the number for poison control. Oh... What I forgot to tell you earlier was, I was using that drug recipe as I would, the instructions on the back of a shampoo bottle. Rinse and repeat. By Wednesday afternoon I could no longer fight off the advances of my wife to carry me to the car and take me to the emergency room. I believe her exact words were, “You can either let me get you to the car or you will go by ambulance, but you have worn-out your welcome on that bathroom floor.” Now I guess at this point I could center in on the funny little emoji’s you can actually see at 105.6° or perhaps the terror of going into an asthma attack, or even the look of

terror on the faces on the new people coming into the room who are meeting me for the first time, but I will put that on my back burner. From the meat-locker of an ambulance that may have actually saved my life, to the diagnosis that my kidneys were failing to the next 24 hours of needles, being tethered to an IV pole, CT scans, ultrasounds, bladder scans, X-rays, needles, no food or water, chills, fevers, gaseousness, nausea and lest I forget to mention, needles, it was a roller coaster of my life. From. A stone. Actually we found out after the emergency surgery that there were many stones. In the midst of what life threw at me, I found that my strength was in those around me. My power came in my ability to yield to those who offered to help. People like family and friends and prayer warriors and doctors and nurses and wheelchair drivers and technicians.

If I had to go through this here in the heart of what can be sometimes a harsh prairie, of course it makes sense that it takes a strong health system to get you through the internals. I was at Mayo. The best of the best. And not once did I feel overwhelmed in their care. And as a postscript, I wanted to tell our favorite nurse, Brittany, that the Oxy really did allow me to take cloud art to a whole new level on the drive home and I even think I heard a fanfare of bagpipes somewhere off in the distance. Sometimes when you face a stone, it’s not the worst thing in the world to call on an army. I experienced the agony of defeat as I missed that Pink 5K Saturday, but I found a whole new appreciation for the victory that comes when I realize that there are more with me than against me. On the mend. Be careful out there.

THE 2016 BLOOMING PRAIRIE

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Saturday, October 8th

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Julie Noble, or a BPEF board member.

OwatonnaLiving

Owatonna Foundation Announces June A Nelson Scholarship Recipient

The Owatonna Foundation is pleased to announce Amara Bouwman as a recipient of the June A Nelson Scholarship. This scholarship is relatively new to the Owatonna Foundation, having been funded by a gift from Melanie Nelson and her mother, June in 2015. A strong supporter of Owatonna and with a passion for women's education, Nelson stated, "My mother, June, and I were thrilled to be able to fund this scholarship. The

money will be used to fund two annual non-traditional \$1,500.00 scholarships for women in either a two or four year technical or college program. It is so important to be an advocate for women's education; supporting them in any way possible to ensure their future success, whether financially, by mentoring, or other support. We know that through the Foundation's well established scholarship program we will be able to

help empower women with a better education." Bouwman is enrolled at Riverland Community College majoring in accounting with the goal of becoming a CPA. The Owatonna Foundation, now in its 59th year of serving the Owatonna community, provides grants in Owatonna and its environs in four areas: Community, Arts, Recreation, and Education. The Foundation also provides both traditional and non-

traditional scholarships for 2 year colleges and technical schools. The Foundation was established in 1957 with the goal of improving the quality of life for present and future generations of Owatonna residents. Since then, the Owatonna Foundation has committed more than \$11.7 million dollars in grants and scholarships to local organizations and students.



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Tasting Steele for the seventh time

The Owatonna branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is sponsoring the seventh annual Taste of Steele County on Thursday, September 15, 2016, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Owatonna Eagles Club.

The following restaurants will be on hand to provide food

samples: Torey's Restaurant and Bar, Steve's Meat Market, The Bakery, Central Park Coffee, El Tequila, Hy-Vee Deli, Mizuki Fusion, Sparetime Entertainment, Costas, Fareway Foods, Owatonna Eagles Club, and Owatonna Elks Club. A variety of sweet and savory foods will be available for tasting.

There also will be a silent auction, featuring 30 gift baskets available for purchase. All proceeds from the event help fund AAUW educational scholarships for local girls and women. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Tickets are available from AAUW members, at Kottke Jewelers, and at the door for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children age 12 and under. Marla Holt and Barb Nowak, co-chairs, Taste of Steele County 2016
Marla: 507-676-2358
Barb: 507-475-1726

Minnesota artist comes to Owatonna

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

On Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. Minnesota-based painter Ann Riggott will give an artist talk at the Owatonna Arts Center. Riggott is known for painting scenes from everyday life with almost photographic accuracy. She often uses children as the subject of her work and conveys a real sense of innocence in her paintings. Landscapes have also made their way into her collection, and reflection is a popular theme. Faith is a major influence in Riggott's work. "I believe my ability to paint is a gift that God, the true creator of all things, has given me, and I feel both humbled and blessed that I have the opportunity to use that gift, hopefully, in a way that pleases Him," Riggott said. Community projects have played a role in her work. She has done projects for several

churches and designed a bench for the Mayo Clinic. While she no longer enters competitions, her work has been recognized in national and international juried contests. Her journey as an artist hasn't always been easy. While never formally diagnosed with high functioning autism, Riggott has struggled with many of the obstacles, such as difficulty communicating, that such people face. For her, her paintings are how she communicates with the world. In 2007, she was diagnosed Choroidal melanoma, eye cancer. Afraid it might affect her painting, Riggott painted intensively for a few months before undergoing treatment and taking a hiatus from her work. As of August 2008, she entered remission and returned to painting. At her talk, Riggott will discuss her journey as artist from rarely painting as a young

person to finding her passion later in life. The public is invited to attend the free event and meet

the woman who has overcome so much in her career as an artist.

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- Swiss river
- Fictional Middle-earth
- "The Real World" (abbr.)
- Replacement worker
- Form after cuts
- Frozen water
- Irritates
- Type of bread
- Female peace officers
- Where to put things
- Commercials
- Hard drinker
- Take in
- Copy
- Volume of published materials
- Used to be called "skim"
- Organizes
- Parts of worms
- Khan: hereditary title
- A cravat with wide square ends
- Central China mountain range
- Longing
- Elephant's name
- British children's author Blyton
- Something curved in shape
- Home to important events
- Nagorno Karabakh Republic (abbr.)
- A very large body of water
- Consists of two elements

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Blooming PrairieLiving

Foundation honors alumni legends

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

Blossoms Forever, a branch of the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation, is honoring two high school alums for distinguished service, as well as a former member of the faculty.

Linda Christianson from the 1966 graduating class is receiving the female distinguished service award

From a young age Linda was marked for a different life from most people. At only six months old, she was

diagnosed with polio and spent her life dealing with its effects. Through years of paralysis, surgeries, and leg braces, she never gave up hope of living a normal life.

As a teenager, she worked at Camp Courage as a counselor helping others cope with their own disabilities. In her adult life, she has volunteered with BP schools, the Boys and Girls Club, the Cancer Group, SEMAC Meals on Wheels, the library, VFW Quilts of Valor, and her church.

She is being honored for her work in the community

paired with her indomitable spirit.

Dr. Les Hansen of the 1969 graduating class is receiving the male distinguished service award. Since graduating, Les has become a professor of Animal Science at the University of Minnesota, where he has been awarded as a distinguished teacher.

In his 33 years of research, Les has gained international recognition for his work with dairy cattle and fertility genetics. In addition to his teaching, he’s also worked with his students as the coach

of the U of M dairy cattle team, and has served as the advisor to the Gopher Dairy Club since its inception 32 years ago.

His work won him The American Dairy Science Association’s J.L. Lush Research award in Animal Breeding.

This year’s honored staff member award goes to Charles “Charlie” Elinger. Charlie worked as the custodian in Blooming Prairie schools from 1932 to 1947. In his 15 years as janitor, he was beloved by students and

faculty alike and well known for his tireless work ethic.

He cleaned the building, rang the bell that started the school day, shoveled snow, and faithfully raised and lowered the flag every day.

His work took a toll on his health, and he was urged by his doctor to take it easy, but Charlie refused to do any less than what he thought he could. In December of 1947, he rose at 5 a.m. as he always did to do his morning chores. His wife, who made him breakfast afterwards, waited for him to come back in. When he did

not, she searched the house and found him lying lifeless, but peacefully on the couch. His days of work were done.

Last rites were held three days later, and a large number of teachers, students, and townspeople came to say goodbye to someone who had worked so tirelessly on their behalf.

The recipients will be honored at the foundation banquet on Oct. 8 along with the new members of Athletic Hall of Fame.

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BP students back in school



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

It was thumbs up for these students as they entered the hallways at BP High School on Tuesday morning, Sept. 6. Superintendent Barry Olson reported district enrollment at 737 students.

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Challenges seem to always exist for Minnesota schools

welcoming students and staff on the first day of school.

Most Minnesota schools including Blooming Prairie High School, Blooming

Prairie Junior High School and Blooming Prairie Elementary School were back in session for the 2016-17 year on Tuesday, Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day.

The challenges facing BP schools on the first day included communications, phone service down for awhile early Tuesday at the high school and junior high school and the public address system and Internet not working at the elementary school.

As the day progressed, these challenges were minimized and the wheels of education were turning smoothly once again.

Blooming Prairie school buses were prompt in delivering their precious cargo to the doors of the high school, junior high school and elementary school. Parents also delivered

many of their students to BP schools.

High school and junior high students gathered in the commons area before being released to navigate the halls. The bell rang at 8 a.m. and the new school year was under way.

John Dale Worke, high school principal, said accurate enrollment numbers for the high school and junior high school will not be available for a couple of weeks. An early estimate by Worke counts 330 students.

Superintendent Barry Olson reported 737 students enrolled in the district. Elementary school officials reported enrollment at 407 in the first day of school.

Blooming Prairie 2016 - 2017 School Calendar

September	First Day of School
Tuesday, Sept. 6 th	
October	
Monday, Oct. 17 th	Parent / Teacher Conferences Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. High School Conferences from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. High School Teacher In-Service
Tuesday, Oct. 19 th	Teacher In-Service. No School for Students
Thursday, Oct. 20 th & Friday, Oct. 21 st	Education Minnesota - No School
November	Blooming Prairie Public School offices are closed
Friday, Nov. 4 th	End of 1 st Quarter Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. - Teacher In-Service
Monday, Nov. 7 th	Start of 2 nd Quarter
Wednesday, Nov. 23 rd	Teacher In-Service. No School for Students
Thursday, Nov. 24 th & Friday, Nov. 25 th	Thanksgiving Vacation
December	
Thursday, Dec. 22 nd	Students Dismissed at 12:45 p.m. - Teacher In-Service
Friday, Dec. 23 rd through Monday, Jan. 2 nd	Christmas Holiday Break
January	
Tuesday, Jan. 3 rd	Classes Resume
Monday, Jan. 16 th	Teacher In-Service. No School for Students.
Friday, Jan. 20 th	End of the 2 nd Quarter
Monday, Jan. 23 rd	Teacher In-Service. Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. Start of 3 rd Quarter
February	
Friday, Feb. 17 th	Teacher In-Service. No School for Students.
Monday, Feb. 20 th	Presidents' Day - No School
March	
Monday, Mar. 6 th	High School and Elementary Parent / Teacher Conferences Conferences from 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 24 th	End of 3 rd Quarter
Monday, Mar. 27 th	Start of 4 th Quarter
April	
Friday, April 14 th	Easter / Spring Break. No School
Monday, April 17 th	Easter / Spring Break. No School
Tuesday, April 18 th	Teacher In-Service. No School for Students
May	
Friday, May 26 th	Graduation Practice. Last Day for Seniors
Monday, May 29 th	Memorial Day. No School
June	
Thursday, June 1 st	Last Day of School for Students. End of 4 th Quarter
Friday, June 2 nd	Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. - Teacher In-Service
Sunday, June 4 th	Graduation

Actors head *Into the Woods*

By EMILY SCHOENBECK County Staff Writer	
This fall Blooming Prairie High School will be performing the Sondheim musical “Into the Woods” under the direction of Tammy Johnson.	when a witch’s curse needs breaking. Chaos and a lot of singing ensue. The musical, occasionally run as an abridged child-friendly show, will be performed in full.
Into the Woods is a fractured fairytale where famous characters like Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood run into each other in the woods	Auditions for the show were held on August 28 and 19 to cast the 26 roles required to pull off the show. The actors will be accompanied by a volunteer orchestra. Conductor Amelia Harthan describes the music
CAST LIST:	
NARRATOR Gabe Hagen	BAKER’S WIFE Leah Inwards
CINDERELLA Linnea Byers-Sunde	CINDERELLA’S STEPMOTHER Courtney Wobschall
JACK Camden Heimerman	FLORINDA McKenna Hein
JACK’S MOTHER Lizzie Bordeaux	LUCINDA Kylie Forystek
BAKER Elijah Baker	CINDERELLA’S FATHER Max Romeo
	LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD Hazel Michaud

in the show as some of the most beautiful ever written for stage. The show will open Thursday, November 10 and run through Saturday.
If anyone in the community is looking to get involved, the orchestra still needs volunteer musicians for the show. They have a need for strings, brass, percussion, as well as a second pianist. Anyone interested should contact Harthan at 507-210-6384.
WITCH Rose Johnson
CINDERELLA’S MOTHER Elly Strunk
MYSTERIOUS MAN Jacob McHenry
WOLF Max Romeo
GRANNY MacKenna Matsen
RAPUNZEL Rachel Peterson
RAPUNZEL’S PRINCE Clint Peterson
CINDERELLA’S PRINCE Bryan Fristedt
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EllendaleLiving

Council talks budget increase

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

The Ellendale City Council convened on the evening of September 8 and opened the floor to new business. One local woman came forward to address a complaint that had been leveled against her dog. She explained that the dog was a therapy pet she acquired after a difficult

separation. Therapy pets hold a status similar to seeing-eye dogs. The council told the woman that she just needed to bring in a note from the doctor, and the council would consider the matter closed. Stephanie Kibler read Tammy Hallum’s report on the Municipal Bar. There are problems with the grill that they’re getting repaired. Hallum is looking to add specialty drinks to the menu

and overhaul happy hour, as according to Hallum, “Ours isn’t very happy.” For the fourth quarter, she hopes to host a wine tasting, a craft beer tasting, and hopefully some fundraisers. She’s also looking to start bingo night back up on Saturdays. Poker nights have also been tossed around, but due to state statues no prizes or ante money can be provided by city. Kibler and Hallum are also working

to rename the bar with one suggested name being The Beaver Lake Yacht Club. The council moved onto a discussion of the budget. Mayor Mark Skroch proposed raising the budget by six percent in light of litigation the city is undergoing. He also cited Blooming Prairie’s five percent increase and Owatonna’s six percent. The budget would go up roughly \$20,000. He cited dropping

the contract with the Steele County sheriff’s office as another way of saving money. The motion to increase by six percent passed. Kibler hoped for a greater amount of accountability for projects like park improvements. She said even if they weren’t specifically laid out in the budget, they should still be a part of the discussion. The council has now received the necessary

number to review and then set the 2017 budget. The city discussed hiring a company to come in and spray for mosquitoes. There was concern raised about whether or not it was effective enough to justify the cost. The council approved the spraying by a margin of one vote.

Watershed cleanup on the horizon

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

This Saturday September 17, The 7th Annual Watershed Wide Clean-Up will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Cannon River Watershed Partnership runs the annual event in Cannon Falls, Dundas, Faribault, Medford, Morristown, Northfield, Owatonna, Red Wing, Shields Lake, Waterville and Welch. Efforts in Steele County are largely focused on the Straight

River, the major tributary for the Cannon River. Straight River starts at Oak Glen Lake and flows north through Owatonna and Medford before flowing into Cannon River in Faribault. In Owatonna, City officials are coordinating with CRWP representatives to host another successful cleaning of the Straight River and Maple Creek. Interested volunteers can go to Morehouse Park at 8:30 am on Sept. 17 to help. Participants can form teams to work together, and

every volunteer will be given a specific job to maximize efficiency. They will also be asked to sign a liability waiver, and anyone under 18 will need a guardian present to find. Since the cleanups began in 2009, over 1,600 volunteers have removed more than 109,000 funds of trash from regional waterways. Coordinators are commuted to making this year just as successful.

Lane closures ahead in Owatonna area

Motorists on Interstate 35 and Highway 14 south of Owatonna will encounter lane closures beginning Sept. 19 as construction work begins to prepare for the replacement of 10 bridges in 2017 and 2018, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The lane closures are necessary to build crossover lanes on the highways that allow traffic to cross into the opposite lanes to detour around the bridges that are being replaced. The construction work this fall is expected to go until late October. Work will begin on I-35 on

Sept. 19 and start on Hwy 14 on Sept. 26, weather permitting. In 2017 and 2018, MnDOT has scheduled the replacement of six bridges on I-35 and four bridges on Highway 14, all south of Owatonna. On I-35, bridges over the Straight River, Turtle Creek and the Union Pacific Railroad are scheduled for replacement.

On Highway 14, bridges over the Straight River and the Union Pacific Railroad are scheduled for replacement. Bridges southbound on I-35 and eastbound on Highway 14 will be replaced in 2017. The northbound and westbound bridges will be replaced in 2018. Lunda Construction Company was the low bidder at \$29.6 million.

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Cancer Corner

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What is cancer?

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
County Staff Writer

It is very encouraging to see communities like Blooming Prairie going into battle against cancer and winning the battle by helping cancer victims and their families find a cure for this dreaded disease. Hope for the future is found in the many cancer survivors who live near us, some even next door. Last weekend, hundreds of concerned citizens came out to support the many events promoted by the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. Thousands of dollars were raised by the generous donations of items to the live cancer auctions and also supported by the many who dug into their wallets to buy items on the auctions. Since many of us have been touched by cancer, it is important to know more about cancer. What is cancer anyway? Go to the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org to learn more. Another good resource can be found with the Minnesota Department of Health where it is said that cancer is not a single disease. It is a group of diseases that share in common the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. From a document labeled Minnesota Cancer Facts and Figures, we learn that cancer cells can form a mass, referred to as a tumor, which may compress, invade, and destroy normal tissue. “If cells break away from the tumor, they can be carried by the lymph system or by way of the bloodstream to other areas of the body. This spreading, or traveling, of the original tumor is called metastasis. In this new location, the cancerous cells continue to grow. If the spread is not controlled, it can result in death. “Cancer is classified by the part of the body in which it originates, by its appearance under the microscope, and by the results of laboratory tests. Since cancer is not a single disease,

each type of cancer will vary in growth and pattern of spread, and will also respond differently to various types of treatment. This makes it very important to treat each cancer and each cancer patient individually. “What causes cancer? Although the cause of a cancer in an individual can only rarely be determined, scientists believe that the first step in developing cancer is damage to a cell. “This damage can either directly lead to uncontrolled growth, or more commonly, is part of sequence of events that ultimately prevents cell repair and growth from functioning normally. The cell can be damaged or inhibited from repairing damage by external or internal factors. Some examples of external factors are tobacco, chemicals, sunlight and other forms of radiation, and viruses and bacteria. “Internal factors include hormone levels, inherited conditions, immune function, and mutations that occur from metabolism. Causal factors may act together or in sequence to initiate or promote cancer. Ten or more years often pass between exposure or mutations and detectable cancer.” Now, that we know a little more about what cancer is and what causes it, we must focus our efforts on curing cancer. By its unified drives, the BP Cancer Group is not only helping cancer victims with their needs but also fighting for a cure for them. Cancer statistics for the U.S. indicate that 30 percent of cancer deaths are caused by tobacco use and 30 percent are caused by diet and obesity. Cancer can be cured depending on the type of cancer and whether or not the cancer is detected early, reports Minnesota Cancer Facts and Figures. Continue to learn about cancer by doing your own research online and share stories of the many survivors out there. Thanks Blooming Prairie Cancer Group for

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LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Aubrey Klocke of Blooming Prairie ties a pink scarf around the neck of Shelley Prihoda, Blooming Prairie, before the start of the BP Cancer Group's annual walk hand run last year.

AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit, Austin Public Library
70th Annual National Barrow Show
Lyle Volunteer Fire Department Meeting
9 a.m. Hormel Retirees Breakfast, Mower County Senior Center
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N
12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office
3:30 p.m. Mower County, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen Academy, Law Enforcement Center
6 p.m. Grand Meadow City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Author Visit – John Haymond, Austin Public Library

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit, Austin Public Library
70th Annual National Barrow Show
Lyle City Council Meeting
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
3 p.m. Cedars Market, The Cedars of Austin, east side parking lot
5:30 p.m. Writing Memoirs and Personal Stories #1 – Introduction to Memoir Writing, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N.
7 p.m. National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin

Thursday, Sept. 15

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit, Austin Public Library
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N
3:30 p.m. Mower County, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave East
4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers Market, Corner of Broadway and Main Street, Downtown LeRoy
5 p.m. Be Happy in the Garden Concert – Part 1, Hormel Historic Home
5:30 p.m. Uncork and Create: Minnesota, Austin ArtWorks Center
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (Subject to change)

Friday, Sept. 16

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit, Austin Public Library
9 a.m. Garden Spot Market, 106 W. Main St, Brownsdale
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
5 p.m. Be Happy in the Garden Concert – Part 2, Hormel Historic Home
5:15 p.m. Bingo, Autin VFW

Saturday, Sept. 17

Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit, Austin Public Library
VFW Trap Shoot, Cedar River Conservation Club
8 a.m. 3rd Annual Harvest 5k, Starts Downtown Austin
9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave. E
9 a.m. Downtown Harvest Fest, Downtown Austin
9 a.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N
Sunday, Sept. 18
Green Card Voices Traveling Exhibit, Austin Public Library
1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
Monday, Sept. 19
EDA Meeting
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave East
4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
5:15 p.m. Bingo – Austin VFW

Tuesday, Sept. 20

10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N
10 a.m. Fight the Flu Fundraiser, Mower County Senior Center
12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Corporate Office
3:30 p.m. Mower County, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Our Family Matters: Casket or Cremation – How Do I Decide?, Mower County Senior Center
6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen Academy, Law Enforcement Center
6:30 p.m. Author Visit – Sherry Hanson, Austin Public Library
7 p.m. Sparky Stensaas – What's So Great About the Great Horned Owl?, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Cancer Symposium, The Hormel Institute
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
3 p.m. Cedars Market, The Cedars of Austin, east side parking lot
5:30 p.m. Writing Memoirs and Personal Stories #2 – Writing About Real People, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N.

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Wednesday, Sept. 14

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Tuesday, Sept. 20

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4:45 p.m. BP Boys N Girls Club Board Meeting
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10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time

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Thursday, Sept. 15

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

Monday, Sept. 19

6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center, Ellendale

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Ave
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Hope Curbside Recycling N of 42nd Ave

MEDFORD

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Medford EDA (2nd Wed, Odd Months)

4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 15

2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

Monday, Sept. 19

2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

7 p.m. Medford Planning & Zoning Board Meeting, City Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 20

6:30 p.m. Court St. Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting, Medford

Wednesday, Sept. 21

7 p.m. Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford

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Tuesday, Sept. 13

Steele County Commission
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
7 p.m. Steele County Board Meeting, Admin Center, BR

7 p.m. Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Owatonna

Thursday, Sept. 15

6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time

Tuesday, Sept. 20

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

4:30 p.m. OPL Board Meeting, Gainey Room
7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 21

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

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Tuesday, Sept. 13

8:30 a.m. Shell Rock Watershed Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
3:30 p.m. Staff Mentee Meeting (Secondary) High School Room E113
5 p.m. Hawthorne School Picnic
6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 West Richway Drive
7 p.m. Friends Annual Meeting – Guest Author Allen Eskens, ALPL

Wednesday, Sept. 14

2 p.m. Intro to the Internet, ALPL
4 p.m. Math Training, Sibley Elementary School Library

Thursday, Sept. 15

10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
10:30 a.m. Music & Movement, ALPL
4 p.m. Quarter 1 Conferences, ALHS Gym
5:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
6 p.m. Night Time Story Time, ALPL

Friday, Sept. 16

Hawthorne Walk-a-thon
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W. Richway Dr.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Library Closed
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W. Richway Dr.

Monday, Sept. 19

10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
7 p.m. AL City Council, Council Chambers

Tuesday, Sept. 20

10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
5:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
6 p.m. Nonfiction Book Club, ALPL
6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W. Richway Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

11 a.m. Hawthorne's 3rd Grade Farm Tours

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Ihlenfeld, Eustice named to Livestock Hall of Fame

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

Mark Ihlenfeld and Ron Eustice are the newest members of the Livestock Hall of Fame at the Steele County Free Fair. The two were inducted at a program last Tuesday. Ihlenfeld was inducted into the Hall of Fame while Eustice was the first inductee into a new category, the Hall of Fame Service Award.

Also recognized at the program were Ken Kern family as the Farm Family of the Year, Sylvan and Evelyn Jacobson as a Century Farm, Karen Kasper as the Midwest Farm Mom of the Year and several other awards from the local FFA and Soil and Water Conservation District.

Program emcee Brad Rugg of the University of Minnesota Extension Service began the

ty. Rugg said he was instrumental in the development of the University of Minnesota's "Pig Champ" record keeping system, pioneered and researched the concept of "All-in-All-Out rotation, an innovator of wider and natural ventilation in finishing barns and developed a new idea for stainless steel feeders.

His swine farm was used by the University of Minnesota Veterinary College as a research and teaching facility for 12 years.

He has hosted international visitors from Nepal and Japan and was a member of the original Steele County Feedlot Task Force in 1997 and also a task force that updated the rules in 2003.

He has been an active member of the Steele County Pork Producers since 1981, a member of the MN Swine Honor roll,

for 26 years in Medford and is still active with Medford Boy Scouts.

"I'm humbled to be inducted," Ihlenfeld said as he accepted the award.

While a person's impact, influence and leadership in the livestock industry with a priority being Steele County is a criteria for Hall of Fame membership, Rugg said, there are also those whose reach goes even farther to the national and international level.

To honor those individuals, he said, a Hall of Fame Service Award was established and presented for the first time to Steele County native Eustice.

Eustice grew up on a farm in Deerfield Township, was active in 4H and FFA before graduating from Owatonna High School in 1963 and attending the University of Minnesota where he majored in agricultural journalism and animal science.

He was an international 4-H Youth Exchange delegate to Uruguay in 1967-68.

In the years since, Rugg said, he has gained an international reputation, traveled to 80 countries and worked on long-term projects in Uruguay, Mexico and Indonesia.

Recognized internationally as an expert in food safety and irradiation, he has lectured at more than 150 workshops in 30 states and nine foreign countries.

From 1970 to 1982 he was international marketing director at Carnation and ABS. For 22 years he was executive director of the Minnesota Beef Council.

He was an early promoter of the Red & White Dairy Cattle breed and has authored books on the history of the breed.

In 2008 he was elected to the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame.

"What I learned in Steele County has served me well," he said. "I've had some great opportunities but never forgot where I come from, Steele County."

Ken and Lisa Kern and their family were also honored as the 2016 Steele County Farm Family of the Year.

The farm, Kerncrest LLC, began with Ken and Lisa's dream



INDEPENDENT |
KAREN JORGENSEN

Mark Ihlenfeld spoke to those attending the 2016 Livestock Hall of Fame program last week after he was inducted as the newest member. Ihlenfeld has been active in pork production in the county and his farm served as a research and teaching facility for the University of Minnesota Veterinary School.

to start their own registered Holstein dairy farm, which they did in 1995 when they rented a milking facility in the Faribault area.

In 2001 they bought their own farm in southern Steele County and with the help of family and friends remodeled an existing barn into a 50-cow tie stall facility.

In 2014, their son, Andrew, and his wife, Allana, became partners in the operation and the cows were moved to the current free stall facility with a milking parlor.

Today they milk 70 registered Holsteins with the intention of slowly growing the herd to their goal of 120 cows.

Also helping out on the farm are Matthew, Elizabeth and her husband, Shelton, and their one-and-a-half year-old daughter, Ceola.

In accepting the award, Ken Kern said that he is still surprised that the family could win an award for doing their job.

"Surprised and humbling," Lisa Kern said of the award.

The afternoon's program also recognized Karen Kasper, who was named Midwest Farm Mom of the Year in a program sponsored by Monsanto earlier this year, and Sylvan and Evelyn Jacobson who received the Century Farm designation from the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Minnesota State Fair.

Shawn Lewis of AgStar presented the Steele County Fair

Board with a check for \$3,000 that will be used to repair the floor in the Allan R. Radel Family Livestock Pavilion. The floor was damaged by the sprinkler system earlier this year.

Courtney Zimmerman was recognized as the recipient of the Robert Chladek Scholarship/761 School District Foundation.

Also receiving recognition were recipients of the American FFA Degree from Steele Coun-

ty. They included Greg Selk, Tim Kock and Tanner Nelson of the Owatonna FFA Chapter and Steph Choudek and Mariah Larson from Medford.

Steele County Soil and Water Conservation Awards went to Robert Heers, Outstanding Conservation Farmer; Dennis Ringhofer and Bec Sletten and Dan and Dean Ringhofer, Outstanding Windbreak and Tim Sorenson, Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist.



INDEPENDENT | KAREN JORGENSEN

Ron Eustice left Steele County after graduating from high school in 1963 but his influence has extended nationally and regionally in the years since. That influence led the board of the Livestock Hall of Fame to offer a new recognition and Eustice was inducted as the first recipient of the Hall of Fame Service Award. Eustice pointed out that throughout his career he never forgot where he came from, Steele County.

afternoon by saying that while he generally looks forward to the Livestock Hall of Fame as the kickoff event of the Steele County Fair he was a little nervous this year as his boss's boss, University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler, was in the audience.

Ihlenfeld has been active in pork production in Steele Coun-

ty. He also served as scoutmaster

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Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus.

Thirty-one percent of the corn acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 4 days ahead of the five year average. Corn condition rated 86 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from the previous week. Six percent of the soybean crop was turning color, 2 days behind last year. Soybean condition rated 80 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week. Seventy-seven percent of the spring wheat acreage had been harvested, 9 days ahead of average, but 6 days behind last year. Eighty-five percent of the oat crop was harvested for grain, 3 days ahead of average, but 3 days behind last year. Eighty-five percent of the barley acreage had been harvested, 10 days ahead of average. Sunflower condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. Sixteen percent of the potato acreage had been harvested, 5 days ahead of average. Potato condition rated 92 percent good to excellent. The second cutting of alfalfa hay was nearing completion. The third cutting of alfalfa hay was 70 percent complete, a week ahead of last year. Pasture condition rated 76 percent good to excellent.

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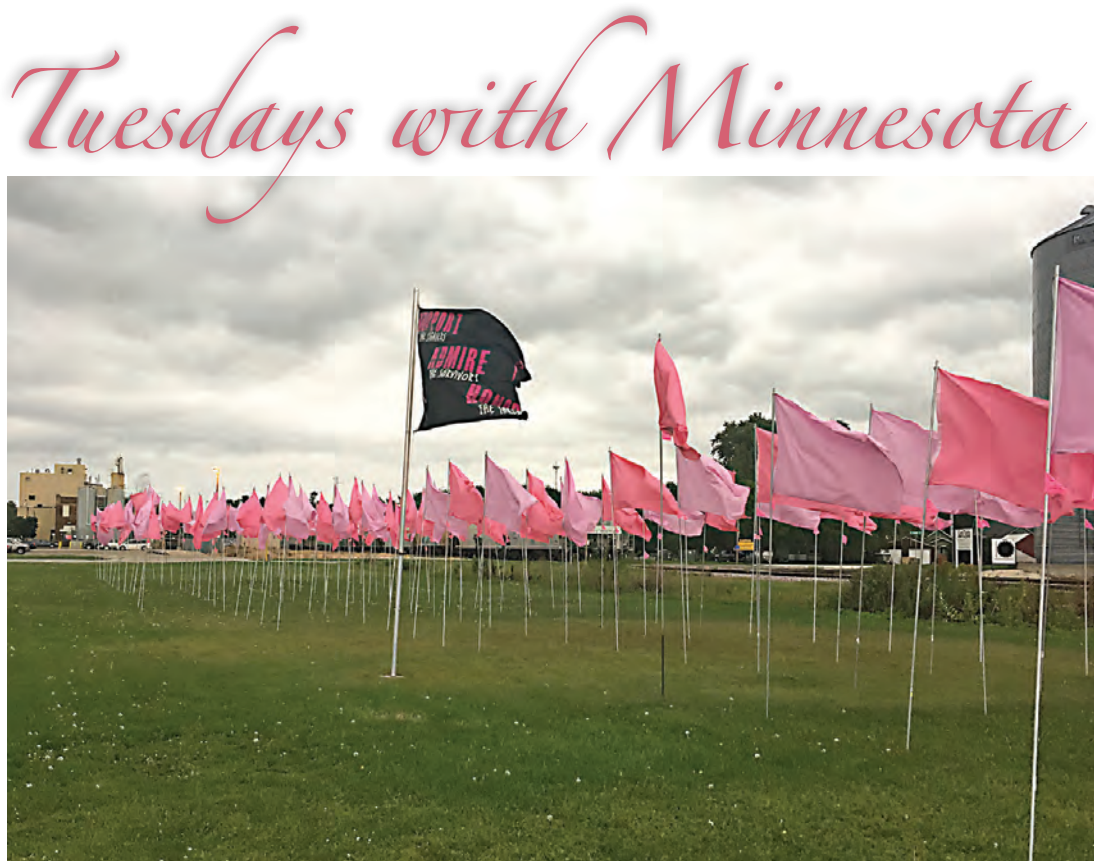
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JOSH
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Defense wins rings

Well, the Vikings notched their first win Sunday as they defeated the Tennessee Titans 25-16 in front of 68,000 fans. However, it wasn't the prettiest offensive showcase that secured the win but the outstanding second half adjustments by head coach Mike Zimmer that did.

First half struggles

All through the first half, former Oregon Duck and Heisman trophy winner Marcus Mariota was displaying all the traits that made him a first round pick last year. The cool, calm and collected signal caller- with the help of two talented running backs- managed to run the ball up and down the field. Thankfully for mine and Vikings fans' sanity, the Titans managed to score just ten points heading into the half. However, watching that first half of football, my heart started to sink a little bit. Remember, the Vikings were rated as a top five scoring defense last season and was one defense that many national media members pegged to be an overall top five. There should have been no reason why they were struggling to generate pressure on one of the NFL's weakest offensive lines. The Vikings allowed 11 first downs, and 194 totals yards during a Titans dominated first half.

New life

The second half always brings 30 minutes of new football... and while it was still a struggle offensively, defensively, the Vikings appeared to of awoken from the slumber. Second year linebacker Eric Kendricks started rejuvenated play. On a third and eight late in the third quarter, the Titans were operating out of the shotgun. With running back Derrick Henry holstered to Mariota's left side, the quarterback ran play action that made it appear like it was going to be another zone read. Kendricks, seeing that the receiver was peeling off of his chip on defensive end Everson Griffen, starts to work back to the receiver. With Mariota rolling to his left, Griffen immediately fires up field to stop any action. Mariota pulls up and quickly tries to fire to his seemingly open safety blanket. Kendricks jumps the route and would race his way to a 77-yard touchdown. After rewatching the game, that was the turning point in the game. The Titans defense forced a quick punt and were clicking offensively. Just shortly after the pick, the Titans were backed up in their own zone yet again. This time, second year player Danielle Hunter generates good pressure from his rush, causing Mariota to fumble. He would scoop and score, extending the Vikings lead to 22-10.

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Sophomore running back Jason Williamson sprints toward the endzone on his way to a 57-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of Owatonna s match up against No. 8 ranked Rochester John Marshall. Williamson rushed for 239 yards in the Huskies 26-7 win.



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

Blossoms running back Maxwell Romeo looks to cut up field again t the Cardinals on Friday. The junior's 100 yard performance helped BP rush for 239 yards for a 32-0 win against Bethlehem Academy.



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Running back Perry Peterson attempts to stiff-arm an oncoming ackler in NRHEG's game against Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity Friday. Peterson rushed for 146 yards and two scores. he also added four catches out of the backfield for 101 ya ds in the Panther's 39-31 win.

Williamson runs wild in Huskies win



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Huskies running back Jason Williamson patiently waits to take one of his 35 carries Friday night against the Rockets. The sophomore would rush for 239 yards and three touchdowns in Owatonna’s 26-7 win.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

The Owatonna Huskies needed to rebound after falling in their first home contest of the season. There was no better team to do that against than the No. 8 IA school in the state. By the legs of running back Jason Williamson, the Owatonna Huskies defeated the Rockets of Rochester John Marshall 26-7 in a Big Southeast Red Division showdown. The sophomore was the focal point of the offense-especially given the field conditions Friday. Rains swept the area for the majority of the week, creating havoc for keeping your footing-except for Owatonna’s star running back. Williamson had 35 rushes for a staggering 239 yards and three scores in the contest. Head coach Jeff Williams said that despite recycling guys throughout

the offensive line, he was impressed with the grit. Owatonna got the scoring started early, as Williamson would burst into the second level of the defense on his way to a 57-yard touchdown run to put the Huskies up 7-0 mid way through the first quarter. “He’s a natural,” Williams said. “We just let him run.” Owatonna was in prime position to add another score late in the second quarter until a 37-yard Williamson touchdown run was negated by a penalty and just couldn’t muster anything for the remainder of the drive. With the exception of a spectacular 91-yard catch-and-run by one of John Marshall’s impact running backs Shahan Ameen, Owatonna defense was lights out. In fact, the defense did not allow a second half trip to the red zone for the Rockets and gave up just six first downs

in the second half of play. The Rockets also attempted 17 passes while using three different quarterbacks and managed just two completions. “We shut the door. I thought we did a great job of running sideline to sideline,” Williams added. Coming out of the half with a 7-7 tie, The Huskies defense took their play to another level. The rushing duo of Ameen and Jordan Velez-who last week combined for nearly 330 yards rushing, were held in check. The dagger that put a huge dent into the two-headed attack was when Owatonna safety Ben Solie forced a fumble after ripping the ball from the bull dozing Velez late in the third quarter. Velez was held in check for the entire evening, gaining a lowly 63 yards on 14 carries. “What I really appreciated is that I thought we won the battle

up front,” Williams said. “That’s what we challenged our lineman to do at halftime, and I thought they did a great job of that in the second half.” Offensively, Owatonna continued to feed their stallion in the backfield. Williamson would add 86 yards to his total in the second half alone. After a Rockets drive stalled deep in their territory, John Marshall was forced to punt out of their own end zone. A poor punt that had a net of just 27 yards would place the Huskies on the cusp of being in the red zone. A three-play 24-yard drive, capped by a 15-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jacob Gauthier to receiver Alex Raichle. Gauthier would finish the evening with 134 yards on 13 completions. After having just one catch against Mankato West, junior wide receiver Nate Budach was Gauthier favorite

target on the night, catching a team seven receptions for 48 yards, Late in the fourth quarter, Williamson continued to chew up not only the wet grass of OHS Stadium but the clock as well. He would add touchdown runs of one and three yards to his total Friday night. Owatonna (1-1,1-0) travels to Faribault next week in hopes of stoking the flames for an early win streak. Kick off is at 7 p.m. To interact with Josh, follow him on Twitter: @JZimmer_Sports. Box score FIRST QUARTER O—Jason Williamson 57 run (Aidan Buryska kick), 4:25 SECOND QUARTER JM—Shahan Ameen 91 pass from Caleb Gronholz (kick

good), 9:45 FOURTH QUARTER O—Alex Raichle 15 pass from Jacob Gauthier (Buryska kick), 10:16 O—Williamson 1 run (kick blocked), 5:06 O—Williamson 3 (pass fail), 3:35 Team stats Passing- Owatonna 134, Rochester JM 85. Rushing- Owatonna 319, Rochester JM 73. Turnovers Owatonna 1, RJM 2 Stat leaders Passing- Gauthier 13-18, 134 yards, touchdown, interception Rushing- Williamson 35 carries, 239 yards, 3 touchdowns; Receiving Nate Budach 7 receptions, 48 yards.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Mitch Weise (#26) and Ben Solie (#11) tackle Rochester John Marshall running back Shahan Ameen (#6) for a short game in the match up between the two schools. The Rockets would rush for just 73 yards in the 26-7 loss.



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Quarterback Jacob Gauthier drops back to attempt a pass in the third quarter on Friday. Gauthier would throw for 134 yards and a touchdown in the 26-7 Huskies win.



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Blossoms pluck Cardinals



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Blossoms running back Maxwell Romeo looks to cut up field again t the Cardinals on Friday. The junior’s 100 yard performance helped BP rush for 239 yards for a 32-0 win against Bethlehem Academy. Middle: Connor Getchell tries to breaks the arm tackles of a B.A. defender Friday night.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes! The Awesome Blossom football team avenged one of their two losses to Bethlehem Academy last season with a stifling defense and an efficient offense for a 32-0 shutout victory over the Cardinals. The game, played on the home field Friday, Sept.9, ensured a winning home opener for the Blossoms.

The BP defense limited B.A. to just 106 total yards, while the locals were piling up 327 total yards. Two Blossom runners, Max Romeo and Connor Getchell, both gained 100 yards in the game, Connor with 105 and Romeo with an even 100 on 13

carries each.

Quarterback Seth Peterson added 88 yards through the air on 12 of 21 passing.

As quarterback Peterson commented, “The line did a great job blocking tonight, which made my job an easy one. It was a much different game than last week, for sure.

BP struck for two touchdowns in the first quarter. After an initial exchange of punts on first possessions, on their second possession the Blossoms began a drive from their own 45.

Eleven plays and five minutes later Peterson kept the ball for one yard and the score. The conversion kick try was blocked. The runs from Romeo, a timely pass to Timmy Wolf

and, and Peterson’s own running produced the touchdown

With just 1:09 left in the quarter, a four-play drive from the B.A. 37 earned the Blossoms their second touchdown. Romeo lugged the ball all four times into the end zone, and Brad Staska kicked the extra punt, and BP led 13-0 after one quarter.

Staska had a good night kicking the ball, too, as he had two kickoffs sail into the end zone for touchbacks, kicked two extra points, sent one extra point wide, and had two tries blocked,

In the second quarter BP took over on its first possession of the period on the Cardinal 43, and Getchell did the honors with the final 23 yards and the touch-

down, and a 19-0 edge. Staska’s kick sailed wide on the conversion try.

BP increased the lead to 26-0 on the first possession of the third quarter on a Peterson to Wolf pass for five yards. Getchell’s 20-yard gallop to the B.A. 20 proved the big play in the drive.

Staska’s kick was good this time. What turned out to be the last score of the game came on a pass from Peterson to Colin Lerrum, with 2:22 left in the period This drive began on the visitors’ 45 and featured two runs from Romeo and an 18-yard romp from Getchell.

The offensive line made great strides from the first week loss. As running back Romeo re-

marked, “The line did a good job tonight opening up holes for us to run through. We were able to find space many times in this game. This was a fun game to play in.”

The defense also stepped up in the game. Besides dominance at the line, the defensive backfield kept Cardinal pass successes to just 25 yards all game long. Mitchell Oswald finished with 12 tackles, and Wyatt Grundmeier and Getchell added 9 and 7 as well, That ensured the shutout performance.

The Blossoms, who evened their record at 1-1, will travel to St. Clair this Friday for a contest against the Cyclones. BP defeated St. Clair last year rather handily 24-3 with a dominating

defense.

Box score

BP	13	6	13	0= 32
B.A.	0	0	0	0= 0

Team Statistics

BP Rushing 239 yards, Passing 88 yards

B.A. Rushing 881 yards, passing 25 yards

Individual Statistics

BP Rushing Max Romeo- 13 carries 100 yards; Getchell- 13 carries for 105 yards

Passing Seth Peterson-12 for 21 and 88 yards.

B.A. Rushing 86 yards, Jack Clark- 41 yards

Passing Teddy Brown 8 of 25 for 25 yards



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Blossoms quarterback Seth Peterson looks to throw from the comfort of the pocket on Friday.

Colin Lerrum hauls in a touchdown pass from Seth Peterson late in the game Friday night. The Blossoms blank B.A. 32-0.

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Tigers comeback falls just short



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The Tigers defense digs in prior to the snap against Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity on Friday, Sept. 9. Medford's comeback bid fell short in a 32-25 loss.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

It's simply amazing what a week of practice can do. After being rolled 41-0 in the season opener, Medford looked like a completely different football team. Unfortunately, the Tigers will have to wait another week to collect its first win.

The Medford Tigers couldn't complete the comeback attempt Friday night as they fall to 0-2 after a 32-25 defeat to Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton.

Despite the second consecutive loss, head coach Jerome Johannes said that there were plenty of good things on display.

"I'm proud of how these guys perform. We gave up two early touchdowns, but we never quit," he added.

It was the theme of the eve-

ning. The Tigers would find themselves in a hole and would claw their way back into striking distance. The Tigers fell into an early 12-7 deficit midway through the first half.

However, after each team would exchange blows, the Tigers found themselves heading into the locker room at half with a 19-18 lead.

Senior captain Marcus Deleon once again powered the Medford attack. The running back would gallop and slash the Bulldog defense for 170 yards on 26 carries and a score. This marks the second consecutive game that Deleon would eclipse the century mark after running for 157 yards last week. The senior was not done contributing; catching two passes for 41 yards and a touchdown on the night as well.

Trailing 32-19 midway through the third quarter, Johannes applauded the effort exerted from his team by not giving up.

"I think they would have last year, but this is a much better team. We have wonderful senior leadership," he said. "They put the team on their backs and carried us all night."

The passing game, guided by the arm of Jarvis VonRuden also picked up where it left off last week. The Tigers' signal caller threw for 174 yards and two touchdowns. One of his touchdowns was to Deleon and the other, a 57-yard strike to Nate Meixner. Alex Gengler was his favorite target on the evening, leading the team with six catches for 72 yards.

However, there were two critical moments in the game

that contributed to the outcome. Medford was stopped on a fourth and goal attempt late in the contest as a handoff to the Tigers' star running back was stuffed just shy of a first down.

After getting the ball back and operating on a two-minute drill, VonRuden had the Medford offense driving for the game-winning score, until one of his attempts was picked off by a Bulldog defender with just under a minute to play.

Defensively, the Tigers had three players in double figures for tackles. After an 11-tackle performance last week, Bo Noble registered a staggering 14 tackles while Nick Masso led the team with 18. Tanner Barbeau registered seven tackles and recorded one of Medford's three turnovers on the night. The other two came way of Tye Devoe interceptions.

Heading into their matchup

next week- a home contest against Loyola Catholic, Johannes said the team needs to remain hungry.

We got to stay hungry. We came for this game, we were hungry for this game but now just have to go after it even more," he said.

Medford will kick off against Loyola Catholic in Medford. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

**Official stats were not tabulated before press.*

Tigers Stats

Rushing:

Marcus Deleon 26 for 170, 1 TD
Jarvis VonRuden 5 for 20
Nate Meixner 7 for 22, 1 TD

Total 212 yards

Passing:

Javis VonRuden 9 for 21, 174 yards, 2 TD's

Nate Meixner 1 for 1, 13 yards

Total 187 yards

Receiving:

Nate Meixner 1 for 57 yards, 1 TD
Alex Gengler 6 for 72 yards

Marcus Deleon 2 for 41 yards, 1 TD

Tye Devoe 1 for 17 yards

Total Offensive Yards 399

Leading Tacklers:

Nick Masso - 18

Bo Noble - 14

Marcus Deleon - 13

Greg Larson - 9

Nate Meixner - 7

Tanner Barbeau - 7

Tye Devoe - 2 Interceptions

Tanner Barbeau - 1

Fumble Recovery



Staff photo by Emily Schonebeck

Running back Carter Aldrich (above) looks over at the ball prior to the snap late in the second half on Friday.

Panthers offense explodes in win



Photo courtesy of Kip Kovar (Herald Journal)

NRHEG quarterback Sam Prigge looks to toss the football to the running back after receiving the snap in the Panthers 39-31 win on Friday against Lester Prairie. The Panthers ran for a team total of

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

In a high-scoring game at Lester Prairie, NRHEG evened its season record with a wild 39-31 victory over the Bulldogs Friday, Sept.9. The home team counted a touchdown and two-point conversion with just over a

minute left in the game to make it a close contest.

After taking a 20-0 lead at the half, the Panthers gave up some big plays to let LPHT back in the game. "Overall, I thought we played much better tonight than last week", remarked Coach Dan Stork. "Jack Schultz had a huge night up front. He had a

sack that set up the first Panther touchdown and another sack late in the game. He had 7 tackles in the line. Sam Prigge made some great throws this game, and his decision-making was great. He looks very comfortable in the pocket right now."

The only score in the first quarter came with just over six

minutes left on a Perry Peterson run for 3 yards. After the first quarter, touchdowns came often. Sam Prigge passed 1 yard to Cole Staloch, and then passed to Brady Agrimson for the two-point conversion. The third score came with just two minutes left in the half on another pass from Prigge to Agrimson

for 8 yards.

The Bulldogs got on the board early in the second half on a 60-yard run by Adam Heigl and a two-point conversion off a screen pass. NRHEG got those points back with 5:40 left in the period, but the Bulldogs drew closer again on a Michael Zierman pass to Leighton Buhr and a conversion kick. Again, the Panthers restored their lead on a Prigge pass to Agrimson for 3 yards, with just under three minutes left in the period.

A Zierman pass to Taylor Schwantes for 25 yards, with three minutes left in the game, counted for the losers, but Lucas Bailey ensured the victory for NRHEG with a run of 49 yards. The conversion kick made a last touchdown for LPHT meaningless. Tyler Scheevel ran the 1-yard with 1:07 on the clock, and the two two-point conversions on the last two touchdowns by the Bulldogs also came from Scheevel. The win sends the Panthers to Waterville this Friday for a game with WEM. The team hopes to avenge a last sea-

son loss to the bucs.

Team Stats

Passing: NRHEG 207, LP 148
Rushing: NRHEG 243, LP 156
Turnovers: NRHEG 0, LP 1

Individual Stat leaders (NRHEG)

Passing: Prigge- 10-16, 187 yards, 3 touchdowns
Rushing: Perry Johnson-37 carries, 146 yards, 2 touchdowns; Lucas Bailey- 5 carries, 52 yards, 1 touchdown
Receiving: Perry Johnson- 4 receptions, 101 yards; Brady Agrimson- 4 catches, 74 yards 2 touchdowns; Luke Staloch- 1 catch, one yard, one touchdown.

Defense

Jack Schultz 7 tackles, one sack; Cole Staloch 6 tackles; Brady Agrimson 4 tackles, INT; Sawyer VanMaldeghem 3.5 tackles, .05 TFL; Carter Fischer 3 tackles, 0.5 TFL; Sam Prigge 2 tackles, Noah Sletton 2 tackles, 2 TFL, sack; Alex Buckmeier 2 tackles, TFL, sack; Perry Petertson TFL.

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Football

Prep Preview

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Three prep schools in Steele County were able to record thier first wins of the season Friday, as Owatonna, NRHEG and Blooming Prairie all rebounded from their opening season loss-es. The Medford Tigers looked like they were on track to also record their first win of the year but a turnover late in the fourth quarter sealed their fate.

This week, all four teams are in action again this week.

Owatonna

The Huskies were guided by the legs of emerging star running back Jason Williamson in the 26-7 win over Rochester John Marshall. The sophomore running back had 35 rushes for 239 yards and three scores.

This week, the Huskies will look to add to the another win behind the legs of Williamson. Owatonna will travel to Fairbault to face a Falcons (1-1) team that shut out Red Wing

41-0.
Kick off is set for 7 p.m.

Medford

The Tigers will look to continue the growth on the offensive side of the ball Friday at home. Despite the two losses, coach Johannes’ offense has accumulated over 300 yards of total offense is each of their two games.

Friday, the Tigers face Mankato Loyola to see which team will collect their first win.

The Crsuaders (0-2) were defeated by United South Central 39-7.

Kick off is set for 7p.m. in Medford.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

NRHEG

NRHEG evened its record last Friday with a victory over Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity. Now the will have to battle the Bucs Although the Panthers played one of their better games of the season, WEM hung on for a

14-7 victory over NRHEG in a conference game last year. An early touchdown for the Bucs made it 7-0, and it stayed that way for most of the game.

Palmer Peterson slung a 23-yard pass to Perry Peterson to get the Panthers on the board, but late in the fourth quarter a 16-yard scoring pass by Kalln Dorenkemper restored the WEM lead and, ultimately, the ball game. The Panthers will be looking to avenge that loss Friday night.

This week, top ten Waterville-Elysian-Morristown come to town.

The Buccaneers lost a heart-breaker 7-6 to Lake Crystal.

Blooming Prairie

After evening the season record at 1-1, the Blossom football team travels to St. Clair this Friday for another important contest. The recent dominance by the Awesome Blossom hopes to continue Friday, Sept. 16, to the home of the Cyclones. The Blossoms had to play lock-down

defense the second half last year to put down St. Clair 24-3. BP trailed 3-0 at the half, as the offense could not get going, and several mistakes kept the Blossoms off the board. Tanner Hansen’s 27-yard field goal accounted for the only scoring in the first half.

In the third quarter the Blossom offense got untracked, as Lucas Noble found Jon Hatch for a 43-yard scoring strike, and a fumble recovery led to a Noble touchdown run of 2 yards. Anthony Nelson reeled off 41 yards early in the fourth quarter for an 18-3 edge, with almost nine minutes left.

Later, BP recovered another Cyclone fumble. This time quarterback Seth Peterson hit Jon Hansen for 10 yards, and Nelson ran the final 16 yards for the clinching touchdown. Hatch and the rest of the Blossom defense stymied St. Clair the entire sec0nd half to keep the Cyclones off the scoreboard.

Standings/State rankings



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna captain Ben Solie (center) attempts to jam a Rochester John Marshall receiver Friday night.

Section 1A

	Div.	Overall
Rushford-Peterson	2-0-0	2-0 -0
Goodhue	1-0-0	2-0-0
Southland	1-0-0	2-0-0
Hayfield	0-0-0	1-1-0
Blooming Prairie	0-1-0	1-1-0
Fillmore Central	0-1-0	1-1-0
Wabasha-Kellogg	0-1-0	1-1-0
Kingsland	0-1-0	0-2-0

Section 2AA

	Div.	Overall
Lake Crystal-Wellcome memorial	1-0-0	2-0 -0
Blue Earth Area	0-0-0	1-1-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	0-0-0	1-1-0
Maple River	0-0-0	1-1-0
NRHEG	0-0-0	1-1-0
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	0-1-0	1-1-0
LeSeur-Henderson	0-0-0	0-2-0
Medford	0-0-0	0-2-0

Big Southeast-Red

	Div.	Overall
Rochester Mayo	1-0-0	2-0-0
Northfield	0-0-0	2-0-0
Owatonna	1-0-0	1-1-0
Rochester John Marshall	1-1-0	1-1-0
Austin	0-1-0	0-2-0
Rochester Century	0-1-0	0-2-0

Football State Rankings

Class 1A

- 1. Minneota
- 2. Minneapolis North
- 3. Rushford-Peterson
- 4. Browerville
- 5. Goodhue

*Receiving votes:
Wabasso, Adrian

Class 2A

- 1. Caledonia
- 2. Barnesville
- 3. Evelth-Gilbert
- 4. Moose Lake-Willow River
- 5. Eden Valley-Watkins

*Receiving votes:
Maple Lake, Pilager

Class 5A

- 1. St. Michael-Albertville
- 2. Spring Lake Park
- 3. Mahtomedi
- 4. Chanhassen
- 5. Rogers

Source:
Northstarfootballnews.com
Rankings as of Sept. 12

Steele County Football Schedule

Blooming Prairie

Sept. 2... at Rushford-Peterson L 26-6
Sept. 9... vs. Bethlehem Academy W 32-0
Sept. 16... at St. Clair
Sept. 23... vs. J-W-P
Sept. 30... at Mankato Loyola
Oct. 7... vs. Medford
Oct. 14... at United South Central
Oct. 19... vs.Kenyon Wanamingo

Medford

Sept. 2... at Lewiston-Altura L 41-0
Sept. 9... at JWP L 32-25
Sept. 16...vs. Mankato Loyola
Sept. 23... vs. Bethlehem Academy
Sept. 30... vs. Kenyon Wanamingo
Oct. 7... at Blooming Prairie
Oct. 14... vs. St. Clair
Oct. 19... vs. United South Central

NRHEG

Sept. 2... vs. Mayer Lutheran L 36-13
Sept. 9... at Lester Prairie W 39-31
Sept. 16... vs. WEM
Sept. 23... at G-F-W
Sept. 30... vs. Sibley East
Oct. 7... at LeSueur-Henderson
Oct. 14.... vs Lake Crystal-WM
Oct. 19... at Maple River

Owatonna

Sept. 2... vs. Mankato West L 34-19
Sept. 9... vs. Rochester JM W 26-7
Sept. 16... at Fairbault
Sept. 23... at Northfield
Sept. 30... vs. Austin
Oct. 7... Rochester Mayo
Oct. 14... at New Prague
Oct. 19... at Rochester Century



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(From left to right): Joe Kiley, Laura Kenow, Dale Timm, Todd Hale and Tim Braaten were inducted into the Owatonna high school Hall of Fame Friday night.

Vikings defense scores twice; first time since 2007

STANCE: from page 1D

It was great to see young players on a young team making plays. According to ESPN’s Ben Goessling, the Vikings are the youngest team in the NFL.

In fact, it was the first time since the 2007 season, that the Vikings defense had two touchdowns.

Another second year defender made his presence known throughout the game.

Trae Waynes was impressive in just his third career start. He was always in the hip pockets of the receiver-allowing just 5 catches on 8 targets. However, what I really liked was seeing the 190-pound cornerback throw his body around defending the run. He led the team in tackles with 10 solo tackles and even notched a tackle for loss.

If you take away the garabge time drive late in the fourth quarter, the Vikings defense gave up just 55 yards of total offense in the second half.

It was a good showing for Mike Zimmer’s unit as they will be tested by Aaron Rodgers and the Packers on Sunday night.

Offensive Woes

While many may put the offensive struggles on the fact that they lost their starting quarterback but let’s be real. Shaun Hill actually played good foot-

ball. It was the same thorn in the side that has damaged Vikings’ drives for years... the offensive line.

It was an absolute cluster. They were being dominated at the point of attack. There was miscommunication in the protections of Hill and most importantly, there were snaps where the Titans had free rushers.

Now, that’s not to say that the Vikings played horrible up front, but I will say this- 31 yards on 19 carries by the best running back in the game is not going to beat the Green Bay Packers on Sunday night.

A few bright spots were in the receiving game, as Stefon Diggs continues to build off his impressive rookie season. The second year receiver out of Maryland caught seven balls on nine targets for 103 yards.

Division II standout Adam Thielen continues to impress Vikings fans.

The product out of Detriot Lakes operated out of the slot most of the day and caught four balls for 54 yards.

Like I mentioned, there were bright spots, but you cannot have bright spots when you face the Packers.

That would be a sore way to open US Bank Stadium on national T.V.

Blair Walsh Project?

There was a movie that came out when I was growing up called the Blair Witch Project. It’s been years since I’ve seen it, but I do remember that it’s supposed to be a one of those horror films that have you on the edge of your seats.

As a reporter and a fantasy football fanatic, having Blair Walsh on your team is similar to watching the Blair Witch. You hear he’s supposed to be good and at moments it is. However, at the final moments you are left disappointed.

That was the theme for Walsh yesterday. He missed two field goals (37-yards, 56-yards) and an extra point.

He may not take kindly to my section of him in this column-giving what he told reporters yesterday.

“Lot of the drama starts with you guys. I’ll leave it at that. You want to take ups and downs out of it ... where it’s dead-center.”

Umm, I may be wrong but a lot of it starts from pushing two field goals wide left.

Now this isnt to say that Walsh won’t be better in the dome. I mean, he was 34-39 on field goal attempts last year, to include a long of 54 yards. He was also 33-37 on extra points.

Although he did drill home four field goals .

However, after being the talk of the entire offseason, thanks to a missed attempt in the playoff game, it wasnt the best start for Walsh and my fantasy team.

Overall, I thought that the offense was what I expected to see from a 38 year old quarterback at the helm, the defense was money in the second half and Walsh was effective in the second half.

Defend the north

The Vikings will need a great week of practice as they prepare to “defend the north” Sunday night when the Green Bay Packers come to town. The Packers escaped Jacksonville with a 27-23 win. Despite throwing for just 199 yards, Aaron Rodgers registered two touchdown passes.

Nonetheless, If the defense plays like they did week one, it should be a great game.

Next week I’ll give you my thoughts from the Packers match up.

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