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Murder trial set to begin in Steele County

One of two accused faces jury next week in renovated courtroom

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

The first of two accused murder suspects in what authorities called a drug-related homicide is set to go on trial next week in Steele County.

Jury selection is slated to get underway Monday in Owatonna for Cyrus Noel Trevino, 25, of Owatonna. He was indicted last fall on first-degree murder charges by a Steele County Grand Jury.

Next week's trial is expected to take place in the newly renovated courthouse that has been closed for nine months when water flooded the building. The murder trial will be the first time court has happened in the courthouse since January.

"It will be better for everyone to be back in the courthouse," said county attorney Daniel McIntosh. Court personnel have been displaced to the nearby Owatonna Fire Station and the Steele County Detention Center for court hearings throughout this year.

McIntosh expects the trial to last for at least two weeks with jury selection taking up to five days. McIntosh has turned over prosecution to David Miller, an assistant attorney with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and Christy Hormann, who is the chief deputy in McIntosh's office.

The prosecution expects to call up to 25 witnesses during the trial, according to McIntosh. One of the witnesses may be the second suspect charged in

the case, Gerald William Blevins, 37, of Bemidji. McIntosh said prosecutors are attempting to get Blevins to testify against Trevino, but that scenario "remains to be seen."

If Blevins ends up testifying, he will be treated like any other witness and not offered anything special in exchange for his testimony, McIntosh said.

There are several pre-trial motions that Judge Joseph Buetel is considering this week. He will rule on those motions prior to the trial getting underway. A pre-trial hearing is set for Friday to deal with last minute motions.



Gerald William Blevins

Prosecutors believe Trevino was the man who pulled the trigger that killed Richard Jurgensen of Medford in an execution-style killing on a gravel road northeast of Owatonna in June 2016. Jurgensen was found bound with nylon cord before being shot to death.

After the killing, authorities said it was a drug-related homicide as all parties involved were known methamphetamine users.

Trevino faces life in prison without the chance of parole if convicted on the first-degree charge. He has also been charged with second-degree murder in

connection with the death.

Blevins originally had been charged with aiding and abetting the murder, but the grand jury enhanced the charge to the same as Trevino.

The two first-degree murder charges are for premeditation and elevated robbery.

Both Trevino and Blevins have been locked up in jail since the murder.

Throughout the past year, both suspects have argued in court that their rights have been violated by law enforcement.

Blevins is expected to go on trial in January.

Area man killed in ND train wreck

A Freeborn County man died in a train crash in North Dakota over the weekend.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol identified the victim as Robert Bowman, 74, of Hollandale. A train hit his vehicle Saturday afternoon in near Des Lacs, which is west of Minnetonka.

The Highway Patrol said Bowman was heading south when he failed to yield to an on-



Bowman

coming train. Burlington Northern train was heading east when it hit the passenger side of Bowman's truck. The train came to a stop about a mile from the initial crash with the truck attached the entire way.

Bowman was pronounced dead at the scene. Officials said he was not wearing a seat belt.

The crash remains under investigation by the Highway Patrol.

Bowman is survived by his wife, Ann, and three children. She is a teacher in the Austin Public Schools.

Super Bowl rings coming to Owatonna

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

A taste of the Super Bowl will be wetting the appetites of sports enthusiasts and others over the next week in Steele County.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 19 until Sunday, Sept. 24, the Championship Ring Tour will be coming to the Steele County History Museum in Owatonna. It will be one of nine stops around the state over the next couple months.

The history museum will be open additional hours to accommodate the ring tour, according to Stephanie Kibler of the history center. In addition to the regular hours, the center will be open Sunday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The regular hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee and Jostens are sponsoring the ring tour to celebrate the kick-off of the 2017 NFL season and in anticipation

of Super Bowl LII coming to Minneapolis next February.

The tour will highlight 33 championship rings that Jostens created dating back to Super Bowl I more than 50 years ago. Jostens is based in the Twin Cities and has a facility in Owatonna.

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The Super Bowl Host Committee is a private, non-profit corporation formed to plan and execute the festivities surrounding next year's Super Bowl at US Bank Stadium, which opened in 2016.

PINK BRINGS A RECORD YEAR



Sisters Diedre Rahn, Kay Zellmer and Nancy Horn were searching for the name of their loved one honored at the Field of Flags in Blooming Prairie. The local cancer group put up 250 pink flags near Highway 218. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

BP Cancer fundraisers set new record

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

It was a record year for the Paint Blooming Prairie Pink event in 2017.

With a sea of pink around town and various weekend activities, the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group cracked a new record of more than \$60,000.

The crown was placed on all of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's benefit auctions last Friday and Saturday with both auctions bringing in \$42,000. The monies came from bidders seeking some of the many donated items.

Cheri Krejci, treasurer for the BP Cancer Group, was losing her voice as she related the results of another successful cancer benefit, the 17th annual.

"I am just amazed at the support given our community in our efforts to find a cure for cancer," said Krejci, a cancer survivor herself.

The auctions, of course, were the highlights of the Paint BP weekend. A walk/run drew about 70 participants on Saturday and many people came to the tent near the Field of Flags to have their hair cut and nails done. Barb Kraling organized these activities, promoted as Cut for a Cure. She reported donations of \$1,205.

Krejci said that all Paint BP activities including auctions, flags, family bingo, 50-50 raffle, Cut for a Cure and the Prihoda raffle accounted for more than \$60,000, a record. Last year, the auctions earned \$32,000 and all Paint BP Pink activities garnered \$50,000.

More than 140 items were auctioned on Friday night and another 150 items on Saturday night, the biggest auction night. The Big Tent located just west of The Cue Company was crowded with bidders and workers. Both night auctions went from 7-11 p.m.

A team of auctioneers and emcees made the auctions a giant success. Auctioneers included Jonatha Kraling, Steve Seykora, Dave Thompson, Galen Peterson, Mark Ditlevson. Emcees were Mike Trom, Kelly Lamotte, Paul Tollefson and Josh Toquam.

Mark Lang, a sergeant for the Blooming Prairie Police Department, was the successful bidder on a Ford NASCAR racing helmet, which included autographs of four racers, one of them being this year's Dayto-

na 500 champion Kurt Busch. Lang was in a battle with Jeff Ingvalson for the helmet and won with a final bid of \$1,100.

Cheri Krejci and daughter Lindsey donated six plates of cinnamon caramel rolls with the first two plates selling for \$200 each.

Tony Lea won a Minnesota Gophers football basket with four game tickets and other memorabilia. He paid \$500 for this item.

A work bench sold for \$550 and was won by Julie Noble.

Sherry Kartes donated a beautiful, colorful quilt that was taken home on Saturday night by Nels and Yvonne Lee. The bargain price was \$200. Cheri Krejci was the

winner of another quilt on Friday night, the item bringing in \$225.

Auctioneers cleverly made appeals both nights to help the BP Cancer Group Community Fund. Thirty bidders flashed their

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Opinion

Our view

Breaking the taboo on a tough topic

For years, it has been a taboo topic that most people wanted nothing to do with. It has often been swept under the rug and simply ignored. But it's time to break the taboos regarding suicide, the 10th leading cause of death in America. On average, there are 121 suicides every day. The rate of suicide is highest in middle age people, white men in particular. Suicide should not be taboo and needs to be regarded as a serious public health problem. Public awareness and education is crucial in dealing with suicide.

This week is National Suicide Prevention Week. And it's a good time to let everyone know that taking care of our mental health is the smart thing to do.

Suicide has countless repercussions, such as the strong impact that such a death causes in the lives of other people.

Robert Sikel of Claremont knows all too well the devastation associated with suicide. He lost his teenage son, Jacob, to suicide in 2012. He was one of eight people, including five youths, to take their lives by suicide in Dodge County alone in 2012. Since then, Sikel has led a crusade to let people know it's ok to ask for help through the Open Arms Yellow Ribbon program he founded in Dodge and Steele counties.

This past weekend Open Arms held a fundraiser in Owatonna to kick off suicide week. Dozens of motorcyclists and motorists with cars took part in Jacob's Run.

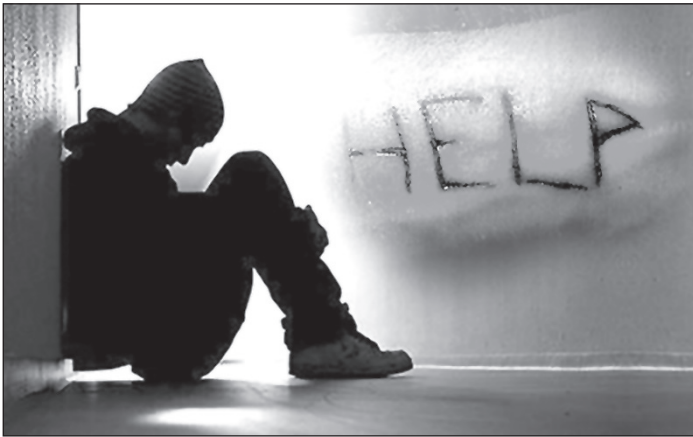
Sikel is on a mission to prevent suicide. And, as he stresses, the only way to prevent suicide is to talk about it.

There is no single cause to suicide. It most often occurs when stressors exceed current coping abilities of someone suffering from a mental health condition. It's important that people reach out for help when they're feeling down and out.

If you're dealing with someone in a mental health crisis, it's important to take the threat seriously. The best alternative is to stay with them, listen and get help immediately. You may be the only lifeline for that distraught person.

We all need to understand that suicides are preventable. Most people who are suicidal generally don't really want their lives to end. They just want the pain to end. The understanding, support and hope that can be offered are their most important lifeline.

Suicide is prevalent and everywhere, even here in rural Minnesota. We can all help prevent suicide and end this epidemic that claims far too many lives every day.



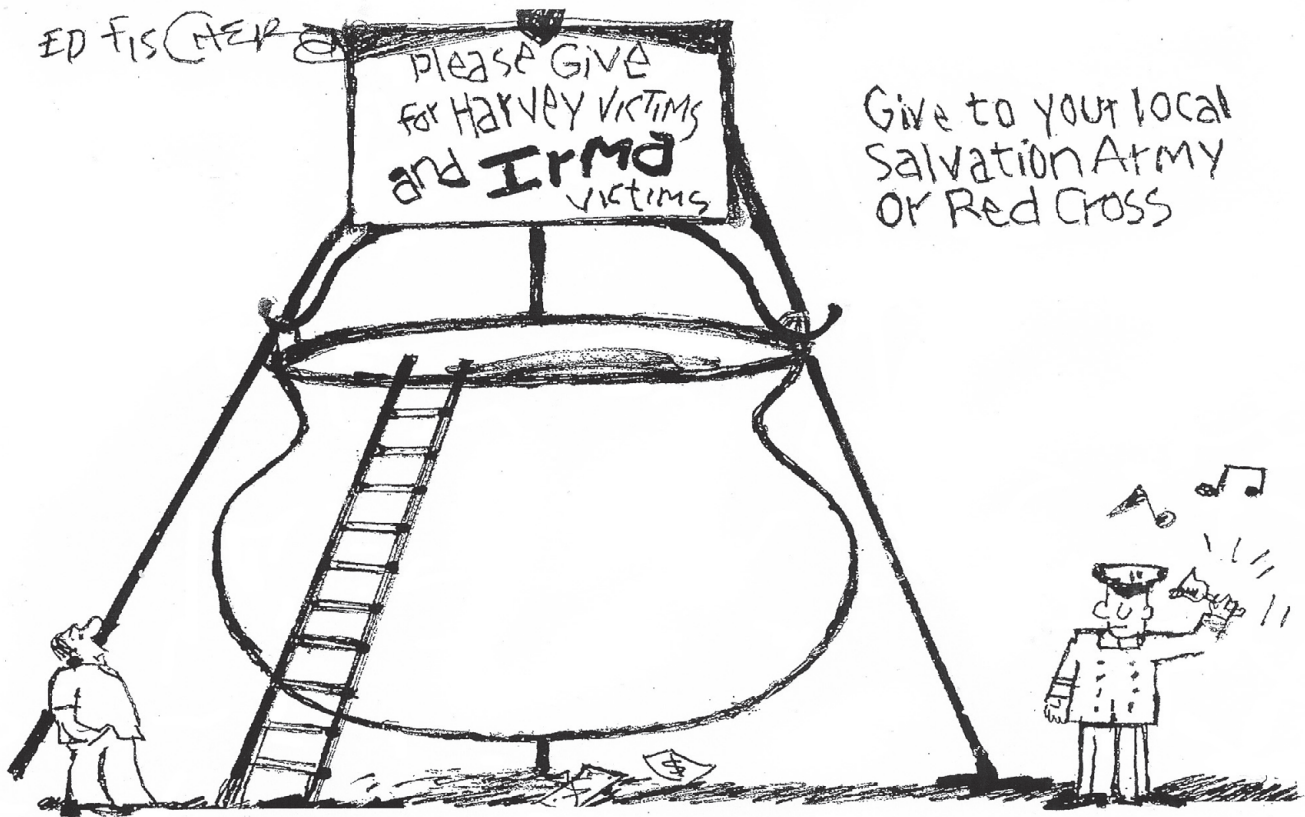
Your View

Appreciates DWI special section

To-the-Editor:

I just saw your articles in the Steele County Times. Thanks for all of your efforts in combatting drunk driving. Personal stories are always impactful. It must have been difficult hearing some of these stories.

Karen Fountaine
Steele County Public Health



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

Walking has become a great form of exercise for me over the past few years.

I used to be a little more adventurous by taking up running as my main form of exercise. But other things seemed to get in the way and it fell by the wayside.

For a while I took to the thread mill at the fitness center. Only problem with that was I couldn't find the time to fit in my workouts.

So I took to walking. Many aspiring runners dismiss walk as a four-letter word, as if it's cheating, quitting, or not really exercising. But walking is actually the ideal form of exercise for most people.

It's free, and you can do it anytime in any place with no special skill, pricey membership or equipment is required.

A leisurely family walk for 4-H

It is the best way to build strong bones, muscles and tendons without getting hurt. And it's the easiest way to develop the fitness you need to run down the road.

Some of the benefits of walking are strengthening of the heart, lowering disease risk, losing weight and preventing dementia. In addition, it tones up legs, boosts Vitamin D, gives you energy and makes you happy (well, hopefully that is the case).

Studies show that a brisk walk is just as effective as antidepressants in mild to moderate cases of depression, releasing feel-good endorphins while reducing stress and anxiety. So for positive mental health, walking is an absolute must.

Earlier this year I also found another reason why I need to maintain my walking. My blood pressure climbed a little too high and the doctor got after me to do more exercising.

On Saturday, Steele County 4-H will be hosting its first annual 5K. Organizers are calling it a leisurely family walk. The event will be held at the Steele County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Perhaps look at it in this way. It's the least you can do to return to the fairgrounds where you likely indulged in all types of fair food just a few weeks back. Now is the perfect chance to erase a few of those calories.

Other area youth organizations will join in with 4-H in an effort to provide hands on activities and learn more about each group. Outdoor enthusiasts can kill a couple birds with one stone at this weekend's 5K. Not only will the exercise come in handy, but you can also learn about what there is to keep youth occupied in their spare time.

I've found that walking serves as gentle, low-impact exercise that's easy, free and available to everyone.

Isn't it time to go in hot pursuit of walking for your health?

Guest Column

Legislature prepares for bonding bill

By PEGGY BENNETT

It's been a busy last week or so to officially close out summer. I know my week is nothing compared to bustling parents and students getting ready for school. Since we're starting another school year, I thought back to all we accomplished for Minnesota schools this session.

I believe all of our local classes have now started; good luck to the teachers, parents, and, most importantly, our area students.

Bonding Tours

As a member of the House Capital Investment Committee, I took part in three tours throughout the state to see potential projects for next year's bonding bill. I was extremely happy to have the committee come to Albert Lea last week. We had an opportunity to tour both Riverland Community College and the Blazing Star Trail. I invited the committee to come here to see firsthand our

local projects. Both of these are such important projects for our area, and they are up against many other worthy projects throughout the state. I will be advocating strongly for these local projects to be included in next year's bonding bill and hoping they make the final cut.

Here's a more in-depth story about our Albert Lea stops.

We finished our tours this week with some stops in the Twin Cities, as well as a couple more in southeast Minnesota. Three stops on this tour that I found especially interesting were the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, where we had the amazing experience of seeing bald eagles up close; the Lanesboro State Fish Hatchery, which is where the DNR raises rainbow and brown trout for stocking our Minnesota streams and lakes—I found it so interesting to learn how they raise trout from eggs to fingerlings; and Niagara Cave in Harmony, which is a huge underground

cave full of stalactites, stalagmites, ancient fossils, and a 60-foot waterfall. I had no idea that this amazing geological attraction was in our state.

Hospital Update

No firm decisions have been made one way or the other regarding Mayo's restructuring of the Albert Lea and Austin campuses. I did want to thank Lt. Governor Tina Smith for coming to Albert Lea last week to listen to area concerns. At this point, I think it's important to engage all decision-makers—like Lt. Governor Smith—to try and do what's best for our area now and into the future.

As always, feel free to call or email me with questions or suggestions. I want to hear your viewpoint on any issue in our state.

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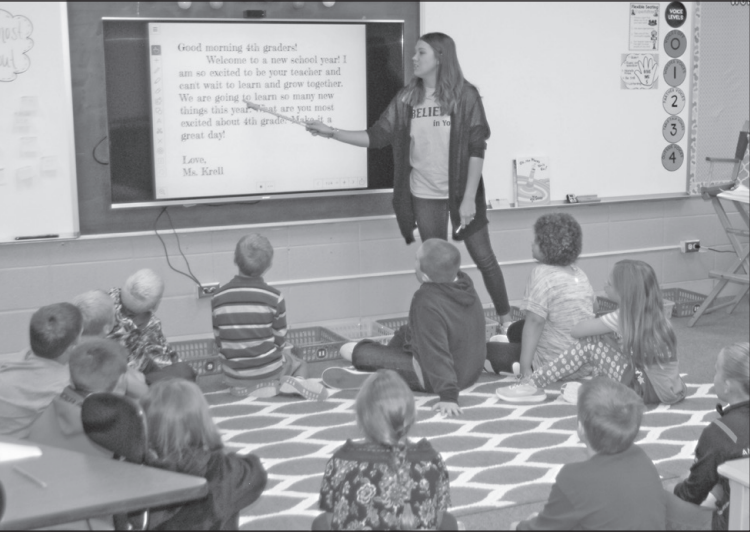
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Second Front

3 new teachers greet students at BP Elementary School



Left: Fourth grade teacher Jenna Krell introduces herself to her students on the first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 5. Jenna is a graduate of Blooming Prairie High School and of Minnesota State University in Mankato. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud) Right: Three new teachers have joined the staff of Blooming Prairie Elementary School. Shown on the first day of school Tuesday, Sept. 5, are (from left to right): Jenna Krell, Justin Kiehne and Rebecca Johnson. (Photo submitted)



By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Three new teachers on Tuesday, Sept. 5 welcomed their students at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School.

The teaching staff remains the same at Blooming Prairie High School with no new teachers reported.

Get to know the new teachers:

REBECCA JOHNSON
Rebecca teaches third grade. She is a graduate of St. Cloud State University and a graduate of Blooming Prairie High School.

She grew up in the Waltham area and currently resides in Blooming Prairie.

Known as Mrs. Johnson to her students, Rebecca has a son Brady, 9 and a daughter, Abbey, 5.

JUSTIN KIEHNE
Justin is an elementary interventionist. His subjects include: computer, S.M.A.R.T., ADSIS and Title I.

He graduated from Winona State University and from Plainview-Elgin-Millville High School.

Justin is single. His family includes his parents Steve and Mary Jo, a sister Nicole and a brother Joe.

JENNA KRELL
Jenna teaches fourth grade at Blooming Prairie Elementary School.

She graduated from Blooming Prairie High School and from Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Jenna is engaged to Joe. Her parents are Michelle and Rodney Krell. She has a brother Justin.

Blossoms Forever

by LeMar Nelson
Staff Writer

Hail to Mrs. E

Not too many persons can be known by a single letter, but Naomi Erickson happens to be one of those. To a host of friends and former students, Erickson has answered to Mrs. E., and her many years of teaching at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School has earned her the single letter designation. She is going to be honored at the upcoming BP Education Foundation Banquet.

Mrs. Erickson was teaching in a small country school in Jahn’s Valley Wisconsin, near Gilmanton, when she decided in 1957 to accept Supt. Maurice McFarlin’s invitation to come to Blooming Prairie and teach fifth grade. She and Darrell married in 1958, and she retired 39 years later from that same fifth grade tenure.

She carried a real passion for teaching and for students, and although she had a way of being very strict when she had to be, her students chorused, “We knew she loved us.”

Co-workers would readily admit that Mrs. E would be the first one in the building each morning, sometimes along with husband Darrell, cleaning her room, organizing for the day, and planning her next argument or challenge with her partner, Norma Amundson.

Their arguments over the Minnesota Vikings and the Green Bay Packers became almost legendary.

She always had candy at her desk, and a student might get invited to her desk for a cup of coffee if one were a favorite that day.

Somehow, she made every student feel like a favorite. However, if a student were talking too much in class, out came the dictionary, and sitting in at recess copying pages in a notebook would be a suitable and frequent punishment.

Mrs. E learned the game of football in the park after being invited to join the boys in a game, and she even accepted invitations to go fishing at the river.

Mrs. E proved a mentor to many teachers during her long career, and her rapport with students set an example that one could miss and would want to copy.

After those 39 years in the classroom, retirement seemed the right thing to do, but Erickson didn’t stop teaching.

She tutored in her home after school for several years, keeping kids at the house until parents got off work and came to collect them.

Her activities after retirement didn’t stop there. She has been an active member at First Lutheran Church, teaching, participating in WELCA, and acting as Prairie Manor representative for several years.

Residents at the care center know her as the bingo helper on Fridays, a Bunco player at Heather Haus every week, and a SEMCAC volunteer, delivering many meals, as well as setting up delivering schedules for many of the volunteer drivers.

Mrs. E was named to Who’s Who Among American Teachers, and she and Darrell reigned over the Fourth of July annual parade as Grand Marshalls several years ago.

If teachers were to be admired, Mrs. E would rise to the top of the list.

Hansen a Blossom honoree

Robert (Bob) Hansen, the second BPHS former athlete to receive the Athlete of the Year award at the annual BP Education Foundation Banquet made a reputation for himself as a starring halfback and linebacker on the Blossom football teams in the middle fifties.

As his brother Terry remarked, “Bob played halfback and linebacker on the championship team of 1946 and was named the MVP of the squad.” That team went undefeated in seven games, and

gave up just 7 points all season, that to the Austin B squad in the last game of the year.

In the shutout string, the team defeated two opponents 33-0 and the others 25-0, 19-0, and 13-0, before beating the Austin b team 38-7.

The third of 14 children, Bob and all the other children graduated from b, with the exception of a son who died in infancy.

He married Judy Barkheim in 1950, and they have been married now for 67 years.

The couple raised 4 children and now have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom also graduated from Blooming Prairie.

Bob purchased the family farm after the passing of his father in 1965 and is still farming the land these many years later.

According to Terry, “Bob is a very quiet man with a very sharp mind.

Besides still farming and raising a few beef cattle, he enjoys woodworking and also has restored his favorite International Harvester tractor that he has proudly shown at Blooming Prairie’s Fourth of July antique tractor show

In that championship football season of 1946, the team was coached by Amer Folven and Sy Fritz, and featured the running of Hansen, Ken Kiley, Bill Underwood, Don Morrison, and Don Blockhus.

Several game recaps were featured in the school paper, “The Red and Black Chronicle (later renamed the Black and White Chronicle).

Besides his exploits on the gridiron, Bob excelled in the golden gloves competition.

After the 1946 football season, he won the right to advance to the final round of competition as a heavyweight.

As teammate Don Blockhus commented, “Bob was one tough football player and a very good boxer as well.”

Bob is still active in Trinity Lutheran Church of Bixby and spent many years on the church council and ushering.

He also proved instrumental in the formation of Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie and served on the committee in raising funds for the Four Seasons Ice Arena at the Steele County Fair Grounds.

If you would visit Bob in the evening, there probably is no TV, so long as there was reading material available, especially that informing him of current events.

He is good at keeping up with current news and the ever-changing farming practices.

Bob is a typical midwestern farmer with a sterling high school athletic career safely stored in his youthful memories.

A passion for golf

As one of the two athletes to be honored at the BP Education Foundation Banquet this year, it should be noted that Carl Peterson has a real passion for golf.

Aside from his family, Carl’s world has revolved around the sport, and he has enjoyed success and great accomplishment at all levels of the game.

His passion for the sport is not surprising, as he grew up with his father being an avid golfer, and his parents managing the local country club at one time.

Though the general public may be aware of Carl’s love of golf, not many

know of his prolific accomplishments and successes, in high school, college and well beyond.

To list all his honors would be too numerous to recount, but some are worth mentioning.

In junior golf championships he placed 9th at the Greenhaven Golf Club in Anoka in 1970, and 7th at Dellwood Hills Club in Dellwood in 1972.

He and his dad won the 1970 Town and Country Club championship at St. Paul in 1970, and he placed second in the Minnesota junior College NCAA tournament in 1974.

Carl and Buzz Le Tourneau took 7th place in four ball championship at Southview Country Club in St. Paul in 1982, and his opening round 64 was one of the five best scores ever shot in the tournament.

After his junior college career, he moved on to the University of North Texas and golfed varsity

for the Division I school.

In fact, one of his career highlights came at that college.

“When I stepped in the locker room at North Texas, Carl remarked, “I was astounded to note that the school had a national reputation for quality golf, having competed at the national NCAA tournament some twenty times.

I could hardly believe that I had made the varsity golf team of that college.”

Carl had graduated from BPHS in 1972 and then earned his college degree from North Texas University at Denton, Texas, in 1978

Carl met his wife, Kathi, in Houston, Texas in 1986, when he was working for Federated Mutual Insurance Company, and they were married in 1989.

Golf continued to be a big part of their lives, as friends organized and led a wedding procession of golf carts for the ceremony.

Carl and Kathi moved back to Blooming Prairie in 1989, where he purchased R & R Insurance

Agency from Bob Easton and Bob Ingvalson.

Some of Carl’s other accomplishments included the Blooming Prairie Club championship 9 times, Owatonna Club champion in 1981, Owatonna City Open champion in 1982, and Pecan Grove (Richmond, Texas) Club Champion in 198.

At BPCC he carded 34 consecutive round under par.

According to Kathi, Carl has always been family-oriented, not only with his own boys, Victor and Soren, but also with his parents.

He hunted and fished with his father, until Nip could no longer do that, he has lunch with his mother several times a week, and he introduced his boys to those sports as well.

It is safe to say, that although golf may be a passion, and it is, the passion remains second to family.

Golf continues to be important, but family remains the top spot in Carl’s life, and that is the way it should be.

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Blotter spotlight: Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 2200 block of 46th St. NW at 6:43 a.m.

Elderly driver faces felony drunk driving

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

A 70-year-old driver awaiting sentencing on a drunk driving charge has been picked up yet again.

The Steele County Attorney’s Office has charged Dennis Warren Wimer, Sr. of Owatonna with first-degree refusal to submit to a chemical test and obstruction of legal process, which is a gross misdemeanor. If convicted of the newest felony charge, he faces seven years in prison and a \$14,000 fine.

Owatonna Police responded to the area of 12th Avenue NW on Aug. 29 at about 7:23 p.m. A citizen alerted police that Wimer had just left a residence on Mineral Springs Road in a vehicle and was intoxicated, according to the criminal complaint.

An officer soon found the vehicle traveling south on 12th Av-

enue NW. The officer found that Wimer had a cancelled driver’s license.

Once the officer pulled Wimer over, he found that Wimer displayed poor balance, had slurred speech and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath, the complaint said. The officers tried to have Wimer perform standard field sobriety tests, but they were stopped because Wimer was unable to follow instructions and became aggressive toward officers.

As officers tried to arrest Wimer, he tensed up his body and arms, preventing them from taking him into custody. At one point, Wimer kicked a sergeant while he was being handcuffed, the complaint noted.

Court records show Wimer has been convicted of DWI in 2009, 2013 and just last month. He is awaiting to be sentenced on the third DWI in two weeks.

CRIME BRIEF

Delivery yields more than boxes

A delivery to a local retailer yielded more than boxes on Sept. 4.

Owatonna Police responded to Mills Fleet Farm for an audible alarm. When they arrived, they found a vehicle backed up to a loading dock with its tailgate down. The officers spoke to the driver who was reportedly making a delivery.

During the investigation, officers smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and saw marijuana inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The officers searched the vehicle and found a baggie that contained seven bindles of a rock-like substance believed to be cocaine. In all, officers confiscated 3.89 grams of cocaine and 4.27 grams of marijuana.



Dammario D.T. Lesure

Police arrested Dammario D.T. Lesure, 38, for fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle. His 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe was seized and subject to forfeiture.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Owatonna Police Sept. 1

Burglary: At 8:29 a.m., officers responded to a burglary in the 1300 block of Esther Lane SE.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 700 block of Cherry St. NE at 11:06 a.m. and the 600 block of Hilltop Ave. SW at 4:52 p.m.

Drugs: Officer issued a citation for drug activity in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 3:07 p.m.

Disturbance: At 5:09 p.m., police responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. They made an

arrest at the scene.

Assault: Officers responded to an assault in the 300 block of Grove Ave. S. at 6:43 p.m. They issued a citation at the scene.

Intoxication: Police arrested an intoxicated individual in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 7:42 p.m.

Shoplifting: A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Road W. at 7:57 p.m.

Sept. 2

Suspicion: Officers responded to suspicious activity at Elm Ave. N. and Vine St. E. at 3:13 a.m. They issued a citation at the scene.

Sept. 3

Arrest: Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Elm Ave. S. and Main St. E. at 12:06 a.m.

Restraining Order: At 1:22 p.m.,

officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 100 block of Fremont St. E.

Sept. 4

Suspicion: At 12:55 a.m., police responded to suspicious activity in the 300 block of School St. W. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Drugs: Officers responded to drug activity in the 300 block of Alexander Dr. SW at 8 a.m. They made an arrest at the scene.

Intoxication: Police responded to an intoxicated subject in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 11:09 a.m.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests at Cedar Ave. N. and 11th St. E. at 1:19 p.m. and in the 700 block of Vine St. E. at 7:59 p.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of Sylvan St. NW at 5:33 p.m.

Burglary: At 7:10 p.m., police began a burglary investigation in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Sept. 5

Thefts: Officers took theft reports in the 700 block of Elm Ave. N. at 11:08 a.m. and the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:16 a.m.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 1:19 p.m. and the 300 block of School St. E. at 2:24 p.m.

Burglary: At 2:53 p.m., police began a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Academy St. E.

Sept. 6

Thefts: Police received theft reports from the 1200 block of Frontage Road W. at 12:38 p.m. and County Road 24 at 4:53 p.m.

Warrant: At 2:23 p.m., officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Sept. 7

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 2200 block of 46th St. NW at 6:43 a.m.

Arrests: Police assisted another agency with arresting subjects in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 8:40 a.m. and the 200 block of 2nd St. NW at 9:08 p.m.

Crash: Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries of Hoffman Dr. NW at 4:21 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff Sept. 1

DWI: Deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at Broadway St. E. and Elm Ave. N. in Owatonna at 12:41 a.m.

Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 500 block of 3rd St. NE in Medford at 9:25 a.m.

Sept. 2

Arrest: Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 4000 block of Crane Creek Road in Owatonna Township at 12:04 a.m.

Mental Health: At 1:54 a.m., deputies responded to a mental health incident in the 200 block of Austin Road in Owatonna Township.

Sept. 5

Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 1 p.m.

Sept. 6

Warrant: At 12:54 p.m., deputies arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center.

Missing Person: Deputies assisted with a missing person in the 4500 block of County Road 45 N. in Clinton Falls Township at 4:26 p.m.

Sept. 7

Arrest: Deputies assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Rice St. E. in Owatonna at 9:45 p.m.

Suspicion: At 11:17 p.m., deputies responded to suspicious activity in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W. in Medford.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 28 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Joshua P. Kempe, 22, Bloomington, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of ammo/any firearm. He was sentenced to \$131 and 60 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Lorita D. Placencia, 41, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of narcotics. Placencia was sentenced to \$581, 60 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, cognitive skill training and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 28 – Sept. 1:

MN State Patrol Golden Valley

Jesse F. Cuen, 28, Anaheim, CA, no license, \$181.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Victor M. Contreras, 28, Blooming Prairie, invalid license, \$181; Boubacar M. Diagana, 27, Mankato, speeding, \$141; Connor J. Kinyon, 19, Elysian, stop sign, \$131; Caleb J. Kottke, 25, Owatonna, speeding and seat belt, \$146; Emilee K. Maillhot, 27, Eucha, OK, speeding, \$221; John C. Messer, 38, Raymore, MO, speeding, \$121; Donald D. Purdy, 29, Eucha, OK, possession of paraphernalia, \$131; Timothy P. Stohl, 53, Owatonna, speeding, \$121.

Owatonna Police Department

Mark H. Ammann, 33, Owatonna, violation of order for protection, \$1,081, 228 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; Natasha B. Anderson, 21, Owatonna, theft, \$81, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Margaret M. Bengtson, 31, St. Peter, revoked license and speeding, \$341; Ulises H. Bonilla, 19, South St. Paul, speeding and cancelled license, \$321; Marcy K. Busho, 31, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Owen W. Carlson, 21, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131;

Santiago L. Cavazos, 20, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$81, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation and 3 years of supervised probation; Matthew A. Clear, 37, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Barbara J. Duchene, 81, Faribault, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131;

Joshua J. Ferch, 23, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, attend MADD impact panel, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Nicole A. Fredrickson, 35, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Ryan G. Good, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Anthony B. Graham, 33, Owatonna, theft, \$145 and 1 year of supervised probation; Jose P. Hoy, 28, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131;

Tawna M. Johnson, 42, Owatonna, controlled substance crime, 49 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training

and 2 years of supervised probation; Vernon A. Johnson, 40, Owatonna, theft, \$446.88; Brad R. Kunkel, 36, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Craig A. Laska, 46, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, \$131;

Terry A. Lester, 43, Waseca, theft, \$181; Tyler L. Lockman, 29, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, no insurance and revoked license, stay of adjudication, \$581, 41 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms, obtain and maintain employment, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain permission to leave the state, obtain GED, psychological evaluation and 3 years of supervised probation; Tishyra E. Powell, 24, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$131;

Shannon D. Reck, 39, Faribault, no insurance, \$281; Mariah R. Santibanez, 20, Owatonna, no license and no insurance, \$381; Miles N. Singleton, 33, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$581, 19 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Paul D. Walton, 28, Mankato, invalid license, \$131; Eric P. Wandersee, 46, Owatonna, expired registration, \$111; Eric J. Wermer-skirchen, 33, Owatonna, revoked license and seat belt, \$306; Nickolas J. White, 26, Waseca, stop sign, \$131.

Steele County Sheriff’s Office

Ahmed S. Aden, 34, Minneapolis, expired tabs and speeding, \$171; Gregory L. Anderson, 40, Columbus,

speeding, \$141; Brenda L. Bergstrom, 51, Hollandale, DWI, \$406, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Derek T. Butterfield, 22, Faribault, DWI, \$381, 1 day in county jail, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Lukas S. Ewest, 21, Waseca, stop sign and failure to drive in single lane, \$181; Michelle J. Feeley, 37, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Devontay L. Garrett, 24, Austin, revoked license and speeding, \$421; Barbara J. Grant, 64, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Thomas J. Haberman, 43, Blooming Prairie, no insurance and seat belt, \$306; Christopher J. Hassing, 28, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Nicole C. Kroschel, 22, Lake Elmo, speeding, \$141; Douglas J. Long, 54, Clinton, IA, DWI, \$406, attend MADD impact panel, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Edelgard F. Mejia, 43, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; David Ortiz, 39, Faribault, cancelled license, \$381, 7 days in county jail and 2 years of supervised probation; Zachary L. Prins, 27, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Alex M. Schwartz, 28, Waterville, DWI, \$406, attend MADD impact panel, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Laurel L. Stewart, 28, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Logan R. Westphal, 17, North Mankato, speeding and seat belt, \$246; Jonathan D. Wigham, 35, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121.

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6. Support
10. Mures River city
14. Bastard wing
15. One was named Desire
17. PGA Tournament prize
19. A way to leave un changed
20. Unchangeable computer memory
21. Harangues
22. 6th Hebrew letter
23. Well informed
24. Turfs
26. In a way, obeyed
29. Lawyers group
31. Increases motor speed
32. Political action committee
34. Light pokes
35. Struck down
37. Central Philippine Island
38. Japanese sash
39. Afresh
40. Bluish green
41. Inspire with love
43. Without (French)
45. Counterbalance container to obtain net weight
46. Express pleasure
47. Cheap wine (Br.)
49. Signing
50. ____ compilation, compiling computer language
53. Have surgery
57. Being trompe-l’oeil
58. Extremely mad
59. Day
60. Small coin (French)
61. Snatched

CLUES DOWN

1. Cry
2. Wings
3. Baseball play
4. Flower petals
5. Drive against
6. Velikaya River city
7. A single unit in a collection
8. Stray
9. Bring back
10. Repented
11. Receipt (abbr.)
12. Expresses pleasure
13. Not wet
16. In a way, takes off
18. Macaws genus
22. “Fast Five” star’s initials
23. Sharpen a knife
24. Oral polio vaccine developer
25. Former CIA
27. Fencing swords
28. Aba ____ Honeymoon
29. Bustle
30. Minor
31. Propel a boat
33. Passage with access only at one end
35. Underwater airways
36. Small, slight
37. Box (abbr.)
39. ____ Blake, actress
42. Repents
43. Merchandising
44. Exclamation of surprise
46. With fireplace residue
47. A small lake
48. Bait
49. Tip of Aleutian Islands
50. K ____ : watercraft (alt. sp.)
51. Norse variant of

“often”
52. Adolescent
53. Visual metaphor (Computers)
54. River in Spanish
55. Cowboy Carson
56. Powerful gun lobby

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Top new cars for older drivers

Dear Savvy Senior,

My wife and I are both in our late sixties and are looking to buy a new car. Can you recommend some good resources that can help us evaluate and choose a good car for older drivers?

Car Shoppers

Dear Shoppers,

With more than 40 million licensed drivers in the United States age 65 and older, many automakers today are designing certain vehicles that are friendlier for older drivers. But what makes a good car for seniors? For many, top priorities include a vehicle that's easy to get into and out of, easy to adjust for fit and comfort, easy to operate and see out of, as well as reliable, safe and a good value.

To help you narrow your vehicle choices, Consumer Reports and the American Automobile Association (AAA) offer some great information and tools to assist you.

CR Best Cars

Consumer Reports recently put out a top 25 ranking of new cars for senior drivers. Each vehicle on their list offers excellent or very good ratings on reliability, safety, road-test performance and owner satisfaction. And, they offer a variety of senior-friendly features that are extremely important to older drivers, like:

- Easy front-seat access: Vehicles with low door thresholds, wider door openings, and step-in heights that reduce the need for ducking or climbing, make getting into and out of a car easier for those with physical limitations.

- Good visibility: Being able to see well out of the front, sides, and back of a vehicle for tall, medium, and shorter drivers.

- Simplified controls: Easy-to-read gauges and simplified/intuitive controls for changing the radio, shifting gears, and adjusting the heating and cooling is a high priority among older drivers.

- Bright headlights: Powerful headlights can make driving at night easier for people with decreasing or compromised vision.

They also weighed in extra safety features (standard or optional) like a backup camera, automatic emergency braking, forward-collision warning and blind-spot warning.

Their picks include a variety of compact and midsize sedans and SUVs, two minivans and a

station wagon from seven different automakers. Here's their top 25 ranking, starting with one through 25: Subaru Forester; Subaru Outback; Kia Soul; Subaru Legacy; Kia Sportage; Toyota Highlander; Toyota Prius V; Toyota RAV4; Honda Odyssey; Nissan Rogue; Honda Accord; Ford C-Max Hybrid; Hyundai Sonata; Toyota Camry; Subaru Crosstrek; Toyota Sienna; Honda CR-V; Honda Pilot; Kia Forte; Ford Escape; Toyota Corolla; Kia Sorento; Ford Flex; Hyundai Santa Fe; Hyundai Tucson.

For more information on their top 25 list, see ConsumerReports.org/elderly-driving/top-25-new-cars-for-senior-drivers.

AAA Tool

Another great resource that can help you evaluate and chose a vehicle that meets your needs is the AAA online tool "Smart Features for Older Drivers."

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago

Sept. 11, 2007

Dan Evans, Publisher

After teaching 33 years in the Blooming Prairie School System, Physical Education teacher Jan Kittleson retired in June 2007.

The crowds gathered at the Cue Company, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8, 2007 for the 7th annual Cancer Auction. The two-night auction, previously held indoors, made its outdoor debut "under the big tent" to the accolades of many in attendance. Approximately 230 items were auctioned over the course of the two nights, fetching a preliminary total of \$25,000, which surpassed last year's total, to the delight of the organizers.

20 Years Ago

Sept. 9, 1997

Elsie Slinger, Publisher

Elf Atochem North America, Inc., through its subsidiary Viking Chemical Company, Sept. 6 held an open house to commemorate the 10th year the Blooming Prairie plant has been part of the Elf Atochem family.

50 Years Ago

Sept. 14, 1967

Victor, Vernon & Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Steele County 4-H livestock exhibitors received a plaque from the Minnesota State Fair after being named one of five purple ribbon counties in herdsman competition at this year's exposition, Larry A. Tande, Associate County Agricultural Agent, reported.

The Blooming Prairie Fire Department answered a call to the Emmet Filley farm, six miles northeast of town at 10:45 p.m. Sept. 8. A barn fire was well underway by the time the local department arrived at the scene and the structure burned to the ground. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Lola Paulson experienced a thrill that very few golfers can boast on Tuesday afternoon of this week when she made a hole-in-one while playing at the Blooming Prairie Country Club.

75 Years Ago

Sept. 10, 1942

Frank Krejci & Sons, Publisher

L.R. Humes, Owatonna, Steele County Chairman of War Bonds and Stamps sales in-

forms The Times that we missed our August bond sale quota by \$7,668. The quota set for August was \$94,300 while sales only reached \$86,732.

Despite wartime conditions, Blooming Prairie's public schools opened officially Tuesday for the ensuing year with the largest enrollment in history. A total of 422 students were enrolled Tuesday. Additional students have signified they would enroll before the first week of school ends.

Mike Moser, pioneer farmer, whose 280-acre farm is located 9 1/2 miles southwest of Blooming Prairie has sold the place to the Harpeling brothers of Geneva. Armed forces have taken one of Mr. Moser's sons, and at his advanced age he does not care to operate such a large tract of land.

Crossword solution

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Obituaries

Dorothy Jane Johnson



Dorothy Jane Johnson, 93, of Blooming Prairie died Saturday morning, September 9, 2017 at Prairie Manor Nursing Home in Blooming Prairie.

Dorothy Jane Worke was born April 7, 1924, in Freeborn County, the daughter of Helmer and Agnes (Hagen) Worke. She attended school in New Richland, graduating from New Richland High School in 1941.

On December 5, 1942, she married Omer Reese and to this union, four sons were born. The couple made their home on a farm west of Red Oak Lutheran Church for 25 years. Dorothy was employed by the Owatonna Canning Company for 37 1/2 years, retiring in 1990. After her retirement, Dorothy worked part-time at Prairie Manor Nursing Home, enjoying the residents, as she passed juice and treats to the tenants of Heather Haus where she served the noon meal.

Dorothy enjoyed sewing, gardening, crafts, cooking, baking and dancing. She was a member of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church and Dorcas Circle, VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. Dorothy entered Prairie Manor Nursing Home on June 27, 2008.

Survivors include her son, Allan (Vicki) Reese of Ellendale; a daughter-in-law, Alice Reese of Blooming Prairie; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Worke of Albert Lea and Virgil Worke of Clarks Grove; a sister Beverly Stanke of Owatonna; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; three sons, Gary, Curtis and Ronald; four brothers, Dale, LaVerne, Paul and Jack; and one sister, Marjorie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017, at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church with Pastor Lindsay Stolen officiating. Interment will follow the service at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Send memorials to Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church or Prairie Manor Nursing Home. Services prearranged and performed by the Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Marilyn I. Thoreson



Marilyn I. Thoreson, 91, of Blooming Prairie, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 at Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie.

Marilyn Irene Hunter was born May 20, 1926 in Blooming Prairie to Albert and Ida (Meyers) Hunter. She graduated in 1944 from Blooming Prairie High School.

Marilyn married Mervin Nelson, and the couple later divorced. On July 16, 1971 Marilyn married Vince Thoreson. She lived her entire life in Blooming Prairie. Marilyn was employed at Prairie Manor, The Bakery and Blooming Prairie Schools lunch program. She was one of the first nurse's aides to be hired at Prairie Manor.

Marilyn was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church in Blooming Prairie, as well as the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing cards with her friends and was an avid reader, never without a book in her lap. Her family and friends will miss her dearly.

Marilyn is survived by her children Wayne Nelson of Owatonna, Michael Nelson, Keven (Jackie Friesner) Nelson, and Cheryl (Roy) Olson, all of Blooming Prairie, and Linda Wyant of Albert Lea; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; sister Lola Wood and sister-in-law Donna Hunter, both of Austin; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Vince in 2014; sons Steven Nelson and Raymond Nelson, daughters Carol and Betty in infancy, son-in-law Larry Wyant; her brothers John, Robert, Paul, Howard and Roger; and her sisters Georgia and Mildred.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Jeff Sandgren officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday morning for one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m., at First Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Blooming Prairie Cemetery. Services prearranged and performed by the Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Marjorie R. Trihus



Marjorie R. Trihus, 73, of Blooming Prairie, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Austin, surrounded by her loving family.

Marjorie Rachel was born March 6, 1944 in Hibbing, the daughter of Emmett and Marjorie (Gelling) Swanson. Marjorie graduated from Hibbing High School, and she went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

On November 27, 1971, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Allen Trihus at First Lutheran Church in Hibbing. Marjorie worked for the Extension Service prior to becoming a devoted farm wife, mother and grandmother.

Over the years, she enjoyed volunteering at her church and with 4-H activities. Her 'happy place' was with family at livestock and cattle shows. Marjorie was a longtime member of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her two sons John (Wendy Cadwell) Trihus and Brian (Emily Nelson) Trihus all of Blooming Prairie; her daughter Rachel Trihus of Des Moines, Iowa; four grandchildren Tyler Trihus, Cassandra and Ruth Jones, and Creighton Cadwell; brother Emmett "Art" (Cathi) Swanson of Minneapolis; by many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Kenneth on March 25, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 30456 Mower Freeborn Road, Austin, with Pastor Lindsay Stolen officiating. Interment followed the service in the Red Oak Grove Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, at Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home in Blooming Prairie, and for one hour prior to the service Tuesday morning, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Marjorie's memory may be directed to the general fund at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Margaret A. Whiting



Margaret A. "Muggins" Whiting, 90, of Blooming Prairie, passed away Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 at Mayo Clinic Hospital-Rochester, Saint Mary's Campus.

Margaret Ann was born Oct. 21, 1926 in Austin to Carl and Mae (Hansley) Peterson. She graduated with the Class of 1944 from Blooming Prairie High School, and she went on to earn her Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1948. Following graduation, she went to work in Tucson, Arizona, before returning to Blooming Prairie in 1964.

On June 29, 1974, she was united in marriage to John Harlow Whiting at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. For 18 years, Margaret enjoyed hosting her daughter Chris and group of friends for 6:30 a.m. coffee each morning during the week. She was also very instrumental with artistic design for her and John's business, Whiting Custom Framing.

Margaret was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie, loved sacred music, and was a wonderful mother. Margaret and John enjoyed spending time during the summers at their cabin on Dewey Lake near Chisholm.

She is survived by her husband John of Blooming Prairie; daughter Christine (Tom) Butler of Blooming Prairie; son Peter (Jean) Wilkinson of Plymouth; grandchildren Howard Butler, Meghan Butler, Carl Butler, Jon Butler; great-grandchildren Tommy, Jack, Brynn, Brecken, Madeline, Brayden, and Brooks. She was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Mae Peterson; brothers Allan Charles Peterson and Thomas Christian Peterson, and by Isabelle Thorson who was raised as Margaret's sister by Carl and Mae.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner officiating. Margaret's family will greet friends on Friday morning for one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m., at First Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at First Lutheran Cemetery in rural Blooming Prairie. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.



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By Sally (Blume) Poepping

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Pastor Lindsay Stolen is the pastor at Red Oak Lutheran Church in rural Austin.

New leadership at St. Colombanus



Submitted Photo

New officers have been chosen for St. Colmbanus Council of Catholic Women. They are (left to right) Becky Jensen, president; Stacy Salinas, secretary and Jenny Hendrickson, treasurer. They were installed at the Blooming Prairie parish on Aug. 2.

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Worship: 9 a.m.

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Minister Dwight DoBell
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Robert Sikel, Jacob’s father, makes announcements at the 2017 Jacob’s Run.



These are photos of Jacob’s Run which was held around the region Saturday. Proceeds from the run will fund scholarships to area graduates next year.



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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

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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

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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: January 4, 1999

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$54,650.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Charlene M. Wetzal, 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/

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17-107230 NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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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.

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Dated: August 17, 2017

J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. Assignee of Mortgagee

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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.

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Dated: August 25, 2017

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC Assignee of Mortgagee

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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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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1508



They Painted Blooming Prairie PINK

HONK IF YOU LOVE BOOBS

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

The horns were a blarin' as vehicles traversed through Blooming Prairie on a sunny Saturday morning.

The reasons behind the noisiness were signs being carried near the junction of Highway 218 and Main Street by three volunteers to promote the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's fundraising efforts on Sept. 8-9.

Lori Johnson thanked a passing motorist who stopped and donated cash because of the sign held by Johnson: "Honk if you love boobs."

Uldene Kraling of Blooming Prairie also carried a sign, her message urging motorists to stop and get their nails painted, hair cut and face painted to benefit the BP Cancer Group.

She was volunteering her promotional efforts because of her daughter-in-law Barb Kraling's sponsorship of a Cut for a Cure campaign under a tent near the field of pink flags on Highway 218, symbolizing Paint Blooming Prairie Pink. Kraling has coordinated the event for eight years in a row.

This year's Cut for a Cure fundraiser brought in \$1,205.

Uldene is a cancer survivor having successfully battled breast cancer 26 years ago in 1991. Today, she is cancer free and is open to talking about her cancer, hoping her experiences will help others.

"I felt like I was the only one who had cancer," Uldene said, explaining her reaction to being told she had cancer.

She found a lump herself and began treatments shortly after at the Austin Hospital.

"Don't keep it to yourself," Uldene cautions others who are fighting cancer. "I think you heal a lot faster when you have friends and family supporting you," she believes. "I know what others are going through. Keep a stiff upper lip and inform others that you are getting well."

She said cancer has touched other members of her family, too. Son John fought cancer as did Uldene's oldest daughter Joan Stoen.

Uldene still carefully monitors her recovery, and is scheduled for a mammogram on Sept. 30.

While Uldene and her two cohorts were advertising their cancer prevention efforts with colorful posters, others were signing up for a 5K Walk/Run and there were those getting haircuts and many having their nails or hair colored. Food was also being served by the tent hosting the Cut for a Cure event.

Many visitors to the Cut for a Cure event also took time to try to find messages for their loved ones on the field of flags. Sisters Diedre Rahn, Lewiston; Kay Zellmer, Blooming Prairie and Nancy Horn, St. Cloud located their grandfather Orville Weidauer's tag.

Young kids were also busy removing their shoes to enter a bouncy house.

"Doesn't he look sharp!" Barb Kraling exclaimed as she finished cutting local farmer Bob Wolf's hair. Nearby, Samantha Laures was painting Kim Hillson's nails. Husband Doug also had just finished getting his hair cut.

Bobbie Jo Sandte of Blooming Prairie and her four children all had their hair cut by Haley Behne. Seventh grader Cobey Sandte, 13, got a trim for football. Other family members having haircuts were Betsy, 10; Jossie, 11 and Noah, 12.

At an adjoining haircutting area, stylist Emily Allison cut off 8 1/2 inches of Marquette Millam's hair to be donated to the Locks of Love campaign.

Face painting was another very popular activity under the Cut for a Cure tent. Little Landon Miller, 4, grinned widely as he showed off his new Batman face created for him by artist Arianna Olson.

Minutes later, Arianna and Samantha Laures worked on a larger project, making Barb Kraling's husband John a character out of the comic strips, Spider Man. John, fashioning a bald pate, showed off his new look to mom Uldene. "All I care is that it makes me look younger," he laughed.

John's son Jonathan was also given a makeover to look like Batman.

An estimated 50 individuals of all ages participated in a 5K Walk/Run chaired by Ashley Valek and Mandy Dooey. Nicki Warner of Blooming Prairie was the first 5K finisher. Several youngsters came across the finish line earlier but only traveled half of the route.

"We all have a common goal and that is to prevent cancer," said Barb Kraling, expressing delight with the involvement of caring people in her Cut for a Cure Event. This was the seventh annual.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Uldene Kraling of Blooming Prairie was one of the "Poster Girls" carrying signs to promote a Cut for a Cure cancer prevention event on Saturday near the Field of Flags on Highway 218. "Dene" is a cancer survivor.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Twins Steven and Betsy Gillette show off their medals of participation earned at the annual 5K Walk/Run as part of the Paint Blooming Prairie activities on Saturday morning, Sept. 9 at Cut for a Cure under the tent on Highway 218.



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Getting ready to bounce for fun at Cut for a Cure are Jillian and Claudia.



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Finally, the “G.O.A.T.” is one step closer to immortality. Monday night, Randy Moss, a sure-fire future Hall of Famer, was inducted into the Minnesota Vikings’ Ring of Honor, bringing the 1998 first round pick back to the land of 10,000 lakes. This time, it’s for good.

It’s been seven years since Moss last since donned the Purple-and-gold of Minnesota, coming back to the Vikings in 2010 for a season later in his career. He has made numerous stops throughout his career. Who could forget the two seasons he spent in Oakland, when numerous media outlets and fans thought he was on the decline.

Surely, if you’re a football fan, you remember watching Moss make the first of his two Super Bowl appearances with the then 16-0 New England Patriots in 2007. That year, he set the NFL single-season touchdown reception mark with 23. Lastly, who could forget the year he spent in San Francisco and the somewhat controversial statements at Media Day where he stated that he believed he was the greatest of all-time.

However, if you’re truly a football fan, there’s only one jersey you see Moss in.

That being a Vikings one.

Now, I’m not trying to proclaim that NFL fans are wrong if they see him in a different jersey of a different light. However, when it comes to the Minnesota Vikings, there have really been only two “faces of the franchise” in my 26 years of life. At least on the offensive side of the ball.

Adrian Peterson and Randy Moss.

Despite how tough the break up was during the initial stay of Randy (1998-2004), it’s even tougher to look past exactly how he transcended the game.

During the “glory years” of Moss’ career, practically every award he received was as a Vikings. Of his six Pro Bowl nominations, five came in Minnesota. Of his four first-team All-Pro selections, three – 1998, 2000 and 2003 – came while he was you guessed it, Minnesota. The 1998 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and a member of the 2000’s All-Decade team, his blend of size and blazing speed were nearly impossible to replicate.

In fact, current Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer’s comment from his recent press conference strengthens that claim.

According to the Star Tribune’s Ben Goessling, Zimmer stated that while he was the Defensive Coordinator for

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OFFENSIVE ONSLAUGHT



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Top: Huskies senior quarterback Abe Havelka tosses a pass during the first quarter of Owatonna's 46-7 Big Southeast-Red Division game over Rochester Mayo Friday at OHS Stadium. Havelka threw for 249 yards and five touchdowns in the win. Bottom: Outside linebacker Mitch Wiese celebrates after his pick-6 gave the Huskies a 7-0 lead.

19-point second quarter sparks Huskies' offense

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

OWATONNA – It looked like Owatonna was going to have a battle on its hands with Rochester Mayo after the score was deadlocked at 7-7 early in the first quarter.

Then the Huskies settled in and continued to display the immense amount of talent that floods the roster.

Led by senior quarterback Abe Havelka’s three scores through the air, the Huskies mounted a 19-point surge in the quarter second and never looked back, rolling to a 46-7 win over the Spartans Friday night at OHS Stadium in Big Southeast-Red Division action.

“I think we settled in both of- fensive and defensively from the second quarter on,” commented head coach Jeff Williams. “We started to get those stops, and then we started to score each time that we got the ball back.”

It was a tough start for the Huskies’ offense, gaining just four yards in four plays. However, Owatonna still managed to put up the first points of the game. All thanks to its defense and standout outside linebacker Mitch Wiese. After Kade Serbus tipped a Connor Klingele, Wiese plucked it from the air and raced 9 yards to give the Huskies a 7-0 lead. Prior to the interception, Mayo appeared to have found a soft spot in the Huskies’ defense.

On their second possession,

went right back at it. Mixing a strong blend of both rushing and passing, the Spartans mounted a 10-play, 73-yard drive that was capped by a Carter Pasternak 41-yard touchdown pass. On the drive, Mayo displayed good balance, rushing the ball four times despite delivering much of the damage in seven plays through the air.

“They grounded out on us a little bit,” commented Coach Williams. “Culminated in a touchdown and tied it up; I’m thinking, ‘yeah, we haven’t seen the ball very much.”

Not to be outdone, Owatonna responded with a grueling drive of its own. Riding a strong balance of junior running back Jason Williamson on the ground and the arm of their senior quarter- back, the Huskies marched 80 yards in 11 plays, regaining the lead on a 12-yard touchdown pass to Nolan Malo just 49 seconds into the second quarter.

Aside from one drive that ended in the first of Havelka’s two interceptions, the Huskies started to generate valuable of- fensive momentum. Of the final four drives in the half, Owatonna managed to extend the lead to a pair of scores. The first, a 3-play, 47-yard drive that ended in Wil- liamson taking a quick dump pass 44 yards to extend the lead to 20-7. The second came from an Alex Raichle touchdown catch with just 57.5 seconds un- til halftime. It was a good dis- play of the Huskies’ two-minute

offense, covering 55 yards in just eight plays. Both two-point conversion attempts failed.

However, there was a chance for Owatonna to increase that lead before half.

After contemplating for a short field goal try, Williams sent out the offense to try and punch it in from the one with just a second left. The Spartans defense may have bent, but didn’t break, stopping William- son short as time ran out.

“I was disappointed that we didn’t get points at the end of the half,” Coach Williams added. “Ball’s on the right hash at the two-yard line, that’s a tough kick.”

In the second half, the Hus- kies’ offense continued to roll as Havelka’s fourth touchdown pass of the game – this time to Noah Budach from 10 yards out – extended the Huskies lead to 32-7. Outside of two inter- ceptions, it was a stellar game for Havelka, going 20-for-25 and 249 yards. His final score through the air went to Dalton Kubista from 34 yards out.

“He continued to have a clean pocket most of the night,” add- ed Coach Williams. “When he does, he’s on the money. There were a few mental things, but at quarterback we ask a lot out of those guys.”

As for the defense, it was all about setting the edge to stop a speedy rushing attack.

They succeeded.

After allowing nearly 71

yards on the ground in the sec- ond half, the Owatonna defense allowed one rush over 10 yards in 11 snaps before the starters were relieved. Even more im- pressive, after allowing 89 yards through the air, the Spartans managed just eight yards in the second half.

After a 42-yard interception by Raichle brought the ball to the 3-yard line, backup quarter- back Tucker Alstead cemented the lead at 46-7 late in the fourth quarter.

Owatonna travels to Austin Friday.

Team stats

Passing: O 252, M 97
Rushing: O 121, M 136
Total: O 373, M 233
Turnovers: O 2, M 1

Huskies stat leaders

Passing: Havelka: 20-25, 249 yards, 5 TD’s, 2 INT’s.
Rushing: Williamson: 19 car- ries, 85 yards.
Recieving: Raichle: 6 rec. 78 yards, TD; Kubista: 5 rec. 77 yards, TD;



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Late-game heroics



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Top: Top Lucas Noble (1) gets upended by a Falcons defender during the Blossoms’ 18-12 win over Fillmore Central Friday night at McFarlin Field. Noble had three receptions for 48 yards and a touchdown. Middle Right: Blossoms offensive lineman Brad Staska looks for a defender to block. Bottom right: Gabe Hagen catches a deep pass from Peterson. Bottom left: Max Romeo wrestles down a Falcons’ ballcarrier.

28-yard touchdown pass seals Blossoms’ win

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

A 28-yard pass from junior quarterback Seth Peterson to Payton Simon capped a 13-play drive and gave the Awesome Blossoms an 18-12 victory over Fillmore Central Friday night at McFarlin Field.

The home-opening win kept the Blossoms unbeaten at 2-0, while the Falcons fell to 1-1.

Extra points following touchdowns were non-existent in the game, but penalties were plentiful in the battle between two heavyweight defenses. Until that final drive of the game, the two teams took turns shutting down the opposition offense.

Fillmore Central managed just 131 total yards of offense, while the Blossoms rolled up 394 yards, including 215 yards through the air off the strong arm of Peterson.

On the winning drive that started on their own 14 yard-line, the Blossoms stayed primarily on the ground, with Peterson and Max Romeo chewing up the Falcon defense. Peterson accounted for 49 yards on four rushes.

Romeo gained 3 yards to the

28, and then Peterson found Simon on a crossing route for the score on second down. The last-ditch effort from the Falcons misfired, and the Blossoms had the hard-earned victory.

Neither team could score in the opening quarter, as the squads traded three punts each. BP broke the drought with 7:42 left in the half on a 27-yard toss from Peterson to Lucas Noble into the end zone corner. A pass from Peterson to Gabe Hagen from deep in their own territory set up the score.

Neither team could earn a conversion kick all night, as all five touchdowns found kicks sailing wide after scores.

“That fade pass to Hagen got us off the snide and gave us some momentum,” remarked coach Chad Gimbel. “I thought the defense played well all night, especially in the third quarter when we held the Falcons out of the end zone on four down from the 6-yard line.”

With just under five minutes left before the break, Logan Corson found Zach Haugerud on a flare pass for 13 yards which came just after a short Blossoms punt of only 9 yards. However, that didn’t end the first half

scoring. The locals mounted a six-play drive that featured the hard running of Romeo. He culminated the drive with a rumble of 9 yards, and the Blossoms led 12-6 at the half.

The teams traded second half touchdowns, with Fillmore Central getting the tying score with 3:43 left in the third quarter. An interception by Josh Peters (Peterson’s second interception of the game) was returned to the Blossoms’ 18 yard-line and Peters ran the last 8 yards for the touchdown. That set up the exciting finale in the last minutes of the game.

Blooming Prairie	0	12	0	6	18
Fillmore Central	0	6	6	0	12

Team stats

BP Rushing - 394 yards, Romeo 22 for 141 yards; Noble 4 for 28; Peterson 7 for 44

FC Rushing 55 yards

BP Passing- Peterson 17 of 28 for 215 yards Hagen 6 for 97 yards; Noble 3 for 48; Simon 3 for 46.

FC Passing- Corson 76 yards.

BP Defense- Mitchell Oswald and Simon 8 tackles, Romeo 6, Tim Wolf 5



Prep Preview



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna running back Jason Williamson.

Mid Southwest-East

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

Mid Southwest-West

	Div.	Overall
Kenyon-Wanamingo	2-0-0	2-0-0
Lester Prairie/ Holy Trinity	2-0-0	2-0-0
Mayer Lutheran	2-0-0	2-0-0
Bethlehem Academy	1-1-0	1-1-0
United South Central	0-1-0	1-1-0
St. Clair	0-1-0	1-1-0
Medford	0-1-0	0-2-0
J-W-P	0-2-0	0-2-0
Minnesota Valley Lutheran	0-2-0	0-2-0

South Central-Blue

	Div.	Overall
Maple River	1-0-0	2-0-0
Norwood-Young America	1-0-0	2-0-0
Sibley East	1-0-0	2-0-0
WEM	1-0-0	1-1-0
LeSueur-Henderson	0-1-0	1-1-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	0-1-0	0-2-0
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	0-1-0	0-2-0
NRHEG	0-1-0	0-2-0

Big Southeast-Red

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

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
*Receiving votes: Dawson-Boyd, Ada-Borup/NCW	*Receiving votes: Triton, Hawley	*Receiving votes: Alexandria, Chanhausen

*Source: Northstarfootball.com

Steele County Football Schedule

Blooming Prairie

Sept. 1... at Southland W 37-14
Sept. 9... vs. Fillmore Central W 18-12
Sept. 15... at Wabasha-Kellogg
Sept. 22... vs. Winona-Cotter
Sept. 29... at Goodhue
Oct. 6... vs. Hayfield
Oct. 18... at Rushford-Peterson

Medford

Sept. 2... at Winona-Cotter L 31-22
Sept. 8... vs. Kenyon Wanamingo L 27-26
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

NRHEG

Sept. 1... at Pipestone Area L 14-7
Sept. 8... vs. Sibley East L 28-13
Sept. 15... vs. Norwood Young America
Sept. 22... vs. G-F-W
Sept. 29... at WEM
Oct. 6... vs. Maple River
Oct. 13.... at LeSueur-Henderson
Oct. 18... vs. Lake Crystal-WM

Owatonna

Sept. 1... vs. Faribault W 61-0
Sept. 8... vs. Rochester Mayo W 46-7
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

Tigers lose heartbreaker



Photo courtesy of Skye's the Limit Photography

Tigers QB Jarvis VonRuden runs in for a score during Meford's 27-26 loss to Kenyon-Wanamingo Friday at Medford Stadium. VonRuden accounted for three of the Tigers' scores on the evening.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

MEDFORD – Following a 31-22 loss to Winona-Cotter in the season opener, Medford head coach stated that they would need to refocus and regroup for the first home game of the season Friday.

The Tigers were refocused and appeared to regroup offensively. However, it wasn't enough.

After trading blows for the vast majority of the contest, Kenyon-Wanamingo delivered the final blow.

Jack Buelke's extra point gave the Knights a slim 27-26 lead after Tyler Ryan's five-yard touchdown – his second of the game - late in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory Friday night at Medford Stadium, dropping the Tigers to 0-2.

"It was a different team this week," commented Johannes. "A team that we saw during

two-a-days and at times last year; Even during warmups, the whole coaching staff kind of recognized a new feeling from this team."

Javis VonRuden gave the Tigers their first touchdown of the season last week, which gave Medford the early lead. The senior signal caller was able to get the Tigers on the board first with a quick, six-yard touchdown pass to Alex Gengler. Managing to complete just seven passes in the season-opener, VonRuden appeared to get his rhythm back, tossing a pair of touchdown passes while going 10-for-19. He finished the contest with 149 passing yards.

The Knights were quick to respond, putting a drive together that was capped by a one-yard touchdown from K-W's Logan Quam. Johannes noted that it was tough sledding for Kenyon-Wanamingo offensively. While the Tigers defense allowed 129 yards on the ground in the game,

the Knights managed just 26 yards in the first half. For perspective, last week against Winona-Cotter, the Tigers allowed over 300 yards rushing.

"The biggest thing was that our linebackers two weeks ago against Cotter, were playing on their heels and this game we were moving forward," noted Johannes. "I felt out linebackers were more confident this week."

Senior linebacker Bo Noble led the defensive charge with 17 tackles. However, it wasn't just tough sledding on the ground. Medford's pass rush was tenacious all evening, registering a season-high six sacks. Four of those sacks coming from Brody Berg, who also recorded 10 tackles. Coach Johannes noted that it was probably the best he's seen the defensive line play.

While Jarvis VonRuden seemingly had an effective night in the pocket, he wasn't the only Tiger to show off his arm. Sophomore wide receiver Willie Von-

Ruden, Jarvis' brother, took a fly sweep and launched a 59-yard strike to Nate Meixner. Johannes noted that it was a call schemed as the game wore on.

"We saw that their linebackers were coming up hard and selling on our jet sweeps," he added. "Obviously, Willie had a great week last week on the jet sweeps; our coach called a half-back pass and we got him to the edge and our "X" (reciever Nate Meixner) was able to haul it in."

Meixner would catch another touchdown pass late in the fourth from Jarvis. However, Johannes was force to opt for the two-point conversion due to Willie having to leave the game with cramps. According to Johannes, they were working with the young sophomore to try and get him to loosen up, but was unable to do it in time.

The Tigers drop to 0-2 and will play B.A. next week.

NRHEG drops to 0-2

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

NEW RICHLAND - The Panthers fought back to forge a halftime tie, but Sibley East had too much power and defeated NRHEG 28-13. The home game for the Panthers on Friday, left the team at 0-2 for the young season.

Trailing 14-0 just into the second quarter, NRHEG scored a pair of touchdowns to tie the score at the half. Perry Peterson scored at 7:51 of the second quarter on a run of 8 yards to cut the margin to 14-6, and with just over a minute left in the half, Peterson ran for 1 yard and a touchdown. A two-point conversion pass from Peterson to Cole Thompson knotted the score at the break.

Sibley East had taken the two touchdown lead on a Gavin Bates to Jesus Rodriguez pass for 48 yards in the first quarter

and a one-yard run for Jaden Podratz just into the second quarter. Both extra point kicks sailed through the uprights.

"Our kids played their hearts out tonight," commented Coach Dan Stork. "And I am very proud of the effort. The second half we just ran out of gas, as the Wolverines are big and physical, and we just wore out. The halftime tie came on some pretty gutsy play by the team, but we just couldn't hold up in the second half."

The third quarter went scoreless, but Kevin Durham restored a Wolverine lead with a 67-yard ramble three minutes into the fourth quarter. Kameron In iced the game with just 1:50 left, when he intercepted a Jake Stork pass and returned it for a touchdown. Some injuries and a lack of depth are hurting the Panthers right now, but Stork promised that the team would bounce back and continue to battle.



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Panthers kicker Hailey Westrum kicks a PAT from a NRHEG loss earlier in the season.

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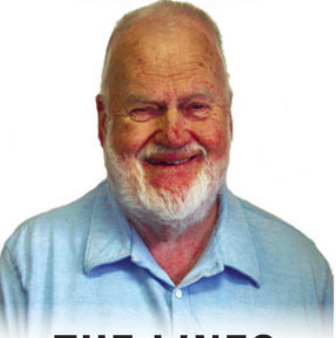
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move to 2-0

Last Friday’s win for the Blossom football team featured a couple of heavyweight defenses, for sure. Despite the many penalties that marred the contest, fans noted that neither team would give up much yardage. It is a tribute to the locals that they managed three touchdowns in the game. Neither team could capitalize on extra points, either, as all five touchdowns in the game had failed extra point attempts.

Two straight wins against tough foes marked the best thing about the victory, and the team is ready now to travel to Wabasha-Kellogg Friday night in search of their third win in a row. The team always says it will take one game at a time, and I guess that is the best policy.

Although Coach Ranell Kittelson was not entirely pleased with the play of her team, the Blossoms did win a pair of matches during the week, with a win at home over Austin and a victory over USC at Wells last Thursday. They concluded a busy week with a fifth place finish at the Hayfield Invitational last Saturday.

The team continues a busy schedule with three marches this week. They played Randolph last night (Monday), travel to a contest with Lyle-Pacelli tonight (Tuesday), and then entertain Bethlehem Academy Thursday night. B.A. is a perennial state entry, and the locals will have their hands full against the Cardinals, as well as in the earlier week matches.

The cross-country teams had a good deal of success at their meet at Hayfield last week, with Alec Ille taking the individual title for the boys. He is running just over seventeen minutes in his times, and he should probably get into lower numbers yet this season. The team finished sixth in the 12-team meet, while the girls ended in 8th.

Bobbie Bruns is making good numbers for the girls, and she lowers her times almost every meet. The teams will host a meet today (Tuesday), and that gives local residents a rare occasion to watch the local runners compete. It should be an interesting event for the Blossoms and their fans.

Finally, a tip of the hat to Gopher football and Coach Fleck. So far, his “row the boat” slogan is working, and we will see how far that goes. A note, too, to remind the readers that our annual football contest began last week, and we encourage readers to try their luck. Just be sure to drop the picks in Times office or have entries emailed or postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Enjoy the fall, follow baseball and football, Go, Blossoms, and we’ll talk again.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Huskies forward David Keller pushes the ball upfield during the second half of Owatonna's 2-1 loss to Northfield Thursday night at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. The Huskies allowed two goals in the second half.

Owatonna falls 2-1 in tough match to Northfield

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

OWATONNA -- In their last two games, the Owatonna boys soccer team has scored seven goals while shutting out both Mankato West and Albert Lea. The Raiders on the other hand, have been struggling to find a rhythm offensively, scoring two goals in their last three games.

Thursday night at the Owatonna Soccer Complex, it appeared that Northfield’s struggles were going to extend to a third game, trailing 1-0 at the end of the first half.

Then, the whistle for the second half blew.

Scoring two unanswered goals in the second half, the Raiders (2-2-1) managed to stifle a Huskies’ comeback for a 2-1 victory,

snapping a two game winning streak for the Huskies while ending a two-game losing skid of their own.

“You’re going to have a game where things don’t go your way and that was it for us today,” commented Huskies head coach Bob Waypa. “Our touches weren’t on, our passing combinations weren’t on; we’ll learn from it.”

Northfield’s Grant Roney managed to time his header attempt just right, as it sailed past keeper Tyler Akermann in the 31st minute for the game winner. Roney’s goal came nearly 15 minutes after Luis Calvario’s shot off a deflected corner kick tied the game at 1-1. After being held to just two shots in the first half, the Raiders’ offense recorded three shots on goal and

five corner kicks.

It was a tale of two halves for Owatonna.

Running step-for-step with Northfield’s attackers, Owatonna’s backline managed to stymie any attempt for a shot. In fact, Northfield’s first shot on goal wasn’t registered until midway

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Blossoms starting to heat up

BP earns two-straight wins



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer.

Blossoms sophomore Julia Worke prepares for a serve.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Led by 14 serving points and 26 assists from setter Heather Pirkel, the Blossom volleyball team survived a four-game match at United South Central Thursday.

Bloomington Prairie lost game one 21-25, but then took the next three games to earn their first conference win of the season.

“We were able to win the match after losing the first game,” remarked Coach Ranell Kittelson, “But it wasn’t a very satisfying victory. We just didn’t connect tonight on several levels, and we made way too many unforced errors. Some strong defense and solid offense in spurts pulled the girls through.”

McKenna Hein had 11 kills in

the match, and Sam Wurst had seven kills and six blocks at the net. Ayren Ingvalson helped with six kills and four blocks, Rachel Oswald had four kills and five blocks. Julia Worke had three kills and 10 digs. Linnea Beyers-Sunde led the team with 12 digs.

BP tops Austin

For the second time in three days, the Awesome Blossom volleyball team defeated Austin, this time in a non-conference match on the local court. The team had taken the Packers down in the Rochester Century Invitational tourney just the weekend before.

A little letdown and some serving errors in game three allowed Austin to escape with a 25-20 win, after the Blossoms had notched two close victories 25-23 and 26-24 in the first two

games.

Micalyn Trihus served two of the last points in game four, and the 16th block of the match for Sam Wurst ensured the victory. Worke served six-straight points earlier in the game to send the Blossoms into the lead.

“This was a very good win,” remarked Coach Ranell Kittelson. “The girls really showed determination to finish, even though we lost momentum and a little flow in that third game. We played aggressively when the passes were on target, and I thought our blocking excelled in this match.”

Hein and Worke both had 10 kills, but Wurst had nine kills and whopping 16 blocks at the net, a career high for her.

Trihus added eight blocks and

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Blooming Prairie senior Alec Ille.

Area cross country Ille shines for Blossoms at Hayfield Invite

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

BPHS senior Alec Ille captured first in the Hayfield Invitational cross country meet Thursday, Sept. and he finished with a sparkling 17:01 time.

Eighth grader Bobbie Brun continued her fine showing for the local girls, as she placed 6th in that division with a 21:28 time

The Blossoms finished fifth of 12 teams for the boys, and the girls landed in 7th place.

After Ille’s first place, Isaac Baker timed a 19:47, Ethan Grant a 20:38, and Jesse Schewe, also a 20:38.

Kyle Bramstadt, Adam Larson, Alex Miller, and Colton Krell all ran in the low 21 minutes; and Brian Jiminez and Dylan Johnson rounded out the

Blossom runners.

Rose Michaud followed Brun for the girls with a time of 25:23, and Asha Lightizer ran a 25:46.

Jerrin Jax, Abby Braaten, and Emily Anderson timed 26:53, 27:26, and 28:18 respectively. Jackie Hyland also ran for the BP girls.

“It was another good night for the cross country teams,” commented Coach John Brun. “Ille’s time this early in the season was great, and he never looked back after taking the lead in the first mile.

“Brun looked strong for the girls, especially in the last mile.” The teams will run next at home, Sept. 12.

Panthers run at mega meet

Coach mike Weber’s cross-country teams competed in a 29-team invitational meet at Montgomery- Londsdales on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Ben Lewer had the best time for the boys with an 18:51, followed by Daniel Nydegger at 19:41 and Kollin Reese at 20:37. Agro Gushwa and Gavin Anderson trailed with 21:11 and 22: 32 respectively.

Madisyn Buetel again led the girls with a 23:48 time, and Jade Mely timed a 25:07. Mia Williams also ran for the Panthers in 28:28.

“Buetel continues to run solid times,” commented Coach Weber. “And three of the boys all came close to personal bests. It was a tough course with a herd of runners around at all times.”

Blossoms JV football squad opens season with win

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

If one was looking for exciting football, the BPHS JV team provided that in the opening season contest for BP and Southland.

The Blossoms edged Southland 14-13 at McFarlin Field on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

A late touchdown by the Rebels closed the gap to a single point, but the Blossom defense rose up to stymie the two-point conversion try and seal the win.

“I thought it was a great

experience for the boys,” exclaimed Coach Nate Piller. “And to come away with a victory proved even better. We have many things in which to improve, but it was a great start to the season.”

Defense dominated the first half, and the Blossoms found it difficult to run the ball because of the size and physicality of the Southland defense. Prior to the halftime break, Blooming Prairie did find a little momentum, which gave the team some confidence going into the second half.

On the kickoff after the

break, Zach Piller returned the ball into good field position, and the team took advantage. Kaden Thomas threw a swing pass to Alex Baldwin who rumbled 45 yards, and the team capped the drive with another pass from Thomas to Riley Millam for 12 yards and the touchdown. The conversion run was stopped, and another Blossom drive ended with an intercepted pass on the goal line.

Southland then used a time-consuming drive all the way to the end zone for a touchdown and extra point, and the Rebels

led 7-6.

The Blossoms retaliated with a drive of its own.

Ian Wayne snagged a 25-yard throw from Thomas, and Thomas found Zach Weber for the two-point conversion, after a holding penalty nullified the first conversion from Matthew Pryor.

The late Rebel touchdown and two-point try ended on a fine defensive stop by Jarrett Larson. A last second desperation pass at the game’s end fell incomplete and the Blossoms junior varsity had a season-opening victory.

Medford sweeps NRHEG 3-0

NEW RICHLAND - Coming off a hard fought 5-set win over St. Clair, the Medford volleyball team won in a three-set sweep (25-14, 25-12, 25-12) over the Panthers.

It was a balanced offensive attack for the Tigers as two players recorded 10 or more kills. Kinsey Cronin led the team with 17 kills while Emma Kniefel added 10.

Madi Krenke led the team with an impressive 55 digs.

Tigers top St. Clair in five sets

ST.CLAIR - It may not have been pretty, but the Medford volleyball team managed to escape St. Clair with a win in five sets (25-18, 22-25, 25-22, 24-26, 15-11).

“They were a scrappy team that made it difficult to find holes in their defense,” noted coach Missy Underdahl.

Kniefel led the team with seven kills while Amanda Honsey and Rachel Luebke each added five. Krenke led the team with 22 digs.

Owatonna girls tennis remains unbeaten

ROCHESTER - The Huskies’ girls tennis team remains unbeaten after a 7-0 sweep over Rochester John Marshall Thursday in Big Nine Conference action.

***Final stats were not reported**

prior to press.

OHS girls soccer falls

After a 3-0 Big Nine Conference win over Albert Lea Tuesday, the Owatonna girls soccer team made the quick jaunt up I-35 for a conference matchup against the Undefeated Northfield Raiders. They would drop the contest 2-0. ***Stats were not reported for either contest prior to press.**

Moss inducted the Vikings’ Ring of Honor

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the Dallas Cowboys, Zimmer noted that during practice, they would have a wide receiver line up two yards off sides to simulate just how fast Moss was in his get off.

Sure, there was some controversy, but at the end of the day, Randy Moss will forever

be a Viking. In fact, despite the teams he played for, I could only see Moss in Minnesota. The memories I have as a kid, watching Moss haul in deep ball-after-deep ball for touchdowns may in fact be a strong reason why I admire the way he has changed the

game. When you have to change the ways the greatest minds of the game have to scheme a defense, there is no better admiration.

Seeing Moss blow the Gjal-larhorn prior to the start of Monday’s game for the second time was simply awesome. To

see the excitement around the stadium, but more importantly, the enthusiasm he had doing it. It’s nice to have Randy home.

The next time I pull my No. 84 jersey out, it will be Canton.

Second half goals doom Owatonna

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through the first half. Waypa noted that much of the defensive success is due to the way that teams are using their possessions.

“A lot of teams are doing this possessive approach now,” he stated. “Pass it around and wait for mistake, we’re pretty good at not making mistakes, we know our zones, we know where to be. They can pass all day because possession to me means nothing unless you’re driving to the net.”

As for the Huskies offense, while it wasn’t their night according to their head coach, they still managed to generate quality

chances in the first half. Just five minutes in, the Smith brothers of Nate and Nick nearly gave Owatonna an early edge. After fielding the ball deep into the Raiders’ final third, Nick made a quick pass back to Nate, who almost immediately passed it back to Nick to take a clear shot. However, his shot would sail over the goal.

Owatonna only registered two shots on goal, both of which came in the first half. After a near miss on the first attempt, the Huskies would capitalize on their final. After an Owatonna corner kick, Zach Kraus man-

aged to fire a deflected shot into the net to give the Huskies a 1-0 edge with just over ten minutes left in the half.

“I don’t we took advantages of the chances we had,” Waypa added. “But its thing to expect 14, 15, and 16-year old kids to play perfect every game.

It wasn’t just a tale of two halves for the Huskies defense, but the intensity and really the physicality of the contest. After a relatively clean first half, the second brought not just a lot of contact, but a few cards as well. Four cards were handed out with a Northfield player earning a red

card after attempting to slide tackle from behind.

“We had a couple of our guys get tackled from behind,” Waypa added. “The red card, I’m unsure if he was from behind but he had his cleat up and that’s a dangerous play.”

The Huskies had a chance to tie the game in the final moments but the ball sailed too far in front of Nick Smith to make a play prior to the final whistle.

The Huskies played Minnetonka Saturday in Minnetonka. ***Stats were not reported prior to press.**

Coach Jennifer Wayne’s 9th grade team also competed at Rochester with the girls, going 1-3.

Southland, Owatonna, and Century defeated the Blossoms, but the team took down Austin 25-13 and 25-6. Kiya Thompson had five aces and eight kills for the day, and Anna Kittelson served six aces, with five kills.

Junior high round up

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

The junior high volleyball teams opened their season with a doubleheader win at home against United South Central. The 8th grade won three of four games from the Rebels, and the 7th grade followed suit with three wins in four games.

The 7th grade won game one 25-17, lost the second game 24-26, but then won the next two games 25-18 and 25-19. Abby Hefling and Kaylee Nirk Led the Offense with 8 and 4 serving points. For a first match”, commented Coach Gina Hen-

drickson, “I thought the girls played well today. We have a big roster and a lot to learn, but this was a good start.”

The 8th grade, under Rachel Harberts, also won three of four games. After winning game one 25-16, USC won the second game 25-17, but games three and four went to the Blossoms 25-15 and 25-14.

Rachel Winzenburg and Lauren Schammel both had 6 ace serves; and Melanie Wigham, Alivia Schneider, and Josie Lorenz all had more than 7 points. The team displayed good teamwork and a strong determination in the match.

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9	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	68.5
10	D Glynn, C Glynn, Esplan	67.5
11	Braaten, Pirkil, Ressler	67
12	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	65
12	Johnson, Kvaltson, Bolver	65
12	R.Skala, J.Skala, Theile	65
15	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	64.5
16	White, Lysne, Johnson	62
17	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	61
18	Grunklee, Evans, Possehl	59.5
19	Lea, Hansen, D.Johnson	57
20	Clark, Blome, Skala	55.5
21	Stangle, Stangle, Flemming	55
22	Glynn, Gorman, Malo	54
23	Morgon, Olson, Olson	52
24	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	50
25	Klemmensen, J. Klemmensen, R. Anderson	43

TOP SCORES

A	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	31
B	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	31
C	Klemmensen, J. Klemmensen, R. Anderson	35
D	White, Lysne, Johnson	39

and eight kills, and she served the winners in the first two games. Pirkil piled up 34 assists, and Sunde scrambled for 16 digs in the match. Worke also led the servers with 11, including the six-straight points in game four.

The victory put the Blossoms above the .500 mark at 4-3.

Blossoms third at invite

The Awesome Blossom volleyball split four matches at the Rochester National Volleyball center on Saturday, Sept. 2, to come home with third place in an invitational tourney.

Lesuer-Henderson and Rochester John Marshall defeated the Blossoms, but Blooming Prairie bounced back to win a three-game set over Southland and then took two games from Austin for the day.

LSH won 25-18 and 25-

19 in the opening match of the tourney, and the Rockets ambushed the Blossoms 25-17 and 25-15. Things turned better in the third match when BP took two of three from the Rebels.

The team won game one 25-18, lost the second game 20-25, and then bounced back for a deciding 15-12 win. The final match of the day went to the Blossoms 25-21 in a close game and 25-15 in the final. No individual or team statistics were kept for this event.

Steele County Times 2017 Football Contest

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Event Spotlight: Suicide exhibit at Owatonna Arts Center

"What's Left" Lives Touched by Suicide, Sept 5-24.
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
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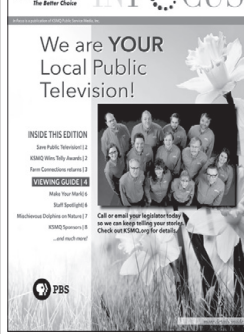
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The Bad Tangerines have
been performing in the
Owatonna area for many
years, but are known mostly
for their place on the Bill
for the annual Hometown
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Sebring, Tim VanGelder,
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CAROLYN WHEELER

While the start of the new school year holds excitement for most kids, anxiety is very common.

In fact, children can have both feelings and parents are key to helping nervous kids have a successful transition back to school. This is a familiar topic to therapists at South Central Human Relations Center. Several clinicians who regularly work with families and children offered recommendations.

Kasey Bishman, MSW, LICSW, advises validating the child’s feelings. “It is normal to feel nervous about school starting. The parent could offer an example of a time they were nervous about something and it turned out OK. Reading books with your child on a similar topic can be helpful. She identified a book by Audrey Penn, *The Kissing Hand*, as helpful for parents and children facing school or facing separation.

Amazon.com has a brief editorial review of the book on the website:

“Chester Raccoon doesn’t want to go to school—he wants to stay home with his mother. She assures him that he’ll love school—with its promise of new friends, new toys, and new books. Even better, she has a special secret that’s been in the family for years—the Kissing Hand. This secret, she tells him, will make school seem as cozy as home. She takes her son’s hand, spreads his tiny fingers into a fan and kisses his palm—smack dab in the middle. Whenever he feels lonely at school, all he has to do is press his hand to his cheek to feel the warmth of his mother’s kiss. Chester is so pleased with his Kissing Hand that he—in a genuinely touching moment—gives his mom a Kissing Hand, too, to comfort her when he is away.”

Sandi Guggisberg, MA, LMFT advises parents of young children to be excited and upbeat about the start of school: “The morning routine could include saying to your child, ‘I’ll be excited to hear at the end of your school day how it went.’” She notes parents may be nervous themselves and cautions parents from communicating negativity to the child. Sandy also acknowledges that being anxious with something new or unknown is normal.

Renee Lips-Bush, MSW, LICSW has suggestions for parents with children of junior high age and older. “It really helps kids for parents to check in daily about how school is going for them. And particularly for kids who have struggled with school or mental health, it helps if they can find resources at school, for example someone at school that they can trust. Renee highlights the important of getting the day at home started well and referenced a plaque in her office, “One small positive thing in the morning can change your whole day.”

Childmind.org is a resource for more information on this topic. Caroline Miller is the editor and recently offered advice in the website newsletter. She shares her observations as well as those of Dr. Rachel Busman, clinical psychologist at the Child Mind Institute:

Do some test runs. If you anticipate that your child will be seriously nervous on the first day, it helps to give her time to get used to the new school or new classroom in advance. Go to the school several times before school starts, and do as much walking the halls as you can, to locate her classroom, the lavatory, the cafeteria, the playground. Repetition is good; going by again just to ask a question at the office, or drop

off a form, gives her more chances to get comfortable being there.

Let someone know. If your child needs extra support to make a successful transition, let someone at school know — his teacher, an aide, the school psychologist or the school nurse. You want to communicate that your child is looking forward to school and is excited — you’re sure he’ll be fine — but he will be much more comfortable if he can meet the teacher briefly and see the classroom before the crowded, chaotic first day, when all the other kids will be there. You’re not asking for a lot — just a little exposure that will set him up to succeed. And you’d like the staff to be alert to signs that he might need an assist.

Arrange for a hand-off. If you think your child will be reluctant to separate, it’s very helpful to have someone primed to meet and engage her when you arrive. The teacher may be too overwhelmed to pay special attention to your child, but maybe she has a buddy in the class, or you could ask an aide, the nurse, the school psychologist, to plan for a handoff.

When separation problems persist. Leaving a child who is crying or whining at school is a tough thing for any parent to do. “But most kids are pretty

resilient,” Dr. Busman notes, “and we don’t want to underestimate their ability to cope. Most kids recover quickly once mom or dad leaves.” If your child’s teacher reports that she bounces back and participates enthusiastically in activities during the day, the best way to help her get more confident about separating from you is not worrying too much about her complaints.

“It’s not being a bad parent to ignore a little bit of whining or reluctance,” says Dr. Busman. “It will actually help a child move beyond it if you give more attention to things that you do want to see her do.”

If kids continue to have full-blown separation problems, and fears that something bad will happen to their parents interfere with their ability to function in school, they should be evaluated by a mental health professional. Those interested in an evaluation at our agency can call 507-451-2630 and ask for Intake staff for outpatient services.

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ON THE FARM



Claire LaCanne

It’s the time of year that excess garden produce is stacking up on the countertop, and you may lament that you simply can’t eat it or give it away quickly enough. Preserving your surplus produce may be the solution to your problem. Your preserving options are abundant: can, dry, freeze, pickle, or make jelly. The University of Minnesota Extension website has recommendations for all of these practices. Visit UMN Extension’s website, <https://www.extension.umn.edu/food/food-safety/> for specific recipes, guidelines, and other resources; there are plenty to choose from.

UMN Extension’s Food Safety webpage has numerous resources for information regarding preserving produce, along with tips for preserving meat, fish, eggs, and poultry. I mention the webpage because I suspect that the UMN cooking and canning tips may be an underused University resource. These tips and recipes are University-tested and provide safe guidelines for preparing and preserving food based on scientific research.

There are just a few basic principles behind safely preserving food, and they have to do with the concept of preventing spoilage. The high percentage of water in most fresh foods makes them most perishable. They spoil or lose their quality for several reasons, including the growth of undesirable microorganisms such as bacteria, molds, and yeasts, the activity of food enzymes, reactions with oxygen, and moisture loss. These issues must be addressed when preparing and preserving food. It is critical that home preservers use

up-to-date and credible methods for preserving food, and recipes from books or old, passed-down recipes from before 1994 are not recommended.

When proper preservation practices are followed, they control potential spoilage by removing oxygen, destroying or preventing the growth of undesirable bacteria, yeasts, and molds, and by forming a high vacuum in jars or controlling microbial growth with cool temperatures. Old recipes may not properly accomplish this microbe control and may not recommend the correct amount of acid. Even canned tomato recipes, which you might think would be acidic enough, call for extra acid to ensure a safe level of acidity which is at a pH of 4.6 or less (high acid level). Acidity is vital to prevent the growth of *C. Botulinum* bacteria, which causes botulism. It is important to follow current recipes which reflect our current understanding of food safety.

Preserving food can be a personally rewarding way to reduce food waste, and the UMN Extension Food Safety webpage provides reputable resources to ensure that your food preservation methods are truly safe. Some of the resources online include: articles, lab-tested recipes, lists of frequently asked questions, instructional videos, mini-module videos, self-teaching handouts, and links to preserving and food safety classes. UMN also offers *Cottage Food Producer Food Safety Training and Home Food Preservation* courses in person or online.

In addition to the UMN Extension Food Safety webpage, you can find safe preserving practices and recipes by contacting the UMN/ISU AnswerLine at answer@iastate.edu or 1-800-854-1678 (from Minnesota), visiting the USDA-sanctioned National Center for Home Food Preservation website at <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp>, or using Ball Blue Guides dated after 1994.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural extension educator for Steele and Rice counties. Her column appears regularly on the farm pages.

Sweet corn harvest underway



Staff Photo by Howard Lestrud

The sweet corn harvest has been in full swing around the region, including Dodge County, over the past few weeks. Calvin Boyd of Blooming Prairie operates an eight-row picker owned by Lakeside Foods of Owatonna. Boyd is harvesting the sweet corn grown on the B&B Wolf Farms located on the south end of Dodge County. Bob and Bruce Wolf are the owners of B&B Wolf Farms. Harvest season for the rest of the crops will be coming soon as farmers will be looking to bring in soybeans and corn within the next month.

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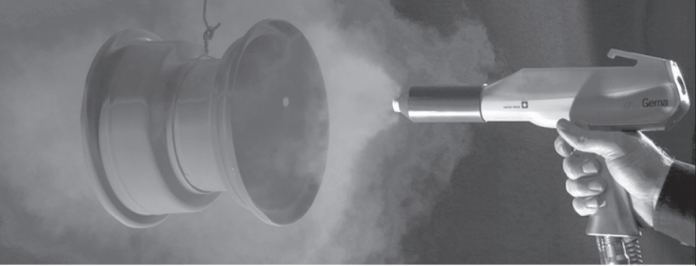
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For those of you who follow the Chamber Facebook page, you will see that First Lutheran Church is the first business showcased on Facebook. Becky will be posting submissions in order as she receives them. If you have not sent Becky a description of your business, please do so.

The Blooming Prairie Chamber hopes to continue this practice until all of the businesses have been recognized. Send your business info to: bpcofc@gmail.com.

A big weekend for the BP Cancer group. Thank you to

all of those who donated and attended. This was the third auction in town and each year you and your support has always been above and beyond for all of our auctions. This is what makes Blooming Prairie a special community.



Holevoet
New face to BP

Welcome to Brandon Holevoet who started today as a Service Technician in Owatonna, transferring from the Kibble Equipment, Huron, South Dakota location where he has been for the last three years. Brandon grew up in Geneseo, Illinois and attended North Dakota State College of Science, graduating with Associates in Applied Science and John Deere Tech.

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