

OUR VIEW

Kruckeberg's latest move keeps BP strong

More good news continues to pour in this week about economic expansion in Steele County. This time it will benefit Blooming Prairie.

Local entrepreneur Craig Kruckeberg announced this week he is moving one of his companies from the Twin Cities to Blooming Prairie. Stinar Corporation, which is an aircraft support company based in Eagan, will bring 20 jobs to the community. Usually it's companies moving to the bigger city, but for once, this is a case of a large company moving out of the big city into a small rural community. This is also welcomed news, especially after Minimizer, the company founded by the Kruckeberg family, announced in August it is moving to Owatonna.

This latest economic windfall hits during a week set aside to honor manufacturers across the state during Minnesota Manufacturing Week. We want to thank Kruckeberg for keeping Blooming Prairie's manufacturing base strong and for investing into the community's future.

During this special manufacturing week, it's also important to raise public awareness about manufacturing, which is the backbone of Minnesota's economy, thanks to the sector's strength, versatility and innovation.

In 2018, manufacturing added \$52.7 billion to Minnesota's economy and represented the second-largest contribution of 14% to the state's gross domestic product by any industry.

There are 322,000 manufacturing jobs across the state, which makes up 13% of all private-sector jobs. Economic experts say the average manufacturing job supports another 3.24 jobs in other segments of Minnesota's economy. That's another 721,000 jobs. Combined, manufacturing supports just over 1 million jobs or 42% of total employment in the state.

Stinar's employee base will add to already 200 plus manufacturing jobs within various companies that call Blooming Prairie home. Kruckeberg hopes Stinar will grow as it continues to manufacture products for the worldwide aviation industry.

Kruckeberg, who grew up in Blooming Prairie, says he loves small towns. It's reassuring to see that he continues to support his hometown by reinvesting into it and wanting to see it prosper. While there was wide disappointment with Minimizer's decision to leave Blooming Prairie, of which Kruckeberg had nothing to do with, it's a relief to see Kruckeberg softening the blow with this latest move. He has Blooming Prairie at heart and wants to keep the community vibrant for years to come.

In addition to moving Stinar to Blooming Prairie, Kruckeberg is also renovating an older building on BP's Main Street for some of his other enterprises. It's clear Kruckeberg has a vision of keeping Blooming Prairie thriving in more ways than one.

Kruckeberg's decisions to help Blooming Prairie will go a long way to ensure residents will be able to enjoy the quality of life that comes with living in rural Minnesota.

YOUR VIEW

Advice for new Bio-fuels council

To the Editor,

This is my advise and hopefully yours to MN Governor Tim Walz's new Bio-fuels council!! Forget fighting over EPA Ethanol waived Gallons and simply have President Trump give an executive order to move all E-10 gasoline pumps nationwide to E-11 immediately!

Why Council members and readers? Because it improves Big Oil's gasoline profit margin which should shut them up! Plus 113 octane Ethanol profitably sells cheaper than Big Oils 84 octane RBOB gasoline, needed to blend with either 10 or 11% ethanol, to make 87 octane gasoline we all use in or cars and trucks! Plus Big Oil will only lose 1% in total gasoline sold at the pump, if council members and Big Oil just compromise to the Roebke Plan, that I'm proposing to end the national Fuel fight!

Yet at the same time council members and readers, a 1% increase at the pump, yes 1%, actually increases Ethanol plant volumes nationwide by 10 percent, or another 100,000 barrels a day, jumping corn prices immediately. Why? For my 1% increase at the pump, consumes another 550 million bushel of the 2019 corn crop. Moving total corn bushels used for ethanol from the now projected 5.45 billion bushels to over 6 billion bushels annually. Which is a

market changer for both Ethanol and corn!

Plus council members and Governor Walz, it's all part of my No Cost Roebke (REB-Key) Farm Plan! That offers Farmers nationwide, the option to take a meaningful re-coarse USDA commodity loan for Fall Cash Flow purposes at their local Farm Service Agency office. Corn at \$4 a bushel, Soybeans at \$10 a bushel, and Wheat a \$5 a bushel. Compared to Congresses new 2018 farm bills costly non-re-coarse loans that just offer \$2.20/Bu., \$6.20/Bu. and \$3.38/Bu.! Giving Farms at least \$25 billion more in potential cash flow, to wait for fair trade deals and sound ethanol policy.

Readers, my Plan is proven to work, for it's based on no cost U S Sugar Policy that's worked subsidy free for 40 years. Immediately pushing crop prices high enough to eliminate the need for any more Trump MFP subsidies. Saving you the taxpayer \$8 billion in additional subsidies, now scheduled to go out in November and January. It saves another \$12 billion plus of the 2018 Farm Bills pre programed ARC and PLC Subsidies, for farm prices will stay above there triggering levels! So please spread the word Governor Walz and readers!

Alan Roebke
Alexandria

Uncovering the truth about community journalism

As long as I can remember, the newspaper always played a relevant role in the community I grew up in as well as in my own life.

From the time I had my picture along with my prize-winning hog published in the local newspaper as a young 4-H member, I have always cherished the local newspaper as being vital in building self confidence in people to become future leaders and creating stronger communities. My 4-H days are long gone, but that hasn't changed my love for print journalism.

Last week I had the opportunity to talk about the importance of community journalism at a panel discussion with Steele County Indivisible in Owatonna. It is a group committed to continuing the progressive movement begun by the Women's March and encouraging grassroots activism at the local, regional and national levels.

Indivisible brought Jeffrey Jackson, managing editor of the Owatonna People's Press, and myself together to share our experiences with community journalism. Some of the topics included surviving in the age of the Internet, skills needed for modern journalists, new judgment guidelines and how online affects the stories covered.



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

First of all, I'd like to point out how fortunate residents of this area are to have a pair of strong award-winning newspapers serving their informational needs. Both the People's Press and our newspaper have consistently won journalism awards. To top it off, they both have journalists committed to community journalism.

I also like to remind people that community newspapers are vital to uncovering the successes, failures, triumphs, misgivings and shortcomings of people within the community. Newspapers are here to celebrate right along with the community, but they also serve an important role to expose the truth whether it's good or maybe not so good.

On the topic of social media, my view is always the same. Social media has its place, but it is not a source of credible news. It does not provide factual and reliable

information where newspapers have trained journalists to cover the news.

As the newspaper industry as a whole continues to struggle, mostly the larger daily newspapers, I like people to remember our newspaper is funded solely by advertising support and subscriptions. In our case at the Times, we have no large corporation to fall back onto, and we're not like government agencies or school districts that can utilize tax levies or go to the public for referendums or other tax support to keep things afloat. Advertising and subscriptions are our only sources of revenue.

I reminded members of the Indivisible group that the best thing they can do for us is support local journalism through reading newspapers, subscribing to them and urging businesses and organizations to advertise. It's also important for people to let businesses know that their advertisements are being read.

The consensus of members was that community journalism is important to our communities. With that in mind, it takes everyone to work together to keep the newspaper relevant in an ever-changing society.

I hope you will join me in going in hot pursuit of keeping community journalism strong for years to come.

Obituaries are a great way to remember relatives

To-the-Editor:

I read your Hot Pursuit column today. It reminded me of when my mom passed away Sep. 23, 2018. My youngest sister, who had written the obituary for our father in 2014, wrote what I thought was a nice obituary, but I suggested a few more items. I had said in an email to my two brothers and two sisters that we should add a few more comments, which I gave the suggestions.

The other sister said that we do not need to add all of that in the obituary, especially if it is going to cost more money.

I said that our mom was always the first to tell everyone about anyone of us and our accomplishments when she could and now would be the last time that we have to let everyone know all the great things she did

for us, and everyone else.

The one item that I remember, was how she learned Spanish at 63 years old. She did this while helping as an Aide in the Arlington Grade School where she helped with handicap students. In between, she took Spanish classes in the high school, which was in the same building.

I wanted to mention this as I think that Obituaries are a great way to mention some of the past history of that person, that many people may not know. As well as you stated, it is in print for the future relatives to read what this person had done in their life, or how they met their spouse.

In my mom's case, she worked as a

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A thank you to Minimizer

To-the-Editor:

Blooming Prairie would like to thank Minimizer for its years supporting and belonging to our local economy and community. Although we are disappointed to learn of the decision by Minimizer to relocate to Owatonna, we wish the company the best in its future endeavors.

We would also like to mention that our doors are always open to innovative ideas to improve our local economy. We have worked hard with various partners to offer programs such as the Utility Economic Development Rate, Tax Increment Financ-

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GUEST COLUMN

Employment arbitrations: Too many wins - or too few?

BY MARSHALL TANICK

As the nation recently celebrated Labor Day, a recent compilation showing that discharged police officers in Minnesota regain their jobs nearly half the time in arbitrations brought through their unions has stirred discontent.

The revelation, reported this summer in the St. Paul Pioneer Press and debated in the Opinion pages of the Star Tribune, was derived from review of the past five years of decisions of arbitrators associated with the well-regarded state Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS). It reflected that 17 of the 37 hearings, about 46%, overturned terminations of police and sheriff's personnel.

That figure has generated apoplectic reactions from some quarters. There should, to be sure, be consternation that close to 50%

of discharges of law enforcement personnel, primarily police, are overturned. But that dismay is misdirected. Rather than lamenting the high rate of disciplinary reversals, observers ought to be chagrined that roughly half of all terminations of cops are wrongful. That's the real lesson to be learned from these statistics.

FLAWED FIGURE

There are, as a threshold matters, some flaws in the reported figures. First, they are incomplete. Because it reflects only BMS arbitration rulings, the count does not encompass a large number of police firings or other substantial disciplinary actions, such as long-term suspensions, that take place outside of labor union bargaining agreements or that unions (or their members) chose not to contest, for whatever reasons.

The statistical survey also does not take into account threatened or actual discharges that lead to resignations, medical-based retirements or similar departures of the particular personnel.

Inclusion of these figures, which are not readily available, would lower the nearly 50/50 rate of reinstatements that some critics find so loathsome.

Moreover, the cop-reinstatement rulings are not far out of line with other arbitral results. About the same percentage, 48%, of BMS arbitration decisions in nonlaw-enforcement cases favor unions and their members. This accords with generally accepted figures for private-sector arbitration proceedings, which yield close to a 50/50 split between management and employees.

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But even discounting these deficiencies, the criticism of the ar-

bitration process - and results - for law enforcement personnel seems misguided.

The arbitrators who render these reinstatement rulings, or uphold the firings, are experienced, trained, neutral parties mutually selected by the parties - unions and management alike - and have no vested stake in the outcomes.

They generally are akin to baseball umpires, calling them as they see them, as the saying goes. Lambasting the outcomes is like losing baseball teams blaming the defeats on the umpire; it might be true in particular cases, but overall it's a pretty lame excuse.

But those who bemoan the arbitration process really have more in mind. They would like to see unions with diminished power - and presence - in the workplace in

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CLARIFICATION

Heather Olson's sobriety total grows to 508.

Steele Waseca Drug Court Volleyball Tournament organizer Heather Olson of Blooming Prairie continues to daily improve her sobriety totals.

An article in The Times on Sept. 18 reported her at 445 days. That was a total from the last Drug Court session on Aug. 28. Her total as of the volleyball tournament would have been 482 days. As of this publication date (Oct. 2), Heather Olson's sobriety total has grown to 508.

Congratulations Heather!

-- Howard Lestrud



It's called paying it forward for veteran sports writer

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

LeMar Nelson, former Blooming Prairie educator and current sports writer, has invested a lifetime in this southern Minnesota community.

Because of health reasons, Nelson and his family made a decision to move him closer to his family in Minneapolis.

This move resulted in his home being sold and a garage sale held last weekend to distribute some of Nelson's possessions to interested buyers.

A close friend of Nelson's, Per Kvalsten, volunteered to help move some of the heavier furniture from the basement to an upper level. "LeMar is like a grandpa to me," says Kvalsten. He asked a friend, David Boyd of Blooming Prairie, to help. He also posted a Facebook message asking for assistance.

Kvalsten was overwhelmed by the response. The entire Blossom football team volunteered to pay it forward to Nelson. Twenty-seven football players helped bring up some of the heavy stuff from the basement.

It took them 11 minutes to empty the basement.

"Glad to do it," offered one of the Blossom players. Coach Chad Gimbel arrived shortly after the players had finished their act of being neighborly.

Nelson has covered Blooming Prairie sports for more than 27 years. His byline on Blooming Prairie sports can still be found in the Steele County Times.

"I've always tried to help LeMar when he has asked for help," Kvalsten said. "I put out a request and no pun intended, it blossomed from there," he said. "I was just hoping to get a few people to help," he added.

Kvalsten met Nelson in 2008 when he was interning at the Times newspaper. "LeMar is a caring and generous man," Kvalsten remarked. "If he had his wishes, he would still be living in Blooming Prairie," he believes.

Nelson has joined his Richfield apartment building

ing choir. The choir sings during special occasions.

Someone listening to the choir told Nelson that he



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming Prairie High School football players did a BIG favor for sports writer LeMar Nelson by moving some of his furniture in preparation for a garage sale. Here, Cole Christianson and Matthew Pryor move an easy chair. Nelson, former educator in Blooming Prairie, has been writing sports for the past 27 years.

had a good voice. "That's the only thing about me that hasn't broken down," said Nelson.

New beginnings at Servicemen's Club

Fall produces new beginnings for many clubs and organizations, including the BP Servicemen's Club. On Sept. 19, a new slate of service organization officers officially took over at a membership meeting of the Servicemen's Club while some honors were given out to others. Right: Joyce Johns, president of the Blooming Prairie VFW Auxiliary, presents a special recognition award to Howard Lestrud of the Steele County Times. He was recognized for the newspaper's "outstanding news coverage" for events related to the Servicemen's Club. Bottom left: Boys Staters and Girls Staters from Blooming Prairie were special guests of the evening. The honored guests are, from left: Adam Larson, Virdiana Villarreal, Jack Matson, Baylee Sorensen, D.J. Stender and Kisha Aquino. Bottom right: Officers for 2019-20 for the Servicemen's Club include, from left: Joe Motl, Sons of the American Legion commander; Joyce Johns, VFW Auxiliary president; Brian Hoveland, VFW commander and Bruce Kubicek, American Legion commander.



BLOSSOMS CELEBRATE: big honors at banquet FROM A1

ing an invocation. She said the evening was marked with "great gratitude" to the Blossom alumni of the past for their many gifts.

PirkI applauded the Blooming Prairie community for supporting education on all levels. She pointed to Blooming Prairie as being a strong faith community.

"Tonight is a Homecoming where we rejoice in the gifts everyone brings," she remarked.

Warm-up speakers prior to the presentation of the Blossoms Forever awards included emcees Becky Noble and Sue Zweigener, BP Education president Mark Larkoski, Blooming Prairie Public Schools Superintendent Chris Staloch and former superintendent Erv Peterson.

Larkoski announced that the BP Ed Foundation has made \$945,000 since its existence and has donated \$840,000 to enhance educational opportunities for students.

"Blooming Prairie is a special place," said Larkoski.

Some of the Ed Foundation's contributions include: S.M.A.R.T. Rooms for those in K-grade 3; promethean activboards, technology upgrades for the elementary and high schools, spelling bee sponsorship, collegiate band symposium and digital recording studio, special education speaking dictionary, scientific

and cultural field trips for grades K-12, robotics, iPads for grades K-6, Lego STEM kits, flexible seating, lab equipment for science department and school garden start-up.

Staloch praised the efforts of the BP Ed Foundation, saying he was "extremely proud" of Blooming Prairie schools.

The superintendent said the Ed Foundation "has been a big part" in the successes enjoyed by the students and staffs at Blooming Prairie schools.

He said technology has played a key role in the school's education programs.

Many great things have been accomplished with the help of the BP Ed Foundation, said Staloch. "There are still challenges ahead and we are very grateful for the funding we receive from the Ed Foundation," he added.

Staloch said the Ed Foundation funding has been welcome because the school district receives 30% less funding than it did in 2003.

"Blooming Prairie's schools are a great place to work and a great place for our students to learn," said Staloch. He praised the school board for the proud tradition it has created by setting the bar higher.

Former Superintendent Erv Peterson attended the Blossoms Forever banquet and gave a historical perspective of how the BP Ed Foundation was founded 20 years ago. Peterson, Frank Henefeld and Tamzen Johnson were instrumental in founding the foundation.

"You folks are outstanding and many said 'yes' when we asked them to help organize an educational foundation," remarked Peterson.

Distinctive awards were the first recognition to be given. Amy Noble Seitz, great niece of Capt. Ted Schreier, recounted Schreier's part of piloting a B-36 bomber airplane presumably carrying a nuclear weapon. Schreier was a member of the Class of 1933.

Margaret Noble, Schreier's niece accepted the posthumous distinctive award for Schreier's family.

Lyle Noble introduced Distinctive winner Tom Burke, Class of 1961. He said Burke has conducted more than 10,000 Angus sales. Burke thanked those responsible for his receiving the award. "I didn't get here by myself," he said.

"The richness of where we grew up is what made us who we are," Burke commented. "A handshake tells it all, and I am proud to be a Blossom," he said with sincerity.

The third distinctive winner, Shannon (Pfeifer) Kruckeberg, was unable to attend. She sent a note, saying she "loves" what she does, mainly working with

the dental industry.

Tammy Bissel introduced her father, Al Morton, as a winner of a male athlete Hall of Fame award. "This all happened 73 years ago," he said. "It's been a good life," he affirmed.

Mary Worke introduced her husband John Dale Worke as a male athlete Hall of Fame award winner. Worke said athletics has been his life for over 40 years. He was BP recreation director and coached at the high school for 22 years.

H. Peterson, former BP golf coach, introduced Lisa Meshke as a female athlete Hall of Fame member. She was a star golfer, making it to the state tournament six times and winning it all in her senior year. She also played basketball. Meshke is now a pastor of a Lutheran church in Tyler, Minn.

Meshke said she was very thankful for the opportunities that Blooming Prairie High School helped her achieve.

Final award winner on the evening was Diane Anderson, honored educator. She taught 22 years in the BP school system and recently retired. She was nominated by her former principal, Chris Staloch and by elementary secretary Julie Naatz.

"We have great schools in Blooming Prairie and have a community that supports us," Anderson said.

beautiful, black granite for Walls IV, V and VI.

Each wall will have 96 pavers surrounding a 4 x 5 foot mural depicting veterans in the Vietnam War, the Korean War and World War II. The granite will be shipped here in the spring of 2020.

There is still plenty of room on the Memorial for additional wall pavers. If anyone would like to reserve a wall paver for a veteran, feel free to contact Peterson at 507-456-2017 to get the process started.

Get back on the Twins bandwagon

The Minnesota Twins are champions again, claiming the Central Division crown in the American League with 101 victories.

If you have been on the Twins bandwagon before and jumped off, jump back on and enjoy the excitement of possibly heading to another World Series.

The 2019 regular season has been a great ride thus far for those of us who call ourselves dedicated Twins fans.

I'm dating myself, but I can remember very clearly the moment the Minnesota Twins became a Major League baseball team with the Washington Senators moved here by Calvin Griffith in 1961.

During that time of 58 years, the Twins have played in three World Series and won two world championships, in 1987 and in 1991.



Reflections
HOWARD LESTRUD

Batthey being on base at the same time. Fans chanted, "Go, Go," urging these not-too-fast runners to steal a base. They did not. The Dodgers eventually won the Series, four

games to three.

Fast forward 22 years to 1987. I was lucky enough, again with newspaper connections, to see three of the four home games the Twins played in 1987 against the St. Louis Cardinals in the Metrodome.

Game 6 of the 1987 World Series was maybe the most exciting game of the Series. First baseman Kent Hrbek clubbed a grand slam home run to help the Twins move on to the final Game 7 where the Twins won the game and the Series.

A redesigned Twins team made it to the World Series in 1991. One thing remained the same, however. Kirby Puckett was still on the team.

It was Puckett who told his teammates to jump on his back and he would carry them to victory. He did just that, especially in Game 6. Puckett made a game-saving catch against the left field wall, and he also hit the game winning home run in the 11th inning of Game 6.

I love baseball because when the playoffs begin, players seem to turn it up another notch.

The Twins brought in some new players this year, and a new manager in Rocco Baldelli. Twins management should be commended for bringing in some new pieces of the puzzle.

The new pieces who really were the reasons the Twins had such great regular season success were: Nelson Cruz, C.J. Cron, Jonathon Scoville and Marwin Gonzalez.

This team has that chemistry needed to be winners.

Unless you are lucky to get a ticket for a playoff game, sit back in your easy chair and cheer the Twins onto the World Series and onto another world championship.



I was fortunate enough with my newspaper connections to see Game 2 of the 1965 World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

I was still a fledgling cub reporter with the Albert Lea Tribune in 1965. Our newspaper received a strip of tickets for the '65 World Series. We had a drawing for the tickets and my boss, the late Ken Allen, won one of the tickets and gave it to me.

That Game 2 in 1965 pitted Los Angeles Dodger star pitcher Sandy Koufax facing Minnesota Twins left-hander Jim Kaat. The Twins won that game, and I remember sitting in a left field bleacher seat which gave me a perfect view of a diving catch by left fielder Bob Allison.

I also remember Harmon Killebrew and Earl

Tasty support for Vets Memorial

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to some caring and patriotic individuals, many exciting things are happening at the site of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial, says Tom Peterson, chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee.

Some of that generosity and patriotism was demonstrated on Sunday, Sept. 29 at a fundraising breakfast hosted by the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club.

The breakfast was served from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A freewill offering was asked. The menu featured pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausages, orange juice, milk and coffee.

A silent auction was also held, with theme baskets and food items for sale.

Marilyn Meshke and Sandy Jones chaired the breakfast.

All proceeds from the breakfast will be channeled to the BP Veterans Memorial.

In other Veterans Memorial news, the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee has placed an order for a



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

One happy breakfast diner at the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 29 was MiKenna Boehnke, 7. All proceeds from Sunday's breakfast go to maintaining the memorial.

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT: At 12:18 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

CRIME BRIEF

BP man arrested in stolen truck

A Blooming Prairie man faces felony charges in connection with allegedly taking a motor vehicle.

Dustin Smitty, 18, has been charged with motor vehicle theft and theft after being arrested in Owatonna during some suspicious circumstances.

Owatonna Police saw a suspicious looking, hooded man seated in a Ford F-150 in an apartment building parking lot in the 100 block of West Pearl Street during the early morning hours of Sept. 21.

After the sergeant doubled back for a closer look, he saw the same pick-up with the driver's door open, slowing rolling forward and strike



Dustin Smitty

a parked trailer. The vehicle was unoccupied.

A short time late, a man matching the description of the person seen in the pick-up walked toward the

sergeant with his hands in the air and making mention that the pick-up had been stolen. The man was identified as Smitty.

In an interview, Smitty admitted to stealing the pick-up in Blooming Prairie and driving to Owatonna to steal stuff from unlocked vehicles, police said. Smitty also told police he gave himself up because he left his mom's cell phone in the stolen truck and didn't want to get her in trouble.

Police search for impersonator

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Owatonna Police are on the lookout for a man impersonating a police officer.

On Sept. 22, a man pulled over a juvenile boy and impersonated an officer, according to police. The incident occurred in the area of Grove Avenue near the intersection of East Fremont Street around 9 p.m.

Police said the suspect is described as a white man about 6 feet 2 inches tall. He was described as having a deep voice and a youthful type haircut. He was also described as wearing an untucked, black matte colored shirt and black pants. He had a badge clipped to his shirt pocket.

During the incident, the suspect had the boy step out of his vehicle and perform some type of field sobriety

test before releasing him.

The suspect vehicle was described as an older police sedan, possibly a Ford Crown Victoria. It was equipped with interior flashing lights. The color of the vehicle is unknown.

Captain Eric Rethemeier said it is a crime in Minnesota to falsely impersonate a police officer, military officer or public official with the intent to mislead another into believing that

the impersonator is actually an officer.

"If you are pulled over, you're allowed to ask to see the officers' identification and verify that they are a law enforcement officer," Rethemeier said.

Anyone who may have been stopped by the man, seen the traffic stop described above or who might have information is asked to call Owatonna Police at 507-451-8232.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 16:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aaron L. Ackland, 39, Austin, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Ermelinda F. Guerrero, 47, Albert Lea, revoked license, \$281; Alexandra A. Pierce, 21, Austin, permit violation, \$131; Mark E. Wollenburg, 32, Austin, no license in possession and no insurance, \$301.

MN DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Steven A. Reyes, 39, Owatonna, take fish without angling license, \$181; Jose E. Vilema Gonzalez, 30, Owatonna, take fish without angling license, \$181.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Kevin M. Avery, 53, Pine Island, speeding, \$141; Geoggrey C. Bohleen, 60, Victoria, speeding, \$121; Zachary J. Casebolt, 43, Parker, CO, speeding, \$121; Glenn M. Sherburne, 58, Albert Lea, license plates violation, \$111; Asa A. Smith, 20, Adams, speeding, \$121; Osvaldo Trevino Jr., 22, Brownsville, TX, speeding, \$131.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kevin S. Argueta, 19, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Tyler S. Britt, 24, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Moises C. Chavez Lopez, 47, Albert Lea, revoked license, \$281; Richard A. Defrang, 69, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Holly K. Degen, 41, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Sylvia A. Dominguez, 48, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Amano B. Dube, 51, Coon Rapids, speeding, \$121; Antonio D. Garcia, 20, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Chase S. Johnson, 30, Mantorville, no insurance, \$281; Amanda J. Kotek, 32, Owatonna, tampering with motor vehicle, \$131, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, write letter of apology and 1 year of supervised probation; Cordarl R. Powell, 31, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Joseph J. Wallin, 23, Owatonna, careless driving, using hand-held mobile and invalid license, \$481; William R. Wheeler, 32, Waseca, revoked license, \$281; Marco A. Zarate Osorio, 55, Owatonna, invalid license and no insurance, \$381.

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Hillary N. Ashleson, 30, Faribault, speeding and improper information on license, \$141; Jacob W. Broesder, 26, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Traci K. Brown, 42, Mounds View, speeding, \$141; Seth W. Daniel, 25, Hastings, invalid license, \$181; Allan A. Garcia, 25, Waseca, invalid license, \$181; Rahmo H. Hassan, 34, Mankato, speeding, \$221; Forrest J. Hittle, 29, Little Rock, AR, open bottle, \$181; Amanda J. Karaba, 37, Ackley, IA, speeding, \$141; Andrew C. Kern, 27, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Kellie M. Mash, 23, Maple Grove, speeding, \$131; Mario A. Meza, 20, Waseca, speeding and revoked license, \$341; Alicia M. Morales Lopez, 36, Austin, speeding, invalid license and no child passenger restraint system, \$281; Cecilia D. Nicholson, 17, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Bruce P. Schaefer, 46, Claremont, speeding, \$121; Leonid Udodovskiy, 59, Eagan, speeding, \$141; Karen L. Volk, 67, South St. Paul, DWI, \$406, 4 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; Christine L. Welsh, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$121.

OWATONNA POLICE

Sept. 20

Theft: At 6:02 a.m., a motor vehicle was reported stolen from the 1100 block of Havana Road SE.

Hit and Run: At 6:05 a.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred at 20th St. NE and St. Paul Road NE.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 2400 block of St. Paul Road NE at 7:43 a.m.

Thefts: Police took theft reports in the 1000 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 7:55 a.m., the 200 block of McKinley St. SE at 9 a.m. and the 400 block of Pine Ave. NE at 7:21 p.m.

Restraining Order: Police arrested a subject for a restraining order violation in the 100 block of Main St. W. at 4:03 p.m.

Assault: Officers responded to an assault at Cedar Ave. S. and Phelps St. E. at 5:56 p.m.

Drugs: Police responded to drug activity in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:47 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Criminal Sexual Conduct: Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct at Cedar Ave. N. and Pearl St. W. at 10:20 p.m.

Mental Health: At 10:53 p.m., a mental health incident occurred in the 700 block of Paris Place SE.

Sept. 21

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest at Broadway St. W. and Cedar Ave. N. at 1:20 a.m.

Hit and Run: At 12:45 p.m., a hit and run accident occurred in the 700 block of Academy St. E.

DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of Riverside Ave. NW at 5:08 p.m.

Arrest: Police arrested a subject in the 100 block of Pearl St. E. at 9:29 p.m.

Sept. 22

Theft: Officer issued a theft citation in the 1000 block of 21st Ave. NW at 11 p.m.

Sept. 23

Shoplifting: At 10:34 a.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 400 block of North St. W. at 11:17 a.m.

Sept. 24

Criminal Sexual Conduct: Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the city at 7:45 a.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 700 block of 13th St. NE at 8:16 a.m.

Child Protection: Police received a child protection report from the 700 block of 13th St. NE at 11:10 p.m.

Sept. 25

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 100 block of 22nd St. NW at 12:05 p.m. and the 700 block of Academy St. E. at 4:52 p.m.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 400 block of Rose St. E. at 3:33 p.m. and the 500 block of 22nd St. NE at 7:54 p.m.

Suspicion: Officers responded to suspicious activity in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 8:25 p.m.

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 100 block of School St. W. at 9:32 p.m.

Sept. 26

Hit and Run: At 1:13 a.m., a hit and run accident occurred in the 100 block of Bridge St. W.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests at Vine St. E. and Grove Ave. N. at 8:23 a.m. and the 200 block of Northview St. SW at 10:18 p.m.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of Rose St. E. at 3:19 p.m.

Probation: Police arrested a subject for a probation violation in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 9:16 p.m.

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Sept. 20

Theft: At 10:09 a.m., a motor vehicle was reported stolen from Interstate 35 in Somerset Township.

Arrest: Deputies arrested a motorist during a traffic stop at Cedar Ave. and 56th St. NE in Clinton Falls Township at 9:08 p.m.

Sept. 21

Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 800 block of Rose Dr. in Ellendale at 9:10 p.m.

Arrest: Deputies arrested a motorist during a traffic stop at County Road 45 N. and 22nd Ave. NW in Clinton Falls Township at 10:07 p.m.

ARRESTS
Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

Tyreese Albert Johnson, 26, arrested at 4:14 p.m. Sept. 20, DANCO violation, held for court.

Serenity Rose Schnoor, 18, arrested at 12:03 a.m. Sept. 21, possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Dustin Grey Smitty, 18, arrested at 1:41 a.m. Sept. 21, felony motor vehicle theft, tampering with motor vehicle, possession of stolen vehicle and theft, held for court.

Robert Alexander Erlitz, 38, arrested at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 21, DWI, held for court.

Eloy Tarango, 40, arrested at 8:23 a.m. Sept. 26, warrant arrest, body only.

Josue Gutierrez, 23, arrested at 9:50 p.m. Sept. 26, probation violation, held for court.

Cody Allen Fonner, 25, arrested at 10:45 p.m. Sept. 26, warrant arrest, body only.

Steele County Sheriff

Makayla Ann Phillips-Tucke, 20, arrested at 9:57 p.m. Sept. 20, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Jilliena Mae Jackson, 26, arrested at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 22, warrant arrest, body only.

Jamie Anthony Deshawn Jeffries, 24, arrested at 2:25 p.m. Sept. 22, obstruct legal process, held for court.

Kyle Gordon Engbard, 36, arrested at 6:50 p.m. Sept. 23, warrant arrest, held for court.

Zane Martin Roberts, 28, arrested at 11:52 p.m. Sept. 23, cancelled license, held for court.

Samuel Christain Bolton, 21, arrested at 2:10 p.m. Sept. 25, felony probation violation, held for court.

Nicholas Lawrence Dube, 26, arrested at 2:15 p.m. Sept. 25, felony probation violation, held for court.

Anthony Thomas Wright, 29, arrested at 11 a.m. Sept. 26, warrant arrest, body only.

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WARRANTS: The following individuals have active warrants in Steele County. The Sheriff provides this information as a public service

1. Alan Sobey – disorderly conduct - \$500 bail

2. Gumecondo Solis – child endangerment - \$3,000 bail

3. Jorge Solis – agg viol - \$3,000 bail

4. Josefina Solis – child neglect - \$3,000 bail

5. Michael Sorenson – DWI – no bail

6. Jose Sosa – DWI – no bail

7. Edward Soto – revoked license – no bail

8. Tony Staten – DANCO violation - \$20,000 bail

9. Bashir Sudi – theft by check - \$10,000 bail

10. Santana Syhakhoun – contempt of court - \$500 bail

11. Pablo Tagle – theft by swindle - \$1,000 bail

12. Brandon Tate – domestic assault - \$2,000 bail

13. Alvin Taylor – DWI - \$3,000 bail

14. John Tedd – domestic assault – no bail

15. Allen Telschow – DWI – no bail

16. Ramiro Terrones – DWI - \$500 bail

17. Norma Thibodeau – dishonored check - \$1,000 bail

18. James Thomas – theft – no bail

19. William Thomas – drugs – no bail

20. Carla Thompkins – stalking - \$35,000 bail

Medford studies options in the wake of Emerald ash borer detection

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

After the Labor Day weekend, the City of Medford got an unwelcomed surprise when the Minnesota Department of Agriculture notified the city that Emerald ash borer had been identified within the city limits.

The identification of this invasive species plunged all of Steele County into an emergency quarantine. Although the insect was identified only in Medford, steps are being put in place to make sure that it does not spread to neighboring communities.

During last Monday night's Medford City Council meeting, Deb Arlt of the University of Minnesota Extension Service was on hand to help the city understand just what this means for Medford as well as the county. "There is a lot of things that you guys are going to have to do now," she told the council.

"First you're going to have to find a location that's going to be designated as a tree disposal site, because you want these trees in one

location," Arlt explained. "It's going to start off slow but as the trees are dying, you're going to need to have a spot where these trees can be disposed of."

There are around 42 to 47 ash trees within Medford, according to a survey of green ash trees within the city. The tree that was identified with the Emerald ash borer was located on the old school site. "It only takes one tree," Arlt said.

"As far as we know, Owatonna doesn't have it," Ty Svenby of Lumberjack Landscaping and Tree LLC said. Svenby was the first to identify the Medford infestation and notified the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. "Owatonna's going to have a real issue when they do get it, and they're trying to get stuff set in place, too."

Svenby noted that the closest spot currently under quarantine is Dodge County. "I just want to make sure that we find somewhere somewhat local to dump it," he said of the need to minimize a possibility of the infestation spreading to neighboring communities.

The notion of finding a disposal site and designating it was championed by council member Matt Dempsey, who said that he has been pushing for the development of a local compost site within the city. "We have plenty of gravel pits around that could work," Dempsey said.

While treatment of the infested trees is possible, it takes time and can be costly. "You have to continue the treatment every two years," Arlt said. The price of such treatment, which includes bark or canopy spray, soil drenching, or trunk injection, is around \$10 to \$20 per diameter inch. Natural remedies such as releasing other insects have also proven successful.

"The options are: either treat them with an insecticide or cut them down and then dispose of them," Arlt explained. "People need to understand that if they don't treat their trees, they will die."

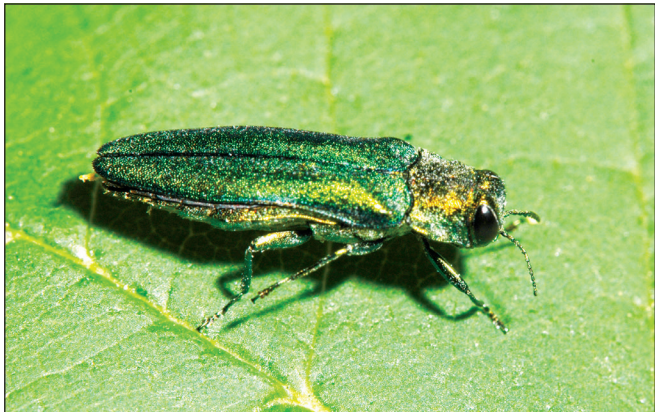
Arlt also explained some methods to identifying any infested ash trees. These include the sight of thinning or yellowing leaves, a

thinning canopy and bark, and D-shaped holes in the bark. Another sign is the presence of woodpeckers, which break through the bark in order to eat the insects.

"Probably our best course of action at this point is to plant diverse trees in Straight River Park and get them growing now so that as we treat the ash and some die, we will have some trees that are young that will replace those," City Administrator Andy Welti said. "Our biggest challenge now is most likely going to be finding a compost site."

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, an open house was held by the MDA in the board room of the Steele County Administrative Building from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. so that residents of Steele County could learn more about the Emerald ash borer and treatment options.

As Medford readies for winter, the city will continue to follow the necessary steps to ensure that the Emerald ash borer is properly quarantined within the city limits.



The adult Emerald ash borer, which is identified by its green color. The larvae of this invasive tree pest feeds on tissue within the tree, eventually starving and killing the tree.

Horsin' around in the park



STAFF PHOTO
BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming Prairie Elementary School fourth graders took a trip to Central Park in Blooming Prairie one day last week to meet fellow fourth grader Jayden Levine and her Quarter Horse/Arabian. Levine was Spotlight Student of the Week. She is shown atop her horse. The fourth graders represent classes of Haley Hasleiet and Jenna Volgarino.

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Approaching 80

Dear Approaching,
There are actually two different types of flu shots available to people age 65 and older. These FDA-approved vaccines are designed to offer extra protection beyond what a standard flu shot provides, which is important for older adults who have weaker immune defenses and have a great risk of developing dangerous flu complications.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that during the 2018-2019 flu season, up to 647,000 people were hospitalized and 61,200 died because of the flu – most of whom were seniors.

You also need to be aware that these senior-specific flu shots cannot guarantee that you won't get the flu this season, but they will lower your risk. And if you do happen to get sick, you probably won't get as sick as you would without it. Here's more information on the two vaccines:

Fluzone High-Dose: Approved for U.S. use in 2009, the Fluzone High-Dose is a high-potency vaccine that contains four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. This vaccine, according to a 2013 clinical trial, was 24 percent more effective than the regular-dose shot at preventing flu in seniors.

FLUAD: Available in the U.S. since 2016, the FLUAD vaccine contains an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59 that also helps create a stronger immune response. In a 2012 Canadian observational study, FLUAD was 63 percent more effective than a regular flu shot. The CDC does not recommend one vaccination over the other, and to date, there have been no studies comparing the two vaccines.

You should also know that both the Fluzone High-Dose and FLUAD can cause more of the mild side effects that can occur with a standard-dose flu shot, like pain or tenderness where you got the shot, muscle aches, headache or fatigue. And neither vaccine is recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

If you are allergic to eggs you can ask for a Flucelvax or FluBlok shot. Neither of these vaccines uses chicken eggs in their manufacturing process.

All of these vaccines are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B as long as your doctor, health clinic or pharmacy agrees not to charge you more than Medicare pays.

PNEUMONIA VACCINES

Two other important vaccinations the CDC recommends to seniors, especially this time of year, are the pneumococcal vaccines for pneumonia. Around 1 million Americans are hospitalized with pneumonia each year, and about 50,000 people die from it.

The CDC recommends that all seniors, 65 or older, get two vaccinations – Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23. Both vaccines, which are administered just once at different times, protect against different strains of the bacteria to provide maximum protection.

If you haven't yet received any pneumococcal vaccine you should get the Prevnar 13 first, followed by Pneumovax 23 at least one year later. But if you've already been vaccinated with Pneumovax 23, wait at least one year before getting the Prevnar 13.

Medicare Part B covers both shots, if they are taken at least one year apart.

To locate a vaccination site that offers any of these shots, visit [VaccineFinder.org](#) and type in your location.

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



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History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago Oct. 6, 2009

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

Two people have filed for the Bloomington Prairie School Board. They are newcomer Linda Kaplan and returning member Rodney Krell. He currently serves as the chairman of the board.

Bloomington residents Tom and Barb Johnson were amazed to find a letter addressed to “Dad” without the correct address and no return address in their mailbox on Sept. 25. He received the letter from his 9-year-old daughter who lives in San Jose, Calif. The letter found its way to the correct address with the help of many postal workers from California to Bloomington Prairie.

Bloomington business DiaServe is the recipient of a \$85,000 loan from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. The 9-year-old company produces plastic extrusions. DiaServe will be changing its corporate ownership to become Bio-Plastic Solutions LLC.

Local fourth grader Mitchell Oswald has always loved pedal pulling. This love began when he was just 2 years old when his grandfather gave him his first pedal tractor. He began competing in 2006 and hasn't looked back. This year he placed second in state competition and seventh in nationals in South Dakota.

The Steele County Sheriff's Office is investigating a stabbing. The incident occurred near Pratt where a 19-year-old man was stabbed in the chest area and later airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. The suspect, a 23-year-old man from the Bloomington Prairie area, fled from the area on foot. Patrick Wallace was later caught and charged with one count of second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon. The victim was Nicholas Mews. The incident was related to Wallace's girlfriend.

20 Years Ago Oct. 5, 1999

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

There have been many stories, allegations, rumors, pictures and visits regarding the Bloomington Prairie School Food Service program. In order to have something official regard-

ing the whole situation, the Minnesota Department of Health was called to do an inspection of the kitchens, food, storage areas, food preparation practices and overall Food Service program. Findings of the health department are that no problems of public health exist, nothing of any magnitude to cause concern, nothing to cause alarm and no damage control is necessary. The report came from Superintendent Irving Peterson.

Bumper crop it may not be, but area farmers increase field activity for the 1999 harvest. Although this year's crop should be slightly above average, it won't be near the record-setting 1998 harvest.

Bloomington Prairie teacher and coach Mary Worke will be inducted into the Dragon Hall of Fame at Moorhead State University on Oct. 9. He has been a teacher and volleyball coach for several years in BP. She and her husband John have two children.

50 Years Ago Oct. 1, 1969

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

The Bloomington Prairie homecoming festivities got an impressive start when Kathy Thorson and Warren Peterson were crowned homecoming queen and king at the coronation last week. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thorson. Attendants for the queen were Mavis Grunklee, Carol Pelinka, Denise Olson and Mary Walsh. Attendants for the king were Dan Busho, Greg Johnson, Brad Carey and Ken Kruckeberg. The real climax of the homecoming was the Blossom's come from behind victory over Medford 12-8 before a near capacity crowd at Victory Field.

Filings for three village offices to be voted up at this year's town election are now open in Bloomington Prairie. The three offices to be filled at this year's voting are mayor, presently held by Dr. A.B. Magnusson, trustee held by Robert Oswald and justice of peace held by Charles Ellis.

Leslie Hansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Hansen of Bloomington Prairie, exhibited the grand champion Hampshire boar at the Minnesota State Fair FFA Show this year. Leslie also exhibited the first place Hampshire gilt and the second place market pen of three hogs. He is a member of the Bloomington Prairie FFA Chapter.

Rodney Goodwin, a member of the Bloomington Prairie FFA, had the grand champion boar, which he purchased at the Minnesota State Fair. A 1969 graduate of Bloomington Prairie High School, Rodney is presently farming with his father. He is using the boar to establish a purebred Spotted herd of his own.

Units are now for sale at Prairie Villa Condominium retirement housing in Bloomington Prairie. One and two bedroom apartments are available with no steps. Each apartment will open up onto a covered courtyard, which will be climate controlled for year-around comfort. The units are being operated by Lysne Construction, Inc. of Bloomington Prairie.

Prairie Farm Service, Inc., located in the former soybean plant, now boasts the highest structure in Bloomington Prairie. The firm has just completed an expansion project, which included adding new unloading facilities extending 130-feet high compared to the town's water tower of 125-feet.

75 Years Ago Oct. 5, 1944

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

The men filling silo at the Lloyd Vavrichek farm were surprised one day last week to see an ambulance go streaking by with a cloud of black smoke streaming out of the rear end. The ambulance stopped about 40 rods farther on and when the men reached it, found one of the rear tires was on fire. Three milk cans full of water were secured and thrown onto the flames without quenching them and another three cans were required.

What easily could have terminated into a fatal accident occurred on Main Street Tuesday about noon. Marjorie Nelson, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Nelson, started to cross the street in front of Nelson's store when she was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Alvin Trom. The little girl was knocked down but upon examination at the doctor's office, where she was immediately taken, showed no bones broken but numerous bruises and skin lacerations.

Bloomington Prairie will raise over \$1,200 for war service fund. The county quota has been set at \$25,500. Ray Herrib us the chairman for BP. The funds raised this year will go to six continents, embracing 91 countries and major geographical areas.

Mayo to offer flu vaccine appointments

Mayo Clinic Health System will offer flu vaccine at sites throughout Southeastern Minnesota.

New this year, patients can self-schedule a flu vaccination appointment by logging into Patient Online Services, and clicking on “New Appointment.” Then they can click on the Flu Immunization button, and select a date, time and location that works best for their schedule.

When making an appointment, note that children 6 months through age 8 need two flu vaccines if it's the child's first seasonal flu vaccination. The second vaccine is given at least four weeks from the date of the first.

Those not self-scheduling online can also call for an appointment at one of these locations:

Austin: 1000 First Drive NW. Call 507-433-8758 for an appointment.

Albert Lea: 404 W. Fountain St. Call 507-668-2041 for an appointment.

Bloomington Prairie: 405 E. Main. Call 507-583-7225 for an appointment.

Express Care – Austin: 1307 18th Ave NW. Walk-in or self-schedule online.

New Richland: 318 First St. SW. Call 507-465-3216 for an appointment.

Owatonna: 2200 26th St. NW. Call 507-451-1120 for an appointment.

The cost of seasonal flu vaccine is covered by many insurance plans. Mayo Clinic Health System will bill insurance or accept payment.

Influenza is a viral infection that attacks the respiratory system, including the nose, throat and

lungs. For most people, influenza resolves on its own, but sometimes, influenza and its complications can be deadly.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all people 6 months and older get flu vaccinations. The best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu is to get vaccinated each year. Patients can receive flu vaccine during a scheduled appointment with their primary care provider or schedule an appointment exclusively to receive the flu vaccine.

People at high risk of developing serious complications from flu include:

- Those with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes and lung disease
- Pregnant women

- People 65 or older
- People who live with or care for others at high risk of developing serious complications, including caregivers of young children and people with chronic medical conditions

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that providers use any licensed, age-appropriate flu vaccine during the 2019–2020 season.

Viruses in the flu vaccine are inactive or weakened, so you cannot get the flu from the vaccine. After vaccination, it takes about two weeks to develop antibodies to protect against the flu, which is why early fall vaccination is recommended. If you are sick, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading illness to others.

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bookkeeper at the Gaylord International tractor dealer and my dad, had a F-20 tractor that he had to get parts for and met her. He always joked that the tractor, which he hated, was long gone because of the problems, but he was glad he had to go to the

dealer that day for parts or he probably would not have ever met the love of his life.

One of my cousin's read the obituary at the service and everyone enjoyed some of the humor, which will be in print forever now. The whole obituary was printed in the Gaylord

Hub as well as the Arlington Enterprise. Now it will become part of the history of our family. I am the oldest child and there were some bits of information that I did not know, but I have a copy with my dad's obituary kept at my desk in remembrance of both of

them. If it was not for all the extra little details that we put in there, it would not mean as much to us. I can now call it a keepsake of my parents.

Keep up the great paper.

Carl Wieman
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In 2017, more than 70,000 Americans died from drug overdoses. A two-fold increase in a decade. We know firsthand the dangers of these substances, and it's easy to point a finger. One of my goals as a spiritual leader is to advocate for healing and health, not blame and shame. In the ministry I serve, my colleague and I spend time listening to others. We regularly hear about, and support who are healing from, the choices of excessive drinking, vaping, marijuana, illicit drug, or prescription pill use.

Encouraging teens to make positive choices. How do they know who to listen to?

This summer, my colleague visited an eye-opening display at the Steele County Fair called *Hidden In Plain Sight*. Sponsored by the Steele County Safe & Drug Free Coalition, this display combined best-practices information, actual examples about what to look for,

and prevention conversation tips in an interactive display that looks like a teenager's bedroom.

On Sept 29, we hosted this same display in our congregation, and invited our members and the wider community to visit and take tours during our Sunday morning education time. It was the first time, to my knowledge, that we'd ever spoken so clearly on the subject of substance use and teens. We hope that you were able to stop by, but if you weren't, I wanted to share a few important thoughts with you.

Over 80% of young people age 10-18 say their parents are the leading influence on their decisions. So what clear and strong messages are parents sending about substance use? Again, it's easy to point a finger or threaten punishment; what vocalizing your deeper concerns for their safety? What about role-modeling how we treat our bodies well? How might a parent or caring adult

offer space for a teen to vocalize their needs, their fears, their challenges each day? How might an adult empower a teen to think about—even rehearse—meeting peer pressure with a polite, “no thanks?”

In my former work with our ninth grade Mentoring program, we would speak frankly about the temptations students face. In a room full of caring adults partnered with our teens, I would ask the adults to raise their right hand if they ever did something they regretted in ninth grade. (Every adult hand would go up.) I then asked the adults if their mentee ever called them, in trouble and needing help, if they would be there, no questions asked. Again, every hand would go up. For students to see that overwhelmingly positive, unanimous offer of grace—*before it was even needed*—was powerful. It was *necessary*. Because shame will lie to you—tell you no one understands,

that you're in big trouble, that you can never change your mind or make a different decision, that you're stuck—and you're *not*.

When I was a teen, there was one line of Scripture that stopped me in my tracks. I wished I had taped it to my bathroom mirror! So I share it now, in hopes that it may touch you. Perhaps you will wish to tape to your mirror, your fridge, your locker, or screenshot for your mobile device. It is 1 Corinthians 10:13:

“No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.”

Don't let shame tell you otherwise. There is always, always, always, always a way out.

May you be well, and whole, and free.

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A LITTLE: jailhouse rock FROM A1

grassroots” effort to video various dances with the Horizon milk carton as the vocal point of it all. “The milk carton came out of the recycling. We didn’t spend a dime on it,” she said. She added they had other scraps around to decorate the carton.

Horizon Organic, a pioneer in the organic dairy category, revealed the partnership with BBBS for the back-to-school season earlier this year. Together, they are powering up passions with a campaign that they hope will lead to something stronger than bones–self-confidence.

“We at Horizon Organic really admire the work of BBBS and their commitment to nourishing positive childhood growth through mentorship,” said Domenic Borrelli, president of Horizon Organic. “BBBS recognizes the potential in every child, and we

help fuel it with delicious organic milk. Bringing our two brands together to celebrate kid confidence is a natural pairing.”

Redman said of the Horizon campaign, “It helps us get our name out there and it’s fun to see the communities come together.”

If the local organization would win \$25,000, Redman said it would help the group take 25 children off its waiting list of 200. The money would be used for recruiting volunteers, screening processes and social work to ensure child safety.

Redman said the Southern Minnesota group of BBBS is bucking a national decline of involvement. Nationally, BBBS has declined about 4%, but the Southern Minnesota group has jumped 19% since 2017, according to Redman.

“We work hard to grow,” Redman says. “We won’t stop at anything to bring in

“It helps us get our name out there and it’s fun to see the communities come together.”

Michelle Redman
Big Brothers Director

money into the agency.”

BBBS of Southern Minnesota serves four counties, including Steele, Dodge, Rice and Waseca. Redman expects to serve 750 children this year. The local agency’s budget is \$1 million. Steele is the largest of the four counties at 55%. BBBS has offices in Owatonna and Faribault.

The local agency has been recognized as the agency of the year for two straight years. “We are very proud of that, and we like to keep the winning streak going,” Redman said.

Sheriff Thiele was more than willing to help BBBS when Redman contacted him. “She asked for some sort of community involvement, and I didn’t want to do the same old thing,”

Thiele said. “We decided to have a jailbreak to show our support.”

When Thiele notified the rest of his jail staff about the adventure, he made on thing clear to them. “I told them this is the only time you’re going to want to see orange garb running out the jail,” he said.

For Thiele, it was just another way of how he enjoys helping out the community his office serves. In the past, he has done dunk tanks, bull riding, dancing with the stars, among other fun activities.

“I just like to help out the community in any way I can,” Thiele said. “It’s not just about law enforcement to be a part of the community. We need to help out in any way we can,” he added.

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EMPLOYMENT ARBITRATIONS FROM A2

Minnesota and elsewhere. This dilution of authority extends beyond police circles to the private sector as well, where the arbitral process for those in unions, about 15% of the workforce, also exists and yields comparable results.

That, incidentally, is what is occurring at the federal level, where the majority conservative wing of the Supreme Court last year ruled that public-sector union members need not pay dues to their unions. That ruling, in Janus v. AFSCME, could severely impair unions in obtaining the resources and clout to do their jobs effectively.

To compound the calumny, the two main federal administrative agencies that deal with labor matters, the Department of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board, have negated or revised existing rules and regulations as well as devising new ones that crimp the ability of

unions to organize, gain footholds in the workplace and provide guidance and protection to workers.

A number of these arbitration bashers who wail about police officers here prevailing in challenges to discharges are disguised union busters.

SOLUTIONS

Instead of bemoaning the darkness, here are some recommendations to repair a system that perpetrates and perpetuates such a high rate of injustice:

- Creating internal-review boards with businesses or governmental entities comprising management and employees, who often are as tough or more so than managers on fellow miscreants, would minimize the large number of wrongful terminations that seem to plague both public- and private-sector workplaces. It could be coupled with streamlined appeal procedures.

- Encouraging more and better training programs and warnings for personnel would also help.
- Enacting laws giving employees, particularly the 85% who are not unionized, more rights could also curb abusive terminations.

Sure, the high rate of arbitral reversals of discharges is a matter of concern and warrants reforms. Yet, it’s not because it reflects that too many employees are being inappropriately reinstated to their jobs; it’s that too many of them are being improperly removed from them.

That may be the most enduring message for this past Labor Day holiday.

Marshall Tanick is a constitutional and employment law attorney with the Twin Cities law firm of Meyer Njus Tanick. His column first appeared in the Star Tribune last month.

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County Board sets preliminary budget, tax levy for 2020

BY CHRIS BALWIN
STAFF WRITER

During last week's regular session, the Steele County Board of Commissioners opted to adopt a resolution setting the preliminary budget and tax levy for the 2020 year.

The tax levy is set at \$25,776,488 while the county's budget is set at \$53,069,358. The tax levy carries a 4% increase from 2019 while the budget will see a decrease of 6% from the current year.

"This will set a ceiling amount for what you can levy next year, it can come down between now and December," County Administrator Scott Golberg informed the board. "When we look at

this overall, it's changed in the last two weeks. We were at 5.2% here two weeks ago."

The main reason for the change in the levy was due to MNPrairie setting its budget for the 2020 year. "MNPrairie set their budget a week ago, which dropped our levy amount by 2.5% roughly and then we did add some capital projects to the budget to bring it up to the 4% level," Golberg explained.

"Also of note, is that our expected tax capacity increase is at 4.2%, which equates to roughly a no-net increase for tax payers, at least in the county portion of the property taxes," Golberg said. "If it's at 4% their taxes would come down slightly."

The county board still has a few months before determining the final number in December, but many were pleased with where the preliminary numbers were at. "The lowest among counties is 2.9% while the highest is 7.35%, so we're on the lower part of the spectrum with various other counties," Commissioner Rick Gnemi noted concerning the county's levy.

During the meeting, the board also approved certification for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire 212 acres of land in Summit Township for the State Land Exchange Board. The tract of land will be open to the public as a Waterfowl Production Area for hunting, birding, and other recreational uses.

Before the meeting ended, Board Chair Greg Krueger offered a few comments on the Association of Minnesota Counties meeting as it related to South Country Health Alliance. "The Association of Minnesota Counties is on our side and I think that's going to be a good thing," he said, explaining that county-based purchasing was placed as one of the major policy issues for Health and Human Services.

The Association of Minnesota Counties Policy Conference was held on Sept. 12 and 13 in Alexandria.

The final budget will be approved at the Truth in Taxation public hearing set for Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) project manager Richard Augustin, center, explains details about a Highway 218 reconstruction project proposed for 2023. A community open house was held on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Panther pride shines



SUBMITTED & STAFF PHOTOS BY KAREN JORGENSEN
NRHEG celebrated Homecoming Week last week with the king and queen being crowned at the coronation ceremonies Sept. 23 in New Richland. This year's king and queen are Blake Ihrke and Jayna Domeier. Top: The entire royalty includes, from left: Lonnie Wilson, Agro Gushwa, Mason Ferber, Prince Jadon Theuer, Jacob Tasker, King Blake Ihrke, Queen Jayna Domeier, Maggie Maloney, Princess Evelyn Schlaak, Madi Korman, Annie Prigge and Katie Cliff. Left: RSV senior volunteers joined in the fun on Friday as they joined the parade and tossed candy to those along the route. Bottom: Elementary students from Ellendale were not left out when it came to Homecoming as they marched in the parade Friday.



Artoberfest to celebrate the arts in Owatonna

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

There have been Octoberfest celebrations around for years, but an area arts group has found a new twist to add to the celebrating. It's Arttoberfest in Owatonna.

The Owatonna Arts Center is using the Arttoberfest event to kick off its membership drive, which goes throughout October.

ARTOBERFEST
Saturday, Oct. 5
6-9 p.m.
Owatonna Arts Center
435 Garden View Lane

Featuring: German food, PK Mayo music, refreshments and art activities
Free for OAC members; \$15 for all others

Artoberfest will take place Saturday at 6 p.m. and will feature German food, music, refreshments and art activities.

There will be a meal of sauerbraten, German potato salad, soft pretzels and Bavarian cake. Free beer samples will also be available compliments of Foremost Brewing Cooperative. PK Mayo, Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame Performer of the Year, will perform music.

"It's our way of saying thank you to our current members," said Karly Ohnstad, education coordinator with OAC. "This is a celebration in honor of our members."

But Arttoberfest, Ohnstad stressed, isn't limited to current members. It's also open to anyone in the area. "We want to invite the community to come into our space," she said. "We want

to support the creative environment of the local communities," she added.

The arts center will also be available throughout the evening for people to enjoy art projects, including fall home decorations and center pieces.

Noting this is the first ever Arttoberfest, Ohnstad said, "Have a party on us. Do art, eat, drink, music and just enjoy yourself." She added members of the arts board are "pretty pumped" about the celebration.

Ohnstad encourages people to consider becoming members of OAC. During the month-long membership drive, OAC plans to highlight perks to becoming members.

"We want to inspire the community and provide opportunities for creative space and learning enrichment," said Ohnstad. "We want

people to feel that art is more accessible. You don't have to be a professional artist."

Ohnstad also wanted to point out that the OAC is not just for Owatonna. It encompasses all communities within Steele County.

Memberships to OAC are \$50 for individuals and \$100 for families. Ohnstad said the board hasn't officially set a goal of how many new members it hopes to attract this month, but hopes to attract many new people.

For Ohnstad, she developed a love for art at a young age both at home and school. Her mother, Kerry Ohnstad, is an artist. She also credits one of her elementary school teachers at Lincoln, Dee Teller, for inspiring her with art. "I was always enamored with her teaching style," Ohnstad said, adding art has always been a part of her life.

'It will be a long summer, but let's get it done'

MnDOT rolls out options for 218 reconstruction in BP

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"It will be a long, painful summer, but let's get it done."

That was the sentiment of Blooming Prairie businessman Nick Shiefert of the Blooming Prairie Dairy Queen, when viewing plans for Highway 218 reconstruction in 2023.

Due to deteriorating pavement conditions, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) recommends the reconstruction project.

Shiefert was one of 27 concerned residents or business people who attended a community open

house Wednesday, Sept. 25 to learn more about planned reconstruction of Highway 218. Shiefert believes the project will definitely impact his business.

The total reconstruction will cover about a mile, from 3rd St. SE to 3rd St. NE (Trunk Highway 30). Cost of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) project is estimated at \$9.4 million.

During the reconstruction of Highway 218, the roadway will be shut down, except for local traffic. Traffic will

SEE LONG SUMMER, B2

Effects of domestic violence on children



Steele Talkin'
MARK SKRIEN

Question: I am choosing to stay with my husband, even though he has degraded me, yelled at me, and hit me in front of the kids. Others have told me to leave him because of the possible effects of domestic abuse on them. What are the effects of domestic violence on children?

Answer: Children react in a variety of ways to witnessing domestic violence in their homes. They are likely to experience a great deal of internal stress which they are not free to express. The stress may show as physical symptoms such as bed-wetting, insomnia, ulcers, headaches, abdominal complaints, and self-abusive behaviors.

Some children react to stress through changes in their own behaviors, such as overeating or not eating at all. Others may display emotional symptoms and problems such as increased anxiety, depression, guilt, and confusion.

Younger children may feel responsible for the abuse. In their "magical thinking" a child might believe that if he/she had

been a good boy/girl, Daddy wouldn't hit Mommy.

The children may experience constant anxiety because of the unpredictability of when the next incident of abuse may occur. They may believe that they are not safe.

Children may also experience ambivalence, loving and hating the abuser at the same time. They may be confused and angry at their mother for not protecting herself from the abuse, while feeling protective of her.

A child separated from the abuser, may grieve the loss of contact with the parent and the loss of a lifestyle that had become familiar to them.

Some children develop a need for excessive adult attention. Younger children may be very needy, holding on to adults for attention and reassurance.

Older children may be ashamed and embarrassed and may isolate themselves from friends. They may be afraid of inviting friends to their home.

When upset, children tend to act out their distress rather than talk about it. Preschoolers (birth to 5) may express their feelings by experiencing physical complaints such as stomachache, bed-wetting, whining, and have difficulty sleeping.

Six to 12 year olds may hang around the home to "protect" Mom. They may fear abandonment or fear being killed.

SEE EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC, B2

Express Pressure Washers observes Grand Opening



A two-day Grand Opening was observed by Express Pressure Washers of Blooming Prairie for its new location and celebration of being in business for 35 years. To kick off the Grand Opening, the BP Area Chamber of Commerce staged a ribbon cutting. Participating were, from left: Dan Peach, Chamber president; James O'Connor, founder of Express Pressure Washers; Kelli O'Connor and grandson Matthew Wenc; Brent Ingvalson, general manager; Mayor Curt Esplan and Chamber members Dennis Heimerman, Sue Zwiener and Andy Kasperek.

Rose Street construction causes traffic changes

Traffic patterns for a construction project on Rose Street changed on Sept. 25. The contractor has completed work on the westbound lane and will now switch to working in the eastbound lane.

Rose Street (County Highway 19) from Hoffman Drive to Willow Avenue is closed to eastbound traffic. Eastbound traffic will be detoured using Hoffman Drive, Oak Avenue, Vine Street, and Willow Avenue. Side streets crossing Rose Street will be closed at Rose Street with southbound traffic permitted to take right turns only. Grove Avenue and Cedar Avenue will remain open to northbound and southbound traffic. No parking will be permitted on Rose Street during the project.

The current work on Rose is expected to last about another month. The work is part of a two-year construction project expected to be completed by the end of summer in 2020.

All dates are subject to change due to weather or other factors. Steele County advises motorists to drive with caution and slow down through work zones for their safety and for the safety of the construction crews.

LONG SUMMER: but let's get it done

be detoured onto county highways, but they have yet to be identified.

MnDOT Project Manager Richard Augustin and Pat McGraw, Stantec project manager, were present at the open house to go over three alternative plans.

Visitors who had comments or questions, were encouraged to complete a posted note and attach it to the respective plan.

The 218 project will feature mill and overlay, with work expected to begin in April of 2023 and to be completed that fall.

McGraw said the original pavement dates back to the 1950s. Pedestrian crossings are difficult, he said, and vehicular traffic "is going too fast," he pointed out.

Planners took traffic counts and learned that 6,600 vehicles traveled on Highway 218 during a given day in 2017. McGraw said 10% of those vehicles represent truck traffic.

The major part of the project will include tearing out existing pavement, curb and gutter.

Andrew Langholz, Blooming Prairie city administrator, was available for questions and said the

"We want input for a redesign."

Andrew Langholz
BP City Administrator

three alternatives were laid out on detailed maps. "We want input for a redesign," he said. Langholz said the city has received about 50 comments on the proposed reconstruction project.

The planning thus far has been coordinated with the state, Stantec and the city. Four initial alternatives were developed by project engineers. These plans were then finalized into three alternatives.

Plan 1, a three-lane corridor, proposes a center turn lane throughout the project. It also incorporates curb line bump-outs and pedestrian flashers as warranted and feasible. A multi-use trail on the west side of Highway 218 is proposed as is a sidewalk on the east side.

Alternative 2 features median delineated turn lanes. It has a raised median at turn lanes with the potential to create a full, continuous median during preliminary design. The plan has delineated left turns at 3rd Street NE,

Main St. and 2nd Street SE. The plan incorporates curb line bump-outs and pedestrian flashers as warranted and feasible. A multi-use trail on the west side of Highway 218 and a sidewalk on the east side are proposed.

Alternative 3 has minimal improvements. It provides a similar two-way section of roadway as currently exists today without the wide shoulders. A non-median delineated right and left turns are proposed at 3rd Street NE, Main Street and 2nd Street SE. There are no bump-outs, pedestrian flashers or multi-use trails in this alternative.

A roundabout was also proposed as an option to be included in any of the three plans, said Blooming Prairie City Engineer Brett Grabau. He said this project is long overdue.

The preferred location for a roundabout would be north of Arkema at the intersection of 218 and Highway 30 going east. Rick Gnemi, Steele

EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC: violence on children

Teenagers may have more tendencies to run away from home, become involved with drugs and alcohol, have suicidal thoughts and actions, or become involved in criminal activities.

Many children learn that violence is a way to solve problems. These children may become behavior problems in the home and at school. The cycle of violence is likely to continue from one generation to the next.

It is clear that in most cases of domestic violence, children of different ages experience some form of turmoil and pain. Children are not immune from the effects of domestic abuse within the home. A parent that has been abused by their spouse should seriously consider the short and long term effects on themselves and their children before deciding to stay in the relationship. Therapeutic programs for abusive males are also available if that person is willing to seek help.

Mark Skrien is a licensed psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist, and former clinic director at the South Central Human Relations Center in Owatonna. Steele Talkin' is a regular column featuring authors representing various organizations throughout Steele County.

St. Mary's abuzz with excitement over Challenge grant

St. Mary's School in Owatonna was recently invited by the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to participate in a Challenge Grant opportunity they could not refuse. Schulze is the founder and chairman emeritus of Best Buy Co., Inc. His foundation's mission is to create transformational impact in areas that are near and dear to his heart, with Catholic education being one of those areas.

The Challenge has created quite a buzz around the St. Mary's community. If they raise \$25,000, the Schulze Family Foundation will grant an additional \$25,000. If St. Mary's falls short of their \$25,000 goal, the Foundation gives nothing. This Challenge Grant was presented to St. Mary's School in the spirit of Catholic school excellence. St. Mary's School Principal Jen Swanson commented, "Achieving and maintaining excellence is something that is fundamental to St. Mary's School. We are excited to be given an opportunity for funding that is designed to enhance Catholic education."

Whether it be the academic rigor or the high standards of personal responsibility and commitment to service, St. Mary's School strives to provide an extraordinary experience in a positive learning environment. When presented with this grant opportunity, St. Mary's School evaluated ideas on what could be implemented to enhance the education of their students. Studies have shown flexible seating environments to have a direct correlation to attention, motivation, retention and academic achievement. Swanson confirms, "Last year, we experimented with flexible seating in some of our classrooms. When we did, we witnessed engaged learners. Therefore, we felt purchasing seating options designed specifically for flexible seating would be a good use of this funding."

Catholic Education comes with a cost. Last year, the actual cost to educate a student at St. Mary's School was just over \$7,000, but tuition is much less than that. In order to keep tuition obtainable for families, two other streams of revenue to help offset the cost: parish subsidies and fundraising/donations. The commitment & philanthropic support received enables St. Mary's School to ensure the excellence in education that families have come to expect.

If you would like to make an impact by helping St. Mary's School reach its \$25,000 goal, you can send or drop off a donation to St. Mary's School, or securely donate online at www.stmarys-owatonna.org < Giving < Donate Now.

Otto Bremer Trust awards 156 grants

Nearly \$300K earmarked for Steele County organizations

The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded \$10,257,564 in grants as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

"We are proud to invest in these programs and organizations that are providing fresh and innovative solutions to help communities across the region," said Charlotte Johnson, Co-CEO and Trustee, OBT.

The Otto Bremer Trust is a bank holding company and a private charitable trust based in Saint Paul, Minn., that works at the intersection of finance and philanthropy. OBT is the 92 percent owner of Bremer Bank, a regional financial services company, and also manages a diversified investment portfolio. Since its founding, OBT has invested more than \$700 million in people, places, and opportunities in the Upper Midwest. Visit ottobremer.org.

For a complete list of grants, review the full release on the Otto Bremer Trust's website.

Some of the grants awarded in southeastern Minnesota include:

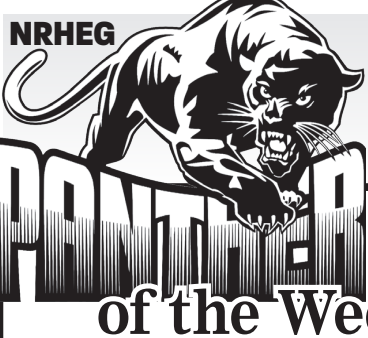
- **Exchange Club Center for Family Unity** in Owatonna, \$20,000. For general operations to provide parent mentoring programs for families at risk of violence in Steele, Rice, Dodge, Freeborn, and Waseca Counties.
- **Owatonna Healthy Seniors Program** in Owatonna, \$45,000. For general operations to provide volunteer support services for seniors, 65 and older, in Steele County to keep them living well at home.
- **Owatonna Soccer Association**, \$40,000. To increase the number of soccer fields in Owatonna in response to a growing community involvement in soccer, especially among diverse populations.
- **Steele County Clothesline, Inc.** in Owatonna, \$40,000. For general operations to provide clothes and household items to low-income residents of Steele County.
- **Steele County Food Shelf Inc.** in Owatonna, \$35,000. For general operations to address food insecurity for families in Steele County.
- **United Way of Steele County** in Owatonna, \$100,000. For technology upgrades and to increase organizational capacity to enhance fund development.



The Steele County Board of Commissioners would like to invite you to the Steele County Public Works Building Open House.

October 7 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

3000 Hoffman Drive NW • Owatonna





Camellia Lynne

NRHEG Elementary- Ellendale

This week's Panther of the Week is Camellia Lynne. Camellia is the daughter of Mariah and Chris Lynne. She has an older brother whose name is John Paul (JP). Camellia is in Mrs. Ihrke's second grade class at NRHEG.

She LOVES school and is eager to learn! Camellia works hard and strives to do her best every day. She is very kind and will often help her classmates or the teacher without being asked. Camellia is a great friend with a big heart! She's also a great role model for others because she is always showing Panther Pride.

Camellia's favorite foods are watermelon and salad. She enjoys reading, petting her cat whose name is Ivan, and playing cards. Camellia likes to read animal books, chapter books, and Puppy Place books. Her favorite subjects at school are reading and math.

Keep up the great work Camellia!

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

OCT. 4 Smoke Screen Performance, Cue Company	Commission Meeting
OCT. 5 Harvestor's Evening, Servicemen's Club	OCT. 14 7 p.m. — City Council Meeting
OCT. 8 10:30 a.m. — Storytime, BP Library	OCT. 15 2:30 p.m. — Public Utilities Meeting 4:30 p.m. — Fire Commission Meeting 5 p.m. — Ambulance Commission Meeting Lutefisk Dinner, First Lutheran Church
OCT. 9 10:30 a.m. — Storytime, BP Library 4:30 p.m. — EDA Meeting	OCT. 28 6:30 p.m. — Fire Relief Association Meeting
OCT. 10 4 p.m. — Police	

ELLENDALE/HOPE/GENEVA

OCT. 4 10 a.m. — SEMCAC, Community Building	OCT. 8 6:30 p.m. — Tae Kwon Do, Ellendale Elementary Gym
OCT. 7 10 a.m. — SEMCAC, Community Building 6 p.m. — Ellendale Fire Department Meeting, Community Building	OCT. 9 10 a.m. — SEMCAC, Community Building 6 p.m. — NRHEG After Prom Meeting, Ellendale Media Center

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

OCT. 3 9 a.m. — Drive Investment in Owatonna, Torey's 5:30 p.m. — United Way of Steele County Cocktail Reception, Country Club 6:30 p.m. — History Detectives, History Center 6:30 p.m. — Family Storytime, Owatonna Library	OCT. 7 4:30 p.m. — Owatonna Park & Rec Board Meeting, City Admin Building 6:30 p.m. — Author Kristal Leebrick, Owatonna Library 7 p.m. — Steele County Planning Commission Meet- ing, County Admin Building
OCT. 4 1:30 p.m. — Owatonna Homecoming Parade, Downtown Owatonna	OCT. 8 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. — Preschool Storytime, Owatonna Library 1 p.m. — So Many Books... So Little Time, Owatonna Library 3:30 p.m. — 4 Seasonz Market, North Cedar Ave. 4 p.m. — North Market, Grace Baptist 5 p.m. — Steele County Board Meeting, County Admin Building 5:30 p.m. — Owatonna Human Rights Commission Meeting, City Admin Building 5:30 p.m. — Owatonna Planning Commission Meeting, City Admin Building
OCT. 5 7 a.m. — Farmers Market, Central Park 5 p.m. — Medford High School Hall of Fame Banquet, Owatonna Elks 6 p.m. — Arttoberfest, Arts Center	
OCT. 6 4 p.m. — Owatonna Fire Department Open House with Chili & Wild Rice Soup, Fire Hall	

Chance to go down and under

Have you ever wanted to learn how to go down and under to scuba dive? If so, the Owatonna Diving Club is offering free discover scuba classes this fall.

The class will be held on Nov. 6. There will also be regular classes on Nov. 13. For more information, check out Owatonnacom-munityEd.org or call 507-444-7900.

Uncorking History comes to Freeborn County

Enjoy Criminal Minds? Are you a fan of Making a Murderer? If you answered yes, boy there is a series for you.

Uncorking History is a fun and innovative approach to historical court cases while imbibing in a glass of wine (or other beverage). The evening begins with a brief overview of a Freeborn County crime committed in the late 1800s early 1900s. Local attorneys, David Walker and Donald Savelkoul, under the guidance of the Honorable Ross Leuning, walk attendees through the criminal case and trial. Once all the facts have been presented, you

become the jury! Each table deliberates the case to determine if the accused is guilty or not.

Uncorking History will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 at The Interchange Wine and Coffee Bistro, 211 S Broadway Avenue, Albert Lea. The case of "The Demonic Deeds of the Lovestruck Young Bohemian," will be explored.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Freeborn County Historical Museum (FCHM) prior to the event, or at the door the evening of the event if seating is still available. FCHM members receive \$1 off beverages, be sure to bring your membership card!

The Friends Luncheon coming to Arts Center

Members of the Friends of the Arts Center invite you to their annual Fall Luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 10. The ticket includes an autumn menu and speaker. Lunch will be served at Noon with the speaker to follow.

Seating is limited so tickets must be purchased by Oct. 3. The tickets can be purchased at Kottke's and the Arts Center. The ticket price is \$20.

Mr. Nguyen was born in Vietnam. He will speak on the culture of his country and the political situation during his early and teen years. When he was a teenager, he and his brother left their parents behind and got on a ship for America to escape the turmoil of his homeland. Come join us as Nguyen presents his very interesting life story.

Artober October 5th at the Owatonna Arts Center. Join us for an evening of art, music and food. The band is PK Mayo, which is Minnesota's Blues Hall of Fame performer of the year. The music will start at 6 p.m. The menu features German food, Sauerkraut, German potato salad, soft pretzels and Bavarian chocolate cake. The ticket price of \$15 includes one drink ticket. Arts Center members are free. Tickets sold at the door. Bonus free beer samples from Foremost Brewing Cooperative.

Mayo offers Women's Morning of Well-Being

Daughter, partner, friend — whatever the role, women frequently put others' needs before their own. Take time for yourself at Mayo Clinic Health System's Women's Morning of Well-Being.

The program will be held Saturday, Oct. 26 at Owatonna Country Club, 1991 Lemond Road. Mayo Clinic experts will provide energizing and inspiring information for women of all ages on healthy eating, resiliency and taking care of ourselves as we take care of others.

This year's keynote speaker is Margaret Dow, M.D., an obstetrics and gynecology provider at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Dr. Dow will present Caring for the Caregiver, giving women the tools to establish realistic steps to take care of themselves, while taking care of others. Additional presenters include Caitlin Terpstra, a registered dietitian at Mayo Clinic Health System, who will discuss healthy diet tailored for women throughout the ages. Ashley Musch, a well-being specialist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, will provide tips for building resiliency.

This free program is held from 8:30 to Noon and attendees receive a complimentary breakfast. Registration and breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m., doors will open at 8 a.m. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. Call 507-668-2300 to register or learn more online at mayoclinichealthsystem.org/classes-and-events.

Red Cross: Donors of all blood types, races and ethnicities needed

The American Red Cross urges people of all races and ethnicities to give blood or platelets to help increase the diversity of the blood supply.

The vast majority of blood types fall into one of the major blood groups. However, for patients with rare blood types or those who receive regular blood transfusions, blood must be matched closely — beyond the primary A, B, O and AB blood types — to reduce the risk of developing complications from transfusion therapy. The best match may be someone of the same racial or ethnic group.

Eight-year-old AJ Torres requires blood transfusions to treat complications from sickle cell disease, the most common genetic disease in the U.S. The disease is most common among people of African descent or Latino descent, like AJ, and can sometimes cause small blood vessels to become blocked. Diverse donors are important to ensuring AJ has the blood products he needs to regain his health.

"Within minutes of receiving a blood transfusion, I watch his strength be restored, pain vanish and energy return. Soon he transforms back to himself — a rambunctious little boy," said his mom, Caira Torres. "If an 8-year-old can withstand a needle, so can you."

Donors of all blood types, as well as all races and ethnicities, are needed to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse patient population. Appointments can be made by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you, those who come to give blood or platelets during the month of October will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five \$500 gift cards redeemable at hundreds of merchants, courtesy of Tango Card. Terms apply; see rcblood.org/game.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities until Oct. 15: Freeborn
Albert Lea
Oct. 3: 12-6 p.m., Bridge Community Church, 2016 Bridge Ave.
Hartland
Oct. 15: 12-6 p.m., Hartland Community, 407 Broadway St.
Steele
Owatonna
Oct. 4: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Hy-Vee, 1620 S. Cedar
Oct. 14: 1 p.m.-6 p.m., Anytime Fitness, 1010 Hoffman Drive NW
Oct. 14: 1 p.m.-6 p.m., Gateway Wireless, 1045 Frontage Road W.
Waseca
New Richland
Oct. 9: 1-6 p.m., City Hall, 203 Broadway Ave. N.

Grubish named top firefighter in Owatonna

The 2019 Firefighter Banquet will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Owatonna Eagles Club beginning with a social at 6 p.m. and followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be honoring Willie Grubish as Firefighter of the Year for Owatonna. Four years ago a relative of Grubish suggested he apply as a firefighter with the Owatonna Fire Department and the rest is history. His rating is Firefighter #2, which means he is an emergency medical responder and has completed a number of training courses. He says, "being a firefighter means serving and dedication to the community, my fellow firefighters and to myself." In his spare time, he plays golf and softball and likes to fish. Grubish is also employed at Modern Metal.

The speaker for the evening is Thomas O. Murdock, Ph.D. "Tommy," who obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan (1973), a Ph.D. from the University of North Dakota (1977) and postdoctoral studies were completed at the Max Plank Institut fur Kohlenforschung (Munheim, Germany) during 1978 and the University of Minnesota Chemistry Department (1979-80).

Murdock is a retired volunteer firefighter and has been a consultant/trainer/member for the St. Cloud Emergency Response Team. The author has developed and taught numerous hazardous materials classes over the past 15 years and he has presented papers and research at several conferences in the United States. Several articles discussing hazardous materials emergency response have been published in the Minnesota Fire Chief magazine, including an article on original research involving hydrogen sulfide chemical assisted suicides.

Tickets are \$20 per person and available at Owatonna InstyPrints, Owatonna City Administration Building and Kottkes. Deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, Oct. 3. This banquet is open to the community and it is conducted not only to honor the recipient, but all firefighters that risk their lives for us each day.



Peer Power Partners kicks off new school year

The Peer Power Partner (PPP) mentoring program is kicking off its 2019-2020 programming on Oct. 14 and 15 with engaging community events led by Jason Freeman, a Brandon, S.D., native who travels the country sharing his inspirational and transformative journey with captivated audiences, and he does it all with a pronounced speech impediment.

For much of his life, Freeman struggled to accept his voice, his body, and his place in the world. Desperate for a change, he set out on a decade long journey of rigorous self-development, which resulted in a life full of happiness, possibility and success.

While in Austin, Freeman will give presentations and lead interactive sessions with students, staff and community members. **A FREE community event will take place on Monday, Oct. 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hormel Historic Home. "Loving Our Differences and the Power of the Micro Step" is the topic. Signed copies of his book, Awkwardly Awesome: Embracing My Imperfect Best will be available.**

During the two days, Freeman will work with students from Austin High, Pacelli, Ellis Middle School and I.J. Holton Intermediate school, focusing on being honest about who we are, celebrating each other's differences, and taking 'microsteps.'

After graduating from college with majors in English and Social Work, Freeman went on to obtain a Masters of Fine Arts in Poetry before realizing his biggest accomplishment: transcending the physical limitations of cerebral palsy within himself and embracing his voice as the gift it was intended to be.

Peer Power Partners is a mentoring program that pairs youth with special needs and learning differences with same-aged typically developing peers to promote friendship, understanding and advocacy. PPP is a collaborative project between Austin schools and the Parenting Resource Center, launched seven years ago with the help of Vision 2020 Community Pride and Spirit Committee. The program directly involves over 300 students and is funded by the Hormel Foundation, The Austin Area Foundation, private donations and fund raisers.

For more information on the local events, please contact Mary Barinka, community autism resource specialist at 507-433-4243, or autism@hormelhistorichome.org.

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UNBEATENS KEEP ROLLING

Third ranked BP shoots down Rockets

BY LEMAR NELSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Randolph's undefeated visited Booming Prairie Friday, Sept. 27, hoping for an upset victory over the No. 3 state ranked Blossoms. But the Rockets fizzed most of the game as the home team shot down the visitors 62-15.

The win married the fifth straight victory for the locals and protected their ranking in the state polls.

A Kaden Thomas pass to Karson Vigeland in the corner of the end zone covered 23 yards and scored a touchdown at the 7-minute mark of the first quarter. The two-point conversion try failed, but BP led 6-0.

A short drive later in the quarter culminated with a 5-yard run by Matthew Pryor, and Carson Brenneke kicked the extra point (a perfect 8 for 8 night for him) for a 13-0 margin.

Randolph gave themselves some hope and confidence by scoring late in the quarter. A long pass moved the ball to the BP 34, and a run tallied the touchdown. A conversion pass made the score 13-8 after one quarter.

That glimmer of hope quickly faded for the Rockets, as the Blossoms scored 28 second quarter points and dominated the game the rest of the way.

Randolph scored a late touchdown against BP reserves for the final 62-15 score.

The Awesome Blossoms piled up 479 total yards, with 246 rushing and 233 passing. Matthew Pryor gained 132 yards rushing, and Alec Baldwin caught 6 passes for 85 yards. Mitch Fiebiger again led the defense with 14 tackles, and Luke Rennie and Zach Weber added 8 and 7. Brenneke went 8 for 8 in kicking extra points.

The undefeated Blossoms will entertain Kenyon-Wanamingo this coming Friday night.

GAME SUMMARY

Blossoms 62, Randolph 15
BP 13 28 14 7- 62
Randolph 8 0 0 7- 15



Half back Matthew Pryor (28) blasts past a Randolph defender in Friday's Homecoming contest in Blooming Prairie. The Blossoms smoked Randolph 62-15 to keep their unbeaten season alive at five games.



Blooming Prairie's Karson Vigeland (15) hangs tough and tries to pull away from a couple of Randolph players with one at his feet and the other trying to knock him down.



With some fancy foot work, Alex Baldwin sneaks past a diving Randolph player in Friday's Homecoming game. Bradley Simon (7) and Zach Weber (80) are close by to provide some assistance. The Blossoms won their fifth game in a row and remain undefeated.

Huskies batter Faribault in lopsided game

After a scare the previous week, it was back to usual form for the Owatonna Huskies football team as they battered Faribault 56-7 Friday night. The win kept the Huskies unbeaten string alive at five games this season.

The Huskies smoked Faribault with 21 points in each of the first two quarters to take a 42-7 lead at halftime. Owatonna added two more touchdowns in the second half, one in each quarter, while holding Faribault scoreless throughout the half.

Quarterback Brayden Truelson and tailback Tanner Hall led Owatonna's offensive attack each with 143 yards, Truelson in the air and Hall on the ground. Truelson had a near-perfect

passing attack as he connected on 9 of 10 attempts and scored two touchdowns.

In receiving, Payton Beyer led the Huskies' attack with 95 yards and two touchdowns.

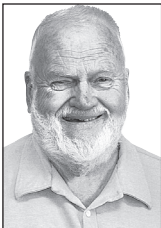
With Friday's impressive victory, Owatonna has now outscored its opponents this season 250-41. The defending state champion Huskies is ranked number one in Minnesota.

This week is homecoming at Owatonna. The Huskies will battle with Mankato West (4-1) Friday night. Mankato West's only loss this season came to Rochester Century in early September.

GAME SUMMARY

Huskies 56, Faribault 7						
Owatonna	21	21	7	7-	56	
Faribault	0	7	0	0-	7	
PASSING	Comp.-Att	Yds.	TD	Int		
Sol Havelka	6-8	80	1	0		
Brayden Truelson	9-10	143	2	0		
Logan Gauthier	1-2	11	0	0		
RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD		
Tanner Hall	12	143	11.9	1		
Jerez Autridge	9	72	8.0	1		
Sol Havelka	4	26	6.5	2		
Brayden Truelson	2	5	2.5	1		
RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD		
Payton Beyer	4	95	23.8	2		
Matt Williams	6	55	9.2	0		
Connor Budach	2	34	17.0	0		
Carson Dekam	2	29	14.5	1		

Number five and counting



Outside the Lines

LEMAR NELSON

A new rival for the BP football team didn't seem to bother the Blossoms last Friday night, as the team dispatched Randolph with ease 62-15. Randolph is just in its third year of 11-man football, as they had been playing nine-man for a few years. The win didn't hurt the state

ranking for the locals at all, and a balanced offense and defense earned BP the victory.

The team moved to 5-0 for the season with a home game against Kenyon-Wanamingo next on the schedule. There is no doubt but that Coach Chad Gimbel has developed another powerhouse team, and the team has been able to mix the offense and defense quite well. They are a fun squad to watch, as they march through the season.

HOMECOMING MARK

I set a mark of which I am quite proud at this year's homecoming. For the first time in 61 straight years of attending the homecoming football game, I missed the one this year. When I moved here in 1957 and took a job as assistant football coach, I naturally attended the homecoming game. I continued attending long after I quit coaching and even after I retired from my teaching. Thus I was able to accumulate those years.

My reason for breaking my mark was simply one of poorer health making it difficult to get around with any ease at all. To say it was difficult to break my mark was an understatement, but nature has a way of dictating one's health, and that is the position with which I find myself. Sad, but true!

NEW ROYALTY

I want to add my congratulations to Gabe Hagen, Viridina Villarreal, and the rest of the 2019 royalty for their honors and for representing their school in an exemplary manner. As in the past few years, any of the candidates for homecoming King and Queen would have made good representatives of the school and its students. Well done, all.

The royalty marked just one aspect of a good homecoming week. As I have mentioned before, I continue to be impressed at the manner in which the students enter into the spirit of the week and are not shy about participating in the many activities that student leaders organize. It makes the entire gamut of things to do well worth the effort and promotes some precious memories.

The school staff always noted homecoming and spring prom as the most stressful occasions of the school year. Fortunately, no worries have been evident for those two events in the last few years. That is a testament to the present student body at the school. Well done to everyone involved.

FOUNDATION HONOREES

In my column last week, I congratulated the athletes who received Blossoms Forever awards. I would also like to congratulate the Distinguished Service award winners and the Educator of the Year. They have all made valuable contributions to society in their successful careers, and they are a tribute to their professions..

Although I was unable to attend the banquet this year, I understand that it proved a rousing success again. I am sorry that I missed it, as it remains one of my favorite events in the community and is a fitting way to honor deserving individuals.

OCTOBER ARRIVES

In case you didn't check your calendar, we just slid into October, the month of harvest, the village affair, and the annual lutefisk dinner at First Lutheran Church. I have mentioned often that I worked on my uncle's farm every summer after school was out while I went through high school. I participated in all the chores and work experiences of farm life.

But October took me back to school, and I missed one of the most laborious of farm experiences, when corn harvest came around. According to some older friends, I was lucky to avoid that. Evidently shocking corn bundles is not one of the easiest tasks on a farm.

I mentioned the lutefisk dinner, and there are still some 1,400 lovers of lye-soaked fish, and the day is still recognized by individuals from near and far. The number of diners dwindles some each year, as the lutefisk-eating population slowly dies out, but its popularity still reigns with many.

One other event that draws a big crowd to our community is the annual Village Affair, this year on Saturday, Oct. 26. That event brings people from all over the area eager to peruse and purchase items from any of over 70 vendors who have spent many hours creating and making a large array of homemade products. There really is something for everyone.

Yes, October really is the month of harvest, and farmers are hopeful that the weather will cooperate, and the harvest can be completed in good fashion. Continue to enjoy the fall, root for the Blossoms, and we'll talk again.

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A tough loss for Tigers



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Despite a tough, hard-hitting contest, the Medford Tigers dropped their Homecoming contest to Goodhue 14-7 Friday night. Medford led the game 7-6 at halftime and carried the lead throughout the second half until Goodhue scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Top: Medford's Willie Vonruden (7) and Jack Paulson (20) team up to pull down a Goodhue ball handler early in the game. Right: A Tiger ball handler tries to escape from a Goodhue player. The loss drops Medford's record to 3-2. The Tigers will take on Randolph Friday with a home game at 7 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY RONDA STALOCH
NRHEG's Kordell Schlaak (1) attempts to rush past a Le Sueur-Henderson defender by sticking his arm out to shield himself. Schlaak and Nick Staloch led the Panthers' rushing attack with 66 yards in 10 carries as they cruised to a 35-16 victory over L-H.

Back in win column for NRHEG

NRHEG got back into the win column with an easy victory over Le Sueur-Henderson 35-16 during a Homecoming match-up in New Richland Sept. 27.

The Panthers scored a pair of touchdowns in each of the first two quarters to take a 28-8 lead at halftime.

In the first quarter, Blake Ihrke piled in to score a touchdown on a 1-yard run and Ben Schoenrock kicked the extra point to give NRHEG a 7-0 lead. Near the end of the quarter, Ihrke tossed a 5-yard pass to Lonnie Wilson for another touchdown. Schoenrock kicked another extra point.

Le Sueur-Henderson got on the scoreboard in the second quarter with a touchdown and 2-point conversion to cut NRHEG's lead to 14-8. But the Panthers didn't sit back and let Le Sueur get any closer as they racked up two more touchdowns before half to take a 28-8 lead.

Both teams were scoreless in the third quarter before the Panthers struck again in the final quarter. Lonnie Wilson intercepted a Le Sueur pass for a touchdown to give NRHEG a 35-8 lead. Le Sueur added a final touchdown a few minutes later.

Ihrke led the Panthers' passing attack by connecting on 12 of 22 attempts for 159 yards.

Two Panthers split the honors for top rushing yards as Kordell Schlaak and Nick Staloch each had 66 yards.

In receiving, Lonnie Wilson piled up 113 yards in the game.

The victory improved NRHEG's record to 2-3. The Panthers travel to Mapleton Friday night to take on Maple River (3-2).

GAME SUMMARY

Panthers 35, Le Sueur-Henderson 16				
Le Sueur	0	8	0	8- 16
NRHEG	14	14	0	7- 35
PASSING				
Comp.-Att	Yds.	TD	Int.	
Blake Ihrke	12-22	159	1	0
Kordell Schlaak	1-1	-1	0	0



PHOTO COURTESY RONDA STALOCH
Quarterback Blake Ihrke (14) takes off down the field with a couple Le Sueur-Henderson defenders chasing him in Friday night's Homecoming game. The Panthers crushed L-H 35-16, improving their season record to 2-3.

RUSHING				
No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
Kordell Schlaak	10	66	6.6	0
Nick Staloch	10	66	6.6	0
Blake Ihrke	10	35	3.5	2
Lonnie Wilson	2	32	16	1
RECEIVING				
No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
Lonnie Wilson	7	113	16.1	1
Evan Reyna	4	35	8.8	0
Nick Staloch	1	7	7	0
DEFENSE				
Tackles	Sacks	Int		
Lonnie Wilson	0	0	2	
PUNTING				
Att	Yds.	Avg.		
Ben Schoenrock	5	130	26	

Panther girls beat BP and USC

BY LEMAR NELSON
SPORTS EDITOR

NRHEG won its second match of the week Thursday, Sept. 26, with a three-game sweep over USC. The Panthers took game one 25-20 and then defeated the Rebels 25-16 and 25-15 to earn match wins over BP and USC.

"It was great to get two wins in homecoming week," remarked Coach Onika Peterson. "The girls passed the ball well, and they were aggressive at the net."

Kendall Johnson and Sophie Stork both had 9 kills, and the two combined for 25 digs. Grace Tufte added a kill and 8 digs for the winning Panthers, which is now 7-8 overall.

HAYFIELD PREVAILS

It took four games, but Hayfield defeated the Awesome Blossom volleyball team on its home court Thursday, Sept. 26. The Vikings won game one 26-24 in overtime, but BP came back to take game two 25-21. Hayfield prevailed in game three 25-23 and then earned an easier 25-17 deciding game.

Micalyn Tirihus and Julia Worke had 15 and 12 kills; Tirihus had 3 blocks; Worke had 15 digs; and Maren Forystek contributed a big 24 digs. Maggie Bruns assisted on 14 kills, and Heather Pirkel matched Bruns with 14 assists.

NRHEG SQUEAKS BY BP

In a rivalry almost as old as the schools, the NRHEG volleyball team defeated BP on its home court Tuesday, Sept. 23. The very evenly matched teams took turns winning a game, and neither team could win a set by more than 4 points.

The Awesome Blossoms won the first game 25-21, but the Panthers tied the match with a similar 25-21 margin in game two. BP edged the home team 25-22 in the third game, but again NRHEG prevailed 25-21 in game four. The Panthers kept the momentum in the deciding game, winning 15-11.

Panther Coach Peterson probably said it best when she commented, "This was a great match with Blooming Prairie, as the Blossoms are always a tough match for us, and we usually go five games every match. I am extremely proud of our girls for their attitude and their determination in earning the victory."

The Panthers showed a well-balanced offense in this match, as five different girls had at least 7 kills each. Stork had 16 kills, Johnson 13 kills, and Eli Baker 12 kills to lead the way. Stork and Johnson also had 21 and 17 digs. Tufte piled up 50 assists in the match.

For the Blossoms, Tirihus had a big match, pounding down 24 kills. Julia Worke contributed 13 kills and 26 digs from all over the court, and Megan Oswald had 6 kills and 3 blocks. Pirkel had 24 assists and 18 digs, Bruns had 15 assists and 14 digs, and Forystek scrambled for 24 digs. Both teams look forward to return match on the Blossom court.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

A Section 1 Conference

	Conference	Overall
Blooming Prairie	5-0	5-0
Randolph	2-1	4-1
Rushford-Peterson	1-1	2-1
Goodhue	2-2	3-2
Fillmore Central	1-1	1-4
Hayfield	1-2	4-2
Wabasha-Kellogg	0-5	0-5

Big Southeast- Red Conference

	Conference	Overall
Owatonna	4-0	5-0
Mankato West	4-1	4-1
Century	3-1	4-1
Mayo	2-2	3-2
John Marshall	2-2	2-3
New Prague	0-4	1-4
Northfield-Arcadia	0-5	0-5

AA Section 2 Conference

	Conference	Overall
Blue Earth	2-0	5-1
Medford	1-0	3-2
St. Clair-Loyola	1-1	3-2
NRHEG	1-2	2-3
Le Sueur	1-2	1-4
Maple River	0-1	3-2
J-W-P	0-1	1-2
Norwood-YA	0-1	0-5

Football State Rankings

- Class A
- 1- BOLD
 - 2- Blooming Prairie
 - 3- Minneota
 - 4- Ada-Borup
 - 5- Springfield-Comfrey
 - 6- United South Central
 - 7- Mayer Lutheran
 - 8- Mahanomen/Waubun
 - 9- Dawson-Boyd
 - 10- Rushford-Peterson
- Class 2A
- 1- Caledonia
 - 2- Barnesville
 - 3- Paynesville
 - 4- St. Charles
 - 5- Chatfield
 - 6- North Community
 - 7- Triton
 - 16- Medford
- Class 5A
- 1- Owatonna
 - 2- Wayzata
 - 3- Lakeville North
 - 4- Caledonia
 - 5- Robbinsdale Armstrong



Here are the results from the first night of the second annual Chateau Speedway Autumn Extravaganza at Lansing on Sept. 27:

KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods
A Feature 1 (12 Laps): 1. 18J-Tyler Jonson-International Falls, [2]; 2. 28-Logan Brown-Clear Lake IA, [3]; 3. 15-Nathan Kilwine-Glenville, [1]; 4. 17-Anthony Kramer-Owatonna, [9]; 5. 81-Jerry Larson-Grand Rapids, [11]; 6. 1R-Bobby Ruehlw-Mason City IA, [4]; 7. 14-Micheal Bryant-Mason City IA, [7]; 8. 97-Davis Royle-Northfield, [13]; 9. 29-Scott Johnson-Owatonna, [8]; 10. 71-Matt Prehn-Mason City IA, [6]; 11. 25C-Chase Daniels-Carlisle IA, [16]; 12. 2C-Cole Bennerotte-Byron, [17]; 13. 48J-Justin Johnson-Baudette, [15]; 14. 25L-Lucas Daniels-Des Moines IA, [10]; 15. 22-Nick Hauge-Mason City IA, [19]; 16. (DNF) 4AL-Dane Olson-Littlefork, [5]; 17. (DNF) 25B-Bobby Daniels-Des Moines IA, [12]; 18. (DNF) 10-Justin Besch-International Falls, [14]; (DNS) 58-Devin Medes-Rochester,

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 14-Micheal Bryant, [3]; 2. 71-Matt Prehn, [4]; 3. 4AL-Dane Olson, [1]; 4. 25L-Lucas Daniels, [2]; 5. 97-Davis Royle, [5]; 6. 25C-Chase Daniels, [6]; 7. 58-Devin Medes, [7]

Heat 2 (6 Laps): 1. 15-Nathan Kilwine, [1]; 2. 18J-Tyler Jonson, [6]; 3. 1R-Bobby Ruehlw, [3]; 4. 81-Jerry Larson, [4]; 5. 10-Justin Besch, [5]; 6. 2C-Cole Bennerotte, [2]

Heat 3 (6 Laps): 1. 17-Anthony Kramer, [1]; 2. 29-Scott Johnson, [4]; 3. 28-Logan Brown, [5]; 4. 25B-Bobby Daniels, [2]; 5. 48J-Justin Johnson, [3]; 6. (DNF) 22-Nick Hauge, [6]

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 16-Jason VandeKamp-Scandia, [5]; 2. L1-Shane Howell-Buffalo, [2]; 3. 23-Mitch Weiss-Osceola, [8]; 4. 83K-Kylie Kath-Clairemont, [10]; 5. G12-Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, [7]; 6. 83-William Steinberg-Kasson, [1]; 7. 97X-Josh Schaefer-Eyota, [3]; 8. 1M-John Mattick-Rose Creek, [4]; 9. 53-Tianna Mithun-New Richland, [12]; 10. 12-Matt Dickey-Shakopee, [11]; 11. 98D-Christopher Deno-Kasson, [13]; 12. 97-Cory Asmussen-Waseca, [9]; 13. 39-Adam Martinson-Blaine, [14]; 14. 4-Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie, [16]; 15. 28S-Spencer Stock-Eyota, [17]; 16. 88-Jacob Toepper-Hugo, [18]; 17. 0K-Matt Kelley-Columbus, [20]; 18. 33-Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo, [6]; 19. 21-Mike Dickey-Bloomington, [15]; 20. (DNF) 79H-Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, [19]

B Feature 1 (12 Laps): 1. 28S-Spencer Stock, [2]; 2. 88-Jacob Toepper, [1]; 3. 79H-Luke Hainka, [4]; 4. 0K-Matt Kelley, [5]; 5. 63-Patrick Kelley-Columbus, [6]; 6. 14-Cole Kroneman-Zumbrota, [8]; 7. 23B-Britt Olson Jr-Waseca, [7]; 8. 15-Cole Neisius-Hastings, [3]; 9. 24-Liz Toepper-Hugo, [9]; (DNS) 36-Brandon Allen-Chaffield,

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 23-Mitch Weiss, [3]; 2. 83-William Steinberg, [1]; 3. 97-Cory Asmussen, [1]; 4. 98D-Christopher Deno, [7]; 5. 88-Jacob Toepper, [4]; 6. 0K-Matt Kelley, [6]; 7. 24-Liz Toepper, [3]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 16-Jason VandeKamp, [7]; 2. 97X-Don Schaefer, [2]; 3. 83K-Kylie Kath, [1]; 4. 39-Adam Martinson, [4]; 5. 28S-Spencer Stock, [6]; 6. 43-Patrick Kelley, [5]; 7. (DNF) 36-Brandon Allen, [3]

Heat 3 (8 Laps): 1. 1M-Josh Mattick, [6]; 2. 33-Darryl Hainka, [1]; 3. 12-Matt Dickey, [3]; 4. 21-Mike Dickey, [2]; 5. 15-Cole Neisius, [4]; 6. 23B-Britt Olson Jr, [5]

Heat 4 (8 Laps): 1. G12-Ryan Goergen, [1]; 2. L1-Shane Howell, [5]; 3. 53-Tianna Mithun, [2]; 4. 4-Brayten Cisneros, [6]; 5. 79H-Luke Hainka, [3]; 6. 14-Cole Kroneman, [4]

Power 96 Pure Stock
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 26-Brady Krohnberg-Walters, [5]; 2. 31-Jack Maas-Faribault, [1]; 3. 7-Mike Schnider-Cameron WI, [6]; 4. 1X-Brandon Allen-St Peter, [9]; 5. 17-Michael Wick-Faribault, [8]; 6. 7X-Andrew Eischens-Taopi, [4]; 7. 33-Tyler Peterson-Geneva, [2]; 8. 1-Troy Maas-Faribault, [12]; 9. 79T-Taylor Pearson-Burnsville, [14]; 10. 96-Kyndra Neis-Chaffield, [11]; 11. 11-Michael Gift-Faribault, [13]; 12. 5-Zack Wight-Winnebago, [7]; 13. 0-Brian Adams-Montgomery, [10]; 14. 17X-Trent Churchill-Faribault, [15]; 15. (DNF) 6C-Nick Carvelli-Maplewood, [3]; 16. (DNF) 21-Noah Lund-Waseca, [6]; (DNS) 13-G-Josh Sousa-Alden, [16]; (DNS) 13-Shawn Morris-Kilkenny,

Heat 1 (6 Laps): 1. 7-Mike Schnider, [1]; 2. 26-Brady Krohnberg, [5]; 3. 17-Michael Wick, [2]; 4. 33-Tyler Peterson, [3]; 5. 1X-Brandon Allen, [7]; 6. 96-Kyndra Neis, [9]; 7. 11-Michael Gift, [6]; 8. 17X-Trent Churchill, [8]; 9. (DNF) 13-Shawn Morris, [4]

Heat 2 (6 Laps): 1. 31-Jack Maas, [2]; 2. 7X-Andrew Eischens, [3]; 3. 6C-Nick Carvelli, [4]; 4. 5-Zack Wight, [6]; 5. 0-Brian Adams, [8]; 6. 1-Troy Maas, [7];

Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets
A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. 14-Justin Schelitzche-Cologne, [2]; 2. 63-Bailey Wolff-Janesville, [1]; 3. 2-Aaron Reimers-Prior Lake, [8]; 4. 16M-Matt Wieman-Owatonna, [7]; 5. 88-Matt Tighe-Austin, [4]; 6. 23-Marissa Wolff-Janesville, [6]; 7. 6-Timothy Barnett-Owatonna, [3]; 8. 16-Blake Jacobson-Burnsville, [11]; 9. 59-Zachary Furbur-Anandale, [9]; 10. (DNF) 4-Josh Winsky-Rochester, [10]; 11. (DNF) 89-Timothy Gores-Garden City, [5]

Heat 1 (5 Laps): 1. 2-Aaron Reimers, [5]; 2. 63-Bailey Wolff, [4]; 3. 89-Timothy Gores, [1]; 4. 6-Timothy Barnett, [2]; 5. 59-Zachary Furbur, [3]; 6. 16-Blake Jacobson, [6]

Heat 2 (5 Laps): 1. 16M-Matt Wieman, [2]; 2. 14-Justin Schelitzche, [5]; 3. 88-Matt Tighe, [4]; 4. 23-Marissa Wolff, [3]; 5. 4-Josh Winsky, [1]

Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stocks
A Feature 1 (18 Laps): 1. 19-Keith Tourville-Janesville, [6]; 2. 20-Andrew Hanson-Iron River WI, [8]; 3. 57X-Anthony (AJ) Zvorak-Blooming Prairie, [5]; 4. 15-Zach Elward-Hayfield, [7]; 5. 21-Jesse Stahl-Austin, [1]; 6. 46-Stacy Krohnberg-Walters, [3]; 7. 4-Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, [9]; 8. 32-Jason Newkirk-Austin, [2]; 9. 22-Ryan Jacobsen-LeRoy, [10]; 10. 47-Brent Holland-Glenville, [11]; 11. 39J-Dan Klingfus-Austin, [12]; 12. (DNF) 42-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [4]; (DNS) 241-Marcus Berndt-Austin,

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 19-Keith Tourville, [1]; 2. 57X-Anthony (AJ) Zvorak, [2]; 3. 32-Jason Newkirk, [4]; 4. 21-Jesse Stahl, [4]; 5. 4-Chris Hotovec, [3]; 6. 47-Brent Holland, [6]; (DNS) 241-Marcus Berndt,

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 15-Zach Elward, [2]; 2. 20-Andrew Hanson, [1]; 3. 42-Cody Hyatt, [4]; 4. 46-Stacy Krohnberg, [3]; 5. 22-Ryan Jacobsen, [5]; 6. 39J-Dan Klingfus, [6]

Action Builders USRA B-Mods
A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. 36K-Jayden Larson-Mankato, [3]; 2. 83K-Kobie Kath-Owatonna, [8]; 3. 99-Noah Grinstead-Austin, [9]; 4. 0-Jamie Anderson-Mason City IA, [1]; 5. 81K-Caleb Korpi-Clairemont, [5]; 6. 54-Jett Sorensen-Rochester, [6]; 7. (DNF) 93-Matt Ryan-New Market, [11]; 8. (DNF) 21-Cody Hyatt-Waseca, [4]; 9. (DNF) 73-Kenny Boge-Orchard IA, [7]; 10. (DNF) 40-Larry Scott-Northfield, [12]; 11. (DNF) 44-Matthew Brooks-Austin, [10]; 12. (DNF) 15-Todd Schaufenbuel-New Hampton IA, [2]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 99-Noah Grinstead, [5]; 2. 73-Kenny Boge, [4]; 3. 0-Jamie Anderson, [3]; 4. 83K-Kobie Kath, [6]; 5. 21-Cody Hyatt, [1]; 6. 93-Matt Ryan, [2]

Heat 2 (8 Laps): 1. 36K-Jayden Larson, [5]; 2. 54-Jett Sorensen, [1]; 3. 44-Matthew Brooks, [3]; 4. 15-Todd Schaufenbuel, [4]; 5. 81K-Caleb Korpi, [2]; 6. 40-Larry Scott, [6]

French's Repair USRA A Modifieds
A Feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. 24W-Brad Waits-Rochester, [2]; 2. 111JR-Keith Tourville-Janesville, [4]; 3. 71-Jason Cummins-New Richland, [10]; 4. 29H-Joe Horgdal-Kasson, [9]; 5. 4A-Joel Alberts-Mantorville, [8]; 6. 36K-Jayden Larson-Mankato, [6]; 7. 15-Scotty Anderson-Mason City IA, [5]; 8. 9-Ben Kraus-Britt IA, [14]; 9. 24-Charlie Steinberg-Kasson, [19]; 10. 00-Mark Gartner-Mapleton, [1]; 11. 77-Jacob Stark-Austin, [17]; 12. 72-Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie, [16]; 13. 96H-Taton Hansen-Spicer, [18]; 14. 1A-Dwaine Hanson-Lakefield, [15]; 15. 21-Troy Gudmonson-Savage, [12]; 16. (DNF) 3A-Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, [3]; 17. (DNF) 98-Kevin Stoa-Albert Lea, [7]; 18. (DNF) 96-Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, [20]; 19. (DNF) 23-Darwin Karau-Kasson, [13]; 20. (DNF) 15W-Alex Williamson-Rushford, [11]

Heat 1 (8 Laps): 1. 111JR-Keith Tourville, [1]; 2. 4A-Joel Alberts, [3]; 3. 3A-Taylor Ausrud, [2]; 4. 71-Jason Cummins, [6]; 5. 15-Scotty Anderson, [4]; 6. 15W-Alex Williamson, [8]; 7. 23-Darwin Karau, [7]; 8. 1A-Dwaine Hanson, [5]; 9. 77-Jacob Stark, [9]; 10. 96H-Taton Hansen, [10]

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Fall extravaganza ends Chateau's racing season



Matt Wieman of Owatonna shares a proud moment on Victory Lane after winning the Y Waste WISSOTA Hornet feature Saturday night at the Chateau in Lansing.

BY MATTHEW GRAGE
RACING CORRESPONDENT

The curtain came down on the 63rd anniversary season of racing at Chateau Speedway in Lansing Saturday Night.

The pits were filled with 114 cars to wrap up the second annual Chateau Speedway Autumn Extravaganza. Seven classes of cars filled the track for the final go around of the season for the night's purse as well as points toward the bonus purse for the top 10 in each class.

Saturday was the second of two nights of racing for the extravaganza. On Friday, 119 cars battled to accumulate points over the two nights of action. Winners of Friday's action included: Brady Krohnberg of Walters, WISSOTA Pure Stock class; Jayden Larson of Mankato, Action Builders USRA B Mods; Keith Tourville of Janesville, Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock; Jason VandeKamp of Scandia, WISSOTA Midwest Modified Division; Brad Waits of Rochester, USRA A Mods; Tyler Jonson of International Falls, KEVKO Outlaw Mini Mods and Justin Schelitzche of Cologne, Y Waste WISSOTA Hornets.

Drivers over the two nights were awarded points and the top drivers in each division were paid a bonus payout based on their results over the two nights. Drivers

needed to run both nights to qualify for the bonus payout. The were several features that ended with side by side action as the cars crossed the finish line making for fantastic finishes to talk about all off-season long as class by class the drivers finished their seasons.

During Saturday's action, the first class to close the book on its season was the Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stocks. Andrew Eischens of Taopi took the lead on the drop of the green coming off the front row of the main event for the class.

Next up was the Action Builders USRA B Mods who put on a wild show from start to finish. Jamie Anderson of Mason City held the early lead with Noah Grinstead of Austin and AJ Hoff of Mantorville going inside and outside on each other lap after lap challenging each other for the top spot. Grinstead ended up taking the lead for awhile on lap seven before Hoff was shown the leader after lap eleven. Hoff lead the final laps to secure his second feature win of the year at Chateau.

Keith Tourville of Janesville was the dominate car over the two nights in the Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock Class and looked like he was on his way to putting together back to back sweeps in the class until the final lap of Saturday's feature. After starting on the pole, he grabbed the early lead and

maintained it until the final lap. Braden Brauer of Eyota and Zach Elward of Hayfield were battling for the lead when Tourville suddenly slowed coming to the white flag. Brauer and Elward went by as Tourville got back up speed after slipping to third. Coming out of turn four to the checkers Zach and Braden came to the finish line side by side with Elward getting his 12th feature win of the year.

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds lined up for their feature 12 rows deep with 24 cars taking the green. Kylie Kath of Clairemont jumped out to a nice lead early, but as the laps wound down he had plenty of company. Christopher Deno of Kasson and Shane Howell of Buffalo made it a tight race to the finish. Kath won by a nose.

Keeping the theme of fantastic finishes going, the French's Repair USRA A Mod Main event came right down to the final turn. Joel Alberts of Mantorville jumped from the front row to the lead at the drop of the green with Jason Cummins of New Richland dropping in line behind him out of row two. A brief caution on lap six was the only hiccup in the 25 lap feature, which saw the two leaders side by side going into turn three on their way to the checkers. As they came up on a slower car, Alberts went to the bottom and Cummins to the top. The bottom proved the stronger line as

Alberts picked up his third feature win of the season.

The final race of the night, and of the season, featured yet another side by side finish at the checkers that was so close it left the second place guy thinking he won it. Another tight group of cars racing in the front of the field came down to a side by side dual coming to the checkers between Matt Wieman of Owatonna and Andy Knutson of Rochester. Wieman was credited with the win with both the naked eye and the electronic scoring both calling it the same way.

Next up for the track is the annual awards banquet on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Austin Eagles Club. Happy Hour will be at 5 p.m. with the meal at 6 p.m. followed by awards. The Track will be doing a "Toys For Tots" drive with everyone attending the banquet being encouraged to bring a toy for the collection effort.

The track owners, Mark and Annette Wytaske, offered up a thank you for all the fans and drivers throughout the season. "We would like to thank all the drivers and fans who have supported us since taking over Chateau Speedway last summer," they said. "It has truly been an exciting year and a half. And a lot of work, we have so many more plans for Improvements to the facility and appreciate your comments and encouragement as we continue to move forward."

BP runners post good times at cross country meet

BY LEMAR NELSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Both BP cross-country teams competed at the WEM/JWP Grizzly invitational meet Thursday, Sept. 26, although the girls had an incomplete team because of some illness.

Despite having an incomplete roster, a couple of girls, Abby Smith and Emily Anderson, were able to

post some good times. The boys' team also had some good times in the meet.

"Some good times were recorded on a very tough course," remarked Coach John Bruns. "Freshman Hosea Baker had a breakout run, finishing first for the Blossoms and sixth overall. Eighth grader Tyler Forystek also had his best run of the year on varsity and ran more than

a minute faster than he had all season."

For the boys, Baker timed a 19.39.9, Isaac Ille ran a 20.09.9, and Forystek came in with a 20.56.2. Ethan Grant ran the 5K course in 21.06.0, and Alex Miller rounded out the top five BP runners with a 21.4.09 time. Eight other runners competed for the BP boys.

Abby Smith ran the 5K course in 24.08 time, and

Emily Anderson timed a 26.19. Asia Lightizer timed a 27.32.2, and Rose Michaud rounded out the BP competitors with a 31.55 time.

The junior high boys had strong runs from Jack Bruns, Jaxon Harberts, and Bentley Miller. The junior high team placed first in the meet. The junior high girls also competed well, led by Gloria Hernandez, and they finished second.

WEM sweeps Blossoms in home match

BY LEMAR NELSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Volleyball woes continued for the Awesome Blossoms, as WEM had an easy three-game sweep on the BP court Thursday, Sept. 19.

The Bucs won game one 25-15 and then coasted to 25-9 and 25 scores in the last two games.

Micalyn Trihus had

6 kills and 2 blocks, and Julia worke contributed 4 kills, with 2 ace serves and 20 digs, Maggie Bruns had 6 assists and 5 digs, and Heather Pirk1 5 assists and 4 digs. Forystek led the team in digs with 11.

A-C OUTLASTS BP

In a match that was closely contested in just about every game, Alden-Conger outlasted the

Awesome Blossom volleyball team in a five-game match at Alden Monday, Sept 16.

Down two games to one, BP rebounded for a 25-23 fourth game win, but then fell short in the deciding game. The Blossoms won game one 25-22, but then lost games two and three 19-25 and 10-25. The 25-23 fourth game win gave the Blossoms some momen-

tum, but they could not carry that momentum through to a victory.

Trihus had a great game with 18 kills and 7 ace serves. Anna Kittelson added 9 kills and Julia Worke scrambled for 14 digs to go with 4 kills. Bruns set up 14 assists, with 8 digs, and Pirk1 contributed 15 assists and 7 digs. Forystek led the team in digs, with 23 from all over the court.



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Triton vs. P-E-M

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- Contest period: Sept. 11-Nov. 27
- How to win: Pick the team you think will win each game listed in the below advertisements. Write the team's name in the blank with corresponding number. Cut out and send or drop off at Steele County Times, P.O. Box 247, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 or Dodge County Independent, 121 W. Main St., Kasson, MN 55944. You may enter in person, mail or e-mail to bptimes@frontiernet.net or dcj@kmtel.com. Must be returned by 5 p.m. on Tuesday prior to games. (Note: the selected games are for the following week, not the current week.)
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NOTICE
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: June 10, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Craig S. Olson, un unmarried person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 30, 2008 as Document Number A000358263; as reformed by Court Order recorded on July 23, 2019 as Document Number A000424632 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 4 rods of the East 16 rods of the South 1/2 of Lot 18 in the North East 1/4 of section 16 in Township 107 North, of Range 20 West, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 716 OAK AVE S, 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: \$53,865.51
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Home Equity
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1145
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless

said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

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: July 31, 2019
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee
TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 26, 2020.

Dated: September 25, 2019
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee
TROTT LAW, P.C.

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NOTICE
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: October 14, 2011
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$173,487.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Vivian Mubarak and Jack Evanhoe, wife and husband
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 17, 2011 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17998 as Document Number T000067769 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: East 5 feet of Lot 13; and Lot 14; Block 2, Heers Addition No. 3, Owatonna, Minnesota.
Steele County, Minnesota.
REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 465 WILLOW CRK DR NE, 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: \$149,750.54
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-285-0214
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless

Dated: July 22, 2019
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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 March 24, 2020.

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: July 22, 2019
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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 5, 2020.

Dated: September 27, 2019
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee
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NOTICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No: 74-PR-19-643

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

Estate of: Decedent
Eugene F. Kaplan

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on Monday, October 28, 2019, at 2:45 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be will of the Decedent, dated March 7, 2006, and for the appointment of DeAnn Kaplan, whose address is 12509 SE 34th Avenue, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917, as personal representative of the Estate of Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal prop-

erty, and do all the necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Karen R. Duncan Judge 9/17/2019

Attorney for Personal Representative
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Jerry Wencil- Chairman
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Russian rulers (alt. sp.)
6. Swedish krona
9. Apothecaries' unit
13. MN 55121
14. Longer forearm bone
15. Prosperous state of well-being
16. Largest Czech city (alt. sp.)
17. Moss genus larger than Bryum
18. ___ Marie Presley
19. White native of Cape Province
21. Took the same position
22. About Sun
23. Respectful (abbr.)
24. Southeast
25. Rocket launching platform
28. Stake
29. Innermost parts
31. Bowfin genus
33. Past it's prime
36. Valleys on moon
38. Cheer
39. Abrupt response
41. Leave in disgrace
44. Israeli politician Abba
45. Of an ecological sere
46. Former Kansas Sen. Dole
48. Very fast airplane
49. Blood group
51. This moment
52. Body cavity
54. Patrician
56. Exposing to ridicule
60. Beowulf's people
61. Gooseberry genus
62. Ali ___ & the Forty Thieves
63. A French abbot
64. In a way, nailed
65. His equation predicted antimatter
66. Smaller quantity
67. Danish krone
68. Heartbeat
CLUES DOWN
1. Used for insect sterilization
2. Arabian coffee cup
3. Culture medium & a food gelling agent
4. Finger millets
5. Tin
6. More guileful
7. Tree gnarl
8. Force into place
9. Drawn
10. Sudden attack
11. Donkeys
12. George Gordon ___
14. Behaving in an artificial way
17. Moundbird
20. Orange-brown antelope
21. Flocks of mallards
23. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
25. Golf score
26. Friends (French)
27. Pickling herbs
29. In a way, dwelt
30. Pierces forcefully
32. Estranges
34. Shooting marble
35. Amounts of time
37. Register formally
40. Explosive
42. Kanza people, ___ Nation
43. Symbolize Shakti
47. Burdock seed vessel
49. Wild sheep of central Asia
50. Am. naturalist Charles Wm.
52. A fencing sword
53. Romanian city straddling the Cibin River
55. Small talks
56. Not well
57. Astronomer Sagan
58. Overgarments
59. Twist together
61. Radioactivity unit
65. Double play
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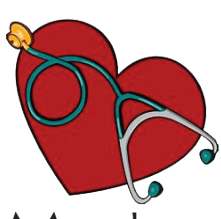
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The King and Queen of Blooming Prairie High School's 2019 Homecoming are Gabe Hagen and Viridiana Villarreal.



Gemini Johnson enjoys a little fun and laughter during the coronation ceremonies at the school.



Ansley Tollefson, 2, of Blooming Prairie, clutches a mini football while watching the Homecoming parade wind through the downtown and residential areas on Friday, Sept. 27.



The 2019 Blooming Prairie Blossom royal court poses for a portrait following ceremonies on Monday night, Sept. 23. Shown standing around King Gabe Hagen and Queen Viridiana Villarreal are, from left: MC Karson Vigeland, MC Adam Larson and candidates Jarrett Larson, Matthew Pryor, Zach Weber, Zach Archer, Maya Lembke, Gemini Johnson, Riauna Bishop and Baylee Sorensen.



Homecoming candidates Riauna Bishop and Matt Pryor wave to the crowd during last Friday's parade in downtown BP.



The streets of Blooming Prairie had a different look this past Homecoming Week as someone (who knows who) toilet papered some houses of Blossom football players.



Viridiana Villarreal was all smiles as she posed with her parents, Juan and Sanjuana Villarreal, following her coronation as Homecoming Queen of 2019.



The Blossoms of Blooming Prairie planned to resuscitate the Rockets of Randolph all week last week as part of Homecoming Week.



They played games at the Blooming Prairie Blossom Homecoming Pep Fest on Friday. Here, a blindfolded Gracie Rudlong attempts to put marshmallows in an ice cream cone held by Jillian Wigum.