



County names finalists for administrator

Current Steele environmental director among candidates

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

Citizens will have a chance to meet-and-greet three finalists that have been named for Steele County administrator.

Officials have chosen Jennifer Bromeland of Jackson, Scott Golberg of Steele County and Michael Plante of Wabasha for the position created by the departure of former administrator Laura Elvebak in April.

An hour long “Meet the Finalists” reception has been set for next Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the boardroom of the Steele County Administration Building. Prior to the reception, the board will be meeting at 5 p.m. and all the finalists have been invited to attend.

The finalists will return the next day for additional interviews, tours and to make a presentation to the board. Commissioners are expected to make their selection for administrator on Sept. 13.

The county interviewed seven candidates out of 30 applicants for the position last week. Of the 30 candidates, 26 of them met the minimum qualifications of the job.

Bromeland currently serves as the city administrator in Jackson, located in southwestern Minnesota. She has been at Jackson since 2012. She has also served in city clerk and administrator roles in Caledonia and Winnebago.

She received a bachelor’s degree in political science

from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 2004. She has also obtained a master’s in public administration in 2011.

Golberg has served Steele County for 36 years and is currently the environmental services director, a position he has held since 1991. Prior to taking that position, he was the county’s environmental health/planning and zoning director.

He received a bachelor’s in biology and environmental studies from Gustavus Adol-

phus College in St. Peter.

Plante is the county administrator for Wabasha County where he has been since 2014. Prior to his current position, he was an assistant county attorney in the Wabasha County Attorney’s Office for about four years. He also worked as an assistant prosecutor for Hubbard County in Park Rapids for a short time.

He has his juris doctor degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul as well as his bachelor’s in legal

studies from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 2006.

Janice Fransen has been serving as interim administrator since May.

Elvebak abruptly resigned from the administrator position in April after being placed on administrative leave. At the time, the county board told her that it had planned to terminate her employment.

Board members indicated that Elvebak did not share the same vision as they had for the county.

It’s all under the Big Tent this weekend

Annual cancer auction takes center stage in BP

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Heard the saying: It’s under the Big Top? That refers to a traveling circus.

Well, it will be under the Big Tent in Blooming Prairie on Friday and Saturday when the 17th Annual Blooming Cancer Auction is held under the Big Tent

outside the Cue Company.

Travel around Blooming Prairie and you will soon see that the town has been colored pink. The Field of Flags on Highway 218 features 250 flags with messages in memory or in honor of loved families and friends.

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Police ID man who killed self after high-speed chase

The Steele County Sheriff’s Office has identified the man involved in the Aug. 28 high-speed chase through the county that ended in gunfire.

Dwayne Gary Paulson, 39, of rural Blooming Prairie committed suicide after the vehicle chase on the back roads from Owatonna to Blooming Prairie,

according to the sheriff’s office. The cause of death has been listed as a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Additional toxicology tests have been ordered but will not be complete for several more

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Hot dish on a stick?



Ole and Lena’s has been dishing up tater tot hot dish on a stick at the Minnesota State Fair for 12 years. Joining in the fun are owners Renae and Dave Jenos and their grandson, Tucker Jenos, and friend Stacy Burton, all of Owatonna.

Why not at Ole and Lena’s during the State Fair

Ole and Lena are often the butt of Scandinavian American jokes, especially in the Midwest. But there’s no joking around when it comes to Ole and Lena at the Minnesota State Fair.

For 12 years, Ole and Lena’s food trailer located outside the Midway by the horse barn has been dishing up hot dish on a stick. Tater tot hot dish with meatballs, no less. The stand is owned by Dave and Renae Jenos and operated by Stacy Burton, all from Owatonna.

By the time the fair ends on Labor Day, Burton estimated Ole and Lena’s will have cranked out more than 8,500 hot dish sticks. In addition, the stand offered Norwegian onion rings and deep fried banana splits. But the hot dish on the stick is by far the most popular item fairgoers indulge in every year.

“Our hot dish is meatballs and tater tots dipped into a corn dog batter and deep fried,” Burton explained. It is served with a creamy mushroom gravy on the side.

The tater tot hot dish often draws curiosity from folks who are, well obviously, not from Minnesota. “We are often asked what is hot dish,” Burton says. “This is the most Minnesotan food you can find.”

Renae Jenos came up with the ingenious idea 12 years ago. She knew she needed to come up with something unique because it is extremely difficult to get a food stand into the State Fair. “We just thought Minnesota and hot dish,” Jenos said. “We eat a lot of hot dish and Minnesota is always hot dish.”

It took the Jenos a few times to perfect their product in the early years. “Originally we did not have breading on it,” she said, noting the only requirement for them was that it had to be on a stick. They developed a batter and served the gravy on the side.

Jenos said she is delighted when she

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hears fairgoers tell her their stand is the first place they venture to at the fair. “That’s the best part,” she said. “It gives you goose bumps.”

For Burton, working at Ole and Lena’s gives her a clean break from the routine of caring for three young children ages 9, 7 and 3 at home. “It gets me out of my daily routine,” said Burton, a stay-at-home mother. During the fair, her husband gets a full taste of the child duties. “It’s a break in your lifestyle from home and a change of pace.”

Her family doesn’t seem to mind her being gone for nearly two weeks. She used last year’s proceeds she made from the stand to take the family on a trip to Disney World over spring break. “It was a big deal,” Burton said.

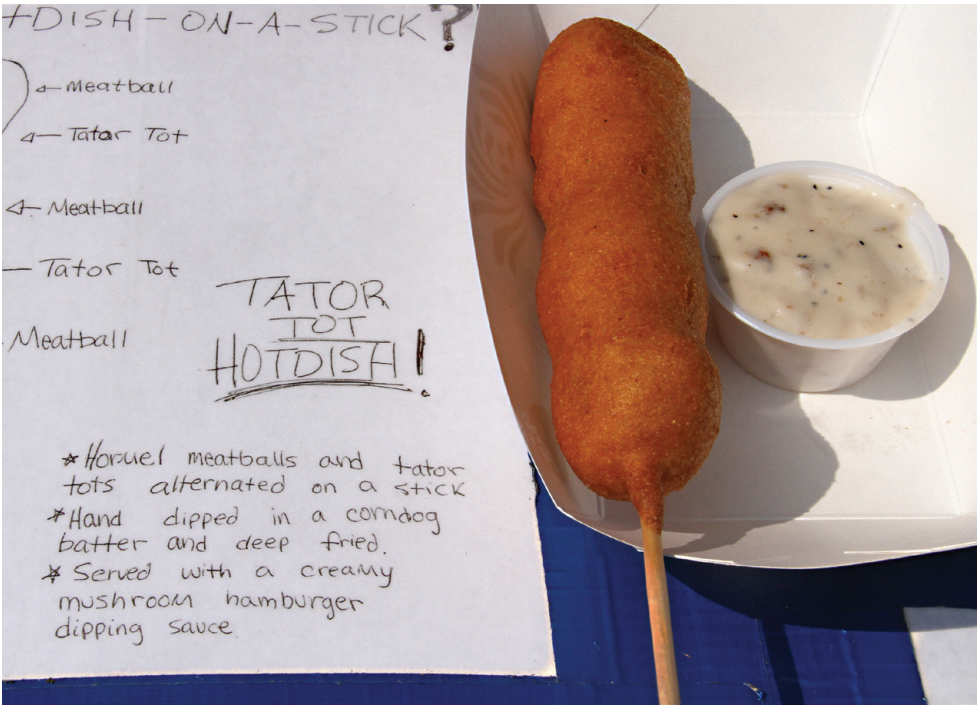
When asked what her primary function is during the fair at Ole and Lena’s, Burton quickly replied with a grin, “What

don’t I do out here is a better question.” She is involved with setting up and taking down the stand, ordering product, preparation work and everything in between.

Her greatest enjoyment is the people. “I enjoy the people watching and talking to many different kinds of people,” Burton said, adding she is a real people person so it comes natural for her to talk to people.

Operating a stand isn’t always what it’s cracked up to be, according to Burton. Midway through this year’s State Fair, a major refrigerator broke down. “Luckily, I am very organized so we squeezed everything into a smaller refrigerator,” she said. “It comes with its challenges, but we make it work. We have to make do,” she added.

The fair brings long hours for Burton and the Jenos. They are usually at the fair every day by 7 a.m. and ready to serve



Opinion

Our view

Officers kept situation from becoming even more tragic

The actions and tactics of law enforcement are often called into question. Sometimes rightfully so, but other times it is not warranted. Many are quick to condemn police officers for doing what they are trained to do. And often many are slow to offer praise.

A sad case that took the life of a suicidal man last week outside of Blooming Prairie underscores the heroics of local law enforcement.

A man armed with a handgun reportedly was headed to Owatonna to presumably terrorize another person. The exact extent of the man’s intentions has not been released by the sheriff’s office. But it’s safe to assume it was of the serious nature.

Just outside of Owatonna, an alert city officer aware of the terroristic threats report made to police attempted to stop the man before he could reach his destination. The officer chased the vehicle driven by the man with a handgun by his side.

The officer deserves a medal for his actions in preventing something from going horribly wrong in Owatonna. As he was giving chase, other officers from Steele County, Blooming Prairie and the State Patrol came to his aide to help catch the man.

Midway through the chase, which wound around county roads near Hope to Blooming Prairie, a Steele County sheriff’s deputy took over the chase. Just outside of Blooming Prairie, the deputy utilized a Pursuit Intervention Technique, or PIT, to stop the car. PIT is a pursuit tactic by which a pursuing car forces a fleeing car to abruptly turn sideways, causing the driver to lose control and stop.

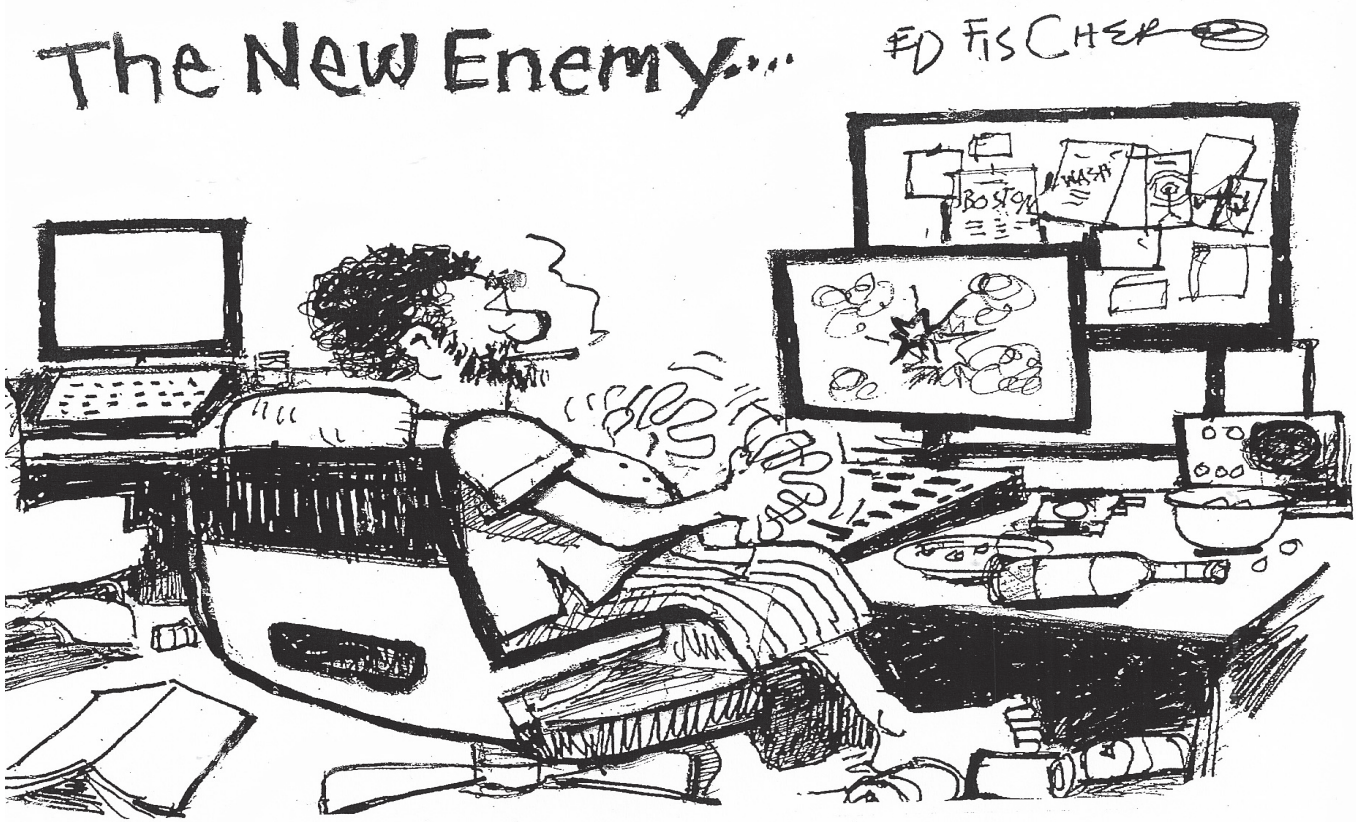
It was a real person behind the wheel looking back at the flashing lights and deciding for whatever reason not to do what the vast majority of people do at that point, which is pull the vehicle to the side of the road and accept what’s coming. Instead he chose to end his life.

Police chases are unpredictable and dynamic.

We are fortunate that this didn’t take place with many people or cars around, or the event could have been even more tragic than it was.

The Owatonna officer and the Steele deputy are law enforcement heroes who did what they are trained to do in protecting and serving the public. Their actions likely prevented a situation from becoming even more tragic.

We owe them our deepest gratitude for how they performed under tough pressure. A little praise is the least we can do to show our appreciation.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

This year’s Minnesota State Fair marked a special milestone for Minnesota newspapers. It was the 30th anniversary of the Minnesota Newspaper Foundation’s museum at the fair.

I have been fortunate to be part of the foundation as one of its board directors for several years. During that time, I have also volunteered to work at the museum to educate fairgoers about newspapers in the state.

More than 75 volunteers staff around 150 shifts at the museum during the entire fair.

My first boss, Chuck Warner, was key in getting the museum off the ground in 1987 when I worked for my hometown newspaper in high school. At 94 years old, he is still instrumental in supporting the effort.

The museum draws more than 20,000 visitors a year. When we think of museums, the thought of vintage equipment quickly comes to mind. But this museum is so much more.

A central element of the museum’s mission is to explain to visitors the central role newspapers play in democracy. In the editor’s

A museum powered with a free press

corner, which is where I was camped out, fairgoers can have conversations with editors and other Minnesota journalists.

The editors explain the crucial role journalists and newspapers fill in a community as they bring the news and information that affect every aspect of residents’ lives. It may be community decisions, business developments, births, deaths and much more.

We are often called on to describe, and even defend, how democracy is sustained through a newspaper’s key roles as a watchdog in holding public officials accountable, an investigative arm for community issues and problems and a leader in problem-solving community dilemmas.

A big hit this year was the availability of some First Amendment signs. Our precious First Amendment highlights the importance of a free press in our democracy. With the political climate out there these days, it’s no wonder people found the signs popular.

A free press is extremely crucial to our way of life and our democracy. Even though some get upset from time to time about what is reported in the press, how the news is reported or what

is being left out, just imagine for a moment life without this reporting. That was the basis for our statewide “Whiteout” campaign last month in which the front page of the newspaper was left intentionally blank.

For many years, the museum found its home in the Heritage Square. But in 2014 the museum was forced out because of a new transit center. Since then, the museum has had space at the 4-H Building.

Critical to our lives filled with having a free press is what Thomas Jefferson once said, “Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter.”

During the entire 30 years, the museum has published the Maynard News. In the mid 1980s as the newspaper was converting to offset composition, owners of the Maynard News donated the printing equipment to the foundation in an effort to preserve the traditions of letterpress printing.

As the museum points out, it’s important for all of us to go in hot pursuit of supporting a free press.

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Guest Column

Thanks for the outstanding support

The Steele County Free Fair Board of Directors, volunteers and staff would like to thank all fairgoers for their outstanding support of the 2017 SCFF.

We are proud of the support we receive from Steele County and the surrounding areas. The fair is a reflection of our county and we continually receive

praise from visitors and vendors about the courteous and thoughtful people that attend the fair. Most love to work at this fair and enjoy the people of Steele County.

The 2017 SCFF attracted 300,717 fairgoers with Mega Ride ticket sales totaling 4,812. There were nearly 4,000 open

class entries and over 2,000 4-H projects.

Again, thank you for attending and participating in the 2017 Steele County Free Fair.

**Dan Deml, Fair President
Fair Board and Staff**



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Second Front

Rural church marks 100th milestone

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The old-timers would be very proud to see their church still standing after 100 years. That was the thought of Dale Underwood, a volunteer who has been instrumental in seeing the Westfield Lutheran Church restored and in tip-top shape for its 100th anniversary. An estimated 125 persons attended the 100th anniversary celebration of the church Aug. 27. “They built the church to last,” Underwood told church visitors prior to a worship service led by Pastor Jeff Sandgren of First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie. Underwood said the church was decaying and crumbling at a time 25 years ago when a drive was made to restore the church. Evelyn Trom led the restoration

efforts. Underwood paid tribute to Trom and to many others who worked with the restoration project. “For 100 years, your spirit has been in this church,” Pastor Sandgren said. Theme of his sermon was the gift of time. “It is definitely a time of examination and reflection,” Sandgren remarked. The gift of time comes in unlimited quantities, Sandgren said. Some say they have too much time on their hands and others say they do not have enough time. Quoting Apostle Paul, Sandgren said we should be careful with how we use our time. “This moment is a gift,” Sandgren said. “It is valuable,” he added. Following the message, Darlene Schmidt and Linda Schmidt presented a choral/organ arrangement. Lunch and anniversary cake

were served after the church service. Kids also enjoyed games outdoors, a bouncy house included. Sonja Trom Eayrs prepared a history of the Westfield church. Early immigrants, including the Anderson, Lee, Madson, Knutson, Hensrud, Trom and others joined together to build the church in 1917. The Westfield church is remarkably similar to architect Ed Trom’s childhood church in Hemsedahl, Norway. It is constructed of wood. The tower is constructed of a boarded framework while the remaining structure is mainly timbered. Church services were discontinued at Westfield in the early 1950s, says Underwood. However, three services are still held each year at Westfield, one near Memorial Day, one in the fall and another near Christmas.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

The Westfield Lutheran Church observed its 100th anniversary with many activities and a church service on Sunday, Aug. 27. The church was build in 1917 with Ed Trom the architect.

Fire up the grills

4-Hers join in first ever grilling contest at Steele County Fair

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

Some 4-H members from around Steele County are better grillers after a new grilling program offered at this year’s county fair. For the first time ever the Steele County 4-H program offered a grilling competition at the fair. Steele County joined efforts with neighboring Freeborn County to secure eight charcoal grills to use at their respective fairs this summer. Though she had no experience with grilling, Kalyn Naatz of the Merry Lane 4-H Club decided to become one of the grillers. Her team called America captured second place with pork kabobs. Other members of her team included Brody Jensen and Jack Skaliky. Naatz’s team marinated the pork loin with a Greek seasoning with butter. In addition to the meat, they added green peppers and onions to the kabobs. Each team was given a 2-pound pork loin to utilize and it was up to team members to decide what they wanted to grill, according to Tracy Ignaszewski, 4-H program coordinator. For the competition, 4-H members received 10 minutes of education from Chef George from Hy-Vee in Owatonna. After the instruction, the teams were allowed 10 minutes of food preparation, 30 minutes for grilling and 10 minutes to plate the food and make a presentation. Each team had one-on-one conference judging. The young grillers utilized meat thermometers to make sure the meat was at 155 degrees. They learned that the meat continues to cook even after it is taken off the grill, Naatz said. Ignaszewski said the goal of the competition was to “teach

kids how to cook with meat.” She said the program also allowed youth to learn about food safety and preparation of food. But perhaps most importantly it was simply a fun event for 4-H members to enjoy at what can be a hectic time for them at the fair. “We wanted them to have team building comrade,” Ignaszewski said, noting the program was started at the State Fair two years ago and is spreading to the county level. “It was really fun and I definitely learned a lot about cooking” Naatz said. “It was a lot of teamwork and figuring out what to do in a short period of time,” she said. Added Skaliky, “I think it was a good learning experience and how to work together as a team.” As far as the food, “we inhaled it,” one 4-Her admitted, noting it didn’t last very long. Samples of the finished items were shared with the various teams. Ignaszewski said the grilling competition was given a definite “thumbs up” by the 4-Hers to do again in the future. Members of the winning team, “Baaaaa,” included: Lexi Ignaszewski, Emma Loveless,



Brianna Levisay and Lauren Arthur.

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Pink ribbons are also tied around trees and landmarks throughout the city of Blooming Prairie. “We are very excited about another cancer auction weekend,” says Blooming Prairie Cancer Group treasurer Cheri Krejci. She and many other BP Cancer Group volunteers have been busy since last year’s successful auction, collecting special items for the 2017 auctions. “People are so generous in giving items for our two auctions and caring for this good cause,” Krejci said. The auctions each night start at 7 p.m. and are expected to go into the night with over 125 auction items featured each night. Several auctioneers and helpers from the area make this event a popular community event. Last year’s auctions brought in \$32,000. Krejci said that all Paint BP activities accounted for more than \$50,000. The monies were directed toward cancer research and to the local cancer community fund benefiting cancer victims and their families. Get into a bidding mood with the first night of the auction on Friday and then return to BP on Saturday for lots of activities including:

- 5th annual 5K Walk/Run for a cure, starting at the Field of Flags (register 8:30-9:45 a.m.) Walk with t-shirt, \$30; Walk without t-shirt, \$15; T-shirt without walk, \$20; 2XL shirts (\$2 more), 3XL shirts (\$3 more).
 - 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Family Bingo under the Big Tent, fun for all ages, Lindsey Krejci will be the caller.
 - 6:30 p.m., Stix of Fury performance outside the Big Tent.
 - 7 p.m. -- Live Auction
- Cancer benefit attendees can also participate in the 17th annual BP Cancer Raffle. Tickets at \$10 each are available from BP Cancer Group members. First prize is \$1000, second prize \$300 and third prize \$200. The raffle is in memory of local farmer Steve Prihoda. The drawing will be at 10 p.m. under the Big Tent on Saturday night. Need not be present to win. If interested in making a donation for the auction, drop them off at the Pizza Cellar or Cue

Company any day between 3:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. or at Krejci Ford during regular business hours. Items donated after Sept. 2 will not be included in the auction booklet. For more information on the auction, contact Cheri Krejci at 507-438-6895 or Jennifer Milton at 507-456-6846. If you’re a hunter, you may wish to bid on a Browning BPS 12 gauge shotgun. Win the bid and take the gun with you on a pheasant hunt for four in the Blooming Prairie area. Add to your baseball collection by bidding on an Official American League ball autographed by former Minnesota Twins Golf Glover Torii Hunter. There are just a few more items to wet your auction appetite. Bid on a quarter beef, a painted mail box, a stained glass coffee table made by Butch Anderson and donated by Bruce and Lynn Kreci, overnight casino packages, Minnesota Gophers football tickets, two airline tickets to any place in the Continental United States and four tickets to a Mall of America Cooking School. If that isn’t enough to get your bidding excitement going, look at placing a bid on a week stay at a Fort Myers, Florida property

owned by Rod and Tess Koster. The Kosteres are true examples of local business people who support local benefit events. Here’s some more auction items to put on your personal list: several pieces of unique furniture; two five-course gourmet dinners; two large hanging flower baskets (drive by Cheri Krejci’s house to see what the baskets look like; handmade barn toy box; meat smoker; three tool boxes filled with tools; Fisher Price large playhouse; Yeti cooler; weekend house boat rental; handmade outdoor bench; six hooded cancer sweat shirts from Sportstitch; two visits to different wineries; Minnesota Vikings cribbage board; Connie’s Coins and two coin collections.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

The many benefits of buying locally

- * Buying locally creates jobs. The number of unemployed men and women has gradually declined in recent years, but those figures are still high in many communities. Buying locally creates jobs in your community, potentially creating a job for you or a friend or family member.
- * Buying locally helps the environment. Buying within your community reduces the amount of fuel you’re likely to use for a weekend shopping trip while also reducing pollution. In addition, many local store owners use local materials and ingredients, reducing the amount of fuel consumed to get products into the store.
- * Buying locally creates a more closely knit community. Juggling a career and a family can make it hard for men and women to get to know their neighbors and other members of their community. Buying locally is an opportunity to strengthen that bond with your neighbors, creating a close knit community in which residents may feel safer and more comfortable.
- * Buying locally is more convenient. Convenience is paramount to many consumers, and buying locally saves both time and money. Driving to a faraway mall or shopping center or paying costly online shipping fees is not nearly as quick or convenient as shopping within your community, where you can purchase and take home items on the same day without using a full tank of gas or paying for shipping.
- * Buying locally benefits your local economy. In 2004, the consultancy Civic Economics was commissioned by Chicago’s Andersonville Chamber of Commerce to examine the economic impact of 10 local businesses against that of chain businesses. The study found that of every \$100 spent at local businesses, \$68 remained in the local economy, while only \$43 of every \$100 spent at chain stores remained in the local economy. That’s a significant boost to your local economy, and all it requires is shopping at local retailers.
- * Buying locally can increase your property value. Homeowners might be able to increase the value of their homes by buying locally. A joint study from Independent We Stand and Civic Economics found that cities with a strong centralized small business district had a 54 percent greater increase in property values than communities that did not have such a district. A more thriving local community, including a thriving shopping district, is no doubt attractive to prospective home buyers.

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City kid shows farm animals



Wyatt Garten of Owatonna prepares his Alpaca for show at the Minnesota State Fair in Falcon Heights. Garten, who won a trip to the fair, lives in the city, but leases the animals for show. He was one of dozens of Steele County 4-H members showing livestock at the State Fair.

By RICK BUSSLER
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Wyatt Garten may be a city kid, but that doesn’t keep him from showing animals raised on a farm.

The Steele County member takes advantage of the 4-H leasing program to show Alpacas. He won a trip to the Minnesota State Fair this year.

“It’s fun,” Garten says of the llama project. “There is stiff competition at the state,” he said, adding it can be nerve wracking to show in the fair coliseum.

Garten leases his show animals from the Deml family of Owatonna. Besides Alpacas, he also leases poultry and dairy cows.

Prior to the fairs, Garten heads out to the farm from his Owatonna home about four times a week to train and prepare the animals for show.

With Alpacas, the showing consists of obstacle courses, performance show and public relations. “It’s difficult to get them started, but not bad once they are going,” Garten said.

He calls Alpacas “friendly creatures and easy to work with.”

Garten is quick to point out there are differences between Alpacas and llamas. “Alpacas

are not baby llamas,” he said. “Alpacas have straight ears and llamas have banana ears and they are bigger,” he added.

At the county fair, Garten put up signs for fairgoers noting the differences between the two animals.

He started in 4-H when he was in sixth grade and has earned trips to the State Fair every year. Both of his parents had been involved in 4-H. Garten is a member of the Pratt Commandoes 4-H Club.

Besides 4-H, Garten is involved in Future Farmers of America as well as high school band. But he says he has the most fun in 4-H.

“It’s a good time to hang out with friends and good showing experience,” Garten said. “It teaches good work ethic.”

In addition to showing at the fairs, Garten enjoys the service opportunities that come with the 4-H program.

Garten encourages other kids to check out the 4-H program. “I think every kid should have accessibility to 4-H,” he said, adding 4-H is the best activity for youth.

And Garten is proof that 4-H is not just something for farm kids.

He said there are more city kids involved in 4-H than one may think. “But not enough in my opinion,” Garten



Kalyn Naatz of Blooming Prairie earned a \$1,000 scholarship through the Minnesota 4-H Livestock Auction Committee at the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 26. Naatz has been a 14-year member of 4-H in Steele County.

Local teen earns state 4-H scholarship

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A Steele County teenager has ended her 4-H career on a high note by collecting a major scholarship.

Kalyn Naatz of Blooming Prairie has been awarded a \$1,000 4-H Auction Scholarship through the Minnesota 4-H Auction Committee. She received the scholarship during the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 26.

The 4-H Auction Committee gave out \$65,000 this year to 4-H members going on to further their education. Almost \$400,000 has been awarded since the program began in 1995 with a single \$500 scholarship.

“To get a \$1,000 scholarship is real meaningful,” said Naatz, who is a member of the Merry Lane 4-H Club. “It means a lot as I have been coming to the State Fair since sixth grade. It’s honorable,” she added.

In addition to the scholarship, Naatz kept busy at this year’s State Fair by earning purple grand champion honors with her poultry poster exhibit and a pen of doves.

The State Fair proved to be Naatz’s last hurrah with the 4-H program as she reaches the age requirement for being in the organization. She was a member for 14 years.

“It has been my entire life,” Naatz said of the 4-H program. “I wouldn’t be where I’m at without 4-H. It has taught me

hard work, dedication and commitment,” she said.

Naatz credits the 4-H program with pushing her outside of her comfort zone in communicating with other people. Throughout 4-H, she frequently was called upon to speak in front of large groups of people. She served as vice president and president of her local club as well as the Steele County 4-H Club Council and a 4-H Ambassador.

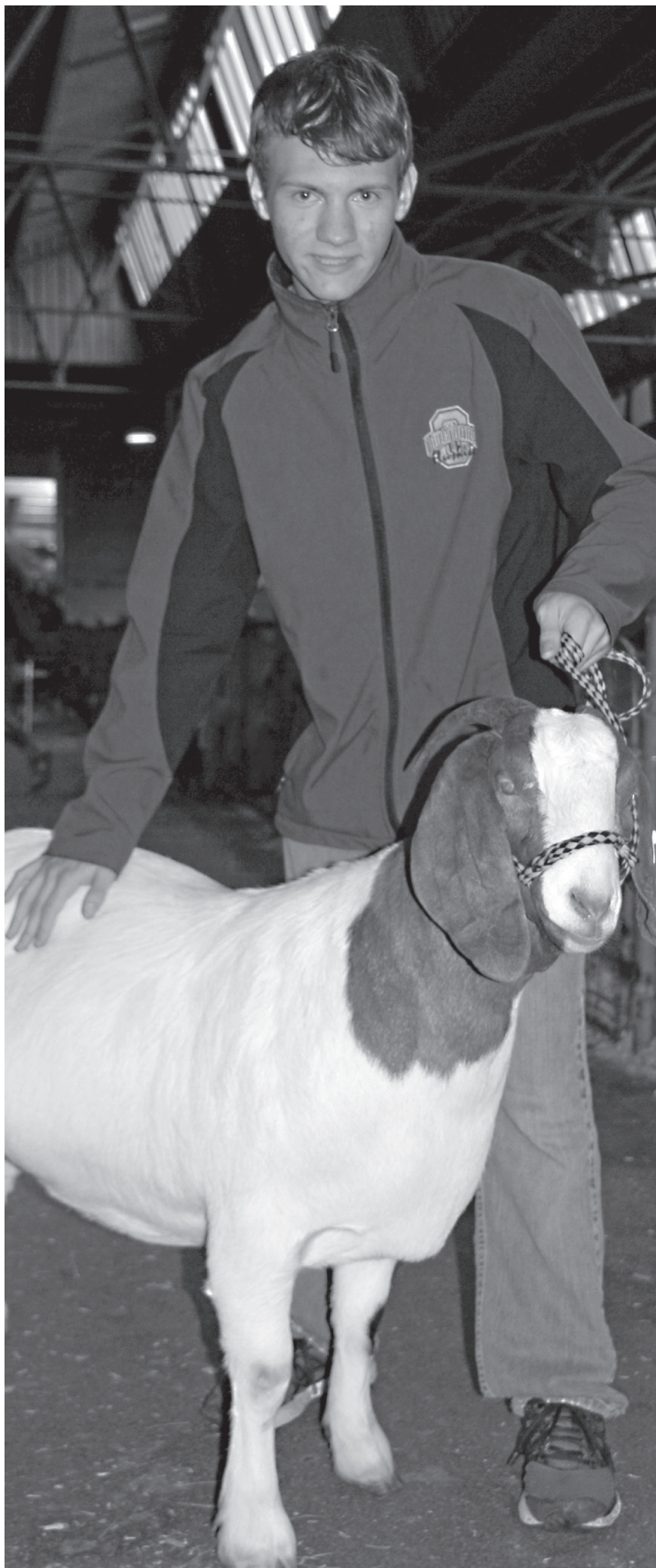
She is currently attending South Dakota State University in Brookings where she is a sophomore majoring in agriculture science. She has expressed an interest in focusing on artificial insemination of animals.

The scholarship money, Naatz said, will be used for her college tuition.

Though she doesn’t know exactly what career path she will take, Naatz is confident it will be something agriculture. “I have learned how important agriculture is,” she says. “I would love to be a part of it and make a big impact.”

She has a solid agriculture background as she showed six different species during her 4-H years. Her beef project became her primary focus in 4-H. “I love it all,” she said.

In the coming years, Naatz hopes to pass on the tradition of 4-H to others. “I want to let people know about the learning experiences I’ve had,” she said. “Through 4-H, you learn who you really are.”



Hot dish on a stick

OLE AND LENA’S: from page 1A

hot dish by 8 a.m. On weekends, they usually stay open until midnight.

Ole and Lena’s is located across from one of the beer gardens. “It’s the State Fair and

people have beer for breakfast,” Burton said. “We’re ready to serve by 8 a.m. There are no rules for State Fair foods,” she said with a snicker on her face.

As for her secret at making

the hot dish stay together on the stick, Burton said, “Slow and steady wins the race in terms of dipping the hot dish on a stick.”

With the end of the fair in sight at the time of this inter-

view, Burton said, “Luckily it’s 12 days of fun and then you get a year break.”

The Jenos get help running the stand from their four grandchildren. “I’m hoping my grand-

sons will take over some day,” she said. “We’ve been blessed to have 12 years so far,” she added.

Besides the State Fair, Ole and Lena’s also took part in about 10 other community celebrations

around southern Minnesota, including the Freeborn and Steele fairs.

Police ID man

HIGH-SPEED CHASE: from page 1A

weeks, the sheriff’s office said. A sheriff’s spokesperson has previously indicated drugs and alcohol did not appear to be a factor.

Paulson was born in Owatonna and attended Blooming Prairie Schools. He was employed at Daikin Applied in Owatonna.

Blooming Prairie Police re-

ceived a report on Paulson being armed with a handgun and threatening to harm someone in Owatonna Aug. 28. Around 12 p.m., an Owatonna police offi-

cer spotted Paulson on the south end of Owatonna and attempted to stop him because of the terroristic threats report that had been made.

A chase ensued and continued mostly on county roads before ending up on Highway 30 just northwest of Blooming Prairie. A sheriff’s deputy used a PIT

maneuver to stop Paulson’s vehicle at which time he shot himself.

2017 MN State Fair Results • Steele County 4-H



Home Environment•Purple•Brianna OConnor



Lightweight Market Lamb•Champion•Riley Arthur

Champion:
Hudson Aase, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Market Rabbit Meat Pen
Grace Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks: Market Lamb Showperson Intermediate Div.
Lauren Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks: Market Lamb Showperson Senior Div.
Riley Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks: Market Lamb Showperson Advanced Div.
Riley Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks: Lightweight Market Lamb
Bobbie Bruns, Merry Lane: Dairy Showperson Junior Div.
Luke Kubicek, Straight River Stars: Swine Duroc Barrow
Ava Kylo, Straight River Stars: Beef Other Breeds Heifer
Grace Logan, Ellendale Hustlers: Poultry Guineas Breeding Pen
Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters: Dairy Total Merit Milking Shorthorn Heifer
Evan Melby, Ellendale Hustlers: Breeding Turkeys
McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers: Market Geese
Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane: Dove Breeding Pair
Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars: Dairy Ayrshire Heifer
Matthew Seykora, Straight River Stars: Dairy Total Merit Grade Holstein Heifer
Zacharia Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Dairy Red and White Cow
Zacharia Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Dairy Total Merit Red and White Cow.

Reserve Champion:
Riley Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks: Market

Lamb
Bobbie Bruns, Merry Lane: Dairy Jersey Heifer
Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Costume, Fiber and Poster Advanced Fleece
Samatha Fredin, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Dairy Red and White Heifer
Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There: Lightweight Meat Market Goat
Kallen Hoffmann, Medford Go Getters: Goat Overall Meat Market Doe
Jacob Katzung, Meriden Meadowlarks: Beef Div. II Dairy Steer
Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters: Dairy Milking Shorthorn Heifer
Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Heavyweight Market Lamb
Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Market Lamb Showperson Intermediate Div.
Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Middleweight Market Lamb
Luke Kubicek, Straight River Stars: Swine Purebred Market Barrow
Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars: Dairy Total Merit Grade Holstein Heifer.

Purple:
Parker Aase, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Chickens Market Pen
Lauren Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks: Sheep Black Face Heavyweight Market Lamb
Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers: Breeding Rabbit Mini Lop Junior Doe
Maggie Bruns, Merry Lane: Dairy Jersey Summer Yearling
Casey Chambers, Medford Go Getters: Sheep Black Face Lightweight Market Lamb

Collin Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Turkey Market Pen
Katelyn Crabtree, Straight River Stars: Sheep Wether Dam Black Ewe Lamb
Kiya Erler, Meriden Meadowlarks: Dairy Holstein, Registered, Aged Cow, Five Years and Older
Kiara Gentz, Pratt Commandoes: Needle Arts
Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Sheep Black Face Lightweight Market Lamb
Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Breeding Rabbit Mini Rex Junior Doe
Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks: Sheep Southdown Registered, January Ewe Lamb
Joshua Katzung, Meriden Meadowlarks: Beef Dairy Steer Pure Breed
Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Sheep Black Face Lightweight Market Lamb
Jenna Klecker, Straight River Stars: Swine Market Gilt
Kylie Kruckeberg, Pratt Commandoes: Dairy Brown Swiss Winter Yearling
Luke Kubicek, Straight River Stars: Shop – Primarily Wood
Zach Kubicek, Straight River Stars: Shop – Primarily Wood
Jarrett Larson, Merry Lane: Breeding Rabbit Polish Senior Buck
Emma Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks: Sheep Black Face Middleweight Market Lamb
Austin Mundt, Meriden Meadowlarks: Dairy Holstein, Grade Winter Yearling
Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane: Science of Animals Beef, Breeding
Brianna OConnor, Deerfield Get There: Home Environment
Brooke Purrier, Medford Go Getters: Breeding Rabbit Mini Lop Senior Buck
Mariah Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks: Swine Market Gilt
Tristan Simon, Record Busters: Breeding Rabbit Other Small Breed Purebreds Senior Doe
Jack Skalicky, Straight River Stars: Meat Market Goat Heavyweight Female
Jerome Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Dairy Holstein Registered Fall Calf
Joseph Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Beef Breeding Heifer, Maintainer, Registered Summer Yearling
Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Sheep Wether Dam Black Face Ewe Lamb
Jerret Upadel, Ellendale Hustlers: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred.

Blue:
Hudson Aase, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Market Rabbit Carcass
Ethan Arett, Merry Lane: Beef Market Heifer
Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers: Clothes You Buy
William Behne, Happy Hustlers: Self-Determined
Ezra Buck, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Miriam Buck, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Swine Market Gilt
Tory Buck, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Meat Market Goat Heavyweight Female
Christopher Byrne, Straight River Stars: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Aaron Dahlin, Ellendale Hustlers: Goat Senior Yearling Meat Breeding Doe
Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes: Ducks Market Pen
Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Public Relations
Kelton Erler, Meriden Meadowlarks: Beef Dairy Steer Pure Breed
Ben Finholdt, Medford Go Getters: Goat Senior Meat Breeding Doe Kid
Zach Finholdt, Medford Go Getters: Goat Senior Meat Breeding Doe Kid
Samatha Fredin, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Global Connections
Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Costume, Fiber and Poster
Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Public Relations
Ryan Haberman, Straight River Stars: Dairy Holstein, Registered Fall Yearling
Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There: Clothes You Make
Jarren Hoffmann, Medford Go Getters: Swine Crossbred January Gilt
Parris Hovden, Straight River Stars: Swine Crossbred February Gilt
Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Safety
Cassie Ihrke, Straight River Stars: Shooting Sports/Wildlife Management
Greta Jacobson, Meriden Meadowlarks: Meat Market Goat Lightweight Altered Male
Madison Jaster, Medford Go Getters: Veterinary Science
Carter Jensen, Medford Go Getters: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Elizabeth Karl, Straight River Stars: Food Revue
Courtney Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks: Science of Animals Dairy
Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks: Elements of Photography
Jace Katzung, Meriden Meadowlarks: Beef Dairy Steer Pure Breed
Bailey Keck, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Food Revue
Emily Keck, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Elements of Photography
Logan Keilen, Medford Go Getters: Youth Leadership
Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Entomology
Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Promotional Rabbit Poster
Derek Klecker, Happy Hustlers: Child and Family Development
Jacob Klecker, Straight River Stars: Swine Market Gilt
Grace Krejci, Merry Lane: Elements of Photography
Caden Kubicek, Happy Hustlers: Shop – Primarily Wood
Levi Kubicek, Straight River Stars: Swine Market Barrow Duroc
Noah Kubicek, Happy Hustlers: Shop – Primarily Wood
Zach Kubicek, Straight River Stars: Swine Crossbred January Gilt
Alivia Kubista, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Beef Prospect Steer Calf
Marissa Larson, Merry Lane: Breeding Rabbit Polish Senior Buck
Sierra Larson, Merry Lane: Breeding Rabbit Polish Junior Doe
Sierra Larson, Merry Lane: Educational Rabbit Poster
Sierra Larson, Merry Lane: Promotional Rabbit Poster
Brianna Levisay, Pratt Commandoes: Breeding Rabbit Dutch Junior Buck
Grace Lewison, Straight River Stars: Beef Dairy Steer Pure Breed
Lex Lewison, Straight River Stars: Beef Dairy Steer Pure Breed
Amelia Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters: Dairy Crossbred and Other Breeds Two Year Old
Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters: Creative/Applied Photography
Collin McShane, Meriden Meadowlarks: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Hannah Mundt, Pratt Commandoes: Elements of Photography
Abby Munns, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Health
Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars: Fine Arts
Logan Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Swine Market Barrow Yorkshire
Walker Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Erin O'Brien, Merry Lane: Veterinary Science
Erin O'Brien, Merry Lane: Breeding Rabbit Dutch Junior Buck
Alex Oatway, Medford Go Getters: Fine Arts
Carter Oltmans, Pratt Commandoes: Bicycle
Lucy Paschke, Medford Go Getters: Plant and Soil Science
Jacob Pfeifer, Pratt Commandoes: Performing Arts
Elizabeth Prostrullo, Pratt Commandoes: Child and Family Development
Joshua Prostrullo, Pratt Commandoes: Club Community Pride
Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars: Quilting
Katelyn Rysavy, Straight River Stars: Dairy Crossbred and Other Breeds Fall Calf
McKenna Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks: Swine Market Barrow Yorkshire
Ashlynn Schwering, Deerfield Get There:

Promotional Rabbit Poster
Jack Skalicky, Straight River Stars: Shop – Primarily Wood
Jacob Slater, Meriden Meadowlarks: Dairy Holstein, Registered Winter Calf
Jacob Slater, Meriden Meadowlarks: Food and Nutrition
Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane: Creative/ Applied Photography
Alexis Steckelberg, Merry Lane: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Riley Stoltz, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Swine Market Gilt
Landon Thurnau, Meriden Meadowlarks: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Charlie Tucker, Pratt Commandoes: Geology
Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Self-Determined
Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters: Chickens Egg Production White Egg Layers
Miya Weber, Medford Go Getters: Food Preservation
Scott Weckman, Straight River Stars: Potatoes
Melanie Winzenburg, Merry Lane: Swine Market Barrow Crossbred
Melanie Winzenburg, Merry Lane: Food Preservation
Lilly Zollner, Pratt Commandoes: Dairy Brown Swiss Fall Yearling
Lilly Zollner, Pratt Commandoes: Fine Arts.

Red:
Adrianna Bermea, Merry Lane: Meat Market Goat Middleweight Altered Male
Gabriel Dahle, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Goat Senior Meat Breeding Doe Kid
Mikayla Dinse, Meriden Meadowlarks: Beef Market Heifer
Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes: Dairy Guernsey Summer or Spring Yearling
Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Obstacle Course
Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Showmanship
Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boost-

ers: Livestock Demonstration
Michael Kanne, Deerfield Get There: Tractor
Courtney Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks: Swine Market Gilt
Graham Kylo, Straight River Stars: Pigeons Flying Breeding Pair
Sarah Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters: Dairy Milking Shorthorn Three or Four Year Old
Hannah Mundt, Pratt Commandoes: Dairy Brown Swiss Spring Yearling
Marie Otterson, Straight River Stars: Breeding Rabbit Holland Lop Senior Buck
Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks: Chickens Breeding Pen
Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Breeding Rabbit Mini Rex Senior Buck

White:
Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Obstacle Course
Adam Paschke, Medford Go Getters, Vegetable Gardening.

Yellow:
Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers: Fashion Review Clothes You Buy
Bobbie Bruns, Merry Lane: Minnesota Meats – Dairy
Maggie Bruns, Merry Lane: Minnesota Meats – Dairy
Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There: Fashion Review Clothes You Make
Courtney Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks: Minnesota Meats – Dairy
Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars: Minnesota Meats – Dairy
Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters: Fashion Review Clothes You Buy
Jerome Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters: Minnesota Meats – Dairy.

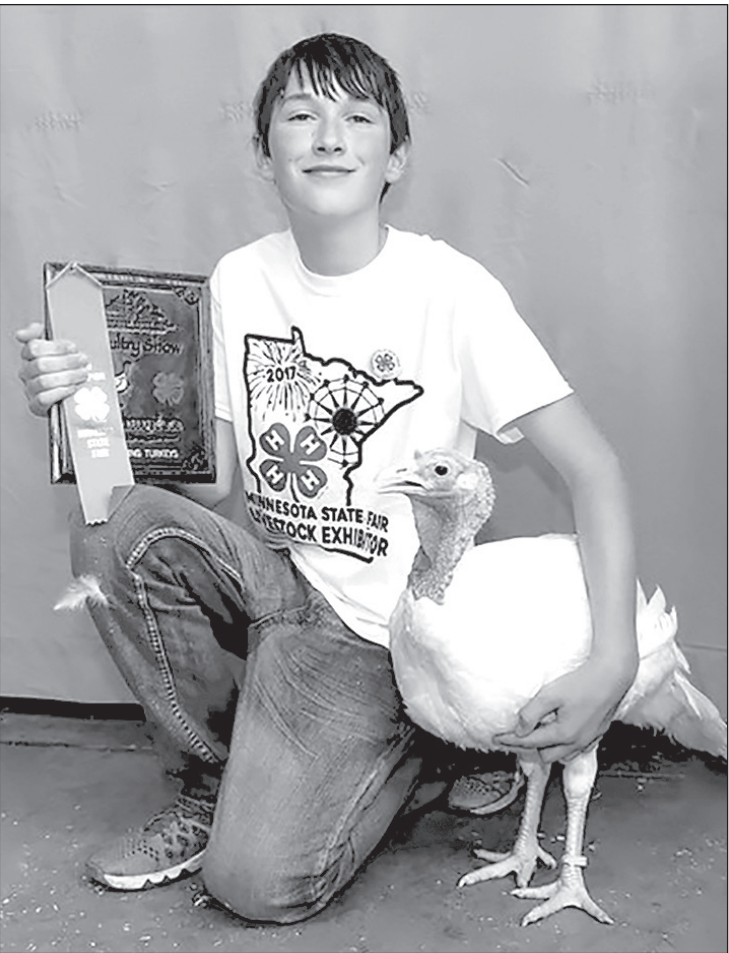
Ninth Place:
Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes: Lama Showmanship.



Dairy Champion•Red & White Cow•Zacharia Stransky



Swine•Market Gilt•Jenna Klecker



Breeding Turkey•Champion•Evan Melby



Needle Arts•Purple•Kiara Gentz



Rabbit•Champion Market Pen of Three•Hudson Aase



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Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Larceny: On Aug. 29 at 9:48 a.m., deputy took a report of stolen road signs at 100th Ave. and U.S. Hwy. 218 in Blooming Prairie.

CRIME BRIEF

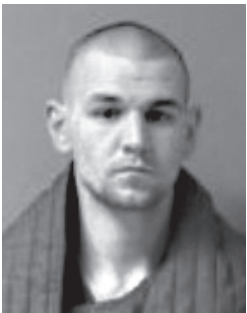
Police recover stolen gun in Owatonna

A search warrant executed by the local drug task force has turned up a stolen handgun.

Police were conducting surveillance for possible drug activity at a residence in the 200 block of North Oak Avenue in Owatonna Aug. 31.

With a search warrant in hand, agents found marijuana and a loaded handgun in a bedroom closet of the residence. A serial number search confirmed the gun had been stolen in June from a vehicle on South Oak Avenue in Owatonna.

Officers arrested Alexander Jay Brown, 22, of Owatonna. Police said he admitted to



Alexander Jay Brown,

knowing the gun was stolen and being in possession of it.

Brown is a convicted felon and has been charged with possession of firearms/ammo after a conviction of a crime of violence.

Restraining Order: Police arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 3:44 p.m.

Criminal Sexual Conduct: Officers arrested a subject for criminal sexual conduct in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 28

Fraud: A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 2300 block of St. Paul Road NE at 3:12 p.m.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 400 block of North St. W. at 4:14 p.m.

Aug. 29

Thefts: Police received theft reports from the 200 block of McKinley St. E. at 8:16 a.m. and the 1300 block of 11th St. SE at 8:42 a.m. and 9:15 a.m..

Hit and Run: A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred at State Ave. NW and 12th St. NW at 10:59 a.m.

Shoplifting: Officer responded to a shoplifting incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:03 p.m.

DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 1400 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 7:23 p.m.

Restraining Order: Officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 1700 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:05 p.m.

Aug. 30

Suspicion: At 12:54 a.m., police responded to suspicious activity at 3rd Ave. NW and Park Dr. NW. They made an arrest at the scene.

Warrant: Police arrested a juvenile for an outstanding warrant in the 1200 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 10:43 a.m.

Assault: Officers responded to assaults in the 2200 block of 12th St. NW at 1:33 p.m. and the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 9:43 p.m.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 2:05 p.m.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 500 block of Crestview Lane NE at 4:38 p.m. and the 200 block of 11th St. NE at 9:26 p.m.

Theft: A theft occurred in the 200 block of Mill St. E. at 5:09 p.m.

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist

following a traffic stop at Hoffman Dr. NW and Interstate 35 southbound at 11:01 p.m.

Aug. 31

Drunken Driving: Police made a DWI arrest at Rose St. W. and Cedar Ave. N. at 1:23 a.m.

Suspicion: At 1:24 a.m., officers responded to suspicious activity at Grove Ave. N. and Rose St. E. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Suspicious Activity: Police arrested a subject after responded to suspicious activity in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 7:58 a.m.

Weapons: Police responded to a weapons-related complaint in the 1400 block of Linn Ave. SW at 8:16 a.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 2200 block of 13th St. NW at 1:49 p.m.

Warrants: Officers made warrant arrests in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 3:20 p.m. and the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 9:34 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff

Aug. 26

DWI: Deputies made DWI arrests on County Road 3 in Somerset Township at 7:44 p.m., in Meriden Township at 10:25 p.m. and at County Road 45 S. and 28th St. SE in Owatonna Township at 11:42 p.m.

Aug. 27

Arrest: Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 8000 block of County Road 45 N. in Medford Township at 9:39 p.m.

Aug. 28

Assist: Deputies assisted another agency in the 100 block of 3rd St. NE in Blooming Prairie at 11:58 a.m.

Restraining Order: At 1:35 p.m., deputies received a report of a restraining order violation at the detention center.

Aug. 29

Child Protection: Deputies received a child protection report from the 100 block of 6th Ave. E. in Ellendale at 8:09 a.m.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 21 with Judge Joseph A. Buettel presiding:

Marcus W. Leith, 40, Redwood Falls, previously appeared and was convicted of felony check forgery. He was sentenced to \$353.45 and 21 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Krystie J. Louis, 23, Katy, TX, previously appeared and was convicted of felony conspiracy to commit theft. Louis was sentenced to \$1,680.95, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, mental health screening, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, no contact with co-defendant, no possession of firearms, 80 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Nathaniel E. Rendon, 20, Kerkhoven, previously appeared and was convicted of felony motor vehicle theft and misdemeanor theft Rendon was sentenced to \$5,393.81, 46 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation,

attend chemical awareness class, no contact with victim, no contact with co-defendant; psychological evaluation, no possession of firearms, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

Anjanette S. Wells, 43, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony store meth paraphernalia in the presence of child or vulnerable adult. She was sentenced to \$131, 62 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, mental health evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 21 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Anthony J. Moore, 42, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony violation of an order for protection and felony domestic abuse – violation of two or more order for protections within 10 years. The defendant was sentenced to \$131 and 29 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 21 – 25:

MN State Patrol

Rochester

Abdi G. Aden, 20, Faribault, speeding, \$221; Matthew J. Amundson, 16, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Eric J. Buechler, 45, Rochester, speeding, \$141; Jason R. Choi, 20, Eagan, speeding, display stolen plates, possession of fake license, suspended license, no insurance and open bottle, \$531; Cydnie C. Conley, 51, Hayfield, move over law violation, \$131;

Joshua M. Cowan, 22, Springbrook, IA, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; James E. Dobberstein, 67, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Alissa M. Enser, 30, Northwood, IA, speeding, \$121; James J. Gladis, 56, Chatfield, seat belt, \$106; Kevin A. Hale, 54, Colesburg, IA, violation of special permit, \$181;

Scott D. Hendrickson, 47, Lonsdale, DWI, \$1,106, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 216 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Rebecca T. Jock, 38, Owatonna, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Carlos A. Lopez, 38, Des Moines, IA, careless driving, \$181; Christopher D. Ludwig, 48, Eden Prairie, parking vehicle on highway, \$121;

Brian F. Miles, 54, St. Paul, speeding, \$141; Martin W. Osmond, 54, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Deborah G. Otrole, 41, St. Peter, speeding, \$131; Po Reh, 32, St. Paul, DWI, \$406, 3 days in county jail, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Shawanna M. Schiell, 29, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$131;

Ray M. Sellers, 46, Blooming Prairie, failure to provide application for transfer, \$181;

Phillip A. Smith, 28, St. Paul, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$131, 55 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain and maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 3 years of su-

pervised probation; William J. Spalding, 50, Minneapolis, speeding, \$221;

Aleksandra Spasic, 28, speeding, \$141; Rebecca K. Sullivan, 28, Austin, speeding, \$121; Agustín V. Tellez, 23, Albert Lea, texting while driving, \$131.

Owatonna Police

Department

Mohamed A. Abdalla, 57, Owatonna, stop sign, \$101; Nashid A. Abdul-Zahir, 41, Steele County Jail, no insurance, \$281; Yakub I. Ali, 35, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, \$231; Tasha R. Batton, 33, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Miranda L. Bixby, 29, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$534.96, 34 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, obtain GED, chemical dependency evaluation, maintain employment, obtain permission to leave the state and 3 years of supervised probation; Lyric R. Broton, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$141;

Patricia K. Buyuk, 64, New Richland, permit offense by another person, \$181; Victor M. Contre-ras, 28, Blooming Prairie, suspended license, \$381; Carrie S. Cook, 39, Waseca, revoked license, \$281; Sabrina M. D’Ostilio, 20, Austin, texting while driving, \$131; Mar-quel R. Drane, 41, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Fakrudin A. Fakrudin, 30, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, \$131; Lindsay S. Hachfeld, 32, Owatonna, theft, \$281;

Mustafa S. Hassan, 28, Edina, invalid license and failure to signal for turn, \$201 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Michelle L. Hendrickson, 47, Medford, DWI, \$406, 2 days in county jail, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, attend MADD impact panel and 2 years of supervised probation; Amy L. Hinchley, 44, Austin, theft, \$181 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Ann-Marie P. Kirkhus, 47, Owatonna, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; Erin R. Kletschka, 38, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106;

Stephanie G. Linaman, 27, Faribault, theft, \$181; Gilberto B. Luna, 20, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Luis D. Mendoza, 21, Morristown, DWI, \$406, 3 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Sarah A. Meyer, 32, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and stop sign, \$531;

Hamid S. Nur, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Colton D. Olson, 23, Waseca, speeding, \$141; De-andre L. Rogers, 28, Owatonna, no insurance, \$131, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Raymond K. Scott, 38, Owatonna, suspended license and seat belt, \$281; Isaac R. Smith, 31, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 3 years of supervised probation; Jonathan C. Smith, 31, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481;

Kara L. Venable, 26, Winona, theft and suspended license, \$181, 6 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Nicole G. Weller, 24, Medford, parking violation, \$37; William J. Wieseler, 29, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Shawn M. Wuger, 22, Claremont, speeding, \$141.

Steele County Sheriff’s Office

Christopher K. Brandvold, 28, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Laurie L. Danberry, 57, Waterville, speeding, \$121; Garret R. Drees, 21, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Kevin C. Eichhorst, 59, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Chad D. Evans, 46, Waterville, expired tabs, seat belt and bumper violation, \$186; Gunner J. Gankse, 20, Medford, speeding, \$121; Lauren K. Grunklee, 19, Claremont, speeding, \$141; Anthony J. Kartes, 24, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; Kelsea L. Koch, 31, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Lubomyr R. Mykulak, 47, Brook-lyn Park, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Ryan S. Owen, 19, Owatonna, minor consump-tion, underage possession of alco-hol and open bottle, \$381; Theo-dore T. Paczkowski, 52, Anoka, careless driving, \$381, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Tishyra L. Powell, 24, Faribault, suspended license and no insur-ance, \$481; Nathan W. Quast, 33, Faribault, suspended license, speeding and cancelled license, \$281; Benjamin A. Snyder, 18, Waseca, speeding, \$231; Jamaal D. Washington, 35, Owatonna, suspended license, diversion, and 4 months of unsupervised monitor-ing without conviction; Lorena M. Zapata, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$221.

OWATONNA FIRE

Aug. 27

Brush Fire: Fire fighters responded to a brush fire in the 2600 block of Kenyon Road NE at 11:01 p.m.

Aug. 28

Crash: A motor vehicle accident with injuries occurred on Highway 14 at 4:15 p.m.

Aug. 30

Arcing: Fire personnel responded to an arcing, shorted electrical equipment incident in the 1100 block of Mary Place NE at 2:45 p.m.

Dumpster Fire: At 3:41 p.m., fire fighters responded to a dumpster or other trash receptacle fire in the 100 block of Riverside Ave. NW.

Aug. 31

Building Fire: Fire fighters responded to a building fire in the 2300 block of Lemond Road SW at 3:24 p.m. and 9:17 p.m.

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- Daniel Freese – traffic - \$500 bail
- Melinda Fuentes – no insurance - \$1,000 bail
- Albino Gallegos-Garza – false name - \$6,000 bail
- Anthony Galloway – DWI – no bail
- Reginaldo Galvan – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Raymond Garavito – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Arthur Garcia – theft - \$500 bail
- Ezequiel Garcia – failure to register as sex offender – no bail

- Nohemi Garcia – theft - \$1,000 bail
- Zalvador Garcia – burglary – no bail
- Alfredo Garcia Jr. – no insurance, cancelled license - \$9,000 bail
- Elizandra Garza – shoplifting - \$500 bail
- David Gatheright – possession - \$20,000 bail
- Domach Gatluak – DWI – no bail
- Tina Gilbertson – warrant - \$3,000 bail
- Maurice Giles – no license - \$1,000 bail
- Conrad Ginter – DWI – no bail
- Claudia Gomez – criminal abuse - \$3,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Exercises that help ease arthritis pain and stiffness

Dear Savvy Senior,
What exercises are best suited for seniors with arthritis? I have osteoarthritis in my neck, back, hip and knee and have read that exercises can help ease the pain and stiffness, but I don't know where to start, and I certainly don't want to aggravate it.
Stiff and Achy

Dear Stiff,
 Many people who have arthritis believe that exercise will worsen their condition, but that's not true. Exercise is actually one of the best treatments for osteoarthritis.
 Proper and careful exercises can help reduce joint pain and stiffness, strengthen muscles around the joints and increase flexibility. It also helps manage other chronic conditions that are

common among seniors with arthritis, such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity. Here are some tips to help you get started.
Recommended exercises
 Determining exactly which types of exercises that are best for you depends on the form and severity of your arthritis, and which joints are involved. It's best to work with your doctor or a physical therapist to help you develop a personalized exercise program. The different types of exercises that are most often recommended to seniors with arthritis include:
 • Range-of-motion exercises: These are gentle stretching exercises that can relieve stiffness as well as improve your ability to

move your joints through their normal range of motion. These exercises should be done daily.
 • Strengthening exercise: Calisthenics, weight training and working with resistance bands are recommended (two or more days a week) to maintain and improve your muscle strength, which helps support and protect your joints.
 • Aerobic exercises: Low-impact activities like walking, cycling, swimming or water aerobics are all recommended three to five times per week to help improve cardiovascular health, control weight, and improve your overall function.
 It's also important to keep in mind that when you first start exercising, you need to go slow to give your body time to adjust. If you push yourself too hard

you can aggravate your joint pain. However, some muscle soreness or joint achiness in the beginning is normal.
 To help you manage your pain start by warming up with some simple stretches or range of motion exercises for five to 10 minutes before you move on to strengthening or aerobic exercises. Another tip is to apply heat to the joints you'll be working before you exercise, and use cold packs after exercising to reduce inflammation.
 If you're experiencing a lot of pain while you exercise, you may need to modify the frequency, duration, or intensity of your exercises until the pain improves. Or you may need to try a different activity, for example, switching from walking to water aerobics. But if you're having



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severe, sharp or constant pain, or large increases in swelling or your joints feel hot or red, you need to stop and see your doctor.

Exercising aids

To help you exercise at home, the Arthritis Foundation offers a variety of free online videos (see Arthritis.org/living-with-arthritis/exercise/videos) to guide you through a variety of exercises. Or there are arthritis exercise DVDs you can purchase for a few dollars through Collage Video (CollageVideo.com, 800-819-7111) or the Arthritis Foundation Store (AFstore.org).
 Also see Go4life.nia.nih.gov (or call 800-222-2225), a National Institute on Aging resource that offers a free exercise guide that provides illustrated examples of different exercises.
 If you need some motivation or don't like exercising alone, ask your doctor about exercise programs in your area for people with arthritis. Hospitals and clinics sometimes offer special programs, as do local health clubs and senior centers.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Sept. 4, 2007
Dan Evans, Publisher
 New faces joined the BP School. Kurt Foster will be the new seventh and ninth grade English teacher at the high school. Lisa Poe joins the Bloomington Prairie School District as a math teacher at the high school and will also be coaching B Squad and ninth grade volleyball. Bill Rinkenberger will be returning as AG/FFA instructor at the high school.

20 Years Ago
Sept. 2, 1997
Elsie Slinger, Publisher
 The Alliance for Building Community (ABC) is bringing Juan Berenguer, former Twins pitcher, to Bloomington Prairie. Berenguer will speak on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the City Center. His speech is targeted at youth;

to tell them about the importance of staying in school, and to stick with things because you never know what your potential is.
 The Times hired Jolynn Koster who will be doing some writing and ad work. She comes with much experience at this paper, having worked here a few years ago in many different hats here.
 Summer is a busy season for everyone, and for BPHS sophomore golfer Lisa Meshke, tournaments took up much of her spare time. Meshke, the daughter of Dean and Marilyn Meshke, continued to excel as she played 29 competitive rounds of golf over the course of the summer season, including several national tournaments over much of the country.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 7, 1967
Victor, Vernon & Vyrle Krejci, Editors
 Jens Jorgenson of Kenyon was engaged as Bloomington Prairie's new night police officer and patrolman at the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council, held Tuesday evening of this week, Sept. 5, in the Community building.
 A "helping hand" was extended to Jack Worke last Saturday when a group of neighbors came to his farm and did his Fall plowing. Mr. Worke has been hospitalized for some time. Assisting with the plowing were Pat Selstad, LaVerne Johnson, Wilford Paulson and Elwood Milton.
 Enrollment at Bloomington

Prairie Public Schools totals a record 1353 students, Supt. M. McFarlin reported Wednesday of this week. This year's enrollment is 16 pupils above that of last year.

75 Years Ago
Sept. 3, 1942
Frank Krejci & Sons, Publisher
 With the enlistment of Robert Oswald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Oswald, Bloomington Prairie, at Rochester, yesterday in the U.S. Navy, this village can now proudly claim the honor of having one family with five sons in the armed service of their country.
 James Cartin, who drove the death truck that was involved in an accident that snuffed the life of Daryl

(Dot) Jensen near Ellendale early Thursday morning of last week was found guilty of culpable negligence by a coroner's jury. The verdict of guilty was returned at Owatonna Monday by a coroner's jury following an inquest ordered by County Coroner O.W. Roberts and conducted by County Attorney John Walbran.
 There were 250 pheasants in town Tuesday afternoon – all in possession of one man. He was not a law violator, either. The birds were in custody of Officer Glenn Dennis, and sent to him from the state game farm by the Conservation Commission. The birds were seven weeks old, ready to be released on "their own," and that is what Mr. Dennis did.




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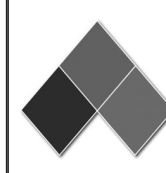
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Obituaries

Dwayne G. Paulson, 39 of Blooming Prairie

Dwayne G. Paulson, age 39 of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, passed away Monday, August 28, 2017 in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. Dwayne Gary was born December 16, 1977 in Owatonna, Minnesota to Ronald and Debra (Alwes) Paulson. He grew up in Blooming Prairie and attended Blooming Prairie Schools. In 1993 at the age of 16 Dwayne began working for Ted Janning Tree Service. Since 2005 he has been employed with

Daikin Applied of Owatonna. Dwayne was an avid fisherman. Survivors include his three children Jordan Paulson, Kirsten Paulson, and Ian Paulson; his mother Debra Paulson of Blooming Prairie; his siblings and their families; many aunts and uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends. Dwayne was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents and his father Ronald in 2005.

There was an Open House honoring Dwayne's life on Saturday, September 2, 2017 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. at the Blooming Prairie Senior Center. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.



Back to school



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Elementary School second graders of Diane Pfeiffer were all smiles as they started their first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Blooming Prairie kicks off 2017 school year

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

"We're excited about a new school year," commented Blooming Prairie High School Principal John Dale Worke as he greeted students on Tuesday for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. "We have nine new students and our total enrollment in grades 7-12 is reported at 310 students," Worke said. Worke's counter part, Chris Staloch, principal at Blooming Prairie Elementary School, said the elementary enrollment in grades kindergarten through sixth grade is at 418. The bell rang at 8 a.m. for high schoolers to begin another year of school and it sounded at 8:15 a.m. at the elementary school.

Teachers and staff members all wore special t-shirts with the message: "We Believe in You." Staloch made his rounds to all class rooms and told each grade that he expected an awesome year for them. Addressing Paul Peterson's sixth grade classroom, Staloch said they are the leaders in the school. "It's up to you to set an example and the other students will follow you," Staloch told the class members. Second graders Evan Halverson and Ryder Smith filled their lockers with backpack items and were ready to begin their day in Diane Pfeiffer's classroom. At the high school junior William Cardenas welcomed his brother Jesse to seventh grade. "How's it going?" Jesse was asked. "It's kind of nerve racking," he said. Just the same, Jesse was ready to begin his classes and he said

he looked forward to his U.S. Studies class. He said he enjoyed studying about the wars. High School principal Worke is entering his third year as principal. He said the principal's routine is a little easier to assume

the third time around. "Things are more in control," he said. Lisa Poe greeted her math class students on the first day of her 26th year in teaching. She has taught 11 years at BPHS.

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Sept. 11 Beef/Cabbage Hotdish Pickled Beets Carrot Coin Salad Homemade Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit Cup	Sept. 12 Swiss Steak/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn Romaine Salad Flavored Ice Cream



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1. Wisdom: This is a person's ability to value spiritual things over worldly possessions. It helps one desire items that bring people closer to God.

2. Understanding: A gift of comprehension, understanding is the ability to absorb the meanings and teachings of the Church. This gift also helps

people to be more tolerant of and sympathetic toward others. Having understanding means being able to recognize when others need compassion or assistance.

3. Right judgement/Council: A person who has received this gift knows the difference between right and wrong. This is essential for avoiding sin and leading a life that mirrors that of Christ. The gift of council also inspires people to encourage others to do what is right.

4. Courage: Being faithful requires courage, especially

when a person's beliefs may not be accepted, and may even be feared, by others. Courage allows one to stand up and defend his or her faith and be firm in decisions as they pertain to religion.

5. Knowledge: The gift of knowledge guides a person on the path that will lead to God. Knowledge assists as the faithful look to avoid any obstacles that would derail their efforts.

6. Reverence: Also known as piety, this gift is confidence and obedience in God. It also makes a person want to serve

God and others. Reverence fosters a greater respect for the Church and its teachings.

7. Wonder and awe: This gift makes the magnificence of God that much more apparent. A portion of this gift is fear; not a fear in God, but a fear of offending him through sin.

Confirmation is marked by the sealing of one's faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, further strengthening the seven gifts bestowed upon believers at baptism.

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True-To-Life Film At Baptist Church Monday Evening



John Green
of the Hospitality House for Service Men in Minneapolis.

A full length sound film which runs 57 minutes, entitled "The Power of God" will be shown at the 1st Baptist church Monday, July 30th at 8 p. m. The picture is shown under the sponsorship of the Hospitality House for Service Men in Minneapolis.

Set in the little town of Ellendale, "The Power of God" tells in gripping, modern story form what Christianity is; what it does to the individual, and what it individual ought to do with his Christianity. The characters enact a true-to-life story as happens in thousands of cities, towns and villages in America.

In addition to the film, Mr. John Green, member of the staff of Hospitality House, will be speaking on "The Need of our Boys — Now." The Hospitality House for Service Men is serving eight to ten thousand service men and women every month, and during the same period more than 2200 lads receive a free bunk. Between 2500 and 3000 boys are served free breakfast every thirty days.

Rural School Exhibit Big Feature at Steele County Free Fair

"Good Citizenship Thru Community Co-operation" has been selected as the theme for this year's rural school exhibit at the Steele County Free Fair. A display based on the past year's work will be exhibited in the "typical rural school", the permanent department home located on the fair grounds.

"The purpose of this year's fair work" announces Mr. Melvin H. Jenke, county superintendent of schools and head of the rural school department, "is to instill into very rural school community in Steele county a realization and appreciation of the part that community co-operation has played in the everyday life of mankind all over the world."

Because of the fact that the future of the United States depends upon an intelligent program of community co-operation, we must be educated as to how we can best use the resources with which God has so bountifully blessed us as citizens of the United States.

FORK RIGHT! - - - - By Collier



Liberal Premiums Offered Poultry Exhibitors at Co. Fair

August 14 is not far off. This is the entry day for poultry at the Steele County Free Fair. The same high premiums will be paid this year. Judge Cross will place the awards. So it is high time you start now to pick out, mark and get ready to show chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, bantams, guineas, game birds, capons, pigeons, rabbits and eggs.

It is the aim this year to give all showing educational information on point values of what you show. This is to be given by Judge Cross. Also, it is expected to have speakers for more educational talks on culling, feeding, housing, marketing of eggs, and market broilers and fowl. Your birds will have the best of care and feed. Entries are free if you live in Steele county. 10c per bird if outside of Steele county. Prem-Old Pen is \$4. Grand Champion Young Pen is \$4. Entries close at 10 P. M., August 14th.

Former Businessman Here Dies At Benson

Frank O'Brien, of Benson, passed away Saturday of last week. The funeral services were held Monday at Benson. Many years ago, Mr. O'Brien was engaged in the harness business here in the same location now occupied by Birgin's harness shop.

Besides his wife he is survived by three children: Sister Mary Patricia of Villia Maria school, Fontanick; Margari, Minneapolis; and Francis, Detroit, Mich. Two sisters, Mrs. Emma O'Leary, Newry and Mrs. Arthur Killduff, of Kansas City, Mo., also survive him. Due to illness Mrs. O'Brien died at Benson.

Butterfield Man New H. S. Principal

After searching diligently for a high school principal, Supt. Emil Estenson's efforts were finally rewarded last Thursday when he secured a signed contract from Myron Anderson.

Mr. Anderson has been coach and principal at Butterfield and has an exceptionally fine record as a school executive. Supt. Estenson and members of the board of education feel elated in securing a school man of Mr. Anderson's high calibre. Mr. Anderson is married. The Andersons are making their home at Decorah, Iowa, at the present time.

ELLENDALE FARMER WRITES "STOP MY ADV."

Ellendale, July 23, 1945
Dear Editor:—I sold my mower Saturday that was advertised in The Times last week. Please discontinue adv. Will see you soon.

Mower County Plans Biggest Fair In History, Aug. 8-12

The knockout blow of the Japs as regards the action of the home front will be seen at the Mower County Fair, August 8-12. The battle of production on the farms will be demonstrated by the large fair in Minnesota or Iowa. Live-stock showing of livestock of any stock entries today are much larger than a year ago, reports P. J. Holand, secretary. In addition to the regular departments of the fair the Mower County Fair will play host to the district Red Poll cattle show; the Minnesota-Iowa Vocational Agricultural livestock show; the market hogg and market lamb show for Iowa, Wisconsin, Dakota, and the Duroc Jersey resins, Minnesota, North and South glonal show for Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Along with the serious job of a quick victory over the Japs, the fair has assembled one of the greatest entertainment shows of all times. The job of winning the war and a lasting peace reaches a happy tempo, when the farmer, the laborer, and the business man relax occasionally to keep production geared up to a high pace.

The fair opens Wednesday evening, Aug. 8th, with the traditional horse show, which is rated as one of the best in the middle-west. Thursday afternoon and evening, Lulu Belle and Scotty will be featured with a host of radio and screen stars from WLS Chicago.

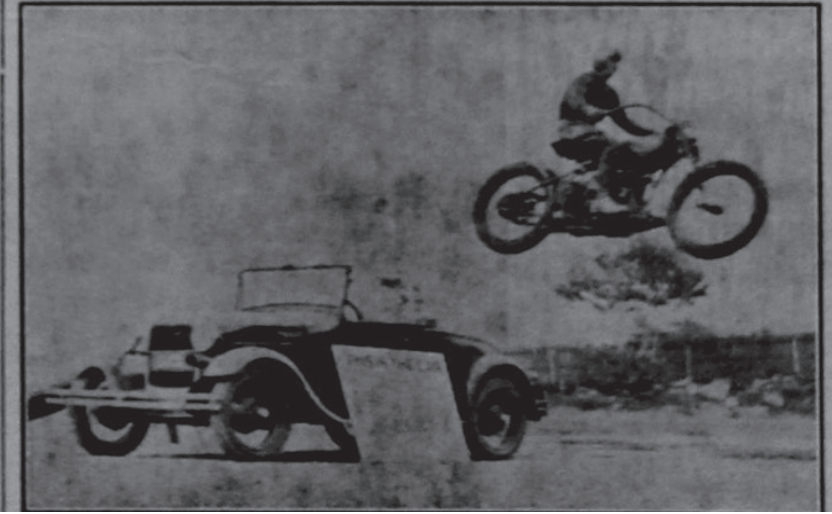
Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings performances will be the Ernie Young's special production, "Fascinations of 4", Saturday and Sunday afternoon, \$4,000 purses will be awarded for the horse racing program with horses entered from five states.

The John R. Ward Show of Baton Rouge, Louisiana with 12 rides, 8 shows and 30 tented attractions will make up the mid-way. The men and women in service, both the living and dead, will not be forgotten, as special ceremonies at each of the 9 major grandstand performances will be dedicated to our gallant fighting forces.

Thanks, Arthur B. Johnson.

NOTE:—Just another proof that Times adlets bring buyer and seller together. If you want to turn most any article into cash, try The Times classified columns.

Motorcycle Thrill Riders at County Fair



Kenneth Berg Resigns Elevator Managership

The resignation of Kenneth Berg as manager of the Farmers' Cooperative Elevator Association is an incident of more than ordinary interest and importance in the business district of Blooming Prairie this week.

Mr. Berg has for the past 5½ years been the capable and successful manager of the association's interests, and it is to a great extent his pleasing personality and untiring efforts as manager that the volume of business increased each passing year. The institution's net worth has more than doubled under Berg's guidance.

"Kennedy" will now enter private business on his own account at Albert Lea where he will have an establishment featuring feeds, seed corn and other seeds, fertilizer, and other merchandise related to these lines. He will concentrate on the well-known Cargill products and will exclusive distributor for all Cargill goods in Free-born county.

The Berg family, have during their residence in Blooming Prairie, won the respect and high esteem of all with whom they have come in contact, and who regret to see them leave our town, but who also wish them happiness and success in their new home and business venture.

West Concord Hemp Mill Closes

Hemp processing at the West Concord federal mill came to an end Thursday of last week. The plant is being prepared for sale, and is a duplication of the Blooming Prairie mill.

According to The Star, from the time the plant began operations, June 6, 1944, until the present time the monthly payroll has amounted to an average of approximately \$15,800. An average of 140 persons has been employed. Good wages were paid during the whole time the plant has been in operation.

Farmers who grew hemp in 1943, marketed 8,002 tons and of the 1944 crop 5,196 tons were sold. The total cost of the processed fiber amounted to \$536,930. During the entire operation of the plant there were processed 2,194,746 pounds of low fiber, a total of 3,865,543 pounds. One hundred carloads were shipped with three more cars to go.

The payroll alone during the plant's operation amounted to \$221,670.

Marion Mason Is Victim Freak Accident Tuesday

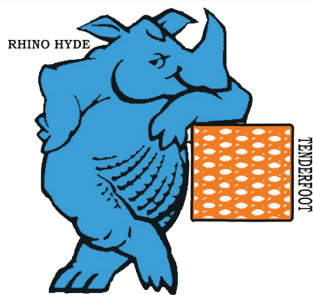
Little Marion Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Mason, was the victim of an unusual accident Tuesday evening.

She and her parents were walking across the street from the rear of The Times office on the wooden culvert that spans the highway to the Rex theatre. Mr. Mason was walking in advance of his family and stepped on one of the heavy planks that support the culvert.

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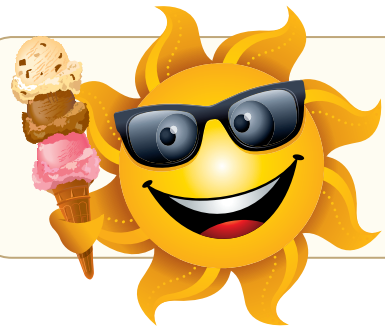
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Drug court credited with saving a marriage



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Mary VanVeldHuizen of Waseca became the 25th graduate of the Steele Waseca Drug Court on Wednesday, Aug. 30. Mary is shown with her family: husband Eric and children Jax, 5 and Averi, 18 months. Graduation ceremonies were held in the courtroom of the Owatonna Fire Department.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Twenty-five will be remembered as a lucky number for Mary VanVeldHuizen.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, Mary, 33, joined her husband Eric, 39, as a graduate of the Steele Drug Court. Mary was honored as the 25th graduate of the Steele Waseca Drug Court at special Drug Court ceremonies in Court Room B of the Owatonna Fire Hall.

Third District Judge Joseph Bueltel, who presented Mary with a special coin and a plaque of recognition, congratulated Mary on her accomplishment.

Surrounded by family members, Mary thanked the Drug Court and her family for supporting her during her 18 months dedicated to the program. "It does work," she affirmed.

Mary entered the program on Feb. 9, 2016 on a felony charge

of third-degree possession of narcotics and a gross misdemeanor or charge of DWI. Mary was charged with stealing narcotics while working as a nurse at the Lakeshore Inn in Waseca.

Maximum risk of incarceration was 27 months in prison. She was able to stay home with her family, find a new career and continue to address her addiction and mental health issues.

Fighting back tears, Mary's sister Amanda said, "We are so proud of you." Judge Bueltel interrupted: "The tears say it all."

Eric graduated in Waseca County's Drug Court location 13 months ago.

By design of the court, Mary and Eric went through the program at different locations. The couple resides in Waseca with their children, Jax, 5 and Averi, 18 months.

"We've had a long trial period," said Mary's husband Eric. "She

really turned herself around by finding a new job and by becoming a good mom and wife," he added.

Nicole Grams, coordinator of the Steele Waseca Drug Court, said the program involving Mary and Eric as participants definitely "strengthened" their marriage of 11 years.

Grams said the Steele Waseca Drug Court began in 2013 and was implemented on July 1, 2014. The program has grown with many success stories over the past three years.

A DWI track program was added in 2017. Grams said the SWDC was a response to a growing need in the community to work effectively with high risk and high needs adult offenders with optimal results.

Candidates cannot have a disqualifying crime of violence. Participants must reside in either Steele County or Waseca County.

Their addiction must be a contributor to their criminal behavior.

Grams said SWDC has served a total of 126 participants with 43 who either withdrew and said sitting their time was easier, or were terminated from the program because of new criminal behavior.

SWDC had its first graduation in April 2016. The program currently has 57 participants. It is a rigorous program with four phases over a minimum of 18 months time.

The Drug Court required court attendance ranging from weekly to monthly, contingent on the phase. Recovery hours include treatment, support meetings, mental health meetings, completion of cognitive skills programs that help to change thinking which changes behaviors and recovery events.

At least three hours of self-help recovery meetings are required weekly. Participants submit to

minimum of twice weekly random testing.

All participants must complete treatment, make meaningful connections in the recovery community, obtain a valid drive license, GED/Diploma, employment, compliance with child support and payment with fines, fees and restitution prior to graduation.

"Mary is a testament that Drug Courts Work; reduce crime, restore citizenship and save lives," Grams said proudly. "It's all about building relationships," Grams continued.

Grams reported that the combined total amount of sobriety among the Drug Court group present on Aug. 30 represented 10,786 days, an estimated average of 29.55 years. Average sobriety per participant is 342 days.

Mary totaled 596 days in the program, attended 46 court hearings, exceeded 138 recovery hours and went through 158 drug tests.

Grams said Mary's challenge is to return to speak with new groups, continue to attend regular recovery meetings and mentor and continue to give back to the recovery community.

Judge Bueltel read letters of congratulations from U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-MN and from the Steele County Board of Commissioners.

Steele County Attorney Dan McIntosh said VanVeldHuizen has had "a very positive outlook looking into the future."

Prior to honoring VanVeldHuizen, Bueltel spoke with 22 participants of the program. One participant was terminated from the program due to a criminal offense.

Most of the participants reported progress in the program. Bueltel told one of the participants that she should be graduating to make room for another person in the program. "You're on a roll and keep up the good work," Bueltel told another participant.

Little Theatre offers season memberships, referrals

Season membership is available for the upcoming theatre season at Little Theatre of Owatonna.

The season begins in October. This year's season will feature five shows, which includes two family musicals, a collection of performances celebrating traditions and experiences from around the world, a classic drama and a comedy. The full season lineup of performances can be found at www.LittleTheatreofOwatonna.org.

Move to the front of the line and take advantage of all the privileges of being a season member of LTO. They include: saving money on discounted ticket prices, advance seat reservation privileges and best of all, ticket coupons that can be used for any show you like. They can all even be used for one show if you prefer.

Gift memberships make a perfect gift for theatre buffs. A season ticket package for friends, relatives, and business contacts will provide entertainment throughout the year. Simply fill out the form and add your name under the "gift subscription from..." LTO will take care of the rest.

Season membership can be purchased until Oct. 29 by going to LittleTheatreofOwatonna.org, calling 507-451-0764 or emailing info@littletheatreofowatonna.org.

Little Theatre offers a season membership referral program. From Sept. 1-25, you can earn points that lead to cash prizes for doing what you already do, share your love of LTO. Simply remind people that you see often at work, stores and coffee shops of the great upcoming LTO season. Encourage others to become a season member, fill in your name as a referral, and earn points that lead to cash prizes. More details on this referral program can be found on LTO's web

Straight River Rest Area reopens after construction

The newly constructed Straight River Rest Area is open again for northbound Interstate 35 motorists south of Owatonna, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The rest area had been closed since November 2015 when the old building was demolished. Reconstruction of the new building and site began in 2016.

The new facility features LED lighting, prairie restoration plantings, increased truck parking, a leash-free fenced in pet walking area, an observation deck, family restroom facilities, a new playground and picnic facilities.

The Joseph Company, Inc. of Austin completed the \$4.98 million project.

To find a rest area in Minnesota, use MnDOT's web site search tool to learn about services and access at each site:

www.dot.state.mn.us/restareas/find.html

The rest area is near a bridge replacement project on I-35 and Highway 14 south of Owatonna where 10 bridges are being replaced. Two additional bridges are being replaced on I-35 near the site after they were damaged by a vehicle in the spring. Motorists interested in more information about the bridge project, may visit the MnDOT project website at www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/steelecty-bridge/index.html and sign up for email updates on the project.

Motorists should always be attentive, drive with caution, slow down in work zones and never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones. For real-time traffic information in Minnesota, call 511 or visit www.511mn.org.



Submitted photo

The Straight River Rest Area along Interstate 35 south of Owatonna has reopened after being shut down for nearly two years. This is the front entrance of the rest

CFS donates to Clarks Grove Fire



Submitted photo

Central Farm Service of Owatonna has made a \$5,000 donation to the Clarks Grove Fire Department. Those involved in the presentation included: (left to right) Matt Munson, firefighter; Dennis Adams, CFS location manager and firefighter; Steven Thisius, fire chief; Craig Christenson, CFS regional operations manager; Cody Boverhuis and Logan Vietze, firefighters.

Funds will help replace equipment damaged by tornado

The Clarks Grove Fire Department, a local volunteer department serving the northern Freeborn County community, has received a \$5,000 donation from Central Farm Service, a full service agricultural cooperative, and CoBank, a cooperative bank serving vital industries throughout rural America.

With headquarters in Owatonna and Truman, CFS provides feed, grain, agronomy, energy and transportation products and services throughout southern Minnesota. CFS has been a member of the Clarks Grove community since 1984.

"This is a way to say thank you for the valuable service they provide and let them know that

we appreciate the support they have given us and the Clarks Grove community," said Craig Christenson, CFS Regional Operations Manager.

"I would like to thank CFS and CoBank for the donation to the fire department," says Steven Thisius, Fire Chief. "The money will help us replace necessary equipment so that we may continue to serve the Clarks Grove community."

Central Farm Service's donation was matched by CoBank through its Sharing Success program. Sharing Success was established in 2012 to celebrate the International Year of the Co-operative. Since the program's inception, CoBank and its cus-

tomers have together provided more than \$25 million in support to charitable organizations across the nation.

"Sharing Success has had a broader and deeper impact than we ever imagined," said Tom Halverson, CoBank's president & chief executive officer. "We are delighted with the growing participation in the program by our customers, and deeply grateful to them for their assistance in identifying worthy charitable causes deserving of our support. We look forward to partnering with our customers once again this year and to sharing our success, in the best cooperative tradition."

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Event Spotlight:

Suicide exhibit at Owatonna Arts Center

“What’s Left” Lives Touched by Suicide, Sept 5-24.
Opening reception and Gallery talk on Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. John Bauer, the producer of the exhibition, will lead a gallery talk and a representative from the “Open Arms Yellow Ribbon of Owatonna” will also speak.
The multimedia exhibition is to create a provocative community dialogue about suicide and mental illness, with a goal of reducing the stigma surrounding them. Participation was with over 45 of Minnesota’s fine artists in painting poetry, sculpture, graffiti, glass, weaving, photography and more.
Audience members will have the chance to listen to an interactive audio instillation of stories and responses to the exhibition. Suicide and mental illness are major health problems that affect everyone. The topic is often viewed as taboo, and family members left behind can feel stigmatized and unable to talk openly about their experience and grief. “What’s Left” will provide a space for participating artists and the broader community to reflect on the impact of suicide and mental illness and explore the use of artistic expression in the process of grieving, healing, and expressing hope.

Event Spotlight:

Bad Tangerines comes to Art Center

The Bad Tangerines concert benefiting the Owatonna Arts Center is on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Arts Center & Kottke’s Jewelry.
The Bad Tangerines have been performing in the Owatonna area for many years, but are known mostly for their place on the Bill for the annual Hometown Sampler, a benefit concert for the Steele County Food Shelf.
Group members are Mark Sebring, Tim VanGelder, Jodie DeKam, Tammi Ferch and Michael Ferch. They come from all walks of life, but find common ground in taking popular music and arranging it to be sung without instruments. Their material comes from artists such as Journey, Fleetwood Mac, Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift, Billy Joel and Frankie Valli. Their diverse set list ensures that at any given show everyone will recognize something.
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Event Spotlight:

Earth to Mars at Arts Center

“Skywaves” an audio-visual show by Brian Bradley will be on September 9 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door. Bradley was born in South Korea, raised and is living in southern Minnesota. He studied Philosophy at the University of Duluth.
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St. Columbanus to hold potluck

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Event Spotlight:

Regional Highland Cattle Show in Austin

The 2017 Regional Highland Cattle Show will take place Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Mower County Fairgrounds in Austin.
The junior show gets underway at 9 a.m. followed by the open show at 12 p.m. The open show will kick off with a bagpiper performing.

Event Spotlight:

Arts Center director marks big milestone

A celebration will take place to mark the 40th anniversary of Silvan Durben as the creative director for the Owatonna Arts Center.
It will take place Sunday, Sept. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the arts center.
In honor of Durben’s 40 years, the hope is to create a student scholarship in his name. Donations to this scholarship are appreciated.
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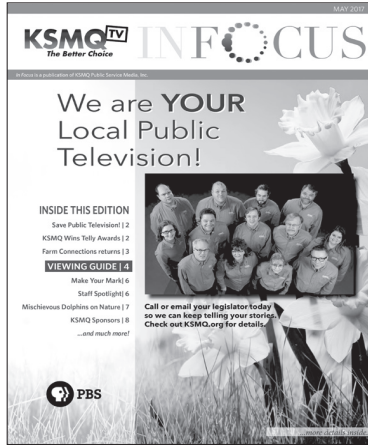
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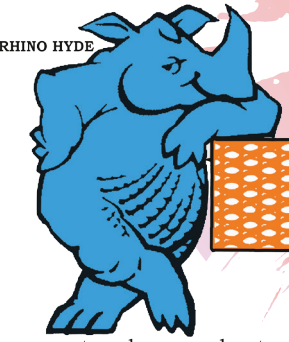


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September Weed of the Month: Morrow’s Honeysuckle



Morrow’s honeysuckle plant has whitish flowers.
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Emilie Justen,
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of Agriculture

Morrow’s honeysuckle (*Lonicera morrowii*) is the second of four non-native honeysuckles on the Restricted Noxious Weeds list. It is native to Japan and was introduced to the United States in the 1800s. It was planted for a variety of uses, including ornamental plantings, for wildlife food and cover, and for erosion control. Morrow’s honeysuckle has spread and naturalized in many Eastern and Midwestern states.

Morrow’s honeysuckle is a multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub that grows to 8 feet tall. Leaves are opposite, 1-2 inches long, oval shaped, hairy on the undersides, and grayish-green in color. Flowers are paired and occur along the stem at the leaf

axils. The plants bloom in mid to late spring and the flowers are white to pale yellow. The fruits are paired, round, and are reddish to orange. The bark is light brown and shaggy.

Morrow’s honeysuckle is adapted to many habitats. It grows well in woodlands, roadsides, mature and disturbed forests, savannas, fence rows, and



pastures. It also grows well in full sun to shade and moist to dry or sandy soils. Morrow’s honeysuckle reproduces through seed dispersal by birds and through root suckering. It can suppress native plants by forming dense monocultures that reduce species diversity.

Morrow’s honeysuckle is a Restricted Noxious Weed in Minnesota. Although landowners are ultimately not required to control or eradicate Restricted Noxious Weeds on their properties, they are encouraged to manage Morrow’s honeysuckle appropriately to prevent future spread of this species and degradation of native habitats. Several

Young plants can be pulled by hand. Mature plants can be removed by repeated cutting or mowing.

Prescribed burning can be an effective tool to control infestations in combination with other techniques. Spring burning can kill seedlings and the tops of mature plants. Make sure to contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to learn more about control burning practices and regulations.

Foliar and cut-stem application of herbicides that translocate their active ingredients into the root system can be very effective. Treatments will need to be repeated for several years to eradicate a population. If using herbicide treatments, check with the University of Minnesota Extension, co-op, or certified landscape care expert for assistance and recommendations.

management tactics are available for Morrow’s honeysuckle. For all options, infestation sites will need to be monitored and treated repeatedly until the seedbanks are depleted.

Do not plant Morrow’s honeysuckle and eradicate existing plants on your property.

Getting credit for doing good on the land Fields, Rivers & Streams

Justin Hanson
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Mower County farmers likely are closer than they think when it comes to getting kudos from the state on what they’re doing for water quality.

Overall, Mower County’s agricultural producers and landowners are doing a good job with land management. Their efforts even might make the grade for the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) now in its second year.

This is a good time for us locally to send a positive message throughout the state that Mower County has many good stewards of the land and our farmers have been proactive with land-management practices that help water quality.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture developed the MAWQCP certification program – better known as Ag Certainty – for farmers to show their conservation efforts during a time when there is too much blame being placed on them for Minnesota’s water-quality issues. A year ago, the state certified four Mower County farm families who worked with Mower Soil & Water Conservation District on an application, and our office has other families awaiting certification this year.

Ag Certainty is a voluntary initiative that reviews land-use practices of ag producers and landowners. Support staff from the state provide walkovers of farms and interview farmers about their operation.

If changes are necessary, cost-share assistance often is provided to the participating farmer through a government program. If the operation is in great shape, Ag Certainty certifies the farmer, who gets a 10-year pass on any future state regulation affecting his or her operation.

This truly is a significant incentive offered by the state.

Yet, I think the vastly more important purpose of Ag Certainty is the message it sends to those concerned with the ag community’s efforts related to water quality.

Mower SWCD is finding that many of our farmers in the coun-



Steve Lawler of Mower Soil & Water Conservation District talks Sept. 15 with local farmer James Anderson after a recognition ceremony at the Cotter farm near Austin for the state’s Ag Certainty program. Anderson was one of four Mower County farm families certified by the state in 2016.

ty qualify for certification. Many of those farmers who don’t qualify yet still are close enough to achieve certification without making significant operational changes. And, again, cost share usually can offset those costs.

I often speak with farmers who share concerns about new regulation and potential loss of control for making on-the-farm decisions. Farmers today are concerned about how the state rolled out its new buffer law. They’re also concerned about future fertilizer management rules.

There is a perception that the general public doesn’t give farmers enough credit for their conservation efforts. The common denominator for all those concerns is education.

Farmers have a story to tell about how they manage their land but it’s not getting heard by enough people, partly due to education being a two-way street. Some members of the public don’t want to hear the farmer’s story. I’m convinced, however, that group is small.

For the most part, the ag story isn’t getting heard because farmers aren’t telling it on enough platforms. Ag Certainty is strong

way of telling that story.

This isn’t to say that we have resolved all our water-quality challenges. Our office works every day on local water-quality challenges and some of that comes directly from land-management methods that lead to extensive stormwater runoff or groundwater infiltration.

I challenge Mower County farmers to take a little time before harvest to look into Ag Certainty and how it relates to their operation. History tells me that many will qualify.

Please feel free to call or stop by the Mower SWCD office in Austin to learn more. Our staff wants to help farmers through the Ag Certainty application

process and, if approved, help them tell their water-quality story.

Mower SWCD provides technical assistance to landowners with conservation practices that protect land and water resources. SWCD also performs the duties of the Cedar River Watershed District to improve water quality and reduce flooding. This monthly column by Mower SWCD/CRWD typically runs the last Thursday of each month. More information is available on the Mower SWCD and CRWD websites and Facebook pages. Questions and comments can be sent to tim.ruzek@mowerswcd.org.

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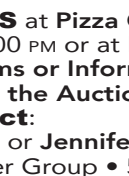
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It's officially my favorite time of year.

And, I'm not taking about the time of year when the leaves begin to turn colors giving us a warning that soon winter is coming. I'm not talking about the time of year where hunters begin to don their camouflage in hopes of registering enough kills to fill the freezer with various meats for the winter.

Oh no, I'm talking about the time of year where fans treat every start to the weekend like a joyous three-day holiday. A day where Saturday's aren't just for the boys, despite what the crew at Barstools Sports proclaims. I'm talking about football season.

The opening weekend of the college football season has officially past and if the slate of games were any indication, we are in for one roller coaster of a season. Now, teams will start the nearly two month journey in hopes of not only capturing a conference championship, but a top four finish to be selected for the 2017 College Football Playoff.

In this opening weekend, we learned that Alabama is still the team to beat among the elite programs of college football. However, we also learned how important it is to have an experienced quarterback take the commands of the offense.

Gophers start Fleck era with a win

Thursday night, I took the opportunity to go cover the Golden Gophers season opener against Buffalo at TCF bank Stadium. I should be quick to add that we may not see the two-quarterback rotation much longer. Struggling to keep any momentum, the Gophers scored a lowly 17 points against a team expected to finish near the middle of the pack in the MAC. This is despite the fact of recording nearly 450 yards of total offense.

I've always been a firm believer that if you have a tie in a position battle, you ride with the younger player. Doing this allows for you to hand valuable reps to a guy expected to be with the program for the years that follow. And, it might actually happen this way. While both Conor Rhoda and Demry Croft obtained similar results in the passing game, the edge in the running game – something that should be a mainstay for the Gophers offense – was with Croft has the signal caller. Expect to see a different offensive approach when the Gophers battle Oregon State Saturday.

Defensively, the Gophers could be the cream of the crop in the Big Ten. If not for a nearly perfect touchdown pass by Buffalo quarterback Tyree Jackson, Minnesota's defense was fairly solid in all aspects of the game.

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FOOTBALL IS BACK



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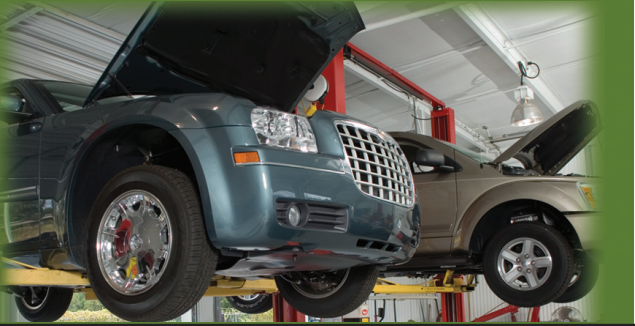
Huskies wide reciever Alex Raichle (4) outruns a Faribault defender for an 83-yard touchdown catch during the first quarter of Owatonna's 61-0 thumping of the Falcons Friday night at OHS Stadium. For complete results, go to page 2C.



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Medford defensive end Greg Larson (64) sacks Winona-Cotter quarterback Jo Sandcork during the first quarter of Medford's 31-22 loss to the Ramblers. For complete results, go to page 3C.

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Huskies thump Falcons 61-0



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Top: Jason Williamson breaks a 45-yard run during the first quarter of the Huskies’ 61-0 blowout win over Faribault Friday at OHS Stadium. Williamson rushed for 105 yards on nine carries and three scores. Right: Quarterback Abe Havelka throws a pass in the first half. Bottom right: Linebacker Zach Mensink (21) wraps up a Falcons’ ballcarrier.

Huskies offense displays firepower in win

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

OWATONNA – The Owatonna High School football has been having a lot of hype during the preseason for the 2017 season.

In the season opener Friday night against rival Faribault, the Huskies made it clear that the hype surrounding the program was supported.

Recording 327 yards of total offense in the first half, the Huskies rolled to a 54-0 lead at the half to dismantle the Falcons 61-0 at OHS Stadium.

It didn’t take long for the Huskies offense to display its explosive play-making ability. They also took an approach that Owatonna fans might not be accustomed to seeing. After missing his first attempt, senior quarterback Abe Havelka connected on his next four attempts which included a 13-yard touchdown pass to fellow senior Dalton Kubista to end a 65-yard drive.

After a quick three and out from the Falcons offense, Owatonna’s offense only continued to heat up. A 6-play, 73-yard drive was capped off by a familiar face. With the drive starting again with Havelka’s arm, it was ended with a 45-yard touchdown run by junior running back Jason Williamson. It was just Williamson’s second touch of the game, but head coach Jeff Williams noted that in their game prep, they opted to attack the Falcons differently to try and spring the highly-touted junior.

“After watching our tape from last year, I felt like we were too conservative in what we did in the opening quarter,” Williams said. “We wanted to try and threaten the vertical zones of the field, see if we couldn’t get the ball downfield a bit. We figured that if we were able to do that, it would open up things underneath as the game went on.”

While the plan to attack the Falcons vertically early seemingly helped soften the zones, it was all predicated off the performance of the offensive line. In 30 offensive snaps in the first half, the Owatonna offensive line didn’t

allow a sack or a tackle for loss. Williams noted that it was a good thing to see.

“I felt like he (quarterback Abe Havelka) had a clean pocket all night,” he added. “The one time we didn’t, end up getting a facemask penalty and it benefited us anyway.”

It’s a rarity in football to see a team simply dominate in all phases of the game, but that’s exactly what the Huskies were doing. In the kicking game, the Huskies had three drives that started in their own territory, which played a great deal in the explosive plays. The Huskies third drive was short, but continued to only strengthen the offensive momentum. Taking a quick pass from the right hash, senior Alex Raichle made a Falcons defender miss before displaying his speed for an 83-yard touchdown to extend the Huskies’ lead to 21-0. Raichle would haul in a 21-yard touchdown pass later in the half that extended the Huskies’ lead to 47-0.

In the first half, Owatonna averaged four plays a drive, that all resulted in touchdowns. Four of those scores, came from the arm of Havelka. Williamson’s third touchdown of the half gave the Huskies a commanding 54-0 lead. The junior running back finished with 9 carries for 105 yards and three scores.

While the Owatonna offense managed to register scores on their first eight possessions of the first half, the Falcons had quite the opposite result. In six offensive possessions in the first half, the Falcons ran roughly 25 plays. In fact, the Falcons largest drive was just 14 yards and ended in a fumble. An offensive predicated on running the football with a blend of play-action passing in between, it didn’t take long for the Huskies to make the Falcons one-dimensional. Faribault quarterbacks were 0-for7 on attempts through the air.

“They come in to run the football and to play-action,” Williams added. “I felt like our kids did a good job of sitting on their receivers when they did go play action. I thought our kids were disciplined

and that makes it kind of tough.”

For much of the second half, the Huskies played its reserves. The change in personnel didn’t stop the Huskies offense from finding the end zone. On the third possession of the second half, sophomore running back Ethan Walter managed to notch the final score for the Huskies from two yards out. Williams noted that games like these serve as learning experiences for younger players.

“Games like this are depth building,” he added. “You make sure you got guys who are ready to go and those guys are now on tape and we can sit and analyze them. Things happen in a course of the year so you have to have that next man up mentality.”

The Huskies will play host to Rochester Mayo Friday night. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Scoring summary

Owatonna 61, Faribault 0

First quarter
O — Dalton Kubista 13-yard pass from Abe Havelka
O — Jason Williamson 45-yard run
O—Raichle 83-yard pass from Havelka
O—Kubista 33-yard pass from Havelka
Second quarter
O— Noah Budach 9-yard run
O—Williamson 1-yard run
O—Raichle 21-yard pass from Havelka
O—Williamson 21-yard run
Fourth quarter
O—Zach Walter 2-yard run

Team Stats

Passing: F 25, O 214
Rushing: A 81, O 262
Total Offense: A 106, O 476
Turnovers: A 3

Huskies stats leaders

Passing - Havelka: 11-for-15, 266 yards, 4 TD’s.
Rushing - Williamson: 9 carries, 105 yards, 3 TD’s (long 45)
Receiving - Raichle: 2 rec. 104 yards, 2 TD’s; Budach: 6 rec. 88 yards, (rush TD); Kubista: 2 rec. 64 yards, 2 TD’s.



Tigers fall to Winona-Cotter



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Top: A host of Tigers defenders attempt to bring down Ramblers running back Jack Vaselaar (20) during the second half of Medford's 31-22 loss to Winona-Cotter Saturday at Maxwell Field at Winona State University. It marked the first win for Cotter since 2014. Bottom Left: Medford Sophomore Willie VonRuden (center) is congratulated by Jacob Gasner (73) after scoring the Tigers' first touchdown of the season in the first quarter. Bottom right: Senior running back Nate Meixner runs for a first down during the first half of Medford's season opener.

Medford defense allows 316 rushing yards

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

WINONA – The Medford High School football team looked to get the 2017 season started on a high note as the team ventured to Winona to take on Winona-Cotter in a non-district clash Saturday morning.

The Tigers however, weren't prepared for the Ramblers' rushing attack.

Rushing for 316 yards and four scores on the ground, three of which behind the legs of Austin Griffin, the Ramblers toppled the Tigers 31-22 at Maxwell Field on the campus of Winona State University. It was the first win for Cotter since September of 2014.

"We didn't play great responsibility football," commented Tigers head coach Jerome Johannes. "And they were able to get that extra step, whether it was misdirection or coming right at us. We were a little bit slower than we are normally."

Despite striking first on Javis VonRuden's first touchdown pass of the season to his little brother Willie, the Tigers simply had no answer for the Ramblers' wishbone approach. If not for turning the ball over on their first two possessions, the score could have been drastically different. However, the difference was that Cotter was

able to capitalize on turnovers. After VonRuden's interception was returned to the Tigers' one-yard line, Griffin needed one play to help Cotter tie the game before the extra point.

After surrendering the lead, the Tigers appeared to have the life sucked right out of them. On the final four possessions of the half, Medford recorded -23 yards, much of which coming from penalties. Johannes noted that it's easy to have a drive stall with tough penalties.

"It was a tough lesson learned," he added. "It took nice plays that we had and called it back and we talked early on about just those little mistakes that are going to cost us."

As for the Ramblers' offense, the short, one-play drive that ultimately gave them the lead seemed to provide all the momentum needed. Despite only registering one scoring drive out of the final four drives in the first half, Cotter was able to sustain long, bruising drives that seemed to wear out the Tigers' defensive unit. Leading the rushing attack, Griffin tallied three scores to go with 29 carries for 123 yards to lead all rushers.

Facing a 28-6 deficit, the lone bright spot for the Tigers offense was Willie VonRuden. The sophomore proved that the varsity stage was not too bright for him. VonRuden recorded all three scores for the Tigers while also having a hand in the two-point conversion

that cut the lead to 31-22. Johannes noted in the preseason that the younger VonRuden was going to be a playmaker for the Tigers this season.

"He's a sophomore that plays like a senior," he added. "He's football smart, a great athlete and a great weapon that we have to use throughout the offensive series."

The Tigers will host Kenyon-Wanamingo Friday night.

Team stats

Passing: WC 66, M 115
Rushing: WC 316, M 125
Turnovers WC 2, M 3

Tigers stats leaders

Passing - VonRuden: 7-for-17, 115 yards, 2 TD's, 2 INT's
Rushing - Meixner: 7 carries, 39 yards; W. VonRuden: 8 carries, 68 yards, TD (fumble).
Receiving - W.VonRuden: 3 rec. 58 yards, 2TD's; Meixner: 2 rec. 47 yards.
Defense - Bo Noble: 13 tackles, FF, 2FR; Brody Berg: 10 tackles; Zach Wetmore: 12 tackles.



Blossoms top Southland



Photo courtesy of Matthew Schneider (Mower County Independant)

Blossoms wide reciever Tim Wolf races for a 45-yard touchdown during the first half of Blooming Prairie's 37-14 win Friday night in Adams. Wolf's lone catch went for a score.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

ADAMS - The Blooming Prairie Awesome Blossom football team jumped on Southland early, and turned a 30-6 halftime lead into a 37-14 victory. The district contest at Adams Friday, Sept. 1, made the opening season win a satisfying 1-0 start for BP. Freshman Mitchell Fiebig-er got the Blossoms started with a bang when he forced a fumble on the kickoff. He re-covered the fumble, and Lucas Noble scored from three yards out three plays later. With less than three minutes left in the first quarter, the Blossoms struck again, this time on a perfect pass from junior

quarterback Seth Peterson to sophomore Gabe Hagen down the sideline for 75 yards. As Coach Chad Gimbel remarked following the game, “I thought we played extremely well in the first half, but we had a bit of a letdown in the second half, both physically and emotionally. Most of the second half problems were of our own making, with fumbles and penalties stopping several drives in the half.” The Blossoms kept the pressure on in the second quarter, as Peterson found Noble for a 19-yard score with just over 8 minutes left in the half. On Southland’s next possession Max Romeo, who had a great first game effort, intercepted a Rebel pass and rumbled 40 yards for a touchdown and a

24-0 edge. Carter Schmitz added to the score with a 45 yard run with 7:17 left before the break, but Peterson struck yet again, this time on a touch pass to Tim Wolf with less than two minutes left in the half. BP led 30-6 at the break. “The offensive line had a great first half,” commented Assistant Coach Nate Pillar, “but we missed some opportunities with poor angle tackling and poor technique. This continued in the second half, but we were able to increase the lead on an opening second half pass for 45 yards from Peterson to Noble and an extra point kick for a 37-6 margin.” Prier Brigham ran five yards for a Southland score after a drive by the Rebels, and they scored the last points of the

game on a safety after a fumbled punt attempt. “At times we really hummed on offense” concluded Gimbel, “and the offensive line did a great job keeping Peterson safe to pass, but we need to keep better focus on the game. We have a lot of work to do in practice.” **Game Stats:** Passing-Peterson 12 for 19 for269 yards, 4 touchdowns, with 1 interception. Receiving- Noble 4 for 68 yards; Hagen 4 for 107 yards; Wolf 1 for 45; Colin Lerum 2 for 33 yards; Romeo 4 for 10 yards; and Karson Vigeland 1 for 5 yards. Rushing yards- Romeo 8 for 227; Matthew Pryor 6 for 23; Noble 3 for 22.

Prep Preview



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna linebacker Zach Mensink

Mid Southwest-East

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

Mid Southwest-West

	Div.	Overall
Kenyon-Wanamingo	1-0-0	1-0-0
Lester Prairie/ Holy Trinity	1-0-0	1-0-0
Mayer Lutheran	1-0-0	1-0-0
United South Central	1-0-0	1-0-0
Medford	0-0-0	0-1-0
Bethlehem Academy	0-1-0	0-1-0
J-W-P	0-1-0	0-1-0
Minnesota Valley Lutheran	0-1-0	0-1-0
St. Clair	0-1-0	0-1-0

South Central-Blue

	Div.	Overall
LeSeur-Henderson	0-0-0	1-0-0
Maple River	0-0-0	1-0-0
Norwood-Young America	0-0-0	1-0-0
Sibley East	0-0-0	1-0-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	0-0-0	0-1-0
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	0-0-0	0-1-0
NRHEG	0-0-0	0-1-0
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	0-0-0	0-1-0

Big Southeast-Red

	Div.	Overall
New Prague	0-0-0	1-0-0
Owatonna	0-0-0	1-0-0
Northfield	0-0-0	1-0-0
Rochester Century	0-0-0	0-1-0
Rochester John Marshall	0-0-0	0-1-0
Rochester Mayo	0-0-0	0-0-0

Football State Rankings

Class 1A	Class 2A	Class 5A
1. BOLD	1. Caledonia	1. Owatonna
2. Wabasso	2. Eden Valley- Watkins	2. Elk River
3. Goodhue	3. Barnesville	3. Mankato West
4. Minneota	4. Pilager	4.Robbinsdale
5. Mayer Lutheran	5. Minneapolis North	Copper
		5. Apple Valley
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*Receiving votes: Triton, Hawley		
*Receiving votes: Alexandria, Chanhassen		

*Source: Northstarfootball.com

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Sept. 9... vs. Fillmore Central	Sept. 8... vs. Sibley East
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Sept. 22... vs. Winona-Cotter	Sept. 22... vs. G-F-W
Sept. 29... at Goodhue	Sept. 29... at WEM
Oct. 6... vs. Hayfield	Oct. 6... vs. Maple River
Oct. 18... at Rushford-Peterson	Oct. 13... at LeSueur-Henderson
Medford	Oct. 18... vs. Lake Crystal-WM
Sept. 2... at Winona-Cotter L 31-22	
Sept. 8... vs. Kenyon Wanamingo	
Sept. 15...vs. Bethlehem Academy	
Sept. 22... vs. Mayer Lutheran	
Sept. 29... vs. Lester Prairie/ Holy Trinity	
Oct. 6... at St. Clair	
Oct. 13... vs. Minn. Valley Lutheran	
Oct. 18... vs. United South Central	
Owatonna	
Sept. 1... vs. Faribault W 61-0	
Sept. 8... vs. Rochester Mayo	
Sept. 15... at Austin	
Sept. 22... at Rochester JM	
Sept. 29... vs. Mankato East	
Oct. 6... Rochester Century	
Oct. 13... at Northfield	
Oct. 18... at New Prague	

Arrows drop Panthers

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

PIPESTONE - The NRHEG football team took to the road in its season-opening contest against Pipestone Area. The Panthers were looking to kick start its high-powered offense that returned the bulk of the weapons from a year ago. However, Mother Nature and the Arrows defense had different ideas. Forcing three turnovers and registering the first points of the game off a safety, Pipestone Area was able to down the Panthers 14-7 on a sloppy Friday night. After running for over 1,000 yards as a junior, NRHEG running back Perry Peterson was held to just 47 yards on 10 carries. In his first varsity start, quarterback Jake Stork showed signs of promise, tossing a touchdown with 32 seconds left to bring the game to a one-score game. Stork finished the contest going 13-for-24, for 127 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, the Panthers struggled defending the Arrows passing game, allowing 210 yards and a pair of scores through the air. For the game, NRHEG allowed 231 yards of total offense. The Panthers will play host to Sibley East Friday.



Photo courtesy of Pam Agrimson

A swarm of Panthers wrap up an Arrow ballcarrier during NRHEG's 14-7 loss to Pipestone Area Friday night in Pipestone. The Arrows recorded 231 yards of total offense in the win.

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What an opening week

What a first week of fall sports! The football team had a great opener by taking down Southland at Adams on Friday night, the volleyball team split a pair of matches, and the cross country teams made a good showing in their first competition of the season at the Stewartville invitational meet.

For a first game, the coaching staff of the Blossoms had to feel satisfied about the team's performance, especially the first half. Surely, it was a typical first game in many ways, with penalties and poor execution marring the play at times. But very good offensive line performance, big play scoring, and a big first half surge gave the home team a big and dominating edge by the halftime break.

The victory set up an important contest already in the season, when the team entertains Fillmore Central this coming Friday. The falcons scored an impressive 35-0 shutout over hayfield and have been sometimes touted as one of the favorites in the district. Kenyon-Wanamingo, Rushford Peterson, and Goodhue, (all strong rivals of the Blossoms) also opened the season with victories.

Although Coach Chad Gimbel showed satisfaction with the opening game win, he also saw several things that need quick improvement before this week's contest. Cutting down penalties and eliminating mistakes in execution will be utmost in practices this week. It should be a crucial early season test for the Blossoms.

The volleyball team alternated Coach Ranell Kittelson's praise for the first match performance and the disappointment at the lackluster play in the loss at NRHEG in the second match.

The Blossoms did almost everything right in the three-game sweep over JWP in the season opener, but then played very poorly at New Richland, especially in the first two games. The team participated in a tourney in Rochester last Saturday, where it competed with some strong area teams.

Senior Alec Ille continued his fine career with a fourth at the big 20-team Stewartville cross-country meet last week. The team finished 9th overall, and the girls came in 11th. Eighth grader Bobbie Bruns led the girls' team, and she managed a tenth place finish individually, timing just a shade over 21 minutes.

Coach John Bruns expressed satisfaction at the showing by the locals for a first meet in the season. It will be interesting to follow these exciting teams throughout the season, especially some of the individual efforts. Ille, for example, will be aiming for his third straight trip to the

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Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna freshman Grace Wolfe fights Farmington's Emily Schaffer for possession during the first half of the Huskies 2-0 win over the Tigers Thursday night in the season opener at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. The Huskies defense allowed two shots on goal in the contest.

Tigers start season with sweep over Dover-Eyota

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

MEDFORD – In the season-opener for the Medford High School, it was all about new beginnings.

For the first time in years, there was no Callie Nagel and Tonya Powers, after the longtime coach stepped down prior to the end of the school year. Into the

spotlight as the new head coach for the Tigers was Missy Underdahl. For a team losing valuable leadership, there certainly was a lot to prove against Dover-Eyota Tuesday night.

With a strong mix of outside hitting and registering key blocks, the Tigers kicked off the 2017 season with a straight-set sweep (25-15, 25-8, 25-13) of the Eagles at Medford Public

School.

"I told the girls that I'm just so proud of them," commented coach Underdahl. "They have worked so hard the last few weeks in practice; I've been pushing them and they have accepted the challenge. So to see it actually come together tonight, I couldn't be happier and excited for those girls."

In the first set, the Tigers and

Eagles traded points back and forth heading to a 4-4 deadlock. Then Medford's power outside took over. Led by senior Amanda Honsey, junior Rachel Luebke and sophomore Emma Kniefel, the Tigers went on a 4-0 run. After the Eagles managed to cut the lead to 7-6, Kniefel's kill ignited yet another run by Medford.

"They're very smart girls,"

noted Underdahl. "They can find the holes. They know when to lay off and when to go hard and as long as we can get our serve passes up, we're definitely going to be able to take control of the outside."

After another five-point run extended the lead to 12-6, the

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Blossoms earn split to start season



Blossoms senior McKenna Hein.

Staff archive photo

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

After an auspicious first match victory, the Blossom volleyball team reverted to mistake-filled action, as they dropped a four-game match to homestanding NRHEG Thursday, Aug. 31. The Panthers won the first two games easily by identical 25-16 scores and then outlasted the locals 25-20 in game four, after bp had played a good third game for a 25-15 win.

"We started in a passing slump' in the first two games," commented Coach Ranell Kittelson. "We just didn't match aggressive lay by the host team. Some good play at the net turned game three in our favor, and the fourth game was a tight contest, but we just couldn't get it together on defense enough to pull ahead."

Sam Wurst and Micalyn Trihus had 11 and a kill, and Trihus added eight blocks. Heather Pirkel piled up 29 assists, and

Linnea Beyers- Sunde scrambled for 12 digs. Julia Worke added six kills.

BP wins opener

Some new faces joined some starters to make an immediate impact for the Awesome Blossom volleyball team. BP took down JWP in three straight games to open the 2017 season on a high note. The Blossoms pulled away late in all three games to clinch the opening season home victory.

After BP edged out ahead 17-14 in the first game, the Bulldogs managed just one more point in a 25-16 Blossom victory. Kills from Trihus and Wurst highlighted the late run for the locals. The same pattern emerged in game two, with libero Linnea- Sunde's scrambling digs, and the play at the net led to a 25-20 win, and the Blossoms closed out the match in a 25-17 third game dominance.

"We played excellent volleyball tonight" remarked Coach

Ranell Kittelson. "We stayed aggressive on offense and made some key blocks off J-W-P kill attempts. The girls communicated well, kept momentum on their side, and did a great job staying aggressive on both offense and defense. The hard work in pre-season practice paid off tonight."

Both Sunde and sophomore setter Heather Pirkel saw their first extended varsity action, and both impressed fans with their play. Pirkel amassed 28 assists in the three games, and Sunde roamed the floor for 12 digs, a third of them in the second game. Trihus, just a freshman, led the team at the net with 13 kills and six blocks.

Third year starter Wurst added nine kills and three blocks, and Julia Worke also played well at the net. Rachel Oswald starred at the serving line with 9 points, including seven ace serves. Pirkel added eight serving points in the match.

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Tigers split opening contests

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Tigers seemingly were in control. Medford would see their lead grow to 18-10. However, the Eagles weren't going to go down easy. Dover-Eyota managed to post a small rally that would cut the Tigers' lead to 20-14. The rally would eventually be ended as Medford would score the final five points to win the first set.

Much like the first set, the Tigers quickly jumped out to a 9-3 lead after a brief 2-2 tie to force yet another timeout. In fact, in three sets, the Tigers had eight different runs that were of four points or greater. Underdahl noted that the focus in their serve game was a key factor in being able to jump out to the big leads.

"We've really been working hard on serving and making our serves very difficult so that they can't run their offense," she added. "And I thought we did a great job of that tonight and I feel like we took advantage of the free balls that came over."

While Underdahl noted that serving played a factor, a large part of the success was the ability to not only block incoming shots, but the keep volleys alive. In three sets, the Tigers recorded 23 blocks with Honsey leading

the team with eight total blocks. Madi Krenske led the charge in the dig department with 31.

Despite trading points to a slim 16-12 lead in the game-deciding set, the Tigers managed to mount a rally to extend the

lead to 20-12. The Tigers ultimately won the set 25-13.

The Tigers fell 3-0 in straight sets to Hayfield on Thursday.

**Stats were not reported prior to press.*



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Medford senior Amanda Honsey.

County sports round up

Owatonna tops Mankato West 3-0

Looking for the first win of the season, the Owatonna boys soccer team played host to Big Nine Conference foe Mankato West at the Owatonna Soccer complex Thursday, Aug. 31.

Nate Smith scored a pair of goals while Seth Bungum added an insurance goal. The Huskies will be back in action Sept. 5 against Albert Lea.

Owatonna girls soccer downs Byron

The Owatonna girls soccer team managed to keep the record perfect with a 4-2 win over Bryon High School Tuesday night at the Owatonna Soccer complex. On Thursday, the Huskies fell to defending Big Nine Conference champion Mankato West 2-0, suffering the first loss of the season. **Final stats were not reported prior to press.*

Owatonna girls tennis continues to roll

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, the Huskies downed Big Nine Conference opponent Albert Lea in dominating fashion, rolling to a 7-0 sweep. On Thursday, Owatonna topped Big Nine Conference foe Winona 6-1. **Final stats were not reported prior to press.*

NRHEG boys finish 12th in invite

Coach Mike Weber's boys came in twelfth in the boys' division at the Stewartville Invitational, with Ben Lewer placing 22nd individual with an 18:41 time. Daniel Nydegger finished with a 19:11, and Agro Gushwa timed a 20; 23. Kollin Reese and Gavin Anderson followed with 20:33 and 23:47 respectively. Lewer repeated a good effort from last week," remarked Coach Weber, "and he recorded a personal best time. Nydegger also ran a personal best time, as did Reese by dropping over a minute off his previous best. Everyone had his best meet to date."

Madisyn Buetel ran a 23:38 for the girls' best time on an incomplete team. Jade Mely timed a 24:30, and Mia Williams came in with a 27:58 time.

NRHEG volleyball earns split

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state meet. Stay tuned.

The fight continues

Aside from the football team's home opener this coming Friday, the big news in the community will center around the cancer group's annual two-night auction on the street beside the Pizza cellar. It will undoubtedly be two nights of spirited bidding for valuable items and many other activities to entertain and delight people of all ages. It would take too long to list the items up for sale at the two-night affair, but I can attest to the fact that there will be something for everyone. Other activities also are on tap for Saturday, with entertainment provided Saturday night by the Stix of Fury.

Again this year, in case you haven't driven on highway 218 by Main Street, a trip by there is a must. The 250 pink flags populating the area along the highway create a very impressive sight, and the big array have drawn comments not only from

Blossom runners compete in Stewartville invite

By LEMAR NELSON
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STEWARTVILLE -- In their first competition of the season the Awesome Blossom cross country teams enjoyed a successful opening. The boys finished 9th of 20 teams entered, while the girls landed in 11th. Alec Ille continued his fine career with a 4th place individually, while 8th grader Bobbie Bruns led the girls' team with a 10th place finish.

Rochester Home School won the boys' division over LaCrescent and Jordan, while host Stewartville paced the girls over LFC and Rochester Home School. Six girls' schools fielded incomplete teams, and three boys' teams ran short.

Ille ran a 16:44 time over the 5000 course for his fourth, and Isaac Ille followed with a 19:42 (50th). Ethan Grant timed a 20:07, Jesse Schewe a 20:38, and Adam Larson a 20:54. Colton Krell finished the boys with a 21:58 time.

Bruns timed a 21:08 for her 10th place finish, and Aasha Lightizer followed with a 25"12. Jerrin Jax, Rose Michaud, and Emily Anderson timed 25:42, 26:01, and 26:50 respectively. Abby Braaten and Jackie Hyland completed the girls' times with 28:08 and 30:02.

"I thought Bobbie ran a ice race for it being early in the sea-

Blossoms sports start strong

residents, but also from travelers driving through the town.

The flags, along with pink on display at local businesses, on tree trunks, and lampposts certainly illustrate the civic pride and the interest that this local crusade against cancer continues to formulate. Thanks to everyone involved in this important campaign.

BP students shine

Two BPHS students both had a chance to be interviewed on Owatonna Live in the last weeks. Reporter Todd Walkingstick spent several minutes interviewing senior All-State baseball player Brad Staska, and DJ Stender reported on his school project as part of his regimen to reach an Eagle Scout status.

Staska recounted his exploits on the baseball diamond, but also related to the reporter his tenure as a Blossom offensive and defensive lineman and his recent career in basketball. Staska made a good interview

subject, and his conversation with Walkingstick provided an interesting few minutes.

DJ Stender demonstrated his plan for a small sitting area in front of the BP High school and the explained how the project navigated to fruition. Volunteer labor and contributions from local citizens helped fund the project as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

Now there is a cement patio and two concrete tables with benches available for students to sit and converse during the few minutes available after eating their lunch. The best thing about the arrangement is that the tables can be removed and placed in storage during the winter months. It was quite a project, and DJ is justly proud of his accomplishment.

Enjoy fall, attend the cancer auction, go, Blossoms, and we'll talk again.

son," commented Coach John Bruns. "And Ile continued his sparkling career with his fourth place time. Both Bruns and Ille put in a lot of work last summer, and it showed today."

Seven junior high boys competed at a 1600 distance, including Sam Skillestad, Micah

Donnelly, Elliott Swenson, Hosea Baker, Gustaaf Ogren, Sam Michaud, and Lucas Schammel. Skillestad timed a 6: 23, Donnelly a 6:47, Swenson a 6:52, and Baker a 6:58, as those four all finished under seven minutes.

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Dan Lewison-Dexter; (DNS) Kaitlyn Bennett-Austin; (DNS) Nikolas Aasen-Hayfield; (DNS) Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake.

WISSOTA Midwest Mod
Feature: 1. Nick Koehler-Bloomer WI; 2. Dan Wheeler-Savage; 3. Garritt Wytaske-Austin; 4. Josh Mattick-Rose Creek; 5. Michael Hofer-Cochrane WI; 6. Brayten Cisneros-Bloomington Prairie; 7. Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA; 8. Jeremy Misgen-New Richland; 9. Jay Clark-Rochester; 10. Tianna Mithun-New Richland; 11. Spencer Stock-Eyota; 12. Brady Larson-Amery WI; 13. Brad Minske-Northfield; 14. Luke Hainka-Wannamingo; 15. Tyrone Friese-Zumbrota; 16. Noel Hoppe-New Richland; 17. (DNF) Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo; 18. (DNF) Casey Trom-Zumbrota; 19. (DNF) Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord; 20. (DNF) Jayden Larson-Mankato; 21. (DNF) Paul Kroneman-Brownsdale; 22. (DNF) Scott Simmons-Lakeville.

WISSOTA Street Stocks
Feature (15 Laps): 1. Blake Adams-McNitre IA; 2. Kory Adams-Stacyville IA; 3. Jason Newkirk-Austin; 4. Zach Elward-Hayfield; 5. Mike Blowers-Waseca; 6. Braden Brauer-Rochester; 7. Kyle King-Hastings; 8. Noah Grinstead-Austin; 9. Bernie (Kenneth) Adams-Stacyville IA; 10. Brent Holland-Glenville; 11. Greg Lammers-Owatonna; 12. Cody Hyatt-Waseca; 13. Stacy Krohnberg-Walters; 14. Jacob Bennett-Austin; 15. (DNF) Bobby Blowers-Waseca; 16. (DNF) Danny Richards-Mondovi WI.

Hornets
Feature: 1. Brian Adams-Shakopee; 2. Daniel Knish-Kilkenny; 3. Marissa Wolff-Waseca; 4. Pat Wells-Faribault; 5. Caylie Blowers-Waseca; 6. Zachary Furbur-Annandale; 7. Cody Hyatt-Waseca; 8. Derek Groskreutz-Madison Lake; 9. Bryce Lisowski-Faribault; 10. Cale Giesler-West Concord; 11. Tyler Wright-Grand Meadow; 12. Corbin Giesler-West Concord; 13. (DNF) Tommie Cruz-Janesville; 14. (DNF)

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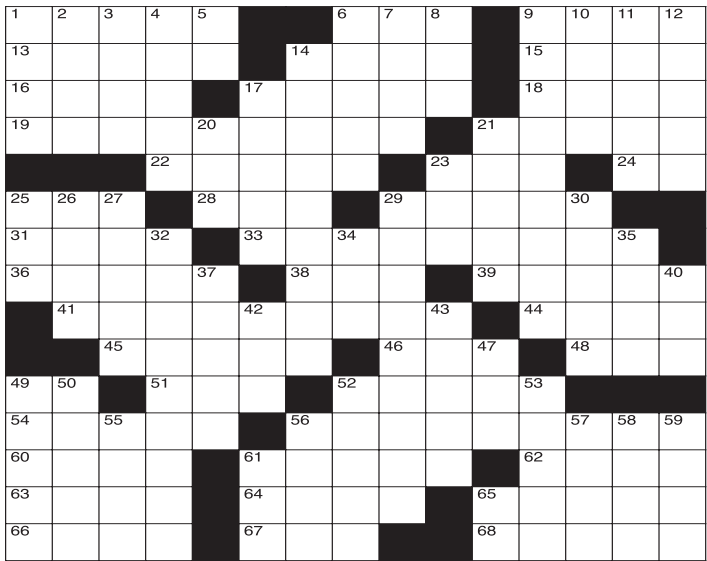
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 26, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$127,819.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Chad E. Wright and Jennifer M. Hall, both single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 4, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065589 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Outlot 2 of Bueckslar Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota, thence North 132 feet, thence East 294.45 feet to the point of beginning, thence East 71 feet, thence South 132 feet, thence West 71 feet, thence North 132 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to a Utilities easement hereby reserved by the grantors over the North 5 feet of the herein conveyed property. REGISTERED PROPERTY PROPERTY ADDRESS: 626 14th St SE, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-197-0012 COT# 16404 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$124,825.81 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 22, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 2018, or the next business day if March 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. Dated: July 27, 2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP BY Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee Shapiro & Zielke, LLP 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060 THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR 8/1, 8/8, 8/15 8/22, 8/29, 9/5 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 conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 17, 2008 MORTGAGOR: Brooke E. Murray, a single person. MORTGAGEE: 1 s t United Bank. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 22, 2008 Steele County Recorder,

Document No. A000358639. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated July 17, 2008 Recorded July 22, 2008, as Document No. A000358640. TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: 1st United Bank RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 558 School Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D.#: 17-136-0110 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 1, Re-Plat of Highland Park Addition to the City of Owatonna, together with that portion of the South 1/2 of that certain 12 foot alley vacated by the City Council of the City of Owatonna, by Ordinance No. 808, recorded in Book, 170 of Deeds, on page 596, that lies between the East and West line of said Lot 10 extended Northward, Steele County , Minnesota. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$114,285.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$118,278.71 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: July 31, 2017 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 135 - 17-005036 FC THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8/8,8/15,8/22 8/29,9/5,9/12 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: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 4, 1999 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$54,650.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Charlene M. Wetzel, an unmarried woman MORTGAGEE: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 5, 1999 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 14643 as Document Number 43363 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank FA, successor to North American Mortgage Company by assignment recorded on May 14,

2003 as Document Number T52889 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 29, 2015 as Document Number 73165 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 24, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 158 21ST ST NW, OWATONNA, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$36,388.31 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-411-0124 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100054100001688556 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 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 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 26, 2018. 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 3, 2017 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A. By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongiri Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Corbin C. Smith, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (17-0853-FC01) THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8/8,8/15,8/22 8/29,9/5,9/12 Estate STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1493 NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY Estate of Ralph Eugene Behne Deceased A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will dated -none-, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted. IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on October 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. by this Court at 107 West Main Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 (Owatonna Fire Hall) 1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant of Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204. 2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date. BY THE COURT Karen R. Ducan Judge of District Court 8/22/2017 Sonia Holder Court Administrator 8/22/2017 Attorney for Petitioner Scott P. Miller, Mark W. Balzarini Miller Legal Strategic Planning Centers 100 County Road 8, P.O. Box 738 Tyler, MN 56178-0738 Attorney License No: 0269645, 0337936 Telephone: 507-247-4700 Fax: 507-247-5333 Email: scott@millerlegal.com 8/29, 9/5 Foreclosure 17-107230 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 7, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$69,900.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Marcia K. Prestegard, single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1002489-0000001611-4 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. DBA Mortgage Depot SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 3, 2010, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000369179 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.; Thereafter assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC; thereafter assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3 in Block 2 in Pointview Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 314 Southview St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-134-0203 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$64,149.81 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 12, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. 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Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee Shapiro & Zielke, LLP 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060 THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR 8/22,8/29,9/5 9/12,9/19,9/26

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date. BY THE COURT Karen R. Ducan Judge of District Court 8/22/2017 Sonia Holder Court Administrator 8/22/2017 Attorney for Petitioner Scott P. Miller, Mark W. Balzarini Miller Legal Strategic Planning Centers 100 County Road 8, P.O. Box 738 Tyler, MN 56178-0738 Attorney License No: 0269645, 0337936 Telephone: 507-247-4700 Fax: 507-247-5333 Email: scott@millerlegal.com 8/29, 9/5 Foreclosure 17-107230 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 7, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$69,900.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Marcia K. Prestegard, single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1002489-0000001611-4 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. DBA Mortgage Depot SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 3, 2010, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000369179 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.; Thereafter assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC; thereafter assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3 in Block 2 in Pointview Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 314 Southview St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-134-0203 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$64,149.81 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 12, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on April 12, 2018, or the next business day if April 12, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. Dated: August 17, 2017 J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. Assignee of Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP BY Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee Shapiro & Zielke, LLP 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060 THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR 8/22,8/29,9/5 9/12,9/19,9/26

Foreclosure

17-107494

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 10, 2013 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,738.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Danielle Kay Strommer and Stephan Charles Strommer, wife and husband MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100603713070078628 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 12, 2013, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000392396 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 15,16 and South 14 feet of Lot 14, all being in Block 29 in Johnson and Company's Addition to Medford (said Block 29, being located in North part of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 9-108-20) PROPERTY ADDRESS: 211 1st Ave NE, Medford, MN 55049 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16-101-2915 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$103,204.26 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 19, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2018, or the next business day if April 19, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. Dated: August 25, 2017 CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC Assignee of Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP BY Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee Shapiro & Zielke, LLP 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060 THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR 8/29,9/5, 9/12 9/19,9/26,10/3 Estate STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1483 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Walred L. Knutson Decedent It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 2, 2017, at 10:00

A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, September 1, 2006 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Klane R. Dushek, whose address is 524 E. Vine Street, Owatonna, MN, 55060 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. BY THE COURT Karen R. Duncan Judge of District Court 8/22/2017 Sonia Holder Court Administrator 8/22/2017 Attorney for Petitioner David L. Einhaus Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A. 202 N. Cedar Avenue P.O. Box 545 Owatonna, MN, 55060 Attorney License No: 26190 Telephone: (507) 451-3580 FAX: (507) 451-3532 Email: einhaus@owatonnallawyers.com 8/29, 9/5 Notice STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF STEELE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: HARASSMENT Court File Number: 74-CV-17-1320 Harassment Notice of Issuance of Harassment Order For Relief by Publication Mulyum Amin OBO of Minor Children Petitioner(s) vs. Abdukadiv Said Respondent(s) To Respondent named above: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Harassment Order For Relief has been issued in the above matter. You may request a hearing on this matter if you file a Request For Hearing with the Court within 45 days of issuance of the Harassment Order For Relief. You may obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief from the court administrator's office at the following address: 107 West Main Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order. Sonia Holder Aug. 31, 2017 Court Administrator / Deputy 9/5 Notice ATTENTION WESTFILED TOWNSHIP The township ditches are to be mowed by Sept. 22nd 2017. If they are not mowed, the township will have them mowed and it will be charged to the landowners. Please, when mowing do not blow grass onto the roadways. Westfield Township Supervisors John Fouarge, Clerk Westfield Township Dodge County 9/5

Foreclosure

17-107550

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 15, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,300.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Jacqueline J. Robinson, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 16, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000358537
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Thereafter assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 15 to 26, both inclusive in Block 3, Clarke's Addition to the Village (now City) of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota That part of the South Half of 7th Street NE (Pope Street) which lies S of Lot 1, Block 4, Clarke's Addition, North of Lot 20, Block 3, Clarke's Addition East of the East line of Center Avenue (Pine Street) and West of the Westerly right of way line of State Highways 218 and 30 in the village (now City) of Blooming Prairie (now Vacated)
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 801 Center Ave N, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-109-0315
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$72,905.11
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 27, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
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Dated: August 31, 2017

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

9/5, 9/12, 9/19
9/26, 10/3, 10/10

City of BP

Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
Proposed City Council
Meeting Agenda
September 11, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes of August Regular City Council Meeting & Public Hearing
Financial Report

Committee/Commission Reports

1. B.P. Public Utilities

2. E.D.A. Commission

3. B.P. Planning & Zoning

4. B.P. Fire Commission

5. B.P. Ambulance Commission

6. B.P. Police Commission

9/5

Business

1. 2017A Street Reconstruction Bonds

2. 2018 Proposed Budget

3. 2018 Proposed Enterprise Funds Budgets

4. Certification of Proposed 2018 Levy

5. Set Date for Public Comment – 2018 Budget

6. Pay Request No. 1 – Ulland Bros. Inc.

7. Pay Request – RAW Construction

8. Change Order Sanitary Sewer Manhole Project

9. Order Preparation of Plans & Specification – WWTP Influent Screen

10. Accept Employee's Resignation

11. Employee PERA Phase Retirement

City Administrator's Report

City Attorney's Report

Council Members' Reports

Adjourn

This Agenda is Subject to Change

9/5, 9/12

Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File Number:
74-PR-17-1508

NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL
AND APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Betty L. Fisher,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 2, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, December 13, 1989, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Susan Balzer and James Fisher, whose addresses are 1330 Mineral Springs Road, Owatonna, MN, 55060 and 6593 Mere Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346, respectively, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Co-Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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BY THE COURT
Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court
8/24/2017

Sonia Holder
Court Administrator
8/24/2017

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9/5, 9/12

F. Steele County Area Mental Health Collaborative Contract
G. Election Judges
H. Resolution Establishing Ballot Board

VIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

- A. Committee Reports
B. Enrollment Data
C. Dates to Note

IX. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes

Assumed Name

Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name/Annual Renewal Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 5.34

Annual Renewal Year: 2017
Annual Renewal Filing Date: 8/13/2017
Assumed Name: cmb designs
Original Filing Number: 774621800028
Home Jurisdiction: Minnesota

Filing Party Information:

Party Type: Principal Place of Business
Address:
549 Oakland Path Medford, MN 55049

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Secretary of State

9/5, 9/12

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COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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9/5, 9/12

BP AAUW group awards two scholarships



Leah Inwards



Rose Johnson

are Dean and Lisa Johnson.

The local AAUW organization raises scholarship funds for graduating seniors at the Village Affair, which is held annually on the last Saturday in October.

The Blooming Prairie branch of the American Association of University Women has awarded a pair of scholarships to two Blooming Prairie High School graduates.

Leah Inwards and Rose Johnson have received \$1,000 scholarships to be used for college expenses.

Inwards is attending Winona State University where she will major in elementary education. Her parents are Robert and Karen Inwards.

Johnson is attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities where he is planning to major in anthropology. Her parents

This year's event is set for Oct. 28.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Hurricane evacuates Arkema plant in Texas

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Arkema, a global chemical company located near downtown Blooming Prairie, has been following the extreme flooding near Houston very closely in recent days.

The interest is spurred by the fact that Arkema of BP has a sister plant in Crosby, Texas, about 25 miles northeast of Houston.

David Price, general manager of the BP plant, is watching the developments in Texas closely. However, he reports there are no local tie-ins at this time.

Hurricane Harvey, which has produced flooding waters with rainfall of over 50 inches, has

ravaged the Houston area. The Arkema plant reported six feet of water at its facility.

Arkema lost primary power and two sources of emergency backup power.

Authorities evacuated residents in a 1½-mile radius around the Arkema plant in Crosby. Significant numbers of Arkema employees were also evacuated.

Two explosions were reported at the Crosby plants on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Refrigeration for tanks of volatile organic peroxide was still without power a week after Harvey made landfall in Texas, raising fears of further explosions.

Some of Arkema's organic peroxide products burn if not stored at low temperatures.

Arkema of Crosby was working closely with public officials to manage the implications of this situation, and have communicated with the public the potential for product to explode and cause an intense fire.

Organic peroxides are extremely flammable and, as agreed with public officials, the best course of action is to let the fire burn itself out.

Organic peroxides are a family of compounds that are used in a wide range of applications, such as making pharmaceuticals and construction materials. The Blooming Prairie plant does not manufacture organic peroxides.

Crosby is located in Harris County.

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Blooming
Prairie Cancer
Group

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8
Live Auction under the Big Tent, outside The Cue Company, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 9
5th Annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Group 5K Walk/Run "For the Cure"
5K Walk/Run begins at Field of Flags, Highway 218 and Main Street.
Same day registration, 8:30-9:45 a.m.
Walk/run begins at 10 a.m.
Walk with t-shirt, \$30
Walk without t-shirt, \$15
T-shirt without walk, \$20
2XL shirts (\$2 more)
3XL shirts (\$3 more)
Cut "For a Cure" in the tent by the Field of Flags, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Barb Kraling of Cutting Edge is chair of the event.
\$5 hair cuts
Crazy Hair, face painting, chair massages, manicures, games & lots of stuff
More information at Cutting Edge, 583-2304

Support the fighters, Admire the survivors, Honor the taken.

17th Annual Blooming Prairie Cancer Auction set for this weekend

Family Bingo, 4:30-6:30, Under the Big Tent
Great prizes
Fun for all

Stix of Fury performance, 6:30 p.m., Outside the Big Tent

Other cancer benefit activities include a 17th annual auction raffle. Tickets

are \$10 each. First prize is \$1000,second prize \$300 and third prize \$200. This year's raffle is in memory of Steve Prihoda. Drawing will be at 10 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Cue Company. Need not be present to win.

Live auction under the Big Tent, 7 p.m.



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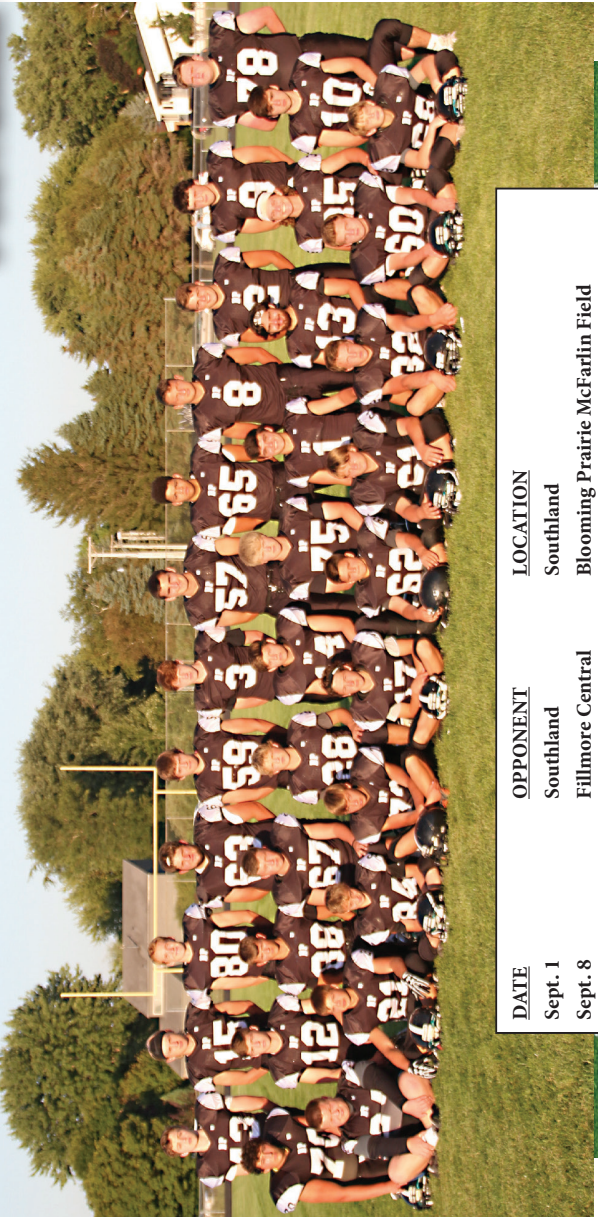
A stained glass coffee table has been donated by Bruce and Lynn Krejci. The beautiful table was made by Butch Anderson of Blooming Prairie.

Sponsored by Krejci Ford

BLOSSOMS

BLOOMING PRAIRIE BLOSSOMS

FOOTBALL



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Sept. 1	Southland	Southland
Sept. 8	Fillmore Central	Bloomington Prairie McFarlin Field
Sept. 15	Wabasha-Kellogg	Wabasha-Kellogg
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Aug. 31	NRHEG	NRHEG High School
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Sept. 25	Alden-Conger	Alden-Conger High School
Sept. 28	WEM	Bloomington Prairie High School
Oct. 5	Goodhue	Bloomington Prairie High School
Oct. 12	NRHEG	Bloomington Prairie High School
Oct. 17	Medford	Bloomington Prairie High School

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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
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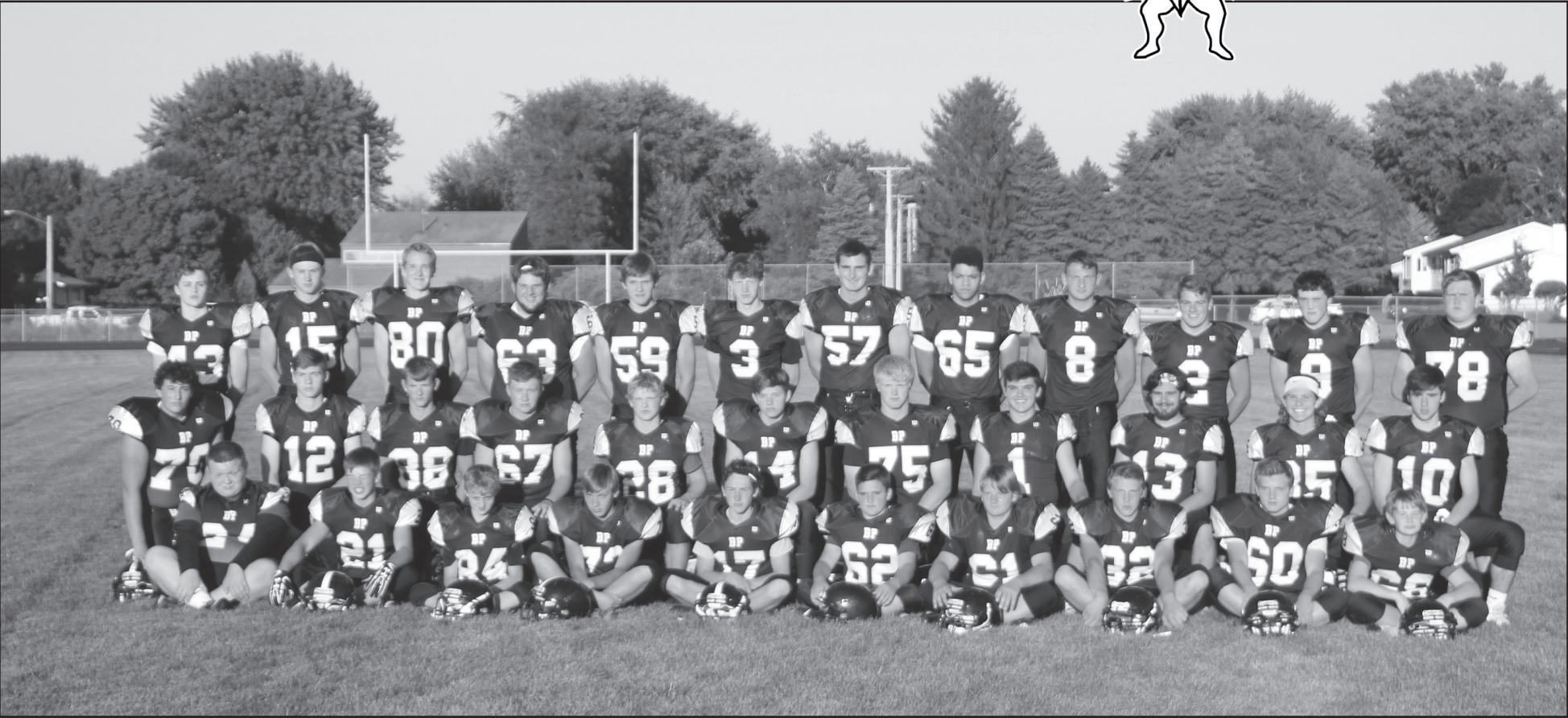
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BLOSSOMS AIMING FOR THE TOP

By: LEMAR NELSON, Staff Sports Writer

In the last dozen years no football team in the area has enjoyed more success than the Awesome Blossoms, and the team is once again poised to vie for post-season honors. Six seniors left the team a year ago, but an experienced group of players return that hope to be in the mix for play-off action once again.

Included in the six graduates, Connor Getchell earned the tam’s Best Offensive Player award, as he rushed for almost 700 yards in the season. Wyatt Grundmeier, another graduate, led the team in tackles and was named the Best Defensive Player. Ben Smith, Zach Sisler, and Zach Piller all played important roles in the team that finished the season an overall record of 7-3 record, with a pair of bookend losses to section champion Rushford-Peterson the big spoilers.

The team, however, is optimistic about success. “We have an experienced team coming back,” remarked Coach Chad Gimbel, “so we hope to be in the mix at the end of the season. Right now we are looking at improving each play, practice, day, and game. These are the team goals.”

Thirteen letter winners return, including two leading

rushers. Max Romeo piled up 445 yards on the ground, with 2 touchdowns and caught passes for 115 yards and a score. Lucas Noble ran for 266 yards and 5 touchdowns and caught 26 passes for 196 yards and a touchdown. Juniors Timmy Wolf and Colin Lerum helped the passing game. Wolf caught 18 passes for 146 yards and 2 touchdowns, and Lerum scored 4 touchdowns on 19 receptions and 246 yards.

Junior quarterback Seth Peterson completed 123 passes last season for 1,406 yards and 17 touchdowns, with just 8 interceptions, and Payton Simon added 9 receptions for 143 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also had 31 tackles on defense. Sophomore Gabe Hagen added to the offense with 5 passes for 85 yards and 2 scores.

Seniors Mitchell Oswald and Nick Thompson both played outstanding defense. Oswald had 54 tackles, 29 for losses, and 7.5 sacks, and earned all-conference and all-area honors. Senior Brad Staska had 26 tackles, 4 for losses, and 3 sacks, and sophomore Dylan Nirk had 23 tackles, with 8 for loss, and 3 sacks. Junior Trent Swenson and sophomore Alec Baldwin also helped on defense. Other leading candidates to earn spots on the varsity include senior Jeremy

Hocking and sophomore Karson Vigeland.

Coach Gimbel begins his 21st season for the Blossoms, with a career record of 145 wins against just 61 losses. A Moorhead State College graduate, he will be assisted by defensive coordinator Matt Kittelson, his 11th season, Nate Piller, 5 years with the B squad, and Andrew Hardecopf, 3rd year assistant. Volunteer coaches will also assist directing the team,

“Our experience, team quickness, and depth at skill positions,” concluded Gimbel, “are the strong points of the squad, and staying healthy and creating depth and confidence in the reserves will be keys to the success. We are down slightly in numbers, this year and we will rely on the experience even more.”

Favorites in the district again will Rushford-Peterson, perennial rival Goodhue, and Fillmore Central, with the Blossoms also hoping to be in that mix.. BP opened the season Friday, Sept. 1, at Southland and will entertain Fillmore Central Friday, Sept. 8.

OWATONNA GIRLS TENNIS



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HUSKIES STRONG AT SINGLES

By: Josh Zimmer, Sports Editor

Entering his twentieth season as the head coach for the Owatonna girls tennis team, Curt Matejcek has plenty of talent to replace.

Losing a total of 12 seniors from the 2016 squad that reached its fourth straight section final before falling to Rochester Mayo. Gone are Big Nine doubles champions Gabi Deml and Caitlyn Anderson, who played No.1 doubles for Matejcek. Annabelle Paquin (No.4 singles), Kati Segler, who formed half of the No.2 doubles pair and No.3 doubles players Maragret Schlicker all also graduated last season.

However, luckily for Matejcek, there is a bevy of talent returning in the singles lineup for 2017. Led by No.1 singles Emily Rahrack, the Huskies return eight players who lettered for Owatonna last season. Bumping up to No.2 singles this season will be Sara Anderson, who had a stellar 2016 campaign. Senior Alyssa Wiede, who saw action at both No.2 singles and doubles last season, will return to the lineup this season. Macy Voss, who

saw action at No.2 doubles will be joined as Lauren Betti as returning doubles players this season. Weide, Betti, Voss and Rahrack were named captains for this season.

After recording 10 varsity matches, Liv Matejcek, Caitlynn Bussert and Megan Johnson will be looked upon to garner more of a load this season. Matejcek will see action at No.3 doubles while Bussert and Johnson will vie for the No.4 singles position. Bussert could also see action at No.3 doubles according to the longtime head coach.

New comers who could crack the varsity lineup this season are Rilee Wickman, Selena Ong, Kat McDermott, Leah Tucker and eighth grader Olivia Herzog.

As for the goal for this season, Matejcek hopes to remain competitive despite the losses of players to graduation.

“We have like 5 or 6 girls playing collegiately,” he added. “We have been so blessed with talent that sometimes you tend to take it for granted.”

The Huskies will look to compete with Lakeville North as well as the three Rochester High Schools (Century, John Marshall and Mayo) in the postseason.

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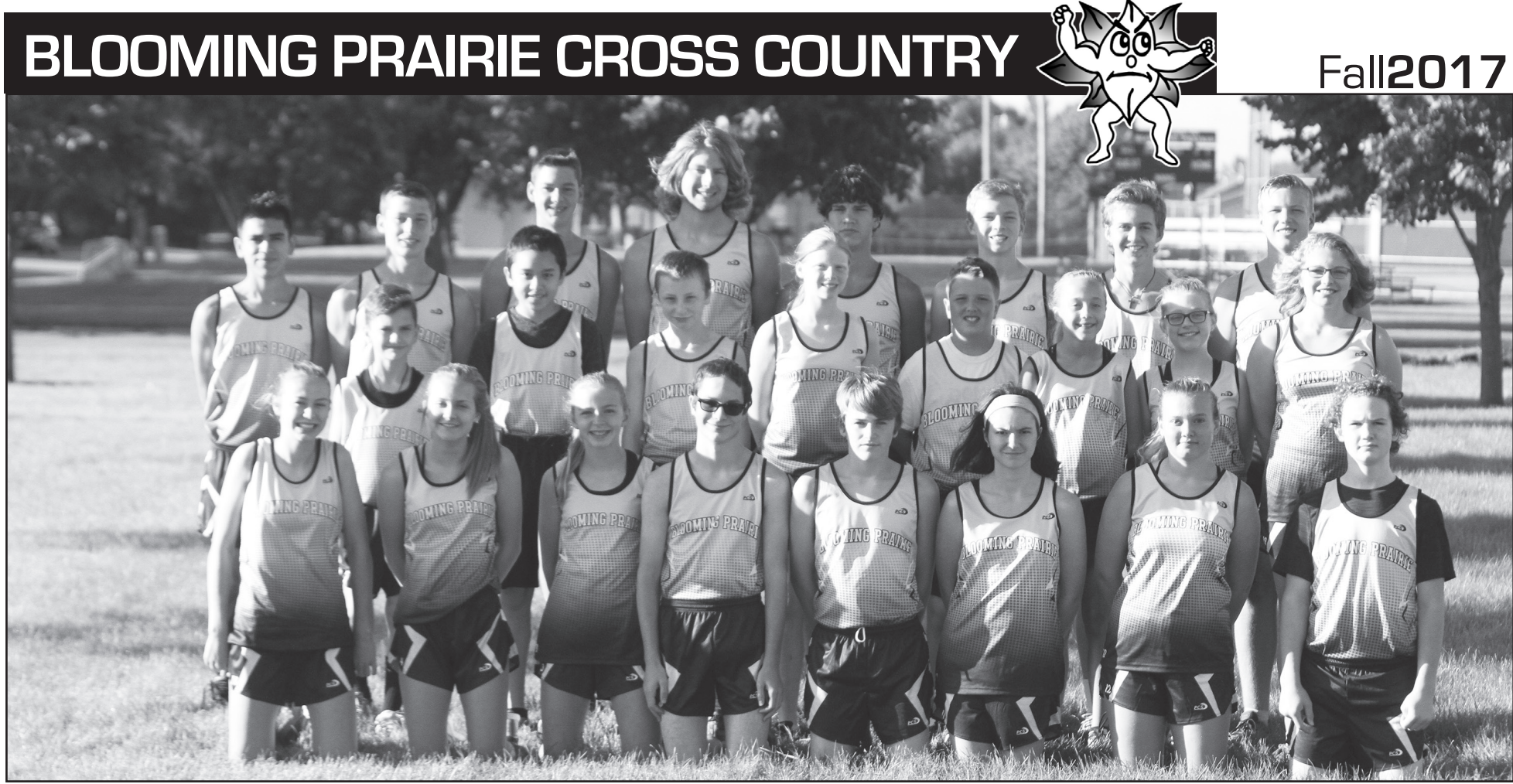
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BLOSSOMS ON A ROLL

By: LEMAR NELSON, Staff Sports Writer

A runner-up in the conference meet and a fifth place finish in the section capped one of the most successful boys' cross country seasons in BPHS history last year, and Coach John Bruns is hopeful for another winning season in 2017. The boys, especially, will have to regroup from the loss of four seniors, three of whom had attained All-Conference honors. Only one girl graduated last year.

Of the four seniors lost, Elijah Baker earned All-Conference honors three times, with Evan Doerhoefer and Quentin Kubista both one-time honorees. Jake Hyland lettered in his senior season. Alison Pryor left the team, having lettered three times and earning All-conference honors twice. Entering the 2017 season, five boys and five girls return as letter winners.

Senior Alec Ille is a two-time state participant, a five-time letter winner, and the team MVP the last three seasons.

He has achieved All-Conference honors the last three years. Seniors Kyle Bramstedt and Cameron Kubista both landed an Honorable Mention All-Conference, and senior Jesse Schewe and 8th grader Ethan Grant earned their first letters a year ago.

For the girls, eighth grader Bobbie Bruns burst on the scene with an All-Conference pick and a Leader of the Pack team award. Senior Jerrin Jax was named an Honorable Mention All-Conference, and Olivia Johnson and Rose Michaud are both freshmen were two-year letter winners. Eighth grader Asia Lighthizer earned her first letter last season.

As Coach Bruns remarked, “We lost some key contributors from last season, but we have added several newcomers who will be competing to fill spots on the varsity. The depth and the talent I think we have should lead to success as the season progresses, and we should be at or near the top in most of our meets.”

Seventeen boys and ten girls reported for practice two weeks ago, and several athletes did a lot of running to get ready for the coming season. The boys' numbers include four seniors, three sophomores, four freshmen, one eighth grader, and five seventh graders. The girls include only a senior, a junior, three freshmen, three eighth graders, and one seventh grader.

“As long as we stay healthy,” concluded Coach Bruns, “we should do well, and Ille’s individual accomplishment certainly highlighted a banner 2016 season.”

The girls finished fifth in the conference last year and were 16th in the section. Losing just one senior and adding a couple of newcomers should bolster the lineup and make them more competitive this season. Both teams opened the season at Stewartville Thursday, Aug. 31, and they will compete next at Hayfield this Thursday, Sept. 7.

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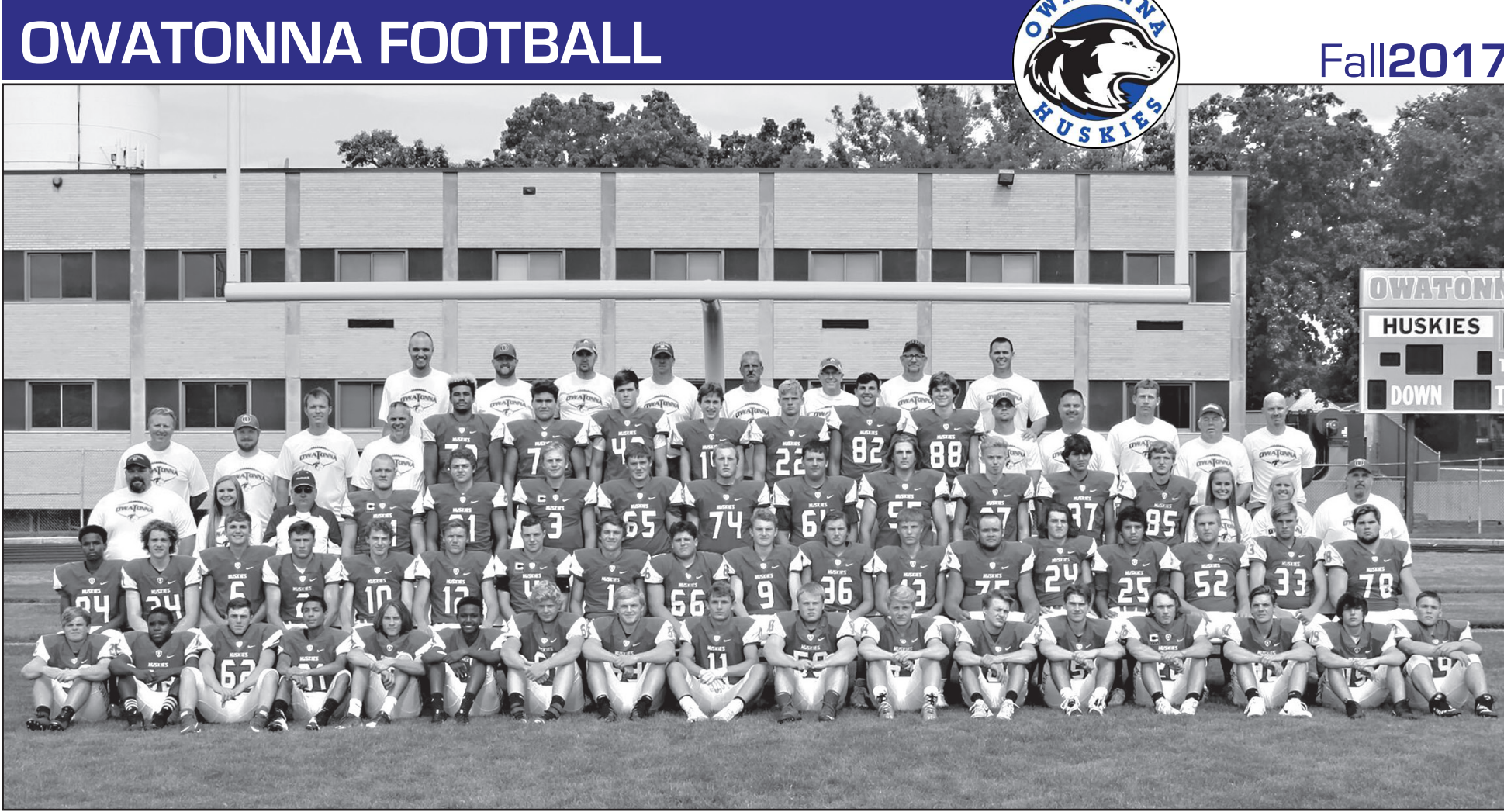
By: LEMAR NELSON, Staff Sports Writer

Losing six players who played huge roles on the Panther volleyball team leaves a huge hole that Coach Onika Peterson will have to scramble to fill. Junior Olivia Christopherson is the only returning starter, but seven seniors and nine juniors do come back to compete for starting spots on the team. It should provide some spirited competition. Peterson begins her 5th year as the NRHEG mentor, and Jackie Schultz and Corrine Schuller will assist her with the coaching. The team finished last year with a 10-13 record and a 2-6 mark in the Gopher conference. The 2015 season marked Peterson's most successful as that team

went 14-13 overall and lost in the sub-section finals to Kenyon-Wanamingo. Losses from last year include the two top kill leaders in Marnie and Maddie Wagner with 180 and 178 respectively. Rachel Collins had 466 assists to lead the team in that category and libero Grace Johns piled up 273 digs and 19 ace serves. Gretchen Ramaker and Natalie Aaseth also graduated, with Ramaker adding 109 kills for the year. Christopherson played every match last season and finished with 105 kills and 154 digs. Betsy Schoenrock, Michelle Katzung, and Lauren Herrmann and Kelly Harden all return as hitters, and Makenzi Rhoades, Erin Van Wilgren, and Gabby Muri shine on defense. Emily Crabtree is a returning setter.

The nine returning juniors include hitters Alexis Anderson, Darian Pearson, Caitlin Goette, Kylie Arndt, and Jayna Finseth. Juniors Laura Worrell and Hannah Budach both are setters, and Sydney Schlinger and Lexi Ignaszewski both play defense. A Coach Peterson remarked, "We graduated 6 girls who led the tem and played huge roles in our success. Christopherson is the only returning starter, but some of the other girls like Schoenrock, Harden, and Van Wilgren had opportunities to contribute. Overall, however, this team will be virtually be a new team. It will take some time to get into a groove of things, but I am excited to see what this group can accomplish." Coach Peterson looks for perennial Beth-

lehem academy WEM, and Maple River to be tough in the conference and add Mayer Lutheran and Cedar Mountain/Comfrey in the section. "Our strength is that we will have more height this season," concluded Peterson. "Which should allow us to be more aggressive on offense and in blocking on defense. Our key is not to get frustrated and settle without good effort. We will go through a learning curve, but if the girls stay positive and push each other to do better, we will be successful. It could be an interesting season!"



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HUNTING FOR A STATE TITLE

By: Josh Zimmer, Sports Editor

After falling short in the Class AAAAA state semifinal game in 2016, the Owatonna High School football team looks to make a lot of noise in the state of Minnesota. Led by Big Southeast-Red Division 2016 Coach of the Year in Jeff Williams, the Huskies should be primed for a title run in 2017 thanks to the return of some key offensive players. Noah Budach, Alex Raichle and Dalton Kubista all return for senior quarterback Abe Havelka, who after taking over as the starter in week 3 of the season last year, led Owatonna to the state semifinals after a pair of Hail Mary's topped Apple Valley. However, despite having the keys to the offense,

Havelka will also do a fair amount of handing the ball off this season. And for good reason. The Huskies return Jason Williamson at running back, which as a sophomore took the start by storm, rushing for nearly 1,900 yards and 16 touchdowns. Williamson's performance has led him to being one of the more touted players in the. On the defensive side of the ball, The Huskies will have a few holes to fill within their starting defense after losing six key members from a defense that helped guide Owatonna to the Class 5A state semifinals a season ago. One position, which is normally portrayed as the "quarterback of the defense" will also have to be filled after captain and Mike linebacker Ben Skaska

graduated. Fortunately for the longtime Huskies assistant, he didn't have to look too hard to find his leader of the defense. After playing as an outside linebacker for much of the 2016 season, senior Zach Mensink will slide into the middle of the defense. Mensink, a honorable mention All-District performer as a junior, has already started to receive interests about the opportunity of playing at the collegiate level after receiving a pair of invites to summer camps from the University of Minnesota and the University of Iowa. In the secondary, Williamson and Raichle will be the lone returning starters. However, having to replace bodies on both the offensive and defensive line

will be the deciding factor in the level of success this season. Heading into the season as the No.1 team in the state for Class AAAAA, Williams noted that in today's age with modern technology, it becomes more difficult to avoid the hype. "I think it's become more difficult now in the Internet era," he added. "We have received a lot of hype for what we've done 7-on-7 wise; it's impossible to shield your kids from it." After a 61-0 thrashing of Faribault, the No.1 ranked Huskies look to continue to roll when they host Rochester Mayo Friday night.

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MEDFORD FOOTBALL



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TIGERS LOOK TO PROVE DOUBTERS

By: JOSH ZIMMER, Sports Editor

The Medford High School football team saw its season ended in the opening round of the Section 2AA playoffs to eventual section finalist Kenyon-Wanamingo. For Medford head coach Jerome Johannes, 2017 might be the year that the Tigers football team can get over the hump. Returning 19 letterwinners from a season ago helps strengthen that possibility. Leading the pack of returning is the three-year starting quarterback, Jarvis VonRuden. Johannes noted that he is the unquestioned leader of the offense who had a great season last year. He will also be a starter in the secondary for the Tigers this season.

What will help VonRuden improve on the offensive numbers that he put up a year ago will be the return of his two favorite targets from last season. After being second on the team in reception last year, Alex Gengler looks to grow into the top target for the senior signal caller. He will be joined by Nate Meixner, who is a returning two-way starter for Medford. Up front, the Tigers should be drastically improved from a year ago returning four (Joey Schull, Jacob Gasner, Ben Sutcliffe, Greg Larson) offensive linemen. They will be led by Schull, who Johannes stated is looking to be the leader of the trenches on both sides of the ball. Tanner Barbau, Mitch Borwege and Bo Noble return to help the continued development of the Tigers defense.

The ninth year head coach also stated that he expects a few Tigers to contribute to the squad this season as well. Willie VonRuden, the younger brother of Jarvis, is noted as being very athletic and could have a role on both sides of the ball. Zach Wetmore is looking to be a presence on the defense this year and Devan List will have an important role for the Tigers this season due to his speed. With 19 returners, it's easy to point out that will play as the strength of the team in 2017. "We need to compete in every game and start to climb from the bottom of the district," Johannes stated. "We have the ability and the talent, we have to prove it on the field." Kenyon-Wanamingo and newly added Mayer Lutheran should be formidable opponents for the Tigers this season.

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NEW COACH, NEW TEAM, SAME GOALS

By: JOSH ZIMMER, Sports Editor

The 2017 Medford High School volleyball squad will look a bit different than the previous year's squad. Most notably will be head coach Tonya Powers, who helped lead the Tigers to the sub-section semifinals last year and a 16-13 overall record stepped down in the off-season. Taking her place will be first year head coach Missy Underdahl. As for the Tigers squad, Underdahl's first challenge will be trying to replace seniors Dani Morgan, Sydney Langeslag, Krys-

tal Hansen and Callie Nagel who have all since graduated. Nagel set the school's all-time record for digs in a career. The Tigers will have three letterwinners returning from last year's squad and will be led by senior outside hitter Amanda Honsey. Underdahl noted that Honsey is a strong leader on and off the court. Emma Kniefel looks to build off her varsity debut season last year. "She is one of my strongest passers on the team," added Underdahl. "She is an aggressive attacker and has a great sense of the court." Kaylee Kern returns as the defensive

specialist for the Tigers this season. Izzy Reuvers, Kinsey Cronin, and Rachel Lubbe will join the squad this season with great ability on hitting the ball. Morgan Langeslag will be the squad's setter while Maddy Krenske will be the libero this season, taking over for the graduated Nagel. Kelsey Kern, Morgan Cammock and Kiley Nihart will make their varsity debuts this season. Underdahl noted that the strength for the team this season will be the attacking ability on the offensive end. "If we can get our passes and run our offense, we will be successful," she added.

However, with the amount of younger talent joining the roster this season, the first-year head coach noted that the biggest improvement the squad will have to make this season is communicating on the court. With that youth, the goal is simple. Compete and have fun. "With such young talent and not a lot of varsity experience, I want the girls to have fun and just play their game," she added. If the Tigers look to have a strong season, they will have their eyes on Bethlehem Academy and WEM, both notable section favorites.

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TIGERS RETURN EXPERIENCE

By: **JOSH ZIMMER**, Sports Editor

Entering his fifth season as the head cross country coach for Medford High School, Dave Bon has plenty of talent to work with this season.

The Tigers return every competitor from a 2016 squad that Bon stated ended very well.

“2016 was a building season with the focus on individual improvements,” he added.

The boys squad finished ninth in the Gopher-Valley Conference and 22nd in Section 2A. With a bevy of returning runners, Bon expects the Tigers to compete at a high level in 2017. Leading the pack for the boys squad will be Dylan Stenzel, who was the top runner for the Tigers at the section meet a year ago. However, Bon mentioned that Brett

Johnson will be the leader of the squad after winning the MVP for the team last season. Brendan Rahn and Ryan Hermanstorfer will also look to boost their finishes from a season ago.

“I expect them to move up in the pack this year,” added Bon.

Isaiah Chavis and Connor Davis will look to provide depth for the Tigers this season. New comers looking to add depth to the roster this season will be a solid crew of 9th graders according to Bon. Tyler Stursa, Brock Merritt and Garrett Fitzgerald could all be top five runners at any given meet. Henry Grayson, and Jackson Herman are also returning 8th graders.

As for the girls squad, Kelsey Walock will be the leader for the squad after having a strong start to the season. Beth

Ann Hanson will also be competing for the Tigers this season. New comers for the girls squad includes Jasive Guerrero, who had a pair of strong seasons on the junior high circuit. Abby Fitzgerald, Luz Peralta ad Myrka Mendoza are all underclassmen who will have the chance to race for the varsity this season.

Bon noted that the strength of this year’s squad is depth, noting that they finally have enough runners to have competition for seven varsity spots.

“Our top 5 will definitely change places from meet-to-meet,” he added.

Notable competition for the Tigers this season within the conference will be Mankato Loyola/Cleveland, Blooming Prairie and Martin County West.

NRHEG CROSS COUNTRY



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ON THE RISE

By: **LEMAR NELSON**, Staff Sports Writer

As proof of the fact that Coach Mike Weber’s Panthers’ cross-country were a young entity, only one senior graduated from both squads last season. That alone gives the coach and the teams hope that the aspirations of the teams are on the rise. The lone athlete lost was Josh Fleming, the team MVP the past two years, and also the team captain.

The Panther boys have experienced runners returning for this coming season, including senior captain Ben Lewer. Lewer finished one place out of conference recognition and ran behind Fleming all year. Senior Kollin Reese, junior Jager Beck, and freshman Daniel Nydegger all contributed to the varsity and have another year of experience to their credit now. Lewer will be one to watch this season, and Nydegger,

who fought injury all season last year, although young, could be a top runner for us.”

The four runners just mentioned should be consistent scorers and our leaders,” remarked coach Weber, “but the success of the team will depend on some new and perhaps younger boys vying for a spot on the varsity. Tyler Malakowsky, (8th), Agro Gushwa (11), and Gavin Anderson (9th) are all possibles to step up this season.” Eighth grader er5ic a5vis, and 7th grader Brady Schlaack will also be in the mix.

The boys finished 8th in the conference meet last year and 28th in the section. Coach Weber expects Mankato Loyola/ Cleveland and Gibbon-Fairfax- Winthrop to be the two favorites in the section this season. The teams ran at Stewartville on Thursday, Aug. 31, and will next compete at Montgomery-Lonsdale Thursday, Sept.

7.

Sophomore Jade Mely was the girls’ lead runner last year and was named the team MVP the past two seasons. Madisyn Buetel (11) and Mia Williams (10) could once more push Mely as the top runners. Destiny Medrano (10) has also been a solid runner for the Panthers the past couple of seasons and is a returning letter winner. A fifth runner is needed to fill the varsity, and Brooke Wobschall, Rachel Horejesi, or Journey Olson (10) will hopefully fill that spot. Bella Olson (8) and Olivia Hutzel (7) also are out for cross country.

“The main four runners,” commented Coach Weber, “will give us leadership and bring lots of experience to the varsity level,

but to be competitive, the girls will have to lower their times and bring along some new runners. A couple of junior high girls might also influence the point production if they progress and land on the varsity squad. The team has potential to do well, but much depends on additions to the team this season.”

Martin County West and LCWM/Nicollet should be conference favorites, and Fairmont and Belle Plaine get the nod in the section. NRHEG had incomplete scores in the conference and section last year. The girls will have the same schedule as the boys, with the trip to Montgomery-Lonsdale up next on Thursday, Sept. 7.

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OWATONNA VOLLEYBALL



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LOOKING TO RELOAD

By: Josh Zimmer, Sports Editor

After Jason Kaytor stepped down at the end of last season, the Owatonna High School volleyball program was left searching for its new head coach.

Enter Whitney Ordal.

In her first season as head coach for the Huskies, the eight-year coach will have a steep challenge in replacing 10 seniors from a 2016 squad that bounce around the .500 mark prior to losing in the second round of the Section 1AAA tournament.

Seniors Olivia Spatenka and Syd Schultz are the lone returning letterwinners for the Huskies this season. Luckily for Ordal, the two standouts have had years of varsity experience. They will also serve as the captains for the 2017 season.

With the amount of seniors lost, there will be plenty of new faces in the blue and silver

this season. Kaitlyn Madole and Ahnna Stelter will play in the middle while Alyvia Johnson will pair with Schultz as an outside hitter. Ordal noted that the look will be entirely different from last season.

“Basically, we have a new team,” she added. “So everyone will need to step up and have a positive look.”

Despite the new look, she stated that the energy the girls create serves as the biggest strength for the team. As for the goals for the season, Ordal noted that they want to win the section and reach the state tournament but won’t overlook anybody. She also added that all the teams the Huskies will face this season will provide a challenge and being that she is in her first year, won’t try to overlook opponents. However, that doesn’t mean that she won’t push the importance of having fun.

“We want to improve every day,” she said. “Have fun and enjoy the season.”



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NRHEG FOOTBALL



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PANTHERS RELOADED

By: LEMAR NELSON, Staff Sports Writer

After an overall 7-3 record last season, including a section loss to Kenyon-Wanamingo, Coach Dan Stork’s Panther football team is back to compete for a district title yet again. Ten letter winners return to the team this season, including three All-District performers.

Coach Stork begins his 15th season at the helm of NRHEG football (24 years overall), and experienced coaches Jon Schultz (26 years), Grant Berg (13 years), and Drew Paukert (4 years). will again assist Stork, who has compiled a career record of 78 wins and 57 losses.

Key losses from last season include Jack Schultz, offensive guard and defensive tackle, who is playing college ball at UW -Eau Claire, quarterback and free safety Sam Prigge and Chad Agrimson, a starter all ten games at center and defensive end. The three

all played vital roles for the Panthers in last season’s success.

“Our strength this season will be our speed at the skilled positions,” remarked Coach Stork. “We have some depth in the backfield and hope to use that depth to give opponents several different looks. Our weakness is a lack of depth in a number of positions, which means we will need to stay healthy.”

Players returning this year include three seniors- Cole Staloch, Perry Peterson, and Cole Thompson. Staloch led the team in pass receiving with 290 yards and 5 touchdowns. He also started every game at linebacker, was third on the team in tackles, and earned All-District honors. Peterson rushed for a team-leading 1,049 yards and 12 touchdowns. He played all ten games at linebacker, was 4th in team tackles, and also was an All-District pick. Thompson started 2 games at center and had 4

carries on offense for 33 yards at running back.

Seven juniors return for the season. Alex Buckmeier led the team in tackles with 67 and 4 sacks and started on both the offensive and defensive line the past two seasons. He earned All-District honors. Brady Agrimson started every game at wide receiver and corner linebacker and had 200 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Tyler Jacobson and Jack Haugstad started every game, Quintin Arndt started 5 games, and Jake Stork stood out as a special team player. Tyler Jacobson and Lucas Bailey are the other letter winners returning.

“Our goal,” concluded Stork, “is to

compete for a district title. We have good experience returning, and we hope to show improvement each week. We started a new workout program that included a speed and agility workout, along with weight training that we feel is really going to make a difference. The players also participated in MSU’s 7-on-7 passing league this past summer.”

Coach Stork looks for Maple River and Sibley East to be tough in the district, with Maple River and Blue Earth Area favored in the section. NRHEG will host Sibley East Friday, Sept. 8.



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DEPTH IS KEY

By: JOSH ZIMMER, Sports Editor

Last season saw the Owatonna boys soccer team hoist its third Section 1AA title in the last five years.

This season, the goals for head coach Bob Waypa’s team remain the same.

Keep the streak alive.

“It’s been a couple years since we won the Big 9, so that is a big goal for 2017, commented Waypa. “We’re also looking to make it to our sixth straight Section 1AA championship game and hopefully, make it back to state this fall.”

2016 not only saw the Huskies hoist a section title, but return to the Class AA state tournament where they matched up against No.2 seed Wayzata. They lost 5-0.

However, they will have a few holes to fill. The Huskies will be without notable seniors Dan Keller, Aiden Buryska and Mitch Mayer. Keller and Buryska both received All-State nods while Mayer was a two-time captain.

Luckily, there is an immense amount of

depth on the roster for Waypa and his staff. 11 letterwinners return from an 11-6-1 campaign that saw the Huskies place third in the Big 9.

“Depth, depth and depth. Did I mention our Depth?” he added. “We have a very deep and talented team and are looking for great things in 2017. We know (as coaches and players) we have to work very hard and be at our best everyday to reach these goals.”

The Huskies have 13 seniors on the 2017 roster. Of those 13, nine are those returning with playing experience. Those players are goalies Tyler Akemann and Josh Nelson, attackers Seth Bungum, Nate Smith, Juan Maya, midfielder Nick Smith and defenders Spencer Glynn, Ryley Glynn and Jared Fett. Nate, Ryley, Bungum and junior Zach Barrett were named the captains.

Joining Barrett with notable varsity experience are fellow juniors Alex Beaver and Zach Kraus.

Notable competition for the Huskies includes much of the Big 9 conference according to Waypa.



HUSKIES HOPE TO RELOAD

By: JOSH ZIMMER, Sports Editor

Despite losing to Lakeville North in the second round of the Section 1AA playoffs last season, the Owatonna girls soccer team has its sight set on reaching the section final in 2017.

Entering his 10th year as the head coach for the Huskies, Matt Roddy stated that the goals for his squad this season are to win the Big 9 Conference, earn a top three seed in the playoffs and reach the Section 1AA.

Despite losing six seniors (Toria Koch, Ashley Green, Callie McCauley, Paige Cocchiarella, Megan Peglow, Britta Gantert), the Huskies have an immense amount of depth. In fact, Owatonna returns 13 letterwinners from an 8-7-1 squad from a year ago and leading the pack is a three-sport standout in senior Margo Achterkirch.

“She’s our best defender,” noted Roddy. “Hopefully, she will chip in with a handful of goals as well.”

Achterkirch is one of seven returning seniors for the Huskies. Joining her in the back half of the lineup will be fellow senior

Hannah Gebur.

“She will be a strong partner to Margo in the back,” Roddy added.

Offensively, Sophie Amundson and Kenna West also return to provide chemistry to a potent offensive attack. Roddy stated that Amundson is the best player with the ball and will have a hand in setting up and scoring a lot of the goals this season.

Owatonna will also have five juniors (Sydney Kretlow, Jordan Whalen, Kiley Friedrichs, Molly Hawkins, Cassie Trout) returning to the squad as well as a sophomore in Josie Sullivan. Roddy stated that the incoming sophomore has the ability to play just about anywhere.

One position that the Huskies will have to find a replacement is at keeper with Gantert leaving due to graduation.

“Britta Gantert has been our keeper for several seasons, so replacing her will be our biggest challenge,” Roddy stated.

Owatonna will have a challenge for the Big 9 crown in Mankato West while Lakeville North is slated as the Section favorites.

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LOOKING FOR IMPROVEMENT

By: LEMAR NELSON, Staff Sports Writer

Losing six key players from last year’s squad that struggled to an 8-17 overall record makes the 2017 season another challenging task for third year Coach Ranell Kittelson. The team had a particular problem within the conference last season, winning just one conference match. The Awesome Blossoms did defeat Leroy-Ostrander in the sub-section, before losing to eventual champion Hayfield.

Middle hitters Courtney Wobschall and Marissa Larson were among the leaders in blocks and kills. Wobschall had 40 blocks for the season, and Larson finished third in both categories. Leah Schiefert and Leah Inwards shared setting duties, Kylie Forystek hit from the outside, and Bria Baldwin scrambled all over the court in her spot as the Libero. Inwards earned MVP honors and also led the team in digs with 238 for the year.

“I think our athleticism will be our biggest strength,” commented Coach Kittelson. “We should be a good blocking team and be scrappy on defense. A quicker offense will also be one of our goals. We will also need to be on our blocking to defend the opponents’ tough hitters”.

Returning letter winners include senior hitters Sam Wurst, McKenna Hein, Linnea- Byers Sunde, Ayren ingvalson, Rachel Pirkel, and Libero Asia Thostenson.

Junior hitter Rachel Oswald and sophomore Julia Worke will bring some power to the outside attack and be good blockers. Sophomore setter Heather Pirkel will be at a new position and will have to learn the essentials in just a short time.

“Worke will bring some power on the outside attack,” continued Kittelson, “and Oswald should also bring some strength and quickness to the attack, as well as a solid block in the middle. We hope that setter Pirkel

will bring some energy and direct a faster offense to the team.”

“We need to execute the fundamentals in passing in-system balls”, concluded Kittelson. “We have new younger setter who is learning her role as setter and in directing quicker offense, and the players need to become more familiar with one another for the offense and defense to click. I am hoping we can improve to be a .500 team and finish in the top three or four in the conference.

Coach Kittelson looks for perennial powerhouse Bethlehem Academy and WEM to be the conference favorites, with hayfield added to be a sub-section tough opponent. If things fall into place, and the team shows some quick and steady improvement, it could be a satisfying season for the coach and the players.



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