

Students and community members join in song

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Blooming Prairie High School choir members recently had a unique opportunity to work together with community members. Choir Director Kari Bottin said that the experience is very beneficial for the students.

The school choir members, along with adult members of the First Lutheran Church Choir, are learning the song, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," and will sing it together during the March 14 choir concert. The concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie.

During the concert, the high school choir members and community members will sing side-by-side. "I decided to do this for a few reasons," explained Bottin. "I think it is great for the kids to see the

adults sing long after high school, so that they can see that singing can extend beyond high school choir."

In addition, the adult singers provide strong role models for the young singers. "It is great for the kids to have such great leaders to follow, and to hear the adults work through the same music that they do," said Bottin.

The song itself is also especially meaningful. "The piece we are singing, 'Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor,' is a song that many of the adults were familiar with," she said. "The words of the song are the poem, 'The Colossus,' which are the words etched into the side of the Statue of Liberty."

"It is a neat piece of music and is relevant even today as there are discussions going on about immigration in our country," Bottin said.



Staff photo by Laura Berndt

Members of the First Lutheran Church Choir and Blooming Prairie High School choir rehearse "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor." The group will sing together during a concert at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14 at First Lutheran Church.

Owatonna Adapted Floor Hockey is unstoppable

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

The Owatonna adapted floor hockey team won their ninth consecutive game of the season on Thurs. Feb. 18 at the Junior High School gym against the South Suburban Jets. The final score was 11 to 4.

With assistance from the other players, 10th grader Taylor Hagen scored three goals, 12th grader Alex Burns scored four goals and 10th grader Zach Sencer shot four goals.

This game brought their season to a solid 9-0 for the season.

Head coach John Scheil said that the team has a good chance to make it to state this year.

Their secret to success is simple: teamwork.

"It starts with teamwork, and it is about friendship and hard work, too," said Zach Sencer, before the game. "We never give up."

Alex Burns and Sencer agreed that their favorite part of playing floor hockey is being with their friends. The team consists of about 12 players between seventh and 12th grade.

As a senior, Burns is co-captain with fellow senior Elizabeth Crawford.

"I have to make sure that the team is doing what they are supposed to do," said

Burns about his responsibility as captain. "I like to tell everyone what stretches to do."

The team practices twice a week, and they start a whole month before the start of the season.

The gym boomed with encouraging cheers from the Husky fan section at the game. The floor hockey fan base is large and consists of family members, community members and fellow high school students.

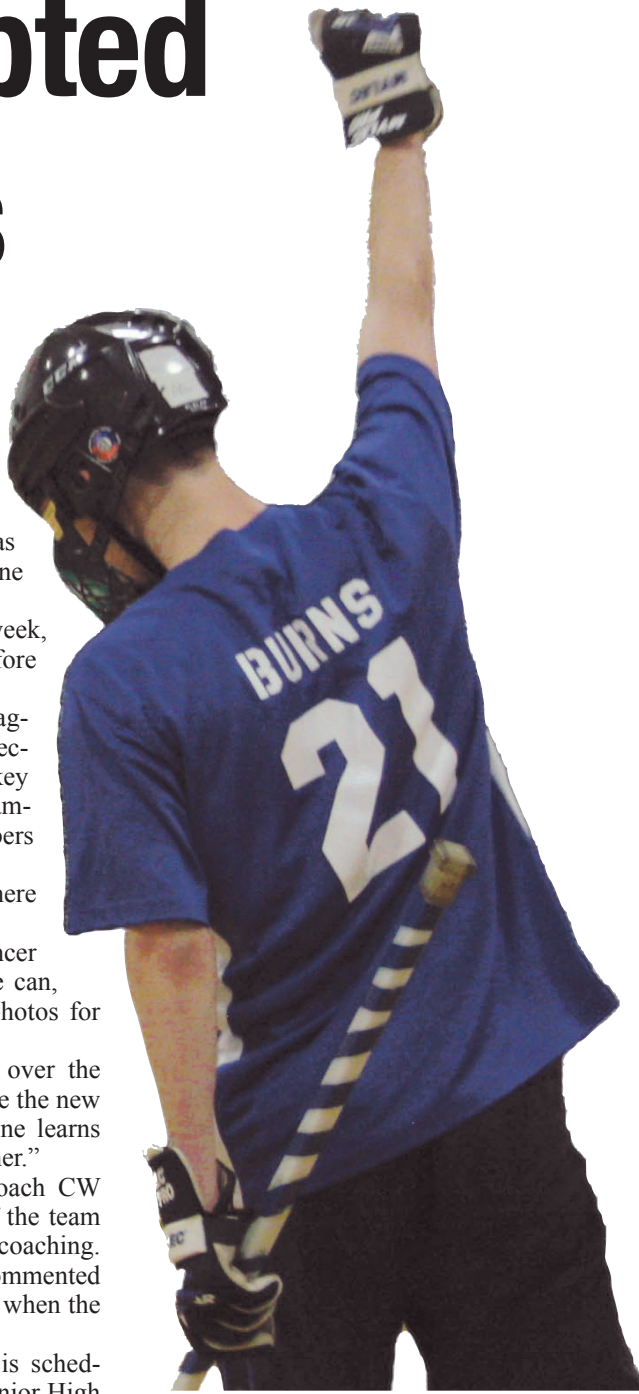
Feb. 18 was parent night, so there was extra spirit that evening.

Proud grandmother Joann Sencer comes to as many games as she can, and she likes to snap a lot of photos for memories while she is there.

"I love watching them grow over the years," said Joann. "It's fun to see the new ones get the hang of it. Everyone learns and gets better. They grow together."

Coach Scheil and assistant coach CW Wolfe agreed that the growth of the team is the most rewarding part of coaching. "I just like how they play," commented Wolfe. "They are so happy, even when the other team scores."

The team's next home game is scheduled for Thurs. Feb. 25, at the Junior High School at 4:30 p.m. They are playing Winona and hope to keep up their undefeated streak.



Staff photo by Anna Segner

Alex Burns (grade 12) celebrates his goal against the South Suburban Jets with a fist pump into the air.



Boozing driver creates family hardship

Crash reminds Fredricksens how precious life is

By SHANNON GRANHOLM
County Staff Writer

A horrific car wreck that happened in Dodge County over 10 years ago is still affecting the Fredricksen family. Even though the crash was not Adam Fredricksen's fault, he will forever be punished for it.

Adam, 30, amazingly was able to graduate with his Kasson-Mantorville class in 2004, despite not being able to return to school for four months due to his injuries from the crash.

The Crash

On Feb. 7, 2004 Adam's life changed in an instant. He and his then girlfriend, Tasha Sternberg, rented a movie from Kasson Dollar & Video and hopped into Adam's 1996 Monte Carlo to go to a friends house in Mantorville to watch the movie.

They were driving north on Highway 57 and when they got to the intersection right outside of the high school, Adam saw the car in front of him quickly swerve into the ditch. It was then that Adam saw a van driving in the wrong lane with no head-

'At the time I was taking a lot of things for granted. It has always been a good reminder of how precious life is.'

— Adam Fredricksen, seriously injured by a drunk driver

lights on going about 70 mph.

"I had enough time to see it and start turning my car to try to do the same thing and go into the ditch and the next thing I know there were people all around the car," Adam said. Since the car was starting to veer to the right, most of the impact was on Adam's side.

The driver of the other vehicle was Manuel Barajas Salinas, of Hayfield, had a blood alcohol limit of .23, approximately 2 ½ times over the legal

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Submitted photos

ABOVE: Here is a picture of Adam Fredricksen's car after an accident with a drunk driver in Kasson. LEFT: Adam Fredricksen, spent a while in the hospital, had to have numerous surgeries and three-months of bed rest in his home. Thankfully, he was still able to graduate from Kasson-Mantorville High School.



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Consequences for DWI offenses must be significant

The statistics are shocking! Alcohol has definitely been labeled as a leading contributing factor in crashes on Minnesota roads. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety reports that nearly one out of every four deaths on Minnesota roads is drunk driving related. It is also reported that one out of every seven licensed drivers in Minnesota has at least one DWI. In this fourth issue of February 2016, the Steele County Times continues its monthly series, “U Booze, U Drive, U Lose.” DCI News Editor Shannon Granholm profiles an individual forever living with injuries caused by a drunk driver. Last month, Roger and Joanne Sorenson of Blooming Prairie reflected on the loss of their 19-year-old daughter Kelly Jo 32 years ago at the hands of a drunk driver. Drunk drivers definitely impact communities, and it is hoped that an awareness will be created to continue a downward spiral of DWI arrests. Enforcement is a key and, during 32 years, laws have become stricter and statistics have also shown a decline in drunk driving-related fatalities. The 2014 Minnesota Motor Vehicle Impaired Driving Facts report has a year’s worth of data representing lives forever changed by impaired driving. The report shows drunk driving related fatalities have decreased by 25 percent in the past five years (2010-2014.) Yet, with 88 deaths caused by a drunk driver in 2014, there is much more work to be done, traffic safety officials claim. Statistics show that 361 persons died in traffic crashes in Minnesota and 88 (24 percent) were in crashes involving drunk drivers. Records show that 2,040 persons suffered injuries in alcohol-related crashes and 25,258 motorists were arrested for DWIs (an average of nearly 70 DWIs per day). In 2014, males accounted for 66 percent of the arrests and 39 percent of the offenders were people ages 20 to 29. The OTS annual report can be found on the Minnesota Impaired Driving Facts Page.

Other key findings in the 2014 report show:

- 10,354 (41 percent) of these violators had at least one prior DWI.
- 1,316 (5 percent) of the DWIs were issued to drivers less than 21 years of age.
- 75 percent of motorists arrested for DWI resulted in a criminal conviction for driving while impaired; this percentage will increase as outstanding cases are settled in courts.

Law enforcement and the courts have come a long ways in putting a bite on alcohol-related crashes and deaths. It is mind boggling to hear the Sorensons report that 32 years ago the Mower County Attorney was reluctant to press any charges related to their daughter’s death. It took a newly-elected county attorney two years later to take the matter to the courts and get some punishment, limited as it were. This newspaper, and many others, are also reporting DWI offenses and telling what the consequences are. For example, one offender was fined \$406 for DWI and was ordered to attend MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) impact panel and must serve one year of supervised probation. A DWI is a serious crime with serious consequences. It affects not only the offender but, oftentimes, innocent parties who are part of fatal and serious injury crashes. It affects lives of these people forever. If you’re arrested, it can lead to several thousand dollars in costs, factoring in court costs, lawyer fees and increased insurance premiums. Motorists can also lose their driver’s license for up to a year and face possible jail time.

Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges or face at least one year without a driver’s license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

In addition to accelerated enforcement programs initiated by law enforcement and with stricter court consequences, traffic safety officials encourage people to speak up and find a safe ride home for an impaired person. The Department of Public Safety recommends the following:

- Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, take a cab/public transportation or stay at the location of the party.
- Offer to be a designated driver or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.
- Report drunk driving. Call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location.



Catching a few Zzzzzz’s

“I love sleep. My life has a tendency to fall apart when I’m awake, you know?” Ernest Hemingway once said. It appears Hemingway wasn’t the only one who found value in sleep. Minnesotans also like to catch their Zzzzzz’s. And now we’re being labeled as some of the best sleepers in the country.

It’s time to give ourselves a pat on the back as Minnesota came in third place with sleep, only to be outdone by South Dakota and Colorado. The sleep study amongst adults shows South Dakota at 71.6 percent, Colorado 71.5 percent and Minnesota 70.8 percent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a study last week showing Minnesota loves to sleep. Most Minnesotans get enough sleep on a regular basis. In fact, we’re getting seven hours or more of sleep in a 24-hour period.

Sleep experts say we are beating the odds as a sleep-enriched state in a sleep-deprived country. The study found that a third of Americans don’t get enough sleep, which is associated with chronic illnesses like obesity, diabetes and poor mental health. Lack of sleep has long been a growing concern in our society. And what are the major obstacles to preventing us from getting the sleep we need? It’s caffeine, the increasing prevalence of 24/7 industries and those electronic devices that glow and light up the bedroom, according to experts. An investigation into the sleeping habits of Americans has revealed that just over half of the population is getting more than the recommended seven hours of sleep a night. Getting enough sleep certainly won’t solve all of our problems, but it’s proven to be an important component to a healthy lifestyle. Sleep is probably a good thing for us to learn how to master because we will spend nearly one-third of our life hitting the pillow. Ahh, I’m already yawning and yearning for my favorite sofa and pillow. Excuse me while I take a little catnap. Whew, that felt good. I hope you didn’t mind. Okay, back to writing the rest of this column.

HOT PURSUIT

RICK BUSSLER

submit resolutions and have the opportunity to become more involved as a delegate at the county, congressional district, state and national level. The Democratic Farmer Labor Caucus starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Owatonna Jr. High School, while the Republican Caucus starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Owatonna Senior High School. All respective Townships, Cities and Precinct residents are invited to attend one of these locations. Please take some time on Tuesday, March 1 to attend your county caucus and reaffirm your right as a United States Citizen.

*Philip Heim
Medford*

As long as we’re on the topic of sleep, some other research just came out showing many people should set their thermostat a few degrees lower in order to get a good night’s sleep. The new research shows light and time aren’t as important as temperature. The role of temperature has gotten increased attention after a study published last year found sleep may be more tightly regulated by temperature than by light. In addition, core body temperature, which floats around by a few degrees throughout the day, needs to drop to help initiate sleep. One thing I have been blessed with is that I never have trouble falling asleep. Once my head hits the pillow, it’s lights out and nobody’s home. In case you’re wondering, I sleep on my side and bury myself with a couple fluffy pillows. It seems to do the trick. I often kid around with my friends that sleep is overrated and tell them “why sleep, you can do that when you’re dead.” But on a serious note, this recent study shows just how important sleep is. Which brings me to conclusion of this week’s column. For me, it’s hot pursuit to bed to get my seven plus hours of sleep.

Mailbag

Have your voice heard: attend your caucus

On March 1, Minnesota will be one of 15 states and territories holding local caucuses that will help determine the presidential candidate of our two major political parties and what will be the general political course of our country in the next four years. Both the DFL and the GOP parties will hold presidential preference polls which will bind delegate support to a presidential candidate on a first ballot at the national convention. This is basic grassroots democracy in which you can

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Wreckage becomes anti-DWI teaching tool

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By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

The twisted up wreckage and shards of metal have become a powerful anti-DWI teaching tool.

The Fredricksen family donated the car their son, Adam, nearly died in to the Dodge County Sheriff's Office in an effort to educate others about what can happen after someone gets behind the wheel drunk. Since 2008, the sheriff's office has used the car for prevention and educational purposes.

For the Fredricksens, display-

ing the car is just another way they are reaching out to spread the message of not drinking and driving.

"We tried to make something that was such a negative impact on us and turn it around and make a positive impact on others," said Ross Fredricksen. "If you just touch a couple of them kids, it is worth it. If it made anyone think twice, it did its purpose," he added.

Adam's Monte Carlo has made its way all around the region at numerous schools, parades, county fairs and other community events. A display

board outlines details about the crash.

"It has made a lot of impact," said Mark Dyshaw, sheriff's deputy who coordinates the department's Toward Zero Deaths efforts. "It was a horrible crash and the car became crumpled up to the firewall."

Along with the message about drinking and driving, the crash car serves another purpose. It shows no matter how seat belts play an important role in surviving a horrific crash.

Dyshaw said, "Adam is a survivor because of seat belts and air bags. This tells people that

seat belts can save a life."

Deputy Dyshaw recalls a woman at the county fair a few years back who turned to her friend after seeing the car and said, "Oh Lord, I can't believe he survived the crash."

The Fredricksen crash car is nearing the end of its life, according to Dyshaw. He said it's simply getting worn out after being hauled around and displayed for so many years.

Dyshaw is hoping to land another mangled up vehicle from a Dodge County crash later this year to display and replace the Fredricksen car.

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limit. He was caught red handed as a bottle of Jack Daniels Whiskey was found in his lap.

This was not Salinas' first incident. In fact, Salinas pleaded guilty to a DWI in Dodge County in 2003 and in 2000 he pled guilty to consuming alcohol as a driver. He was also uninsured at the time of the crash.

But this is not about Salinas, but rather how Salinas has impacted a family's entire life by a bad decision he made.

The Aftermath

"When I woke up I looked over and she was covered in blood," Adam said of Tasha. "For me that is really the last thing I remembered probably for a couple weeks. I was out of it between all the surgeries and drugs."

Rescue personnel were able to get Tasha out of the car by opening up her door. She suffered a large laceration on her left forearm, which resulted in damage to her tendons.

Getting Adam out was much more difficult. It took over an hour to cut Adam out of the car. Due to the below-zero temperatures rescue personnel were having a hard time getting their equipment to work, which prolonged the process.

"The whole set up, the firemen and police, it was amazing to watch how they all came together," said Adam's mother, Mary.

Mary and her husband, Ross got a phone call almost immediately after the crash from one of Adam's friends who happened to be a few cars behind him when the accident happened.

The two got to the scene as fast as they could, which was challenging because traffic was stopped in both directions for many miles.

Once they got there they were not able to get too close to the scene, but Mary was reassured her son was alive as she could hear him yelling.

"He was just screaming in pain and I thought this is good he can feel," Mary said. "We could hear him yelling 'It wasn't me. It wasn't my fault.'" Mary says he must've been scared that Ross would be angry with him for getting in an accident.

Tasha was sent to the hospital in an ambulance and both Adam and Salinas had to be airlifted by Mayo I. Tasha was in the hospital for a few days and Adam spent 21 days in the hospital, 11 of which were spent in ICU.

Adam suffered a broken wrist, broken foot and ankle, broken kneecap, broken hip, lacerated liver and a punctured lung. One of his worst injuries was a compound dislocation in his foot, as his foot got twisted around the break petal.

"When they took me out of the car my foot was going the other way. The prognosis



Submitted photo
Adam Fredricksen stands in front of his wrecked 1996 Monte Carlo. The car is used by the Dodge County Sheriff's Office to educate others about the horrors of drunk driving.

was never very good," he said. Doctors were not sure if Adam would be able to keep his foot. If he did get to keep it, they were not sure if it would be functional, or if it was functional, how long it would hold up.

After numerous surgeries, rods and over three months of bed rest in his home, Adam was put back together again, but not completely.

Community Comes Together

The Fredricksens could not believe the sheer amount of support they got during Adam's recovery from friends, family and complete strangers.

"It was amazing, from our family's perspective, to see how community, friends and people come together," Adam said.

Since Adam was on bed rest and could not bear any weight on his legs transporting him to all of his medical appointments was very difficult. Ross recalled someone who gave them a medical van to use. In addition, numerous people made sure their home was heated, as they used

wood to heat their home.

One of Adam's friend's mother's also performed Adam's blood draws in his own home, rather than making him travel to Kasson or Rochester.

Mary and Ross also had the support from their employers (Mary at Mayo Clinic and Ross at IBM.) The two were able to adjust their schedules to half days so while one of them was working, the other was at home taking care of Adam.

The school was also very supportive and allowed Adam to finish up what he needed to get done from his home in order to graduate with his class.

Long-lasting impact

"For me it's a lot of good and a lot of bad. For the longest time it gave me a new lease on life. It was kind of an eye-opening experience," Adam said. "At the time I was taking a lot of things for granted. It has always been a good reminder of how precious

life is."

Adam added, "In a lot of ways it was one of the better things that ever happened to me. It gave me an appreciation for life that I think very few people get to have," he said. "At the same time I have been in a tremendous amount of pain on a regular basis more so than anybody knows."

All of this has taught Ross and Mary about their son. "He is incredibly strong and overall I think he kept a very positive spirit," Mary said. "He has always been mature for his age and I think he has matured faster maybe than he wanted." Ross added, "He persevered."

Dealing with anger

Although the family has had its fair share of anger over the subject, they are angrier at the system for failing them rather than at Salinas for the crime he committed.

Through the system, the family says, Salinas was able to not only repeat an offense he had committed before, but also drive uninsured and plea down to the most minimum of sentences.

"The system failed. We couldn't change what had happened, but we didn't want to see another family go through this," Ross said.

The thing that bothers Adam the most is that all of this was of no doing of his own and the fact that Salinas had no remorse for what he did.

"I didn't do anything wrong. All of this is because somebody made the decision once upon a time to drink and drive. His decision that night not only hurt us back then, but I am being punished for it forever," Adam said. "I had to sit in a court room and go through all this to find out

that, in my opinion, the system let him walk away with a slap on the wrist."

The family's advice to other families who may have to deal with this situation in the future is to not focus on the anger, but rather getting their loved one back to as normal life as possible.

"Back then I don't feel like I was very mad, and if I was, I think I would've been focusing on that side of it," Adam said. "If all you can think about is the bad, the hate and the anger you don't have the ability to heal and move forward and it becomes even worse than it has to."

The family added, to accept the help when it is offered and be there to support one another.

Today and the future

Today, Adam lives in Rochester and has been an IT project manager at BrokerBin for the last five years. Although you can't tell from looking at him, Adam still feels a significant amount of pain in his foot.

Adam faces another surgery in the future. Doctors have told him to postpone the surgery as long as he can and that there are two potential options.

"I've been told to go as long as I can until the pain is too much. When it is holding me back from doing regular day-to-day activities, which it doesn't right now it is just annoying," he said.

One of his options would be to have his ankle fused, meaning they will position his foot into a place where he can walk on it and do a few other things, but all the bones will be fused together and his foot will never move again.

Another option would be an ankle replacement, however, those are typically not successful unless the person is elderly and not very active. Ankle replacements are also meant to be used on a short-term basis, rather than long-term.

This whole experience, as well as many others the family has dealt with, serves as constant reminder to be thankful for each day and just how precious life really is.

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Guillermo Memo Dominguez, 68, Blooming Prairie

Guillermo Memo Dominguez, age 68, of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota died Friday, Feb. 12, 2016, at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, Minnesota.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1948 in Robstown, Texas, the son of Juan Dominguez, Sr. and Adela – Ochoa Dominguez. He grew up in Texas and lived in Minnesota and Texas before settling in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota in 1990. He married Thressa Castillo in 1967 in Faribault, Minnesota. He worked for Quality Pork Producers for many years,

and later at Southern Minnesota Sales. Thressa died in 1990. He was a member of St. Columbanus Catholic Church. Guillermo enjoyed going fishing, sitting around a campfire and playing his guitar.

Survivors include his daughter, Nancy (Richard) Gonzales of Blooming Prairie; two sons, Mario (Sylvia) Dominguez of Plainview, Texas and Richard Dominguez of Blooming Prairie; thirteen grandchildren; ten



great-grandchildren; sisters, Guadalupe Garcia of Dinuba, California, Maria (Reqino) Ortega of Dodge Center, Delfa (Jose Angel) Padilla of Austin, Adela Deluna of Bricelyn and Gloria (Robert) Salinas of Blooming Prairie and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Thressa; brother, Juan Dominguez, Jr. and a niece, Marlana Pineda Grant.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19,

2016, at St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie with Father Tom Niehaus officiating. Interment followed the service at the Blooming Prairie City Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Worlein – Blooming Prairie Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Memorials are preferred to the family.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

June F. Trom, 88, Blooming Prairie

June F. Trom, age 88, of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016, at the Owatonna Hospital.

June Frances Underwood was born June 25, 1927, in Freeborn County, Minnesota, the daughter of Eli and Elizabeth (Wencl) Underwood. As a lifelong resident of Blooming Prairie, she attended school in Claremont and graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1944.

On July 11, 1946, June and Richard M. Trom were united in marriage. Together they raised 10 children on the family farm. Richard passed away in April of 2000.

Before starting her family June played accordion in a band called the Golden Aces, and also played the piano and organ. She was a talented homemaker, shar-

ing her gifts of baking, cooking, sewing and music with her family and friends. She was a two-time Pillsbury Bake-Off winner. She also worked outside of the home at Prairie Manor Nursing Home where she received loving care in her final years. June had an incredible faith and she will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her sons Gary (Stormy) Trom, Douglas (Lawayn) Trom, and Terry (Ana) Trom, all of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, her daughters Constance (John) Holck of Lansing, Michigan, Vicki Tischler of Eagle Lake, Minnesota, Debra Sands of Mandeville, Louisiana, Diane (Wayne) Jensen of Ellendale, Minnesota, Susan



(Michael) Matthies of Rochester, Minnesota, Jodi (David) Cochlin of Owatonna, Minnesota, and Darla (Dominique) Wondra, also of Owatonna; 30 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; her sister Lois (Ken) Winzenburg of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, sisters-in-law Jeanette Underwood and Darlene Schmidt, both of Owatonna, Minnesota, brothers-in-law Eugene (Mary) Trom and Lowell (Evelyn) Trom, both of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, and Kenneth (Gloria) Trom of Austin, Minnesota; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Eli and Elizabeth Underwood, her husband Richard Trom, and her brother Ron-

ald Underwood.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie with Father Tom Niehaus officiating. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Interment was in St. Columbanus Cemetery.

Memorials can be directed to St. Columbanus Catholic Church, Prairie Manor Care Center, or recipient of donor's choice. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Virginia Busho, 90, Ellendale

Virginia Busho, age 90, of Ellendale passed away on Thursday, Feb. 18, at Homestead Hospice House in Owatonna from complications of congestive heart failure.

She was born on Oct. 7, 1925, in Medford to Albert and Rose Webb. She married her high school sweetheart, Robert, and they were married for 62 years. Virginia worked at the Owatonna Canning Company, Pete and Rube's Market and

ended her career as Ellendale Post Master. She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, her local church and loved baking and handiwork, especially crocheting and sewing.

Virginia is survived by daughter-in-law Mary Busho of Nisswa and her son Brad and Kori Busho and their children Kelsi and Kole. Daughter Emily and Larry Otto



of Ellendale, and their children Bethany Mike-sell and her children Kiyah and Hope, and Josh Otto and Kristin Castle and their children Peyton, Kaydence, Avery, Kyah and Kenley. Daughter, Pam Wachholz and her daughter Bailey of Nisswa. Sister-in-law, Arlene Busho of Ellendale and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, husband, Robert, son, Vern Busho and son-in-law, Duane Wachholz. Sister, Barbara and Joyce Verplank. Sister, Sharon Solem. Brother-in-law, Waylen and sister-in-law, Judi.

A memorial service will be held at Ellendale United Methodist Church on Feb. 27, 2016. The service will be at 2 p.m. with visitation at 1 p.m. Luncheon will follow the service.

Donna Jean Budig, 78, Owatonna

Donna Jean Budig, 78, of Owatonna, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Donna was born April 29, 1937, in Leaf River Township, Wadena County, Minnesota, the daughter of Albert and Lorraine (Kautz) Stuewer. She was a 1955 graduate of Wadena High School. Donna married Herbert Budig on June 7, 1956, in Wadena, Minnesota. They resided in Wadena, Minnesota, Marshall, Minnesota, and moved to Owatonna in 1964. Donna worked at the Savings and Loan in Wadena, the State School in Owatonna, as a receptionist for Dr. Burnett Dentistry, Little Professor Book Store in Owatonna, along with other various businesses.

Donna adored her grandchil-

dren and loved hosting family get-togethers. She had a passion for bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs. She was a very talented seamstress and quilter. Her quilting earned her many ribbons at the Steele County Free Fair. Donna also enjoyed reading, flower gardening, home decorating and traveling. She was very community-focused and followed high school sports throughout Minnesota. Donna was a member of the Elks.

She is survived by her three children, Kevin (Kathy) Budig of Northfield, Susan Budig (Tom Reimler) of St. Louis Park, and Michelle Budig (Peter Landstrom) of Amherst, MA; son-in-law, Daniel Hartle of Overland Park, Kansas; 10



grandchildren, Nathaniel Budig, Nikolaus Budig, Samuel Hartle, Heidi Hartle, Jennifer Ankeny, Sarah Budig, Karen Budig, Joseph Reimler, Carl Reimler, and Louise Landstrom; one great grandson, Zachary Ingersoll-Day; brother, Darold (Barb) Stuewer of Elbow Lake; sister, Peggy (John) Kuchenbecker of Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Ruth (Dennis) Boehland of Buffalo; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by

her parents; husband, Herbert Budig; and daughter, Jacqueline Budig-Hartle.

Visitation will be at Michaelson Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Michaelson Funeral Home, Owatonna, with The Reverend Sandy Miller officiating. Interment will be in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Memorials are preferred to Homestead Hospice House or Planned Parenthood.

Milestones

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
Feb. 23
Jenny Winn
Adella Swenson
Meghan Amberg
Lori Arndt
Caysa Salinas
Feb. 24
Leigh Nielsen Slowinski
Joe Wacek, Jr.
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Nathan Lindeman
Feb. 25
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Muriel Thompson, Sr.
Feb. 26
Kari Bottin
Betty Behnken
Rose Kinny

Per Kvalsten
Feb. 27
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Feb. 28
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Feb. 25: Taco casserole, Spanish rice, lettuce salad, Mexican corn, chocolate cherry bar
Feb. 26: Potato crusted Pollock, seasoned potatoes, cauliflower/pea blend, raisin rice pudding
Feb. 29: Tator tot hot dish, tossed salad, pickle spear, batter bun, PA/pear/peach cup
March 1: Chicken breast/sauce, wild rice pilaf, spinach w/vinegar, Waldorf salad, pudding
March 2: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, batter bun, fresh fruit

Education news

Local student makes Dean's List

Kara Kubista, of Blooming Prairie, made the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. She is the daughter of Joel and Lisa Kubista.

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Area Church Spotlight



United Methodist Church Ellendale

Pastor's corner

What does it mean to be righteous?

Isn't it funny how we can hear a word and it will bring to mind all sorts of connotations – most of which have nothing to do with the word itself?

In the realm of religion, one of those words is “righteousness.” For many of us, I suspect that we begin to think of the “self-righteous” when we hear that word. Of course, one need not be self-righteous to be righteous.

In fact, for the Scriptures to be righteous in the sight of God is not about being self-righteous at all. The prophets, the psalms and the gospels define righteousness as a willingness to care for those who are most vulnerable in our midst, which was characterized in ancient Israel as orphans, widows, resident aliens and the poor.

In her book, “Amazing Grace: A

Vocabulary of Faith,” Katherine Norris illustrates this with the famous story of John Newton, who wrote the hymn “Amazing Grace.” Newton was a slave trader who was attracted to Christianity. One day, as his ship was making its passage across the ocean from Africa, he was reading a sermon of John Wesley. As he read, he realized the evil of what he had been doing. He ordered his ship to turn around and return to Africa where he set his human cargo free. That incident lay behind his beautiful verse: “’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.” In that moment of conversion, he grasped the beauty of righteousness and became righteous himself.

Many Church communities observe these weeks as the Lenten Season. We are about the work of conversion – a word that denotes a turning around, a changing of perspective and direction. We reflect on those areas of our life where we see an inconsistency with God's will for us. We trust in God's offer of forgiveness and the grace to live a more holy life. We look into our hearts and seek to honestly assess what we have done and what we have failed to do so that we might be truly righteous which means, at its Hebrew root, “one whose aim is true.”

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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girl scouts

History of Girl Scout Cookies

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Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3.2 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago.

In fact, more than 59 million women in the U.S. today are Girl Scout alumnae. We invite you to learn about our robust organization and its rich history. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues, to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness—Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.



Five years after Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouting in the U.S., troops began baking and selling cookies. Five members of the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Okla., sold the first cookies in a school cafeteria.

1930s

Greater Philadelphia became the first council to sell commercially baked cookies. A year later, the Girl Scout Federation of Greater New York began using a die in the shape of a trefoil and using the words "Girl Scout Cookies" on the box. In 1937, more than 125 Girl Scout councils reported holding cookie sales.

1950s

With suburbs developing throughout the country, Girl Scouts started selling cookies at tables in shopping malls.

1960s

Baby boomers expanded Girl Scout membership and cookie sale volume increased significantly. Girl Scout Cookie boxes came in printed aluminum foil or cellophane to preserve freshness.

1990s

The national organization introduced official age-appropriate awards for Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts for participating in cookie activities, including an annual Girl Scout Cookie Activity Pin.

2000s

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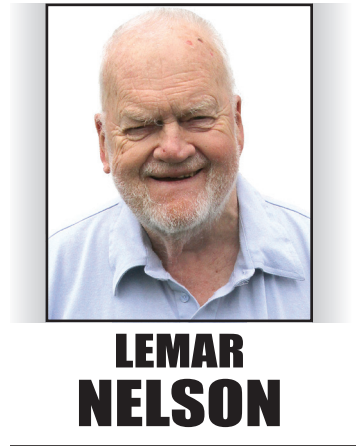
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OUTSIDE THE LINES



Boys end season in sub-section

Turnovers, which have been a bugaboo for the Awesome Blossom boys for much of the season, came into play again at Southland last Thursday, and it resulted in a quarterfinal loss to the Rebels. The turnovers and some untimely charging calls hurt he locals' chances for a victory, and the loss sent the team to the sidelines for the season.

I thought that the boys gave it a best effort, and it was a little unfortunate that they couldn't have followed up their dominating performance in the win earlier in the week over Christian Life Academy. That was probably the best team basketball the boys have played all season.

The passing was crisp, the shooting more than adequate and the defense stifling against the visiting Hawks. The three seniors on the team (Anthony Nelson, Dawson Heuer and Mitchell Jones) will be dearly missed. Nelson finished his great high school career as another Blossom to score over 1,000 career points. Congratulations and good luck to those seniors, as they certainly played an important role in the success of this year's team.

It certainly wasn't by design, but the Blossom girls finished their regular season against three of the toughest opponents in the entire schedule. They lost three straight games to a very good Hayfield team, a Byron team ranked in the state and led by a 6' 5" dominant post player; and a home loss to Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (W-E-M) which went through the conference this season undefeated.

I still maintain that the team more than met expectations, after losing two of the most dominant girls who ever played for the BPHS team. To compile a winning record, despite not having a great deal of experience to draw from, was quite an accomplishment. The girls still have at least one game left when they open sub-section tournament play at home on Thursday. The third-seeded Blossoms will entertain sixth seed Southland in a 7 p.m. contest. Good luck to them.

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OWATONNA GYMNASTICS

Owatonna competes at State



The Owatonna High School Gymnastics team competed at the 2016 Class AA State Girls Gymnastics Meet on Friday, Feb. 19. The team's overall score was 146.125. Above is the Owatonna High School Gymnastics team. From left to right in the front row are Becca Olsen, Emily An, Olivia Svenby, Beth Wilker and Allie Keller. In the second row are Ali An, Natalie Cumpean, Taitlynn Jensen, Macy Hanson, Ana Wilker and Lindsay Bangs. In the third row are Erica Svenby, (manager Sam Fredin) Sydney Kretlow, Ali Golberg and Morgan Welker. And in the fourth row, are head coach Tom Smith, Heidi Lundberg, Kyla Robertson, Grace Pick, Steph Kretlow and assistant coach Sara Routh. Read more in next week's edition.

A tough final for BP girls

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

It certainly wasn't part of the plan, but the Blooming Prairie girls basketball team wound up its regular season with three of the toughest opponents on the whole schedule.

After losing to a strong Hayfield team on Monday, Feb.15, by a 65-49 score, the team traveled to state-ranked Byron, Tuesday, Feb. 16, and lost to the Bears, 57-32. The Awesome Blossoms finished the week and the regular schedule with a home contest against conference champion Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

Byron dominates BP

The Blossoms had no answer for 6' 5" Ayoka Lee, who scored 30 points on a torrid 14-for-16 shooting. Byron shot 45 percent for the game (21 of 46) to just 23 percent (13 of 55) for the locals, and the hosts held the Blossoms to just nine points in the first half for a 36-9 lead at the break.

As Coach John Bruns remarked, "We lost another tough road game to a very solid opponent. We struggled to stop Lee, who was a real force on the inside. We played a better second half, but we could never get back in to the game."

Kalyn Naatz and Hannah Ahrens each had six points, and

BP GIRLS BASKETBALL

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SECTION 2A WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Blooming Prairie wrestling places seven at section

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

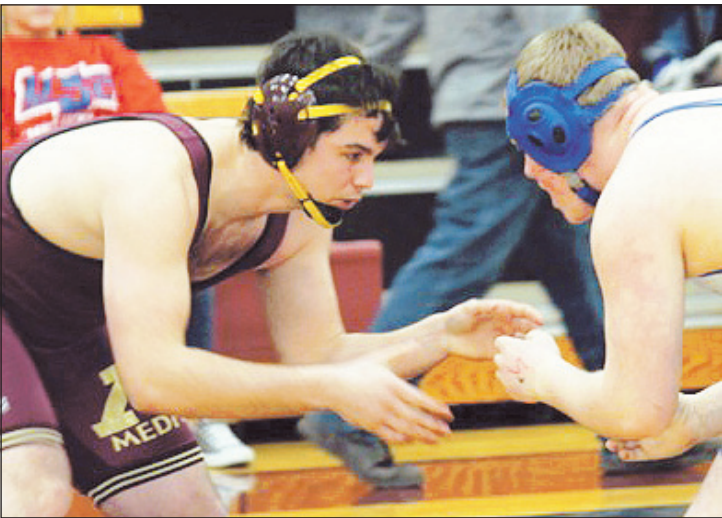
No details on individual bouts were available at press time, but Awesome Blossom wrestlers had seven of the mat men place at the Section 2A tournament at Blue Earth area Saturday, Feb. 20. Blooming Prairie (BP) had two thirds, two fourths, a fifth, a sixth and an eighth place.

Both Jon Hansen and Seth Peterson earned third place in the meet, and third-seeded Ethan Arett dropped to fourth place in the tournament. Colton Krell wrestled back after a first round upset to claim fifth place, Riley Olson finished sixth and newcomer Brad Staska got the other points for the Blossoms with an eighth place.

It was interesting to note that Jon Hansen and Riley Olson were the only seniors on the BP wrestling team. Mitchell Oswald, Brad Staska and Ethan Arett were all sophomores, Seth Peterson was a ninth grader and Colton Krell wrestled as an eighth grader. That should bode well for next year, if a few more student athletes decide to join the team.



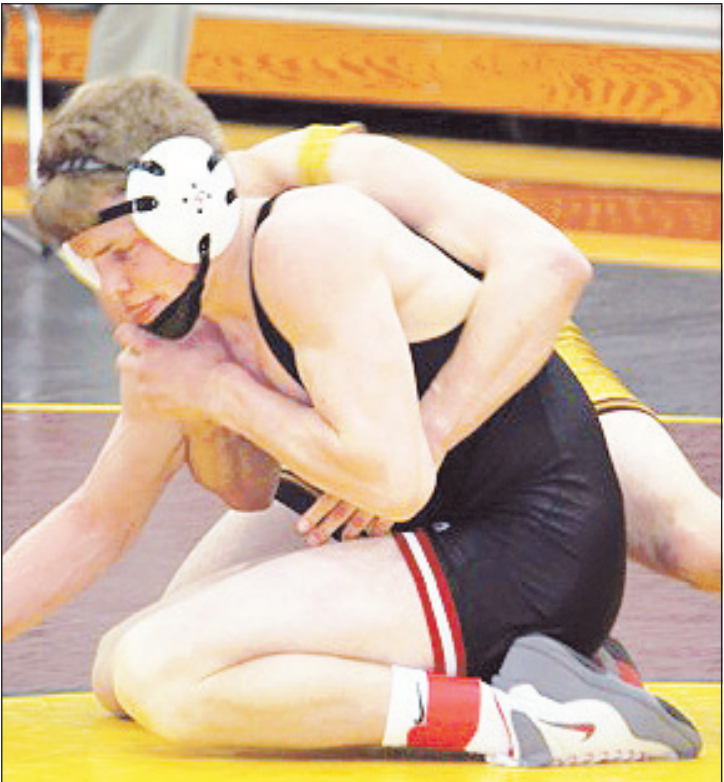
Blooming Prairie's Jon Hanson faces Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial's Avery Northquest during Saturday's tournament.



Medford's Nick Meixner wrestles Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial's Jeremiah Hartman.



New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva's Palmer Peterson (bottom) musters all his strength as he wrestles with Blooming Prairie's Colton Krell.



New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva's Cole Staloch takes on Blue Earth Area's Camden Bowers.

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Wrestling for the win



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New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva’s Bryce Oakland wrestles against Blue Earth’s Rylee Mcquire during the Section 2A wrestling tournament, held this past weekend.

BP junior high round-up

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

C team wins a pair

Two more wins were chalked up for the Blooming Prairie C basketball team when it defeated Bethlehem Academy at home on Monday, Feb. 8, after taking down Maple River at Mapleton on Friday, Feb. 5.

BP outlasted B. A. by 10 points, 48-38, after winning a 35-27 battle over the Eagles. The Blossoms took a 24-17 lead over the Cardinals at the half in a high-scoring contest and added another 24 points in the second half for the win. Kaden Thomas and Gabe Hagen each counted 15 points in the game, and Trent Swenson chipped in nine.

Against Maple River, the locals took a commanding 23-12 edge at the half, and then watched the Eagles outscore BP 15-12 in the last half. Hagen scored 12 points in this game, and Thomas added 10. Six of the 10 Blossoms scored at least two points in this contest.

Coach Andrew Hardecopf’s 10-man squad finished the season with a very commendable 20-3 record, including a five-game sweep at a Hayfield Invitational tournament.

“This was a great season,” remarked Coach Hardecopf. “The guys got better with each game, and everyone contributed to the success. The boys worked really hard, and it showed in the record.”

Team members included Trent Swenson, Will Cardenas, Ian Wayne, Gabe Hagen, Cory Wagaman, Kaden Thomas Tim Wolf, Colton Ivers, Ryan Pena and Austin Behne.

Eighth grade ends 16-1 season

Coach Erik Vigeland’s eighth-grade team ended its season with a 16-1 record, when it won the final game over Lyle-Pacelli, 49-27. BP took a 27-6 lead at the half and used 27 points from Zach Weber to win easily. The team finished the conference season with a 10-1 record.

The only loss for the Blossoms in the conference was a 34-22 defeat by WEM in the second game of the season. The team avenged that loss later in the season with a 46-40 victory over the Bucs. The team beat United South Central team twice, the first time in a prolific 51-44 score.

Another big win came in a close 44-41 victory over Byron. Other big wins for the locals came with easy victories over both Austin and Albert Lea. The team averaged 46.5 points per game, while holding the opposition to just 25.8 points.

Team members included Zach Archer, Alex Baldwin, Isaac Ille, Slava Kritzer, Jarrett Larson, Andrew Martinez, Matthew Pryor, Karson Vigeland and Zach Weber.

Girls finish strong

With an overall 24-9 record the junior high girls ended the season on a high note, with both the seventh and eighth-grade teams defeating Lyle-Pacelli Thursday, Feb. 11, on the home floor. The seventh-grade romped over the Athletics 46-7, and the eighth-grade won easily 42-21.

As Coach Emily Henslin remarked after the seventh-grade win, “The girls played excellent team basketball and also shut LP down with just two second half points.” Megan Oswald and Maggie Bruns had 12 and 10 points to lead the scoring, but Ashleigh Alwes and Taylor Wurst had eight and seven points also.

Great communication on both offense and defense paved the way for the victory. By the end of the two games, every player on the two teams had scored points. Megan Oswald led the scoring for the eighth-grade with 14 points.

The team had a stretch of games in January in which it won eight straight games, and it had big wins over Triton and Lyle-Pacelli in the final season games. They began the season with a home tourney win and Henslin was impressed all year with the sportsmanship, hustle and attitude of the individual girls.

This season has been special,” concluded Henslin. “The girls were respectful and coachable and were motivated every day to get better. I am excited to follow these girls on the next level of basketball.”

Rebels put down Blooming Prairie boys

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

A good defensive game went to Southland 52-45 and sent the Blooming Prairie boys basketball team to the sidelines for good Thursday, Feb. 18, at Adams.

The sub-section quarterfinal contest saw the Blossoms lead at the half 26-20, but the Rebels came out in the second half to capture most possessions, get stops on defense and beat the locals off the boards to take the game over.

Coach Nathan Piller thought that his team came out focused. “We played extremely hard to take the halftime lead, but the Rebels began the second half really controlling the game. We also finished the game with 23 turnovers, which is way too many, if we expect to win the game.”

Both teams shot the ball well, with BP making 18-of-43 of its attempts showing 41percent for the contest. Anthony Nelson led the offense with 14 points, including 6-of-7 from the free throw stripe. Jared Landherr and Josh Anderson had 14 and 12 points for Southland. Marten Morem and Dawson Heuer both chipped in nine points, and Jake Ressler and Mitchell Jones pulled down seven and six rebounds for the Awesome Blossoms.

The turnovers and three charging penalties contributed greatly to the second half woes for the Blossoms.

“I thought both teams invested good effort in the game,” concluded Piller. “It is difficult to see the season end, but, in reality, every team but one finishes the season with a loss. There is a lot to like that these athletes are willing to take risks, to compete, and to work together to better themselves and the team. That is the value of athletic competition.”

Boys trounce Hawks

A fast start and great offensive execution made a 75-36 victory over Christian Life Academy an exercise in easy baskets. The sub-section victory over the Hawks found all 12 Blossom players score at least two points, and that happened even before halftime.

As Piller commented, “We really wanted to come out early in the game, and we did that with good defense which led to many easy baskets. We went up by 30 points with seven minutes left in the first half, and that gave us a chance t get everyone into the game. It was a good confidence builder for us,



Staff photo by Laura Berndt
Max Romeo prepares approaches the basket during Tuesday night’s win against Christian Life Academy. Also pictured are Marten Morem (left) and Anthony Nelson (right.)

and, if we could play that way all the time, we would be tough to beat.”

BP led 29-9 with just seven minutes gone, as the locals ran to a 55-15 margin at the break. Crisp passing and excellent sharing of the ball accounted for the offensive barrage. Defense also helped with many inter-

cepted passes leading to layup baskets. The team shot 53 percent for the game and cleaned the boards for 30 rebounds.

Morem led the balanced attack with 15 points, and Ressler and Nelson chipped in 12 and 11. Nelson handed out six assists and had eight steals. BP had just 10 turnovers in the game.

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3. Amy Simon

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HIGH SERIES INDIVIDUAL
1. Carol Heimerman
2. Amy Simon

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A good man gone

Last week, fellow reporter Howard Lestrud paid tribute to retiring managing editor Alan Van Ormer for his three years of service and his guidance of the paper staff at the Steele County Times. It was well said, and well deserved, but it made my comments this week even more difficult. For me, there are not enough words to explain this loss.

To say the paper and, me personally, will miss him is a gross understatement. Through these years of his employment, I have come to know him as an ideal boss, a fellow journalist and a real friend. Under his guidance, the paper has improved rapidly and steadily. His creative ideas and his management style have been invaluable, and his ability to promote excellent communication among editorial, advertising and graphic arts personnel have kept everyone in good spirits and eager to do the best they can, with whatever task

that has been assigned.

I sincerely regret his resignation, but I also applaud his decision. He deserves time off, and his desire to spend more time with family is readily understandable. Both of us are expatriated residents from South Dakota, and we have that in common, among other things. Our love of the printed word also enters into our friendship.

I have been a part of this paper staff now for almost 24 years, and I have seen paper personnel, from ad salesmen to graphic designers to editors, go in and out the doors with, at times, alarming alacrity. Alan’s tenure stands above and beyond anything or anyone else’s time previously, especially over the last half dozen years.

Thanks, Alan, for your years of service, your creative ideas and your skillful staff management. Best of luck in your retirement, and we will get together for coffee soon.

Comings and goings

I first saw the musical production of “A Chorus Line” in 1979 at Northrup Auditorium on the U of M campus, and had another chance to see the production again last weekend as the opening musical of the St. Paul theater season. Believe me, it hasn’t lost a thing in the intervening 17 years. The story of 24 hopeful dancers auditioning for a spot in a theater chorus line is very realistic and powerful.

If nothing else, the story of these stage hopefuls garners a lot of sympathy for the aspiring performers. Life in the theater is not nearly so glamorous as one might think, unless luck intervenes, and the individual becomes a big star like Jennifer Lopez. A touring actor, for instance, lives for months at a time out of a suitcase and is forced to enter the audition world, once the current show in which they perform closes or ends.

Anyway, the musical gives

one a pretty good idea of the performing world, and it was a great presentation this time again. My next foray into the musical world will be on Easter Sunday, when my whole family will attend Chanhassen Dinner Theater for a performance of “Beauty and The Beast.” It should be another winner.

We have been blessed again the last few days with temps warm enough to send the piles of snow into inconsequential lumps. It is supposed to cool down again later this week, which means that the cold and windy days of late winter are not complete yet. Oh, well, it is late enough in the year now, so that we know that any bad weather that comes our way will not stay around very long.

Let’s close this week with a saying from a pessimist: “To err is human; to blame the mistake on someone else is even more human.” Think spring, and we’ll talk again.

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Staff photos by Laura Berndt
Bloomington senior Lauren Larkoski makes her way toward the basket as the Bloomington student fan section cheers her on.

Kylie Forystek added five. Sam Wurst pulled down 10 rebounds, as both teams had 31 on the boards. Kaci Gwilt handed out three assists and also had three steals in the game. BP made 5 of 6 free throw tries and had 16 turnovers in the game.

Both the junior varsity and ‘C’ squads lost the prelims. Byron defeated BP, 56-39 in the JV prelim, and the C squad dropped a 56-22 contest in their prelim.

“Byron made 10 three-pointers in the JV game, and the (team) shot the ball extremely well,” commented Coach Cory Hendrickson. “We didn’t play that badly, but their hot shooting never gave us a chance.”

Julia Worke counted 11 points for the locals, and Cassie Green, Sam Wurst and Rachael Oswald all chipped in six points. In the ‘C’ team loss, Jillian Wigham, Worke and Lexi Olivo all had four points for the BP girls.

The JV team is now 12-10, while the C team dropped its record to 3-13.

Errors lead to loss

Besides the fact that Hayfield is a very good team, poor ball handling and numerous turn-overs contributed to a 66-49 defeat to the Vikings to open the week’s brutal schedule. Losses to both Hayfield and Byron began the week, which ended with a conference tilt with Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (W-E-M) at home.

As far as the Hayfield game went, Bruns commented, “We got down early against a very good team, and just couldn’t recover. We had ball control issues in this one and way too many turnovers to be successful. We improved as the game went on, but the Vikings led 44-16 at the halftime break.”

The hosts shot 38 percent from the field on 24 of 63 attempts, while the Blossoms shot 37 percent on 20 of 63 tries. Sam Wurst and Lauren Larkoski both had 10 points for the Blossoms, and Gwilt chipped in nine points and dished out four assists. Wurst also had eight rebounds, and McKenna pulled down seven rebounds as well. The team had 21 turnovers in the contest.



The Bloomington High School girls basketball team took time to recognize their three graduating seniors, Kalya Naatz, Hannah Ahrens and Lauren Larkoski prior to the team’s last regular season game against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown, held on Friday night in Bloomington.



Marissa Larson breezes past Waterville-Elysian-Morristown’s RaeAhna Harmon during Friday’s game in Bloomington.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, March 7th, 2016 starting at 7:00 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Commissioner’s Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit application. Southern Minnesota Construction has requested to expand their existing quarry operation to the north onto 7.82 acres located in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 33, Clinton Falls Township. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearings and be heard on these matters.

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Final Gopher Conference Standings

Girls Basketball

	Conf.	Overall
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	12-0-0	22-3-0
NRHEG	9-3-0	19-6-0
United South Central	8-4-0	16-7-0
Bloomington Prairie	7-5-0	14-10-0
Medford	3-9-0	7-16-0
Bethlehem Academy	2-10-0	10-14-0
Maple River	1-11-0	6-18-0

Boys Basketball

	Conf.	Overall
Maple River	11-1-0	23-3-0
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	11-1-0	23-3-0
NRHEG	8-4-0	16-9-0
United South Central	5-17-0	12-13-0
Bloomington Prairie	4-8-0	10-17-0
Bethlehem Academy	3-9-0	9-19-0
Medford	0-12-0	3-21-0

Final Big 9 Conference Standings

Girls Basketball

	Conf.	Overall
Rochester Mayo	18-2-0	22-2-0
Rochester John Marshall	17-3-0	19-5-0
Winona	14-6-0	18-6-0
Austin	12-8-0	13-9-0
Northfield H.S.	12-8-0	14-10-0
Owatonna	12-8-0	14-10-0
Rochester Century	10-10-0	12-12-0
Faribault	8-12-0	12-12-0
Mankato East	7-14-0	10-15-0
Red Wing	6-12-0	7-15-0
Mankato West	4-15-0	7-16-0
Albert Lea	0-21-0	1-24-0

Boys Basketball

	Conf.	Overall
Red Wing	22-0-0	24-2-0
Rochester John Marshall	22-0-0	22-4-0
Austin	18-4-0	22-5-0
Northfield H.S.	14-8-0	17-9-0
Mankato East	14-8-0	16-10-0
Owatonna	11-11-0	14-12-0
Faribault	10-12-0	13-13-0
Winona	10-12-0	11-15-0
Mankato West	7-15-0	10-16-0
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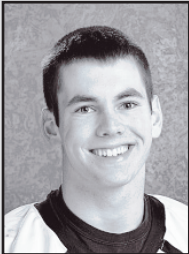
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Anthony Nelson

It is only appropriate that we end the season for the basketball boys the way we began: with senior Anthony Nelson as the athlete of the week. The unquestioned leader of the Blossom team, Nelson became a 1,000-point scorer, but also spent much of the last half of the year as the setup man for the offense. He had almost 20 assists in his last three games, and scored 25 points in the final two contests for the locals.



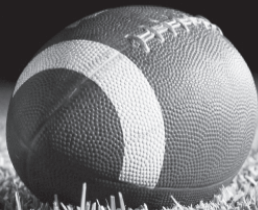
Lauren Larkoski

One of the three senior captains, senior Lauren Larkoski, also played an important leadership and mentor role to the younger players on the Blossom girls’ basketball team. Although not usually a high scorer, she had three games in the season of over 10 points, and she also did her part in rebounding. Her steady influence on the team helped the Blossoms finish the regular season with a winning 14-10 record.

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By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) students on March 4 will celebrate “I Love to Read” month with a unique breakfast inspired by a classic children’s book: Green Eggs and Ham.

The breakfast will take place from 7 to 8:15 a.m. at the elementary school cafeteria. NRHEG students are encouraged to attend and bring a family member. The menu includes green eggs and ham (green-colored scrambled eggs with small ham chunks), a long john and juice. The cost is \$1.70 for adults and \$1.25 for preschool students (ages 3 to 5.) Tickets purchased at the door are \$1 more. School-age students can use their lunch ticket to attend the breakfast.

“The green eggs and ham breakfast is a great way for the kids to invite a family member into our school and enjoy breakfast with them,” said Katie Knudson, a NRHEG kindergarten teacher. “We have a tremendous turnout because it is such a fun morning.” She estimates that at least 600 people will attend the breakfast.

Author to visit Blooming Prairie Branch Library

As part of the SELCO Winter 2016 Author Tour, author Julie Klassen will be at the City Council Chambers at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25th.

She will also be speaking at the Owatonna Public Library at 7 p.m. that evening.

Julie writes Regency romance novels which are set in the early 19th century England. She is the winner of several Christy Awards for Historical Romance and a Midwest Book Award. “The Secret of Pembroke Park”, published in 2014, was awarded a Minnesota Book Award.

Julie Klassen worked in the publishing field for several years and was an editor at Bethany House Publishers in St. Paul. Julie shared the following story when she visited a few years ago: she submitted the manuscript for her first novel, “The Lady of Milkweed Manor”, under a pseudonym; only she and her boss knew the identity of the author. She felt this was necessary to get an honest opinion and so that her fellow editors would not feel obliged to accept it for publication. Ultimately, the comments she received were

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positive, and the manuscript was accepted for publication. Since that time, Julie has become a full-time writer and has had nine more books published.

If you would like to know more about the author’s experiences, visit her website, www.julieklassen.com, where Julie explains the research she did to be historically accurate and includes photographs of her visits to the locales in which she sets her books.

We hope to see you on Thursday at 5 p.m. The Friends of the Library will provide hot chocolate.

BP School Board reviews coaching positions, technology

By LAURA BERNDT
News Editor

Coaching positions and technology were center stage at last Tuesday’s Blooming Prairie School Board meeting.

First, the board briefly discussed the possibility of allowing a school administrator to coach a spring sports team. During the Tuesday evening board meeting, discussion was brief, but board members noted that they had discussed the topic at length during a previous school board work session. This option was brought before the board because the school has been unable to fill one of the vacant coaching positions.

“We have advertised locally and across the state on EdPost and we have not had any applications,” said School Superintendent Barry Olson. “We are getting very close to the start of the season and we need to know what’s going on. The one that’s most qualified, and the one that’s willing to help us coach, is an administrator.”

Olson added that he knew some board members were uncomfortable with the idea. He reiterated that the position would be for one year only and that board could reevaluate the situation again next year.

Board member Kelly Braaten stated that while she knew the situation was not “ideal,” she also felt that the board had “done their due diligence”. The vote to allow an administrator to accept the one-year coaching position passed 5-1. (One board member was absent.)

The board also reviewed a potential technology proposal. Olson noted that the board would have the opportunity to approve fees, the complete lease agreement, technology plan, buy-back contract and other key components of the technology program at a future meeting. This motion, clarified Olson, simply allowed the technology committee to move forward with the planning process.

The plan, he said, is to continue the one-on-one technology program with iPads for the seventh through tenth grade students, while 11th and 12th grade students would be issued an 11” MacBook Air laptop computer.

In addition, the staff would receive a 13” MacBook Air laptop computer. Olson also added that the proposed plan would provide 30 new Macs for the elementary computer lab. The “old” computers would be moved to the upstairs computer lab and a few others would go to elementary classrooms in need of new computers.

The rest, said Olson, would

be sold. “We feel that will provide a tremendous opportunity for our kids at the elementary,” Olson said.

The lease would be for four years and the school would seek bids for the project. Olson also said that the committee was working to reduce fees and make the program as affordable as possible.

Board member and technology committee member Jon Sunde restated that, at this time, the committee was not asking for money, just permission to move forward with the planning process. The board unanimously approved the motion.

The school board will meet again on Monday, March 21, at 7:15 p.m. in the high school media center.

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Many insurers offer 20 to 30 percent discounts on premiums if you sign-up at the same time as your spouse, partner or sibling.
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Most people need long-term care for just under three years on average. So, by choosing a policy that covers you for two or

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Lengthen the time you pay
Most policies have 30 to 90-day waiting periods that require you to pay out-of-pocket for care before the policy kicks in. By choosing a longer wait period, it can lower your premiums 15 to 20 percent.
Lower the daily benefit
You can get a policy that pays out \$100, \$150, \$200 per day or more, but the higher the benefit, the higher your premium. So consider a plan that covers two-thirds the daily cost, and pay the other third out of savings. That could cut your premiums by about one-third.
Buy lower inflation protection
Inflation coverage protects you from the rising costs of care. Five percent compounded annually has been a common practice

in the industry but it's expensive. Consider a policy that has a 3 percent CPI-adjusted inflation protection. This can save you 50 percent or more.
Get State help
Currently, 41 states have a long-term care partnership program that can help you save too. Under these programs, if you buy a long-term care policy approved by your state Medicaid agency, you can protect an amount of assets from Medicaid equal to the benefits that your policy pays out. With this program, you can choose a shorter benefit period, which will lower your premiums. See aaltci.org/partnership to learn more.
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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher
Blooming Prairie wrestlers Brad Klemmensen (152 lbs), Jeremiah Johnson (112lbs), Dalton Henderson (160 lbs) and Zach Hoffman (215 lbs), won their divisions at the Section 2A meet and will advance to State. The Blossom wrestlers also earned two theirs and two fourths in the competition. Coach Jeremy Jirele pointed out that this is the first time in the history of BP Wrestling that they have come home with four section championship titles.
The Blooming Prairie FFA did well at the 2006 Region Seven Spring Prophecies interviews that were held at SCTC on Feb. 8. The following BP FFA members earned a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE): Justin Krell, Jessica Mashing, Cody Schmeling and Jason Manges. Justin Krell had prophecies in Beef Production Entrepreneurship, which he placed first with, and Dairy Production Placement, which earned him a third place finish. Jessica Mashing had a Swine Production Placement and placed third in the region. Cody Schmeling earned a

second place finish for his Grain Production Placement SAE. Jason Manges had a Forage Production SAE and he earned third place honors.
20 Years Ago
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor
A small explosion occurred at the Elf Atochem plant late Tuesday night (Feb. 20) slightly damaging part of the plant and injuring two employees. James Wabschall of Blooming Prairie and Larry Callahan of Austin, who were hurt in the small blast, didn't miss any time due to their injuries except when the initial accident occurred. They were taken to St. Olaf Hospital in Austin last Tuesday, spent the night under observation and were released Wednesday.
The explosion happened in the plant's P-2 unit, which processes alpha pinene or pine oil. In its raw form, the oil is flammable. When the explosion occurred, flames shot up from the top of the building for a few seconds, then the plant's sprinkler system doused the fire and fire doors closed to isolate the area.
The Blooming Prairie fire department was called, along

with many other area departments. Police from BP cordoned off a three-block strip of U.S. Hwy. 218, detouring traffic for two hours. The fire was mostly put out by the sprinkler system when help arrived, but fire fighters remained on the scene for two hours making sure the area was safe. An investigation into what exactly happened took place after the fire fighters left, and is ongoing.
50 Years Ago
Thursday, Feb. 24, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
A rural Ellendale girl and her six companions, all of whom attend Blooming Prairie High School, escaped serious injury last Friday night at 11:20 p.m. when they were involved in a two-car accident on Rice Lake Street. According to the police, the auto driven by the rural Ellendale girl and another driven by David G. O'Neill of Faribault, collided on the gully bridge. All people involved in the accident were brought to City Hospital and treated for injuries. Everyone was released except the Ellendale girl, who was kept for observation. Dam-

age to the autos involved was extensive.
The Blooming Prairie Fire Department answered a call Monday morning of this week to the Vernon Nielsen farm in Newry Township. A garbage fire had ignited some cornhusks beside a corn rib and several boards on the rib were charred. The call prompted the first use of the new fire engine purchased recently and the firemen were thoroughly satisfied with its performance.
75 Years Ago
Thursday, Feb. 27, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher
John Deere Day, sponsored by the L. S. Ulland Co. John Deere dealers, was held last Thursday afternoon. Farmers who wanted to see the latest thing in agricultural implements filled the Rex Theatre to capacity and packed the Ulland store the entire afternoon. A free lunch was served to several hundred at noon. The new spring line of John Deere machinery drew many favorable comments from the hundreds of farmers who inspected the display.
Women are being asked to register for voluntary emergen-

cy service on March 15 at the American Legion. Four general types of service are listed for the women to choose from: outside service, inside service, home service, and special service. Outside services include work such as automobile driving, providing music and other entertainment, cooking and serving in canteens, and emergency social service activities in caring for the homeless and needy. Inside service includes nursing, first aid and administrative activities connected with such work. Knitting, sewing and mending are included under the category of home service.

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Hometown Sampler to raise funds for Steele County Food Shelf

By ANNA SEGNER
County Staff Writer

Soon, community members will gather to celebrate local talent and give back to the community.

The “Hometown Sampler Concert Series,” from March 4 through March 6, will kick off March, Minnesota’s Food Share Month.

This is the Hometown Sampler’s 22nd year consecutive year. There are four opportunities to attend the concerts: March 4 at 7 p.m., March 5 at 3 and 7 p.m. and March 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Little Theater of Owatonna.

In the past, local bands such as Mile 5 Band, Bad Tangerines and Hot n’ Bothered have per-

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Servicemen’s Club welcomes new kitchen manager

By **LAURA BERNDT**
News Editor

Jenny Flaherty is a new employee at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club, but she’s no stranger to the community. Flaherty has lived and worked in the area for about 11 years and said she’s looking forward to her new position at the Servicemen’s Club. She began working there part-time about two weeks ago and will begin working full-time this

week. She’ll serve as the kitchen manager and will also bartend, as well. Although Flaherty has just begun her work at the Servicemen’s Club, she said she’s enjoyed it so far. She’s always enjoyed being a part of the Blooming Prairie community. “It’s a nice, small town,” Flaherty said. “I know most



Flaherty

people.” For the past 11 years, Flaherty worked at the Cue Company/Pizza Cellular in downtown Blooming Prairie. Both her 9-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son also attend school in Blooming Prairie. Before coming to Blooming Prairie, Flaherty studied culinary arts at Dakota County

Technical College in Rosemont. Although Flaherty said she will be busy with her work at the Servicemen’s Club, she does have a few hobbies. She enjoys golfing, playing darts and is also a member of the local Ladies Bowling League. Flaherty is looking forward to helping the Servicemen’s Club make some improvements. “I know there’s room for a lot of improvement,” she said. “We need to do faster lunches for people who don’t have a long

time to eat. We’re working on some specials so people can get in and out of here quickly.” She also hopes to keep the hours of operation more consistent and, overall, help boost the number of customers. Starting March 2, the establishment will be open from 11 a.m. to close, from Wednesday through Saturday. On Monday and Tuesday, the Servicemen’s

SERVICEMEN’S
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Medford jumps on board with compressed school year

By **ANNA SEGNER**
County Staff Writer

Medford students will notice a condensed school schedule for next year. The Medford school board approved the 2016-2017 school year calendar at their meeting on Feb. 8. The 2016-2017 school calendar begins on Sept. 6 and ends June 2. The calendar consists of 176 school days, and it has three less break days than the current school year’s schedule. There will be one less day over Thanksgiving and Christmas break, and there will be school on one day that had been considered part of the break in the past. At the January school board meeting, there was discussion of a Spring break—which Medford does not currently have. The school actually issued a survey to teachers and parents to find out how they would feel about a Spring break. School superintendent Rich Dahman said that 70 percent of people that received the survey responded. “I was very impressed by the number of responses,” said Dahman. While the staff were about half in favor of Spring break, Dahman said that they received around 250 parent responses, revealing that 70 percent against a Spring break. “There is a major concern of day care,” remarked Dahman. “And we want to honor parents’ input in the survey.”

Mindful Fork celebrates a year of success

By **ANNA SEGNER**
County Staff Writer

How does a fully prepared and healthy meal delivered straight to your doorstep sound? When Regan West and Beth Wall put their minds together over a year ago to create Mindful Fork, they changed the way hundreds of Steele County residents eat meals each week. Their idea was that so many people (especially parents) have such busy schedules that they are not taking the time to think out healthy meals. Instead, more and more people are eating fast food. West and Wall decided to create a system where meals are created in mass quantities, broken into proportions, delivered to homes and the individual heats up for meal time and enjoy the homemade and healthy meal. They also have a pick up location at Curly Girlz Candy in Medford. “If this already existed, we wouldn’t have created Mindful Fork,” laughed Wall. They started out last February by only taking on ten families. From there, they slowly grew. “We wanted to grow conservatively,” said West. “We just didn’t want more than we could handle.” Now Mindful Fork prepares well over 600 meals per week out of the kitchen at Camp



Co-Owners of Mindful Fork Reagan West and Beth Wall celebrate Mindful Fork’s one year anniversary this week.

Pillsbury. The current menu allows for up to three different meals per week. The food is prepped on Sunday. On Monday, they cook. On Tuesday, the meals are packaged and delivered in temperature safe coolers. West explained that they are starting up three new lines of meals: conscious cuisine, out-of-box lunch and the athlete pack. Since many people like to make meals for people going through a hard time, Mindful

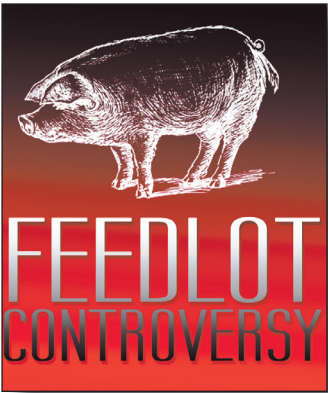
Fork selects one family per month to match a gift up to \$100. As far as business goes, West and Wall say that they are happy with the success. “We have such a good time. It’s just fun,” said Wall. “We have a great staff.” While their top customers are young families, they have been surprised by the amount of young single people that enjoy the simplicity of having their meals delivered. “I mean, it makes sense. It is tough to cook

just for one person—yourself,” said Wall. Mindful Fork is celebrating their one year anniversary with an open house on Feb. 24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be samples and fun at the open house. “This is a really good opportunity for someone to learn about us and try the food,” said Wall. “It’s not high pressure at all.” On Feb. 25, they will be having an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 9 a.m.

Lawyers for Troms, Dodge County, Maschings back in District Court

By **KAREN JORGENSEN**
County Staff Writer

The controversy over Dodge County’s issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a hog feedlot in Westfield Township was back in court last week as attorneys for Lowell and Evelyn Trom, Dodge County and Masching Swine Farms each presented their case for separate motions for summary judgment before Judge Joseph Chase in Olmsted County District Court. James Peters, representing the Troms, earlier submitted a motion for summary judgment to the court asking that the Conditional Use Permit approved for the feedlot in late 2014 be vacated. Paul Reuvers, representing Dodge County, and Jack Perry, representing Nick Masching, submitted motions for summary judgment asking that the plaintiff’s case be dismissed. The case stems from Dodge County’s decision in late 2014 to approve a conditional use permit for Masching to operate a hog feedlot on property he owns in Westfield Township. Earlier in the year, the County had issued a permit approv-



ing the feedlot. The Troms, who live near the feedlot, had filed suit asking the permit be vacated because the county had not followed all the provisions of its ordinance in approving the permit. District Court Judge Jodi Williamson agreed and vacated the permit, but also said that Masching could reapply for the permit, if all provisions of the ordinance were followed. He did reapply and the County again approved the permit. Following the second approval, the Troms filed the suit now before the court. At the request of Dodge County, Williamson recused herself from the case and it was assigned to Chase, who sits in Olmsted County. In the motion for summary

judgment and at last week’s hearing, Peters argued that Dodge County officials did not hold a fair hearing on Masching’s second application for a feedlot permit, and did not take into consideration all the relevant facts in the issue. The public hearing on the issue, he said, was a “quasi-judicial process” but the County did not take a “hard look” at issues that should have been considered. Under Minnesota law, Peters said, failure of the quasi-judicial body to look at the relevant issues renders the decision arbitrary and the court must vacate the decision to approve the permit. There were several “danger signals” involved in the issuance of the permit, Peters said, including the County not looking at the adequacy of the arrangements to spread the manure from the feedlot, the issue of bias because members of the Town Board and Planning Commission either had feedlots or were related to those operating feedlots, the County sharply limited public input during the public hearing and cut off public comment and the Planning Commission minutes from the hearing do not adequately re-

flect what occurred at the hearing. For these reasons, he told the judge, the permit must be vacated. Both Reuvers and Perry responded that the county did meet all the requirements necessary to approve the permit. When governing bodies are make land use decisions, Reuvers said, the quasi-judicial proceedings require reasonable notice of the hearing and the opportunity to be heard, but not to the same level as a regular judicial proceeding. They are authorized and routinely do, he said, set time limits for public comment. The County did, he said, consider the issues and the application met all the county ordinances regarding feedlots. Reuvers also rejected the bias issue, saying that none of the members of the Planning Commission had a financial interest in the project, and that members of the Westfield Township Board were not involved in the decision making process and did not even make a recommendation. No decision was rendered at the hearing with Chase taking the case under advisement.



TRACY IGNASZEWSKI

4-H pasta dinner and silent auction

We’re “Steele Talkin’” 4-H! Let me tell you about an event that is right around the corner, the 12th Annual Steele County 4-H Pasta Dinner fundraiser. This will be held on Sunday, March 6 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the Owatonna Junior High School. Yes, that’s right - the 12th Annual! This fundraiser is not for just a single club or particular group of youth. It will benefit the entire Steele County 4-H program! That means every one of the 1,200-plus 4-H’ers in the program and all 125 adult volunteers will feel the impact of this event. How exciting! The funds we raise on March 6 will help finance the Steele County 4-H Summer program. Not only will we serve you delicious a pasta and meatballs dinner, which will include fruit salad, bread and dessert, but a silent auction and short live auction will be held, as well. Thanks to the generosity of many 4-H families, local citizens and businesses, we have a huge variety of items and gift baskets. We look forward to recognizing these 4-H supporters at the auction itself. Among their donations are numerous movie baskets, toys, party baskets and popular items for teen girls and boys. Gardening baskets, items for sports fans, kitchen and pampering baskets will all be offered. Toddlers and babies won’t be left out, as we have a tote full of toys, baskets with books and craft items! If you’re looking forward to spring and summer, you’ll find baskets for lawn care, grilling and summer fun. Let’s not forget the holidays; you’ll find those special days represented in baskets as well. So, if you’re a mom, dad, grandma or grandpa – a pre-teen, teen, baby or toddler, we have a basket for you! New donations are being received daily, so you won’t want to miss the fun in store for you! We will also have a “Live Service Auction”! Yes, that is what 4-H is all about, SERVICE, and we now have it available for you. So, if you are looking for someone to decorate your yard this fall, clean up this spring, provide and plant flowers, or put up your Christmas lights, you will want to attend this auction. The Live Auction featuring ten special services, starts at 6 p.m. If you would like a delicious dinner, a fun evening out with your friends and neighbors and a great way to support this special youth organization that we call 4-H, come to the 4-H Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction. Tickets are very reasonably priced at \$6.50 advanced and \$7 at the door. Tickets are available at the Extension Office, 635 Florence, Ave., Owatonna. Call 444-7685 for details! See you Sunday, March 6 at the 4-H Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction, 3:30 – 7 p.m., at the Owatonna Junior High School! Silent auctions close at 5:30, 6:30 and 7 p.m.

Steele Talkin’ is a column featuring various organizations around Steele County. Tracy Ignaszewski is a 4-H Program Coordinator with the University of Minnesota Extension Service in Steele County. She can be reached at 507-444-7685 or 507-444-7688.

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Feb. 23:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
6 p.m. BPBL Book Club
7 p.m. Planning and Zoning Board meeting

Feb. 24:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

Feb. 25:
5 p.m. BPBL Author Julie Klassen

March 1:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

March 2:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

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7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

Feb. 25:
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm

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3:45 p.m. Book Pals (3rd and 4th Grade), ALPL
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, Albert Lea

Feb. 24:
Hot Reads, Cold Nights - Adult Winter Reading Program, ALPL

Mower
Feb. 23:
LeRoy School, FFA Week
LeRoy School, FFA Snowtubing
21st Annual Rose Sale, The Arc Mower County
12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office
12 p.m. Zonta Program Meeting, Sterling State Bank - lower level
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
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6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
7 p.m. OPL Author Julie Klassen
7 p.m. Owatonna PS, OHS Winter Musical
7:30 p.m. LTO "Harvey"

Feb. 26:
7 p.m. Movie Night, New Beginnings Church, Owatonna
7 p.m. Owatonna PS, OHS Winter Musical
7:30 p.m. LTO "Harvey"

Feb. 27:
7 p.m. Owatonna PS, OHS Winter Musical

Feb. 28:
1:30 p.m. Owatonna PS, OHS Winter Musical

March 1:
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
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SPOT LIGHT

Steele County Veterans Service Officer to visit Blooming Prairie, Ellendale

Rene Gilormini, Steele County Veterans Service Officer, has announced his Feb. 2016 monthly outreach office hours. They are:

- Thursday, Feb. 25, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club
- Thursday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Ellendale Community Building

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Mans' thumbprints may be on your newspaper

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

No, he's not the Blooming Prairie mayor, but he is one of the most recognizable people in this small southeastern Minnesota community.

He is Kevin Mans and he just may deliver a newspaper to your doorstep, or he may manicure your lawn. His thumbprints could be on the morning or late afternoon newspaper delivered to your doorstep.

Kevin, 50, is sort of a roving ambassador for Blooming Prairie. If he is not seen delivering papers door to door, he is seen mowing neighborhood lawns in the summer. He also is an active member of the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce and loves the social benefits he gains from belonging.

One can almost set an alarm clock to Mans' schedule of deliveries. "I get in trouble some times when I get busy yakking with my customers," Kevin confesses. He does say that socializing with customers often keeps them happy.

Mans sometimes has confrontations with dogs running loose and has been bitten a few times. "You learn to defend yourself," he says.

The winter weather oftentimes delivers challenges to Kevin Mans who tries to routinely deliver a package of news and advertisements. "I have to dress for the weather with long johns, hats and gloves and sometimes the weather wins out and I wait to deliver the paper until the next day." He said his customers are



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Kevin Mans is one of the more recognizable people in Blooming Prairie as he delivers daily newspapers and weekly shoppers. He has been in the delivery business since 1987. Mans is a BP Area Chamber of Commerce member.

gan doing seasonal yard work soon after high school and started delivering the Mower County Shopper and the Owatonna Shopper (The Leader) in 1987. He picked up the Owatonna People's Press in 1991 and the Rochester Post Bulletin in 1997, both as clients.

"I bet you can deliver the papers in your sleep," a customer told Kevin. He delivers about 100 daily papers Mondays through Saturdays and 200 shoppers on Tuesdays and Saturdays. All deliveries are in town. It takes him 3 1/2 - 4 hours to deliver shoppers and about two hours to deliver dailies. He also delivers 450 People's Press Extras on Tuesdays.

"I might make more money delivering pizzas but it would be more hassle," Kevin said.

He enjoys the small town of Blooming Prairie, "the good, the bad and the ugly," he jokes. "Small towns have their characters," Kevin attests. He admits that he is one of them.

Mans is in charge of mowing 15 lawns in town by push mower. He has five push mowers and also does raking in the spring and fall, in addition to trimming trees and bushes. His trade tools include the mowers, four weed wackers, four hedge trimmers and three hedge clippers.

His dad takes care of the family garden. "That's his pride and joy," Kevin says. Kevin does some snow removal, utilizing two snow blowers.

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NRHEG community survey results

NRHEG SCHOOLS



DALE CARLSON

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) School District's strategic planning work is off to a great start, thanks to more than 500 respondents who completed the school board's survey in January.

The survey results will provide important data and information to be used in developing a revised strategic plan for the school district, including facility planning.

Of the 509 respondents, 26 percent represented employees in the school district. Forty-eight percent of all respondents have children currently attending one or both schools in the school district. At the Feb. 16, 2016, school board meeting, Sue Peterson from School Perceptions presented a summary of the survey data to the school board. While a more detailed data analysis will be reserved for the work of the Strategic Planning consultants and the District Strategic Planning Advisory Committee, a few general findings from the survey results include:

- 90 percent of respondents rate the school district's overall academic performance equal or better when compared to neighboring school districts.
- 40 percent of respondents rated the district's facilities as better or much better when compared to neighboring districts.
- Preferred means of communication by parents included e-mail, school website, school and district newsletters, the local newspaper and automated phone notification.
- Preferred means of communication by non-parents included the local newspaper, school and district newsletters and the school website.
- 84 percent of parents believe the district is effective in providing timely and meaningful information, compared to 68 percent of non-parents, although almost 20 percent of non-parents responded with "No opinion".
- 84 percent of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied overall with the school district.

When examining how well the school district is doing in a number of areas ranging from curriculum and instructional delivery to being fiscally responsible with resources; employees, parents and non-parents identified technology, safety and delivering a high-quality educational experience for students as strength areas.

When asked to identify what

one believes should be the school district's highest priorities in order to provide a quality education for all students, respondents identified the following:

- Preparing students for life after high school including college and/or career
- Recruiting and retaining high-quality staff
- Maintaining small class sizes
- Increasing student achievement in literacy
- Maintaining and/or improving school facilities

Respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance and how well the school district is doing in a number of curricular and skill areas. When comparing the difference between the level of importance with how the district is doing in each area, a "gap analysis" was calculated, which provides the district with an indicator of what the respondents believe are areas the school district should prioritize and target for improvement.

Preparing students for after high school including college and career readiness; critical thinking and problem solving skills; communication skills, personal finance and reading/writing showed the greatest gaps between what is believed to be most important and how the school district is doing.

The survey asked several questions about the facility needs of the school district, as the school board is interested in learning more about the response by voters that resulted in the unsuccessful referendum in June 2015. Thirty-seven percent of the respondents had supported the referendum, 41 percent did not support the referendum and 22 percent of respondents did not vote.

The survey results showed:

- The majority of respondents believe the school board should explore a referendum to update and renovate the schools.
- Seventy-seven percent of respondents feel the school district should address facility needs

within the next one to five years.

- Adding and remodeling classrooms including science labs, improving school security and improving air quality through dehumidification were identified as priorities.
- The majority of respondents who were not in favor of the June 2015 referendum identified the proposal for a new gymnasium and the tax impact as important to their decision.

The school board would like to thank those who responded to the survey. The data will be extremely helpful to the strategic planning process and ongoing planning to address facility needs.

Dale Carlson is the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva (NRHEG) Superintendent.

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Student of the Week

Jason Miller is in Mrs. Mangskau's first grade class. He is the son of Justin and April Miller and they reside in Ellendale. Jason loves candy, playing on the iPad and he is always eager to learn new things. Jason has had to borrow snow pants throughout the year, and he's always very polite and carries on positive conversations with his friends and teachers. Jason shows responsibility by bringing his snow pants back and saying thank you. He has great manners, especially for being in first grade. Great job in showing Panther Pride, Jason!



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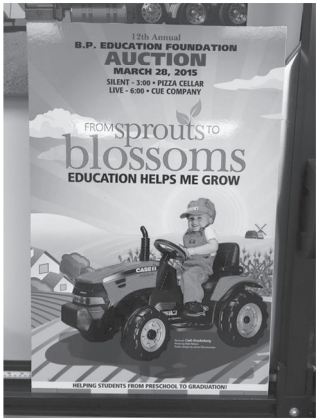
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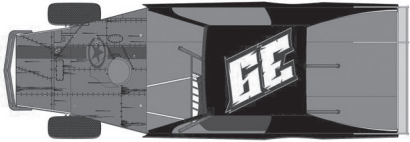
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By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

You could say that Stephanie Miller has an attitude... a positive, one that is. The tiny mother of two youngsters was diagnosed with breast cancer last October and is currently taking therapy. “We’re over half way there,” she brims with confidence. Stephanie, 33, is married to Matt Miller, a part-time Blooming Prairie police officer. The couple has two children, Claudia, 6, and Landon, 3. Stephanie (Thompson) is a 2001 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School. Just a week before her birthday last October, Stephanie noticed a change, discovering a lump. A social worker in primary care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Stephanie consulted with doctors and was told to have a mammogram. “Typically, women don’t have mammograms until they are past the age of 40,” Stephanie said. After an ultrasound, mammogram and biopsy procedures, doctors said she had a lymph node testing positive. She was diagnosed with Stage 2 lobular metastatic breast cancer of the lymph nodes. Treatment was immediately prescribed. It includes 20 weeks of chemotherapy, followed by surgery and six weeks of radiation. She has completed 12 weeks of Taxol chemotherapy and has begun the first round of Dense AC (“red devil”) treatment. It is red and powerful, Stephanie attests. She has three more Dense AC treatments remaining in Rochester. “This one is kicking my booty,” she confesses. Following her chemo, Stephanie will undergo a double mastectomy. She then will have six weeks of radiation, followed six weeks later by a breast reconstruction.



Submitted photo

Stephanie Miller spends as much quality time as possible with her family: husband Matt and children Claudia, 6, and Landon, 3. Stephanie was diagnosed with breast cancer last October and is currently undergoing aggressive therapy. She is shown with her family at her sister’s wedding in January of 2015.

struction.

“Not that cancer is a good experience, we have had the best experience we can hope for,” Stephanie said. “My family has been amazing, as has the community and my fellow co-workers. I don’t feel alone, and everyone is so understanding. Blooming Prairie is a special town.” Stephanie said her mother encouraged her to go in for the initial examination. Dr. Angela O’Neil, a friend of Stephanie, made the first diagnosis. “Once the mammogram results came back, there was a lot of doom and gloom, but we are getting there slowly but surely.”

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Ag advocates list top issues for 2016 legislative session

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

With the 2016 Minnesota Legislative session fast approaching state agricultural groups have weighed in with what will be their top concerns.

Both Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Minnesota Farmers Union officials have listed buffer rules, property taxes and transportation as some of their top concerns.

"We do have some top issues that are concerning us and family farmers throughout Minnesota," said Farmers Union President Doug Peterson. "MFU will work with the Dayton Administration and legislators to find common sense solutions to address key issues such as buffers, property taxes, farmer-lender mediation and transportation."

Doug Busselman of the Minnesota Farm Bureau said that agricultural property taxes will be the top issue of his organization. The issue was unresolved at last year's session, he said, because no tax bill was passed.

Property taxes are an issue,

Farm Bureau officials say, because in analyzing school debt bond proposals agricultural property tax owners pay 10 more than what homeowners pay.

The Farmers Union, Peterson said, has been working to lower the amount farmers pay for capital improvement levies for schools.

The disparity is because for agricultural land the tax is based on the entire number of acres where homeowners are only taxed on the home and an acre of land.

A second issue concerning officials of both organizations is clarifying the new buffer rules.

Both Busselman and Peterson said their groups will work with legislators to clarify issues involving the buffers.

The legislature last year approved, and Gov. Mark Dayton signed, a bill requiring that vegetative buffers of at least 16.5 feet be placed on all public ditches and averaging 50 feet on public waters. The DNR was designated to map public waters and ditches to determine which ones will need buffers.

Controversy arose over the status of private ditches and last month and Dayton told the DNR to stop the mapping of the private ditches after meeting with House Republicans who maintained they never intended for private ditches to be included in the mapping.

At the time Dayton said he was taking the action reluctantly because he feared that other DNR and Board of Water and Soil Resources bonding requests would be in jeopardy if he did not exempt the private ditches.

Farmers Union officials said they want the rules clarified to include what waters are included, what alternative practices are allowed, what is the appeal process, what compensation is available and what is the impact on property taxes.

Both groups also said that bonding for local roads and bridges and other transportation issues is a major concern of the agricultural community.

The Minnesota Legislature returns to St. Paul for the 2016 session March 8.

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Secretary Vilsack, General Clark keynote speakers at National Farmers Union Convention

By AMANDA VALENCIA
Public Affairs Director,
Minnesota Farmers Union

Farmers and ranchers attending the National Farmers Union (NFU) 114th Anniversary Convention will have the opportunity to hear from high-ranking experts in food and ag policy. NFU is pleased to announce U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and General Wesley Clark as keynote speakers at the annual convention, which kicks off March 5th in Minneapolis, Minn.

Vilsack and Clark will address some of the most challenging issues facing agriculture today, providing farmers and ranchers with the information and resources they need to be well-informed producers and influential advocates for the industry.

The four-day meeting will bring together NFU members, industry professionals and friends of agriculture for a series of educational breakout sessions, two industry tours, and the organization's unique, grassroots policy adoption process.

WHO: National Farmers Union

WHAT: National Farmers Union 114th Anniversary Convention

WHERE: Radisson Blu Mall of America
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WHEN: March 5-8, 2016
Complimentary registration is available for members of the media. Please email Andrew Jerome at ajerome@nfudc.org, or AmandaV@mfu.org for a registration form if you plan to attend.

The most up-to-date convention information, including a tentative agenda and hotel information, can be found on the NFU website at www.nfu.org/convention.

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County beefs up courthouse security

Over the years there have been numerous incidents of courthouse violence throughout the country. We know that it can happen anywhere, in any court or government facility, often with tragic consequences.

Here in Minnesota a fatal shooting in the Hennepin County Courthouse in 2003 prompted tighter security in the downtown Minneapolis Government Center. In December 2011, a defendant critically wounded three people in the Cook County Courthouse in Grand Marais, which did not have a metal detector or deputy working security. In January 2015 in New



Hope, a gunman opened fire on two officers after a swearing

in ceremony at the city hall. In this case the two officers who were injured exchanged gunfire with the suspect killing him before anyone else was hurt. In addition to the numerous law enforcement officer shootings throughout the country in the past year, one of the most recent public employee shootings gaining national attention was a social worker in Vermont who was shot and killed at work by a client upset about losing custody of her 9-year-old child.

In response to the ever-growing concerns of safety within the public safety area of our courthouse, we have been working to

Blotter spotlight:
Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:45 p.m. in Owatonna on Feb. 12

develop a new Weapons Screening Program and Courthouse Security Program here in Dodge County – programs that we have started this month.

The newly remodeled public safety area of the courthouse includes the sheriff’s office, probation, county attorney’s office, public defender’s office, drug court, victim services and the courts. The only public entrance to the courthouse is now the double doors by the flag pole on the northeast side of the building. You can also enter through the south lower level doors to human services. When you are here for court or to visit

anyone in the public safety area, you will now be required to go through weapons screening. The deputy at the screening area will require you to walk through a metal detector and will check any coats or bags for weapons. Firearms are prohibited by a judge’s order anywhere within the entire Courthouse Government Services Complex.

In addition to screening, you will also see a more prevalent law enforcement presence in and around the complex, along with armed deputies in every court hearing. Unfortunately, this is the world we live in today. Our goal is to provide the

highest level of safety and security possible to the judge and her staff, our county employees, and to the public. While it will most certainly be a learning curve for visitors and staff here at the courthouse, these needed changes will help make the courthouse a safer place for all.

Thanks in advance for your patience during this time.

Your Sheriff,
Scott

Scott Rose has been sheriff of Dodge County since January 2015. He writes a monthly column.

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Feb. 18
Assault. Police responded to an assault at 12:54 p.m.

Owatonna Police
Feb. 12
Trespassing. At 8:17 a.m., police responded to a trespassing incident in the 300 block of Hoffman Dr. NW.
Assault. An assault occurred in the 100 block of Vine St. E. at 2:26 p.m.
Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:45 p.m.
Warrant. Officers arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Vine St. E. at 9:33 p.m.
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1000 block of Elm Ave. S. at 10:45 p.m.
Domestic. At 11:28 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW.
Feb. 13
Arrest. Officers arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Broadway St. E. and Spruce Ave. NE at 1:26 a.m.
Vandalism. Police took three vandalism reports throughout the day – in the 600 block of 17th St. SE, in the 100 block of Franklin Ave. SW and in the 800 block of Mosher Ave. SW.
Theft. Police received a theft report from the 2000 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 2:27 p.m.
Domestic. At 5:23 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of School St. E. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Feb. 14
Traffic. Police made an arrest following a traffic stop at 21st St. NW and 3rd Ave. NW at 1:51 a.m.
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1600 block of Mosher Ave. SW at 1 p.m. and in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 12:59 p.m.
Restraining Order. At 3:31 p.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. S.
Burglary. Police began an investigation of a burglary in the 1000 block of 28th Ave. NW at 8:14 p.m.
Feb. 15
Traffic. Police arrested motorists in the 400 block of North St. W. at 2:07 a.m. and at Broadway St. E. and Pine Ave. NE at 10:27 p.m.
Property. At 7:34 a.m., property was found in the 200 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE.
Burglary. Officers responded to burglaries in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 9:03 a.m. and in the 300 block of Bridge St. W. at 10:33 a.m.
Criminal Sex. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 300 block of Grove Ave. S. at 10:14 a.m.
Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of 13th St. NE at 10:59 a.m.
Feb. 16
Burglary. At 12:53 a.m., police responded to a burglary in the 400 block of State Ave. NW. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Shoplifting. Shoplifting incidents occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:24 a.m. and in the 1200 block of 21st Ave. NW at 11:46 a.m.
Drugs. Drug activity was reported in the 500 block of 15th St. NE at 1:46 p.m.
Suspicion. Police responded to a suspicious activity report and arrested a subject in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 4:37 p.m.
Theft. At 6:21 p.m., officer took a theft report in the 1500 block of Mosher Ave. SW.
Feb. 17
Domestic. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 12 a.m.
Warrant. Police arrested subjects for an outstanding warrants in the 100 block of Landmark Dr. NE at 11:28 a.m. and in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 12:49 p.m.
Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen

from the 1100 block of Brady Boulevard NW at 1:35 p.m.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a crash with injuries at Lincoln Ave. S. and School St. E. at 2:37 p.m.

Assist. Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Rose St. E. at 11:33 p.m.

Feb. 18
Shoplifting. At 8:58 a.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N.
Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10:25 a.m.
Child Protection. Police received a child protection report from the 200 block of 22nd St. NW at 10:44 a.m.
Trespassing. At 11:11 a.m., police responded to a trespassing incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Steele County Sheriff
Feb. 13
Crashes. Deputies responded to crashes with property damage – on Hwy. 30 E. at 5:45 a.m. and in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 8:41 p.m.

Feb. 14
Civil. Deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 3500 block of 128th St. SE at 5:27 p.m.

Feb. 15
Child Protection. At 1:24 p.m., deputy took a child protection report in the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

Feb. 16
Crash. Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at 92nd Ave. NW and Crane Creek Rd. at 4:36 a.m.

Feb. 17
Threats. At 8:15 a.m., deputies received information regarding a threats incident in the 15600 block of 52nd Ave. SW.

Feb. 18
Restraining Order. Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 8:22 p.m.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Feb. 8 – 12:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Michael D. Dahmert, 31, Austin, revoked license, \$281; Mohammed F. Kamara, 48, Austin, speeding, \$221; Abigail E. King, 21, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Trent E. Strunk, 18, Blooming Prairie.

MN State Patrol Oakdale
Juan M. Salcedo, 33, Weslaco, TX, no license, \$181.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Omar S. Abdullahi, 22, Faribault, speeding, \$221; Brittany L. Ethen, 26, Columbia Heights, revoked license, \$281; Edwin Gallegos, 23, Organ Peak, MN, speeding, \$121; Conrad C. Ginter, 40, DWI, \$606, 22 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, and 2 years of supervised probation; John M. Hammond, 25, Rochester, DWI, \$406, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Matthew L. Hernandez, 25, St. Paul, seat belt, \$106;
Nicholas A. Higgins, 34, Boone, IA, speeding, \$221; Shoua Kong, 49, Wood Lake, speeding, \$121; Nickson K. Kurgat, 31, West Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$221; Robert P. Morgan, 63, Prairie Du Chien,

WI, permit violation, \$181; Jeffrey J. Muelhaupt, 39, West Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$121; Jose E. Nolasco, 19, Faribault, suspended license;
Michael A. O'Brien, 57, Faribault, no medical certificate in possession, \$181; Jacqueline M. Pauly, 38, Chaska, speeding, \$121; Chris A. Roser, 56, Rose Creek, speeding, \$121; Brian K. Schnagl, 32, speeding, \$131; Zachary J. Slowinski, 19, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106;
Bill A. Vorhes, 65, Marble Rock, IA, registration violation, \$111; Paw B. Wah, 41, St. Paul, no MN license, \$181.

Owatonna Police Department
Gracia Alejo Carlos, Owatonna, no MN license, \$181; Bradly C. Blount, 30, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Sean M. Cicero, 35, Owatonna, cancelled license, \$281; Raymond A. Din IV, 18, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181;
Kathy J. Duden, 40, Owatonna, no MN license and no insurance, \$381; Jessica L. Gonzalez, 25, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Stewart M. Graves, 21, Kasson, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; David M. Gregory, 35, possession of Marijuana, \$131;
Ashley N. Halverson, 19, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Chase D. Hill, 18, Owatonna, underage drinking and driving, \$381, 2 days in county jail, attend MADD impact panel, and 1 year of supervised probation; Bryan G. Hughes, 41, Hollandale, revoked license, no insurance and expired tabs, \$511; Justin L. Iverson, 26, Dodge Center, expired tabs and no insurance, \$311;
Amity J. Kibble, 27, Owatonna, registration violation and headlights violation, \$421; Joshua J. Kindt, 24, West Concord, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Abigail E. King, 21, suspended license, \$281; Juan R. Macias, 24, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281;
Sonia V. Macias, 39, Austin, careless driving, \$181; Mohamed W. Mohamed, 22, Owatonna, failure to signal and no insurance, \$131; Vanessa H. Mussman, 25, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Terriann Powell, 33, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system and revoked license, \$331;
Joshua T. Rainone, 20, Owatonna, no insurance and expired tabs, \$311; Luisanna Rodriguez, 26, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Kevin J. Schuenke, 33, Faribault, failure to yield right of way, \$131; Raymond M. Scovill, 32, Owatonna, receiving stolen property, \$574 and 90 days in county jail; Sabrina L. Shouse, 24, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281;
Joseph V. Stahnke, 37, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Daniel J. Stockwell, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; John A. Toso, 80, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jose E. Vielma, 26, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Jason J. Weatherley, 43, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111;
James M. Willis, 39, Austin, registration violation, tax exempt registration violation, no insurance and no motorcycle endorsement, \$661; Randy J. Wolke Jr., 38, Owatonna, revoked license, 40 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation.

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Abdibari M. Abdikadir, 19, Bloomington, speeding and no insurance, \$421; Desiree L. Anderson, 25, Owatonna, revoked license and speeding, \$421; John D. Arndt, 70, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Josey N. Beckstrom, 19, Medford, speeding, \$131; Theodore C. Caballero, 29, Austin, speeding and revoked license, \$341; Keith E. Christopher, 39, New Richland, revoked license, \$281;
Jennifer L. Clark, 40, Faribault, speeding, \$131; James J. Cone, 44, New Prague, speeding, \$221; Jarrett M. Davis, 40, Claremont, speeding, \$221; Richard I. Davis, 35, Waldorf, speeding, \$121; Richard Dominguez, 43, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, \$281; Kylea J. Draayer, 27, Austin, registration violation, \$111; Ashley R. Englund, 21, Red Wing, speeding, \$121;

Travis C. Fearingkabler, 23, Los Angeles, CA, speeding, \$221;
Sandra C. Gongora, 38, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Riley C. Grunwald, 17, Medford, parking violation, \$32; Dylan M. Halleck-Stensrud, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Kathleen A. Hawkins, 16, Pine Island, speeding, \$381; Travis L. Hokanson, 31, Claremont, speeding, \$131; Karen L. Hruska, 39, Waseca, speeding, \$131;
Bryan G. Hughes, 41, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Fakhudin M. Ibrahim, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; McKenzie M. Jansen, 17, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Nicole L. Kleppe, 44, Hutchinson, DWI, \$406, 3 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Elizabeth E. Loverink, 35, Faribault, stop sign, \$131; Chessira N. Munoz, 21, Le Sueur, window tint violation, \$131; Ceann M. Noble, 32, Dodge Center, speeding, \$141; Jose E. Nolasco, 19, Faribault, suspended license, \$281; Nathan R. Paulson, 41, Kilkenny, speeding, \$121; Ana M. Roldan-Ceniseros, 50, Waseca, driving through barricade, \$121; Shanna L. Rose, 34, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Anaïs Sanchez, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$141;
Bobbie J. Sandte, 30, Medford, stop sign, \$131; Nicholle M. Schelin, 34, Medford, speeding, \$131; Travis A. Schleusner, 24, Dodge Center, speeding, \$221; Jordan L. Sutherland, 19, Dayton, speeding, \$221; Elizabeth K. Thor, 19, Austin, speeding, \$141; Noe Vasquez De Jesus, 32, Austin, no MN license, \$181;
Jeremy J. Wacek, 35, Albert Lea, public nuisance, \$381, no alcohol or controlled substance and 1 year of supervised probation; Daniel J. Wallace, 55, East Dubuque, IL, speeding, \$141; Christopher W. Weber, 29, Kasota, speeding, \$131; Sharon Williams, 57, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and speeding, \$521; James M. Willis, 39, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dodge County

Feb. 10
DWI. At 1:06 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle on the side of the road at U.S. Hwy. 14 and 220th Ave. in Kasson. The driver was found to be intoxicated.
Medical. Paramedics and deputies responded to an intoxicated female that fell in the 300 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 4:49 a.m. She was transported to St. Mary's Hospital.
Environment. Deputies received a report at 6:40 a.m. that a man's neighbor was putting garbage in his garbage can in the 200 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield.
Sexual Assault. Deputies responded to a sexual assault in Blooming Prairie at 11:30 a.m. Investigations are pending.

Feb. 11
Civil. A woman called deputies at 11:34 a.m. to report that her ex-boyfriend stole her dog when she kicked him out of the house in the 200 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield.
Disturbance. At 7:54 p.m., deputies received a report that two children were arguing in the Subway in the 200 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center.
Welfare. Deputies completed a welfare check after woman on meth stole a truck title in the 73900 block of 110th Ave. in Blooming Prairie at 8 p.m.
Threats. At 11:17 p.m., deputies responded to a terroristic threats incident in the 400 block of 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center.

Feb. 13
Carbon Monoxide. At 7:27 a.m., deputy responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 500 block of 2nd St. NW in Dodge Center.
Suspicion. Deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 14800 block of 640th St. in Claremont at 2:17 p.m.

Welfare. Deputy completed a welfare check on an intoxicated male in the 54200 block of 170th Ave. in West Concord at 7:35 p.m.

Feb. 14
Suspicion. At 1:34 a.m., deputy found a suspicious vehicle in the 24900 block of State Hwy. 30 in Hayfield.
Violation. Deputy responded to an order for protection violation in the 200 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 11:34 a.m.
Fraud. A Hayfield citizen reported being the victim of a Craigslist scam in the 21400 block of State Hwy. 30 in Hayfield.

Feb. 15
Larceny. At 8:49 p.m., deputies received a report of the theft of dewalt drills in the 63600 block of 150th Ave. in Claremont.

Feb. 16
Trespassing. At 2:54 p.m., coyote hunters were trespassing in the 60500 block of 150th Ave. in Claremont.
Harassment. A West Concord citizen reported harassment in the 55600 block of State Hwy. 57 at 3:39 p.m.
Abduction. At 5:33 p.m., deputies received a report that a vehicle was a door open was headed eastbound at U.S. Hwy. 14 and County Rd. 9 in Kasson. There was a girl in the passenger seat that signaled for a motorist to call 911. Then, the vehicle turned around to go back westbound. It appeared that the female and driver were struggling.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Feb. 8 – 15:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office
Todd M. Bauer, 48, Byron, suspended license, \$280; Eric L. Bernea, 28, Hayfield, no insurance, \$280; Conrad Connor Jr., 33, Rochester, invalid license and no insurance, \$380; Quaylon J. Crawford, 30, St. Paul, speeding, \$140; John C. Jefferson Jr., 47, Hayfield, cancelled license, 2 years of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Donald A. Nash, 46, Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Sayid A. Noor, 34, Rochester, cancelled license, 2 years of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Manuel Sanchez, 27, Owatonna, following vehicle too closely, no insurance and speeding, \$470; Alexandria J. Waas, 21, Plainview, parking violation, \$32.

Kasson Police Department
Michael R. Dominguez, 36, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Tessa M. Stevenson, 21, Kasson, DWI, \$505, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Gerald W. Struckmann, 66, Rochester, DWI, \$505, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Chad S. Behne, 35, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Darby L. Euler, 44, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Corey A. Hanson, 25, Rochester, careless driving, \$380, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Philip E. Kenner II, 36, Rochester, speeding, \$380; Publo R. Navarrete, 26, Claremont, no MN license

and no insurance, \$380; Sandra K. Reese, 57, Owatonna, speeding, \$120; Nicole K. Snyder, 27, Chatfield, speeding, \$140.

West Concord Police Department
Jason O. Zemke, 31, Bellechester, registration violation, \$110.

Steele Arrests

Owatonna Police
Sunday Paul Puot, 20, arrested at 3:20 p.m. Feb. 12, felony aggravated robbery, held for court.
Duol Luk Ret, 23, arrested at 4:14 p.m. Feb. 12, felony aggravated robbery, held for court.
Raymond Mark Perez, 23, arrested at 9:11 p.m. Feb. 12, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.
Tawna Marie Johnson, 40, arrested at 9:45 p.m. Feb. 12, warrants arrest, \$1,000 bail.
Reannon Lee Westra, 26, arrested at 6:05 p.m. Feb. 13, felony domestic assault by strangulation, held for court.
Chris Allen Rivas, 19, arrested at 2:27 a.m. Feb. 15, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.
Desiree Lynne Anderson, 25, arrested at 10:48 p.m. Feb. 15, no insurance, failure to signal, revoked license, prescription label and possession of prescription, held for court.
Jordan David Lindeman, 18, arrested at 1:13 a.m. Feb. 16, felony burglary, possession of burglary tools and theft, held for court.
Caleb Rodney Buchanan, 33, arrested at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 16, cancelled license and DWI, held for court.
Robin Allan Robinson, 45, arrested at 12:18 a.m. Feb. 17, domestic assault, assault and disorderly conduct, held for court.
Han Nicholas Vorwerk, 34, arrested at 1:06 p.m. Feb. 17, felony predatory offender violation, held for court.
Juan Rafael Carrasco, 38, arrested at 11:45 a.m. Feb. 17, probation warrant arrest, body only.

Steele County Sheriff
Shaninthe Michael Ray, 28, arrested at 4:56 p.m. Feb. 16, felony violation of no contact order and warrant arrest, held for court.
Hunter Robert Bost, 23, arrested at 10:41 a.m. Feb. 18, DUI warrant arrest, \$20,000 bail.

MN State Patrol
Richard Robert Rodriguez, 26, arrested at 6:39 a.m. Feb. 13, felony test refusal and possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Owatonna Fire

Feb. 16
Smoke. Fire personnel assisted with removing smoke and an odor in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 9 a.m.
Elevator. At 11:35 a.m., fire fighters removed a victim from a stalled elevator in the 300 block of Cedardale Dr. SE.

SHERIFF'S TIPLINE

866-878-7964

If you have information about any crimes in Steele County, call the sheriff's tipline. You may remain anonymous.

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

Shawn Beaulieu – forgery – no bail
Jeremy Becker – theft, shoplifting - \$500 bail
Diane Bedney – dishonored check - \$1,000 bail
Judith Beneke – DWI - \$1,400 bail
Jose Bernal – domestic assault - \$700 bail
Kathleen Bernichon – theft by check - \$2,500 bail
Todd Bjorek – no license - \$500 bail
Jose Blancaste – DWI - \$1,000 bail

Jose Blanco-Delgado – burglary, assault - \$35,000 bail
Henry Bloomfield Jr. – DWI - \$12,000 bail
Kenneth Bonow – trespassing, criminal damage - \$4,000 bail
Roger Boone – assault - \$700 bail
John Borchert – fleeing officer - \$2,000 bail
Adrian Bostamante – open bottle - \$328 bail

Jojo Boswell – theft - \$20,000 bail
Dyez Boyd – theft - \$700 bail
Ronnie Boyd – order for protection violation – no bail
Jessica Bradley – DUI – no bail
Robert Brantner – property damage - \$500 bail
Kevin Bremer – DWI - \$12,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Legal Notices

Foreclosure

15-102238

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 6, 2004 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$252,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Paul A. Beiser and Virginia Beiser, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100137510000066342 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Lakeland Mortgage Corporation SERVICER: Seterus, Inc. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 25, 2004, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A 319624 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.; thereafter assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 3, Oakridge Bluffs Third Addition PROPERTY ADDRESS: 555 Oakland Path SE, Medford, MN 55049 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16-114-0301 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$217,369.50 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 11, 2016, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on September 11, 2016, or the next business day if September 11, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: January 7, 2016

Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”) Assignee of Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions

of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Doreen R. Kruger, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$112,433.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 16, 2009 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 22, 2009 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 12857 as Document Number T000064998 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$85,975.98 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Two (2) in Luedtke Addition to City of Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 704 CHERRY ST, OWATONNA, MN 55060-1949 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-150-0215 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: March 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2016.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: January 13, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

15-102160

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 31, 2013 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$84,850.62 MORTGAGOR(S): Ronald C. Wesely, Unmarried MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 4, 2013, Steele County Recorder, as

Document Number A000389530 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 24, Original Town (now City) of Owatonna PROPERTY ADDRESS: 415 South Oak, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-2410 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$75,841.76 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 15, 2016, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2016, or the next business day if September 15, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. “THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: January 14, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

15-102033

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: December 20, 2002 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$132,421.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Eric R. Erickson and Jodi L. Erickson, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 23, 2002, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T 51679, As modified of record by Document recorded on September 10, 2014 as Document Number T000071806 in the office of the Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9, Block 1, Radel's Country Club Addition REGISTERED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 324 Meadow Lane SW, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-317-0109COT#15898 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$119,408.23 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise

to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 15, 2016, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2016, or the next business day if September 15, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. “THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: January 14, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Mortgagee

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-173

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Patricia Ille, a/k/a Patricia Ann Ille, a/k/a Patricia A. Ille
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will dated May 9, 2003 has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Susan Ille, Angela Johnson and Steven Ille whose address is Susan Ille, 706 -34th Ave. Ct. NW, Rochester, MN 55901; * as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 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.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5.

Dated 2016.02.06

Kris Schmitz Registrar

* Angela Johnson, P.O. Box 179, Eyota, MN 55934; and Steve Ille, 50546 310th Street, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

Attorney for Estate
Paul V. Sween
Adams, Rizzi & Sween, P.A.
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Austin, MN 55912
Attorney License No. 107761
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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-212

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

Estate of Donald C. Tuerk
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 15, 2016, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent dated, December 17, 2013, and (“Will”), and for the appointment of Angela Sartor, whose address is 203 Ninth Avenue SE, Faribault, MN, 55021 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subjects 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.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings to be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated 2016..2.01

BY THE COURT

Karen Duncan
Judge of District Court

Sonia Koshier
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner
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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE COURT DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-177

In RE: Estate of MARY A. SPINLER Deceased ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

The petition of Kevin J.

Advertisement for Bids Four Seasons Centre Bleachers

Close Monday February 29th, 2016
Steele County, Minnesota

Notice is hereby given that the Steele County Board of Commissioners will accept bids for new bleachers at the Four Seasons Centre until 2:00pm on Monday February 29th, 2016. Bids must be received at the office of the County Auditor, 630 Florence Avenue, Steele County Administration Center. Bids will be publicly opened and read thereafter. Contact Steve Schroht – Four Seasons Centre Director for bid specifications and documents at 507-451-1093. All bids shall be sealed and clearly marked in the lower left hand corner “Four Seasons Centre Bleacher Bid”. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Steele County

Laura Ihrke
Steele County Auditor

2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Jolene M. Dahl, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,525.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 5, 2012 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 10, 2012 as Document Number A000385613 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$77,946.79 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 29, South Park Addition to the City of Ellendale, except the North 20 feet of Lot 6, Steele County, Minnesota STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 620 JANSEN PLACE S., ELLENDALE, MN 56026 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 15-105-2906 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: March 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2016.

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

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

Dated: January 15, 2016
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee
SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A.

By: /s/Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. "Curt N. Trisko, Esq." Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (15-2210-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

1/19, 1/26, 2/2
2/9, 2/16, 2/23

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 24, 2006 MORTGAGOR: Roger R. Voll and Jeanne Karon Voll, husband and wife as joint tenants. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 28, 2006 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000343082. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Green Tree Servicing LLC now known as Ditech Financial LLC. Dated August 12, 2015 Recorded August 12, 2015, as Document No. A000403607. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1 0 0 2 4 8 9 0 6 0 6 0 0 2 3 3 5 3

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage Inc. dba Mortgage Depot RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 740 South Oak Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17.016.1148 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing 1 Rod North and 2 Rods West of the SE corner of Lot 18 in the NE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 107 North, of Range 20 West, running thence North 4 Rods, thence West 7 Rods, thence South 4 Rods, thence East 7 Rods to beginning COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$123,000.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$117,965.15 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 19, 2016 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 13, 2016
Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 8 - 15-010160 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated June 6, 2013, executed by Ross L. Johnson, a single person, as Mortgagee, to First National Bank, as Mortgagee, and filed for record on June 17, 2013, as Document No. 391980, in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota. The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land. 2. The Mortgage has not been assigned. 3. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$55,000.00. 4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof. 5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes. 6. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage and taxes, if any paid by the holder of the Mortgage is \$57,407.13. 7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land described as follows: The North Half of Lot One (N1/2 of Lot 1), and the North Half of the East Half of Lot Two (N1/2 of E1/2 of Lot 2), all in Block Twelve (12), First Railway Addition to the Village of Ellendale; will be sold by the County Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on March 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Department, 204 E. Pearl St., Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by

said mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law.

8. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgages or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 months after the date of sale. 9. 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.

Date: January 21, 2016
PATTON, HOVERSTEN & BERG, P.A.

By: /s/ Karie M. Anderson Karie M. Anderson #393522

Attorney for Mortgagee 215 E Elm Ave., PO Box 249 Waseca, MN 56093 (507) 835-5240

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 17, 2006 MORTGAGOR: William D. Talley and Dianne Talley, husband and wife as joint tenants. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded August 23, 2006 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000343781. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP. Dated May 21, 2012 Recorded May 29, 2012, as Document No. A000384862. And thereafter assigned to: Green Tree Servicing LLC now known as Ditech Financial LLC. Dated June 6, 2013 Recorded August 8, 2013, as Document No. A000392859. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1 0 0 2 4 8 9 0 6 0 8 0 0 2 5 4 9 5 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage Inc., dba Mortgage Depot RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 303 South Elm Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17.100.1502 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 1/2 of Lot 1 in Block 15 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$108,800.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$101,517.24 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 26, 2016 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

ON MORTGAGE:None "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 21, 2016
Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 8 - 15-010397 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Estate

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 74-PR-16-270

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

Estate of Gloria R. Nupson Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 29, 2016, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent dated, March 28, 1979, and ("Will"), and for the appointment of Sally Jane Johnson, whose address is 140 Cedar Place NW, Owatonna, MN, 55060 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated 2016.02.09

BY THE COURT
Karen Duncan Judge of District Court

Sonia Kocher Court Administrator

Attorney of Petitioner David L. Einhaus Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A. 202 N. Cedar Avenue, P.O. Box 545 Owatonna, MN 55060 Attorney License No: 26190 Telephone: 507-451-3580 FAX: 507-451-3532 Email: einhaus@owatonnalawyers.com

2/23, 3/1

Westfield Township

Westfield Township Annual Town Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Township of Westfield, in the County of Dodge, State of Minnesota, will be held on the second Tuesday of March being the 8th day of March, 2016.

Polls will open at the close of the meeting until 8 p.m. to elect the following officers for the following terms:

- One Supervisor for a three (3) year term
- One Clerk for a two (2) year term.

Business meeting at 3 p.m. to transact town business as required or permitted by law. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held March 15th, 2016.

Julie Peterson Westfield Township

12/23 & 3/1

Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-280

Estate of Dorothy Fischer, Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 29, 2016 at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, February 10, 1993, and ("Will"), and for the appointment of Brian A. Fischer, whose address is 2020 Diablo Drive SE, Owatonna, MN, 55060 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: 02-10-2016

BY THE COURT
Karen R. Duncan Judge of District Court Attorney for Petitioner Eric J. Mattison Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A. 202 N. Cedar Avenue P.O. Box 545 Owatonna, MN, 55060 Attorney License No: 151609 Telephone: (507) 451-3580 FAX: (507) 451-3532 Email: mattison@owatonnalawyers.com

2/23, 3/1

Foreclosure

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE 14: OTHER CIVIL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE Court File No.: 74-CV-15-1089

Federal National Mortgage Association,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Gregory M. Lindholm, Mary Lindholm, Thorp Loan and Thrift Company d/b/a ITT Financial Services, John Doe and Mary Roe, Defendant(s).

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 25, 2011 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$179,300.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Gregory M. Lindholm and Mary Lindholm, Husband and Wife MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Suntrust Mortgage, Inc., thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association. LENDER: Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. SERVICER: Seterus, Inc. Loss Mitigation Phone Number: 1-866-570-5277 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded November 02, 2011, Steele County Recorder's Office, as Document No. A000380944 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8693 SE 34th Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04-019-3301 and 04-019-3302

Blooming Prairie Township will hold its Annual Meeting & Election March 8th, 2016

Polling hours are 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. with the meeting immediately following the closing of the polls. The ballot this year consists of 2 offices.

Robert Haberman- Supervisor 3 year term
Missy Anderson- Clerk 2 year term

Weather date will be March 15th at the same time. Listen to KOWZ for weather cancellations.

Thank You
Missy Anderson- Clerk

2/23

NOTICE TO FARMERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Steele County Auditor, Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, P. O. Box 890, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, until 10:00 a.m., March 3, 2016 for lease of approximately 20 acres of farmland located in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 Section 5-T107N-R20W in Steele County for the 2016 season.

Contact the County Engineer with questions regarding this lease opportunity at 635 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, Telephone: (507) 444-7670.

The County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technical defects and to award the lease to other than the highest bidder, or more than one bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the County will be best served thereby.

Laura Ihrke Steele County Auditor

2/16, 2/23, 3/1

AMOUNT DUE UNDER JUDGMENT & DECREE: \$212,836.17 DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a Judgment and Decree granted and entered in the above-cited action on the 19th of January, 2016, a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above-entitled action from said Defendants, Gregory M. Lindholm, and Mary Lindholm, the Sheriff of Steele County will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on April 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment and Decree:

A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 106 North, Range 19 West, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; thence North 0 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds East (assumed bearing) 300 feet along the West line of said Section 19 to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 0 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds East 434 feet; thence North 90 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds East 425 feet; thence South 02 degrees, 38 minutes, 19 seconds West 434.46 feet; thence South 90 degrees, 0 minutes, 0 seconds West 405 feet to the point of beginning (containing 4.1 acres, more or less), AND Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19, thence North 11 1/2 rods; thence East 7 rods; thence South 11 1/2 rods; thence West 7 rods to point of beginning. Containing .503 acres, more or less. to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of the confirmation of sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, will be six (6) months from the date of the sale confirmation.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

Steele County Sheriff
By: /s/ Steele County Deputy Sheriff

By: /s/ John P. Dockry

John P. Dockry #0395340
Kalli L. Ostlie #0329678 Deputy Sheriff
Attorneys for Plaintiff 12550 West Frontage Road, Ste. 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 Telephone: (952) 831-4060 Facsimile: 1-847-954-4800

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT AND DOES NOT IMPLY THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT MONEY FROM ANYONE WHO HAS DISCHARGED THE DEBT UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 1/26/2016
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Glynn/Huntington to approve the agenda, as amended. Ayes all.

2. Glynn/Schultz to approve the minutes of January 8, 2016. Ayes all.

3. Huntington/Schultz to approve the personnel actions. Ayes all.

4. Huntington/Glynn to place on file the SE Service Cooperative member report. Ayes all.

5. Glynn/Schultz to approve the contract with CliftonLarsonAllen to perform auditing services for the calendar years ending in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Ayes all.

6. Glynn/Huntington to approve having Fox Lawson review and rate the job description for a Chief Deputy position in the Treasurer's office. Ayes all.

7. Huntington/Schultz to approve having Fox Lawson review and rate the job description for a Chief Deputy position in the Auditor's office. Ayes all.

8. Glynn/Huntington to authorize advertising for the vacant Engineering Technician and Highway Maintenance Technician in the Highway department. Ayes all.

9. Huntington/Schultz to approve investment agreements with Northland Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Investment Advisors. Ayes all.

10. Schultz/Huntington to approve the purchase of 3 Microsoft Tablets at a cost not to exceed \$1,700 for the Treasurer, Auditor and GIS. Ayes all.

11. Schultz/Glynn to authorize the Sheriff to advertise for 3 squad cars. Ayes all.

12. Huntington/Glynn to authorize advertising for bids for the replacement of the bleachers at the Four Seasons Centre and set the bid opening for February 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Ayes all.

13. Glynn/Huntington to authorize the Four Seasons Director to submit grant applications for new electric Zambonis at the appropriate times in 2016. Ayes all.

14. Schultz/Huntington offered a Resolution that Steele County will proceed with the design and preparation of contract documents for the aforementioned bridges upon notification of Bridge Bond funding availability. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady absent and not voting.

15. Glynn/Schultz to authorize advertising for the 2016 Concrete Paving Projects and to set the bid opening date for February 25, 2016 at 10 a.m. Ayes all.

16. Huntington/Schultz to authorize advertising for bids for the SCAH 34 & 45 Traffic Signal Project and to set the bid opening date for March 3, 2016 at 10 a.m. Ayes all.

17. Glynn/Huntington to approve the 2016 Ditch Retainer Agreement with Kurt Deter from Rinke-Noonan. Ayes all.

18. The Public Hearing for the Revised Steele County Fee Schedule was call to order at 7:15 p.m.

19. County Administrator Laura Elvebak reviewed and explained the purpose of the fee schedule. The hearing was then open to questions from those in attendance. There were no questions from those in attendance.

20. Schultz/Huntington to close the hearing at 7:20 p.m. Ayes all.

21. Glynn/Schultz to adopt the 2016 Fee Schedule. Ayes all.

22. Schultz/Glynn to approve the Interpreter Contract Agreement between Public Health Nursing Service and Leyla Habib Abdulle. Ayes all.

23. Huntington/Schultz to approve the Physical Therapist Agreement with Greg Schroeder. Ayes all.

24. Huntington/Glynn to approve the low quote for purchase of 3 Ford Fusions from Owatonna Ford in the amount of \$17,759 each. Ayes all.

25. Schultz/Huntington to approve closing of the Game and Fish Agency Fund and transferring the remaining balance of \$3,480.32 and also, to transfer the negative FEMA fund balance of \$19,377 to the General Fund, effective December 31, 2015. Ayes all.

26. The Public Hearing for Ordinance Number 39: Electronic Delivery Devices was opened at 7:30 p.m.

27. Community Services Director Amy Roggenbuck explained the purpose and gave an overview of the Ordinance.

28. Public Health Educator Jane Nyquist discussed some of the definitions outlined in the Ordinance.

29. The hearing was then open to questions from those in attendance. Several people commented on the Ordinance.

30. Schultz/Huntington to close the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.

31. Schultz offered a Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to adopt Ordinance #39 Prohibiting Electronic Delivery Devices in Public Places, Retail Environments and Places of Work.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Steele County from the adverse effects of unregulated electronic delivery devices, also known as e-cigarettes. The ordinance defines such terms as "Electronic Delivery Devices", "Indoor Areas", and "Smoking". It details where the use of electronic delivery devices is prohibited. It defines the responsibilities of proprietors. And it gives the penalties for violations of the ordinance. This is only a summary of the ordinance and a copy of the full text is available for public inspection at the County Auditor's Office, 630 Florence Ave. Owatonna, MN 55060. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady absent and not voting.

32. Commissioners Reports:

Glynn reported on his attendance at the County Board of Appeal & Equalization, SE EMS joint meeting, Workforce Development, Board of Health, JD 7 & 11 meetings and MNPrairie meeting.

Huntington reported on her attendance at the SCHA Organizational meeting, EDA Committee, AMC Board of Directors, MNPrairie and the Board of Health.

Schultz reported on his attendance at the SEMCAC meeting, 911, Fair Board ad a class on Legislative updates.

Ebeling reported on his attendance at the 911 meeting, EDA meeting & Board of Health.

33. Schultz/Huntington to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS 1/26/2016		
A'viands, LLC	15,029.31	
Alcohol Monitoring System, Inc.	2,370.44	
Larry Balzer	24,176.25	
Briggs & Morgan, PA	3,038.50	
Central Valley Cooperative	4,234.48	
Cole's Electric, Inc	2,718.40	
Hillyard – Hutchinson	2,904.83	
JPATS/USMS	4,612.00	
Leo A. Hoffmann Center, Inc	8,672.25	
Loken Excavating & Drainag	2,134.47	
MCCC MI 33	9,196.63	
Metro Sales, Inc.	2,146.62	
Microsoft	8,358.60	
Owatonna Public Utilities	30,974.22	
Phoenix Supply	5,175.00	
R R Brink Locking Systems, Inc.	2,861.00	
Schultz Excavating	9,612.00	
SCR Southern – Rochester	2,838.35	
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	4,446.10	
Steele County Treasurer	151,090.49	
Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc.	31,990.92	
Turnkey Corrections	12,377.85	
92 Warrants under \$2,000	36,413.56	
	Total:	\$377,372.27
34. Schultz/Huntington to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 8:15 p.m. Ayes all.		

NOTICE TO MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Steele County Auditor, Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, P. O. Box 890, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, until 11:00 a.m., March 8, 2016, for seasonal material requirements for the following:

Plant Mixed Bituminous Material and Aggregate Materials.

Bids are to be submitted on the prepared proposal forms which can be secured at the Office of the County Engineer, 635 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, Minnesota, 55060, Telephone: (507) 444-7670 or on the Steele County website at www.co.steele.mn.us

The County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any technical defects and to award the contracts to other than the lowest bidder, or more than one bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the County will be best served thereby.

**Laura Ihrke
Steele County Auditor**

2/23,3/1,3/8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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: December 21, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph L. Erler and Barbara R. Erler, Husband and Wife; Jeremy J. Erler and Brittany L. Erler, Husband and Wife and Jeff T. Evans, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100021278104668400

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rochester Mortgage Company

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 22, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000346604, thereafter re-recorded March 28, 2007 as document number A000348663 to add additional mortgagors

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 27, 2015 filed: August 3, 2015, recorded as document number A000403434

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9 and the East 6 feet of Lot 8 in Block 23 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, Minnesota; Excepting the South 55 feet to the above described premises.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 404 Elm Ave S, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-2310

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$107,927.01

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 12, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Color properties

5. Arabian greeting

10. Frozen spike

12. Levels

14. Tear down social stiffness

16. Rapper Hammer's initials

18. Midway between E and SE

19. Shooting marble

20. Edward __, British composer

22. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

23. Cygnus' brightest star

25. Goidelic language of Ireland

26. Midway between N and NE

27. Auditory organ

28. Last month (abbr.)

30. Indicated horsepower (abbr.)

31. Mediation council

33. Aussie crocodile hunter

35. Sylvan deity

37. Clears or tidies

38. In a way, emerges

40. Whimper

41. G. Gershwin's brother

42. Begetter

44. Seated

45. Old world, new

48. Girls

50. "Song of triumph"

52. A covering for the head

53. Attack

55. Norwegian krone

56. Coach Parseghian

57. No good

58. Task that is simple

63. A way to move on

65. In a way, advanced

66. Losses weight

67. Shift sails

CLUES DOWN

1. Go quickly

2. Fiddler crabs

3. Cervid

4. Gundog

5. Gushed forth

6. Caliph

7. Shoe cord

8. Give extreme unction to

9. Of!

10. "A Doll's House" author

11. Documents certifying authority

13. Drunk

15. Principal ethnic group of China

17. Crinkled fabrics

18. Longest division of geological time

21. Pancake

23. Small pat

24. A garden plot

27. Strayed

29. Surgical instrument

32. No. French river

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Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Dated: February 16, 2016.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

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Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
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Foreclosure

16-102916

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: April 30, 2013

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$138,775.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Lanny Louks, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100867104377691779

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 30, 2013, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000391091

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 13, in Block 1, Hartle Addition

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 402 18th Street SW, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-243-0113

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$135,788.94

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 19, 2016, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by

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