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Harvesting Minnesota



INDEPENDENT | HOWARD LESTRUD

As the soybean harvest continues, it is yet, too early to prognosticate as to the success of this year's crop. Combines and tractors and other harvesting equipment are out in force as the farmers begin the push toward their final challenges of 2016. Even after a crushing rain, all signs are pointing to bumper crops here in Minnesota.

The road to Eagle Scout certification brings new game to KMMS

"I felt like they would have a really nice spot for one, and the kids here are old enough where they could really enjoy it."

~Ben Triehy, KMHS Junior

By HANNAH BATES
DCI Staff Writer

One of the biggest parts of the journey to becoming an Eagle Scout is a service project. A Kasson-Mantorville High School student has turned that part of his journey into something fun for middle school student.

KMHS Junior Ben Triehy first played Gaga Ball, a sort of one ball dodgeball game played in a pit, when he was at a boy scout camp in northern Minnesota. Those in the pit hit the ball at each other and try to avoid getting hit. Once hit, they're out of the pit.

When Triehy was looking to do a service project for his Eagle Scout certification, this seemed like a perfect fit.

"The kids all really seemed to like it up there, so we figured it would be good for the kids down here too."

With the help of donors and other builders, Triehy assembled the structure in his front yard. The project was complete within a couple of days. Without much of a pattern, the group of builders assembled eight panels that make up the pit. Each of these panels are three boards high. Triehy was grateful for the help of his fellow volunteers.

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Ben Triehy stands next to the gaga pit that he helped assemble in his journey to become an Eagle Scout.

County housing study needed

By GRETTA BECAY
DCI Contributing Writer

If you don't know where you're going, how will you know when you get there?

Cities and counties share the same problem as people; without proper planning, how do staff members know where the need for housing is in a geographic region? Where should future development be?

Tom Monson, director of training for Community & Economic Development Associates – CEDA – hosted a meeting for staff members of Dodge County, local schools and towns Sept 29 to visit about the possibility of a housing study for the rural county and its five centers of population; Kasson, Dodge Center, Mantorville, Hayfield, and Claremont. It would most likely be more economical for the six entities to share the costs of a housing study, explained Monson. He used the example of bids received for a study in Steele County. The bid for a town's housing study came in at about

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K-M Homecoming Royalty



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First row, left to right: Kristin Scott, Madison Maroo, Katelyn Kirmse, Karlyn Buchanan, Alejandra Brekke-Diaz and Exchange Student Klara Soederstedt. Back row, left to right: Keegan Leth, Keenan Wenzel, Noah Ryan, Jacob Gruber, Brady Berge and Exchange Student Dane Humphrey

Election Preview

Attention:
IF YOU ARE A POLITICIAN RUNNING FOR OFFICE

The Dodge County Independent is putting together a voter's guide for the upcoming election. We have sent emails out to politicians that want to be a part of our guide. If you did not get an email from the DCI or managing editor, Mark DeLap, please contact him as quickly as possible so we can send out a packet for you to fill out. We would love to hear your voice in this year's guide. Please email: markdelap@hotmail.com

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Shirley Heikes of Mantorville and Richard Jorgenson of West Concord
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Blotter Spotlight

Burglary. On Sept. 26 at 11:24 a.m., deputies responded to a burglary in the 57700 block of State Hwy. 57 in Mantorville. Roughly $1,000 worth of tools were taken from a shed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Father gets anger management for punishing child

By RICK BUSSLER
DCI Publisher


Bernau

A father who apparently lost it and allegedly choked his son during an argument earlier this year has been ordered to undergo anger management.

In addition to anger classes, Frank Ernest Bernau, 34, of Kasson will be required to get involved in 90 hours of community work service and he has been placed on probation over the next two years.

During sentencing last week in Dodge County District Court, the judge dropped a felony county of domestic assault against Bernau. He pleaded guilty in April to one count of malicious punishment of a child, which is a gross misdemeanor.

Kasson police arrested Bernau on March 17 after he had been accused of assaulting his middle school-aged son during an altercation over a book bag. The boy reportedly couldn't find his book bag at home. Bernau hid the bag in the garage where his son wouldn't think to look for it and a physical fight ensued.

Court documents said Bernau threw his son up against the wall in the garage and he hit his head on a picture frame on the wall. Bernau then moved his arm up on the child's chest to his neck and held it there so that he couldn't breath.

The child attends Kasson-Mantorville Middle School.

Fall is deadliest time for pedestrians

MnDOT urges motorist, pedestrian safety

As the days get shorter and the nights longer this time of year, motorists and pedestrians should watch out for one another, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The fall months are the deadliest months for pedestrians.

So far this year, 37 pedestrians were killed. In 2015, 41 pedestrians were killed and 904 were injured, compared to 17 deaths and 837 injuries in 2014.

"With more hours of darkness in the fall, pedestrians are more difficult to see," said Jay Hietpas, MnDOT state traffic engineer. "Motorists and pedestrians are equally at fault when we look at our crash data. That means that both groups need to know and obey the laws."

The crosswalk law includes these highlights:

• Motorists should stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersections without crosswalks or stop lights.

• Pedestrians should obey traffic signs and signals at all intersections that have them.

• Vehicles stopped for pedestrians can proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.

• Pedestrians shouldn't enter a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching and it is impossible for the driver to stop. There is no defined distance that a pedestrian should abide by before entering the crosswalk; common sense should be used.

• When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection to allow pedestrians to cross, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear should not pass the stopped vehicle.

For the full crosswalk law, go to: www.mndot.gov/sharetheroad/ped/crosswalklaw.html.

Because the sun rises later and sets earlier, there are more pedestrians before and after daylight hours, increasing the risk of crashes. Children are going to or getting out of school or walking to their bus stop, and adults are walking to or from home or work.

About one-third of pedestrian crashes happen during the weekday rush hour driving time, defined as 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. One out of every four pedestrian fatal crashes occurred between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Male pedestrians are more likely than females to be killed or injured. Males accounted for 68 percent of all pedestrian fatalities and 53 percent of all injuries in 2015. The most cited contributing factors to all pedestrian crashes is driver failure to yield right of way and driver distraction or inattention.





COURT NEWS

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Sept. 19 – 26:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Jose E. Arreguin Tapia, 19, Kasson, suspended license, $280; James J. Breeden, 56, Winnebago, cancelled license, $280; Jesus A. Davila, 30, Dodge Center, domestic assault, $380, domestic abuse evaluation, no contact with victim and 1 year of supervised probation; Lois K. Dixon, 70, Johnston, IA, speeding, $140; Brice R. Gilbertson, 27, Elkton, speeding, $280; Robert W. Gillies, 51, West Concord, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, $180; Molly B. Jensen, 29, Kasson, speeding, $120; Matthew D. Kaehler, 45, Kasson, parking violation, $32; Rigo E. Lopez-Macias, 23, West Concord, invalid license and failure to drive in single lane, $230; Sergio Maya Rueda, 17, Owatonna, speeding, $220; Joseph M. McCaffrey, 32, Rochester, speeding, $140; Joshua M. Momany, 17, Rochester, speeding, $120; Javier S. Ortiz, 21, Rochester, invalid license and stop sign, $230; Dennis J. Posey, 50, Hartland, DWI, $685, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, 50 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Francisque C. Tate, 44, Rochester, speeding, $140; Nicholas J. Tindal, 27, Waltham, suspended license, $280; Erik F. Torres-Amacende, 25, Dodge Center, no license in possession, no insurance and failure to yield, $350.

Kasson Police Department

Peter M. Alsleben, 37, Hayfield, seat belt, $105; Brandon M. Mendoza, 25, Dodge Center, no insurance, $280; Melinda K. Mergen, 42, Dodge Center, texting while driving, $130; Joshua T. Schroeder, 32, Rochester, seat belt, $105.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Said B. Ali, 27, New Brighton, speeding, stay of adjudication, $120 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Adam J. Ayotte, 23, St. Paul, speeding, $120; Jeremiah A. Benson, 17, Zumbrota, speeding, $220; Leah S. Jones, 26, White Bear Lake, revoked license, $280; Richard E. Moen, 71, Winger, seat belt, $105; Byram J. Nash, 27, Rochester, speeding, $130; Juan A. Ochoa, 40, Claremont, speeding and suspended license, $330; Kourtney C. Terrell, 33, Maplewood, possession of paraphernalia, $130.

DODGE BLOTTER

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 191 complaints during the week of Sept. 21 – 27. Some of them include:

Sept. 21

Tampering. At 7:01 a.m., a citizen reported that two locked vehicles had been pried open and rummaged through in the 200 block of Central Ave. N. in Dodge Center.

Larceny. A bike was reported stolen from the 800 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center at 2:52 p.m.

Civil. Deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 200 block of Oak St. N. in Claremont at 6:37 p.m.

Sept. 22

Sexual Assault. Deputies began an investigation of a sexual assault in the county at 10:57 a.m.

Train. At 2:07 p.m., deputies received a complaint that a train was blocking the road for two hours at Main St. E. and Airport Dr. S. in Dodge Center.

Larceny. Kwik Trip reported the theft of food and beverage in the 400 block of 2nd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 3:53 p.m.

Suspicion. Deputies received a report of people playing in the water on the bridge in the 300 block of Main St. N. in Mantorville at 3:57 p.m.

Animal. A Hayfield citizen reported that her neighbor's dog was on her property in the 71600 block of 210th Ave. at 4:41 p.m.

Juvenile. Deputies received a complaint of juveniles playing in the water in the 300 block of Main St. N. in Mantorville at 6:36 p.m.

Carbon Monoxide. Deputies responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 16800 block of 739th St. in Hayfield at 11:12 p.m.

Sept. 23

Civil. At 5:13 p.m., deputies assisted with a civil matter regarding custody issues in the 200 block of 1st St. SW in Dodge Center.

Suspicion. Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on South St. SW in Dodge Center at 7:27 p.m.

Sept. 24

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance at State Hwy. 57 and County Rd. 12 in Mantorville at 7:10 p.m.

Noise. At 9:30 p.m., deputies received a noise complaint from the 71400 block of 130th Ave. in Blooming Prairie.

Sept. 25

Suspicion. At 12:24 a.m., the shed door was open at the wind farm in the 65700 block of State Hwy. 56 in Dodge Center.

Suspicion. Deputies responded to suspicious activity at 1st St. SE and 4th Ave. SE in Hayfield at 1:03 a.m.

Vandalism. Deputy took a report of a vandalized camper in the 54500 block of 237th Ave. in West Concord at 8:08 a.m.

Larceny. At 4:35 p.m., campaign signs were stolen from the 1300 block of 5th St. NW in Dodge Center.

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance regarding a female who wouldn't leave a property in the 200 block of Main St. E. in Dodge Center at 5:33 p.m.

Sept. 27

Vandalism. Deputy took a report of a mailbox pulled out of the ground in the 74900 block of 270th Ave. in Hayfield at 6:06 a.m.

Intoxication. At 5:25 p.m., deputies responded to an incident regarding an intoxicated individual in the 400 block of East St. N. in Claremont.

KASSON BLOTTER

Kasson Police handled 70 complaints during the week of Sept. 21 – 27. They include:

Sept. 21

Medical. At 9:43 a.m., police responded to a medical emergency on 1st St. NE.

Civil. Officer assisted with a civil matter regarding a vehicle in the 100 block of 2nd Ave. SW. at 2 p.m.

Civil. A civil matter occurred in the 300 block of 4th Ave. NE at 2:09 p.m.

Traffic. Police made three traffic stops during the day.

Sept. 22

Juvenile. Police received a juvenile complaint from the 300 block of Mantorville Ave. S. at 2:59 p.m.

Theft. A bike was reported stolen from the 500 block of 2nd Ave. NW at 3:48 p.m.

Traffic Hazard. At 4 p.m., a semi truck was partially in the ditch and blocking traffic at Mantorville Ave. N. and 16th St. NE.

Civil. Officer assisted with a vehicle repossession in the 500 block of 2nd Ave. NW at 4:05 p.m.

Crash. A motor vehicle accident occurred in the 200 block of Main St. W. at 8:07 p.m.

Welfare. Officer completed a welfare check on an intoxicated female in the 400 block of 2nd St. SW at 8:18 p.m.

Traffic. Two traffic stops occurred during the day.

Sept. 23

Medicals. Medical emergencies occurred on Main St. W. at 10:58 a.m. and at 5:48 p.m.

Property. A citizen received a package from the 500 block of 12th St. NW at 3:39 p.m.

Assist. At 8:04 p.m., police assisted Goodhue County with a runaway in the 500 block of 2nd Ave. SW.

Noise. Officers received a noise complaint from the 300 block of 4th St. SW at 10:32 p.m.

Traffic. Police made three traffic stops during the day.

Sept. 24

Disturbance. At 12:12 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance on Veterans Memorial Highway E.

Alarm. Police assisted with a burglary alarm in the 17300 block of 740th St. in Hayfield at 5:26 a.m.

Parking. A parking violation was reported in the 100 block of 7th St. NW at 12:56 p.m.

Alarm. Police responded to alarms in the 400 block of 2nd St. SW at 4:07 p.m. and in the 600 block of 16th St. NE at 7:22 p.m.

Open Door. Officer found an open door in the 200 block of Main St. W. at 11:26 p.m.

Disturbance. A disturbance occurred in the 1100 block of 1st Ave. NE at 11:35 p.m.

Sept. 25

Alarm. Police responded to an alarm in the 1100 block of 1st Ave. NE at 8:55 a.m.

Driving. At 5:01 p.m., police received a driving complaint of a female who left with an alcoholic drink in a van in the 500 block of 2nd Ave. SW. They were unable to locate the vehicle.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 100 block of 8th St. SE at 7:29 p.m.

Sept. 26

Suspicion. A citizen reported that a vehicle was in her yard in the 100 block of 2nd Ave. SW at 5:34 a.m.

Driving. The School District reported vehicles not stopping for school bus arms at 1st St. SW and 3rd Ave. SW at 10:43 a.m.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1100 block of 2nd St. SE at 1:23 p.m.

Barking Dog. At 2:59 p.m., police received a barking dog complaint from the 400 block of Mantorville Ave. N.

Suspicion. Suspicious activity was reported at 7:19 p.m. in the 800 block of 7th St. NE.

Larceny. Officer took a larceny report in the 400 block of 10th Ave. NE at 7:31 p.m.

Alarm. At 8:02 p.m., police responded to an alarm in the 400 block of 2nd St. SW.

Traffic. Police made three traffic stops during the day.

Sept. 27

Suspicion. At 1:39 a.m., a citizen reported that a suspicious male was smoking in the hallway and knocking on his door in the 300 block of 6th St. SW.

Noise. Officers received a noise complaint from the 500 block of 2nd Ave. SW at 1:53 p.m.

Child Abuse. Police began an investigation of past child abuse on Veterans Memorial Highway W. at 3:17 p.m.

School Bus. At 3:26 p.m., a stop arm violation occurred at 3rd Ave. and 1st St. SW.

Medical. Police responded to a medical emergency in the 400 block of Main St. W. at 3:28 p.m.

Suspicious Activity. Police received suspicious activity reports from the 500 block of Mantorville Ave. S. at 6:28 p.m. and the 500 block of Mantorville Ave. S. at 6:28 p.m.

Traffic. Officers pulled over three motorists for traffic stops throughout the day.

STEELE BLOTTER

Sept. 23

Warrants. Deputies made warrant arrests at the detention center at 2:24 a.m. and in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 10:03 a.m.

Crash. At 3:04 a.m., deputy responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 11400 block of 42nd Ave. SW.

Traffic. Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 11000 block of County Rd. 3 at 6:34 p.m.

Sept. 24

Kidnapping. At 11:43 a.m., deputies responded to a report of kidnapping in the 8700 block of 37th Ave. SW.

Sept. 26

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 3900 block of Hwy. 30 W. at 12:05 p.m.

Warrants. Deputies made warrant arrests in the 100 blocks of Main St. E. at 2:44 p.m. and at 4:17 p.m.

Sept. 27

Suspicion. At 9:49 a.m., deputies responded to a suspicious activity report in the 9600 block of 48th St. SW.

Sept. 29

Death. Deputies began a death investigation in the 15900 block of 22nd Ave. SW at 2:03 a.m.

Child Protection. At 10:49 a.m., deputy took a child protection report on Margaret Place SE.

Arrest. Deputies arrested a subject in the 6800 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 7:38 p.m.

Dodge County ACTIVE WARRANTS

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

Jose Mario Sanchez – complaint warrant
Justin Wayne Sanford – contempt of court
Berlin Guillermina Santiago – probation violation
Johnny Vidal Sarceno-Guzman – FTA-court trial
Sharica Nicole Schumaker – FTA-order to show cause
Nicholas Alan Siebers – contempt of court
Oscar Julio Blas Tadeo – contempt of court
Oscar Michael Trevino – probation violation
Kelly Lee Turner – probation violation
Joshua Allen Wallace – probation violation
Robert Ray Watkins – revoked license
Joseph Marvin Whitt – probation violation
Jasen Wayne Wilburn – FTA-support hearing
Eddie Dwauyne Williams – comtempt of court
Mary Louise Williams – probation violation
Brandon Lee Yennie – contempt of court
Morgan Ashley Young – promotion of prostitution
Javier Carreon Zapata – contempt of court
Dusti Lynn Olson – FTA-pre-trial
Megan Jacqueline Hagen – FTA-pre-trial

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

SECOND FRONT PAGE

Historic wall restoration maintains Mantorville history

By HANNAH BATES
DCI Staff Writer

The restoration of the limestone walls near the courthouse on Highway 57 is drawing to a close. In order to show appreciation for the workers who made this project a reality, the Mantorville Restoration Association served them lunch on Sept. 28. The lunch took place across the street outside of the new Dodge County Courthouse annex.

This project has been completed by Environmental Associates and paid for mostly by the state with a little bit from the county as well. It required the workers to take out the wall piece by piece and reassemble it as it was originally built

"Ten stones down and four stones over is still ten stones down and four stones over," Mantorville Mayor Chuck Bradford said.

Jane Olive, with the Mantorville Restoration Association, believes that the structure is significant to the city of Mantorville.

"It's pretty significant in that the wall was built in 1932 and it was taking a real beating over the years," Olive said. "It was starting to bow out, especially on the back side."

In order to repair this historic structure, the city of Mantorville has considered several versions of the project.

"This is probably the second or third rendition of what we wanted to do with this wall," Bradford said. "It started out with basically pressed cement that resembled rock. The city said no way, we're not allowing that...This is historic and we see it as part of the courthouse and we really want to maintain this block in the historic district looking and feeling historic."



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Taylor Kussatz, Tony Dano and Luke Rice, workers who constructed the wall since the June beginning of the project, ate barbecue sandwiches at the appreciation picnic. When asked if they dream of the numbered limestones, Rice replied, laughing, "I have nightmares."



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Each of the original limestone rocks was removed, numbered and replaced in its original location.



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The wall extends down one block of Highway 57 in Mantorville, near the historic courthouse.

Those in Mantorville soon realized that the removal and replacement of the original limestone would be a possibility, creating both a functional and historic structure.

While the city decided not to include it right now, conduits were installed behind the wall to eventually allow for the installation of historic street lamps. Bradford estimates that that project could happen around five years down the road.

Bradford includes this project in what he sees as a vision of Mantorville.

"This is one of the many steps in an ongoing process trying to reach out to private property owners, as well as government agencies, and try to identify what we have as existing legitimate historical assets that have survived since the beginning of our town," Bradford said.

Bradford considers the original historical assets that the town has one of the most unique aspects of Mantorville. He considers the ability to do restoration projects such as this one a part of the way the city has handled its finances in recent years.

We've done a good job with going through our budgets on the city side," Bradford said. "We haven't raised the levy in six years...now that we've got some of those issues addressed and really under our belts, we can start looking at how we have a lean and efficient city and see what we can do to improve our historical assets."

The Mantorville Restoration Association also works to maintain and rehabilitate buildings in Mantorville, including the Opera House, the Restoration House and others. The organization is funded by Charitable Gambling in Mantorville and Dodge Center, and has been working to maintain the city's history for more than 50 years.



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Project Manager and Superintendent Ray Stengler and Job Foreman Bill Cack dined with members of the Mantorville Restoration Association on Wednesday afternoon.

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"We had four or five guys, not counting myself, that we went and started by cutting all the lumber the day before," Triehy said, "Then the next day going from a pile of lumber sitting next to my house to a gaga pit in the front yard."

After it was assembled, they broke the pit into smaller pieces before driving it over to the middle school. Triehy believed that the middle school would be the best fit for the gaga pit of any of the schools in the district.

"I felt like they would have a really nice spot for one, and the kids here are old enough where they could really enjoy it," Triehy said. "It does get a little crazy in there, so we don't want anyone who's too young in there. But there isn't really an age restriction on kids who can play it."

The pit is located on the playground, outside of the side of the school. Before classes start for the day, kids are packed into the gaga pit, and spectators surround the radius of the structure. They lean in, arms perched on the ledge of the pit, watching the fast-paced game of gaga ball go down.

Triehy is excited by the amount of action he sees at the gaga pit that he worked to make a reality.

"I've driven by or been running by in the mornings or after school for practice, and I see kids in there," Triehy said. "We get out early for cross country, and we see kids over there."

For an Eagle certification project, scouts must carefully plan a project and have it approved. The gaga pit is not the only area project that has been completed by an Eagle Scout. Triehy also mentioned the flagpoles in front of Mantorville City Hall as another one of these projects.



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Fifth grader Gavin Knutson plays an intense game of gaga ball before starting the school day.

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Presidential candidates

In considering the upcoming presidential election, I ask you to think about one simple question.

If you had to go away for a weekend and leave your child or grandchild under the care of one of the principle candidates, who would you choose?

I recognize that Hillary Clinton is human and has made some mistakes, but with her long history of working for the betterment of families and children I would feel comfortable entrusting the care of my child to her. On the other hand, there is simply no way that I would consider leaving my child in the care of Donald Trump - and I find it incredible that many millions of Americans are on the verge of asking him to care for all of our children.

Karl Huppler,
Mantorville, MN

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OUR VIEW

Did you cheer for the Cubbies?

There is a movement going on in this country that really degrades the human spirit. It is a bullying spirit that seeks to condemn your attitude, your opinion and your vote. It deals with getting what "they" want by demeaning your choice to free will. The Trump campaign says that a vote for Gary Johnson is a vote for Hillary Clinton. The Clinton campaign says that a vote for Gary Johnson is a vote for Donald Trump.

This is messed up and is nothing more than an intimidation tactic that should shed light on the character of those involved in such foolishness. In a democratic society we are supposed to be able to vote for the candidate we think would make the best leader and who can work effectively in government to propel the country forward.

Pointing fingers at other voters and slamming, condemning statements as to free choice is a slap in the face of every American who feels that their voice matters. When we are condemned and cajoled because we are voters with opinions and convictions, it is the lowest form of degradation and prejudice.

If your candidates are not strong enough or smart enough or just enough to win votes without condemnation and mockery, then perhaps your candidates are just not strong enough. Voting for one candidate because you don't want another candidate to gain office is just another way to sell yourself out in America.

Where is the backbone of the founding fathers that voted their conscience – no matter what tyranny or threats were levied? Where are the Americans who are not afraid to vote their hearts and will vote for someone they admire and respect – even if that person may be the underdog.

We are not advocating a vote for the left, for the right, for the majority, for the minority. We are advocating a vote for America. When you vote for the wrong reasons, or out of fear or condemnation or perhaps "what's the use-ness," you go against everything this country was built upon.

As voters, we have a right to hear the speeches, check the records, investigate the claims, dispel the lies and embrace the truth. And unless something has drastically changed in this country, we still have the right to vote who we believe in – without fear of condemnation or retribution by slick talking politicians.

Your vote matters. Your opinion matters. When you lay your head on your pillow at night, the peace in your heart comes from you having done the right thing and for you having had the freedom to speak your own mind. It's one of the true freedoms we have left. Don't let someone's words make you become someone else. Regret comes when you did not do what you felt what was right. It comes when you could not be who you really wanted to be.

A great sports analogy is upon us this year. The Chicago Cubs. Why did people stick with them when they couldn't win a championship for over 100 years? Because they were the heart of the loyal and the faithful. When some went to root for other teams in an hour of hopelessness and became fair-weather fans, there were still those who would not give up on the right to cheer their own heart.

Celebration is found in that right. Cheer your own heart in the decisions it makes. The outcome may not be always as you desired, but win or lose – you can say that you didn't sell out your integrity.

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Support for District Judge candidate

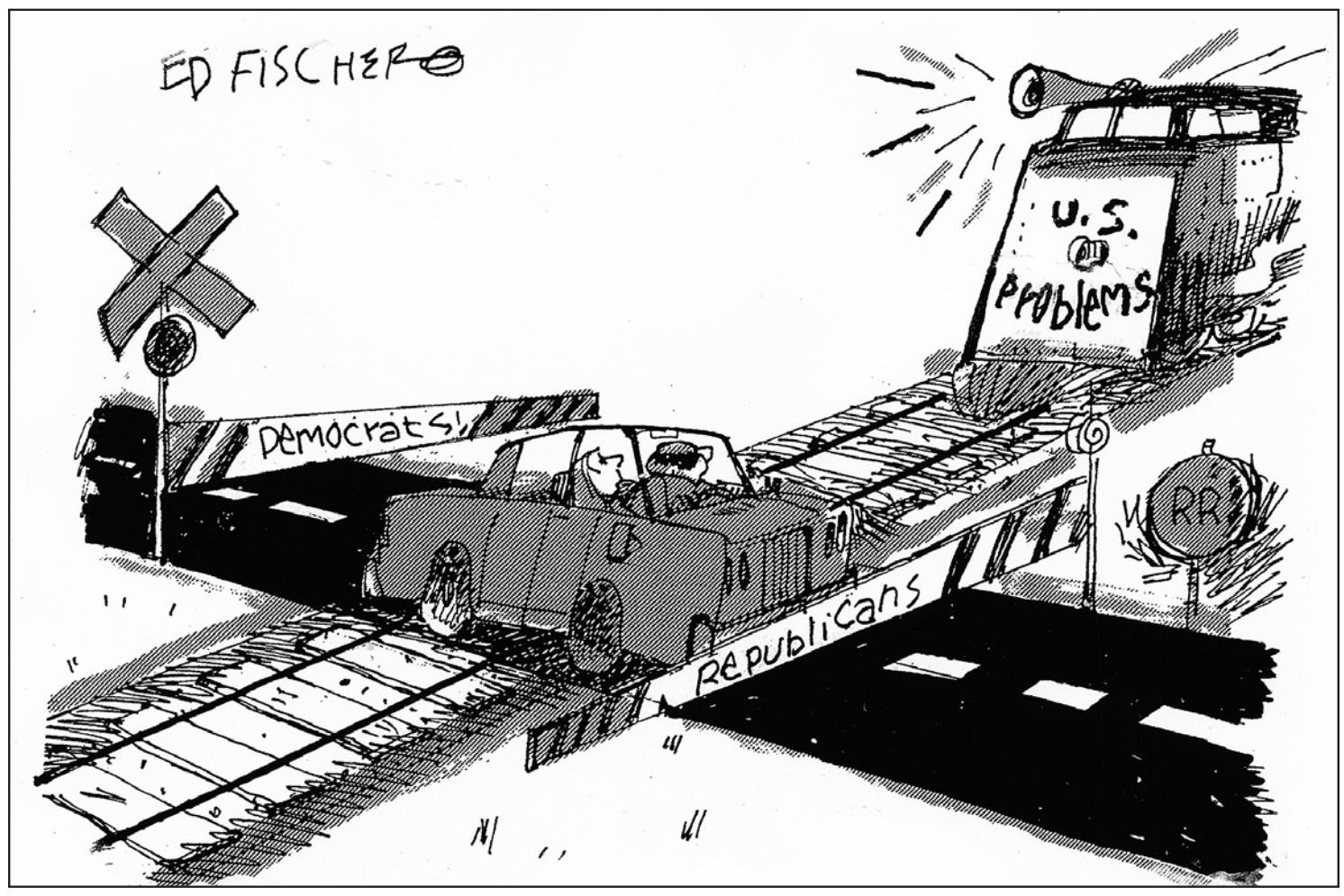
I believe incumbent District Court Judge Pamela King deserves our votes this election.

I am acquainted with Judge King and have many opportunities to share conversation with her. I have learned to regard her as a wise person with integrity who is a good listener and an intelligent, open-minded, kind, understanding, insightful, respectful, and caring professional. She cares about the residents of all eleven counties in her district. I know that she takes very seriously the responsibility of her position and seeks the fair resolution of all cases and disputes. As a judge, she states her guiding principles to be "that systems exist to support people, protect the public, and preserve hope and dignity." When I am in a discussion with her, I often think that our citizens are very lucky to have such a wise person serving us as a judge.

I urge you to search for her name on your ballot, find it, and vote for: "Judge – 3rd District Court 9 Pamela A. W. King"

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Sometimes it's the most celebrated thing, yet other times it's the most cursed thing around.

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If you haven't figured out what I'm referring to, it's the local newspaper. There are times when we hit the mark and knock it out of the water with our great local community coverage. And then there are times when we fall short and make some mistakes.

The primary difference between us making a mistake and other industries is that we have thousands of people who get to see our mistakes with their own eyes. That doesn't happen in many other businesses.

This week we're celebrating our successes through National Newspaper Week. The theme is "Way to Know," and boy a newspaper is definitely the trendiest thing I can think of in knowing what's going on in your community. We have a unique relevance to the community that hardly anyone else has.

At the DCI we have committed to singing the praises of community journalists and the work they do for everyone during National Newspaper Week. We are definitely the way to know what's going on in the world around us, especially those areas so close to home.

We serve many different roles as a service to the community. We serve as a government watchdog role, publish timely public notices, cover countless community events and publicize the triumphs—and yes, sometimes the failures—of people in the community.

For years people have been suggesting that newspapers are dying. What a crock of BS that is, and I have proven that with the area community newspapers I have operated over the past seven years. I have owned the Steele County Times since 2009 and the DCI since July 2015.

What I will say is that newspapers are definitely different than they were 25 years ago. Just like any other industry, the underlying economic drivers for newspapers look a lot different than they did in the 1980s.

Besides putting out a printed newspaper every week, we also find ourselves pushing stories onto our website, social media and even video. In today's world, they are all tools we use for better stories as we fight to keep readers in the know.

Our promise to you is to provide facts, presented in a clear, accurate and complete manner.

Each week we try to provide compelling human interest stories as we travel the main highways and back roads throughout Dodge County and the surrounding area. We have learned how to package hometown news in an incredible format that our readers love to look at week after week.

If there is anything I hope our readers take away from this week, it's that we have a hardworking crew of editors, journalists, graphic designers and office support staff who don't take the challenge of providing quality and accurate information to everyone lightly.

I believe our communities are better because citizens are informed through newspapers and other forms of media. A world without newspapers would be a travesty.

I'm not naïve enough to think we're always going to get everything right. But I hope you will cut us some slack from time to time as we're busting our butts to provide this area with news in a way that no one else provides.

Who else could you depend on to be in hot pursuit of providing 'Way to Know' coverage of your community?

Last hints of summer, serious activities begin



The first hints of fall are in the air but we are still not quite ready to say goodbye to summer.

Drive-ins were always a summertime activity and this Saturday you can go back in time with a 1960s themed event at Ginny's Drive-in in West Concord.

From 3 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, enjoy the 1960s all over again with 60s music, food specials and even car hops. And if you don't remember the 60s, come anyway, it will be fun.

On a more serious note, the election season season is upon us.

I hear many people expressing their displeasure with the way the presidential election is playing out. The over-the-top comments from some candidates, the hype, the lack of real discussions on issues and the general all-around nastiness is turning a lot of people off.

Some people are even saying they will not vote because they don't like either candidate or they don't think their vote will count.

I think, though, that many of these folks are forgetting an important fact. The election is not all about the top of the ticket. We will be choosing more than just a president and some members of Congress.

We will be choosing city council members, school board members and state legislators. And in many ways, these people have a greater impact on our daily lives than national figures.

This all just a long way of saying do not forget to become knowledgeable about local issues and local candidates.

There are candidate forums in Dodge County, starting tonight, and they are a way to educate yourself about the election.

Triton Community Education is sponsoring a school board candidate forum this evening, Oct. 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the school. School board candidates will have an opportunity to give their views and they will answer questions from residents. There will also be an informal time to meet the candidates.

On Monday, Oct. 10, there will be a candidates' forum for those running for mayor and city council in Kasson. It's scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Kasson-Mantorville High School Auditorium, sponsored by Minnesota WiFi, the Dodge County Independent and the Kasson Chamber of Commerce.

Next Tuesday, from 7 to 8:30 at the West Concord City Hall, the Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a candidate forum for residents of that city.

The Triton School District is putting a levy referendum before the voters on Nov. 8 and the district is planning on holding information sessions in Claremont, Dodge Center and West Concord.

These forums and information sessions are a good way to learn about the issues and candidates.

No matter what you think about national races and national politics the local level is where your opinion definitely matters.

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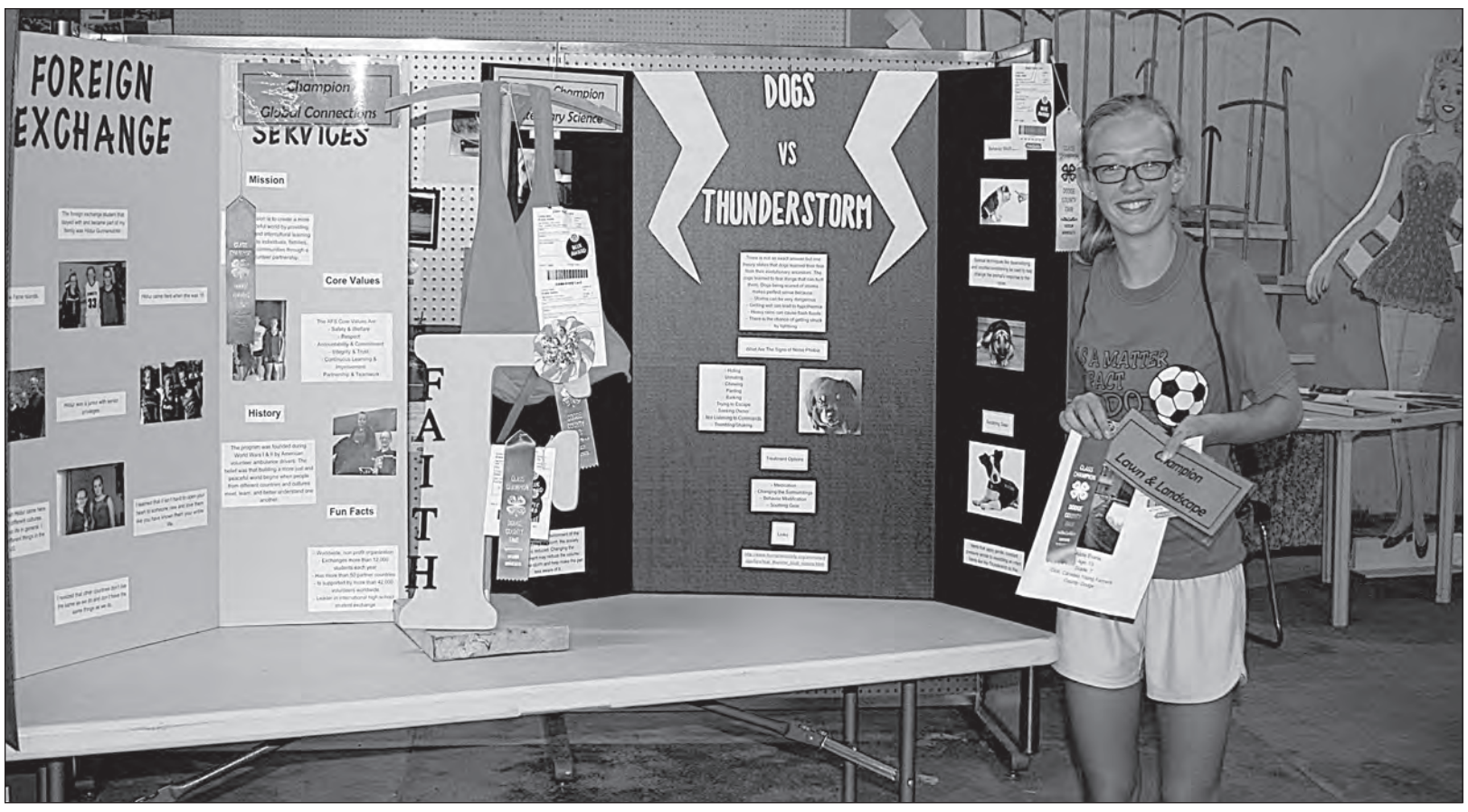
This week's question:

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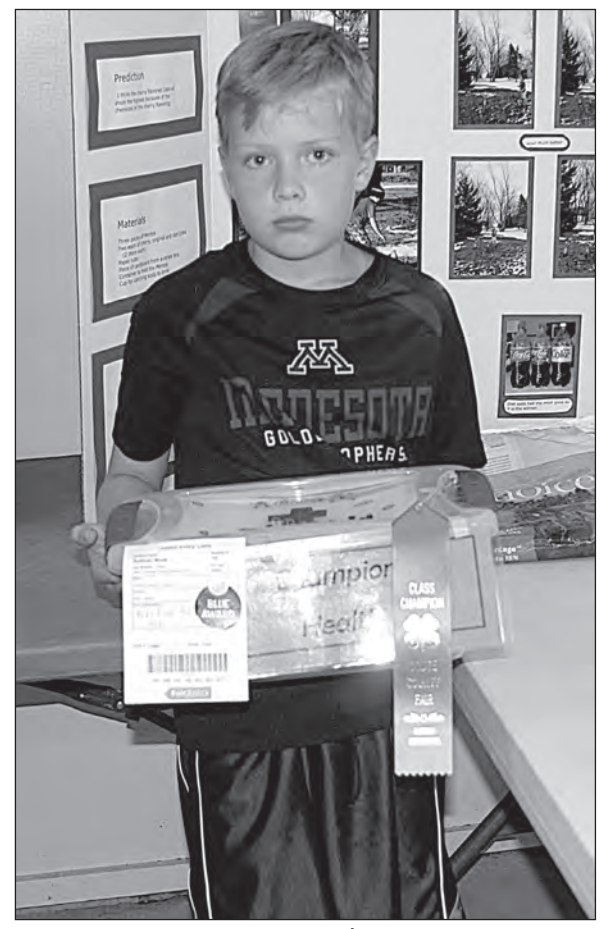


Addie Evans of the Canisteo Young Farmers took Grand Champion honors in global Connections and a Reserve Champion ribbon in Veterinary Science at the Dodge County Fair.



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Among the ribbons won by Annika Carlson of Canisteo Young Farmers are Grand Champion honors in Fashion Review Clothes You Make, Clothes You Make and Food Preservation.



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Armored roads, cleared water channels help minimize Dodge County flood damage

By GRETTA BECAY
DCI Contributing Writer

Now that the waters have receded, the four or five inches of rain that fell on Dodge County overnight Sept 21 and 22 did not cause a lot of problems especially when compared to the big floods of 2007, 2010 and 2014.

The mid-June floods in 2014 caused over $400,000 in damage. In 2010, the totals were double that at about $930,000 said Emergency Management Director Matt Maas.

The floods in August and October of 2007 caused about $1 million worth of damage the then-emergency manager reported to the county commissioners.

County Engineer Guy Kohlnhofer said many of the roads that would have washed out in the past during this type of rain event did not because some of the money from FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency – from those previous events, were used to 'armor' the roads. That involves installing grids made of cable and cement blocks on the side of roads that previously would have washed out, explained Kohlnhofer. After those grids are installed, the gravel on the roads stays on the roads and damage is minimized.

Maas said the county and towns had worked diligently to clear downed trees that obstruct the flow of water in, for example the Zumbro River as it flows through Mantorville and under the bridge carrying traffic on Highway 57.

In 2010, huge trees that had been uprooted upstream bumped against the bridge. All of that debris was cleared and this time the river flowed swiftly through town, which may have prevented a more severe flood into Riverside Park. In 2010, the water reached all the way up to the Welcome Center, which local firefighters had to sandba

The county also used funds from the state flood hazard mitigation grant program received after the Sept 2010 flood to purchase property from a bank that had foreclosed on it, demolish the structures, and properly close the well and septic system on a Milton Township property.

Properties that perpetually flood are just unsuitable for building sites.

Hayfield High School Principal John Howe said Hayfield schools were delayed two hours Sept 22 because many of the students live on country roads with low spots, which had water across them. "It was a good thing we made the call to delay school because the busses could not have gotten there."

In an email exchange, Sheriff Scott Rose said, "Other than the Rendezvous, we really didn't have many other issues other than water over several roadways – mostly in the southern part of the county." The Zumbro Bend Rendezvous campers had to be evacuated that night.

Maas said it looks like the heavy rains caused only about $15,000 of damage and that was mostly township roads in the southern part of the county. Westfield, Vernon, Hayfield, and Wasioja townships were the hardest hit townships.

The night of the 21st, the storm that could have hit Dodge County appeared to move south and hit Austin and Albert Lee instead.

It would've been 2010 all over again, said Mantorville city council member Don Hofstad at a council meeting after the rains.

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$13,000 whereas the bid for the county was only $17,000 and included the towns in that county.

A housing study would break down the number of single-family owner-occupied homes; the number of rental homes and apartments, multi-housing units from duplexes to apartment buildings; and available senior housing, since the 'grey wave' is fast approaching the state and particularly the region with it's proximity to Mayo Clinic services.

With the advent of Destination Medical Center, the need for housing around Rochester is becoming more acute.

That is not an exhaustive list of data the housing study would provide, explained Monson.

Dodge County hasn't been standing still. A year ago, a workforce summit was held and a representative from McNeilus commented about the lack of affordable housing in or near Dodge Center for the workers that keep the plant running.

Once the housing study is complete, the information can be used to drive public housing investment, expand boundaries, identify pressures on local school districts, and attract private investment.

Market averages can determine profitability explained Monson as they provide investors with information on assistance to build affordable housing.

Housing studies have to gather certain data so the state will accept them, the group learned.

Kasson's Zoning Administrator Mike Martin explained that housing studies need to follow specific guidelines that are usable to state grant programs and a lot of private investors.

Monson also provided information about three grant programs that could possibly provide some funds to pay for the study.

The county would like to update its county comprehensive plan, explained County Zoning Administrator Melissa DeVetter. The county would like to match land use planning with the towns including urban expansion districts, zoning ordinances, and transportation.

The representatives from each government entity that attended will take the information back to their respective boards and councils for further discussion.

Monson said it would probably take about two years for the study to be complete after it is ordered.

Dodge County faces Emerald Ash quarantine

By GRETTA BECAY
DCI Contributing Writer

Dodge County has been placed under an emergency quarantine by the state Department of Agriculture after an emerald ash borer was found in a trap mounted to an ash tree in Kasson in September. The trap and the infected tree are located between the high school and the Holy Family Catholic Church, explained Parks and Recreation Director Ron Unger at a community meeting Monday night. The trap was set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The quarantine is put in place to limit the movement of fir - wood and ash material out of the county. Because the larvae live under the bark of an infested tree for two years while they grow, they can stay in firewood and be carried across borders.

Civil penalties for ignoring the quarantine include fines of up to $7,500/day of violation. Criminal penalties may also apply.

Entomologist Angie Ambourn from the state Department of Agriculture spoke at the meeting and pointed out the three steps to help keep the insect from spreading:

"Don't transport firewood. Buy firewood locally from approved vendors and burn it where you buy it.

Be aware of the quarantine restrictions…. This includes restrictions on the movement of ash trees, wood chips and fir - wood.

Watch your ash trees for infestation. If you think your ash tree is infested, to go www.mda.state.mn.us/eab and use the 'Do I have emerald ash borer?' guide."

The phone number for the department of Agriculture is 1-800-967-2474.

Unger asked residents to call the Kasson city hall at 634-7071 and leave their name, phone number, and address if they have questions about their trees.

Unger said a recent inventory shows there are 237 public ash trees in Kasson. If a person lives near one of the public ash trees – such as on a boulevard - and wishes to treat it, they may do so. They should just notify Unger.

Council member Chuck Coleman said that the city council would decide very soon what the city would do about the public trees.

The latest treatment for the bugs is completely effective and it is cheaper initially than having the tree taken out, said Ambourn. Tree owners need to be aware they will have to continue the treatments for the life of the tree. The chemical, emamectin benzoate (Avermectin) is injected into the tree by a professional and the cost is based on the tree's diameter, usually about $10/diameter inch as measured at chest height.

Owners of private ash trees should decide what to do about their trees. If the tree is ignored, it will die because the larvae eat the nutrients the tree needs to survive. Unger and Ambourn both stressed how dangerous dead ash trees are because the wood is so brittle. Once dead, they are harder to remove.

The season for treating the trees is about over for the year, explained Ambourn. The tree needs to be actively transporting nutrients up into the canopy for the chemical to work. The trees are very effectively treated in the spring.

However, winter is a good time to remove trees if owners decide to take that route.

Minnesota has an estimated one billion ash trees; more ash trees than any other state. Dodge County's neighbors to the east have all been infested including Olmsted, Wabasha, Houston, Fillmore, and Winona counties as well as the counties near the metropolitan area.

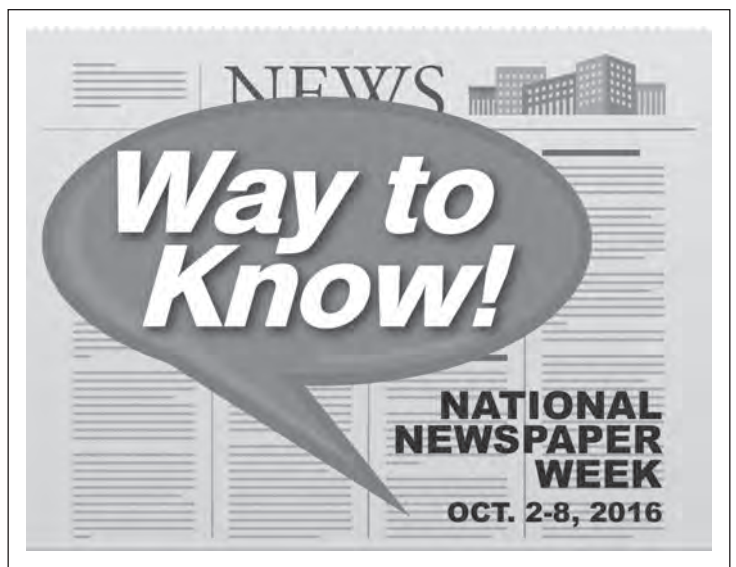
It is thought that the larvae entered the U.S. via packing wood such as a pallet and was first noticed in Detroit. Now it has spread across much of the eastern U.S.



INDEPENDENT | GRETTA BECAY

The Ash Borer was found in September in this row of ash trees on Holy Family Catholic Church property. the trap set by the U.S.D.A. is deep purple, a color that attracts the bugs, and hangs high up in the canopy of the tree nearest Highway 57.

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KASSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Harvest Disciple

Second in a series by
Pastor Joel Xavier from
Kasson United Methodist Church

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," so says the Methodist Book of Discipline. In the mature phase of being a disciple a person is bringing others into the Church, for the sake of the world.

In the Gospel of John (John 1:43ff), when Philip was just beginning with Jesus, "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus.'"

Philip functioned as a mature disciple, acting to make a new disciple. For Philip in this story, the beginning phase and the mature phase of discipleship overlap.

Our purpose at Kasson UMC this year is raising our awareness of discipleship. First, we will be honest in our self-understanding as a disciple. Then we can as a congregation and as individual disciples take specific action to be mature disciples

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." I want to be one of those laborers. I want to be one of those disciples.



Sports

TRITON FOOTBALL



Triton running back Drew Kelly leaps out of the reach of a Chatfield defender.

INDEPENDENT | CHRIS SCHAD

Cobras achieve balance in Homecoming win

By CHRIS SCHAD
DCI Sports Editor

The Triton football team has been known as a team that loves to run the football. With a physical style of play, the Cobras have seen plenty of success over the years and for the beginning of this season, it didn't seem like that philosophy had changed. However, last Friday night, Triton opened up their offense and a balanced attack was a key in a 28-19 victory over Chatfield.

"Our balance really helped our offense," Triton football coach Don Henderson observed. "I think it really helped open up some running stuff for us in the second half and we were able to pull away in a close game."

The Cobras and Gophers would begin the game in a deadlock as both teams felt each other out. After Brady Essig made a diving interception with the Gophers in the red zone, Triton began to drive down the field and mixed in a solid passing attack to go with their traditional ground and pound offense. The result was Essig finding Hunter Jennings for a touchdown and an early lead.

However, the extra point would be blocked by Chatfield and they would take that momentum to the kickoff return where a touchdown would put the Cobras in a 7-6 hole. Both teams would exchange another pair of scores before halftime and Triton would go into the locker room with a 14-13 lead.

In the second half, the Cobras were able to continue their strong running attack on the shoulders of Jennings. He would be a two-way force on this night as he added 61 yards rushing to go with five catches and 37 yards to help soften up the Chatfield defense in what has been a breakout season for the junior.

"I think it's the confidence he's played with this year," Henderson said when asked about the key to Jennings' breakout. "Having started and played as a sophomore, it's been that and the toughness he's been able to show. He's been one of our leaders on both sides of the ball and a guy that we really depend on."

With touchdowns from Nick Roussopolos and Levi Smith, the Cobras were able to ice the victory on homecoming night.

"This was a good, hard-fought game," Henderson declared. "Chatfield showed up ready to play and came after us. We had to make some adjustments and change our game plan a little, but the kids adapted well and we did what we had to do."

The Cobras improved to 2-3 on the season with the win and will now hit the road to take on St. Charles. The Saints have been playing well over the past month with a three-game winning streak and Henderson knows that his team will be in for a test on Friday night thanks to their strong running game.

"They can just pound it," Henderson explained. "It's going to be tough to get them in third and long situations to make them do something different. They're really playing confidently right now and they have a new coaching staff that's breathed life into that program. We know that they're going to be a handful."



INDEPENDENT | CHRIS SCHAD

Triton's Levi Smith (88) throws a block in the second quarter.

K-M GIRLS SOCCER



INDEPENDENT | CHRIS SCHAD

Kasson-Mantorville goalkeeper Laken Bartel makes the save against Stewartville on Sept. 29.

KoMets see positives in defeat to St. Paul Academy

By CHRIS SCHAD
DCI Sports Editor

By a quick look of the schedule, one would assume that the Kasson-Mantorville girls soccer team had a rough week. After falling in Stewartville on Thursday night, the KoMets would hit the road and fall to St. Paul Academy in overtime on Saturday afternoon. With the pair of losses, it would look like that the negatives would outweigh the positives, but that would be far from the truth.

While the Stewartville defeat was tough to explain, the KoMets felt good about going toe-to-toe with the third-ranked team in the state and look for that to help build confidence as they head down the final stretch of the regular season schedule.

"We needed to play a high-quality opponent like that after how we played against Stewartville," K-M girls soccer coach Chris Soderberg admitted. "We lost, but we found out that we can play with anyone in the state if we show up with confidence and intensity. I hope to carry that into the playoffs."

To get to that intensity on Saturday, the trip to Stewartville could have been the perfect wakeup call. After Arie Delzer scored the opening goal (with the assist coming from MaKayla Griffin,) in the first half, the Tigers would come roaring back in a game that had a strange feel to it. Griffin would score on a feed from Klara Soderstad in the second half, but it was too late as the KoMets fell to the Tigers by a score of 4-2.

"The Stewartville game is something that I would like to forget," Soderberg lamented. "We just didn't show up to play that day and with high school kids, there are always games where you just don't play well. Usually, we've been good enough to escape with a win or, at worst, a tie. I give Stewartville a lot of credit because they played well and they played hard. The wheels just completely fell off for us that night."

Saturday's game against St. Paul Academy had to have felt like a rebound game after Stewartville as K-M played with their higher competition in the first half. As the game went along in a scoreless tie, it was clear that the KoMet defense was frustrating the Spartans as they took shots from further out.

As goalkeeper Laken Bartel recorded 16 saves on the afternoon, the game went into overtime where St. Paul Academy would score with one minute remaining in the second overtime to escape with a win. Even

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K-M FOOTBALL

Lourdes blowout leaves KoMets stunned

By CHRIS SCHAD
DCI Sports Editor

When it comes to rivalries for the Kasson-Mantorville football team, there may be no bigger rivalry than the one with Rochester Lourdes. As the team that needs to be conquered in order to reach the KoMets' goal, the Lourdes game is one that's always circled on the calendar and usually produces one of the hardest fought games of the season.

Despite the excitement that comes with such a rivalry game, the KoMets weren't able to hold up their end of the bill last Friday night as the Eagles dominated every facet of the game in a 49-14 defeat. While a loss is always difficult to swallow, the nature of this one left everybody on the K-M sideline shell shocked.

"Our heads were not ready to play," K-M football coach Broc Threinen admitted. "We thought it was going to be a high scoring game, and it started out that way, but it was more of a consistency of doing things the right way each play."

Things started out well against Lourdes after the KoMets fell behind early. Brendan Knoll took the ensuing kickoff to the house for what appeared to be a game-tying touchdown, but it was called back. Regardless, Knoll atoned for the mistake with a 61-yard touchdown run that would make it a 7-6 game with 7:16 left in the first.

From there, it got ugly fast for the KoMets. With players constantly misaligned on defense, the Eagles were able to march down the field with little resistance. With Lourdes quarterback Noah Hillman's seven touchdowns (five on the ground and two through the air) leading the way, K-M found themselves down by a 42-6 margin at halftime in a true "What just happened?" moment.

"We were moving the ball every time we had it," Threinen lamented. "But we would just have a bad play to put us in a bad down and distance. We protected the football well and only had two penalties, but we couldn't overcome those bad plays."

Eli Herbst would come in an add a touchdown late in the game for the KoMets, but it was all over by then and K-M has to regain their confidence as they host Byron in their homecoming game on Friday night.

"Our confidence probably isn't where it was two weeks ago, but there's no reason why it can't get back to that," Threinen reasoned. "We need to get our swagger back and play like we are the best team on the field and we're going to work all week to get there."

Even though the KoMets have dropped two straight games, they do believe that this patch of adversity will make them a better team. That could make the case that Byron could be the beginning of a Hollywood comeback.

"Every good movie has a conflict in the middle of it before you get a happy ending," Threinen said. "We're hoping that the kids and the coaches can stick to what they know best and keep plugging until things fall into place."



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K-M's Dalton Andrist tries to evade a Lourdes defender on Friday night.

SCOREBOOK

Southeastern Football District
Red Division

	Division		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Lourdes	4	0	5	0
Stewartville	3	1	4	1
Byron	2	2	3	2
K-M	2	2	3	2
P-E-M	2	2	3	2
Cannon Falls	2	2	2	3
Lake City	1	3	1	4
La Crescent	0	4	0	5

White Division

	Division		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Caledonia	4	0	5	0
Z-M	3	1	4	1
St. Charles	3	1	3	2
Pine Island	2	2	3	2
Triton	2	2	2	3
Chatfield	1	3	1	4
Dover-Eyota	1	3	1	4
Winona Cotter	0	3	0	4

K-M Football

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
Sept. 30	7 p.m.	at Rochester Lourdes	L, 14-49
Oct. 7	7 p.m.	vs. Byron	
Oct. 14	7 p.m.	at Cannon Falls	

Triton Football

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
Sept. 30	7 p.m.	vs. Chatfield	W, 28-19
Oct. 7	7 p.m.	at St. Charles	
Oct. 14	7 p.m.	vs. Pine Island	

HVL Volleyball Standings

	HVL		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
K-W	6	0	23	1
Stewartville	5	1	8	5
K-M	5	2	12	7
Hayfield	4	2	13	4
Byron	4	2	11	7
Goodhue	3	3	9	8
Cannon Falls	3	4	8	11
Z-M	2	4	4	5
Lake City	2	4	6	8
Lourdes	1	5	10	7
Triton	1	5	7	10
Pine Island	1	5	5	9

K-M Volleyball

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
Sept. 27	7:15 p.m.	vs. Goodhue	L, 2-3
Sept. 29	7:15 p.m.	at Byron	W, 3-2
Oct. 4	7:15 p.m.	vs. Lake City	
Oct. 6	7:15 p.m.	vs. Bethlehem Academy	
Oct. 11	7:15 p.m.	vs. Pine Island	

Triton Volleyball

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
Sept. 27	7:15 p.m.	vs. Z-M	L, 1-3
Sept. 29	7:15 p.m.	at Cannon Falls	L, 0-3
Oct. 3	7 p.m.	vs. J-W-P	W, 3-0
Oct. 4	7:15 p.m.	vs. Rochester Lourdes	
Oct. 6	7:15 p.m.	vs. Stewartville	
Oct. 8	9 a.m.	Byron Tournament	
Oct. 11	7:15 p.m.	at Kenyon-Wanamingo	

HVL Boys Soccer Standings

	HVL			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Lourdes	4	0	0	10	3	0
PI/Z-M	4	1	0	8	4	0
Byron	4	1	0	7	5	1
Stewartville	1	2	1	4	7	2
K-M	1	2	1	3	9	1
Cannon Falls	0	3	1	0	11	2
Lake City	0	5	1	3	7	3

K-M Boys Soccer

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
Sept. 27	7 p.m.	vs. Stewartville	T, 2-2
Sept. 29	4:30 p.m.	at Waseca	L, 0-10
Oct. 1	7 p.m.	at Austin	L, 0-10
Oct. 3	7 p.m.	vs. Winona Cotter	
Oct. 4	7 p.m.	at Pine Island/Z-M	
Oct. 6	7 p.m.	vs. Lake City	

HVL Girls Soccer Standings

	HVL			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Byron	4	1	0	11	2	0
Lourdes	4	1	0	9	3	1
PI/Z-M	4	1	0	4	7	1
K-M	2	3	0	8	6	0
Stewartville	1	2	1	3	8	1
Lake City	1	4	1	1	11	1
Cannon Falls	0	4	0	4	7	1

K-M Girls Soccer

Date	Time	Opponent	Result
Sept. 29	5 p.m.	at Stewartville	L, 2-4
Oct. 1	3:30 p.m.	at St. Paul Academy	L, 0-1 (OT)
Oct. 4	7 p.m.	vs. Pine-Island/Z-M	
Oct. 6	7 p.m.	at Lake City	

K-M Cross Country

Date	Time	Location
Oct. 11	4:30 p.m.	Zumbro Valley Golf Course (Mantorville, Minn.)
Oct. 18	4 p.m.	HVL Championship (Stewartville, MN)
Oct. 27	4:30 p.m.	Section 1AA Meet

K-M/TRITON CROSS COUNTRY

K-M/Triton strong at Swain Invite

By CHRIS SCHAD
DCI Sports Editor

Competition is something that brings out the best in everyone. In cross country, that competition usually comes from within, but with the way that the Kasson-Mantorville/Triton team has performed so far this season, that could become a battle between opposing teams as it heads down the stretch.

Last Saturday, K-M/Triton took their aim at the Swain Invite in Duluth, Minn. The result was a solid performance in a very competitive field as the boys took home seventh-place as a team while the girls finished in 11th.

"I was very happy with how we ran," K-M/Triton cross country coach Jared Pittman declared. "Swain is a very tough course and I thought that our kids competed very well and ran strong."

While both performances were great to see, it may have been the performance of the girls that was the most impressive. Courtney West set another personal record with a time of 19:10.8 seconds that was good for third place behind Regan Duffy (Forest Lake, 18:55.6) and Star Costa (South St. Paul 19:02.2). Tiana Wiebke finished with a personal-best of her own (21:55.0, 57th) while Anna Rechtzigel (23:17.3, 102nd), Sophie Gossard (23:20.6, 104th) and Ashley Johnson (23:34.2) all had strong performance to help pace the team.

"I thought [the girls] ran especially great," Pittman commended. "They ended up among the middle of the pack against some strong teams."

The boys were their usual selves at the Swain Invite as well as they had another series of strong performances to build off of. Brennan Gustafson lead the way with a time of 17:14.3 that was good for 11th and Jace Minelli had a breakout performance with a personal-best time of 18:14.2 (45th) while Harrison Heppleman (18:14.8, 47th) wasn't far behind.

With the Swain Invite in the books, the end of the schedule is starting to be in sight for K-M/Triton. They'll have a week off before their next meet next Tuesday afternoon at the Zumbro Valley Golf Course and then head into the final stretch with the HVL and section meets not far behind.

Pittman believes that layoff will not only allow his team to refine some things, but enable them to really push down the stretch.

"One of the things I was looking forward to when scheduling the Duluth trip was getting two full weeks of workouts without having a meet," Pittman explained. "We're going to hit it hard this week getting ready for our home meet and then the [HVL] meet."



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Kasson-Mantorville/Triton runner Jace Minelli was one of many to have a breakthrough performance in Duluth.

K-M BOYS SOCCER

KoMets gear up for final week of regular season

By CHRIS SCHAD
DCI Sports Editor

The Kasson-Mantorville boys soccer team had another rough week, but they're hoping that the lumps they're taking will prepare them for the final week of the regular season and possibly a play-off run.

The KoMets started out their week September 27 when they hosted Stewartville. After an opening goal by Max Kundert, K-M and Stewartville would exchange goals before heading to overtime. With neither team able to break the deadlock, the game would end in a 2-2 tie.

From there, things got rocky for the KoMets as they made trips to Waseca and Austin. The results were not pretty as K-M posted back-to-back 10-0 defeats first against the Jays (last Thursday) and then the Packers (last Saturday).

Despite the tough losses on the road, K-M would return home on Monday night and put up a good fight against Winona Cotter in front of the home crowd. Despite the revised effort, the KoMets weren't able to pull it out and fell to the Ramblers by a score of 1-0.

The KoMets will have to find a way to put the ball in the net down the stretch and shore up some of the defensive struggles that they've had throughout the season. They had a tough draw to do that on Tuesday night when they traveled to Pine Island/Zumbrota-Mazeppa, but have a good chance for a tune-up when they host Lake City on Thursday evening.



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K-M midfielder Brandon Nino battles with Stewartville defender Paul Betcher at midfield.



LEFT: Max Kundert (6) celebrates his goal with Chandler Dincau (5) and Aaron Struckman (11)

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Congrats to this week's Football Pick 'Em Winner Brandon Rickey of West Concord! Rickey won with a score of 21 narrowly ahead of Kay Stenslund (West Concord) and Bruce Gross (Kasson) who both had scores of 20.

Season Long Pick 'Em Standings
1. Jonathan Burch (Kasson) - 75
2. Clark Holz (Kasson) - 73
3. Karen Marolt (Byron) - 69
T-4. Mike Johnson (Kasson) - 68
T-4. Dennis Tucker (Mantorville) - 68

K-M VOLLEYBALL

KoMets navigate through highs and lows

By CHRIS SCHAD
DCI Sports Editor

In any sport, it is likely that a team will endure highs and lows throughout the course of its season. In the sport of volleyball, those highs and lows can occur during the process of a single match unfolding as a team can fall behind in several sets only to mount an epic comeback or gain a commanding lead only to see it vanish.

Last week, the Kasson-Mantorville volleyball team saw both as they fell to Goodhue on September 27, but rebounded to earn a tough victory over Byron last Thursday night.

"There are going to be highs and lows in every season," K-M volleyball coach Adam VanOort confirmed. "I would definitely consider the loss to Goodhue as one of our lows this season. But, it was nice to get a bounce back and get a win over Byron in an extremely tough five-set match."

Against the Wildcats, the KoMets saw their share of struggles thanks to a mix of injuries and lineup combinations that had not been used to working together. The result was uneven play as K-M fell behind in the first two sets (17-25, 20-25) before roaring back in the next two games (25-21, 25-15).

Ultimately, the adversity was too much to overcome, as the Wildcats would earn a 15-12 victory in the fifth set to secure the upset.

"We talked about it as a team and decided to take that loss hard," VanOort explained. "We wanted to use it as motivation to work harder and improve so hopefully we could prevent that from happening again."

The KoMets would regain some of their health prior to paying Byron a visit last Thursday. The matchup between two of the top teams in the HVL certainly didn't disappoint as they alternated the first four sets with the KoMets winning the first (25-19) and third (25-21) and the Bears taking the second (22-25) and fourth (21-25).

With an intense atmosphere thanks to the K-M fans making the trip down Highway 14 and the Byron fan base, the KoMets were able to use their experience and a standout performance by Peyton Suess (29 kills, 10 digs, six aces) to gut out the 15-10 victory to clinch the match.

"It really helped that we had been in that situation before," VanOort said of his team's experience in five-set matches. "The girls were able to stay aggressive and poised in the fifth set and they made the plays that they needed to make in order to come away with a win."

The win is crucial as the KoMets head down the home stretch of their regular season schedule. After hosting Lake City on Tuesday night, they have a big test against one of the top teams in Class A with Bethlehem Academy paying them a visit on Thursday night.

With another match against Pine Island on October 11, VanOort believes that this team can hit its stride and eventually become a top contender in Section 1AA.

"This team has the potential to win our section if they continue to work hard and if they can find a way to get and stay healthy," VanOort declared. "This team has been pushing each other, competing hard and improving together with a little bit each week. If they keep giving a perfect effort and playing aggressively, they'll have earned the right to be confident come sections and I think they have the tools that are needed to get the job done."



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Caroline Braun lobs a shot over a Goodhue defender.



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Kasson-Mantorville's Jesse Riker tips the ball over the net against Goodhue on September 27.

K-M GIRLS SOCCER

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though they lost, the effort and intensity shown by the KoMets was a positive outcome.

"Our girls played an incredible game," Soderberg declared. "We had a couple opportunities and held some possession and our defense was patient and aggressive."

The momentum will be key as the KoMets finish up their regular season schedule this week. After hosting Pine Island/Zumbrota Mazeppa on Tuesday night, they will travel to Lake City for the finale before the section playoffs begin next week.



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Markayla Kujath tries to controll a loose ball last Thursday in Stewartville.



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Gwen Dole pushes the ball up field against Stewartville.



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LEFT: Lara Boyum slams on the brakes to evade a Stewartville defender.

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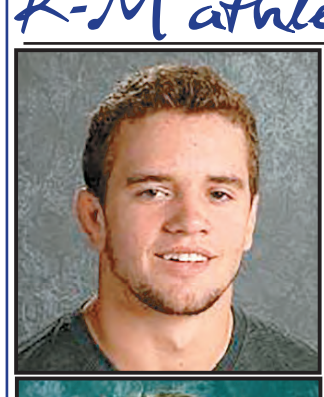
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K-M athletes of the week





The Dodge County Independent recognizes Brady Berge and Peyton Suess as the Athletes of the Week for Sept. 27-Oct 3.

Berge, a senior for the K-M wrestling team, competed in the "Who's #1 Dual" in Bethlehem, Penn. on Sunday afternoon. Berge was able to pick up a 7-5 overtime victory over Shane Griffith (NJ) at 160 pound .

Suess, a sophomore for the K-M volleyball team, registered 29 kills, 10 digs and six aces in the KoMets fi e-set victory over Byron on September 29.

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TRITON VOLLEYBALL

Cobras pick up win over Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton

By CHRIS SCHAD
DCI Sports Editor

The Triton volleyball team continued to make its way through the daunting Hiawatha Valley League schedule last week and despite the hard-fought efforts of the Cobras, they fell to Zumbrota-Mazeppa and Cannon Falls. Despite the disappointment, the team was still able to fight through it and picked up a win against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton to help regain some momentum for the stretch run.

The week started with the Cobras' matchup with Z-M on September 27. Triton was able to matchup well with the Cougars and came out of the gates with a strong effort. With a 25-21 win in the first set, they were able to battle back and forth before falling 25-20 in the second.

Things seemed to change in the third set when the Cougars were able to take control. A 25-15 win for Z-M put the Cobras on the ropes, but Triton would battle back in the fourth set before ultimately falling by a score of 25-21.

Despite the loss, the Cobras continued to show that they have plenty of players capable of making an impact. Greta Rhodes did her usual stuffing of the stat sheet as she had 12 kills to go with 11 assists and five digs. But she wasn't alone as Nell Graham (seven kills, six blocks, five digs), Kennedy Chicos (nine kills) and Tatyanna Bond (10 assists, five digs) all had strong efforts in defeat.

The Cobras hit the road last Thursday night and although they had played well in their loss to Z-M, they couldn't find that same form when they faced Cannon Falls. The Bombers were aggressive from the get go and raced out to an early lead with a 25-17 win in the first set. The hole only got deeper in the second set as a 25-13 win for Cannon Falls seemed to put the match firmly in hand before finishing off Triton with another 25-17 win in the third set.

While the losses were disappointing, the Cobras had to get things on track when they hosted J-W-P last Monday night and that's exactly what would happen. Lead once again by Rhodes' (14 kills, 14 assists, seven digs, four aces) stellar performance, other players such as Colleen West (11 digs) helped step up as Triton was able to notch the sweep by winning 26-24, 25-13 and 25-17.

With a much-needed victory in the books, the Cobras will turn their attention back to the HVL which hasn't been kind to them so far with a 1-5 conference record. However, that quality of play will come in handy down the stretch as they prepare for the playoffs.

After hosting Rochester Lourdes on Tuesday night, traditional HVL front-runner Stewartville will visit before Triton takes place in the Byron Invitational on Saturday morning. They will then take on the top team in Class A next Tuesday when they travel to Kenyon-Wanamingo.



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Zumbrota-Mazeppa's Juliah Jackson tips a shot past the outstretched arms of Kiara Boeck (left) and Nell Graham.



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LOOKING BACK

from the archives of the News Enterprise

10 Years Ago
Oct. 4, 2006
Terry Campbell, Publisher

On Monday, September 25, 2006, a car crash occurred at Triton Public Schools. Tara Johnson, Gabe Fate, Caleb Rissman, Megan Carlson, and Megan Borne were the students included in this mock car crash. This crash was done in memory of Adam Frederich's near fatal car accident. Tara gave some advice, "Don't drink and drive to be cool. It is not cool." The car crash was a good lesson to all the students at Triton. Drinking and driving will almost always lead to tragedy.

Tails are waggin' at D.A.W.G. (Dog are welcome guests) Boarding, and owner Ronda Hinck is quite happy with how her home-based business has progressed since its opening in August of 2003. Her facility now boasts a new name, (formerly Pet Essentials and Country Store) and a new addition with a larger grooming area and room to house more dogs. Along with the new look comes a new face, that of Professional Dog Groomer Dawn Dreier. Dawn currently owns and operates Renard's Grooming in Kasson. D.A.W.G. boarding is located just outside of Waltham along highway 56, and specializes in the pampering of your pooch.

The Cobras continues on their win streak on homecoming with a 49-0 victory over Zumbrota/Mazeppa. Triton dominated the game from the start scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter and two more in the second with a 36-0 lead at halftime. Quarterback Zach Erdman went 8 for 8 on passing attempts for 178 yards in the first half. Leading the Cobras was Jake Harmon with 137 yards rushing followed by Beau Kvam with 54 yards with a team total of 310 yards rushing. Zach Erdman had three touchdowns and Jake Harmon, Beau Kvam and Boomer Schley each had one.

25 Years Ago
Oct. 2, 1991
Virginia M. Sendle, Publisher and Editor

Steve Gransee, Dodge County Auditor/Coordinator, presented his resignation as coordinator to County Board Chairman, Harold Wilke, on Wednesday, September 25. "It's been in and out of my mind for some time," he stated. "I've been thinking very seriously about resigning for the last two months." Gransee commented he was tired of the commissioners not making decisions on a timely basis. "It is frustrating to put things on the agenda for several weeks. Things are put off too many times," he added. "The commissioners are treating the department heads like sub-ordinates, not as department heads and co-workers."

The charges of failure to report the sexual abuse of a minor were filed against West Concord Superintendent Kenneth Doty in 1990. The trial for the single misdemeanor count against Doty began on Monday, September 30, in Hastings, Dakota County, with the selection of a jury beginning at 9:30 a.m. Dodge County Assistant Attorney George Kadinger and Defense Attorney Douglas Sauter believe the trial will last approximately five to eight days. The trial was moved to Dakota County because or pretrial publicity.

50 Years Ago
Oct. 6, 1966
D.L. Smith, Publisher

The four $25 bonds given away at the annual firemen's dance, Saturday night, went to Mrs. R.C. Abel, L.E. Mosher and Mrs. G.E. Hilling of West Concord and Ed Dohrmann of Claremont. A good crowd attended the dance and from all reports a good time had by all.

The Lions Club of West Concord will soon be knocking on your door and taking orders for house numbers. The committee in charge have about completed its map of the town with all places numbered. As you know, it was a Lions Club project that got the street signs for West Concord, so to complete the job, there must be house numbers.

Aldrich Iverson, president of the Farmers State Bank of West Concord, informs us that Mr. Allan Organ of Rice Lake, Wis., has accepted a position at the local bank. Organ comes to West Concord from the Capital City State Bank of St. Paul, where he was head teller. He and his wife, Mardy, have rented an apartment at the Tommy Hall Apartments.

75 Years Ago
Oct. 2, 1941
L.W. Smith, Editor and Publisher

Plans for a community recreation program in Dodge County are rapidly making progress, according to County Agent Sander, who announced this week that representatives from this county have been invited to attend a district meeting and bring information on community plays, games and music back to home organizations. Dodge County leaders will attend the district training school at Rochester on October 21-22. Mary Ann Mather, in charge of rural recreation for the Agricultural Extension Service, will conduct the training school intended to revive home talent programs and folk games in farm communities. Special emphasis this year at the training school will be given to music, dramatics, and social recreation.

For two hours recently Mrs. Ward Young and several neighbors watched a pair of robins that they believed to be drunk perform on Mrs. Young's front porch. They said they thought that the birds had been eating fermented grapes. The birds staggered around on the porch rug, laid on their backs, and looked cross-eyed. After the "spree" they suddenly sobered up and flew away.

from the archives of the Dodge County Independent

10 Years Ago
October 4, 2006
Randy Carlsen, Publisher

David Drown Associates, represented by associate Mike Bubany, was hired to come up with a comprehensive improvement plan for the city of Mantorville. The plan is designed to help give the city direction for the future, including infrastructure needs and budgeting for those needs.

The K-M girls soccer team did not disappoint for Parent's Night last Thursday evening, delivering a 5-0 shutout win against Lake City. They also won 2-1 in a make-up game with Austin on Monday. In the win over Lake City senior Elizabeth O'Brien led the offense with a pair of goals and an assist.

25 Years Ago
October 9, 1991
Folmer Carlsen, Publisher

Preserving historical landmarks is an important characteristic of our largely "disposable" society today. Preservation could even mean spending more than it cost to build the original structure. So be it, said member of the First Congressional Church in Mantorville. As Jim Gunderson, owner of the Surty Waterproofing of Rochester said, "building a new structure would cost five or six times as much as the preservation effort, so on the other hand, it's not that expensive."

K-M Schools have been involved in special curriculum and programs for gifted young people for a number of years. K-M students have participated in programs such as Knowledge Bowl, Math Counts, art fairs and shows, special music events, athletic contests, speech and drama, College for Kids, advanced placement classes and testing numerous others. Yes, these activities do fit under the umbrella of the Gifted and Talented offerings.

50 Years ago
October 6, 1966
Folmer Carlsen, Publisher

The Kasson-Mantorville KoMets spoiled Kenyon's Homecoming last Friday night by defeating the Vikings by a score of 19-14. KM took the opening kick-off and marched down the field for two first downs. Kenyon made KM punt on a fourth down and one situation midfield.

On Thursday, October 6, four boys from the KM FFA will be going to Rochester to compete in the District 16 Land Use Contest. This contest is very good in that the individuals learn how to study the soil from the surface down to bedrock. They must take into consideration soil texture, soil drainage, fertility rates, water holding capacity of the soil, topography, land use capability, degree of erosion, crop rotation, plus many other factors.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A.A. MEETING every week at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hayfield, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

A Helping Hand to stretch the food and clothing budget. The Rochester Outreach Center's Fish and Loaves ministry at the Kasson Church of Christ (ROCK) with help from Kasson's Swinging Seniors has a weekly food distribution. The food includes end of sale items of meat, cheese, bread, vegetables, and fruit. Where: Kasson Church of Christ, 901 8th Avenue, NW; When: Every Tuesday, 1:30 - 2:00 pm. Free clothing to those in need twice monthly: Where: Kasson Church of Christ, 901 8th Avenue, NW; When: First and Third Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Food and clothing FREE.

`BATTERED WOMEN SUPPORT GROUP, Kasson, Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30. For information call 634-6070 or 1-800-438-6439.

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Oct. 6
Mantorville Chamber of Commerce Meeting
3:30 p.m. Lego Club, Dodge Center Library
Oct. 8
Kasson Library open 10am – 1pm
Oct. 10
Dodge County Board of Commerce Meeting, Conference Room B at the Courthouse Annex, Lower Level, Mantorville
10 a.m. Mantorville City Council Meeting
10 a.m. Story Time, Dodge Center Library
6 p.m. Read with Miss Pat Storytime, Kasson Library
6:30 p.m. Kasson P&Z Comm. Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers
Oct. 11
10 a.m. Mantorville MRA Meeting
10 a.m. WCPL Story Time / Crafts
10:30 a.m. "Silly Books" Storytime, Kasson Library
6 p.m. Kasson Public Library Board Meeting
Oct. 12
10:30 a.m. "Appletime" Storytime!, Kasson Library
4 p.m. Lego Club, Kasson Library
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Hometown Scene



INDEPENDENT | KAREN JORGENSEN

A group of South Korean retailers visited the Bruce Schmoll farm south of Claremont last week where they got a taste of frozen and packaged meals available for home delivery service from Schwan's. The idea of convenience meals that can be reheated at home is gaining in popularity in South Korea.

South Korean trade group visits Schmoll farm

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

A South Korean retailers group visiting the United States to learn about home meal replacement products stopped by the Bruce Schmoll farm in Claremont last week for a closer look at American agriculture and to sample some of the meal types that are gaining popularity in South Korea.

The group represented the top three retailers in South Korea, Jihae Yang, of the U.S. Meat Export Federation's (USMEF) South Korean office said. Yang served as the group's guide and interpreter during their visit to the United States.

The group stopped by the Schmoll farm after their tour of the Hormel facilities in Austin and on their way to Minneapolis where they were scheduled to visit a Hy-Vee store in New Hope.

SOUTH
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Kasson Lions plan annual 'Scrap Metal' Drive

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

The Kasson Lions Club is once again planning a "Scrap Metal Drive" for Saturday, Oct. 15.

Area residents are invited to stop by the Kasson American Legion parking lot between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to get ride of old stoves, washing machines, dryers, lawn mowers, cans, tillers, pipes, in short anything that is metal, said Mark Packard.

The exceptions, he said, are they will not accept refrigerators, freezers, electronics or Freon-sealed units.

The scrap metal is sold to McNeilus in Dodge Center, Packard said, and all monies collected are donated to the local food shelf.

The Lions will also accept bicycles in any condition, bicycle parts and gently used children's books and toys.

Anyone locally who needs a bicycle, he said, can purchase one for $10.

There hasn't been a big need for bicycles in Dodge County, Packard said, but the Lions give the bikes to a group in Rochester that repairs them and provides them to individuals in need through Christmas Anonymous. The toys, games and books, ages 0 to 15, are also given to Christmas Anonymous for distribution.

The Scrap Metal Drive is an annual event, Packard said, that some years has raised more than $1,500 for the food shelf.

The amount raised depends to a great extent on scrap metal prices, he said, and this year the price is down.

Still, he said, the group wants to continue the drive to keep the momentum going because the prices will rise at some point.

There will be volunteers at the donation site all day, he said, and there will also be guards staying at the site overnight until the items are taken to McNeilus for sale.

He also said that the scrap metal must be delivered to the site and that the Lions Club cannot pick up the items.

The Lions also try to sort the scrap if it is stainless, copper or aluminum as different types of metal command different prices.

"If it's metal," Packard said, "McNeilus takes it."

McNeilus will also take scrap throughout the year for the Lions' project. When taking scrap to McNeilus, he said, tell them you want the money to go to the Kasson Lions Scrap Metal Drive. The company keeps track of the metal brought in, he said, and after the drive they write a check to the Lions for the amount donated.

For additional information about the Scrap Metal Drive, call Packard at 507-421-2735.

K-M kicks off homecoming with attendant announcement

By HANNAH BATES
DCI Staff Writer

On Thursday afternoon, every KMHS student gathered in the North Gym for the first all-school assembly held in the space. After students modeled clothes as an example of each of homecoming week's dress up days and competed in a rock-paper-scissors contest, the 2016 homecoming king and queen candidates were announced. The candidates for king include Jacob Gruber, Keenan Wenzel, Noah Ryan, Keegan Leth and Brady Berge. The candidates for queen include Karlyn Buchannan, Kristin Scott, Ali Brekke-Diaz, Madi Maroo and Katie Kirmse. The king and queen will be crowned at coronation in the North Gym at KMHS on Friday, Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m.



INDEPENDENT | HANNAH BATES

Student Council Member Grant Overton threw candy to the crowd while demonstrating the kind of outfit seniors should wear on Toga Day.



INDEPENDENT | HANNAH BATES

Noah Ryan is crowned as one of the homecoming king candidates at the homecoming kick-off assembly.

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INDEPENDENT | HANNAH BATES

Equipment lines two walls and a center aisle of the new K-M fitness center.

K-M Fitness Center to open to public

By HANNAH BATES
DCI Staff Writer

In the coming days, the new Kasson-Mantorville High School Fitness Center will open to the public. Students and athletes have already utilized the facility for some time now, but members of the community will also be able to sign up for a membership through Kasson-Mantorville Community Education.

"We want to open up the places the school has so the community can use those spaces," Community Education Director Jenny Carrier said.

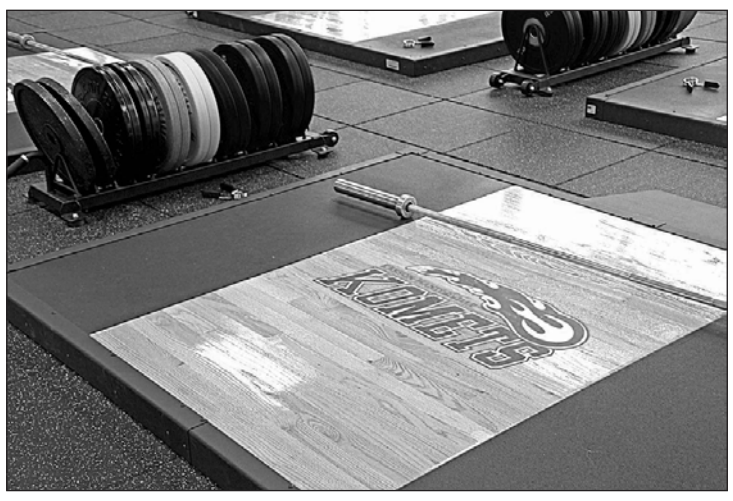
Carrier believes this facility has the potential to promote healthy lifestyles for everyone in K-M.

"It's a great place to promote health and wellness not only for our students, but our staff and our community members," Carrier said.

In order to put the facility together, the school worked with coaches, community members and some individuals who work for the Mayo Clinic to best serve the community. With the assistance of the people from the Mayo Clinic, they laid out what they wanted in a facility and put the project out for bids.

The facility includes 10 heavy-duty squat racks. There are both eight foot and nine foot racks to accommodate people of all heights. There are also platforms in the center of the room that are used to develop functional movements. A couple of functional trainers sit in the center of the room. People can use these as a sort of jungle gym system that allows for a variety of different movements.

The facility also houses four stationary bikes, four treadmills and four arc trainers. Each of these can be programmed to a person's weight to adjust the resistance accordingly. Six rowing machines sit in the middle section of equipment, and the walls of the room are lined with dumbbells and medicine balls. Several of the dumbbells and medicine balls were funded by other grant money.



INDEPENDENT | PHOTOS BY HANNAH BATES

The fitness center is home to ten platforms. Each platform has its own set of plates, and can be used for more aggressive workouts than the racks.



INDEPENDENT | PHOTOS BY HANNAH BATES

The Arc Trainer is an updated version of an elliptical, allowing for full-body functional training.

With all of the groups that are already using the facility, including physical education classes, Carrier says it's a fun place to be.

"It's just buzzing," Carrier said. "It's a fun atmosphere to be around, there's so many people working hard and sharing the space, so it's kind of fun to see the community in here."

Community members can register for a membership at http://www.kmcomedu.new.rschooltoday.com. For more information, call Community Education at 507.634.4464.

Mantorville approves sewage piping bid

By GRETTA BECAY
DCI Contributing Writer

At a special meeting Sept 30, the Mantorville City Council met with City Engineer Tim Hruska from WHKS to award the bid for the piping project that will carry Mantorville's wastewater to Kasson for treatment. Kuechle Underground, Inc., of Kimball had the lowest bid at about $1.25 million. The bids were more than 60 days old because delays at the state level held up the permitting for the project. Hruska explained that the first lowest bidder, Ryan Contracting Co. of Elco New Market declined the work. Kuechle did submit a change order because directional drilling is now required for part of the project that was originally to be open cut. But, even with the change order, their bid was still the lowest.

The plan has been in the works for almost a decade but it is now coming to fruition, explained Hruska, with an expected completion date sometime next summer.

A preconstruction meeting will be held shortly, explained Hruska and construction will likely start on the south end of the pipeline near the Kasson plant.

The wastewater treatment plant in Mantorville was built in 1990 and sits near downtown on one bank of the Zumbro River on a small piece of the floodplain. Repairing and renovating it would cost the town more than the piping project according to studies prepared by the engineering firm. And, its location offers very little room for expansion.

Other communities that share a treatment plant include Dover, Eyota, and St Charles; Plainview and Elgin; and La Crescent and La Crosse.

At the same time that Mantorville received its permit to proceed with the project, the city of Kasson received permission to go ahead with its plant expansion renovation. That project is needed to allow the plant to accept Mantorville's wastewater.

Mantorville will pay Kasson about 16 per cent of the ongoing costs of the Kasson plant. That percentage is based on the historical sewage volumes of the two towns. The wastewater from Mantorville will be measured when it reaches the Kasson plant to determine the monthly charge for the service.

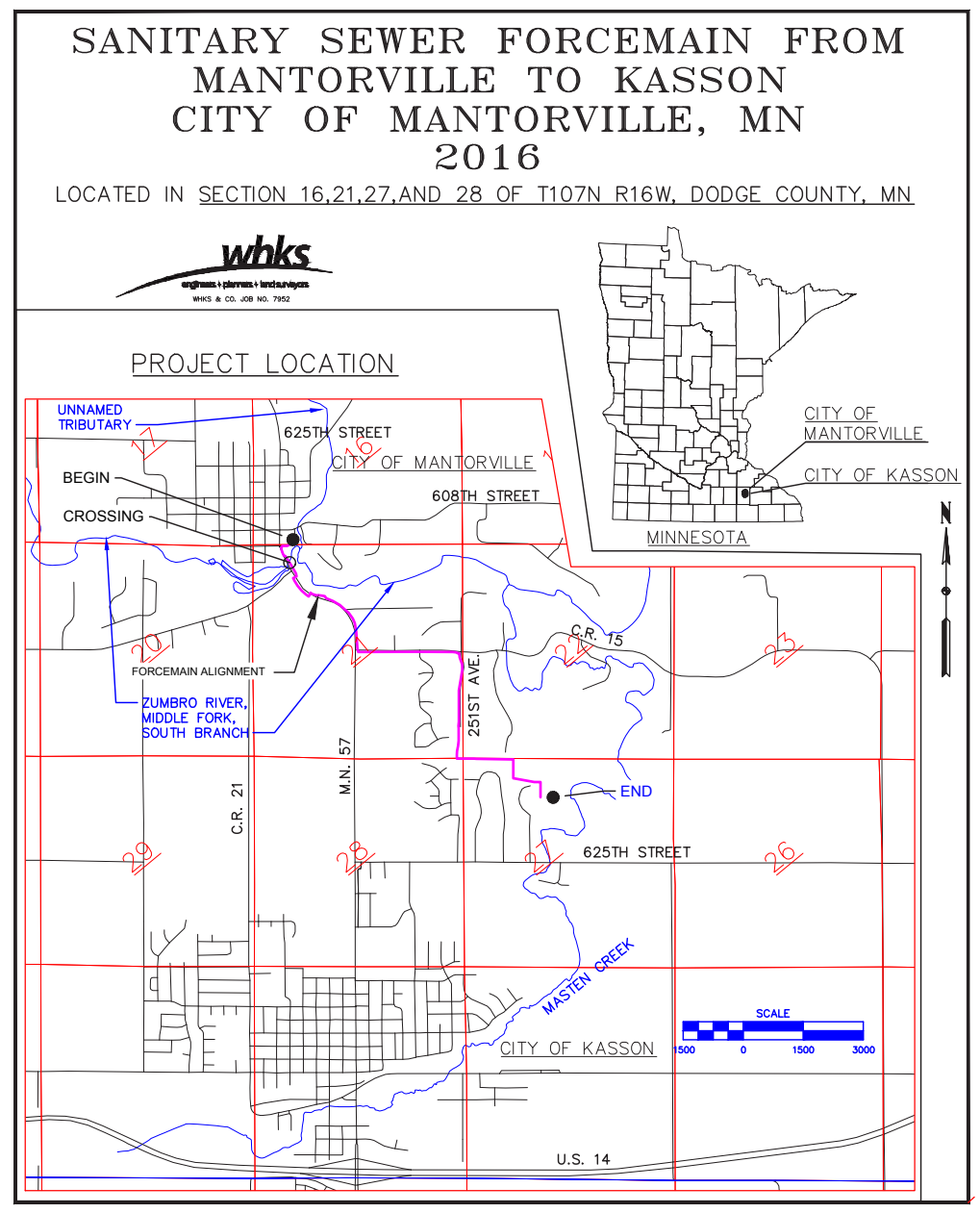
Mantorville is also paying an estimated $800,000 connection fee for the partnership; about half of which has been paid.

To pay for the project, the city is applying for various grants. Hruska explained that to be eligible, the "Public Facilities Authority Contract Packet, applicable State of Minnesota Prevailing Wages and Federal Davis Bacon Prevailing Wages, American Iron and Steel contract language and State Job Reporting Requirements will be physically included in bid solicitations and incorporated into the contract(s) between the borrower and the selected contractor(s)."

Until grant money comes through, the town must still be able to pay the contractor. So, at this meeting the council approved applying to the state Rural Water Association for a $2 million bridge loan.

Users of the wastewater utility will probably see their bills go up. As the county seat, Mantorville has many parcels of land that do not pay property taxes because they are government-owned. The courthouse and Government Services Building are two examples of this. They must however, pay water and sewer utility fees and those sewer fees will help pay for this project.

The council meets again at 6:30 p.m. Monday at city hall.



Safety on the Kasson City Council Agenda

By HANNAH BATES
DCI Staff Writer

The Kasson City Council approved a number of items to make the city safer for children at the Sept. 28 meeting.

City Administrator Theresa Coleman brought an item to the board involving bus stops for Kasson students. After reaching out to K-M schools to discuss any problems with city streets, Coleman heard that the intersection of 8th Ave. NE and 3rd St. NE could be made safer by turning it into a four-way stop.

Coleman mentioned that kids have to cross the street to board the bus in the morning, and a four-way stop would slow traffic enough to make it safer for these kids. The intersection is heavily trafficked by commuters making their way to the stop light in the morning.

The council–with the exception of Mayor Steve Johnson, who was unable to attend the meeting–unanimously approved the idea. Council person Dan Eggler also brought up the idea of putting a crosswalk in the intersection to make it even safer sometime down the road.

The council also discussed making the sidewalks near the library handicap-accessible. Kasson City Engineer Brandon Theobald is working to generate plans and the numbers behind making the sidewalks on the north and south end of the library comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The council will discuss this at future meetings.

The joint Wastewater Treatment Plant project was back on the agenda at the meeting. The council approved the temporary funding for the project. If next year's Minnesota legislature does not pass a bonding bill, Coleman mentioned that the project would be put on the open market for bonding. But the temporary funding will make it possible to go on with the project in the meantime.

At the previous council meeting, the council's approval of the plans for the facility were contingent on the MPA approval of the project. Theobald mentioned that the project received approval and will soon begin moving forward. Preconstruction meetings will begin soon and actual construction should begin sometime this fall.

Kasson City Planner and Economic Development Coordinator brought a couple of items to the council's attention at the Wednesday night meeting. At the previous Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the topic of chickens in the city limits of Kasson was discussed.

"It [having chickens] does not seem to be a problem for other communities," Martin said.

Martin said that the commission would be drafting an ordinance to allow for chickens in town. This ordinance will be presented to the council at a future meeting.

Martin also talked about an ordinance that requires the Planning and Zoning Commission to meet monthly. On average, the committee meets about nine times every year. The members of the commission hope to recommend a change to this ordinance to better fit the needs of the commission at a future council meeting.

The next Kasson City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 6:00 p.m. at Kasson City Hall.



DODGE CENTER

SOUTH

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INDEPENDENT | KAREN JORGENSEN

A member of a South Korean retail delegation visiting the Bruce Schmoll farm watched as Schmoll grilled steaks from Schwan's. He was demonstrating the ease with which pre-packaged meals can be prepared at home.

At the Schmoll farm the delegation had a chance to take a look around the 1,000-acre farm where Schmoll, USMEF President-elect, raises corn and soybeans. The visit also included a dinner featuring a variety of products from Schwan's home meal delivery service.

Ready-made convenience meals are gaining popularity in South Korea, Yang said.

The convenience market is a growing market, she said, because people are busy as they are working and do not have the time to cook and they don't want to spend money on buying the fresh ingredients.

The purpose of the visit to the United States, she said, was to get a better idea of how marketing the prepared and frozen packaged meal industry works here.

The dinner served by Schmoll and his wife, Tarrie, included a variety of frozen products available from Schwan's home meal service including skillet meals, appetizers, meats and lasagna.

The purpose of the dinner, Schmoll said, was to show the Koreans one version of the ready-made meals available in the United States. They ordered the meals online for delivery to their home and Schmoll grilled the meat for the visitors on an outdoor grill and additional meals were prepared in the Schmoll's kitchen.

The meals gave the visitors the chance to sample American beef and pork and the convenience with which they could be prepared.

The visit to his farm had several purposes, Schmoll said.

"They (the South Koreans) don't get a chance to go on a farm and see where their food comes from," he said.

The USMEF and the Minnesota Soybean Growers who sponsored the visit to Minnesota also hope to sell more meat to foreign countries like South Korea, he said.

As a grain producer, he said, he wanted to explain to the group the connection between the farmer who grows the corn and soybeans and the livestock and red meat industries that feed the grain to their cattle.



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Bruce Schmoll explains his farming operation to a group of South Korean retails. At right is Jiahe Yang of the South Korea office of the U.S. Meat Export Federation. The retail group was in the United States to learn about the home meal replacement industry.

Active in both Minnesota Soybean and the USMEF, the Schmoll's have hosted numerous international trade delegations visiting the United States. One of the goals of the visits, Schmoll said, is always to explain the connection between the grain producers and the livestock producers and the red meat industry.

After their visit to Minnesota the group headed to Denver, where the USMEF is headquartered, where they toured a number of retailers including Trader Joe's, Target and Whole Foods.

A celebration of Cedars

By **MARK DELAP**
SCT Managing Editor

Trips to the metropolitan areas of the United States led visionary Darrel Farr to see into the future. A future that would include longer life for seniors and greater challenges for a society that had to make room for a generation that would be enjoying more of their golden years.

"When I started building and operating residential and commercial property in 1961, senior communities were not a common occurrence. By 1985 however, the thought of doing something more socially challenging and rewarding occurred to me. Maybe the thought was of 'giving back' for the blessings I'd received. Since then, my family and I have developed 18 senior communities. The very first of those18 communities was the Cedars of Austin."

On Saturday, the Cedars of Ausin, a senior living community in Ausin, celebrated their 30-year anniversary with River Rat's Car Club Show, live entertainment, free food and some great adult beverages at a beer garden sponsored by the Jaycee's.

The weather had turned on the charm for the event after having been severe for the past few days and although the water had creeped to the trail around the Mill Pond, it came no further to trouble the activities of the day.

The motto for Cedars is, "We understand, we assist, we listen, we share." Those are not just words, but could be evidenced as action watching the crowd of seniors and families enjoying the day.

Lucinda Gardner who represented the owners at the event, and whose father was the visionary for the project, said, "We have independent living, assisted living and memory care."

Although Gardner grew up in Minneapolis, she shed light on how the Cedars project came to Austin. "My uncle actually owned the hotel (The Red Cedar Inn) that the city originally built as a Holiday Inn. My dad bought and remodeled that and then added this big wing on."

The facility houses 142 residents and is at almost 95 percent capacity. Gardner points to her marketing guru, Lisa Nelson (director of sales and marketing) as the reason for the successful and impressive numbers.

Nelson has been with Cedars since 2011 and says, "I came into this business purely for my love of seniors and to have the ability to help the families."

She also mentioned that the attractive employment jump from where she was included the fact that the Cedars is privately owned and that the owners were very hands-on, involved in every phase of the business every day.

As society has changed and the breakthroughs in technology and health care have improved, the challenges for the working generation now is to not only be able to find places to house the elderly, but to house them for a longer period of time. The average American is living longer than ever in its history.

Gardner attested to the longevity of the elderly as she said, "Most of this building was built for independent seniors who had an average age of about 75 years old. In the past 10-15 years, our average age for seniors here is 89. About 14 years older on average."

With the challenges of a greater number of older adults who are learning to live beyond their years, Cedars has had to keep up with the pace of the times by adding assisted care and memory care to its services.

When asked about the challenges of financial hardship for seniors who have been outliving their pensions and their Social Security incomes, Gardner responded, "The State of Minnesota has a program called Elderly Waiver. (The Elderly Waiver (EW) program is a federal Medicaid waiver program that funds home and community-based services for people age 65 and older who are eligible for Medical Assistance (MA), require the level of care provided in a nursing home, and choose to live in the community.)

"The Cedars does allow those (who qualify for EW) to come and live in our buildings. Because of our age and commitment to the community, if we have someone who has lived at the Cedars for five, 10, 15 years, just because they run out of money, we are not making them leave."

There is a staff in place at the Cedars of between 75 and 80 employees. Nelson commented, "Keepin' them (the employees) happy is a full-time job. Everything from making sure we meet their needs to providing them with a great staff environment, in addition to staff training so that they can feel confident and happy with the job they do."

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For a tour of their facility or to just stop in and visit with someone in the community, please call Lisa Nelson at 507-437-3246.

For a full view of the interview with Lisa Nelson and Lucinda Gardner, please check out our Facebook or our Steele County Times website. You may also tap directly to our YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=HySGTxaS7mk



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Apples take center stage at Triton Elementary

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer



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Kindergarten students Jaydin Rocha and Erin Thorson check out the selection of apples that Dave Hanson offers to his customers in the Apple Barn. All five Triton Elementary School classes visited the orchard last week.

Monday, Sept. 26, was John Chapman's birthday. Who is John Chapman you ask? We know him better today as Johnny Appleseed and students at Triton Elementary School celebrated both Chapman and the apples he introduced all last week.

Highlight of the week for the five kindergarten classes was a field trip to the Hanson Apple Orchard where they not only learned about apples and had a chance to pick them from the "Triton Tree," but also to look at several types of squash and gourds.

After exiting their school bus the kindergarten classes followed behind Dave Hanson in his golf cart and made their first stop at his gourd patch. The gourds in his patch, he said, were grown from seeds that came from North Carolina and are still growing as fall approaches. With the first freeze, he told the youngsters, that growth will stop.

While the gourds are grown as decorations, he said, he also grows squash which come in many different varieties and can be eaten in many different ways. He grows pumpkins too, he said, but because of all the rain this season they did not want to grow too big.

After a quick lesson on gourds and squash, however, it was time to move on to the main event – apples.

There are many, many varieties of Apples, Hanson said, but they all share a common trait in that they were developed by grafting one type onto another type.

"All apple varieties are grafted," he said.

Although they are all developed in the same way, he explained, they are all different. And that led him to explain a type of apple he likes to grow, the Cortland. What makes this apple different, he said, is that after you cut it open it does not turn brown quickly as most apples do.

He also explained that he used to climb a ladder to pick apples from his orchard but now his son comes to the orchard to pick them and since the trees are trimmed at the top to control the height a tall ladder is no longer necessary.

With that basic information the classes again lined up behind the golf cart and followed Hanson into the orchard, destination, the Triton Tree.

The Triton Tree, Hanson explained, is one tree in the orchard that he had directed his son not to harvest. The apples on that tree, he said, were left for students from Triton Elementary to pick on their visit.

After each student had picked his or her apple and placed it in the plastic bag with others from the class, the students made one last run to the Hanson Apple Barn where they got a chance to go through the building where Hanson sells his apples.

Trips to the orchard were not the only apple-related activities at Triton Elementary last week.

Teaching students how to compare and contrast is one of the goals at all grade levels this year and the apples proved to be a perfect opportunity to work on that skill.

For the kindergarten youngsters that involved tasting apples or apple products and deciding which ones they liked and which ones they didn't. Each kindergarten teacher then made a graph to hang outside the classroom showing the results of their testing.

Other grades did similar activities with Mrs. Henslin's fifth graders comparing apples by color and taste and charting their favorites.

The students, she said, were able to compare and contrast and explain the differences and similarities rather just say they liked one and disliked another.



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Dave Hanson shows the Triton kindergarten students one of the gourds he has raised. In addition to apples, Hanson told the youngsters he raises gourds, squash and pumpkins.



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Carey Oscarson shows off the apple he picked from the Triton Tree as the kindergarten classes visited the Hanson Apple Orchard last week.

A new season, a new month

THIS AND THAT



MARY ANN HENRY

Issue Oct. 6, 2016

A new season, a new month

This morning, Sept. 26, as I get ready to write my column for the first October issue after, as everyone knows, a time of much rain and even flooding in many areas of Minnesota.

I now have hopes that dryer weather is coming our way. In looking out my kitchen window, I see a very lovely sun that has just finished rising.

This sun we have seen very little of during September compared to most years and it will bring smiles to many faces especially farmers who are feeling great concern for their crops. By this time of year they are usually in full swing of harvesting.

As you read this we will be in not only a new month but a new season as well having said goodbye to summer and greeted autumn that some refer to as fall. We hope that this season that some call fall and others call autumn will be as lovely as many that we can look back on.

There are so many things to look forward to and enjoy in autumn such as taking walks and drives to see the changing of the trees from green to their many lovely colors as they prepare for winters rest time before dropping of the leaves.

The mornings will become light later and darkness will come earlier each day. Our summer birds will be soon be migrating as they prepare to leave for a warmer climate. Where this will sadden us, we know they will return come spring and we once again will see the birds that are now waiting for winter feasting at our feeders.

Where early autumn won't mean a complete stop to the busy summer mowing of the grass hopefully it will slow down the growing as everyone will be busy preparing home gardens and yards for the winter that officially doesn't start until December. But we know all too well that winter has a way of surprising us early, even as early as October as happened in 1991, spoiling the evening for many witches and goblins.

Turkey hunters will be out during all of October hoping to bag a big tom but maybe settling for a Jake or hen, which are all permissible to take in the fall hunt.

We will honor on the second Monday of October Christopher Columbus who is called the discoverer of America. He was born way back in 1451which would make him now 564 years old, if I figure it right. That is a lot of years to have a birthday celebrated and a lot of birthday cakes, and a birthday cake is something he never had in his time.

The days of October and autumn will go very quickly, so enjoy each to the fullest as all to soon November will be here bringing hints of winter which is not so enjoyable as all know who live in Minnesota.



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Welcome to Kenyon

Goodhue County Public Health plans flu clinics

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Vaccinations are being given by Homeland Health Specialists, Inc. which will accept insurance from America's PPO, BCBS of Minnesota, Health Partners, Medica, Medicare, PreferredOne, PrimeWest, South Country Health Alliance and UCare.

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The cost for those who chose to pay privately is $35. Cash only, no checks are accepted.

A MnSure representative will also be available at the clinics to help individuals apply for health insurance through the MnSure program.

Those six months and older will receive the quadrivalent flu injection vaccine. The FluMist nasal vaccine is not being offered due to recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control.

The next clinic will be from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. today, Oct. 6, at the Pine Island School.

Two clinics will be held on Oct. 17. Vaccinations will be given from 3 to 6 p.m. at both the Cannon Falls Elementary School and the Goodhue Public School.

On Oct. 18 there will be a clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Cannon Falls Middle/High School.

Two clinics are scheduled for the Kenyon-Wanamingo School District. The first clinic will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Kenyon Wanamingo Middle/High School in Kenyon. The second clinic will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary School in Wanamingo.

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St. Vincent parishioners gather for transitional Mass



Diocese of Winona Bishop John Quinn spoke about both the sadness and anticipation of St. Vincent parishioners as they move from a church offering regular Masses to oratory status.

Story and Photos by KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

A rainbow appeared over St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in West Concord a week agoTuesday night as parishioners and friends of the parish gathered on the Feast Day of their patron saint for a Transitional Mass marking the end of the church as an independent parish.

"You have to give it up to God," Quinn said.

"We welcome you to the altar of the parish you join," he said. "What a gift you are."

An oratory, Quinn said, is a place of prayer. When coming to St. Vincent Oratory pray for the sick, families, the church and priests, he said.

Gillard and Smith received their Bishop's Medals for long-time service to the church.



Father Thien Nguyen read from scripture at the beginning of the Mass as he and visiting clergy and Bishop John Quinn prepared to enter the church.

In addition to the Mass, two members of the parish, Darlene Gillard and Edward Smith, received Bishop's Medals from Bishop John M. Quinn of the Diocese of Winona who presided at the Mass.

On Oct. 1 St. Vincent's became an oratory with regular Mass functions moving to St. John Baptist de la Salle in Dodge Center as the former Triton Parishes, St. John, St. Vincent and St. Francis de Sales of Claremont, become part of the Mary Mother of Mercy Cluster including St. John Baptist, Sacred Heart in Hayfield and St. Columbanus in Blooming Prairie.

It's a difficult transition when a parish is closed, Quinn said in his homily.

He recalled when his mother's parish closed. She had been a member there for 40 years and it was located across the street from the home where the Quinn's lived. It was hard for her, he said, to live across from an empty church, to find a ride to go five miles to another parish.

But she did, he said, because "what counted for her was the Eucharist, that's what counted."

She missed the things from the old church, he said, the choir, the Altar Society and told him she was going to church for the Mass and she would get to know the new people.

"Maybe there is some darkness, some resentment as you give up having Mass here," Quinn said. Referring to a Scripture passage read earlier in the Mass he reminded his listeners that even in his darkness and sadness Job gave it to God.



Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church listened to Bishop John Quinn as he gave his homily at the transitional Mass last week. On Oct. 1 St. Vincent officially became St. Vincent de Paul Oratory as a result of a reconfiguration of churches in the Winona Diocese.

Gillard has been a member of St. Vincent since 1945, the year the church was founded.

Throughout those years, Father Thien Nguyen, St. Vincent's priest, told the congregation, she has been "very involved in the formation of our children."

Among her many activities over the years, he said, have been serving as a teacher, starting the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) program in the parish, the Renew Program, Catholic Church Women, member and chair of the Parish Council, social concerns, Dodge County Chapter of MCCL and various other volunteer duties.

"She is a woman who can be counted on to get things done," he said.

Smith, Nguyen said, was baptized in St. Francis parish in Claremont by his uncle, Father George Smith.

It was Smith, Nguyen said, who was instrumental in getting the ball rolling for the establishment of the St. Vincent's parish.

Smith was an altar server at St. Vincent's in the 1950 and over the years has served on the Education Committee, Parish Council and since 1989 as a trustee. He has chaired the Fun Fest and Chicken BBQ several times and as the church bingo caller.



Diocese of Winona Bishop John M. Quinn gave a blessing to Bill and Judy Lambert and the Ray and Annalee Thomas family after they presented the gifts prior to the Eucharist at the transition Mass. The Lambert's and Thomas' represented three generations of one of the parishes founding members.

"He is a quiet man behind the scenes," Nguyen said. "Dedicated to the church and faith and gets the job done."

The Mass was followed by a reception featuring a time to recall the church over the years and talk with the bishop and past and future priests.

Nguyen and Father Mark McNea, Vicar for Clergy, con-celebrated the Mass with Quinn. Visiting priests who also participated in the Mass were former pastors Father Kurt Farrell and Father William Thompson and Father Tom Niehaus who is now the priest for the new cluster.

Nguyen began his new duties in Slayton on Oct. 1.

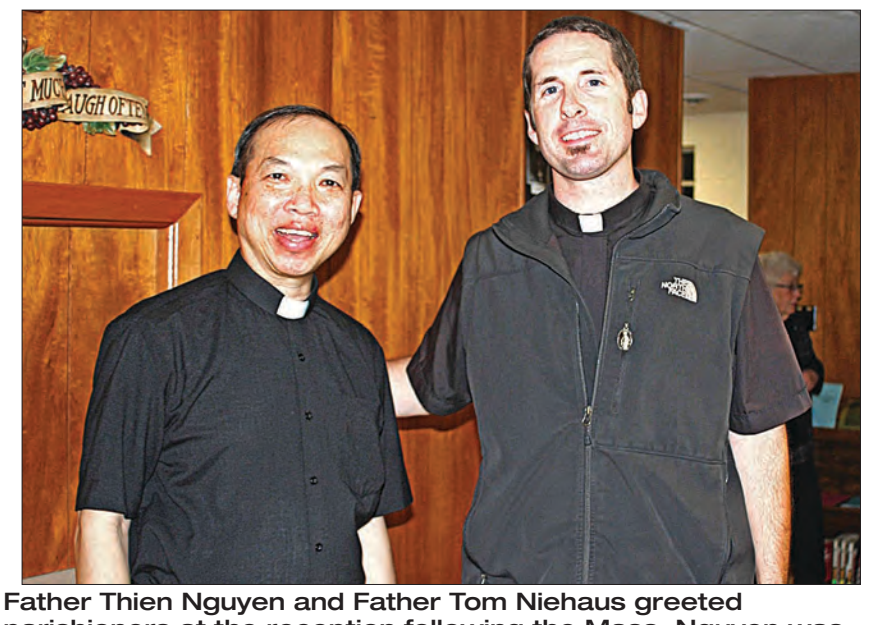
For St. Vincent parishioners it will be a time of change but they will adapt.

"It hurts," said Kathy Wilmes, "but it's also a good opportunity."

Wilmes and her family have been members since 1989, she said.

"There always room for a brighter tomorrow," she added.

Theresa Van Zuilen said she has been a member at St. Vincent's since 1956 and admitted she is not sure if change is a good thing.



Father Thien Nguyen and Father Tom Niehaus greeted parishioners at the reception following the Mass. Nguyen was the priest for the Triton parishes until Oct. 1 when he assumed new duties in Slayton. Niehaus began his new responsibilities that day when he also became the priest for the former Triton parishes as well as Sacred Heart in Hayfield and St. Columbanus in Blooming Prairie.

Not all of those attending were Catholics, either. Al and Rita Gilbert were at the mass and the reception following. Rita Gilbert painted the mural on the wall of the fellowship hall a number of years ago, she said.

The first Mass of the St. Vincent parish was held on March 4, 1945 in a vacant store building on Main Street that had been renovated into a chapel with Father George Smith presiding.

Smith was the priest at St. Francis de Sales in Claremont and had been instrumental in gaining approval from the Diocese of Winona for a new parish. Fifty-five families or individuals were listed as charter members of the new parish.

The church continued to meet in their renovated space downtown and in 1946 a local family donated nine lots as the future site of a church building.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the new church on July 24, 1951 and the first Mass was celebrated on June 1, 1952.

In January 1955 land was purchased north of West Concord for the establishment of a cemetery.

St. Vincent's was considered a mission of St. Francis de Sales in Claremont through 1965 with the priest living in Claremont. In 1965 construction of a rectory and hall was started and the first resident priest was assigned to the parish in 1966.

In 1990 the three parishes in Claremont, Dodge Center and West Concord were combined in the Triton Catholic Parishes Cluster with a single priest serving all three churches.

That arrangement continued until last year when the Diocese of Winona announced plans to further consolidate parishes with some being closed, others changed into oratories and the clusters rearranged.

The new plan fully went into effect on Oct. 3 with Father Tom Niehus assuming the duties of priest for the new cluster of Dodge Center, Hayfield and Blooming Prairie.

With the official transition to oratory status complete, St. Vincent parishioners said they wished to "sincerely thank Omar's Kitchen for their generous donation in providing the meal for the Bishop's dinner before out Transitional Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 27, as we become St. Vincent's Oratory."

"But thank God we still have a church a to go to," she said. "We'll make the best of it."

Joe Allen and wife Ellen were at the Mass even though they are not members of any of the Triton parishes.

The Allen's belong to Holy Family in Kasson, he said, but have known Nguyen for 20 years meeting him when he was priest in another church. They also have often attended daily masses in Dodge Center and felt they wanted to be part of the transitional event.



Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul in West Concord gathered at the front of the church for a group photo following the transitional Mass last week.

LEGALS

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Zoning Ordinance Update:
Village of Concord re-classification

A meeting will be held at the Concord Township Hall at 6:30 p.m. on October 13, 2016. J:41-42c

ORDINANCE NO. 861
CITY OF KASSON

AN ORDINANCE OPTING-OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 462.3593

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2016, Governor Dayton signed into law the creation and regulation of temporary family health care dwellings, codified at Minn. Stat. § 462.3593, which permit and regulate temporary family health care dwellings;

WHEREAS, subdivision 9 of Minn. Stat. §462.3593 allows cities to "opt out" of those regulations;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KASSON, ORDAINS as follows:

Section 154.049. City Code, Section 154.049 is amended as follows:

OPT-OUT OF MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 462.3593:

SECTION 154.049(A). Pursuant to authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.3593, subdivision 9, the City of Kasson opts-out of the requirements of Minn. Stat. §462.3593, which defines and regulates Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 28th day of September, 2016, by the City Council of the City of Kasson.

CITY OF KASSON
By: Coy Borgstrom, Mayor Pro-Tem
ATTEST: Linda Rappe, City Clerk
Published this 6th Day of October 2016

Motion of the foregoing ordinance made by Councilmember Eggler, and duly seconded by Councilmember Buck. Those voting in favor of the ordinance: Buck, Coleman and Eggler. Those against same: None. Q:42c

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S EXECUTION SALE REAL PROPERTY

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WHEREAS, said judgment was docketed in the District Court of Dodge County on the 7th day of January, 2016, and the sum of $34,690.01, including accrued costs of $114.00 and interest computed to September 13, 2016 in the amount of $951.61 is now actually due thereon, plus additional interest computed up to and including the date of sale and all of my fees, costs and disbursements of levy and sale, and

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CORRECTION: last weeks pastor's corner dated September 29 was written by Pastor Todor not Pastor Xavier.



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Pastor's corner



Randy Fett
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"Faith": What's your slogan? Here's a few that I have heard: "Faith – it's what's for life." "If you are in trouble - faith it." "Doubt has teeth. It gnaws at your faith. Faith has teeth too and it takes care of your doubt." I know that the word, "faith", is a religious word. Maybe some still l use it on the street. But in the world of questioning religions and institutions where people say that they are spiritual but not religious, I wonder what image would be better.

Jesus Disciples said "Lord, increase our faith" (St. Luke 17:5). At times we think that faith is something that we have to attain. At times we want to increase our faith, to be an expert in faith, to expand our faith to be the size of one of the giants in faith like Daniel, Moses, Elijah, Mary, Elizabeth, Ruth, Peter, James, or John. I once heard faith described this way: "Faith is already and not yet." This means that faith comes to us by the gift of God's Holy Spirit. It isn't something that we make happen. God acts and then faith is our step back, our thank you response back, to God. Faith comes to us. And yet we have not fully arrived yet. Faith is at the end of this life. The apostle Paul talked about faith as being the prize at the end of the race, "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". In the letter of Peter faith it is described as attaining the "salvation of our souls." Jesus dies on the cross for us, once and for all. At the end of this life we meet God face to face in that next turn of our journey, the new place, called heaven.

The Book of Hebrews talks about all these heroes of faith, ("By faith Abraham obeyed… By faith the people crossed the Red Sea on dry land… By faith the walls of Jericho fell"), (Hebrews 11), but I want to ask, do we have it all figured out? I wonder with you if there is still some mystery to this journey filled faith that is still to be solved, to be alighted on us by God. I don't think of faith as having all things wrapped up. I don't think of faith as always being at the top of my game. I sure know that there are times when I am simply not with it, and I am just kind of fumbling around. It is then that faith kicks in in a far different way. Faith is like Mother Teresa described it, "Not doing great things but doing small things with great love". Faith is about relationships with God, and with one another. Faith is our response to God each day. Faith is putting one step in in front of the other. Jesus said, "If you have faith the size of even the tiniest of seeds, a mustard seed, just that much, you will be able to do amazing things. " (St. Luke 17)

"Lord, increase our faith." May this be our collective prayer as a community of faith. That is my prayer for you. God bless each and every one of you. It has been a privilege to serve you in Christ, Pastor Randy

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LUTHERAN

BIBLE LUTHERAN
203 E. Main St., Dodge Center
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
952-445-8474
Pastor Norman C. Hoffeld,
Meet at the Seventh Day Baptist Church

EAST ST. OLAF LUTHERAN, ELCA
6200 Co. Rd. 3 S.W., Byron
WEST ST. OLAF LUTHERAN, ELCA
70640 260th Ave. Hayfield
SATURDAY
Fall Bazaar at West
SUNDAY
Worship with Rev. Miller at BOTH churches
Mission Sunday at West
WEST-JAM sings in church
LAF.ORG • *365-8222* • *(c) 651-587-3100*
Rev. Pastor Cheryl Indehar

FAITH LUTHERAN, ELCA
308 2nd Street N.W, Dodge Center
SUNDAY
8 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m. Worship
FAITHDC.ORG • *374-2174*
Pastor Barb Streed

GRACE LUTHERAN & SCHOOL, LCMS
404 Central Ave. N., Dodge Center
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10:05 a.m. Sunday School
GRACEDC.WIX.COM/GRACEDC • *633-2253*
Pastor Timothy Chase

HEGRE LUTHERAN, ELCA
51939 Highway 56 Blvd, Kenyon
SUNDAY
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 p.m. Worship
527-2353

MT. MORIAH LUTHERAN, LCMS
923 2nd Ave. N.W., Byron
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
WWW.MTMORIAHLUTH.ORG
507-775-2460
Pastor P.J. Stohlmann
pastorpj@mtmoriahluth.org

MT. SION LUTHERAN, A.F.L.C.
502 1st Ave. S.W., Kasson
9 a.m. Worshipl
10:15 Sunday School
MOUNTSION.ORG
Church: 634-7446 • H: 1-612-240-8735
Pastor Brad Novacek

TRINITY LUTHERAN, ELCA
301 Highland St, West Concord
SUNDAY
9:00 Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 Faith Forum
TRINITYCHURCHWC.NET • *527-2778*
Pastor James Rushton

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN, WELS
600 8th Ave. N.W. • Kasson
SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Worship
TUESDAY
7 p.m. Worship
OURSAVIORKASSON.COM
Church: 634-3183 • H: 634-4692
Pastor Dean A. Gunn

SOUTH ZUMBRO LUTHERAN, LCMC
4830 120th Ave S.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
SZLC.ORG • *365-8110*
Rev. Mark Schwartz

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, ELCA
301 8th Ave. N.W., Kasson
WEDNESDAY
3:00 Oasis
6:15 Worship
6:15 p.m. Worship/Confirmation
SUNDAY
8 a.m. Worship
9:10 a.m Sunday School & Club 56
10:15 a.m. Blended Worship
STJOHNSKASSON.ORG • *634-7110*
Lead Pastor Pastor Randy Fett,
Associate Pastor Dana O'Brien

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, LCMS
4532 SE 84th Ave., Claremont
SATURDAY
6 p.m. Worship
SUNDAY
9 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worhsip
528-2404
Rev. Alan Broadwell

METHODIST

PLEASANT CORNERS UNITED METHODIST
21927 650th St., Kasson
SUNDAY
11 a.m. Worship
KASSONUMC.ORG • *634-4409*
Rev. Joel Xavier

UNITED METHODIST
801 5th Ave N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
WWW.KASSONUMC.ORG • *634-7823*
Rev. Joel Xavier

UNITED METHODIST
20 1st St N.E., Dodge Center
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Fellowship
DODGECENTERUMC.ORG • *374-688*
Pastors Loren Olson & Deb Miller

UNITED METHODIST
corner of 2nd & Main St., West Concord
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
475-1157
Pastor Dave Westlake

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
101 6th Ave N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
8:45 a.m. Sunday School & Communicants Class
10 a.m. Worship
PRESBYKASSON.ORG • *634-7481*
Rev. Clint Patterson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
PO Box 66, Claremont
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
528-2320

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST
901 8th Ave. N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
10 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY
7:30 - 8:30p.m. Prayer Service
DAILY
7-8 a.m. Prayer Service
254-7258
Pastor Dale DePeel

CHURCH OF CHRIST
55087 200th Ave., West Concord
SUNDAY
9:00 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
HTTP://CONCORDCHURCHMN.COM
527-2723

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
27401 Co. Hwy 34, Kasson
SUNDAY
8:30; 9:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
COMMUNITYCELEBRATIONCHURCH.ORG
634-1GOD (634-1463)
Pastors Steve Larson & Cameron Baker

LIVING WATER ASSEMBLY
104 1st St NW • Dodge Center
SUNDAY
10 a.m. Worship & Children Ministry
www.livingwaterassemblychurch.com
374-6561
Pastor Roy Andrews

PRAISE FELLOWSHIP
602 Central Ave. South
Dodge Center
SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. Youth, Club IOU

CHURCH! & TRAIN A CHILD
205 Mantorville Ave. S. Kasson
TRAINACHILDCENTER.COM • *721-2500*

ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
23148 Co Hwy 24, West Concord
SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
zwingli.org • 356-4340
Pastor Victor Jortak

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121 W. Main St., Kasson
634-7503
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Local News

Prairie Meadows SENIOR LIVING
800 5th Ave. NW
Kasson, MN
507-634-9500

LEGALS

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Jason R. Garcia, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Primelending, a Plainscapital Company

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on February 10, 2015 as Document Number A209859 in the Office of the County Recorder of Dodge County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $91,802.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 12, 2012

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 18, 2012 as Document Number A198552 in the Office of the County Recorder of Dodge County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $92,963.71

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 11, Block 1, Johncott First Subdivision, Dodge County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 108 S STREET SW, DODGE CENTER, MN 55927-9679

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Primelending, a Plainscapital Company

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22.351.0110

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100053612101767925

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 25, 2016 at 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Dodge County Sheriff's Office, 22 East Sixth Street, Department 201, Mantorville, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 25, 2017.

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 26, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee
THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.
By:/s/
Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
Curt N. Trisko, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
The Academy Professional Building
25 North Dale Street
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(16-0406-FC01)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

P:37-42c

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 2, 2011

MORTGAGOR: William T. Haynes and Ila N. Haynes, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded August 3, 2011 Dodge County Recorder, Document No. A 192732.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated June 20, 2016 Recorded June 24, 2016, as Document No. A 216636.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100437221110616011

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Bank of England

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 714 Center Avenue South, Hayfield, MN 55940

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 230223300

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The East 104 feet of the following described parcel:

Commencing at a point Three Hundred Eighteen and one-half (318 1/2) feet South of the Southeast (SE) corner of Lot Eight (8) in Block Four (4) of Wicker's First Addition to the Village of Hayfield, Thence South One Hundred (100) feet, Thence West One Hundred Twenty (120) feet, Thence North One Hundred (100) feet, Thence East One Hundred Twenty (120) feet to place of beginning, Located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Five (105) North of Range Seventeen (17) West, in the Village of Hayfield, Dodge County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:
Dodge

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $100,395.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $94,992.35

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 27, 2016 at 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East 6th Street, Mantorville, 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 27, 2017, 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: August 25, 2016

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
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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: March 6, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $82,653.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Zack Reniker, a single man

MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 7, 2008, Dodge County Recorder, as Document Number A 176029

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 11, T.S. Slingerland's Addition to the Village (now City) of Hayfield

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 419 1St St SE, Hayfield, MN 55940

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 23.601.1710

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $75,877.85

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: November 3, 2016, 11:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East Sixth St., Mantorville, MN 55955 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 May 3, 2017, or the next business day if May 3, 2017 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: September 8, 2016

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP
BY:
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Diane F. Mach - 273788
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
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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: April 25, 2001

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $65,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Manuella DeRaad and Leslie DeRaad, wife and husband

MORTGAGEE: Conseco Finance Loan Company

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Conseco Finance Loan Company

SERVICER: Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 3, 2001, Dodge County Recorder, as Document Number 128791

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank, N.A. as trustee for Conseco Finance Home Equity Loan Trust 2001-C

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot Fifteen (15), and the West 16 feet of Lot Sixteen (16), Block Twenty (20), Village, now City, of Dodge Center

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 106 2nd St SE, Dodge Center, MN 55927

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22.100.3270

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $55,087.15

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: November 3, 2016, 11:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East Sixth St., Mantorville, MN 55955

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 May 3, 2017, or the next business day if May 3, 2017 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: September 8, 2016

U.S. Bank, N.A. as trustee for Conseco Finance Home Equity Loan Trust 2001-C
Assignee of Mortgagee
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FORECLOSURE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 26, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $197,382.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Scott G. Thede and Lori B. Jewett-Thede, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Homeservices Lending, LLC DBA Edina Realty Mortgage

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Homeservices Lending, LLC DBA Edina Realty Mortgage

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 1, 2012, Dodge County Recorder, as Document Number A 195146

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 5, Block 4, Kasson Meadows Fourth Subdivision, in the City of Kasson

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 802 20th St NE, Kasson, MN 55944

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 24.363.4005

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $184,525.79

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: November 22, 2016, 11:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East Sixth St., Mantorville, MN 55955

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 May 22, 2017, or the next business day if May 22, 2017 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: September 16, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Assignee of Mortgagee
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was amended and approved by the Mantorville City Council:

ORDINANCE 01-2016
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 150.025 OF THE MANTORVILLE CITY CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANTORVILLE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 150.025 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES

(A) Permit Requirements
(B) Size and Flooring
(C) Attached accessory structure
(D) Detached
(E) Residential
(F) Maximum
(G) Maximum Lot Coverage
(H) Exterior Appearance

The amendment changes the minimum size of detached accessory buildings allowed from 900 square feet to 1,400 sq.ft, changes the maximum height allowed to 16 ft. or not to exceed the height of the principal structure, and adds verbiage regarding maximum lot coverage and appearance. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Mantorville on September 26, 2016 after the required notice of publication and public hearing held.

Camille C. Reber
City Clerk Treasurer

N:42c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was amended and approved by the Mantorville City Council:

ORDINANCE 02-2016
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 150.025 OF THE MANTORVILLE CITY CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANTORVILLE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

§ 150.044 BED AND BREAKFASTS, GUEST HOUSE OR TOURISM HOME.

(A) Generally
(B) Conditions

The amendment changes the wording to match the definitions in the zoning code and removes certain conditions. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Mantorville on September 12, 2016 after the required notice of publication and public hearing held.

Camille C. Reber
City Clerk Treasurer

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LEGALS

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Joshua D. Bjergum, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc., a Minnesota corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 23, 2015 as Document Number A213344 in the Office of the County Recorder of Dodge County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $121,076.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 15, 2014

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 20, 2014 as Document Number A207006 in the Office of the County Recorder of Dodge County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $128,542.64

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the South Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (S 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19) in Township One Hundred Eight (108) North, of Range Seventeen (17) West, thence running South 10 rods, thence West 40 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence East 40 rods to place of beginning, excepting therefrom a tract in the Southeast corner thereof 80 feet North & South and 150 feet East & West; ALSO excepting therefrom the Westerly 320 feet thereof, Dodge County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 600 HIGHLAND ST, WEST CONCORD, MN 55985

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc., a Minnesota corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 26.019.2100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100867100140255348

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: November 29, 2016 at 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Dodge County Sheriff's Office, 22 East Sixth Street, Department 201, Mantorville, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 30, 2017.

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: September 29, 2016
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee
THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.
By: /s/
Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
Curt N. Trisko, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
The Academy Professional Building
25 North Dale Street
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(16-0125-FC01)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
P:42-47c

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 23, 2013

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $192,449.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Chris Thompson, a married man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A., its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: September 20, 2013 Dodge County Recorder

Document Number: A 203426

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Dated: September 11, 2014

Recorded: September 26, 2014 Dodge County Recorder

Document Number: A 207567

And assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Dated: June 11, 2015

Recorded: June 30, 2015 Dodge County Recorder

Document Number: A 211729

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1000312-0001172579-0

Lender or Broker: Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: PNMAC Mortgage Company, LLC

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge

Property Address: 800 10th St NW, Kasson, MN 55944-9425

Tax Parcel ID Number: 24.121.6019

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 19, Block 6, Bigelow-Voigt Sixth Subdivision, in the City of Kasson, Dodge County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: $195,880.22

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: November 22, 2016 at 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Corthouse, 22 East 6th Street, Dept. 201, Mantorville, MN 55955

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney 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.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on May 22, 2017, or the next business day if May 22, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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.

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: October 01, 2016
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE:
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300 M:42-47c

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: September 19, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Kyle R. Clayton, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Accentra Credit Union.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 23, 2008 Dodge County Recorder, Document No. A179001.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Merchants Bank, National Association. Dated September 19, 2008 Recorded September 23, 2008, as Document No. A179002.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Accentra Credit Union

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Merchants Bank, N.A.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 509 East Main Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 22.105.0750

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 54, in County Auditor's Second Addition, in the City of Dodge Center; thence South 155 feet; thence West 76 feet; thence North 155 feet; thence East 76 feet to the place of beginning, Dodge County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:
Dodge

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $68,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $67,354.77

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: December 1, 2016 at 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East 6th Street, Mantorville, 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 June 1, 2017, 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: September 21, 2016
Merchants Bank,
National Association
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
94 - 16-006315 FC
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

Mortgagor: David L Kuster, a single man

Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc.

Dated: 09/22/2005

Recorded: 09/26/2005

Dodge County Recorder Document No. A162303

Assigned To: HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, MLMI Series 2006-A2

Dated: 02/19/2016

Recorded: 06/08/2016

Dodge County Recorder Document No. A216445

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage ID No: 100013800878755301

Lender or Broker: GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc.

Servicer: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgage Originator: GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9, Block 1, Country Oak Estates, Dodge County, Minnesota, a subdivision in Section 19, Township 105 North, Range 17 West.

This is Abstract Property.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 12.186.1009

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
16820 739th St
Hayfield, MN 55940

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $176,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $181,693.38

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: December 1, 2016, 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff`s Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East 6th St., Mantorville, 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 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is June 1, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM 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: September 29, 2016
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, MLMI Series 2006-A2, Assignee of Mortgagee
PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
By: Jonathan R. Cuskey, Michael V. Schleisman
Attorneys for:
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, MLMI Series 2006-A2, Assignee of Mortgagee
55 East Fifth Street, Suite 800
St. Paul, MN 55101-1718
651-209-7599
651-228-1753 (fax)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DODGE
Estate of
Donald Edward Alberts
a/k/a Donald E. Alberts,
Decedent

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 20-PR-16-663
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated June 11, 2009, and ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Wayne Alberts, whose address is 59376 240th Avenue, Mantorville, MN, 55955, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

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

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

Dated: Sep. 20, 2016 11:24 AM
Deborah Blaisdell
Registrar
Lea Irish Hall
Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative
Robert T. Ward
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Rochester, MN, 55902
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DODGE
Estate of
Joyce E. Alberts
Decedent

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 20-PR-16-668
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF DODGE
Estate of
Brian David Rouhoff
Decedent

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 20-PR-16-681
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. No Will has been presented for probate. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Lori Ann Rouhoff, whose address is PO Box 137 Hayfield, Minnesota 55940, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801 all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred .

Dated: Sep. 20, 2016 1:39 PM
Deborah Blaisdell
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Lea Irish Hall
Court Administrator
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ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE
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Triton celebrates Homecoming 2016



INDEPENDENT PHOTOS BY KAREN JORGENSEN

Triton Homecoming Queen Maddie Boe seems to have perfected "the wave" as she greets Triton Elementary students at their Pep Fest.



Ready with their pom poms, Triton kindergarten students eagerly awaited their first taste of a Triton Homecoming.



Homecoming royalty get into the act at the high school Pep Fest as Kiley Yankowiak, Sami Stoick and Morgan Franko attempt to "steer" Nick Roussopoulos, Carson Johnson and Leif Bungum as they try to capture the most footballs and get them to a designated spot.



A tradition at homecoming time, Triton Elementary students have the opportunity to entertain at the elementary school Pep Fest as future Cobra Cheerleaders.



Triton Elementary Physical Education Teacher Glenda Andrews gives the students a high five as they exit the gym following their Pep Fest



Friday was a busy day for Triton High School Cheerleaders as they encouraged enthusiasm from students at three Pep Fests during the course of the day and also at the Friday night football game against Chatfield.



Homecoming Royalty Alexis Medler and Rene Cortez and members of the cheerleading squad took a break between Pep Fests to get in a round of volleyball.



The Triton Cobra mascot put in an appearance at the high school Pep Fest.