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Pursuit results in one dead by BP

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A high-speed chase through Steele County with several area law agencies ended Monday afternoon in the driver committing suicide outside of Blooming Prairie.

The chase ended on Highway 30 at County Road 46 and 84th Avenue about a mile west of Blooming Prairie at about 12:30 p.m. According to Sgt. Gary Okins of the Steele County Sheriff's Office, the man shot and killed himself. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Okins identified the man as a 39-year-old rural Blooming Prairie man, who lives east of town in Dodge County. His name is being withheld pending notification of relatives.

"He was having personal issues with more than one person," Okins said, adding he didn't know what exactly caused

him to snap.

At 11:40 a.m., Blooming Prairie Police received a report of a man armed with a handgun making terroristic threats of violence toward an Owatonna resident, Okins said. An Owatonna police officer spotted the vehicle south of Owatonna a short time later.

Shortly after 12 p.m., police began pursuing the vehicle. The chase went to Hope and cut across county roads to U.S. Highway 218. Okins said officers tried to deploy stop sticks a couple times during the chase, but their efforts were unsuccessful. The chase reached speeds of 85 mph.

When the vehicle got to Highway 30 and County 46, a sheriff's deputy utilized a PIT maneuver, spinning the vehicle out of control and making it come to a stop.

"Before officers could get out of their squads, he shot himself," Okins said. A short time after the chase ended, deputies

draped a white blanket over the passenger's side of the car until the medical examiner could respond to the scene.

Blooming Prairie Ambulance arrived on the scene moments later, but no further action was taken by the EMTs.

Highway 30 west of Blooming Prairie was closed for several hours as officers conducted a thorough investigation of the incident.

An autopsy is being conducted by the Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Office in Rochester. Though results are pending from the autopsy, Okins said no drugs or alcohol had been detected.

Okins expressed relief that no police officers or motorists were injured during the incident.

Besides the sheriff's office, the State Patrol, Blooming Prairie Police and Owatonna Police assisted with the chase.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Officers from multiple agencies assisted with a high-speed chase in Steele County Monday afternoon. The chase began south of Owatonna and ended on Highway 30 at County Road 46 just west of Blooming Prairie. The driver shot and killed himself after a Steele County Sheriff's deputy utilized a PIT maneuver to stop the vehicle. Highway 30 was closed in the area for several hours as officers investigated the incident.

Flags up for cancer awareness



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Paint Blooming Prairie Pink. That's what happened on Sunday when a host of volunteers put up the field of flags signaling the coming of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's Benefit Weekend of Sept. 8-9. Mason Hultgren, 9, places a flag on a post in the field of flags.

The sun looked like a moon

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It was a scene to remember at Blooming Prairie's Central Park on Monday, Aug. 21 with both kids and adults using special cardboard glasses to get a glimpse at a solar eclipse.

Blooming Prairie Librarian Nancy Vaillancourt was busy handing out special, authorized glasses to view the eclipse.

"I have seen nothing quite like it," remarked Vaillancourt about the interest shown in the eclipse. "We have been getting lots of calls about this event sponsored by the Library," Vaillancourt said.

Vaillancourt ordered 100 pairs of glasses and distributed them one to a family. "Be sure and share your glasses with someone," Vaillancourt told the 150 sky watchers showing up at Central Park.

The glasses were all gone by 12 noon.

The eclipse cut a 70-mile wide path of totality across the United States, when the moon moved between the Earth and the Sun, blocking it for as much as 2 1/2 minutes.

This eclipse was the first coast-to-coast full eclipse since 1918.

Watchers at Central Park began seeing the eclipse at about 11:43 a.m. The Sun was extremely bright as the eclipse began and watchers with glasses could vividly witness the sun turning dark. "It looked like something had taken a bite out of the Sun," said one young watcher.

One young watcher, Jesse Mighee, 9, brought a welder's helmet to view the partial eclipse.

In addition to turning the park into a NASA-like setting, Vaillancourt brought visual aids with pin holes that watchers could use to project an image of the eclipse onto the sidewalk. Jaydon, Peyton and Mason Brown successfully reflected the image through the pin hole.

Vaillancourt and volunteers Kristi Fiebigger and Diane Boulton handed out paper plates to many of the youngsters at the park. The kids then painted the plate black for the Moon and a bright yellow for the Sun.

Roger and Joanne Sorenson were part of the adult contingency at the Park.

Ashley Brown, a ninth grader, made a poster showing how the Moon moves between the sun and the Earth and begins to cover the Sun.

Following the first point of contact in Oregon, the total eclipse was seen across Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and North and South Carolina. The total eclipse ended near Charleston, South Carolina at 2:48 p.m.

"It's awesome to see and fun showing kids how it works," Ashley said.

Siblings Veronica Brown, Peyton Brown and Makenna Brown

took turns using the special viewing glasses.

"This is really cool," said third grader Conor Rennie, 8.

Chad Lange, his wife Karen, both of Owatonna, and granddaughter Emilie Wall of Eden Prairie said they heard crickets chirping as they entered the park,

indicating that the skyline was getting darker. "We checked in Owatonna to see if they had a special viewing party and discovered they did not but Blooming Prairie did so we came here," said Lange.

The next solar eclipse is anticipated in 2024. See you then.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Kristin Romeo helps son Charlie get a good view at the solar eclipse at a Blooming Prairie Library viewing party on Monday, Aug. 21.



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Opinion

Our view

Ask yourself what you can do to end this important societal issue

When will the carnage and mayhem stop on our roadways? And how can you help bring an end to this senseless problem?

Those are questions we all need to be asking ourselves and working to find solutions.

For more than a century, drunk drivers have terrorized our roadways across America, on the back roads of our rural areas and even on the streets within our communities, large and small.

The 1988 bus crash in Carrollton, Kentucky is often called the worst drunk driving crash in U.S. history. A pickup truck driven by an intoxicated man crashed into a school bus carrying 67 people and killing 27 of them.

But, unlike what some want to think, it's not something that just takes place elsewhere. It happens in our back yards as well.

One of the worst drunk driving crashes in Minnesota took place just down the road from Steele County on Highway 30 outside of Rochester on Memorial Day weekend 2009. A driver with a blood alcohol level more than twice the legal limit killed five members of a family, including a 3-week-old infant, as they returned from a family picnic.

Every day, 28 people in the U.S. die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This is one death every 51 minutes. In 2015, 10,265 people died in alcohol crashes, accounting for nearly one-third of all traffic-related deaths. Every two minutes, someone is injured because of this entirely preventable crime.

In January 2016, this newspaper began an in-depth series of stories tackling the issues relating to drunk driving. Over the past 18 months, we have shared a variety of stories about the issue in an effort to get your attention.

And it apparently has worked. Some have grumbled and complained to us that enough is enough with this drunk driving stuff. It has struck a nervous cord with some.

But we recognize that the media is a key component in facilitating the progress needed to effect change. We are doing our part in drawing attention to the issue so that one day we can drive down the road without worrying about a ****faced driver coming at us.

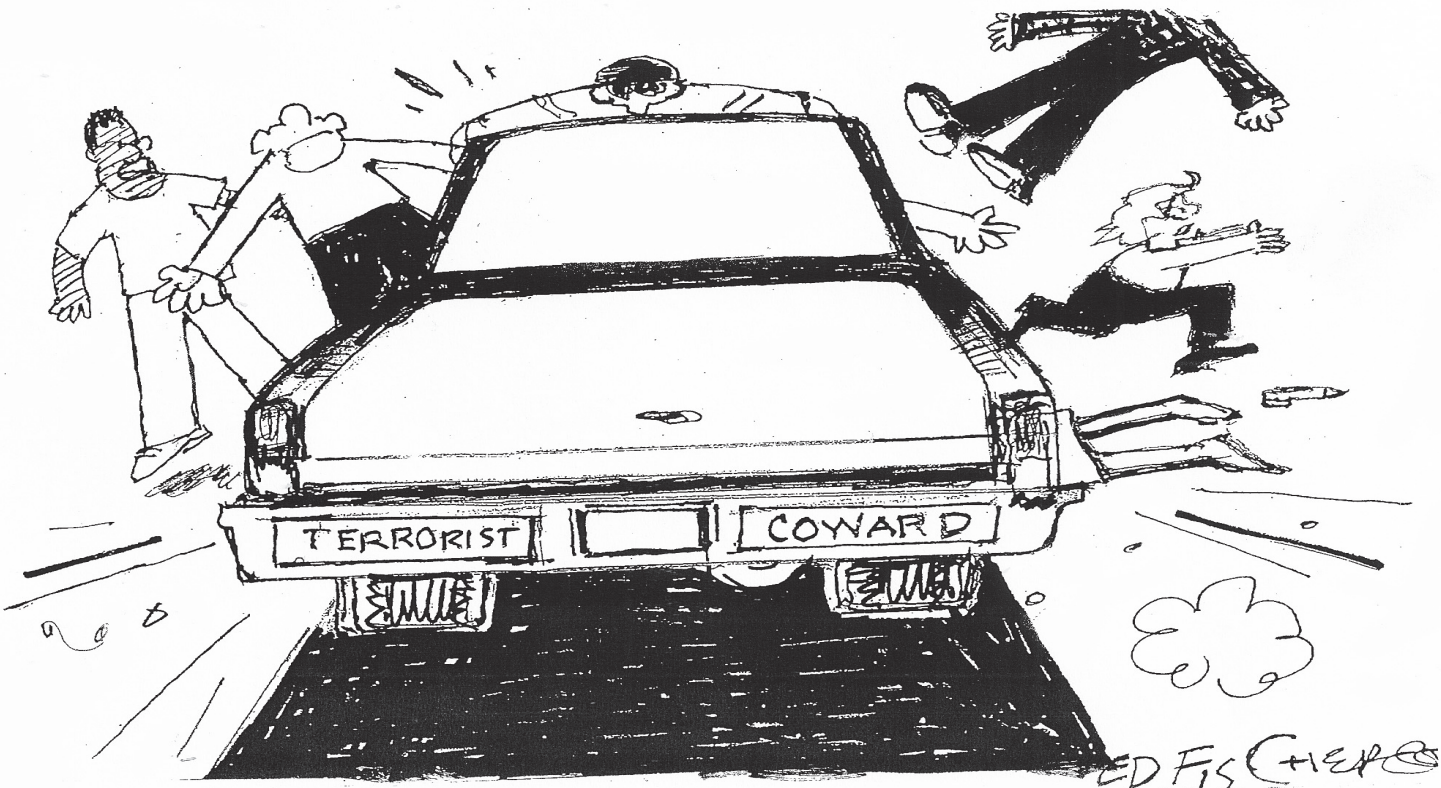
While there have been many statistics and numbers cited throughout our series, they only tell a small part of the story. The bigger part is real life families and individuals who are ravaged by drivers who still don't get the hint and continue to hop behind the wheel soused with one too many drinks.

Our project, "U Booze, U Drive, U Lose," concludes this week with a special section devoted entirely to impaired driving. The section is loaded with compelling stories that cut to the heart of the issue.

There is a simple message wrapped around all the heartache and anguish shared by families who have lost loved ones at the hands of impaired drivers. That message is drunk driving is unacceptable and should not be tolerated as a society. We all share in the responsibility of making sure drunks don't get behind the wheel to drive.

Until we all get that message, the pain and suffering will continue festering for victims smacked in the face by the harsh reality of losing a loved one.

If there is one thing to take away from our series, it should be this: if you booze and you drive, you will lose. And more often than not, it will be an innocent family losing the most.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

The man responsible for killing Mary Malakowsky's daughter nearly 30 years ago was so drunk he could hardly stand up. His friends laughed and carried him out to his car and they even turned the key because he couldn't just before he drove away.

Ever since Shelly Malakowsky was decapitated and killed on the interstate near Faribault, her mother has endured unending nightmares.

And she doesn't mince words when it comes to talking about what Bill Israelson, a pro golfer from northern Minnesota, did to her family. "He can go to hell," Mary Kay says. "There is no remorse there at all."

Putting a face on the victims of drunk driving. That's what we've attempted to do over the past 18 months through sharing stories like the Malakowsky case in an effort to decrease alcohol-related crashes and save lives.

Even though progress has been made over the past 30 years in decreasing alcohol-related deaths, the statistics are still staggering. Every 51 minutes a drunk driver kills someone. But the issue isn't about numbers, but rather real life devastation.

Putting a face on the severity of drunk driving

This week we culminate our special drunk driving campaign with a special section highlighting the extensive human toll that drinking and driving can have. We have provided personal accounts from victims, families and others whose lives have been shattered. Through it all, there is one key underlining theme: none of it had to happen.

I first came across Mary Kay a few years after her daughter's death when I was a cub reporter at the Austin TV station. Her story is a tearjerker that probably could make the most stoic and uncaring person in the world come to grips with their life. I have kept in contact with her over the years and the story never gets easier to absorb.

Mary Kay is not afraid to tell her story even if it means sharing the blood, guts and gore of what happened on Aug. 22, 1988. She is extremely direct and matter-of-fact as she relives the horror of what a drunk driver has put her family through.

Over the years I have heard Mary Kay speak at least a dozen times. Never once have I been able to leave with a dry eye. I have seen her bring harden drunks to tears. It's perhaps the worst alcohol-related death I have ever heard about.

In 2004, another family

came into my life that has had an incredible impact on the drunk driving issue. Nathan and Connie Backstrom lost their three sons in a DWI crash near Farmington. I have also heard them speak many times in a variety of settings and again it always ends up being a sobfest for me.

The Backstrom boys, ages 16 to 20, were on their way home from a shopping trip when a drunk driver on his cell phone barreled into their vehicle. The horrific journey for the Backstroms puts yet another face on the devastation left behind by drunk drivers.

Ever since I crossed paths with Mary Kay in the early 1990s, I have been passionate about drunk driving both as a journalist and as a police officer. It's important that we don't give up on the war against impaired driving.

And heck you don't even have to be in the media or law enforcement to have an impact. We can all make a difference by changing our attitudes and making sure no one gets behind the wheel drunk.

I hope the faces we have put on drunk driving through our "You Booze, You Drive, You Lose" campaign will make you go in hot pursuit of ending the senseless carnage that riddles our roadways and devastates innocent families.

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Guest Column

How did schools benefit from 2017 session?

By JOHN PETERSBURG
District 24A State Rep.

Classrooms across Minnesota are once again open for business, making this the perfect opportunity to discuss a few of the accomplishments for K-12 Education during the 2017 legislative session.

School officials I've spoken with are pleased with the historic investment lawmakers made in education. In all, \$1.3 billion in new revenue is being sent to schools throughout Minnesota. Locally, this results in \$2.159 million in new funding for Owatonna Schools, and a \$795,000 increase for Waseca Schools

over the next two years.

A number of reforms were also implemented during the 2017 session. This includes ending the "Last In, First Out" default layoff policy for schools to keep the best teachers in the classroom; investing in proven early education programming like pre-K scholarships and school readiness; and overhauling the broken teacher licensure system to help hire more teachers to address the shortage.

In all, we approved dozens of provisions that should make life easier for school districts and their teachers while ultimately helping our children succeed in school.

As always, I welcome your questions and feedback. Please contact me anytime at 651-296-5368 or at rep.john.petersburg@house.mn if you'd like to further discuss last session's education agenda.

I'd also like to tell parents about tax benefits for their 2017 Minnesota tax return for many school supplies. Minnesota has both a credit and a subtraction for education expenses, and the Department of Revenue has reminded families interested in claiming these tax benefits to save all receipts related to school supplies.

Most school supplies will qualify for the credit or subtraction,

including writing utensils, textbooks, and musical instrument rentals. Common items that don't qualify for the subtraction or credit include school lunches, uniforms, backpacks, and more.

While the education subtraction is not subject to income limits, the credit is limited to households with incomes less than \$37,500 for families with 1-2 children, \$39,500 for families with 3 children, and adding \$2,000 per child for families with 4 or more children. According to the Department of Revenue, more than 43,000 families took advantage of the education credit saving an average of \$242.

In all, nearly 200,000 families took advantage of the education subtraction.

Full details about the Education Subtraction and Credit can be found on the Department of Revenue's website: <http://www.revenue.state.mn.us>.

Here's wishing the best of luck to all of the students, parents, and teachers in Steele County. Have a wonderful school year.

John Petersburg is in his third term as a representative for District 24A in the Minnesota House. His district includes Steele and Waseca counties. He lives in Waseca.



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Public Safety



CRIME BRIEF

Sex offenders move into Steele County

Two high-risk sexual offenders are living in the area.

Benny Ledesma and Richard Villarreal moved into Owatonna on Monday. Ledesma's registered address is in the vicinity of South Cedar Avenue and East University Street while Villarreal will be living in the area of East Rose Street and North Elm Avenue.

Both men are categorized as Level 3 offenders, which are the most likely to reoffend.

Ledesma has a history of sexual contact with adolescent girls. The contact included sexual touching. In one case, he held the victim against her will and robbed her. He was known to one victim and not known to the other victim.

Villarreal has a history of sexual contact with adolescent girls between the ages of 12 and 14. His contact included sexual touching and penetration and he was known to the victims. He also has a prior history of sexual contact with two girls, ages 8



Benny Ledesma



Richard Villarreal

and 10. Owatonna Police and officials from the Minnesota Department of Corrections held a public information meeting Aug. 21 disclosing information about both offenders.

Police are not currently looking for the offenders. The notification has been done to enhance the public's safety through knowledge of the general area of where the offenders are living.

Any questions about the offenders should be directed to Owatonna Police at 507-444-3800.

a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Oak Ave. S. at 2:55 a.m.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 11:56 a.m.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 400 block of North St. W. at 8:55 p.m.

Aug. 21
Intoxication: At 2:14 a.m., police arrested an intoxicated individual in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Warrants: Officers made warrant arrests in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 11:06 a.m., the 2200 block of 12th St. NW at 4:38 p.m. and the 200 block of Main St. E. at 10:28 p.m.

Arrest: Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 11:50 a.m.

Mental Health: Officers responded to a mental health incident in the 2200 block of 12th St. NW at 3:55 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Domestic: Police arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of Linn Ave. SW at 4:42 p.m.

Weapons: Officers responded to a weapons-related complaint in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 9:26 p.m.

Shoplifting: A shoplifting incident occurred in the 100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10 p.m.

Aug. 22
Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 3:37 a.m. They took a subject into custody.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 800 block of School St. E. at 3:44 a.m.

Suspicion: At 11:35 a.m., a citizen reported suspicious activity in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 7:41 p.m.

Aug. 23
Arrest: Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:25 a.m.

Warrants: Officers made warrant arrests in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10:50 a.m. and the 400 block of North St. W. at 10:26 p.m.

Shoplifting: Police arrested subjects for shoplifting in the 400 block of North St. W. at 11:03 a.m. and the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 12:56 p.m.

Restraining Order: At 7:24 p.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 2200 block of Condor Place NE. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Drugs: Police issued a citation

for drug activity in the 600 block of Broadway St. E. at 8:47 p.m.

Traffic: Officer arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 10:40 p.m.

Aug. 24
Arrest: Police made a traffic stop arrest at 17th St. SE and Austin Road SE at 1:12 p.m.

Thefts: Officers took theft reports in the 200 block of Park St. SE at 2:56 p.m. and the 600 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 3:26 p.m.

Restraining Order: At 5:47 p.m., police issued a citation for a restraining order violation in the 1300 block of Linn Ave. SW.

Domestic: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of School St. E. at 9:40 p.m. They arrested a juvenile at the scene.

Steele County Sheriff
Aug. 19

Traffic: Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 3900 block of County Road 45 S. in Owatonna Township at 12:14 a.m.

Juvenile: Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. in Owatonna at 2:48 a.m.

Thefts: Deputies took theft reports in the 1600 block of South Cedar Ave. in Owatonna at 11:40 a.m. and the 1500 block of Elm Ave. S. in Owatonna at 5:38 p.m.

Assault: At 10:21 p.m., deputies responded to an assault in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. in Owatonna.

Aug. 20
Disturbance: At 7:36 p.m., deputies responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. in Owatonna.

Aug. 21
Mental Health: Deputies assisted with a mental health incident in the 3500 block of 32nd Ave. NW in Clinton Falls Township at 7:02 a.m.

Aug. 22
Warrant: Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center at 12:07 p.m.

Aug. 23
Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 4500 block of 22nd Ave. NW in Clinton Falls Township at 9:52 a.m.

Crash: At 4:45 p.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 2600 block of County Road 45 S. in Owatonna Township.

Theft: Deputies received a theft report from the 4100 block of 66th St. NW in Medford Township at 5:52 p.m.

DWI: Deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 98th St. SE and Highway 218 in Aurora Township at 8:03 p.m.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 14 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Darcy T. Lewis, 28, Minneapolis, previously appeared and was convicted of felony conspiracy to commit theft. Lewis was sentenced to \$19,497.19 and 30 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 14 – 18:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Lydia E. Ludolph, 24, Austin, suspended license, \$281; Tony M. Rooun, 26, Austin, suspended license, \$281.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Greta K. Allen, 22, Urbandale, IA, speeding, \$131; Martin C. Berks, 21, Faribault, speeding, \$151; Jodi L. Butler, 42, Mandan, ND, speeding and no license, \$321; Spencer V. Christensen, 16, Ellendale, failure to yield, \$131; Ismael R. Diaz-Ramirez, 21, Waseca, speeding, no license and no insurance, \$441; Kristin M. Elings, 45, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$141;

Robert S. Gardner, 60, Rochester, seat belt, \$106; Ashlee J. Hensley, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jessica Christiana A. Hernandez, 26, Gretna, LA, speeding, \$131; Sierra B. Jensen, 19, Dodge Center, speeding, \$281;

Krystal B. Johnson, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Brian S. Kasper, 32, Owatonna, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Christopher M. Koning, 41, Rochester, suspended license, \$281; Cisco L. Lee, 38, Kilkenny, speeding, \$121;

Tanner P. Lermon, 27, Rochester, seat belt and inspection decal violation, \$206; Cynthia S. Mace, 46, Lawson, MO, speeding, \$131; Donald M. McCormick, 21, Albert Lea, revoked license, \$281; Scott A. Mittelstaedt, 48, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 4 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Brandon J. Neitzel, 34, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Peter M. Osora, 55, Shakopee, speeding, \$141; Bonnie J. Stokes, 57, Cannon Falls, speeding, \$141; Ricky R. Tollefson, 48, New Richland, invalid license, \$181.

Owatonna Police Department

Charles E. Ball, 56, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, \$131; Andrew J. Bogenschutz, 35, Steele County Detention Center, disorderly conduct and contempt of court, \$562 and 90 days in county jail; Charity A. Braulik, 38, Owatonna, invalid license, \$131;

Tyler S. Britt, 21, Owatonna, criminal damage to property, \$381, 3 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Tyler S. Britt, 21, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$81, 2 years of diversion program, no possession of firearms and 2 years of supervised probation; Alexander J. Brown, 22, Rosemount, revoked license and possession of paraphernalia, \$331; Dustin D. Craft, 25, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281;

Alana M. Deranek, 34, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Brendan A. Dimmel, 21, Janesville, theft, \$131; Bryan A. Dupris, 19, Faribault, assault, \$281, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain GED, no contact with victim, psychological evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Welden H. Eggler, 60, Rochester, seat belt, \$106;

Carl L. Franklin, 50, speeding and no insurance, stay of adjudication, \$131 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; David M. Friedrichs, 53, Mankato, intent to escape motor vehicle tax, \$131 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Jeannie M. Heskett, 60, Faribault, theft, \$181, 3 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Hanna B. Hughes, 19, Owatonna, high beams light violation, no license, failure to stop for traffic control signal and expired tabs, \$301; Megan M. Janning, 23, Garden City, DWI, \$381 and 12 days in county jail; John D. Knudtson, 18, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Anne K. Levy, 17, Owatonna, texting while driving, \$131;

Laltigus L. Lyons, 22, Owatonna, no insurance and permit violation, \$331; Lu A. Maanum, 62, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, 224 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Jessenia L. Martinez, 21, Faribault, possession of marijuana, \$131;

Hernan Mercado Garcia, 21, West Concord, no license, \$181; Codie J. Moore, 24, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$181 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Dammon D. Nailon, 35, Faribault, disorderly conduct, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Damien J. Newman, 26, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281;

Dillon E. Ptacek, 23, Claremont, DWI, \$381, attend MADD impact panel, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 ear of supervised probation; Klarissa Saucedo, 21, Faribault, possession of marijuana, \$131;

Daniel W. Schley, 37, Owatonna,

DWI, \$581, 90 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend MADD impact panel, psychological evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, 240 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Tackia S. Smith, 31, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 6 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation and 3 years of supervised probation; Natalie E. Stark, 20, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181;

Christopher R. Thissen, 33, Waseca, dangerous weapons-reckless discharge of firearm within a municipality and falsely reporting crime, stay of adjudication, \$281, no alcohol or controlled substance use, individual therapy, complete Blue Earth County Veterans Court and 1 year of supervised probation; Timothy C. Thrall, 18, Cedar Falls, IA, speeding, \$121;

Nyanuer Y. Tut, 17, Owatonna, wrong way on one-way street, \$181; Sergio R. Vargas, 33, Owatonna, revoked license and seat belt, \$306; Derek J. West, 36, Rochester, revoked license and no insurance, \$481;

Levi J. Westling, 25, Waseca, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, 106 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, 80 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Ben R. Aase, 43, West Concord, speeding, \$121; Chantel Burton, 55, Shakopee, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Jesse B. Dick, 30, Ellendale, speeding, \$281; Tyler M. Dulitz, 24, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 1 day in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Eric H. Fisher, 41, Owatonna, expired license, \$181;

Laura A. Fletcher, 32, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Tommy C. Hondel-Reid, 24, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$281, 2 days in county jail, do not enter liquor establishments, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, no contact with victim, mental health evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Jesse S. Jaeger, 24, Ellendale, stop sign, \$131; Jill R. Martin, 42, Geneva, speeding, \$306; Khoi M. Nguyen, 18, Shakopee, cancelled license, \$281; Joshua B. O'Daffer, 16, Medford, speeding, \$281; Luis D. Pliego, 34, Apple Valley, speeding, \$141;

Anna M. Rodriguez, 33, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Tami J. Roloff, 36, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Cody J. Schwarz, 18, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Kendra J. Thomas, 23, Owatonna, sto lights on rear of vehicle violation, \$121; Clay H. Walser, 32, Windom, speeding, \$141; Levi J. Westling, 25, Waseca, violation of restraining order, \$181, 47 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation.

ARREST

Steele County

Owatonna Police

John Robert Bulver, 30, arrested at 10:35 a.m. Aug. 17, felony probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

James Edward White, 36, arrested at 10:09 p.m. Aug. 18, domestic assault, trespassing, burglary and assault, held for court.

Rodrigo Raul Deluna, 36, arrested at 1:08 a.m. Aug. 19, domestic assault, held for court.

Joshua Douglas Watkins, 31, arrested at 8:12 a.m. Aug. 18, warrant arrest, held for court.

Luis Daniel Mendoza, 21, arrested at 8:25 a.m. Aug. 19, DWI, held for court.

Joyce Anna Frye, 21, arrested at 10:10 a.m. Aug. 20, warrant ar-

rest, held for court.

William Allen Bliss, 31, arrested at 9:24 a.m. Aug. 20, felony domestic assault, assault, terroristic threats and disorderly conduct, held for court.

Derek James West, 36, arrested at 4:26 a.m. Aug. 21, felony controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, held for court.

Kierra Jean Ellingsworth, 24, arrested at 12:25 p.m. Aug. 21, felony controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia, held for court.

Jamie Lee Carey, 31, arrested at 12:25 p.m. Aug. 21, felony drug court probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

Ahmed Ali Hannad, 24, arrested at 11:06 a.m. Aug. 21, contempt of court and violation of conditions of release, held for court.

Robert Harold Stuart, 37, arrested at 10:07 p.m. Aug. 21, warrant arrest, \$40,000 bail.

John Dean Dahle, 54, arrested at 10:30 p.m. Aug. 21, felony domestic assault by strangulation and assault/domestic assault, held for court.

Anthony Montgomery Jr., 21, arrested at 7:23 p.m. Aug. 21, felony extradition hearing from Indiana for aggravated robbery, held for court.

Tyler Lee Lockman, 29, arrested at 10:03 a.m. Aug. 22, warrant arrest, held for court.

Logan Michael Klemer, 19, arrested at 12:15 p.m. Aug. 23, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.

Jesse Ray Skelly, 34, arrested at 8:05 a.m. Aug. 23, warrant arrest, \$2,000 bail.

Anival Cuellar, 41, arrested at 7:15 a.m. Aug. 23, warrant arrest, held for court.

Angelique Jo Brown, 29, arrested at 11:28 a.m. Aug. 23, warrant arrest, held for court.

Kara Louise-Faith Venable, 26, arrested Aug. 23, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.

Heather Marie Krumrie, 28, arrested at 8:49 p.m. Aug. 23, order for protection violation, held for court.

Adam John Techau, 33, arrested at 2:14 a.m. Aug. 24, felony possession and revoked license, held for court.

Martin John Klaustermeier, 22, arrested at 2:46 a.m. Aug. 24, warrant arrest, held for court.

Deandre Lavale Rogers, 28, arrested at 2:16 p.m. Aug. 24, violation of license status and no insurance, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

Bradley Lyle Dunn, 32, arrested at 4:06 a.m. Aug. 24, felony DWI-test refusal, held for court.

MN State Patrol

Scott Donald Hendrickson, 47, arrested at 4:39 a.m. Aug. 20, DWI, held for court.

OWATONNA FIRE

Aug. 18
Building Fire: At 1:34 a.m., fire fighters responded to a building fire in the 200 block of Beech Ave. NE.

Waste Fire: An outside rubbish, trash or waste fire occurred in the 2000 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 7:48 p.m.

Aug. 22
Smoke: Fire personnel assisted with smoke or odor removal in the 200 block of University St. E. at 2:23 p.m.

Waste Fire: At 9:56 p.m., fire fighters responded to an outside rubbish, trash or waste fire in the 1600 block of State Ave. NW.

Aug. 23
Vehicle Fire: Fire rescue responded to a passenger vehicle fire on Linn Ave. at 5:53 p.m.
Burning: Fire fighters responded to an unauthorized burning in the 1200 block of 12th Ave. NW at 7:59 p.m.

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

- Brady Dubose – theft, shoplifting - \$1,000 bail
- Scott Dungey – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- Angel Duran – assault – no bail
- William Durham – domestic assault - \$2,000 bail
- Rosa Dusbabek – controlled substance - \$30,000 bail
- Douglas Eckerman – DWI – no bail
- David Ecklund – DWI - \$500 bail
- Glenn Ellison – forged check - \$1,000 bail
- Jean Enamorado – open bottle - \$181 bail
- Brent Espenson – theft - \$2,000 bail

- Ramiro Esquivel – false information - \$2,000 bail
- Lance Evan – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Travis Farris – theft – no bail
- Francis Feeley – domestic assault - \$3,000 bail
- Romero Fernandez – criminal sexual conduct - \$200,000 bail
- Oscar Ferrera – DWI – no bail
- Raymond Fleming – DWI – no bail
- Luis Flores – traffic - \$100 bail
- Rogelio Flores – DWI, revoked license - \$12,000 bail
- Jose Flores Redondo – domestic assault - \$500 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS



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All four area high schools will start thier quest for a state championship this week as Minnesota high school football kicks off around the state.

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‘This is my home’

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Life at times has been very difficult for Vietnamese native Loan Trinh, but she is proud to call Minnesota her home.

Loan (pronounced Lon) is Health, Environment and Safety manager at Arkema of Blooming Prairie. Arkema is a global chemical company located on Blooming Prairie's north side.

At an Arkema Citizens Advisory Panel meeting on Wednesday night, Aug. 9, Loan told her story of how she escaped from Vietnam and eventually ended in Minnesota.

One could almost hear a pin drop as Loan methodically traced her departure from Vietnam in 1979.

Twenty listeners at the BP City Center heard her inspiring story. "Thank you for coming to hear my story," Loan told her audience. "We'll have a good time and learn from each other," she said in explaining her purpose of reciting her story.

The new government of Vietnam under Communist rule was very threatening to property owners in the late 1970s, Loan said. "People were being killed and the government just came in and took over property," she explained.

Loan was 10 years old when she was told by her Vietnamese mother that she would be leaving the country. Loan's father of Chinese heritage and her mother

still live in Vietnam but are currently in the United States on a visit. Loan said a goal is to bring them permanently to America.

Three outfits and a blanket were packed for Loan by her mother, readying Loan for her night escape from Vietnam.

"I was told I was going somewhere far away. I just sat and cried but that was it, I left my family."

It cost money, bars of gold, for children and adults to escape Vietnam. Loan's aunt paid for Loan's required stipend, two bars of gold valued at \$800.

"Asians love gold because the price keeps on fluctuating," Loan said. Adults were required to pay 10 bars of gold.

Only the wealthy escaped, Loan said. She was part of the boat people who escaped in the late 1970s.

"We were packed in like sardines with 200 on our big boat," Loan recalls. She said the destination by boat was Malaysia. During the early sailing, Loan said her boat was robbed by pirates three different times.

She tells of Thailand feeding them and then robbing them of all their belongings. The pirates also threatened to rape people but that "thankfully didn't happen," Loan says.

The boat with its Vietnamese immigrants tried to land in Malaysia but was diverted to Indonesia. "When we landed there, it reminded me of Gilligan's Island," Loan chuckles. After spending a few weeks there, the

immigrants then were sent to a refugee camp.

The Vietnamese immigrants including Loan lived in Indonesia for eight months. Their chosen destination was first, Australia and then the United States, Canada, Sweden and Switzerland.

Australia was "very picky," Loan said, and rejected them. "Thank God they rejected us and we got the chance to come to America," Loan said.

Loan came to America on Halloween Day in 1979. She and her relatives were sent to a Lutheran church in Alcorn, Iowa, population 400. "Blooming Prairie is metropolitan compared to Alcorn," she said.

Loan lived in Iowa for a year and then was taken with a U-haul trailer to St. Paul. "That's where I grew up," she said.

Her early days in St. Paul were spent with her aunt and uncle. "I was kind of like their servant," she says. Loan called herself a Cinderella type character.

Loan learned English, starting in fourth grade in Iowa. "You learn quick. I remember chewing gum and responding to English speaking people by saying 'no thank you, I don't understand.'"

Loan attended Johnson High School in St. Paul. "I ran away from home at age 18," she related.

Remembering getting up at 6 a.m. to get ready for school, Loan said she would come home at 2:30 and work at the fam-



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Loan Trinh, Health, Environment and Safety manager at Arkema of Blooming Prairie, was a featured speaker at an Arkema Citizens Advisory Panel meeting at the BP City Center on Wednesday night. Loan is shown in front of a map of Vietnam.

ily store until 6:30 and then she would cook a meal and clean the house. Following those tasks, she forced herself to study. She finished fifth in her graduating class.

"I learned that I could be what I wanted to be," Loan said. She then put herself through college at the University of Minnesota. "I made it," she proclaims. Her interests were chemistry and science and a career as a chemical engineer.

Loan worked at McDonald's for \$3.40 an hour and sent mon-

ey to her family in Vietnam. She met her husband, a Vietnamese immigrant, in St. Paul.

Arkema hired Loan out of college. "I remember going to my first interview looking like a business woman wearing a mini skirt and high heels," Loan shared. She was hired as a project engineer.

Loan took her citizenship test at age 18. "I was an alien at one time," she said. She kept her Vietnamese name because of all the paper work she would have had to change.

Loan has returned twice to Vietnam and said the country has changed considerably and mainly due to other countries investing in Vietnam.

She and her husband, formerly a Vietnamese restaurant owner, have two daughters, ages 20 and 16. They reside in Owatonna.

"This is my home and I have learned as Americans we have a good heart. I've also learned to take one day at a time."

It was a magical day

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

It was a magical day on this particular Wednesday afternoon when Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad made a magical appearance at a Blooming Prairie Branch Library event.

Chief Skillestad, also known as Greg the Great Magician, was the entertainment for the final Book Fair of the 2017 Summer Reading Program at the BP Library.

Greg the Great brought his cast of characters with him, two doves and a bunny rabbit. He also sprinkled lots of humor into his act and relied on audience participation to spice up the show. Greg's appearance was sponsored by the Little Library Legacy Program.

Skillestad was introduced by BP Librarian Nancy Vaillancourt. She said the reading program is supported by the City of Blooming Prairie, Friends of the Library and by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Following the magic show, kids were given the opportunity to choose a free book from a wide selection. Vaillancourt said 73 free books were given out on this day. The book fair was held once a month in June, July and August.

An estimated 80 youngsters, the bulk of them from the Boys and Girls Club, enjoyed Skillestad's entertaining magic show.

Showing a sign that he is the "best" magician, Greg quickly showed another sign that said he was not the "best" magician around. The kids pointed out his contradictory statements.

He also did tricks with two doves and a bunny. The final part of his show featured Greg shooting his bunny out of a cannon into a treasure box.

During his routine, Skillestad emphasized the importance of reading books.

Skillestad has been doing magic shows for 17 years under the stage name, "Mystifying Magic."

His hour-long show at the BP City Center was well received by kids and adults alike. He chose several volunteers to help him do some of his magic tricks.

Talon Arndt was drafted as a pizza cook and assisted Greg the Great in his cooking scheme of things.

Greg also asked Maddy Madson to help him make a proper American flag out of a silk scarf.

Dixie Swenson was volunteered to demonstrate an illusion where she was placed on a table with no supports.

Evan Halvorson assisted Greg the Great in launching his bunny across the room into a special box.

"It has been a fun summer and what a way to conclude the reading book fairs," said Vaillancourt.

Other programs for the summer included the Schiffelly Puppets;; Rad Zoo; Will Hale, musician; Norm Barnhart, magician and the International Owl Center.

The library last week also sponsored a solar eclipse viewing party at Central Park in Blooming Prairie. On Wednesday, the kids had a chance to ride horses.

"We had lots of activities and great participation from the kids and their families," commented Vaillancourt.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Ummmmm! Good! Tiny Charlotte Trom, 1 1/2, of Blooming Prairie, really liked the sweet corn served at the 10th Annual Blooming Prairie Fire Department Brat and Corn Feed on Saturday, Aug. 26. She is the daughter of Mike and Mandy Trom.

500-plus attend 10th Annual BP Fire Department Brat and Sweet Corn Feed

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Rain pelted the Blooming Prairie area early Saturday afternoon but subsided and did not interfere with the support shown for the Blooming Prairie's 10th annual Brat and Sweet Corn Feed.

The feed which featured bratwurst, brat patties, beans and sweet corn was held for the second consecutive year at the BP Fire Hall. The department's large American flag hoisted high on a truck ladder invited people to the feed from Highway 218.

An estimated 550 hungry consumers helped set a record turnout for the tasty event.

Firefighter Mike Hoffman manned the payment booth, using a fireman's boot to collect freewill donations.

Here's some statistics on what

was ordered for the dinner:

- 1500 pounds of corn donated by B & B Wolf Farms, BP
- 500 brats
- 450 pork patties
- 140 hot dogs
- 18 gallons of beans
- 4 gallons of sauerkraut

Wives of the firemen provided 16 pans of homemade bars and cookies for dessert.

Much of the food products was donated. Donors were: B & B Farms, Pizza Cellar, Cue Company, Skjeveland Enterprises, Dean's Smoke Shop, Geneva Meats, Metal Arts-Precision Parts and Travelin' Picnic Tables.

Kids games including an obstacle course were run by volunteers of the fire department. Kids were also given the opportunity to sit in the BP fire trucks. Carol Iverson offered free face painting to kids and adults alike.

Fire Chief Dean Naatz

thanked those who attended the feed and also offered gratitude to those who donated food products.

Profits are directed toward a wish list that the local fire department prepares. A grain bin rescue trailer was one item bought with dinner proceeds.

"We help pay for supplemental equipment with funds from this feed," Chief Naatz said.

The food received top rating from all ages including little Charlotte Trom, 1 1/2. She is the daughter of Mike and Mandy Trom and was nibbling on the corn before and after it was roasted.

Peyton Peterson, three-year-old son of Jake and Alicia Peterson, helped shuck the corn. Firemen did all the prep work, the cooking and serving of the food with assistance from their wives.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Greg the Great bragged about being the greatest magician in the world. He provided fun and entertainment for the Blooming Prairie Library's Book Fair on Thursday, Aug. 24.

CommunityLiving

Obituaries

Yvonne Elaine McDaniel, 67 of Blooming Prairie

Yvonne Elaine McDaniel, 67, of Blooming Prairie and formerly of Easton, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family Aug. 20, 2017, at her home in Blooming Prairie.

Yvonne was born Oct. 25, 1949 to Louise and Marion (Johnson) Seymore in Easton, Pennsylvania where she graduated from high school. She joined the U.S. Army where she served her country as a cook. She went on to college to receive her nursing degree.

In 1978, she married William McDaniel in Philadelphia; the couple later divorced. Together they raised two sons. She

worked as an administrative assistant for a few years. A member of First Baptist Church in Blooming Prairie, Yvonne was a nature lover who enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two sons, Owassa McDaniel of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Toussaint (Katrina) McDaniel of Blooming Prairie; grandchildren, Gabrael McDaniel and Liliahna McDaniel of Blooming Prairie; Owassa, Jr., Alex, Adaya, and Benjamin McDaniel of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; brother Arthur L. Seymore; sister Lou-Marra Hoggs; cousins Kapell Tilghman, Harold Briggs, Kenneth Briggs, John Briggs, Michael Briggs, Brenda Briggs, Marsha Seymore-Roberts, Charles M. Prattis, Percy Prattis, Rev. William Briggs, Jr. -uncle; Leslie J. Seymore, Vivian Seymore; nieces and nephews Sandra Seymore, Victoria Taylor, Anita Seymore, Christopher Seymore, Lovell Seymore, Taris Choice, Denise Hoggs, Sean Hoggs. Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Louis Jr., and her sister Cynthia.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Matthew Fennell officiating. Interment will be held at a later date.

neth Briggs, John Briggs, Michael Briggs, Brenda Briggs, Marsha Seymore-Roberts, Charles M. Prattis, Percy Prattis, Rev. William Briggs, Jr. -uncle; Leslie J. Seymore, Vivian Seymore; nieces and nephews Sandra Seymore, Victoria Taylor, Anita Seymore, Christopher Seymore, Lovell Seymore, Taris Choice, Denise Hoggs, Sean Hoggs. Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Louis Jr., and her sister Cynthia.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Matthew Fennell officiating. Interment will be held at a later date.



Memorials can be directed to the family. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Betty L. Stoen, 86 of Claremont

Betty L. Stoen of Claremont died Aug. 21, 2017 at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Claremont. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Betty was born on Sept. 17, 1930 in St. Anthony, Iowa the daughter of Clifford and Hazel (Roseburrough) Cochran. Betty attended high in Clemons, Iowa and graduated in 1949. She was united in marriage to Ralph Stoen on June 8, 1953 in Iowa.

Betty was a homemaker and a

farmwife for all of her life. She was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and the Council of Catholic Women. Her hobbies include crocheting, gardening, baking. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her children Ronald Stoen of Claremont, Roger (Joan) Stoen of Medford, Donna (Mike) Herda of Faribault, Mary (Chad) Olson of Medford, Barbara (John) Kraling of Blooming Prairie, Rodney (Robin) Stoen of Blooming

Prairie, and Randy (Amy) Stoen of Claremont; 23 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; siblings, Jeanette Eggers of Laurel, Iowa, Robert Cochran of Lenox, Iowa, Catherine Klaas of Marshalltown, Iowa, Marth Youngman LaCaste, Iowa, Virginia Karns of State Center, Iowa.

She is preceded in death by her Husband, Ralph; son, Rick; brother Johnny and Sister, Dorothy. For more information or to leave an online condolence message go to www.brick-meger-funeralhome.com. Brick Meger



Funeral Home in Owatonna handled the arrangements.

Leslie R. Shawback Sr., 79 of Blooming Prairie



Callahan, Leslie (Pam) Shawback, Jr., Donald (Sarah) Shawback, and Mary (Charlie) Wallace, all of Blooming Prairie; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; special friend Virginia Stanley; siblings Arthur (Lavonne) Shawback of Austin, Henry (Arlis) Shawback, Jr. of Blooming Prairie, Raymond Shawback of Texas; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Luella; siblings

Marion Peterson, John Shawback, Leland Shawback, Joseph Shawback, Mervin Shawback, and Carol Decker; close family friend Roger Amundson.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner officiating. The Shawback Family will greet friends on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home,

and will continue on Wednesday morning for one hour prior to services at church. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Leslie R. Shawback, Sr. age 79 of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota died Saturday, August 19, 2017, at his home surrounded by his family. Leslie Robert was born September 30, 1937 in Hayfield, Minnesota to Henry and Getta (Gilbertson) Shawback. On November 22, 1958 he was united in marriage to Catherine Mary (Teachout) Mugrider in Mason City, Iowa. Leslie had farming in his blood. Over the years he worked for various area farmers, including HA Whittington in Hayfield, Clayton Reynolds Brothers in Sargeant, Ille Brothers in Blooming Prairie, and Roger Amundson in Blooming Prairie. Leslie retired in 2000 after 58 years of farming. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and family, farming, going to the casino, and playing cards and games with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Catherine and children Tammy (Lanny)

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RECIPES FROM THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COOKBOOK 2006 ED.

CRANBERRY NUT BREAD

Ingredients:

1 egg	1 tsp. baking soda
3/4 c. sugar	1 tsp. salt
1 c. dairy sour cream	3 T. grated orange peel
2 1/4 c. flour	1/2 c. chopped walnuts
1 tsp. baking powder	1 c. cranberries, coarsely chopped

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat egg in large mixing bowl. Add sugar and mix well. Carefully stir in sour cream. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add to creamed mixture, stirring just until moistened. Add orange peel, nuts, and cranberries. Turn into 1 buttered 5x9" pan. Bake 45-50 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on wire rack. Yield: 1 large loaf.

BY MARGARET WILLIAMSON

Milestones

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

August 29
Bill Ressler
Tony Lea
Robin Krampitz
Nancy Hansen
Tom Ressler
Valerie Winzenburg

Sept. 2
Elliot Schiller
Dick Hegal

Sept. 3
Ashley Campbell
Kalyn Naatz
Cole Wangen
John Wright
Mike Thompson

Sept. 4
Robert Hanenberger

Martha Walters
Dennis Heimerman
Aaron Niles
Cole Wangen
Heidi Bass Zimmerman

Sept. 5
Sarah Halla
Kurt Blome
Carol Iverson
Shawn Halla
Bryce Halla

Anniversaries

August 29
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Sept. 2
Paul & Connie Haberman

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Engagement

Watson-Hierlmaier

Samuel J. Hierlmaier of Austin and Brittany L. Watson of Blooming Prairie are pleased to announce their engagement to be married. They were engaged on Thursday, July 13. They look forward to being married and starting their new life together in November. Parents of the couple are Carol and Richard Hierlmaier of Ellendale and Melanie and Thomas Watson of Blooming Prairie.

SEMCAC senior menu

- Aug.29**
Salisbury Beef Steak
Alt: Liver & Onions
Baked Potato
Seasoned Peas/Celery
Pears in Caramel Sauce
- Aug.30**
Tater Tot Casserole
Coleslaw
Beet Pickles
Rhubarb Rosie
- Aug.31**
Spaghetti
Meatsauce
Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Pie
- Sept.1**
Baked Ham/Fruit Sauce
Baked Cauliflower
Carrot-Raisin Salad
Creamy Gelatin Dessert
- Sept.4**
Pork Loin Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Rice Krispie Bar
- Sept.5**
Potato Crusted Pollock
Alt: Hamburger Patty
Wild Rice Pilaf
Italian Blend Vegetables
Romaine Salad
Carrot Cake

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How to Guard Against Medicare Fraud

Dear Sandy,

Medicare fraud costs taxpayers more than \$60 billion every year, making it one of the most profitable crimes in America. Here's what you should know, along with some tips for preventing, detecting and reporting it, if it happens to you.

What is Medicare fraud?

In a nutshell, Medicare fraud happens when Medicare is purposely billed for services or supplies that were never provided or received.

What You Can Do

The best way for you to spot Medicare fraud is to review your quarterly Medicare Summary Notices (MSN) or your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Be on the lookout for things like charges for medical services, medications or equipment you didn't get, dates of services and charges that look unfamiliar, or if you were billed for the same thing twice. You can also check your Medicare claims early online at MyMedicare.gov (you'll need to create an account first), or by calling Medicare at 800-

Thank you

The family of Marlene Quaintance wants to thank the staff at **Birchwood Cottages and Homesfead Hospice House**, of Owatonna, for the care given to our sister, aunt and great-aunt. Knowing how busy each of you were Marlene appreciated the help and care you gave her.

We would also like to thank the family/individual that gave a memorial but didn't sign the card; your caring is appreciated.

Thank you to all, Marlene's Family

633-4227.

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

Westfield Lutheran Church marks 100th anniversary

Westfield Lutheran Church located east of Blooming Prairie celebrated its 100th anniversary Sunday.

Several early immigrants, including the Anderson, Lee, Madson, Knutson, Hensrud, Trom and others joined together to build the church in 1917. After gathering for many years in neighboring homes and the local schoolhouse kitty-corner from the church grounds, it was time to build a church. Several neighbors had already buried family members, including infant children, in the cemetery adjoining the church.

Ed Trom, the chief architect, drew inspiration for Westfield Lutheran Church from his childhood church in Hemsedal, Norway. As a child, Ed eagerly watched construction of the new church in Hemsedal that was constructed in 1878, the same year that the old stave church, which stood for centuries, was torn down. The new church was built on the Skadengard (now Kyrkjeboen) farm. Hemsedal Church was constructed in the style that was common for country churches in Norway at that time. The original church in Hemsedal is constructed of wood. The tower is constructed of a boarded framework while the remaining structure is mainly timbered and further weatherproofed and insulated with vertically standing boards inside and out. Both the aisle and the chancel are barrel-arched. There are three stained-glass windows in the chancel area. The center pictures the Good Shepherd with a citation from John 10:11 that reads, of course in Norwegian, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Hemsedal Church has seating capacity for approximately 350. Many of the artifacts from the original stave church were moved to the new church, including the altar piece from 1715 with the motif from the Ascension and a painting from 1716 with a motif from the Last Supper. Most notably, the old church bells from the middle ages are also housed in the new church.

Westfield Lutheran Church is remarkably similar to Hemsedal Church. Like the church in Hemsedal, Westfield Lutheran is constructed of wood. The tower is constructed of a boarded framework while the remaining structure is mainly timbered. Both the aisle and the chancel are A-framed, reminiscent of the barrel-arched aisle and chancel of the Hemsedal church. Similar to the church in Hemsedal, there are three stained-glass windows in the chancel area and a semi-circle kneeling area that surrounds a statue of Jesus Christ. Westfield Lutheran Church boasts a large stained-glass window in the rear of the church that admits beautiful sunrays during Sunday services. And, of course, no one can escape the sound of the church bell that summons parishioners to services. The bell was transported on a horse-drawn hay rack from a Presbyterian Church near Valasity (just north of Hayfield) across rugged country roads. They carefully employed a rope and pulley to hang the church bell from a sturdy oak branch, which remains today.

Neighbors gathered each Sunday at Westfield Lutheran Church. During the early years, families arrived via horse-drawn buggies and, of course, horse-drawn cutters during the winter months. While the men tied up the horses, women and children entered the church and routinely sat on the north side of the church. The men sat on the south side of church, until one Sunday when Herbie Kittleson arrived with a young woman from Arkansas, his soon-to-be wife, Fairy, and sat next to her on the north side of the church.

In approximately 1933, the schoolhouse that sat kitty-corner to the church burned down. Neighborhood children attended classes in the church basement for nearly a year while neighbors constructed a new school.

Pastor Rasmussen served as the local minister for over 30 years, and his wife played the pump organ each Sunday. During the late fall and winter months,

services occurred in the afternoon. Once spring arrived, church services occurred during the morning. Several weddings, baptisms and funerals took place in the church over the years.

Women of the church, members of Ladies Aid, gathered for lunch and devotions once a month, while their young children played together. A special Christmas program occurred every year, and each child received a treasured bag of hard candy and chocolate drops. Chris Lee, a farmer immediately to the north, sold the land for construction of the church and adjoining cemetery. Each summer, he mowed the church and cemetery grounds with a horse-drawn mower. Following Pastor Rasmussen's long tenure, Pastor Fitzgerald served as the local minister for several years until the church eventually closed in the 1950s. Pastor Fitzgerald's favorite saying, "Oh, life of many sorrows," frequently was cut short as he had to stop and swat bees.

Led primarily by the efforts of Evelyn Trom, work to restore the church commenced during the 1970s. Through the generous donations of local farm families, neighbors and others, this beautiful church has been lovingly restored. Crumbling at its foundation, the church was lifted from its original foundation and placed upon supporting beams while a new foundation was constructed. Beautiful stain glass windows adorn the church. Electricity and light fixtures were added to the church structure. Eventually, a new roof and siding complimented the original church structure.

Westfield Lutheran stands as a testament to the abiding faith of the early farm families who settled Westfield Township. Yet today, 100 years later, faith abides.

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(Location rotates between Aurora and Trinity, beginning with Trinity on June 4th). Check the website for specific dates: www.auroratrinitylutheran.org

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5881 S.E. 118th St., Blooming Prairie
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696

Aurora Lutheran Church (6329 SE 38th St., Owatonna) Joint summer worship, Sundays at 9:00 am (Location rotates between Aurora and Trinity, beginning with Trinity on June 4) Check the website for specific dates: www.auroratrinitylutheran.org

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
Jeff Sandgren, Interim Pastor
Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
(507) 583-6621
firstlutheranbp.com
Worship: 9 a.m.

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8953 S.W. 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
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Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m.

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2500 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
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Services: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Minister Dwight DoBell
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30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
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(507) 583-2038 or (507) 437-3000
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Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

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

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
4532 S.E. 84th Ave., Claremont
The Rev. Alan Broadwell
(507) 528-2404
sjlcoffice@frontiernet.net
Weekly Church Services:

Saturday Evening at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion, Sunday Morning at 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion offered during the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

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28959 630th Ave., Sergeant
Pastor Collin Duling
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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104 First St. S.E., Hayfield
The Rev. Paul Hauschild
(507) 477-2248
www.trinityhayfield.org
Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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57403 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
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Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN—LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
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Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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106 Third St. S.E., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
(507) 256-4288

Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
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Worship 8:00 AM

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Pastor Mark Biebighauser
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Dean Smith, Associate Pastor
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www.litomysl.webs.com
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
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Pastor Doug Jones
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10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone
2 p.m. Spanish Service
Wed. 7:00 Bible Study
Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
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Event Spotlight:

Buffet breakfast set for veterans memorial

The Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Breakfast Buffet fundraiser and silent auction will take place on Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie. The fundraiser will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The buffet is a free-will offering.

The buffet will consist of pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausages and beverages.

All the money raised at the breakfast will go toward the construction of the BP Veterans Memorial.

If anyone would like to donate can goods, baked goods, handmade items or specialty gifts for the silent auction baskets, please contact Marilyn Meshke at 507-583-2439 or Sandy Jones at 507-583-2722.

Event Spotlight:

Hoedown deferred to later date

The Steele County Historical Society is deferring an upcoming fundraiser to a future date, officials announced.

The society's Hoedown and Chuck Wagon Supper will not take place at this time because of the Ratzloff fundraiser.

If you have purchased a ticket for the event, a full refund will be issued.

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August 29th:
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August 30th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
September 4th:
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Event Spotlight:

St. Columbanus to hold potluck

New to the Blooming Prairie area or wanting to start your child in a Catholic Religious Education program? Come to St. Columbanus Catholic Church on Wednesday, Sept. 6! There will be a potluck at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level hall, and a formal meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Event Spotlight:

Pancake breakfast set at First Lutheran

There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. The fundraiser will provide Lutheran College scholarships. The breakfast is a free-will offering.



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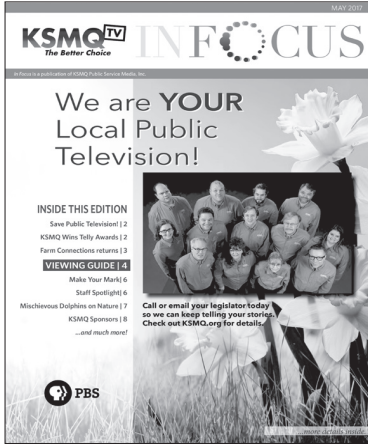
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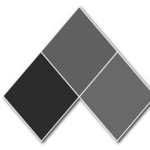
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By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Cancer Corner

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If you're an avid NASCAR racing fan, be sure to attend the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's Benefit Auction on Friday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Big Tent next to The Cue Company.

An autographed Ford racing helmet will be on the docket for one of the auction nights. Both Friday and Saturday auctions start at 7 p.m.

The racing helmet contains autographs of four drivers including that of Kurt Busch, winner of the 2017 Daytona 500 race. Busch drives the No. 41 Ford Fusion car.

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If you're a loyal Scandinavian, you may wish to bid on tickets for the annual First Lutheran Church Lutefisk dinner to be held on Oct. 17, 2017.

Let's take a look at some of the other donated auction items:

- Two five-course gourmet dinners; lots of baked goods; two large hanging flower baskets from Yoder's Greenhouse in St. Charles (drive by Cheri Krejci's house to see some of the colorful baskets); handmade barn toy box; meat smoker; three tool boxes filled with tools;
- Several pieces of unique furniture; golf packages; Swedish weaved blanket made by Dorothy Trom; Yeti cooler; Amazon Echo; three-night stay at Vacation Land in northern Minnesota; green and red tractor wars with bat-

tery operated riding toys; battery operated toy fire truck;

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- Chanhasen Theatre dinner tickets; Connie's Coins, two hearts and a pig piggy bank, one filled with all pennies, one with all quarters and one with assorted coins and two coin collections

NOTE: Look for more Cancer Corner auction photos in the Sept. 5 issue of The Times.



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Locally grown lettuce coming to area

Greenhouse facility breaks ground near Medford

BY RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Locally grown lettuce will soon be coming to the dinner table.

A new, breakthrough facility that will supply Midwest grocers and restaurants with fresh lettuce all year long is coming to Steele County.

Revol Greens is currently under construction on the west side of Interstate 35 just south of Richie Brothers Auction facility near Medford. Workers are building a 30,000 square foot greenhouse.

A veteran team of greenhouse growers is spearheading the project. They are Jay Johnson, Steve Amundson and Marco de Bruin. Johnson is also the founder and former owner of Owatonna-based Bushel Boy Farms, one of the first U.S. greenhouses to grow tomatoes year round. The trio helped grow Bushel Boy to the largest supplier of locally grown tomatoes in Minnesota.

Johnson said his two partners have been researching the concept of a lettuce greenhouse for a while. "They have been putting together a business plan for the past couple years," he said.

Other members of the Revol team include Marc Vergeldt, a well-known greenhouse crop consultant, and Brendon Krieg, who formerly managed vegetable buying for Target.

"Our goal is to make

Revol Greens lettuce the most sustainable on the market," Johnson said. "With 100 collective years of greenhouse growing and operating experience, our team is committed to offering the freshest, high-quality lettuce to the local marketplace," he added.

Johnson said construction should be completed on the facility later this fall. He hopes the first planting of seed will take place by the end of November. Lettuce will be available by the end of December.

Revol will tap the latest technology in greenhouse innovation, including responsible and sustainable growing practices, to grow high-quality lettuce year around. The greenhouse will be designed to maximize natural light, growing year-round by supplementing with LED lighting during the winter

“Our goal is to make Revol Greens lettuce the most sustainable on the market.”

**~Jay Johnson
Revol Greens Owner**

months.

Another bonus with the facility will be that it will use a fraction of the water consumed in traditional growing and will cover most of its needs by capturing rain and snowmelt from its roof.



Construction is underway on a greenhouse facility that will produce locally grown lettuce along the frontage road of Interstate 35 just south of Richie Brothers Auctioneering by Medford. The greenhouse is expected to be completed by November with the first seeding taking place in late November. Revol Greens will be supplying lettuce before the end of the year to grocers and restaurants in a 200-mile radius around the Midwest.

According to Johnson, Revol will offer several lettuce varieties, including spinach, mixed greens and romaine. "They will all be grown in a protected greenhouse environment providing optimal growing conditions without the use of pesticides or herbicides," he said.

Revol lettuce will arrive in area grocers and restaurants much faster than lettuce currently shipped from California and Arizona, leading to a fresher eating experience.

The lettuce will be shipped out to stores and restaurants within a 200 mile radius, Johnson said. "It will be delivered fresh," he added.

Johnson said the Medford location was chosen because of its proximity to interstate access. "Our location, just south of the Twin Cities, gives us quick and easy access to Minnesota, Iowa and western Wisconsin markets, greatly reducing the amount of time from harvest to grocers' shelves," he said.

Lettuce is in big demand right now, Johnson noted. "People are eating healthier," he said.

Once the greenhouse is operating, it will employ about 12 full-time people. Most of them will start work in October to gear up for the opening in November.

Revol Greens is building a 30,000 square foot facility near Medford. Once the facility is operational later this year, Revol will grow high-quality lettuce 365 days a year. The greenhouse will be designed to maximize natural light, growing year-round by supplementing with LED lighting during the winter.

Business Briefs

Minimizer CEO Craig Kruckeberg named finalist for award

Minnesota Business magazine has named Minimizer CEO and Chief Visionary Craig Kruckeberg a finalist for one of its 2017 Manufacturing Awards.



Kruckeberg is one of three people up for Executive of the Year.

"It's a huge honor," Kruckeberg said. "I have to give credit to the team around me. Without them, Minimizer wouldn't be where we are today."

Minimizer debuted the poly fender more than 30 years ago, when founder Dick Kruckeberg sold his invention out of the back of his truck. Craig bought the company from his father in 2007, and Minimizer has since expanded to nearly 100 employees.

"Innovation is the name of our game," Craig said. "We're constantly looking at new products that are tested and tortured to save the consumer time and money."

Each year, Minnesota Business recognizes the manufacturing sector for outstanding achievements. The panel of judges chose the finalists from a pool of manufacturing and

executives.

"We really appreciate Minnesota Business going to bat for the manufacturing sector," Craig said. "We always hear about 'Made in the USA,' and these awards do their part to help celebrate that."

Winners in each category will be announced at an awards event September 28th. Both winners and finalists will be honored in the feature story of the all-manufacturing October 2017 issue of Minnesota Business magazine.

Production company adds new team member

Limberg Productions announces a new member of the team for OwatonnaLive.com.

Dan Paur has joined the Owatonna-based company as advertising specialist.

"We are excited to have Dan

join our team to assist in our next period of growth, which includes our new live streaming venture that launched this summer," said Scott Limberg, owner of Limberg Productions.

Paur resides in Owatonna with his family. He coaches Owatonna varsity girls lacrosse and girls varsity hockey. He also enjoys spending time with his family, playing and watching sports and enjoying the great outdoors.

Limberg Productions is a video production firm that launched in 2011. Scott Limberg started the company with a passion for documenting people's stories. OwatonnaLive.com was conceived in 2012, bringing the plethora of talent, ideas and community communication to a central location. It currently has around 400 videos available to watch around the clock at your convenience.

Limberg said he wants people to experience all the great things that Steele County has to offer at OwatonnaLive.com.

STEELE-DODGE BUSINESS

SOUTHERN COOKING, COMIN' UP

Arkansas native readying 'Misplaced Magnolia' in downtown Kasson

By **RICHARD JOHNSON**
DCI Managing Editor

If Jeannine Hensley was ever misplaced, she has certainly found her spot.

The Kasson resident and Arkansas native is establishing Misplaced Magnolia Southern Bistro and BBQ, in the former Leuthold's Clothing and Shoes building at 107 W. Main St., Kasson.



Jeannine Hensley

It's hoped that the restaurant billed as "The Mid-South meets the Midwest" will open in early October.

"And of course the magnolia tree only grows in the South," Hensley said. "And someone, when I first moved to Minnesota, had called me 'The misplaced magnolia.' So that's where the name comes from."

"It was kind of a joke: 'Well, you're just a misplaced magnolia,'" she said. "And I immediately thought, 'Oh my gosh, that's a great name for a restaurant.' Because I knew that I wanted to open the southern-themed restaurant up here in Minnesota. It clicked, and I liked it and I've had it written down in a notebook for years. So when we got ready to go, I just went right back to it."

Hensley and her husband, Gerry, purchased the 1900 building in 2010 and began renovating it early this year.

Leuthold's closed in 2006 after more than 140 years in business.

There was flooding in the empty building before Hensley came along; water pipes burst because the heat had been turned off.

The ceiling had been painted black, and the paint was flaking off.

"It was pretty dreary," she said.

A company was hired to sand-blast the ceiling, and the Hensleys repainted it themselves, bringing out the old, exquisite detail.

The couple is removing tile flooring

from the 1930s, which contained asbestos and was partially covered with carpeting from the '70s, to expose the original hardwood floor.

They also found original wiring, from the early days of electricity; old clay pipes that had to be removed; old plaster – the list continues.

"We're trying to mix the new in with the old, and preserve the look of the building," Hensley said. "With a building this old, you've got layers of old: You've got the '30s, you've got the '50s, you've got the '60s. You've just got to kind of chisel down, like an archaeologist, to get back to the bones."

The Hensleys moved to Kasson about 11 years ago, when Gerry was hired by the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He's now employed by the U.S. Army Reserve.

Their daughter, Lauren, graduated from Kasson-Mantorville High School in 2014 and is studying at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

"This became home, and we love it," Jeannine Hensley said. "We love the town of Kasson, specifically. We like being in a small town. We love being able to walk to everything that we like to go to, to the grocery store, to the

park, to the Fairgrounds, to Main Street. We love the school system. In fact, the school system is why we picked Kasson. Our daughter was only in the third grade when we moved to Kasson.

"We drew a circle around Rochester and figured, 'This is how far we're going to drive,' and then started what we called 'town-shopping,'" she said. "We went to all the small towns and looked to see what we liked, and then researched the school systems, and we picked Kasson and we couldn't be happier."

It will be nice, she said, for Kasson to have another dining option, to add variety and keep local dollars in Kasson.

"I think a lot of residents are excited, because we've had so many people just stick their head in the front door when they see us, and say, 'What are you doing,' 'Oh, we can't wait,' 'Oh, I remember when ...' Hensley said.

"I think it's really important for us to start bringing some of these older buildings back here on Main Street, and not just contributing to the city, but contributing to the history."



Business Briefs

Finding the values of treasures

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The Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council announces a call for proposals in three categories: Arts and Cultural Heritage, Presenter/Production Assistance, and Small Towns/Rural Areas. All proposed projects must begin no earlier than December 1, 2017 and be completed within twelve months, culminating in a capstone event that is accessible and open to the public. Online applications will be available throughout September with an October 1, 2017 submission deadline.

SEMAC, a non-profit arts agency, is designated by the State of Minnesota Arts Board as the regional arts council for eleven southeastern Minnesota counties: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona.

For information about the grant application process, eligibility, or grant writing assistance, contact the

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2010 MORTGAGOR: Ronald G Dagit and Shirley A Pichner as trustees of the Pichner/Dagit Family Trust Dated 10-17-2005. MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 7, 2010 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000375225. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Bank of America, N.A. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A. MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 315 Academy Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D.#: 17-010-3217 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Four (4) rods of Sub-Lot Ten (10) in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 on Section 10, Township 107, Range 20 West COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$48,000.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$45,812.20 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: September 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. \$580.07.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 26, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$127,819.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Chad E. Wright and Jennifer M. Hall, both single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 4, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065589 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Outlot 2 of Bueckslers Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota, thence North 132 feet, thence East 294.45 feet to the point of beginning, thence East 71 feet, thence South 132 feet, thence West 71 feet, thence North 132 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to a Utilities easement hereby reserved by the grantors over the North 5 feet of the herein conveyed property. REGISTERED PROPERTY PROPERTY ADDRESS: 626 14th St SE, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-197-0012 COT# 16404 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$124,825.81 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 22, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 2018, or the next business day if March 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: July 27, 2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP BY Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee Shapiro & Zielke, LLP 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Dated: July 12, 2017 Bank of America, N.A. 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 18 - 17-004264 FC

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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: July 17, 2008 MORTGAGOR: Brooke E. Murray, a single person. MORTGAGEE: 1 s t United Bank. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 22, 2008 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000358639. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated July 17, 2008 Recorded July 22, 2008, as Document No. A000358640. TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: 1st United Bank RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 558 School Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D.#: 17-136-0110 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 1, Re-Plat of Highland Park Addition to the City of Owatonna, together with that portion

of the South 1/2 of that certain 12 foot alley vacated by the City Council of the City of Owatonna, by Ordinance No. 808, recorded in Book, 170 of Deeds, on page 596, that lies between the East and West line of said Lot 10 extended Northward, Steele County , Minnesota. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$114,285.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$118,278.71 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. \$580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

Dated: July 31, 2017 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 135 - 17-005036 FC

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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: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 4, 1999 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$54,650.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Charlene M. Wetzel, an unmarried woman MORTGAGEE: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 5, 1999 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 14643 as Document Number 43363 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank FA, successor to North American Mortgage Company by assignment recorded on May 14, 2003 as Document Number T52889 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 29, 2015 as Document Number 73165 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 24, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Minnesota. REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 158 21ST ST NW, OWATONNA, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$36,388.31 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-411-0124 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100054100001688556 THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 26, 2018.

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

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

Dated: August 3, 2017

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A. By: /s/

Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. "Corbin C. Smith, Esq." Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 Dale Street North

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St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (17-0853-FC01)

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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1376

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

In Re: Estate of V. HENRY PETERSON Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Court Room B, Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street , Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent dated April 17, 1978, and for the appointment of Merrill Dean Bunn, whose address is 903 Calverly Court, Ellendale, MN 56026 and David Bunn whose address is 31357 Hwy.13, Hartland, MN 56042 as co-personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a statement to close the estate and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court.

Notice is further given that, ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Clerk of the Court within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT Joseph Buelteit Judge of District Court 8/8/2017

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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1493

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

Estate of Ralph Eugene Behne Deceased

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will dated -none-, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property. Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted. IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on October 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., by this Court at 107 West Main Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 (Owatonna Fire Hall)

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant of Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204. 2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

BY THE COURT Karen R. Ducan Judge of District Court 8/22/2017

Sonia Holder Court Administrator 8/22/2017

Attorney for Petitioner Scott P. Miller, Mark W. Balzarini Miller Legal Strategic Planning Centers 100 County Road 8, P.O. Box 738 Tyler, MN 56178-0738 Attorney License No: 0269645, 0337936 Telephone: 507-247-4700 Fax: 507-247-5333 Email: scott@millerlegal.com

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 7, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$69,900.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Marcia K. Prestegard, single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1002489-0000001611-4 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. DBA Mortgage Depot SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 3, 2010, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000369179 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.; Thereafter assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC; thereafter assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3 in Block 2 in Pointview Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 314 Southview St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-134-0203 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$64,149.81 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 12, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on April 12, 2018, or the next business day if April 12, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: August 17, 2017

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

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BY

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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File Number:
74-PR-17-1447

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

In Re: Estate of
Doris E. Waltz,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 2, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, February 27, 2017 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Dana Waltz, whose

address is 75696 315th Street, Ellendale, MN, 56026; Darcy Waltz, whose address is 28712 County Road 45, Clarks Grove, MN, 56016; and Dalys Waltz, 30499 County Road 45, Ellendale MN 56026 as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court
8/16/2017

Sonia Holder
8/16/2017
Court Administrator

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 10, 2013 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,738.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Danielle Kay Strommer and Stephan Charles Strommer, wife and husband MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100603713070078628 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 12, 2013, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000392396 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 15,16 and South 14 feet of Lot 14, all being in Block 29 in Johnson and Company's Addition to Medford (said Block 29, being located in North part of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 9-108-20) PROPERTY ADDRESS: 211 1st Ave NE, Medford, MN 55049 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16-101-2915 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$103,204.26 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 19, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2018, or the next business day if April 19, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: August 25, 2017

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE
SERVICES, LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY

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Postponement

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: 03/30/2007 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$383,559.84 MORTGAGOR(S): Robert Michael Vangness AKA Robert M. Vangness AKA Robert Vangness and Dianne Marie Vangness AKA Dianne M. Vangness AKA Dianne Vangness, H/W/JT MORTGAGEE: Beneficial Loan and Thrift Co. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 04/03/2007 as Document No. A171082 in the Office of the County Recorder, Dodge County, Minnesota The mortgage was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Assignment dated: 12/10/2014 Assignment recorded: 12/17/2014 Assignment recording information: Document No. A 209026 All in the records of the County Recorder in and for Dodge County, Minnesota. TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 10-003-0600 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: THE REAL PROPERTY IN DODGE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE EAST 12 3/4 ACRES OF THE NORTH 22 3/4 ACRES OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 108, RANGE 17, DODGE COUNTY MINNESOTA; AND ALSO: COMMENCING AT A POINT 389 FEET SOUTH AND 160 RODS EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 108, RANGE 17, FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 3/4 FEET; THENCE WEST 16 1/2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 374 FEET; THENCE EAST 16 1/2 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, DODGE COUNTY, MINNESOTA. ABSTRACT PROPERTY, TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO.: 10-003-0600 Abstract Property STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 19267 520th St., West Concord, MN 55985 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Beneficial Loan and Thrift Co. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$406,961.80 AS OF 06/08/2017. THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/ or applicable statutes. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Dodge County, Minnesota at public auction as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 7/25/2017 at 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Dodge County Sheriff's Office, 22 6th Street East, Dept. 201, Mantorville, MN 55955 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) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 12 Months from the date of sale. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 07/25/2018, or the next business day if 07/25/2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. 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 MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. Publication to begin the week of: 05/29/2017 - 06/02/2017 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust , Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee The Sayer Law Group, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/ Mortgage Assignee 925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

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Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve a combined precinct which is the Blooming Prairie Elementary School, 123 2nd Street NW, Blooming Prairie, MN. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)
K. Copiers Lease
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the sixty month lease proposal from Metro Sales. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)
VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
A. Family Education Rights & Privacy Act
This information will be published in the official newspaper for two consecutive weeks. Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act announces that directory-type information on public school students in the district will be disseminated from time to time without further authorization from parents of such students. Any person wishing to withhold such information from distribution must make the request to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within ten days of this publication (8/22/17 & 8/29/17).
B. Committee Reports
A report update was given on the following committees: Negotiations and ZED.
C. Enrollment Data
Enrollment for the 2016-17 school year as of June 1, 2017, was 417 at the elementary school and 310 at the high school (305 attending BPHS and 5 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 2 seniors and 3 juniors with attendance being full-time.
D. Dates to Note
The Board noted dates of importance.
VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
Filings for School Board will be held from August 1st through August 15. Four positions are up for re-election. Operating levy questions/examples MSBA Fall Conference
IX. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

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Student rights

Student Records: State Law gives the students and his/her parents or guardians the right to examine school administrative records. When a pupil has reached the age of 18, access by parents or guardians is subject to the student's consent.

Mission Statement and Belief System for Blooming Prairie Schools

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The mission of Blooming Prairie Schools is to provide challenging opportunities for lifelong learning in a safe and caring environment. Beliefs Definition:

Beliefs help us define our fundamental values and drive the direction of our mission and goals.

Beliefs:

We believe:

1. All children can learn and be successful.
2. All children need love, care, attention and nurturing.
3. All children need to have fun.
4. All children need and deserve respect.
5. All children learn at different rates and in different ways.
6. Community, parents, learner and educators share in the responsibility for learning.
7. Success results in further success.
8. Schools create and control the conditions under which learners succeed.

School calendar

September

Sept. 5 - First Day of School

October

Oct. 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m.

High School Conferences from 1:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Elementary School Conferences from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Oct. 17 - Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m.

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High School Teacher In-service

Oct. 18 - Teacher In-service. No School for Students

Oct. 19 & Oct. 20 - Education Minnesota – No School

Blooming Prairie Public School offices are closed.

November

Nov. 3 - End of the 1st Quarter

Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. - Teacher In-service

Nov. 6 - Start of 2nd Quarter

Nov. 22 - Teacher In-service. No School for Students

Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Vacation

December

Dec. 22 - Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. - Teacher In-service

Dec. 25 through Jan. 2 -Christmas Holiday Break

January

Jan. 3 - Classes Resume

Jan. 15 - Teacher In-Service. No school for Students.

Jan. 19 - End of the 2nd Quarter

Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. - Teacher In-service.

Jan. 22 - Start of 3rd Quarter

February

Feb. 16 - Teacher In-service.

No School for Students

Feb. 19 - Presidents' Day – No School

March

Mar. 5 - High School and Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences from 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Mar. 23 - End of the 3rd Quarter

Mar. 26 - Start of 4th Quarter

Mar. 30 - Easter/Spring Break. No School

April

Apr. 2 - Easter/Spring Break. No School

Apr. 3 - Teacher In-Service. No school for Students.

May

May 25 - Graduation Practice. Last Day for Seniors

May 28 - Memorial Day. No School

May 31 - Last Day of School for Students.

End of the 4th Quarter

Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m. - Teacher In-service

June

June 3 - Graduation

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Superintendent's Office Hours

School days – 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

and/or appointments by request

The superintendent's office is located at the high school

Telephone Numbers

Please follow the directory options given, when you dial one of the following numbers:

High School Office/Superintendent's Office . . . 583-4426

Elementary School 583-6615

Fax Numbers

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High School Office. 583-7952



On days when it is impossible for the school buses to operate or the weather conditions deteriorate during the school day, a notice will be broadcast over the following radio and TV stations:

KATE/KCPI (AM 1450 & FM 94.9), Albert Lea

KAUS (FM 100), Austin
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A special emergency information sheet explaining details of emergency plans will be sent home with all of the children.

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Amanda RenninSchool Nurse

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SECRETARIES

Nancy ClarkSup

Sharon Lea.Sup

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Kick off is nearing

The BPHS football team held an annual event that has become quite popular in recent years, and this year added the volleyball team to the occasion. The squads hosted the “Meet the Teams” night last Wednesday night, and a large crowd of parents and fans turned out for the event.

Several parents watched the volleyball team go through some of their conditioning drills and some of their routines serving and at the net. Several of the football players conducted a mini training camp for youngsters, and then each player was introduced to the crowd after that. The local quarterback club sponsored the event and those in attendance had the opportunity for hot dogs, baked beans and chips, along with a beverage.

I don’t remember how many years the event has been held, but it has become a popular one and it gives parents and fans a chance to see a face to go with the player’s name. It is a tradition worth continuing and is a worthwhile introduction to the fall sports season.

All three fall teams are in action this week, starting with a volleyball match tonight with JWP and continuing Thursday and Friday for the cross country team at Stewartville, and the football team traveling to Southland this coming Friday night.

A comic hero dies

It may be a frivolous occasion, but one of my favorite memories of the sixties and seventies proved to be gathering with don Narveson’s family and watching Jerry Lewis conduct his annual labor Day telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I guess that was a time when various celebrities and performers donated a few minutes of time to help Jerry raise funds for that particular cause.

Lewis died last week at 91, after sixty years of entertaining audiences with his slapstick humor and his many movies, and he remained one of my favorite comedians of all time. His career endured over generations, and comedians of all time, partly because of his work on the telethon.

Lewis appeared in 50 movies, and he and dean Marin at one time were even more popular than the Beatles or any other performers. Although the two split in 1956 and went on solo careers until just a few years ago, Lewis, especially didn’t miss a beat in entertaining audiences with his movies or standup comic routines.

Enjoy fall, root for the Blossoms, and we’ll talk again.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

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

Owatonna girls make statement in season-opening win over Tigers

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

OWATONNA -- The Owatonna High School girls soccer team made a statement by scheduling Section 1AA foe Farmington as the season-opener.

They also made have made an early statement to the rest of the teams across the section.

With a strong blend of speed offensively and a smothering defense, the Huskies downed the Tigers 2-0 Thursday night at the Owatonna Soccer Complex.

“We’re really happy,” commented head coach Matt Roddy. “Farmington is a team that the last few years - maybe more than that - we’ve really ended up really close at the end of the year

when it came to seeding. Even though it’s the first game, it had a lot of implications on the year so we’re really happy to kick it off 1-0.”

While the first minutes of the game was mostly a feeling out process for both teams, it wouldn’t be long after that the Huskies started to assert their dominance. In fact, through the

first ten minutes of the match, the Tigers were able to obtain one possession in the offensive end, although it was short lived due to the smothering defense from Owatonna.

The reasoning behind Owatonna’s dominating performance is because they simply had the ball. From winning the 50-50 balls to making a hustle play to

force a turnover, Owatonna’s defense really never lost track of where the ball was.

“We really felt in control all throughout,” added Roddy. “Every time we lost it (the ball), we were working really hard and

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‘Meet the Blossoms’ night gives currents players chance to coach



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Blossoms running back Riley Millam hands the ball to Lance Lembke during an hour-long camp that Blooming Prairie players conducted. Millam will be a junior this season.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

A flurry of activity encompassed Blooming Prairie high school last Wednesday, Aug. 23, when the volleyball and football teams both took the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public. This year the annual “meet the football team” added the volleyball team to the equation, and the gym and McFarlin Field bustled for a couple of busy hours.

The volleyball team went into action first in front of some attentive parents with several floor demonstrations. Coaches Ranell Kittelson and Assistant Jennifer Wayne both led drills at serving, receiving serves, blocking and making kills at the net, and demonstrating agility drills by the individual players. The session illustrated the skills necessary to excel at the game,

and the hardworking group of team members acquitted themselves quite well.

Out on the football field, several players conducted mini-camps for youngsters and sponsored several skill drills for the youth. Later in the evening, the 2017 Awesome Blossom team was introduced individually to a large group of onlookers. The occasion has been an annual event for several years and is sponsored by the local quarterback club. The team even took time for squad pictures at the event.

Using annual memberships and other donations, the club sponsors several activities, such as meal money, equipment, and other miscellaneous expenses that can’t be included in the regular athletic budget. The athletes on both the volleyball and football teams expressed thanks for continuing this popular tradition.



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Undisputed leader on defense

Huskies senior Zach Mensink to be the ‘Mike’ linebacker

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

OWATONNA - The Owatonna High School football team is quickly approaching their much-anticipated season-opener against Faribault Sept. 1 at OHS Stadium. However, with a few days left of fall camp, the focus on fundamentals is still at the forefront of practice. “I think the guys are really starting to pick it up, starting to bring it,” commented Huskies defensive coordinator Marc Achterkirch Tuesday afternoon. “Last week was no contact essentially because you have to acclimate them; this week we can actually start to have a little bit of contact, you can start to see who wants to get downhill and mix it up a bit.” When the Huskies entertain

the Falcons under those Friday night lights, the defense might still carry the same bite as the 2016 season, despite a few fresh faces. The Huskies will have a few holes to fill within their starting defense after losing six key members from a defense that helped guide Owatonna to the Class 5A state semifinals a season ago. One position, which is normally protayed as the “quarterback of the defense” will also have to be filled after captain and Mike linebacker Ben Staska graduated. Fortunately for the long-time Huskies assistant, he didn’t have to look too hard to find his leader of the defense. After playing as an outside linebacker for much of the 2016 season, senior Zach Mensink will slide into the middle of the defense. Men-

sink, a honorable mention All-District performer as a junior, has already started to receive interests about the opportunity of playing at the collegiate level after receiving a pair of invites to summer camps from the University of Minnesota and the University of Iowa. “Zach has done everything he can to put himself in a great position for his senior year,” Achterkirch added. “He is definitely our leader on the defense.” Achterkirch went into depth as to why the 5-foot-10-inch, 220-pound linebacker has garnered the title as the defensive leader for the Huskies, noting that first and foremost, he is the Mike. As one of the roles of the position, it becomes his responsibility to relay the play from the sideline to the huddle and make sure players are prop-

erly lined up. “The great thing about Zach is not only is he invested in the weight room, he’s also a smart kid,” he added. “He’s invested in understanding the defense, not just his position, but the rest of the positions around him. So when guys are struggling a little bit, he can help them out and even help them out as the play is developing. He’s a great leader.” Achterkirch added that he always hopes that a Mike linebacker steps in and becomes the undisputed leader of the unit. In Mensink, the longtime assistant noted that’s exactly the case. “He’s making it clear ‘I’m the guy,’” he said. “It’s great to have a guys like that.” The Huskies traveled to Lakeville North Saturday to participate in a pair of scrimmages with Champlain Park and Lakeville South.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna senior Zach Mensink (21) goes through a drill in Tuesday’s practice at OHS. Mensink will slide into to the middle linebacker position after playing outside linebacker as a junior.

County scores

Monday
Girls Tennis:
Owatonna 4-3 Lakeville North

Tuesday:
Girls Tennis:
Owatonna 7-0 Faribault
Owatonna 4-3 Northfield

Saturday:
Boys Soccer
Owatonna 1-1 Lakeville North
Girls Soccer
Owatonna 1-0 Lakeville North

Huskies start season with pair of ties



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Nate Smith (4) celebrates after scoring during the first half of Owatonna’s 1-1 tie to Farmington Thursday at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. The Huskies also tied with Lakeville North 1-1 Saturday.

NRHEG runners compete in Early Bird Invite

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

NRHEG’s cross country got an early start to their season when they competed at the Fairmont Early Bird invitational Friday, Aug. 25. The Panther boys finished fifth over the 2.5 course, while the girls had an incomplete score. St. James won the boys division, with Fairmont second, while Fairmont and LCWM ran one and two for the

girls in the 11-team meet. Senior Ben Lewer timed a 15:07 in his class for 5th place, and Dan Nydegger took fourth in the freshman class with a 15:48. Tenth grader Agro Gushwa timed a 16:07 for 7th in the sophomore class, and senior Kollin Reese and freshman Gavin Anderson had times of 17:01 and 19:42 in their respective classes. “Both Lewer and Nydegger earned medals”, commented Coach Mike Weber, “Lewer ran

with confidence, and Nydegger will be fun to watch, as he is just a freshman. Gushwa ran an impressive race, and he will be a key to our success this year. Reese and Anderson have come into the season fast, and a fifth place team finish is perhaps pure s at this annual meet.” For the girls junior Madisyn Buetel placed 14th in her class with a 19:46 time, and sophomore Jade Mely timed a 20:11 for 4th in her class. Sophomore Mia Williams finished the in-

complete team score for the Panthers with a 22:24. As Coach Weber remarked, “Mely has been our number one runner and is starting this season where she left off by earning a medal in this meet. Buetel has a strong finish last year and is starting this season where she left off. If we can fill the other varsity spots, it would be a good year, I think.”

Huskies 1-0

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winning the ball back quick and applying good pressure giving them little room to work.” In the 14th minute of the contest, Owatonna’s Kiley Friedrichs managed to fire a shot passed Tigers’ keeper Lauren Wolter-Buchman to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead in the contest. During the play, captain Sophie Amundson attempted a header on a long counter ball to which she hit the pitch hard and would be down until after Friedrichs’ goal. The senior captain would not return to the game. However while not going into specifics, Roddy commented that it wasn’t a serious injury. Roddy also added that for the team to keep composure after losing their captain was special. “It’s tough if you’re on a team and watch someone you count on and the team really needs walk out,” he added. “But, the girls pitched in to take her minutes and played well.” Just minutes after the first goal, the Huskies were looking to add more. However, a string of near misses were all that left Owatonna from blowing the game wide open to a huge margin. However, in the final minute of the first half, Owatonna’s offensive pressure generated enough of a presence to carry over into the second half. Three minutes into the final half, the Huskies had a pair of near misses that again could have created breathing room. Syd Kretlow had a shot that would go off the back of a Tigers’ defender while Jordan Whalen’s

shot attempt just a minute later was stopped by Wolter-Buchman after she made a diving save. “We were disappointed not to extend the lead in the second half,” added Roddy. “Relieving to have the first goal so we weren’t agonizing a 0-0 and we were giving up chances.” In the 29th minute, Steph Liel

managed to add the insurance goal after receiving a feed from Krelow. Owatonna would hold the Tigers’ offense to just two shots on goal, both of which came in the second half.

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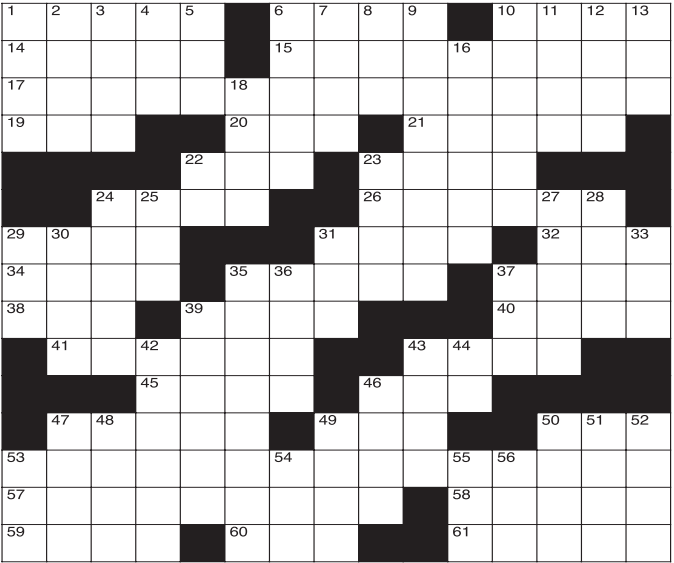
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- “Sin City” actress Jessica
- Strong dark beer
- Nebraska city
- Inclined to avoid conflict
- Mistaken belief
- Expresses disgust
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Cranky
- Boy who wouldn’t grow up
- Scots for “home”
- Turfs
- Countries
- The duration of something
- Pastries
- Golf score
- Reasonable
- Female parents
- Art __, around 1920
- Beloved sandwich
- Damaged
- Long time
- One who rears
- Without
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- Swiss river
- Type of mathematical graph
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- Type of wrap
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- Born of
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CLUES DOWN

- __ and circumstance
- Bowfin fish
- Ready money
- Expression of satisfaction



- A person who lacks good judgment
- Cooks where one
- Majors and Oswald
- __ humbug
- Salts
- Type of hound
- A notice of someone’s death
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Group uses fair booth to hit tough topic

Father encourages people to talk about suicide

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An oversize portrait of a teenager who seemed to be normal caught the attention of fairgoers walking by a display. But with the photo comes lots of pain and heartache for a Dodge County family.

The photo showed 15-year-old Jacob Sikel before he died suddenly in 2012. His family is hoping the portrait will help draw attention to a touchy subject that many people often

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try to avoid. Sikel committed suicide, one of eight people, including five youths, to do so in Dodge County in 2012.

Jacob’s father, Robert Sikel, founded the Open Arms Yellow Ribbon, a suicide pre-

vention program throughout Dodge and Steele counties and beyond. The organization brought a somber message with hope of helping others during the Steele County Free Fair last week.

“This is my therapy,” Robert says. “I’m trying to prevent suicide. The only way to prevent suicide is to talk about it,” he said. “I want people to know it’s ok to ask for help.”

As Robert greets fairgoers with prevention information, he finds suicide still has a harsh stigma to it. He often finds parents who once they realize what the booth is about shuffle their kids along and block their view so they can’t see what it is about.

Though people can make donations to the suicide organization, Robert says it’s not about the money at all. “Our exposure is the most important part of being here,” he said. “They think if you talk about it, they will do it. It’s actually the opposite,” he added.

When Robert found his son dead in his room on July 30, 2012, it came as a complete shock and surprise to everyone. “He was always the happy kid. He loved life,” Robert said. “He just had a really good heart and liked to help others.”

Robert said his son did not show any signs of being depressed. “Something happened and sent him in a downward spiral,” he said.

Prior to the suicide, Jacob got a hold of Adderall pills from a friend and overdosed on them. “Unfortunately it only took one time to crash that hard,” Robert said.

Jacob left the family a note in which he referred to “messaging up a lot” in his life. “That’s what is weird,” Robert says, “He wasn’t messing up. Kids are kids. They make mistakes, but unfortunately

this one took his life. We still wonder why.”

What hurts even more for Robert is that Jacob assured his father he would never commit suicide.

Suicide prevention has become a second full-time job for Robert since his son’s death. He is also an electrician. Robert has attended suicide prevention training in Colorado and has done more than 40 presentations at schools, churches and other places throughout southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. When speaking to schools, he hits the bullying topic hard.

Robert encourages anyone who is dealing with someone with a mental health crisis to stay with the person, listen and get help for them immediately. “You are their lifeline,” he said. “Take them seriously.”

“We just don’t want another family to experience this,” Robert said. “That’s what fuels my fire and desire to continue.”

Suicide, Robert said, is prevalent and everywhere. What complicates matters is that suicide is still “swept under the rug” by many people, according to Robert.

The group will kick off National Suicide Awareness Week with a fundraiser, Jacob’s Run, on Sept. 9 in Owatonna. The event is open to motorcycles and cars. Registration takes place at Sparetime Entertainment at 8 a.m. with the run beginning at 10:30 a.m. Robert hopes to raise funds for 10 scholarships of \$500 each to be awarded to area graduates next spring.



*Open Arms
Yellow Ribbon
Fundraiser*

Saturday,
Sept. 9
8 a.m.
Sparetime
Entertainment
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Motorcycles and
cars encouraged
to join in
Jacob’s Run



Flanked by a large portrait of his son, Robert Sikel uses his son’s suicide to teach others about suicide prevention. Last week he offered prevention tips to fairgoers at the Steele County Free Fair. Jacob Sikel was 15 when he committed suicide at the family’s home south of Claremont in 2012.

Homebrew Results:

Grand Champion – Gary Muchow, Belgian Dark Strong; **Second Place** – Korey Borchert, Sweet Stout; Third Place – Korey Borchert, Wee Heavy.

Standard American:

- Jon Hilstad, Owatonna, Cream Ale
- Gary Brannon, Owatonna,

American Wheat

- Aaron Niklaus and Nick Schlicker, St. Paul, American Wheat

Amber and Brown American Beer:

- Terrence Flynn, Owatonna, American Brown Ale
- Tim Hunst, Owatonna, American Brown

• Brian Davis, Lyle, California Common

American Porter and Stouts:

- Aaron Niklaus and Nick Schlicker, St. Paul, American Stout
- Jon Hilstad, Owatonna, American Porter
- Korey Borchert, Owatonna,

American Porter

American IPA:

- Korey Borchert, Owatonna, IPA
- Eric Reithmeier, Owatonna, IPA
- Max Schauweker, Owatonna, IPA

Mixed American IPA:

- Mark Sebring, Owatonna, NE IPA
- Aaron Niklaus and Nick Schlicker, St. Paul, Rye IPA
- Terrence Flynn, Owatonna, NE IPA

American Pale Ales:

- Max Schauweker, Owatonna, APA
- Matt Kottke, Owatonna, APA
- Max Schauweker, Owatonna, APA

Mixed British Ale

- Korey Borchert, Owatonna, Wee Heavy
- Tim Holland, Owatonna, British Brown
- Bob Olson, Owatonna, Wee Heavy

Stouts:

- Korey Borchert, Owatonna, Sweet Stout
- Bob Olson, Owatonna, Sweet Stout
- Peter Cook, Owatonna, Sweet Stout

Strong British Ale:

- Mark Sebring, Owatonna, Winter Warmer
- Terrence Flynn, Owatonna, Old Ale
- Brian Davis, Lyle, Old Ale

Mixed:

- Brett Bahr, Bloomington,

Blond Coffee Ale

- Mark Sebring, Owatonna, Coconut Porter
- 2. Brian Davis, Lyle, Imperial Rye Stout
- 3. Matt Kottke, Owatonna, Ginger Beer

Bock:

- Brian Davis, Lyle, Smoked Weizenbock
- Brian Davis, Lyle, **Dopplebock**
- Chuck Fowler, Dopplebock

Belgian and Sour Ales:

- Gary Muchow, Belgian Dark Strong
- Terrence Flynn and Gary Muchow, Raspberry Lambic
- Tim Hunst, Berliner Weiss

International Light Beer:

- Brian Davis, Lyle, International Pale Lager
- Brian Davis, Lyle, Kolsch
- Tim Pelton, Owatonna, Kolsch

German Lager:

- Brian Davis, Lyle, Marzen
- Max Schauweker, Owatonna, Schwarzbier
- Mark Sebring, Owatonna, Vienna

Label Contest:

- Tim Hunst, Lettin’ Off Some Steam
- Matt Kottke, Radical Red
- Tim Hunst, Berliner Weiss



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