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Age doesn't keep this farmer from harvesting

Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Farmer Lowell Trom has been manning the farmlands of Minnesota for nearly three quaters of a century ever since he was a teenager in 1942. Starting out picking corn by hand, Trom has seen machinery revolutionize the way farming is done.

"I've never thought about it. I just do it. It's almost harder to get out of it than it's to get into it."

- Lowell Throm on farming at 87 years old

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

His face may show signs of tiredness and wornness, but that's to be expected for a Westfield Township farmer who's been hauling in the soybeans and corn for nearly three-quarters of a century.

On a recent sunny autumn afternoon, Lowell Trom maneuvered his giant John Deere combine yet once again across the farm fields he's been tending to for the past 74 harvest seasons. The 87-year-old Trom hasn't missed a single harvest since starting when he was a teenager.

"I'm just getting started," he chuckled as he thought about his age and guided the combine through a soybean field a couple weeks ago.

Trom's daughter, Sonja Trom Eayrs, says her father has experienced a "love affair with the land" on his home place on the south end of Dodge County near Blooming Prairie. It's the same place where he was born and has been in the family for more than a century. "He is in seventh heaven this time of the year," she said.

The rigors of farming have eased slightly over the years from the early days when Trom picked corn by hand. "It was tough going years ago," Trom

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Motorcyle crash in Owatonna

Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

A helicopter pilot finishes loading the inju ed motorcyclist, so he can be taken to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for treatment. The motorcyle driver collided with anotehr vehicle on Thursday night and was severly enough injured to require him to remain at Mayo Clinc since the accident.

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

On the evening of Oct. 18, a motorcycle collided with another vehicle at the intersection of South Cedar Ave and Oakdale Street.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation. There is no evidence of alcohol having been involved. The case has been assigned to the police department's detectives bureau

There were no fatalities, but the motorcycle driver was airlifted to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester with serious injuries and remains in the hospital five days after the accident. According to Captain Jeff Mundale, the police are having difficulty getting a statement from the motorcyclist due to his injuries. The investigation is, in part, waiting on that.

The police department is currently working with the MN State patrol on reconstructing the accident, and the investigation will move forward when that is complete. It is expected to take a few weeks.

The Owatonna police were assisted by the Owatonna fire department, who in addition to helping with the physical crash also took care of some flammable fluids that had spilled onto the road.

County cracks down on DWI's

By KYLIE RICE
Staff intern

Every two minutes, a person is injured or killed in a drunk driving crash. On average, the convicted drunk driver has driven drunk almost 80 times before his or her first arrest.

These dark statistics are ones that law enforcement agencies are looking to change. They employ many different tactics to combat these numbers, one of the most being saturation patrols.

"Saturation patrols are simply when an off-duty officer is given overtime, and depending on the saturation period, looks for people who are specifically violating that code." Deputy Kari Woltman of the Steele County Sheriff's Office stated. "We don't really have too terribly much of a problem with drunk driving, but it's still really helpful and very beneficial to organize saturation patrols."

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Opinion

Our view

Do you believe in the things that go bump in the night?

On the all hallows eve strange things have been known to happen. Whether you believe in the superstitions or in the things that go bump in the night or whether you do not, it is a time of year when the majority get crazy in their anonymity.

The holiday mirrors the social media internet in the fact that most want to hide their true identity behind masks and costumes and alter-egos. The very essence of humanity is to want to take a day to find out what it would be like to be someone else.

It is a time when inhibitions are cast aside, boldness comes with the anonymous and at times, consequences are not considered because, after all, you are not you. You are… BATMAN. Or perhaps the wicked witch that you are most of the year, finally bone fide with the garments that come with the dark calling. It was a joke. Save your letters.

It is a time when children are taught at a young age how to hide. It is a time when there are so many people out there looking for a chance to prey on our "hidden" children. It is a time for due vigilance as the night itself can be dark and we can't always know who is stalking.

From the one who imbibes a little too much alcohol to the one who bakes cruel tricks into the treats that our children ingest. It is a time to be overly cautious and not a time to give away all caution behind the facade.

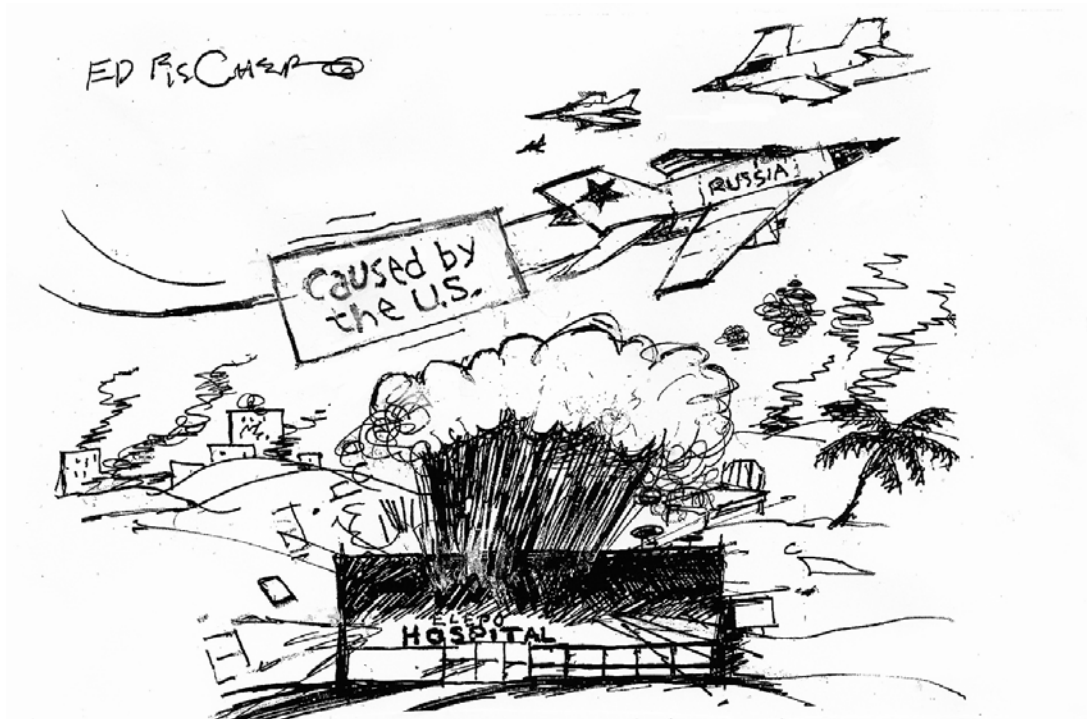
According to Allstate insurance company, Halloween is the deadliest time of year for our kids. There are more fatalities than any other time of year. The emergency rooms are packed, there is more vandalism, there are more rapes and more violence. Most of it done in the name of good natured tricks on the night of treats.

It's a day that certainly doesn't bring out the best in humanity. More caution should be exerted this year than ever before as now the government is warning of terrorist cell groups that live in both small town America and our big cities.

Some say they have been waiting for this holiday to inflict pain upon our children and our society. And what greater heartache could we endure than seeing our children terrorized.

"Oh STOP. You're scaring us." Funny. You welcome a holiday that welcomes the fear – and you are afraid of the truths behind the darkness? Do not throw caution into the wicked wind that blows on that night, and at this season. The most fearful thought is not people letting go of their identity, but letting go of their caution.

Enjoy your time but keep your eyes wide-open even if they are hidden behind the mask of the season.



HOT PURSUIT

RICK BUSSLER

Fact or hogwash during pork month

While October is winding to a close, it's important to recognize something before it totally slips away. October is National Pork Month.

Pork has always been near and dear to my heart as I grew up on a hog farm in the central part of the state. I'll admit I don't miss the hoots and hollers I endured getting off the school bus as a young kid when the fresh aroma of hog manure filled the air. The westerly winds really brought the smell to life.

During my childhood years in 4-H, I showed hogs at the county fair. I always took great pride in doing my best with the animals. I still remember, though, one county fair in which my pig brought me to tears. My pig didn't want to cooperate in the show ring and stubbornly tried to get under the bleachers where the audience was sitting. It proved to be a humiliating moment for me, though there was very little I could have done differently.

I also enjoyed demonstrating at the fairs about pork, letting people know about various types of meat cuts and other important information. One time I gave a demo about the significance of "ear-notching," the system used to identify hogs.

Nationwide more than 68,000 pork producers annually market more than 110 million hogs. These animals provided total gross receipts of $23.4 billion. The pork industry supports about a half million jobs, ranging from pork producers and meat processors to transport and Main Street businesses.

In preparation for this week's column, I came across some interesting tidbits about pork. Many of them are going to fall under a "fact or hogwash" category. I'll clue you in that there is no hogwash included with anything this week.

Pork tenderloin is just as lean as a skinless chicken breast, research shows. A 3-ounce serving of pork tenderloin has only 2.98 grams of total fat and 1.02 grams of saturated fat. Pork is the world's most widely eaten meat, topping chicken by about 10 percent.

Of the pork consumption in the U.S., ham tops of the charts at about 31 percent followed by sausage at 20 percent. Bacon is a close third at 18 percent. Other highly consumed pork cuts are lunchmeat, pork chops and fresh pork.

Women who cut calories but included more protein, including six ounces of lean pork per day, kept more muscle mass while losing weight than women who consumed the same amount of calories but less protein.

There are more than 1,700 pork recipes for consumers on the website, theotherwhitemeat.com.

Besides the meat itself, pork is also important in pharmaceutical co-products. Simply put hogs are powerful medicine. And all told, hogs are a source of nearly 20 drugs and pharmaceuticals.

One of the unique aspects I have found is that hog heart valves are surgically implanted in humans to replace valves weakened by disease or injury. Since the first operation in 1971, thousands of hog heart values have been successfully implanted in human recipients of all ages.

In an ironic twist, about 15 years ago a heart valve saved the life of my father, who dedicated his entire life to raising hogs. He's still enjoying his second chance at life with the valve.

Other important medical reasons for the hog include insulin being used in the treatment of diabetes and skin from hogs is used to treat severe burn victims. The amazing utility of the hog has motivated the saying, "We use everything but the oink."

Perhaps there is something for all of us to learn from President Harry Truman's comment many years ago. He once said, "No man should be allowed to be president who does not understand hogs."

Isn't it time we all go in hot pursuit of understanding the value the pork industry provides in our society?

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Letters to the Editor

Support attorney for judge seat

To-the-Editor:

Acknowledgement and thanks are due to David McLeod for his informative and lengthy explanation of what is forthcoming in the Nov. 8 election regarding judgeships here in our area as presented in the Oct. 4 edition of the Times.

Steele County is included in the Third Judicial District but the ballot will include six different districts with candidates listed. David's interest lies in the Third Judicial District because he is running against the incumbent, Judge Terrance M. Walters, having earned that right by winning the primary election in August.

Mr. McLeod has been a practicing attorney in Wabasha for many years and is now seeking the judgeship seat. Judge Walters has served diligently for a long time but will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 sometime during this next term of office. At that time it would be the governor's duty to appoint someone to fill out the remaining years of the six-year term.

By voting for David McLeod now, it would mean there would be a smooth transition of the office as the voters have made the selection. Join me in voting for David McLeod.

Luella Heim
Medford

Constitutional Amendment on ballot Nov. 8

The Minnesota Board to Set State Legislative Salaries, Amendment 1 will be on the November 8th ballot in Minnesota as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment. I challenge you to read the proposed amendment, think how you might vote and then continue reading about what this really means and perhaps rethink how you will vote.

A "yes" vote supports creating an independent, citizen-run board to set the salaries of state legislators, thereby taking away legislators' power to set their own salaries.

A "no" vote opposes creating an independent, citizen-run board to set the salaries of state legislators, thereby continuing to allow legislators to determine their own salaries.

Constitutional amendments in Minnesota require approval from a majority of all voters casting a vote in the election, which means that filling out a ballot but not voting on Amendment 1 has the same effect as voting "no".

Legislators typically have other jobs and being a legislator is serving, not their main source of income. The amendment gives the power to raise their salaries to a 16-member board (8 chosen by the Governor and 8 chosen by the Chief Supreme Court Justice of MN)w. So basically these 16 people would take all power and it really boils down to TWO people who chose them who decide the pay. I don't care if these two people choosing the board are Democrat or Republican, it's too much power for two people.

They haven't raised their pay since 1999, but many feel $31,141 is far pay for a part-time job. Even when a pay raise is justified, it should be done openly. If this is made a constitutional amendment, it will be forever, and the board (no public input) can raise it as much and as often as the board wants. We are in effect, giving them a blank signed check to be given out whenever they wish.

If you vote "no", the legislators have to vote themselves to give themselves a pay raise and we, the people, can see how they voted. I would urge a "NO" vote for continued transparency.

Vickie Froehlich
Kenyon, MN

Many thanks for Owatonna Foundation Week

It was a wonderful week of celebrations as the Owatonna Foundation celebrated Foundation Week October 9-16. This special time of the year is when we recognize and honor those that have helped the Foundation fulfill its mission "to improve the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation and education."

To everyone that participated in the week's activities and to those that support the Owatonna Foundation through their giving so that we can continue to enhance our beautiful community-thank you!

We are blessed to live in a community that embraces and works toward the continual improvement of our quality of life and it is the dedication of our local citizens that helps us to accomplish all we do.

And finally, my sincerest thanks to the Owatonna Foundation Board of Trustees for their steadfast dedication and commitment to the Foundation and to Owatonna!

Laura Resler
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Second Front

Spot a drunk driver and save lives

Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Chief Greg Skillestad stands with his patrol car. He explained what everyday citizens can do to help cut down on the number of cases of drunk drivers.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

In the hands of a drunk driver, a vehicle can be a speedy bullet and take lives, says Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad.

Chief Skillestad asks citizens to help him and the Blooming Prairie Police Department curb drunk driving and thus prevent death and serious injury. There are telltale signs that someone driving a vehicle may have been drinking alcohol or ingesting drugs, he pointed out.

DWI will never be 100 percent successful unless the public steps in and helps with prevention.

Spotting a drunk driver is a first step and secondly, citizens can help in the cause by noticing when someone has had too much to drink. Take away their keys and offer them a ride home, says Skillestad.

The Blooming Prairie Police Department recently started a new program of issuing Designated Driver Gift Cards over the holidays which are only a few months away.

It's called "The Gift of a Safe Lift." Give the card to a family member or friend. The card reads: "I merrily offer my designated driver services to John Doe." Happy Holidays, it continues.

If a driver is impaired, we urge that person to call for a designated driver or call us at our non-emergency number. We are not a taxi cab service but we will make arrangements to give someone a safe ride home."

One of the best ways to help, Skillestad says, is to spot erratic movement of vehicles in your midst. Skillestad emphasizes that abusive use does not just apply to alcohol. It also applies to illegal drugs, prescription drugs and inhalants.

All BP police officers go through a DWI detection and standardized field sobriety testing program. Skillestad doesn't expect city residents and visitors to know the basics of DWI detection, but he says spotting irregular driving behavior and then calling 911 will lead to protecting more lives. "These drivers could kill someone," he says.

When reporting erratic driving, be sure to get the vehicle make, model and color. Also, most importantly, get the license number, he added. With true proper information relayed to a law enforcement dispatcher, the police can then have a reason to stop a vehicle without seeing it.

Let's take a look at signs someone driving a vehicle may have had too much to drink. Here's some tips from police officers seeing a vehicle being driven erratically:

- Watch for swerving over the center line
- Crossing lane to lane, straddling a lane line and going over the center line and fog line may indicate a violation.
- Abrupt turns from a straight line
- Making a wide turn, indicating an issue with depth perception
- Drifting from lane to lane
- Stopping suddenly, sometimes too far from an intersection and sometimes in the intersection or atop a crosswalk
- Accelerating or decelerating suddenly is a concern. "Speeds go up and down with the driver unable to keep a constant speed," said Skillestad
- Driving at slow speeds, 10 miles per hour or more under the limit. "People generally like to drive the speed limit," Skillestad says.
- Slow response to traffic signals
- Failure to respond to a police officer's signals (lights, siren and/or use of hand signals)
- Stopping in a traffic lane for no apparent reason
- Driving at night without headlights activated
- Failure to signal, or signaling inconsistently
- Driving in the opposing roadway.

"When you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you are impaired and are not in control of your body," says Skillestad matter of factly.

Bad judgment while driving creates problems for the driver, passengers and oncoming traffic. It will cause an impaired driver to follow too closely, make improper or unsafe lane changes and make illegal or improper turns. "As we get older, our judgment changes, too," he emphasizes.

Skillestad said these signs do not always mean someone is under the influence.

How serious is drunk driving or drugged driving in the Blooming Prairie area? With a major highway going through town, it increases chances of coming across an impaired driver, Skillestad said.

"We encourage people to call in behavior driving conduct," Skillestad remarked.

Police officers use their senses to detect impairment after they have stopped a vehicle. The senses are: SEE, HEAR, SMELL.

"We look for bloodshot eyes and watery eyes, listen for inconsistent responses and slurred speech and we smell an alcohol or marijuana aroma. These impaired drivers often don't know where they are coming from, where they are going or where they are."

Officers can also suspect drug or alcohol use when they notice excessive amounts of breath sprays or excessive cologne.

Pre-arrest screening is done before a field sobriety test is done on the driver.

Three main tests are done: 1) HGN (Horizontal Gaze Nystagnaus) detects involuntary jerking of the eyes. Officers use a pen or the tip of a finger to test a driver's eye reactions. Officers also look closely at pupil size. 2) Walk and turn, a series of steps will help determine a driver's balance. "We use an imaginary line," Skillestad said.3) Again, balance is the concern as the driver is asked to balance on one leg.

Preliminary breath tests (PBT) can also be used by the police. This gives police a rough estimate of what the driver's blood alcohol level is.

During these tests, it is important to evaluate how well the driver listens to directions, Skillestad commented. "We would not make them do anything we wouldn't do, and we are intent on not jeopardizing their safety."

DWI enforcement has changed over the years, with enforcement becoming more strict. New laws have been enacted to address repeat DWI offenders. Safe and Sober patrols have been intensified, and this has helped prevent serious crashes.

Young drivers are also encouraged to avoid mixing drinking and driving. Skillestad said the high school's drivers education program addresses the importance of no drinking and driving.

"Don't hesitate to call us when you notice an erratic driver; be a responsible citizen and driver," Skillestad concluded.

Distracted driving can also cause serious consequences but that is a topic for another time, Skillestad said.

Still going strong after several decades

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admitted. "Picking corn by hand was no fun."

Around World War II Trom moved from picking by hand to a single row corn picker. Things have become much easier in recent years, especially with his new toy, a half million-dollar combine, purchased a couple years ago. Trom says proudly of his purchase, "It's about as good as you can get. It's well built. Everybody needs a toy."

Farming, Trom said, has become nothing more than a habit for him. When asked about farming at the ripe age of almost 90, he replied: "I've never thought about it. I just do it. It's almost harder to get out of it than it's to get into it."

There have been many health concerns over the years that have nearly forced Trom to throw in the towel. He's had quadruple bypass, open-heart surgery, knee replacement, shoulder issues and 17 various surgeries throughout the years. But each time he's bounced back, perhaps not stronger than ever, but enough to continue doing what he loves to do.

Not only has Trom battled through his share of medical problems, but he's also weathered some bad years with the crops. He said 1965 was particularly bad as it was a cold and wet year with reduced crop yields.

Trom recalls the first time he ever hit 100 bushels per acre. "That was a big deal," he said.

Just a few years ago, advances in crops allowed Trom to crack the 300 bushels per acre milestone. He credits the higher yields to breeding of corn varieties and improved fertilizers. "Everyone is getting smarter and a lot of money is stuck into a crop now," he said.

Every year, Trom says, proves to be a challenge. And, he admits, he's never satisfied with the results of his crops, though this year's look pretty darn good. "If you have any ambition at all, you're never satisfied," said Trom, who farms with his two sons.

He no sooner finishes planting in the spring when he's already looking at what can be done differently the next season.

Asked what keeps him motivated to be out in the fields, Trom replied: "Got to do better next year."

The veteran farmer prides himself on how he has always reinvested into his farm throughout the years. In 1976, he spent "a fortune" on completing about 760,000 feet of tiling throughout the 760-acre farm. Trom said the improved drainage has produced better crop yields for him. "It has been worth the investment," he said.

Besides investing in tiling, Trom has also put money back into the operation by purchasing new equipment, grain storage units and other buildings. "I've kept myself broke all my life," he said.

Retirement is a taboo subject for Trom. "Too many people retire too young," he says. "I could just sit around and do nothing, but there is no future in that."

Trom admits he's thought about retiring over the years, "but that's as far as it goes."

He gets a little edgy every year when he goes in for his yearly doctor's exam. He just got another clean bill of health as the current harvest got underway a few weeks ago.

"I thought the doctor would tell me I would have to stop working, but hell no I had to go back home and work some more," the quick-witted farmer said.

As Trom rolls along with his combine in the fields, it provides him with a lot of time to think. "It's a good time to figure things out," he said.

But retirement is just one of those things he'll likely never figure out.

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Harvest bingo, sponsored by Ellendale Community Action Group (ECAG), will take place on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Ellendale Community Center.

Come join for 20 games of BINGO with prizes for each game and a cash prize for the Blackout Bingo.

There will also be a Halloween costume contest for children and adults:

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Federal government funds police DWI saturation periods

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Saturation periods do not just pertain to drunk driving. "We do saturation periods that focus on distracted driving, like being on your cellphone or applying makeup while you are driving. Besides the driving under the influence patrols and the distracted driving patrols, we also do a seatbelt patrol. We call these 'waves', and we do them every so often." Deputy Woltman says.

These 'waves' are dedicated to the peak times of the subject of saturation. "So, for drunk driving saturations, peak period is normally 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 am. Here in Steele County, the end of the peak is at bar close, which is normally around 1 in the morning." Woltman said.

Because the state funds the grants, the state sets the times. Most common drunk driving saturations occur around holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the 4th of July being the most common holidays. The Christmas saturation period is the longest one, normally running from two or three days before Christmas to approximately January 5. Drunk driving patrols do happen in other times throughout the year, but holidays are your normal saturation periods.

Saturation periods are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These grants allow officers who are off duty to be paid overtime for working the saturation shifts. Officers who are working saturation are specifically focused on catching the main priority of the saturation period. Law enforcement agencies apply for the grants, and then are chosen to receive the federal funding.

"Officers who are working per se on a drunk driving saturation are only focused on the drunk driving aspect of patrol. They are looking for anything that could seem to be due to driving under the influence." Deputy Woltman said.

While responding to an accident, saturation officers will only respond to the drinking portion of the accident. Another officer on the scene will respond to the rest of the crash. "Officers will only respond to emergency calls if it a huge emergency," the deputy said. "We still have our regular number of officers and first responders on the scene."

When asked if saturation patrols hurt the department, Woltman replied in the negative. "These are just helpful overtime periods for us." she said. "It's one more of us out on the road, and that's always a good thing."

Praise to the Heavens for our clergy!

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Pastors are a blessing for their communities

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

You don't become a pastor to become rich or famous – as the world sees rich and famous.

It comes from a man or woman, called, appointed and anointed for service. It can be a thankless and tedious task dealing with the many storms that life brings.

Pastors are on call 24/7 not only from the laity, but also from the divinity. Many times their jobs are misunderstood, mocked and taken for granted until a crisis arises.

They then become "best friends." They bless the babies at the beginning, they bless the altar at the marriage and they walk our loved ones to the door of eternity.

It can be a weary thing to obey even the scripture that tells them not to be weary in well doing.

It can take every ounce of courage within them to "call it all joy" when they not only have to lead so many others through storms, not to mention the storms they go through that nobody sees.

Thank God for those ministers whose lives echo the writings of Luke who quotes the Apostle Paul, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"
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Better than a cup of coffee

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The road stretched out in front of us for a ways still. It was barely 7am and dark enough outside that the streetlights lit everything in gold and orange. It's a fifteen minute drive from my house to the hospital. We were lucky to get scheduled that day for the biopsy, I'd only met with my doctor a few days earlier about the lump on my neck.

In the past, I'd always operated on the "visit as needed" principle when it came to doctors. If I could eat, walk, and bleeding was minimal, odds were it would pass in a day or two.

I'd just returned from a semester abroad when my mom noticed the lump on my neck. When asked how long it'd been there, I gave a shrug, she gave a look, and into the doctor we went first thing after Christmas.

My mom drove with the radio turned low, while I watched out the window. Across a frozen wheat field, you could see the highway that ran parallel into town with our county road. I liked watching the cars that drove in the opposite direction wondering if they ever looked back at me over the fields.

Dr. Sarah is my general practitioner. I'd actually seen her just that summer to get looked over before my semester abroad. I wasn't suppose to see her again until next summer, when she planned to poke areas I feel very strongly about people not poking.

This time, she poked the lump, pardon me, to her it was a lymph node. Not uncommon for them to swell if you had an infection or a bad cold. I just didn't have an infection or a bad cold. She read me a long list of possible symptoms. I had no possible symptoms. She nodded. In that case, she informed me it was possible for an errant lymph node to swell sometimes.

If not, well that was the first time the word cancer had been directed toward my person.

I spotted a semi-truck across the field. It hurtled down the highway, not even 8am and already logging in hours. I always liked spotting semi's, and not just because they were a satisfying kind of large.

I liked them for their drivers. The people who willingly started their days by waking up in their trucks, grabbing a cup of crappy gas station coffee, and beginning an eleven hour day on the road.

They made me feel good about my life choices; they were everyday reminders that life was better with college exams in it.

After Doctor Sarah, there was the radiologist, poor lady. She probably took the job to celebrate those first steps of life with soon-to-be-parents. She probably didn't take the job to have to throw around words like Lymphoma and Leukemia with college students.

I tried to play it light with her. When the ultrasound technician prodded my neck with her little wand, I asked if it was twins. She chuckled and said no.

After verifying I wasn't pregnant via neck uterus or dealing with some long lost twin embryo, there was only the surgeon left to talk to. A surgeon meant a biopsy, sticking a small needle into my not-a-twin and sending a sample of it to the lab.

The sample would tell them either completely benign swollen lymph node or not so benign cancer. It was an all or nothing kind of game.

Which put me in the car with my mom on our merry way to the hospital, I watched as the semi passed out of sight. I was always glad not to switch places with the semi-truck driver. For the first time, however, it occurred to me, they probably agreed. They had a very long road ahead of them, but no cancer.

Granted, at this point, I didn't know if I had cancer for sure either, but that probably wouldn't matter to Driver Bob's-his-name. He would take his awful coffee over my maybe cancer any day, but that was okay, I decided, mentally sticking my tongue out at him. I would take my maybe cancer over his bad coffee.

My mom pulled off the county road and into town, so we no longer ran parallel with the highway.

Five minutes left to the hospital, I felt myself smiling. Cancer sucks, but so would having a life that cancer could take the value from, and I don't have that.

I have a family that would take the cancer in stride, the coming chemotherapy too. I have friends that tracked down homework and the best cancer jokes. I have faith that made phrases like "possible negative side effects" and "may result in death" a little easier to hear.

I also have me, and while me is a little more defective than usual, me is pretty good too.

One week after the biopsy, three days into the spring semester of junior year, the surgeon would call and tell me he was very sorry about the results he had for me.

That was okay. He could be sorry. I would be grateful.

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Obituaries

Rev. Lloyd C. Kallevig, 92, formerly of Red Oak Church

The funeral service for the Rev. Lloyd C. Kallevig of Wadena, Minn., was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastors Nate Loer and Megan Clapp presiding. Burial was held on Friday, Oct. 14, in the East Hendricks Cemetery, Hendricks, Minn., and was followed by a time of fellowship with the family at Christ Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Lloyd C. Kallevig went home to be with our Lord on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016. He was at his house in Wadena surrounded by his family. Lloyd was 92.

Lloyd was born and raised on a farm near Willmar Nov. 14, 1923, to Norwegian immigrant parents, Mathias Kallevig and Sina Emberland Kallevig. He had four brothers, Emil, Stanley, Orville, and Clifford, and two sisters, Gladys and Evangeline. While milking the cows, Lloyd and his brothers loved to sing together.

After graduation from Willmar High School, Lloyd worked the family farm for several years. But his calling and vocation was to share the good news of Jesus Christ, so he went on to earn degrees from Augsburg College in 1952 and Augsburg Theological Seminary in 1954.

It was at Augsburg that he met his future wife, Eleanor Cotton Miller. He often said about Eleanor, "I saw what I liked, and I liked what I saw!" They were married on July 10, 1954, and Lloyd adopted Eleanor's five-year-old son, Daniel.

The young family moved to Mora, Minn., and served two churches for eight years, Calvary Lutheran Church in Mora, and Lake View Church, in Isle. While in Mora, five more children came along: Dale, Dean, David, Lois, and Laurie. Lloyd believed that after the scriptures, music was the most effective means of presenting the good news of Jesus Christ, and singing gospel songs became an integral part of his ministry.

In January 1962, the family moved to Hendricks, Minnesota, where Lloyd and Eleanor served for 13 years in a three-church Lutheran parish, Calvary, Marble, and Hemnes. After a two year stint as chaplain at St. Luke's Lutheran Home in Blue Earth, Lloyd and Eleanor went on to serve at four more Lutheran churches: Trinity and West Lake Johanna, in Brooten (1977 - 1982), Red Oak Grove, near Austin (1982 - 1986), and Hill Avenue Grace in Pasadena, CA (1992 - 1993).

It was at Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran that Lloyd recorded his old-time gospel album, I Sing of Thee, which included favorite songs from his ministry.

Lloyd and Eleanor retired from full time ministry in 1986, and moved back to the much-loved community of Hendricks. In 1993, the two moved to Wadena to be near their sons and their families.

After Eleanor's death in 2009, Lloyd had a second chance at love with Dori Hagen. The two had much in common, and Dori brought a smile to his face and a sparkle to his eyes the rest of his days.

Throughout his life, many people were touched by Lloyd's kindness and gentle humor and compassion.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, his son Dale, his siblings, and his wife, Eleanor.

Besides many loving friends and family, Lloyd's immediate survivors are his dear friend Dori Hagen, five children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Son Dan & Linda Kallevig of Wadena; Dan & Renee Kallevig, Katelyn, Josiah, and Mia; John & Lisa Kallevig, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Joshua, also part of the family are Randy & Ashley Mumm, Claire and Luke; Christine & Malcolm Gold, Danielle and Michaela. Son Dean & Jean Kallevig of Wadena, and Elise. Son David & Peggy Kallevig of Alexandria, Candace and Mark. Daughter Lois & Rick Courtright of Phoenix, Ariz. Daughter Laurie Kallevig of Kolkata, India.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena. (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

Marvin 'Bigmarv' Kuiper, 66, formerly of Hollandale

Marvin "Bigmarv" Kuiper, 66, born Sept. 1, 1950, passed away after a tragic auto accident on Oct. 14, 2016.

Bigmarv grew up in Hollandale and graduated from Albert Lea in 1968 thanks to his twin sister Marlys. He fell in love with Lois Ann Dennis in the summer of 1967 at the drive-in in Maple Island and married the first time in April 1971. They divorced in May 1975 and were reunited in marriage in May 1979 at the "Theater" in Austin.

In October 1971 they had their daughter Shelly who was his pride and joy only to be matched by the birth of their only granddaughter Rachel, Aka "Bill" on his birthday in 2012. His wife and his girls were the center of his world and everyone he met got to hear about it and see pictures whether they wanted to or not.

Bigmarv worked construction in the Twin Cities for years before starting Kuiper Specialties, Inc. in 1985. Since then he has helped so many realize their dreams and has built countless restaurants, commercial kitchens and substance abuse treatment centers across the state. He often said "How did I end up from the tractor seat to this?"

Bigmarv was always the "Tie That Binds" with everyone he came in contact with and became instant friends or family with them all. The lives he has touched are countless and vast.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kort and Cornelia Kuiper, of Hollandale and his in-laws John and Mildred Dennis.

He is survived by his loving wife Lois, his adoring daughter Shelly and granddaughter Rachel "Bill", his shining star. Siblings include Henry and Polly Kuiper, Gertrude and Jon Stout, Patricia and Virgil Harmdierks, twin sister Marlys Heemsbergen, Irene and Donald Jones and Ron and Diane Kuiper. Numerous nieces, nephews and adopted family & friends along the way.

Celebration of Life will be held on Nov. 13, 2016 at the Mermaid Event Center – 2200 County Highway 10, Moundsview, Minn. from 1p.m. to 6 p.m. with eulogy at 3 p.m. and stories of him thereafter.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of the family.

Death Notice

Roselyn Rysavy, 97, Owatonna

Funeral services for Roselyn Rysavy, 97, of Owatonna, will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Owatonna. She died Friday at Owatonna Hospital.

Friends may greet the family today (Tuesday) from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Brick-Meger Funeral Home and one hour before the funeral liturgy on Wednesday. Interment will follow at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery at Litomysl.

A complete obituary will be published in next week's edition of the Times.

Arrangements are being handled by Brick-Meger in Owatonna.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Diane Krejci
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October 27
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November 1
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Mayson Peterson
Pat Skinner
Patrick (Buck) Cochlin
Phyllis Dandelet

November 2
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Beckett Lea
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October 28:
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Carrot Cake

October 31:
Swiss Steak
Baked Potato /Sour Cream
Mixed Vegetables
Blushing Pears

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Visit Bunkies for scary experience

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Some exciting developments are occurring at Bunkies Grille and Lanes of Blooming Prairie. Some of these developments are downright scary.

What's scary is that Bunkies is sponsoring Bunkies Spooktacular, a haunted house, from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, two days before Halloween. Last year, Bunkies tried the Halloween experience in the old barn behind the bowling alley.

What's not so scary, but welcomed by all Bunkies customers is the fact that the grille has been opened once again. It will be open every day but Sundays and Tuesdays.

"We just did the Halloween haunted house last year for family and friends, but it went over so well we thought we would try it for the public this year," says Bunkies owner Aaron Ressler.

The haunted house is designed to bring lots of families to the bowling alley and grille. Cost will be $10 per person. For that ticket, participants will get to go through the haunted house, and will get some candy, a free game of bowling and a free soft drink. The bowling and soft drink can be redeemed any time.

Ressler says eight to nine scary friends will be dressed for the Halloween experience. "They will try to scare the snot out of kids that go through the haunted house," Ressler said. He plans to use a fog machine and a sound machine to make the experience even spookier.

Kids who enter the haunted house will be given a flash light and then they will follow a path that leads them to some "creepy" rooms. Two special rooms are designed to challenge youngsters to find an item that does not belong. If they find that item, they will win a prize.

"The whole idea is to scare you," Ressler said. He says the "old barn" is ideal for this type of event. "The building moves, creaks, and has a life of its own," Ressler said. "Again, our goal is to get more younger bowlers into our establishment," Ressler said.

All visitors to the Bunkies Spooktacular will have the opportunity to try out the offerings from Bunkies Grille.

Ressler has hired his sister-in-law Alysa Ressler (Mike) to be the Bunkies cook. The grille will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday and at that same time from Wednesday through Saturday. Ressler also plans to open the grille from 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays.

Food is another avenue Ressler hopes will bring in more bowlers, especially younger bowlers. "We must get the kids bowling again," he said.

Ressler operates a simulated golf range at Bunkies, and he also is the golf professional at the Blooming Prairie Country Club.

The grille allows Ressler a chance to sell food his grandparents made famous at the bowling alley. It also allows him to continue the legacy of his grandfather George, and grandmother Tillie. The elder Resslers started the alley and restaurant in 1947, the 70th anniversary coming next year.

To pay honor to his grandparents, Ressler,, with the help of Mike and Alysa, have named some menu items: Bunkie Burger, basic bunk; chicken sandwich, Silly Tillie (breaded), Naked Tillie (plain), Tillie Stripes (three chicken strips), Tillies Wing Dingy, seven wings; brat sandwich, tender Tillie; fish sandwich, funky Bunkie.

Bunkie's sidekicks include Tillie Wrinkles, crinkle cut fries; Tillie O's, onion rings and Bunkie Balls, cheese balls.

Bunkies tried out its new menu on 35 Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce members and guests last week. Ressler said most ordered the Bunkie Burger and said it tasted like years before. "I take that as a compliment," he said.

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Area Church Spotlight

Zion Lutheran, Ellendale

Pastor's corner

God's work in our world

Lately I tend to be pondering more on how God is at work in the world around us. Maybe the pondering is prompted by the news reports that continue to be filled with what seems to be unnecessary violence.

Maybe the pondering is prompted by some conversations about God's call for us in the "real world".

And maybe the pondering is prompted by the scriptures and the surprises and promises we find in God's word.

In one of the devotional readings for today, I was reminded of how powerful and loving our God is at the same time. Joshua was chosen to lead the people across the Jordan River and into the promised land. But this job was not one filled with roses and paved roads. This trip included encounters in a very hostile territory. But their strength came from God.

Much like our lives today? Very hostile territory with unnecessary violence?

But that is why it is so important that we find our strength in the God who came into our world in human form to teach us how to love each other.

I continue to ponder through the scriptures on how God has called me to love others in the midst of the violence and hostility. I lean on the scriptures to teach me how to continue, and I lean on God for the strength to get through all that life has to offer.

Ponder with me.

Pastor Patti Meyer
Zion Lutheran Church
Ellendale

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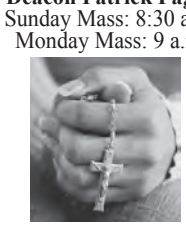

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PROMOTING PEACE

Anatomy of a domestic

By KAREN DUNCAN
Contributing Writer

Once a domestic violence case gets into the court system there are three possible paths for the case to take.

Based on an understanding that most offenders are the most open to making positive changes right after the arrest, the Steele County Attorney's office has initiated an early family violence intervention program. This allows the offender to take responsibility very quickly, be assessed for needs and programming, and begin rehabilitation efforts under supervision without a conviction being entered.

The second option is to negotiate an agreement that does result in a conviction, as well as punishment and rehabilitation.

The third option is a trial, as the criminal courts work on the Constitutional principle of innocent until proven guilty.

Whichever path the case takes, the alleged victim has a number of rights guaranteed under Minnesota Chapter 611A. The person has the right to seek financial reimbursement for things like counseling costs, to be informed of and participate in the court case, and the right to a restraining order against the aggressor.

Ultimately, the prosecutor makes the final decision on which path a case takes, but only after concerted efforts to consult with the alleged victim. During this process, people are often puzzled by some of the choices a victim makes.

To better understand the complex situation of a domestic abuse victim, one can start from the standpoint that no one expects violence or other forms of aggression from the person s/he loves. That dynamic makes it easier for the victim to restore harmony by deciding the event was a mistake or an aberration. This is also important for the person who inflicted the harm, as that person does not see him or herself as a bad person. By writing the event off with a promise "that will never happen again," the couple can move on.

As a matter of psychology, however, it appears much easier for the aggressor to leave the event in the shadows of memory than it is for the victim. The victim is often left with a worry that a particular circumstance, tone of voice of physical stance may result in a repeat offense. That causes the victim to try to "manage" the situation by avoidance.

There are often other stressors on a domestic abuse victim, such as isolation, financial pressure, embarrassment or threatened loss of children.

It is not uncommon for abusers to shift blame for the outbursts to the victim: this wouldn't have happened if dinner had been ready, or if your children knew how to behave, or if you weren't so stupid. The reason commercials on TV and radio contain so much repetition is because science has proven that repetition can cause people to believe what is being said, even if at first the message is met with skepticism.

Those who abuse their power in relationships often work to create a chasm between their domestic partner and that person's friends and family, their built in support system. When the person on the receiving end of the bad treatment begins believing the propaganda, that person may also tend to withdraw from social circles due to embarrassment, due to trying to appease the abuser, or due to simply no longer feeling good enough to be a part of those relationships.

For women victims who have been subjected to a constantly distorted view of themselves, the ultimate threat of "if you leave me, I will take the kids because any judge will see you are not good enough" becomes very real, and very powerful.

Victims of domestic abuse may also have founded fears that the court system cannot protect them. They are called upon to make hard decisions about how best to stay safe. Sometimes, that is a decision to allow the abuser to return home. When the abuser is in the home, the victim often knows how to read the signs, and can take evasive measures in an attempt to remain safe.

If the abuser is outside the home, and while appearing so sane and calm in the view of the Court, the abuser has ways of letting the victim know how angry s/he is and that there will be a reckoning. During that time of separation, in every snap of a twig in the night, on every early morning trip to work, down every aisle in the grocery store, there may be peril.

These are some of the hidden complications for prosecutors and the Court to uncover and consider in seeking justice in domestic cases.

Judge Duncan is a Third Judicial District judge and a contrivuting writer to The Time's Promoting Pieace series, articles informing the public about the nature and effects of demostic abuse. This is the second in her colllection of Anatomy of a Domestic pieces.

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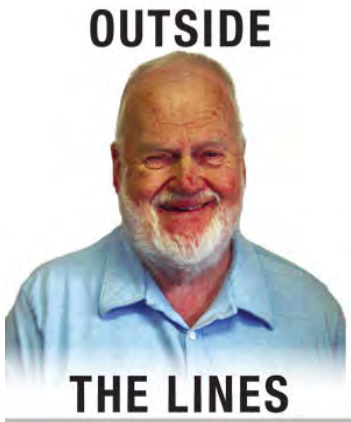

THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

Playoffs are here

Both the football and volleyball teams ended their regular seasons with a loss last week, and now we can hope that both can make a little noise in the playoffs.

The cross country boys earned a very good second in the conference meet, and the boys and girls are now looking forward to the section meet.

I won't make any excuses for the football team, but playing without all-around athlete Max Romeo (out with a banged up shoulder), cornerback Payton Simon (still recovering from an injury suffered at USC), and then losing Dylan Nirk halfway through the first quarter must have hurt the Blossoms some in their playoff loss to Kenyon -Wanamingo.

Combine the devastating injuries to the Knights piling 26 first quarter, it was almost impossibl for the Blossoms to get out of the early hole.

Two long runs, a long pass, and a short drive on an intercepted pass all made the first quarter a nightmare for BP. The team played much better in the second half, but could never get the offense on track enough to score touchdowns.

Now BP will host Southland Tuesday night in a playoff contest pitting the No. 4 seed Blossoms against the No. 5 seeded Rebels. This section remains one of the best sections in all of Class1A football.

When the Blossoms have to settle for the No. 4 seed with a 6-2 record, that tells one something about the caliber of play in this part of the state.

I didn't look it up, but this is the first time BP has played Southland since the Section finals five or six years ago. That game was memorable for the largest crowd ever to watch a football game at McFarlin Field. Should the Blossoms win tonight, it would more than likely give BP another chance at Rushford-Peterson.

The Trojans are seeded No. 1, although Goodhue upset them last Wednesday. Whatever happens, it has been another good year for the football team, and they have given blossom fans plenty of excitement through the season.

The NRHEG volleyball team got a small measure of revenge when they defeated the Blossoms in the last regular season match which went to five games again. BP had defeated the Panthers earlier in the season. The Blossoms met Leroy-Ostrander Monday night in a quarterfinal match.

Let's close with another of those pearls of wisdom that come from children.

During a children's sermon, the pastor talked to the children about being good and going to heaven. At the end of his little talk to heaven, he asked, "Where do you want to go? "To heaven," the children shouted. "And what must you be to get to heaven", he asked. A chorus of voices shouted, "Dead!" We'll talk again.

State bound

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Top: Owatonna captain Mitchell Mayer (13) is hugged by Zakariya Abdi (2) and Abukar Fakrudin (7) after scoring on a free kick in the 76th minute to tie the game 1-1 Tuesday in Farmington. The Huskies defeated the Tigers 2-1 in overtime for the Section 1-AA championship.

Huskies' 2-1 overtime win clinches state tournament berth

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Farmington- The Owatonna High School boys' soccer team has been the proverbial giant killers all season long, playing its best games against some of Minnesota's best teams. They have also notably struggled when playing on field turf.

In the Section 1-AA finals, the Huskies managed to overcome a season-long struggle playing on field turf with a 2-1 overtime win against Farmington. After losing in the finals of the section last season, Head Coach Bob Waypa said that this one feels much better.

"I'm proud of the way these guys fought tonight. Their resilience, they got down and it didn't affect them at all. If anything it sparked them. This is what we play for. You play for these games," he added.

With Owatonna kicking off to start the first half, everyone in attendance could tell how fast paced the game was going to be. The opening strike by senior Dan Keller traveled roughly thirty yards before striking the turf and bouncing another 10 to 15 yards.

Senior 'keeper Aiden Buryska was tested early in the match after a long counter ball from Farmington found its way behind the Huskies defense. Fortunately, Buryska was able to get a hand on a quick strike, deflecting it over the cross bar.

Despite the unfamiliarity with the surface, the Huskies managed to put themselves in scoring position early in the contest.

However, they were unable to connect. The best chance for Owatonna to break the deadlock was just minutes after Buryska's save. Senior Zakariya Abdi was able to put a clean shot on net after his defender lost him in the shuffle, but was unable to capitalize.

While it was a fast paced game, it was also a physical game. There were numerous occasions where contact between an attacker and defender was much more than what would typically be displayed in a regular match.

Just minutes after Buryska's second save of the half; the Huskies were pushing the ball up field when there was a short scuffle between players after a ball rolled out of play. Referees stepped in and gave each player

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Stellar powerplay lifts Blades

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Blades forward Oskari Valli (9) attempts to deke Blaine goalie Brady Goodman in the first period of the Blades' 4-1 win over the Energy Saturday at the Four Seasons Centre. Steele County registered 60 shots on goal.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

In hockey, it's not ideal to spend most of the game on the penalty kill. However, it does help if the unit is effective.

Despite having to kill off nine different penalties, the Steele County Blades secured their second consecutive win on home ice, defeating the Blaine Energy 4-1 at the Four Seasons Centre on Saturday.

A dominating offensive performance that featured 60 shots on goal for the Blades was somewhat under-appreciated due to the amount of penalties. Head coach Nick Adamek noted that despite the penalties, it still is a win.

"At the end of the day, it's two points. We got the win. It wasn't pretty by any means but at the end of the year, they aren't going to ask how many games you won pretty," he said.

The Blades continued with their strong fore-check from the drop of the puck, creating turnover not only in the Energy's zone, but also getting sticks on long saucer passes at center ice. Despite the turnover, scoring chances were at a premium.

The real story of the first period was the battle between the two goaltenders. In the first period alone, the two goalies stopped at total of 21 shots-13 from the Blades and eight from the Energy.

Mid-way through the first period, the Blades were on the penalty kill after captain Chase Lewis was assessed a two-minute minor for slashing. Allowing just two shots during the span, the Blades were able to successfully kill the man advantage for the Energy. The Blades were perfect on the night in the penalty kill department, shutting down nine attempts.

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State tennis bid falls short for Huskies

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Top: Huskies No.1 singles player Emily Rahrick awaits to return a serve in the third place match at the Rochester Athletic Complex last Tuesday. Right: Kaitlyn Anderson of Owatonna's No. 1 doubles team attempts a serve in the third place match. Rahrick took third while the doubles pair of Anderson and Gabi Deml took fourth.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Rochester - With a berth to the state tournament on the line, the expectations were sky-high for three members of the Owatonna High School tennis team. Unfortunately, a bracket of stiff competition stood in their way.

Huskies No. 1 singles player Emily Rahrick and No. 1 double duo of Caitlyn Anderson and Gabi Deml dropped their opening round matches in the Sub-Section final four at the Rochester Athletic Club.

Players from Farmington, Rochester Mayo, Rochester John Marshall and Northfield were all vying for a spot in the state tournament.

Despite failing to qualify for the state tournament, Head coach Curt Matejcek said that he was pleased with his team's performances.

"I thought that everyone played well today," he said.

Rahrick drew the No. 1 overall seed for the final four in Rochester Mayo's Emma Trncic and fell 6-0, 6-0 in straight sets. Matejcek said that Rahrick bounced back well after struggling to gain any momentum in the first match.

"In the second round, she beat the No. 2 seed from Farmington (Brooke Hapuka) with a great effort. We were hoping she would get the opportunity to play a true second match for state," he added.

The hopes were dashed when Rochester John Marshall's Julia Geske upset Trncic in what Matejcek said was a thrilling three-set match. Rahrick finished the season 23-8.

In the doubles matches, Owatonna's duo of Anderson and Deml dropped their opening match to Mayo's Natali Sorrajja and Emily Norman in straight sets, 6-3,6-1.

In the match for third-where a win could mean a challenge for true second- the double pair dropped their match to Mayo's No. 2 doubles pair of Amalin Sorrajjo and Kailee Johnson in straight sets 6-3,6-1, eliminating the chance to challenge for true second.

Matejcek said that it was a tough draw for the doubles squad.

"Our doubles ran into two tough Mayo opponents. They had 25 wins this season at No. 1 doubles, which is difficult to do with our schedule. Great season overall for them," he added.

Section 1-AA individuals (Rochester Athletic Club)

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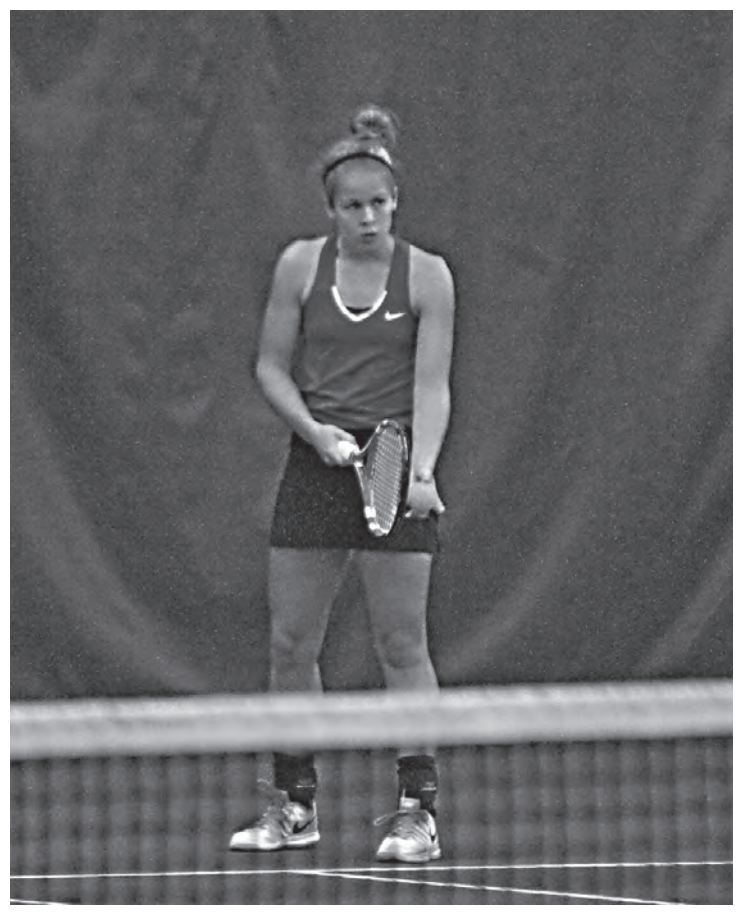
Third place match: Rahrick (O) def. Brooke Hapuku (F) 6-4, 6-2

Doubles: Emily Norman/ Natali Sorajja (M) def. Caitlin Anderson/Gabi Deml (O) 6-3, 6-1

Third place match: Amalin Sorajja/Kailee Johnson (M) def. Anderson/Deml 6-0, 6-3



Panthers top Blossoms

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

It is probably only fitting that two schools with intense, yet respected rivalry would have contests being close ones. NRHEG gained a measure of revenge on Tuesday, when the Panther volleyball team eked out a five-game victory over the Blossoms on their home court. Earlier in the season the Blossoms had won on their court.

In the Tuesday match, the Blossoms drew first blood with an overtime 26-24 victory on some balanced serving and determined play at the net. Rachel Kubicek served the winner, after Sam Wurst's block put BP ahead.

NRHEG bounced back however, winning games two and three handily 25-10 and 25-13.

Rachel Collins served 7 straight points to open game two, and the Panthers used good balance at the serving line for the game three victory 25-13.

BP earned a 25-22 win in a game four contest, with no Blossom serving more than four points in the set. The deciding game was close all the way, with good play at the net by both teams. The winning point came from a Maddie Wagner kill.

As Coach Onika Peterson commented after the match, "This was a great win for us to end the season. The girls really battled throughout, and I am proud of what we have accomplished the last couple of weeks. Let's hope we can use this momentum going into the section tournament."

On the other bench, Coach Ranell Kittelson remarked, "It was another hard fought match, and the girls showed up, especially on offense. I thought that NRHEG out scrapped us tonight, though, and we had too many unforced errors to outweigh the positive things.

"The regular season didn't turn out the way we wanted but we had fun, and all the girls improved in many areas. Maybe we can make some noise in the playoffs."

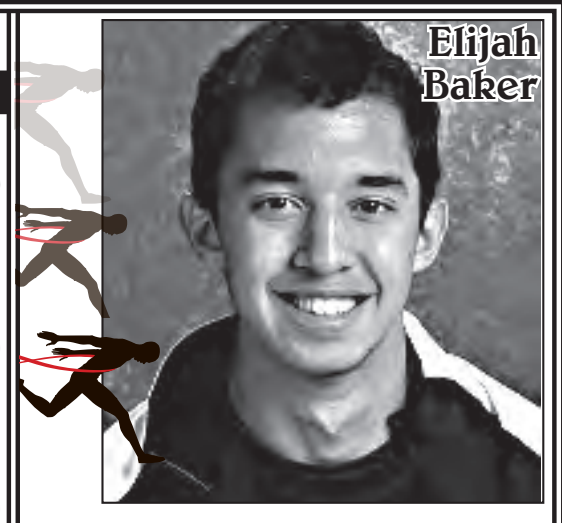
Maddie Wagner had 11 kills for the Panthers, Marnie Wagner had 7 kills, and Gretchen Ramaker added 6 kills. Rachel Collins had 25 assists, and Grace Johns scrambled for 16 digs.

For the Blossoms, Sam Wurst had 22 kills, Courtney Wobschall 13, and Kylie Forystek 10.

Leah Inwards had 27 assists and Leah Schiefert added 24. Forystek scrambled for 21 digs, Inwards added seven, and Bria Baldwin added 15 digs.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Just a junior, Sam Wurst has been one of the kill leaders for the BP volleyball team all season. Her skill at the net has been a highlight at most matches. In last weeks pivotal regular season match, she had 22 kills and 4 blocks.



The senior cross country runner has been second to Alec Ille all season. Timing results in the early 17 minutes in most meets. The two runners have led a Blossom boys squad that has placed second in the last four meets, including the conference last week.

BOYS FOOTBALL
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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BP junior varsity falls to USC 18-8

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

USC followed up a win against Medford earlier in the week to hand the Blossom JV team its fourth loss against just one win for the season. The Rebels downed BP 18-8 Thursday, Oct. 13, by an 18-8 score to end the season for the locals.

USC took a 12-0 lead in the first quarter on some hard running. The Blossoms, however, hurt themselves on the first drive with an offensive penalty, and they were just not able to recover. BP missed too many tackles by hitting too high, and they made mistakes on both sides of the ball.

As Coach Nate Piller remarked. "We made the same mistakes in this game that we have been making all season. We have enough good athletes on the team, but everyone needs to be more accountable with alignment, assignment, and technique."

After being down at the break, the team played much better in the second half. Some adjustments on defense and much better blocking led to some good runs by Matthew Pryor, culminating in a touchdown. That was followed on the next possession by a touchdown pass from Kaden Thomas to Pryor, and the Blossoms were back in the game.

BP drove the ball into the red zone several timers in the third quarter, but USC stiffened its defense and held the locals without any more scoring.

Huskies have won sixth straight, seven of last eight

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a warning prior to them being subbed out.

After the Tigers fired a shot on net, Buryska attempted to dive to cover the ball. During his attempt, the ball was actually chipped away from the sprawled out Husky and Farmington's Spencer Koch was able to put it away to break the scoring drought mid-way into the second half.

Just minutes later the Huskies offensive attack was ramped up, with Abukar Fakrudin firing two consecutive clean shots on goal but missed both attempts.

With the clock winding down, the Huskies were rewarded a free kick after Keller was tripped deep in the Tigers. Senior Mitchell Mayer was chosen to take the kick for Owatonna and was able to clear the front line and knot the game up at 1-1 with just three minutes left to be played.

The game would eventual roll into overtime and with just 6:09 left on the clock, Fakrudin managed to fake his defender, creating just enough space to fire in the game winning goal. Afterward, Waypa said that Farmington's choice to landmark opened up Fakrudin's biggest goal as a Husky.

"What they've done all day is landmarked and double-teamed Nate Smith. On that game winning goal, whether he intended to or not, he (Tigers defender) let the ball go right through and Abu (Fakrudin) is wide open, then he was calm enough to put it right in," he added.

With the win Tuesday night, Owatonna notched its sixth straight win and seven of its last eight.

The Huskies play Wayzata Tuesday night in the State quarterfinals. It was also announced early Monday afternoon that Seniors Aiden Buryska and Dan Keller received state honors Monday.

Keller was named First-team All State while Buryska was awarded a nod on the Second-team.

**Editor's note: For results on Tuesday night's quarterfinal match, go to www. Steeledodgenews.com*

Blossoms second at conference meet

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

For the fourth straight outing, the BP cross country boys took second place, this time in the ten-team Gopher Valley Conference meet.

The BP girls finished fifth in the meet at Blooming Prairie last Tuesday.

Mankato Loyola/Cleveland, the No. 5 team in the state, took the title, just 29 points ahead of the Blossoms. Martin County West placed third, with Maple River and USC fourth and fifth. The NRHEG boys placed eighth, and the Panther girls recorded an incomplete score.

"It was a great meet," remarked coach John Bruns. "Both the boys and girls ran well, with Alec Ille, Elijah Baker, and Evan Doerhoefer all making the All-Conference team; and Cameron Kubista, Kyle Bramstedt, and Quentin Kubista all earning a conference Honorable Mention.

"The girls finished fifth in the conference, and Bobbie Bruns placed tenth individually with a new school record for the girls. Bruns made All-conference and Jax an Honorable Mention."

Ille ran 16:47, and Baker 17:02 to finish second and fifth individually, and four other Blossom boys placed in the top 25 runners. Doerhoefer timed 17:22, Cameron Kubista 18:24, Bramstedt 18:27, and Quentin Kubista 18:39. Jesse Schewe finished in the top 50 with a 19:32 (29th).

Bruns timed the 5k course in 20:29 to place tenth, and Alison Pryor finished 15th in 21:42.

Jerrin Jax ran just 17 seconds behind Pryor, and Olivia Johnson ran the course in 23:02. Rose Michaud, Asha Lightizer, and Jackie Hyland also ran for the girls.

Ethan Grant ran second in the junior high meet over a 3200 course with an 11:48 time. Four other junior high runners finished in the top 40 competitors-Hosea Baker, Dylan Johnson, Samuel Michaud, Gustaof Ogren, and Lucas Schammel. Adam Larson and Jake Hyland ran in the 5000 JV meet for BP with times of 21:47 and 21:58.

NRHEG

Three NRHEG runners finished in the top 50, with Ben Lewer leading the way for the Panthers with an 18:43 time and 26th place. Josh Fleming ran just 8 seconds behind Lewer with an 18:51.

Daniel Nydegger timed a 19:35, with Kollin Reese, Jager Beck, Braden Routh, and 0rin Mely following with 21:25, 21:32, 22:31, and 25:03 respectively.

Madisyn Buetel led the Panther girls with a 23:04 for 30th place. Jade Mely ran 23;52, Mia Williams 25:46, and Destiny Medrano 26:29. Their team score was incomplete without a fifth runner.

As Coach Mike Weber commented, "We ran this same course early in the year, and that gave us a benchmark to show improvement. Ben Lewer took charge, and Josh Fleming also improved considerably over the season. Most of the boys cut their timers up to two minutes during the year.

"For the girls, Buetel keeps improving, and she really had a very good race tonight. She just missed a conference Honorable Mention and ran a personal best, Mely and Williams cut a minute off their time, and Medrano ran a personal best in this meet. I am proud of the improvement all these athletes made over the season."

Medford

For the Medford boys, Sophomore Brett Johnson and freshman Dylan Stenzel led the Tigers, finishing 47th and 48th respectively. Johnson fielded a time of 20:02.4 while Stenzel was just seconds behind, finishing with a time of 20:16.7.

Just outside the top fifty were the remaining runners for Head coach Dave Bon's young team.

Brenden Rahn, Ryan Hermanstorfer and Connor Davis finished 60th, 61st, and 62nd with times of 22:40.3, 22:49.1, and 23:26.8 respectively. Isaiah Chavis and Logan Pleschourt also recorded finishes.

In the girls division, fielding two runner for the competition, the Tigers had top 50 finishes.

Junior Beth Ann Hanson took home a top 50 finish, keeping a 8:25 minute pace to take 45th. Top runner in sophomore Kelsey Walock finished 39th with a time of 24:35.9.

Husky round up

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Cross country

The cross country teams were back in the friendly confines of Brooktree Golf course in Owatonna to host the Big Nine Conference meet.

Boys

Head coach Dave Chatelaine immediately appuladed the effort of his squad, improving on last year's seventh place finish to secure a top three finish this year.

"This was a big improvement from last year's finish," he added.

Braydon Kubat took home a second place finish for the Huskies. Bryce Knutson and Ross Stevenson added top 20 finishes, finishing 14th and 17th respectively.

With the finishes, the trio of runners earned All-Conference honors.

Other notable Huskies to place were Evan Steiger-who was just shy of a top 20 finish. His time of 17:30.3 was good enough for 21st place.

After battling an illness last week, Cadeon McCartney (41st) was able to compete. He joined Brett Ruiter (59th) in registering top 60 finishes.

Steven St. Martin rounded out the varisty, finishing 62nd.

Chatelaine also mentioned that the junior varisty team finished third.

"Conner Ginskey led our JV team to a third place finish with his third place finish individually. His time of 17:56 is phenomenal for a seventh grader," he said.

Results

Varsity

Kubat 16:37.6 2nd
Knutson 17:15.9 14th
Stevensen 17:17.3 17th
Steiger 17:30.3 21st
McCartney 17:53.4 41st
Brett Ruiter 18:14.5 59th
St. Martin 18:22.0 62nd

Junior Varsity

Connor Ginskey 17:56.3 3rd; Logan Bauer 18:29.0 20th; Preston Meier 18:31.9 22nd; Evan Buck 18:45.6 35th; Miles Kuhn 18:55.6 46th; Connor McCartney 18:56.0 48th; David Crawford 19:24.0 75th; Jonh Beadell 20:12.4 137th ;Dylan Hoover 20:24.3 156th; Tony Hauer 20:34.3 170th; Jacob Pfeifer 20:44.9 179th; Mark Kubista 21:06.4 199th; Jack Meiners 21:06.4 200th; Scott Kingland 21:23.0 217th; Thomas Robillard 21:35.1 226th; Jacob Fast 21:48.2 235th; Dylan Meiners 21:56.3 240th; Eli Knutson 22:03.6 246th; Brenden Drever 23:35.1 300th; Cory Ulrich 24:28.6 322nd; Landon Fumo 24:29.5 323rd; Addison Andrix 29:13.1 364th

Girls

The Owatonna girls squad took home ninth, with Red Wing taking home the top honors.

Senior Sara Wall finished 25th with a time of 20:51.5 to lead all Husky runners.

Eighth graders Abbi Moran and Catrina Herr followed Wall, placing 39th and 45th respectively.

Junior Payton Wunderlich rounded out the top 50 with a 49th place finish. Her time was 21:38.2.

Freshmen Liv Larson and Chloe Schmidt finished inside the top 60 with 52nd and 56th place finishes.

Freshman Grace Randall was the final Husky runner to cross the finish, taking home a 77th place finish.

The junior varsity took home a top five finish.

Results

Varsity

Wall 20:51.5 25th
Moran 21:21.9 39th
Herr 21:29.3 45th
Wunderlich 21:38.2 49th
Larson 21:51.1 52nd
Schmidt 22:07 56th
Randall 23:35.1 77th

Junior Varsity

Mariah Dant 21:50.3 8th; Madelin Bruessel 22:14.6 12th; Kinzie Williams 22:30.4 16th; Jeni Burtis 22:42.4 21st; Jade Huseby 22:45.4 22nd; Rilee Schmidt 22:51.7 27th; Lauren Stevenson 22:57.2 30th; Adrien Breuer 23:12.2 41st; Grace Cocchiarella 23:20.8 44th; Anna Weisenburger 23:30.2 48th; Sydney Bartz 23:38.2 51st; Hannah St. Martin 23:42 57th; Zinash Valen 23:45.4 65th; Angela Zaccaria 23:45.6 65th; Susan Walker 24:00 74th; Erica Paley 24:10.4 79th; Camryn Bartz 24:15.7 86th; Mikalya Dinse 24:23.9 93rd; Betsy Wunderlich 24:37 103rd; Madison McKenzie 24:55.9 115th; Annika Andrix 24:56.5 116th, Gywn Larson-McCluskey 25:02 121st; Stephanie Hager 25:08.5 127th; Rachel Benson 25:23 132nd; Krystal Johnson 25:28.8 135th; Mirah Eicten 25:54.8 141st; Mary Sager 25:59.7 148th; Samantha Hager 26:23 160th; Lydia Rieck 26:47.6 170th; Talia Fladager 28:24 196th; Dani Burtis 29:04.1 208th; Libby Hanson 31:06.4 225th; Megan Medvec 32:19.2 233rd; Kimberly Strobel 33:24.1 236th.

Volleyball

The Owatonna girls volleyball team dropped two matches to Mankato West and Bethlemhem Academy.

The Huskies lost in four sets to the Scarlets (23-25, 25-18, 25-20, 25-15) and was swept by the top ranked Class A Cardinals (25-12, 25-19, 25-22).

Stats vs Mankato West/ B.A.

Syd Schultz 20 kills, 3 digs, Lexi Langeland 9 kills 4 digs, Olivia Spatenka 9 kills, 6 digs, Maddie Kubista 38 assists.

Tigers fall to B.A.

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Medford's Mikayla Spinler (20) goes up for a kill attempt in a Tiger's home match earlier this month. The Tigers dropped its final egular season game to Bethlehem Academy in straight sets.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

In the final regular season game before the start of postseaosn play, the Medford Tigers faced a tough Bethlehem Academy squad.

The favorite to win the Class A state championship, the No.1 Cardinals proved too much for the Tigers, winning in straight sets (15-25, 25-22, 15-25).

"At times we looked very very good and at times we looked very very hesitant. We have such the potential to hang with and beat big teams, but we need to play consistentcy," added Tigers head coach Tanya Powers.

Powers also noted that the seniors will be missed and that they make Medford very proud.

Stats vs B.A.

Callie Nagel 25 digs, 1 kill
Krystal Hanson 6 digs,
Payton Powers 7 digs, 11 assists, 3 kills
Emma Knifel 3 digs, 6 kills
Kaylee Kern 8 digs,
Dani Morgan 5 digs, 14 assists, 3 kills
Amanda Honsey 3 digs, 9 kills
Sydney Langeslag 2 digs, 2 kills, 5 solo blocks, 1 ace
Mikayla Spinler 4 kills

Junior varisty

The junior varisty and C-squad for the Medford Tigers were also sweeped.

The JV Cardinals won 25-18, 25-20 and 15-8 while the C-squad won 26-24, 25-27, 11-15.

The Tigers will have a first round bye in the section tournament but will play at home on Thursday Oct. 27.

Their opponent is yet to be decided.

Ladies bowling league

Below are the current standings and stats from the third week of the Ladies Bowling League at Bunkies.

Week Three Oct. 19

Team	W	L
1. Epic Contracting	9	3
2. F & M Bank	5	7
3. J&H/DQ	5	7
3. Kosters' Kar	5	7

High Team Game (Handicap)

Epic 648

High Team Series (Scratch)

F& M Bank 1745

High Team Series (Scratch)

F & M Bank 654

High Team Series (Handicap)

Epic 1816

High Game Individual

1. Alysa Ressler 187
2. Joanne Nielson 175

High Series Individual

1. Alysa Ressler 489
2. Judy Esplan 458

Blades perfect on penalty kill

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At the end of the first period, the Blades and Energy were assessed minor penalties for roughing and crosschecking. With two of them offsetting, the Blades were forced to start the second period on the penalty kill again, this time facing a 5 on 3 disadvantage. In fact, the two teams combined for 16 penalties, many of those being roughing minors.

While the Blades were outstanding on the penalty kill, they were also sharp on the power play. Just four minutes into the third period, the Blades broke the 0-0 tie with a power play goal from Oskari Valli. Corralling a centering pass from Koy Payne, the Finland native was able to chip it right under the pad of Energy goalie Brady Goodman.

The Blades 1-0 early in the third period was short lived after Blaine's Bailey Dorf sniped a shot to the top right corner, beating the blocker of Steele County goalie Mike Severson. After allowing the goal, Severson allowed just three shots for the remainder of the period and stopped 23 in the game. Adamek said that his goaltender is starting to catch a groove.

"Our goaltender played well. He's played well two games in a row. Two goals in two games, he's earning his win," he added.

Just minutes after the score was tied up, the Blades were facing another powerplay oppourunity after Blaine was assessed a two-minute minor for tripping. It would take just seconds before Ellendale native Soren Colstrup netted the game-winning goal off a great pass from Sprenger.

Minutes later, Austin, Minnesota native Kory Potach added an insurance goal, flying up the right wing and throwing it on net, bringing the score to 3-1.

After Blaine pulled their goalie, the Blades faced a 6-on-4 situation with just under a minute left. However, Wadden's chipped in a clear attempt for an empty net goal to seal the win.

Stats vs. Blaine Energy

Shots on goal
Blades 60, Energy 23
Saves
Blades 22, Energy 57
Face off wins
Blades 45, Energy 18
Penalty Kill
Blades 9 for 9, Energy 1 for 3
Poweplay
Blades 2 for 3, Energy 0 for 9

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Blades forward Antonio Najera (2) attempts a short-handed goal in the second period of Steele County's 4-1 win over the Blaine Energy Saturday at the Four Seasons Centre . The Blades were perfect on the penalty kill.

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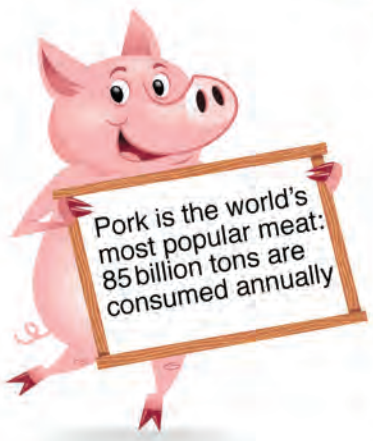

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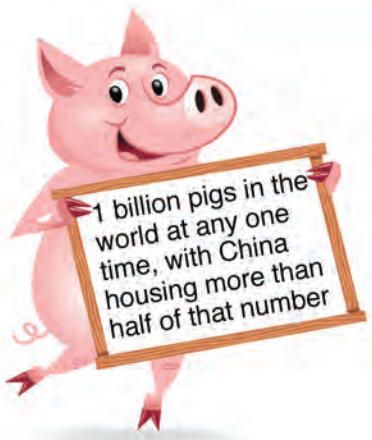

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Third largest pork-producing country

The United States is the third largest pork-producing country, following China and the European Union.

Bacon from the north

Canadian bacon is smoked boneless pork loin.

Bacon, bacon, bacon

Americans on the average eat around 18 pounds of bacon each year. That's about 5.6 billion pounds for the entire United States

Ancient processed meat

Bacon is one of the oldest processed meats. The Chinese began salting pork bellies as early as 1500 B.C.

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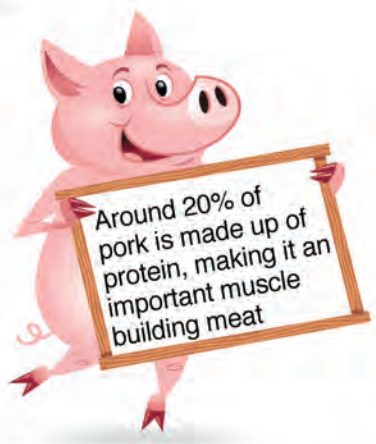

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USDA announces new open data partnership for public health

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack officially launched the USDA Branded Food Products Database, a free online resource for families, the food industry and researchers containing nutrition details on more than 80,000 name brand prepared and packaged foods available at restaurants and grocery stores. The announcement was made at the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) Summit.

"There is so much data from the public and private sectors that can improve the health and quality of life for millions of people, if it can be made more readily available," said Vilsack. "The partnership that produced the database is more proof that governments, nonprofits, businesses and researchers are capable fostering scientific innovation by making life-changing data open and available to parents, healthcare professionals, scientists, businesses and everyone interested. I look forward to being surprised by innovations we have not even thought of yet as a result of so much information becoming so reliable and accessible."

The USDA Agricultural Research Service partnered with the International Life Sciences Institute North America (ILSI North America), GS1 US, 1WorldSync, and Label Insight to develop the new database and user-friendly interface to make it easier for private food companies to add and update data. The database provides a transparent source of information that can assist health professionals identifying foods and portion size for people with food allergies, diabetes, kidney disease and other conditions. Common consumer health and nutrition Apps may also use the data as a resource to bring information to consumers on a phone or watch in real time while shopping or dining out.

The Branded Food Products Database greatly expands and enhances, the USDA National Nutrient Database, which contained basic information on about 8,800 branded foods and has served as a main source of food composition data for government, researchers and the food industry. As information is added in the coming months, it is expected the new database will include up to 500,000 products with an expanded level of detail including serving size, servings per package and nutrients shown on the Nutrition Facts Panel or the Expanded Nutrition Facts Panel, plus weights and measures, ingredient list and sub-list, and a date stamp associated with current formulation of the product.

At the open data summit, Vilsack also announced the release of an update to the Global Agricultural Concept Scheme (GACS), a unifying thesaurus of over 350,000 terms in 28 languages that establishes common terminology for data users across the agriculture and nutrition field worldwide. GACS is a collaboration between USDA, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI) to make it easier for researchers and policy makers work together using the same technical language.

The GODAN initiative was co-founded by the U.S. Government and is an international partnership of over 350 organizations representing governments, donors, businesses, and not-for-profits working to make agriculture and nutrition data available, accessible, and usable for unrestricted use worldwide.

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USDA announces support for rural rural cooperative businesses and organizations

Grants will help create jobs, boost rural economies

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA is awarding 29 grants totaling $5.8 million to help rural cooperatives create jobs and support business expansion. The funds are being provided through the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program, which helps fund non-profit groups, such as rural cooperative development centers and higher education institutions.

"America's rural communities have incredible potential to create jobs and expand economic opportunities," Vilsack said. "Many rural businesses and organizations are succeeding under the cooperative business model, and with access to additional resources, they can boost job creation and create an environment where more products are made in rural America. The funding USDA is announcing today will provide the critical training and technical assistance rural cooperatives and non-profit groups need to help strengthen America's 'Main Street' businesses."

Development centers can use RCDG funds for feasibility studies, strategic planning, leadership and operations training, and business plan development. Recipients are required to contribute matching funds that equal 25 percent of total project costs.

Sam Rikkers, Administrator of USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service, announced the 29 awardees on Vilsack's behalf during a visit today to the Ohio Cooperative Development Center (OCDC) at Ohio State University's South Centers campus in Piketon. OCDC is receiving a $199,984 grant to help businesses and individuals in rural Ohio and West Virginia explore cooperative opportunities in several industries, including energy and wood products.

The Center also will provide a seed grant program to develop and expand cooperatives. It hopes to assist 20 businesses and eight start-ups. These efforts are projected to create or save 40 jobs. The Center has provided more than 2,900 hours of technical assistance since 2011, creating 194 jobs and retaining 229.

The Texas Rural Cooperative Center (TRCC) at The University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley is receiving a $199,393 grant to help start, expand and improve cooperatives and mutually-owned businesses in Texas and New Mexico. The Center is located in the South Texas city of Edinburg in Hidalgo County, one of the poorest in the United States. It serves a 33-county region that contains more than 1 million poor people and the largest number of impoverished rural colonias in the nation. The area receives additional assistance through USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative. Through StrikeForce, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs and help build program participation through intensive community outreach and technical assistance.

Today's announcement is part of USDA's observance of National Cooperative Month. Each year in October, the Department highlights the economic impact and innovation of cooperative businesses, particularly in rural communities.

Projects in 22 states are receiving RCDG funding. Funding for each project announced today is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the grant agreement.

Several of the grants support technical assistance to strengthen local and regional food systems. Over the course of the Obama Administration, USDA has invested close to $1 billion in 40,000 local food-related projects on farms and in communities across the country. USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food (KYF2) Initiative coordinates the Department's work to develop strong local and regional food systems. Please view the KYF2 website and use the KYF2 Compass to locate USDA investments in your community. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

USDA has provided $50.5 million for 257 cooperative grants for projects nationwide since the start of the Obama Administration. This funding has helped more than 4,700 businesses. In Fiscal Year 2015, Oregon's Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation received a $200,000 RCDG grant to provide technical assistance and training to seven manufactured housing cooperatives. The funds helped owners of manufactured dwellings form non-profit cooperatives to convert their parks from investor-owned into resident-owned, creating safe and affordable dwellings, and stabilized communities.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USDARD) has invested nearly $13 billion to start or expand nearly 112,000 rural businesses; helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; and funded nearly 9,200 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities. USDA also has invested $31.3 billion in 963 electric projects that have financed more than 185,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving 4.6 million rural residents. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

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Minnesota Crop Report:

Almost one-quarter of the corn for grain was harvested in Minnesota during the week ending October 23, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork, the most days suitable since the first week of July. While the weather allowed harvest operations to progress, there were still areas that remained too wet to harvest. Field activities for the week included harvesting, fall fertilizer applications, and fall tilling.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

With nearly one-quarter of the corn for grain harvested during the week, corn for grain harvest advanced to 55 percent complete, 3 days behind the five-year average and 6 days behind last year. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest was 18 percent. Corn condition rated 87 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week. Soybean harvest was 95 percent complete, 1 week behind last year. Sixty-five percent of the sunflower acreage was harvested. Advancing 20 percentage points from the previous week, 91 percent of the sugarbeet crop was harvested, equal to the average, but 10 days behind last year.

Pasture condition rated 69 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from last week.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
MORTGAGOR(S): Bonnie L. Petersen, an unmarried person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $330,000.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 23, 2009
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 27, 2009 as Document Number 362972 in the Offic of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $193,677.19
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North Range 20 West, Change North 1312.97 feet along the East line of Section 28 to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, a distance of 205.75 feet; thence North 190.0 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid road No. 1; thence South 190.0 feet to the point of beginning. And
Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 28, Township 108 North, Range 20 West, thence North 1502.97 feet along the East line of Section 28, thence West at right angles 50.0 feet to the West right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1 and the point of beginning; thence continuing West 205.75 feet; thence North 214.35 feet, thence East 205.75 feet to the right of way line of State Aid Road No. 1, thence South 214.35 feet to the point of beginning, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 3890 N CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 12-028-2106 and 12-028-2105
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff s Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 22, 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 23, 2016
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Mortgagee
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Foreclosure

15-101568

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2006
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $125,200.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph L. Erler and Barbara R. Erler, Husband and Wife; Jeremy J. Erler and Brittany L. Erler, Husband and Wife and Jeff . Evans, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100021278104668426
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rochester Mortgage Company
SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 22, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000346605, thereafter re-recorded March 28, 2007 as document number A000348664; thereafter validated by an Order dated April 25, 2016 recorded May 3, 2016 as document number A000407382
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 29, 2015 filed: August 5, 2015, recorded as document number A000403486; Thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The West Half of the following described property, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the South 242 1/2 feet of Lot 23 in NE1/4 of Section 16, Township 107 North, Range 20 West (said point being in the center of Oak Street); running thence East 329.5 feet, more or less, to a point 20 rods West of the East line of said Lot, thence South 60 feet, thence West 329.5 feet to the center of Oak Street, thence North to the place of beginning.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1039-1041 S Oak Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1260
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $120,211.22
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 15, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff s Main Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2017, or the next business day if May 15, 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 23, 2016
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Assignee of Mortgagee
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Foreclosure

15-101570

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2006
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $116,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Joseph L. Erler and Barbara R. Erler, Husband and Wife; Jeremy J. Erler and Brittany L. Erler, Husband and Wife and Jeff . Evans, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100021278104668400
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rochester Mortgage Company
SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 22, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000346604, thereafter re-recorded March 28, 2007 as document number A000348663 to add additional mortgagors
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 27, 2015 filed: August 3, 2015, recorded as document number A000403434; Thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated March 21, 2016 and recorded May 18, 2016 as document number A000407640.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 9 and the East 6 feet of Lot 8 in Block 23 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, Minnesota; Excepting the South 55 feet to the above described premises.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 404 Elm Ave S, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-2310
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $112,504.93
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 15, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff s Main Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2017, or the next business day if May 15, 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 23, 2016
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
MORTGAGOR(S): Adam D. Jensen, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by assignment recorded on March 22, 2016 as Document Number A000406720 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; as corrected to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by corrective assignment recorded on August 23, 2016 as Document Number A000409190 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $111,200.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 21, 2009
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 3, 2009 as Document Number A000364463; as reformed by Court Order recorded on June 7, 2016 as Document No. A000407930 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $122,754.80
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Half of the following: Commencing 80 rods East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21, running thence East 9 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 9 rods; thence South 8 rods to the place of beginning, Except the West 36 feet thereof.
AND
Commencing 89 rods East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, running thence East 5 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 5 rods; thence South 8 rods to beginning.
(Being Sublot 3, and part of Sublot 4 of Lot 10 in Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21)
Together with and subject to that certain Well Agreement dated and filed June 21, 1994, as Document No. 242387 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8921 13TH ST SW, MERIDAN, MN 56093
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-017-4211
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 13, 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: October 13, 2016

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST
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Foreclosure

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 8, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $103,647.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Mark E Zvorak and Ginger M Zvorak, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed January 17, 2007, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000347181
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 12 Block 9 Brainerd's Addition to Blooming Prairie
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 141 5th Ave SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-103-0912
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $96,454.49
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: December 13, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on June 13, 2017, or the next business day if June 13, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: October 14, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
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**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION**

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-2032

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

**Estate of
Elaine Beth Floy,
Decedent**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 22, 2016, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, October 9, 1995, ("Will") and for the appointment of Paul Stephen Floy, whose address is 2345 Liinhaven Place, Owatonna, MN, 55060 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

**Dated
Oct. 05, 2016**

BY THE COURT

**Judge of District Court
Karen R. Duncan**

Court Administrator
Robin Hoesley

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COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR - 16 - 2029

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

Estate of
Elaine L. Wodarczak,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 22, 2016, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, September 15, 2015, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Heidi Hartle, whose address is 3053 58th Street SE, Owatonna, MN, 55060 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated
Oct. 5 2016

BY THE COURT

Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court

Court Administrator
Robin Hoesley

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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: April 18, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Nancy J. Larson, a single person,
MORTGAGEE: Advisor's Mortgage LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: April 23, 2008

Steele County Recorder

Document #: A000356751

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. on April 18, 2008 and said assignment was recorded on April 23, 2008 as Document No. A000356752 and subsequently assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC on January 13, 2014 and said assignment was recorded on February 4, 2014 and given document number A000395631.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

LOT 23, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 7 FEET THEREOF AND THE SOUTH 22.3 FEET OF LOT 24, ALL BEING IN BLOCK 2, MANN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF OWATONNA, MINNESOTA.

PARCEL ID #: 171720223

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1054 11th Ave. NE, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Transaction Agent: N/A

Transaction Agent Id No.: N/A

Current Mortgage Servicer: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Advisor's Mortgage LLC

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $167,382.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $150,248.90
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 Mortgagors have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 15, 2016 at 10:00 am

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Law Enforcement Center 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, MN 55060

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the 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 sale by the mortgagor, 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 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is June 15, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
MORTGAGOR 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.
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Dated: October 17, 2016

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
Mortgagee

Kenneth J. Johnson
Minnesota State Bar No. 0246074
Johnson, Blumberg
& Associates, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
230 W. Monroe St., Ste. 1125
Chicago, IL 60606
Phone 312-541-9710
Fax 312-541-9711

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1/15,1/22,1/29

STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, November 7th, 2016 starting at 7:00 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit applications.

Kevin Christianson has requested to amend his conditional use permit to allow the assembly of marine and motorized vehicle products on property located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 26, Blooming Prairie Township. The property address is 15342 84th Ave. SE.

Curt Hayes has requested to renew conditional use permit #186 allowing the mining of sand and gravel in the East 36 acres of Lot 2 located in the NW ¼, NE ¼, Section 9, Medford Township.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearings and be heard on these matters.

Dale Oolman
Steele County Zoning Director
630 Florence Ave. P.O. Box 890
Owatonna, MN 55060
(507) 444-7482

Minnesota Department of Education

Division of School Finance
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113-4266

DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR FY 2016 AND FY 2017

ED-00110-39

GENERAL INFORMATION: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.

District Name: Blooming Prairie Public Schools — District Number: 756

FUND	FY 2016 BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	FY 2016 ACTUAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2016 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2016 ACTUAL FUND BALANCES	FY 2017 BUDGET REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2017 BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2017 PROJECTED FUND BALANCES
General Fund/Restricted	$ 228,364	$ 974,395	$ 1,004,602	$ 198,157	$ 1,109,486	$ 1,012,125	$ 295,518
General Fund/Other	$ 905,368	$ 6,512,918	$ 6,421,805	$ 996,481	$ 6,464,304	$ 6,820,394	$ 640,391
Food Service Fund	$ 6,545	$ 434,901	$ 407,306	$ 34,140	$ 415,123	$ 413,400	$ 35,863
Community Service Fund	$ 35,005	$ 193,302	$ 162,243	$ 66,064	$ 199,122	$ 180,729	$ 84,457
Building Construction Fund	$ -	$ 2,007,800	$ 420,928	$ 1,586,872	$ -	$ 1,586,872	$ -
Debt Service Fund	$ 9,664,334	$ 1,208,954	$ 1,354,110	$ 9,519,178	$ 1,407,485	$ 1,517,002	$ 9,409,661
Trust Fund	$ 6,048	$ 16	$ 300	$ 5,764	$ -	$ 300	$ 5,464
Internal Service Fund	$ -			$ -			$ -
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OPEB Debt Service Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$ 10,845,664	$ 11,332,286	$ 9,771,294	$ 12,406,656	$ 9,595,520	$ 11,530,822	$ 10,471,354

LONG-TERM DEBT	$ -	**CURRENT STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT PER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 123B.81**	
Outstanding July 1, 2015	$ 20,030,000	AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DEFICIT, IF ANY, IN EXCESS OF 2.5% OF EXPENDITURES 06/30/2016	$ -
Plus: New Issues	$ 1,995,000		
Less: Redemeed Issues	$ 675,000	**COST PER STUDENT - AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM) 06/30/2016**	
Outstanding June 30, 2016	$ 21,350,000		
SHORT-TERM DEBT		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	$ 7,680,406.41
Certificates of Indebtedness	$ -	FY 2016 TOTAL ADM SERVED + TUITIONED OUT ADM + ADJUSTED EXTENDED ADM	725.24
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	$ -	FY 2016 OPERATING COST PER ADM	$ 10,590.16

The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.

Comments:
2015-16 information has been audited. The 2016-17 preliminary budget was approved on June 20, 2016. The current year budget will be revised during the school year. Our district website is located at www.blossoms.k12.mn.us.

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The Minimizer Long Haul Series consists of six different seats, all of which are equipped with 14 standard features, including several unique to the HD trucking industry.

"The seats spent years in development, partially due to the fact we were very specific with the features. We wanted our seats to stand out from the rest," Kruckeberg said.

Included in the 14 standard features are upper and lower lumbar support; a 135-degree swivel base that allows the driver to spin the seat inboard if they want access to the cab; both air height adjustment with memory as well as a physical shock absorber; and numerous adjustments built into the seat to ensure ultimate comfort for each body type, whether a driver is six-four, 280 pounds or five-five, 110 pounds.

"One of the keys in proper ergonomic design is adjustability," Doctor of Chiropractic and tenured professor at Northwestern Health Sciences University Joseph Sweere said. "It's such a critical component, which is one of the reasons I have great admiration for the work that's been done in the design of the Minimizer truck seat."

"With its many unique features, I think the Minimizer truck seat is the best I've seen on the market today," Sweere said.

In addition to the 14 standard features, drivers have the option of choosing a heated backrest and seat cushion, along with either a cooled backrest and seat cushion or a revitalizing massager.

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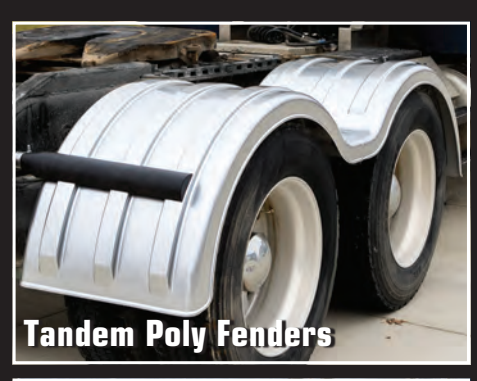
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Nordic brings the arctic

Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

James Bond presented to the Sons of Norway about his time as a volunteer at the Iditarod Dog Sled Race. Bond is native to Minnesota, but he spent over two decades traveling up to Alaska to help with the race.

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

A cool breeze blew into Owatonna all the way from Alaska last week.

The Sons of Norway met on Oct. 17 for a dinner and guest speaker James Bond, a 24-year volunteer for the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race in Alaska. For five weeks starting in February, he organized and ran two of the 25 race checkpoints.

The Iditarod is a 1,150-mile long trail in Alaska that runs from Anchorage to Nome, and only a few miles of it is actual road. In the spring, the snow and ice that make the path melt away.

For most of the year, Bond is a former teacher who now works as a potter, but in the early spring, he trekked north for the famous race.

Bond started volunteering when he went up to visit his brother who lived in Alaska. He watched the race and saw a bunch of people wearing these neat hats. When he asked where he could get one, he was told they were only for volunteers with the race. He decided one of those hats would be nice to own, so he made a yearly tradition of coming up to volunteer.

The last time he volunteered was in 2014. His wife wasn't fond of him disappearing for five weeks every year to the wilds of Alaska. In exchange for getting to buy a classic pickup truck, he agreed to quit.

During his time as a volunteer, he helped run one of the checkpoint cabins along the race. Two weeks before the race even started he and his cabin partner would start prepping the site. There was cleaning to do and a lot of food supplies to sort.

Bond served as the volunteer cook for his checkpoints. He came into the job accidentally. When the original cook was working, Bond says you couldn't tell if pepper or cigarette ash was on your food. He stepped in, largely he joked, because he was the only one there who washed his hands.

He cooked on a large six-burner stove. The cabin has no running water, but the nearby river is so clean they use the water straight out of it, no boiling required.

The one trouble they do have is animals.

"Critters are everywhere up there," Bond said. While the bears are luckily hibernating, red squirrels, coyotes, pine martins and weasels all put in an appearance. They often wander near the cabin in search of food, and the volunteers have to shoo them away from the storage parcels.

Bond took a lot of pride in the cabin he maintained, and he and his fellow volunteers would even string up Christmas lights to make it cheerier.

When he wasn't cooking, Bond served as a checker for the race. It was his job to greet racers when they arrived at his checkpoint and ask them questions about their team's condition and the trails.

He would also have the radio workers relay the racers arrival to the last checkpoint, so they would know the racer was safely off the trail. When the race team left, they would note the time, so if the racer didn't show at the next checkpoint, they'd know how long they had been out on the trail.

The race runs 24/7 and the checkpoint workers never know when someone might come in. They usually have less than a minute's warning before a racer appears.

The racers, or mushers, are a good group, but Bond says the race is really all about the dogs.

"The dog care is really important," Bond says, "the dogs love to be out there."

With 75 to 90 mushers in any given years and each averaging about 16 dogs in their team, there is no shortage of canine companionship. Bond says the dogs are all very friendly and well socialized. Since they're directed entirely by voice command, obedience is critical. The lead dogs in particular are so well trained they'd cost you $30,000 if you wanted to buy one.

The dogs are very well cared for during the race. Every checkpoint has six to eight veterinarians, and every dog is checked over at every checkpoint. If one is found unwell, the dog is removed from the race and flown back

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Something for everyone at Village Affair

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie is well known for its annual 4th of July celebration and also for its annual arts and crafts event called Village Affair.

The 44th Annual Village Affair is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Blooming Prairie High School. "It's a pretty big deal in Blooming Prairie," says one of the organizers, Pam Folkens, representing the AAUW (American Association of University Women). It draws hundreds of shoppers.

The local AAUW chapter and the Women of Today joined hands three years ago to sponsor the Village Affair. "Both of our groups are small, and this joint effort has worked well," remarked Marilyn Meshke, representative of the AAUW.

"There's something for everybody of all ages, and admission is free for people to come in and browse, finding something they can't live without," said Naomi Smith of Women of Today.

It's nice to see vendors returning year to year," added Mandy Doocy, representative of Women of Today.

Organizers expect over 125 vendor spaces to be rented. "Families plan to meet and get together at the Village Affair to shop and to eat," Pam said.

Booths will be set up in the commons area, in one section of the gymnasium, in the east and west hallways and two exhibitors (kettle corn vendor and vendor with wood products including flower planters, tables and coolers) will be located outdoors at their request. Exhibit spaces measure 6x6 foot, 4 1/2X8 foot and 5x7 foot. Booths rent at $24 each.

"This event has become so popular that two years ago, we had to turn vendors away," Pam said.

Vendors come from "all over," Pam said. Many of them hail from the Owatonna and Rochester areas. "Every year, we get new vendors," she added. An example includes a vendor selling metal wall art.

Shoppers at the Village Affair can pick up fall arrangements, holiday decors and of course, many items for Christmas. Many of the items are hand crafted.

Here's a sample of some of the items that will be featured at the Village Affair:

- Norwegian pottery
- Toys
- Jewelry
- Doll clothes
- Lefse
- Homemade soaps
- Baked goods
- Rag rugs
- Dish towels
- Baby stuff
- Health and wellness items

Some of the popular brand name items to be displayed at the Village Affair include Tastefullly Simple, Mary Kay products, Tupperware, Usborne books, Stampin' Up, Younique makeup (new) and Lula Roe clothing (new).

Many visitors to Village Affair also stop downtown and patronize local businesses. "It's win-win for the local community," Pam said.

A big feature of the day, of course, is the lunch served from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until all the food is gone. The food is being catered by the Conger Inn Victory Catering of Conger.

The lunch menu will feature pulled pork sandwiches, chicken noodle hot dish, cole slaw, Italian pasta salad, pies, bars and cookies. Coffee, water and pop will also be served. More than 300 were served last year.

"If you've never been to this event, you are in for a treat," Pam says. Raffle tickets at $2 each will be on sale, the prize being a goodie basket featuring all businesses originating in Minnesota.

Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Organizers of the Village Affair to be held Satu day, Oct. 29 at the Blooming Prairie High School are shown placing items into a gift basket that is the main prize for a Village Affair raffle spon ed by the local AAUW and the Women of Today. From left to right: Mandy Doocy, Pam Folkens, Naomi Smith and Marilyn Meshke.

"The basket will be "heaping full," Mandy said. Items are donated from

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Mayor weighs in on Medford referendum

MEDFORD MAYOR'S LINES

LOIS M. NELSON

In a few days, the 2016 election will be over! Regardless of party affiliations, personal issues, debates and comedic fodder, the sun should come up on November 9.

Here in Medford the ballot also includes the municipal building referendum and the big ask:

"Shall the City of Medford, Minnesota be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $3,950,000 to finance the acquisition and betterment of a municipal building consisting of a fire hall and city hall?"

City staff and leadership are responsible for supplying our residents and businesses with the history, the research and the facts. All residents had the brochure on the proposed municipal building delivered to their homes. As stated in the brochure and on the ballot: "By voting 'yes' on this ballot question, you are voting for a property tax increase." Admittedly, raising taxes is never popular!

This whole building topic has been researched, reviewed and discussed since 2008. All council meeting minutes have been documented in THE CAST, on the city website, summarized in reporter coverage and included in the mayor's column in this paper and on our Fire Department face book page.

The last open house presentation is available on Owatonna Live: http://www.owatonnalive.com/Medford-City-Meetings.html with presentations by City Administrator Andy Welti and Fire Chief Rick Hager. Questions can still be directed to city staff, firemen and elected officials.

Flexibility of space is critical for the future. As regulations change, the proposed building has optional design and space included to meet those changes. The Facilities Committee addressed today's needs with the future and reaffirmed with each meeting: the building had to have space design for 20-50 years meeting the needs of the fire department and city hall.

The Fire Department currently has a six-bay facility that is inefficient in serving our city and Medford and Deerfield Townships. The new building is designed as an eight-bay facility to fit replacement equipment and space for future expansion. (This is the typical size for fire hall designs in our region.) Their offices and training areas all meet today's requirements; as safety for the community is key as well as their own personal safety when responding to fire calls and emergency response calls-now, about 60% of their activity. Anyone who has called 911 to report a fire, accident or heart attack/stroke knows of the professionalism and minimal

MAYOR
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Jostens
Owatonna
455-6205

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507-318-9401

Go slow drivers. Be careful!

Minimizer
Blooming Prairie
583-2712

Never enter a stranger's home.

Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo
Owatonna
455-1465
theradzoo.com

Buy costumes that are made of flame-retardant material.

Boys & Girls Club
Blooming Prairie
583-6699

Healthy snacks should be considered whenever possible

The Bakery
Blooming Prairie
583-4433

Only eat candy after your parents have checked it.

Vandal's Family Market
Blooming Prairie
583-6671

Costumes should not be too dark to see.

Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo
Owatonna
455-1465
theradzoo.com

Jackets should be worn over costumes on cool Halloween nights.

Jostens
Owatonna
455-6205

Props, such as a sward or wand should be flexible toys.

Steele County Times
Blooming Prairie
583-4431

Don't cut across yards or driveways.

Extreme Custom Powder
Blooming Prairie
583-7448

Know how and where to contact your parents.

Darrick's Auto
Blooming Prairie
583-9994

Remember to walk, and not run, between houses.

Cashwise
Owatonna
451-7220

Eat before going out to Trick or Treat

Steele County Child Association
Owatonna
210-8175

Light your jack-o'-lantern with a battery- powered light instead of a candle.

Clairmont Service Center
Clairmont
528-2233

Visit only houses that have a porch light on.

Darrick's Auto
Blooming Prairie
583-9994

Public Safety

Crime brief

Owatonna to be home to a pair of high-risk offenders

Community notification set for Nov. 1

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Owatonna will soon be home to a pair of high-risk predatory offenders.

Within the next couple weeks, two level 3 offenders will be taking up residency in Owatonna, according to police. Phillip Davis will be moving in on Halloween in the vicinity of East Main Street and Lincoln Avenue South and Benny Ledesma will be living in the vicinity of North Elm Avenue and East Rose Street beginning on Nov. 7.

A community notification meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna. Officials from the state Department of Corrections will be on hand along with representatives from Owatonna Police. They will answer any questions the public may have about the release of the offenders.

"While this notice may be disturbing to receive, it is not our intention to increase fear in our community," said Joel Hunt, police detective. "Our desire is to educate the public and keep them informed as a way to enhance the public's safety."

Davis has a history of sexual contact with male and female victims between the ages of 2-15. The contact included sexual touching and penetration and the victims knew him. He also has a prior history of indecent exposure.

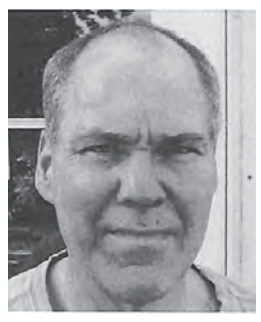
Police said Ledesma has a history of sexual contact, including sexual touching, with adolescent female victims. He also held one victim against her will and robbed her. The offender was known to one victim, but not known to another.

Hunt said police and the citizens of Owatonna often rely on members of the local media as sources of reliable information for national, regional and local news. "We recognize the importance of an informed public and the vital role that the media serves," he added.

According to police, the offenders are not wanted by the police and have served the sentences imposed on them by the court. Police are not allowed to direct where the offenders reside, work or go to school.

Level 3 offenders are determined by experts to be the most likely to reoffend.

Davis and Ledesma will be the second and third predatory offenders to move into the county within the past month. James Peter Zylstra moved into Blooming Prairie earlier this month, and a similar notification meeting was held for the public regarding his release into society.



Phillip Louis Davis

Benny Ledesma

Inmate accused of stealing in the jail

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A man already in trouble with the law and being booked in at the jail found himself facing yet more suspected trouble.

Raymond Keith Scott, 37, of Owatonna, faces a felony theft charge for allegedly stealing cash in the booking area of the Steele County Detention Center in Owatonna. If convicted he could face five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

On Aug. 6, an intake officer was booking Scott into the jail. As he finished with questions on the computer, the officer asked Scott to have a seat so he could get some items from the back storage. When the officer returned, he noticed Scott walking away from the right hand side of his desk and then turned away so the officer could not see his hands.

The officer noticed Scott had something in his hands. Scott failed to comply with a request to see his hands. The officer noted he had a property bag in his left hand containing a suit tie. Scott also had a money envelope containing $1,476 in cash sticking out of his pants pocket, according to the criminal complaint.

Scott and another inmate were transported to the jail together. The booking officer specifically remembered logging the cash and tie to the other inmate, which authorities speculate is how Scott knew of the money in the envelope.

The officer immediately retrieved the property, knowing the items belonged to a different inmate. When asked about the theft, Scott replied, "I need money so I can pay for my work release," the complaint alleged.

Security video in the jail showed Scott going into the intake station and taking the bag that contained the other inmate's property, court documents say.

In responding to the alleged theft, one local law enforcement official said, "Job security."

Raymond Scott

Safety experts: Buckling up is life-saving decision

Extra seat belt enforcement continues through October

Choosing not to wear a seat belt is like playing Russian roulette every time you get into the vehicle. You never know when another driver will make a poor decision, and those who are not buckled increase their odds of being injured by six-times if they are in a crash.

Fortunately, most Minnesotans are choosing to make that life-saving decision. According to the 2016 Minnesota Seat Belt Survey, 93 percent of occupants are buckling up.

To continue educating motorists that seat belts save lives and it's the law to buckle up, Steele County, along with more than 300 law enforcement agencies across the state, will be participating in the statewide Click It or Ticket campaign, which began Oct. 14 and runs until Sunday. The extra enforcement and education campaign is coordinated by the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

Agencies involved in Steele County will be the State Patrol, sheriff's office and Blooming Prairie and Owatonna police departments.

"Choosing to buckle up is a life-saving choice for you, your family and friends," said Kari Woltman, a deputy with Steele County. "You would never let your child play sports without the proper protective gear, so make the same choice by giving yourself the best chance to survive a crash by wearing your seat belt every time you get into the vehicle."

Good people make bad choices on the road every day and not wearing a seat belt can prove tragic.

• In 2015, 91 unbelted motorists lost their lives on Minnesota roads.

• In a five year period (2011 – 2015), 38 percent of the 1,379 people killed while riding in motor vehicles were not wearing seat belts.

• In 2015, 77 percent of vehicle occupants who were ejected or partially ejected and died were not wearing a seat belt.

If you are the driver, take control of your vehicle and those riding with you by refusing to start your engine until every passenger in your car is belted. If you are a passenger and see the driver unbelted, speak up and make sure the driver's seat belt is secure.

Minnesota law states that drivers and passengers in all seating positions must be buckled up or seated in the correct child restraint. Officers will stop and ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Seat belts must be worn correctly — low and snug across the hips, and shoulder straps should never be tucked under an arm or behind the back.

Minnesota Child Car Seat Law and Steps

• In Minnesota, all children must be in a child restraint until they are 4'9" tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

• Rear-facing child seats - Newborns to at least 1 year and 20 pounds; recommended up to age 2. It is safest to keep a child rear-facing as long as possible.

• Forward-facing seats - Age 2 until around age 4. It's preferable to keep children in a harnessed restraint until they reach the maximum weight limit.

• Booster seats - Use after outgrowing a forward-facing harnessed restraint; safest to remain in a booster until 4 feet 9 inches tall, or at least age 8, whichever comes first.

• Seat belts - Use when children can sit with their back against the vehicle seat and have their knees bent comfortably over the edge with their feet touching the floor.

Police blotter
Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Oct. 14

Theft. Police received a report of theft in the city at 2:01 p.m.

Owatonna Police
Oct. 14

Arrest. Officers arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Hoffman Dr. NW and North St. W. at 12:30 a.m.

Domestic. At 6:38 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of State Ave. NW. They took a subject into custody.

Assault. Officers responded to an assault in the 2600 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 4:55 p.m. They made an arrest at the scene.

Oct. 15

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 600 block of 20th St. NE at 10:36 a.m.

Assault. At 1:56 p.m., police responded to an assault in the 800 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE. They took a subject into custody.

Restraining Order. A citizen reported a restraining order violation in the 600 block of Hazel Lane NE at 5:36 p.m.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:51 p.m.

Oct. 16

DWI. Officer arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 18th St. SE and Cedar Ave. S. at 2:34 a.m.

Domestic. At 1:46 a.m., police arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Rose St. E.

Burglary. Police began a burglary investigation in the 200 block of Vine St. E. at 10:11 a.m.

Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of School St. E. at 12 p.m. A subject was taken into custody.

Oct. 17.

Theft. Officer arrested a subject for theft in the 400 block of Hillsdale St. NW at 4:08 a.m.

Burglary. Officers responded to burglaries in the 700 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 6:32 a.m. and in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 9:20 p.m.

Disturbance. Police responded to a noise complaint in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 2:39 p.m. They took a subject into custody.

Domestic. At 12:51 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Theft. A citizen reported being the victim of identity theft in the 200 block of Riverside Ave. NW at 5:01 p.m.

Noise. At 5:47 p.m., officers arrested a subject following a noise disturbance in the 500 block of School St. E.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 9:44 p.m.

Oct. 18

Arrest. Officer made a traffic arrest at 14th St. NE and St. Paul Rd. NE at 12:23 a.m.

Burglary. Police began a burglary investigation in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10:12 a.m.

Crash. At 4:31 p.m., paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Cedar Ave. S. and Oakdale St. SW.

Shoplifting. Police arrested a juvenile for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 6:07 p.m.

Suicidal. Officers responded to suicidal threats in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 7:13 p.m. They took a subject into custody.

Restraining Order. At 6:13 p.m., officers responded to a violation of a restraining order in the 600 block of Agnes St. E.

Oct. 19

Burglary. At 5:57 a.m., officers responded to a burglary in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of Pine Ave. NE at 7:14 a.m.

Property damage. Vandalism was reported in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 9:47 a.m.

Theft. A theft occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:55 p.m.

Oct. 20

Theft. Police took theft reports in the 400 block of North St. W. at 12:34 a.m. and in the 600 block of Florence Ave. NW at 10:16 a.m.

Fraud. Fraud incidents occurred in the 1300 block of Linn Ave. SW at 11:28 a.m. and in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 12:50 p.m.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of 12th St. NE at 12:04 p.m.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 4:01 p.m.

Intoxication. At 11:03 p.m., officers responded to an intoxicated individual in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Steele County Sheriff
Oct. 16

Warrant. At 8:42 p.m., a subject came to the detention center to turn himself in for an outstanding warrant.

Oct. 17

Crash. A motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred at 270th St. E. and Cabot Ave. at 9:09 a.m.

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 2400 block of County Rd. 45 S. at 10:49 a.m.

Child Protection. At 3:22 p.m., deputies received a child protection report from the 400 block of 6th Ave. W.

Arrests. Deputies made traffic arrests in the 5200 block of 148th St. SW at 5:27 p.m. and at 39th Ave. SW and Hwy. 14 W. at 11:49

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

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

- Michael Hale – theft - $3,000 bail
- Brandon Haley – theft – no bail
- Dean Hall – motor vehicle theft – no bail
- Brian Hambly – theft, shoplifting - $500 bail
- Cassidy Hammer – open bottle - $300 bail
- Lori Hanson – DWI - $3,000 bail
- Robert Haston – DWI - $1,000 bail
- Andrew Heidemann – theft - $300 bail
- Nancy Heim – DWI - $1,000 bail
- Jewel Herrera – damage to property - $10,000 bail
- Jonathan Hinote – false name - $500 bail
- Thomas Hitchcock – revoked license - $500 bail
- Justin Hoag – theft - $500 bail
- Brandy Hodges – domestic assault - $1,000 bail
- Brittany Hoverkamp – disorderly conduct - $1,000 bail
- Renant Hubbard – controlled substance – no bail
- Bryan Hughes – damage to property - $11,000 bail
- Andrew Hull – DWI - $3,000 bail
- Spencer Hutchinson – DWI – no bail
- Trung Huynh – drugs – no bail

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Oct. 18

Threats. Deputies responded to threats being made in the 6600 block of 14th Ave. NE at 8:50 p.m.

Oct. 20

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 500 block of Central Ave. W. at 10:37 p.m.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 10 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Christopher M. Powers, 40, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony violation of order for protection, felony DANCO violation and felony domestic assault. Powers was sentenced to $1,343, 127 days in county jail, do not enter liquor establishments, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised probation.

Joshua D. Watkins, 30, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. He was sentenced to $1,081, 180 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms, do not enter liquor establishments and 5 years of supervised probation.

Sheridan J. Tapp, 41, Blooming Prairie, previously appeared and was convicted of felony failure to file return, report, document taxes. Tapp was sentenced to $46,879, mental health evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, obtain permission to leave the state, no possession of firearms, 240 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 10 – 14:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Bessie B. Batten, 31, Maple Lake, speeding, $131; Celio Guillen-Martinez, 42, Columbia Heights, no license and speeding, $241; Pah Noh, 31, St. Paul, permit violation; James L. Sanchez, 45, Austin, revoked license; John K. Trihus, 42, Blooming Prairie, suspended license, $281.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Brett W. Funk, 27, Manly, IA, possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia and no insurance; Alexander F. Gormelski, 23, Fargo, ND, angling without a license; Brooke N. Sexton, 19, West Concord, taking fish without angling license, $181; Kevin D. Steuck, 22, Owatonna, take migratory bird, $181.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Vanessa M. Alomar, 24, St. Paul, revoked license, $281; Matthew G. Bauer, 44, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance; Paulette A. Brown, 27, Tampa, FL, invalid license and speeding; Christopher J. Burnash, 36, Houston, TX, speeding and seat belt, $246; Deandre M. Byers, 23, Independence, MO, invalid license and speeding; Amanda L. Cabe, 26, Kansas City, KS, invalid license; Juan G. Camocho, 48, Shakopee, permit offense; Terry K. Campbell, 30, Burnsville, revoked license; Scott J. Capistrant, 25, St. Cloud, invalid license; Yuhsiang Chang, 51, Hacienda Heights, CA, speeding, $281; Robert L. Clark, 36, Brownsdale, suspended license, $281; Shannon L. Daniels, 31, St. Paul, no insurance; Jaime R. De Leon, 31, Blooming Prairie, revoked license; Richard De Los Santos Jr., 30, St. Paul, revoked license; Rodrigo R. DeLuna, 35, Owatonna, speeding, $281; Ramon Delacruz-Cabrera, 22, Dallas, TX, no license, $181; Tut G. Dhoar, 46, Faribault, revoked license; Barry L. Fike, 53, Medford, revoked license and seat belt; Jessie J. Garza, 37, Claremont, suspended license; Thomas R. Gibson, 34, Owatonna, speeding and revoked license; Jedica L. Gomez-Fuentes, 39, Austin, revoked license; Emilie L. Gutzmann, 23, Roseville, speeding, $141; Thomas B. Harper, 27, Blooming Prairie, invalid license and suspended license; Korry S. Hauer, 29, Owatonna, revoked license; Michele E. Headen, 52, Bailey, TX, speeding, $121; Levi D. Herrera, 24, Inver Grove Heights, invalid license and no insurance; Sommer L. Jensen, 17, Owatonna, speeding, $131; Brittany K. Johnson-Haggans, 30, Sioux Falls, SD, invalid license; Terrance F. Jones, 44, Dubuque, IA, invalid license; Catherine P. Kelley, 31, Owatonna, no insurance; William F. King Jr., 44, Trenton, TN, invalid license, no plates and speeding; Christopher M. Koning, 41, Rochester, invalid license; Jesse J. Leopolid, 23, Boone, IA, invalid license; Robert E. Lund II, 46, Mequon, WI, speeding and no insurance; Albert L. Mahone, 53, Minneapolis, no child passenger restraint system, $131; Belter M. Mendez, 44, Austin, revoked license; Jerry L. Moe, 44, Littleton, CO, invalid license; Hibo A. Mohamed, 20, Faribault, violation of restricted license, $131; Gentry A. Needham, 46, Faribault, revoked license, no insurance and speeding; Chas D. Nelson, 23, Ellendale, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Willard A. Olver, 29, Minneapolis, invalid license and no insurance; Fernando J. Perez Hernandez, 29, Claremont, no license, $181; David M. Porras, 26, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance; Jessica L. Portz, 25, Woodbury, suspended license; Zachary L. Prins, 26, Morristown, speeding and revoked license, $321; Shannon M. Prostrollo, 42, Medford, seat belt, $106; Michael D. Pryor, 43, Hollandale, speeding, $131; Nathan K. Qualle, 31, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Gary D. Redshirt, 24, Bismarck, ND, no insurance; Yohanes T. Regeb, 32, Burke, VA, invalid license and speeding; Justin T. Rions, 33, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Adam L. Roberts, 29, Waterloo, IA, illegal transport of firearm in motor vehicle; Jaime G. Robles, 22, Burnsville, no license, $181; Jose L. Romero-Lopez, 52, River Falls, WI, invalid license; Larissa L. Schaar, 46, St. Paul, suspended license and no insurance; Craig G. Schilling, 54, Medina, speeding, $131; Carshonda R. Short, 25, Minneapolis, permit violation; Michael P. Siems, 39, Duluth, no insurance and speeding; Dean R. Smallwood, 39, Flandreau, SD, suspended license and no insurance; Ryan J. Smith, 27, Dresher, PA, invalid license; Michael R. Stadler, 27, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Darren E. Suggs, 29, St. Paul, suspended license, invalid license and no insurance; William A. Tangen, 51, Waseca, tandem axle weight violation, $181; James J. Thomas, 41, West Des Moines, IA, possession of paraphernalia and marijuana; Jose D. Tinoco-Carlin, 31, Owatonna, suspended license; Israel T. Torres, 29, St. Peter, suspended license and speeding; Scott Triplett, 48, Florissant, MO, invalid license and speeding; Thy M. Tryong, 40, Dallas, TX, speeding; John Valdez, 58, Albert Lea, suspended license; Melissa S. Vandike, 34, West Des Moines, IA, littering; Adrian Vasquez, 23, Austin, speeding; Santos A. Verde Rivera, 24, Biloxi, MS, speeding and no license, $241; Han N. Vorwerk, 35, Rochester, revoked license and invalid license; Jaime S. Wakefield, 50, Jordan, no license, $181; Joseph C. Watkins, 36, Shakopee, speeding, $141; Joshua J. West, 38, Blaine, speeding, $141; Ramone L. Williams, 30, Bayport, invalid license; Veronica J. Zvorak, 24, Owatonna, revoked license, $281; Howard J. Zwart, 43, Phoenix, AZ, invalid license and seat belt.

Owatonna Police Department

Sean E. Alcox, 47, Blaine, revoked license; Aweis M. Ali, 55, Owatonna, speeding, stay of adjudication, $121 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without adjudication; Tiesha Allen, 31, Owatonna, no insurance; Cody J. Altepeter, 23, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia; Gary A. Arndt, 70, stop sign, $131; Dustin E. Ball, 26, Owatonna, suspended license; Josie L. Barilla, 35, St. Paul, revoked license; Anthony E. Baumgartner, 26, Owatonna, revoked license and unsafe tires; Scott W. Behne, 42, Owatonna, revoked license; Jessie L. Bellikka, 33, Austin, no insurance; Darryl D. Bennett, 36, Chicago, IL, no license; Noah A. Bremer, 34, Clarks Grove, revoked license and no insurance; Elton Brown III, 28, Owatonna, permit violation; Angelique J. Brown, 28, Owatonna, cancelled license, $281; Amanda M. Burr, 34, Owatonna, improper information on license; Alexander C. Corona, 24, Dodge Center, no license and possession of paraphernalia; Mario A. Correa, 23, Owatonna, theft, $3,821, diversion program and 2 years of unsupervised monitoring without adjudication; Michael C. Cox, 31, Phoenix, AZ, suspended license, no insurance and failure to yield; Anival Cuellar, 39, Owatonna, no license; Jessica A. Dahle, 39, Owatonna, revoked license; David B. Davis, 36, Owatonna, prohibited passing and equipment violation, $181; Michael T. Davis, 32, Waseca, violation of restricted license; Jathan P. Dettmer, 20, Claremont, possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia, $181; Todd T. Dowson, 55, Owatonna, improper information on license; Joshua R. Drabek, 26, Owatonna, revoked license; Tara D. East, 32, Sheldon, IA, speeding, suspended license and no insurance; Anson W. Eklund, 24, Brownsdale, revoked license; Tony L. Espinoza, 37, Allentown, PA, stop sign and no license; Fakrudin A. Fakrudin, 29, St. Cloud, suspended license and speeding; Drew R. Ferguson, 24, Mazeppa, revoked license and no insurance; Michael C. Florine, 66, Owatonna, seat belt and revoked license; Douglas S. Freelove, 33, Medford, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, $181; Jeannette Fuentes, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Daniel D. Gangloff, 40, Morristown, suspended license, $281; Ernesto H. Garcia, 37, Bakersfield, CA, no license; Jared L. Gardow, 24, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance; Bethany A. Garibay, 34, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Melynda A. Garza, 39, Janesville, no insurance; Frank L. Gibson, 38, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance; Thomas R. Gibson, 34, Rush City, revoked license; Jesse M. Gillis, 44, Faribault, revoked license; Terrance D. Gipson, 36, Jordan, suspended license and no insurance; Saul Gonzalez, 33, Minneapolis, no license; Saul Gonzalez, 33, Minneapolis, no license; William M. Haff, 39, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance; Christy A. Hanson, 28, St. Ansgar, IA, illegal movement on red and no insurance; Justin K. Haverkate, 34, Elk River, suspended license; Regina Z. Heard, 31, Minneapolis, suspended license and no insurance; Ronald D. Heard, 24, Owatonna, revoked license; Jose Hernandez, 33, Owatonna, speeding, no license and no insurance; Chad B. Herzenach, 45, Spencer, IA, no license; Thomas J. Hind, 28, Owatonna, expired tabs, failure to deliver title and no insurance; Eric J. Huisenga, 31, Owatonna, suspended license; Nancy M. Hutchcraft, 27, Waseca, no license; Elton Brown III, 28, Owatonna, permit violation and improper turn; Isaiah D. Jackson, 33, Owatonna, no license and no insurance; Joseph C. Jackson, 29, Owatonna, no license; Taylor R. Jacobs, 22, Faribault, speeding and no insurance; Ryan R. Jacobson, 29, Claremont, no license; Amber J. Janovsky, 28, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Aubree A. Johnson, 31, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Contrell D. Johnson, 28, Faribault, suspended, no insurance and improper information on license; Kelly J. Johnson, 26, Owatonna, no license; Latiqwa J. Johnson, 25, Minneapolis, suspended license; Tabatha R. Katzung, 25, Houston, TX, suspended license and seat belt; Yasin G. Kayad, 23, Bloomington, speeding, $131; Catherine P. Kelley, 31, Owatonna, speeding and no insurance; Debra L. Knish, 62, Owatonna, no insurance; Teresa L. Leavitt, 35, Owatonna, improper information on license; Troy J. Lembke, 21, Owatonna, speeding, $221; Nicole N. Lindholm, 38, Owatonna, no insurance; Christopher A. Maldonado, 26, revoked license (2), unlawful passing and no insurance (2); Bryant J. Malone, 25, St. Paul, suspended

Due to the high volume of Public Safety information, public records will be continued next week.

City can financially support project

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and minimal time in responding done by this department.

The Fire Department through the Relief Association and their gaming revenues from the meat raffles and pull tabs at the Medford Muni since 1986 have resulted in over $1,000,000 for equipment purchases and another $600,000 for community organizations, events, and special projects for the school district and the city---all of this revenue has meant NO taxes charged to residents and businesses as gaming revenues, by law, have to be invested in the community.

The building also includes public space for rental of family and business events. There is a critical need for event space since the loss of both the chalet in Medford Straight River Park inhe flood of 2010 and the sale of the K.C. Lodge.

The Medford community has to decide on whether to support this project and our future needs on the ballot.

Today, the City of Medford is sitting in the best financial position it has in years. Both capital planning and financial planning have identified maintenance and project costs for the next twenty-five years with review annually. Our city is growing which means an expanded tax base for paying for all projects. What is included in our future will be up to our residents with a "YES" or "NO" on the November 8 ballot. Mayor Lois

(Lois M Nelson is completing her fourth year as Medford Mayor.)

Charity funds scholarships

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Simple, Hormel, the Steele County Times and many others.

Some of the other items placed inn the basket are: Minnesota cookbooks, potholders, table runners, Minnesota wine, chocolates, Sturdiwheat pancake mix, etc. The drawing will be at 2 pm. and you need not be present to win.

Setup is planned for Friday night, Oct. 28 and vendors can come into the building at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Asked how many volunteers are involved in the project, Pam quoted an old African proverb, "It takes a village." In other words, it takes about 25 volunteers to help with the gigantic event.

Proceeds from the Village Affair event are designated for college scholarships to be given to graduating Blooming Prairie High School seniors.

More than $80,000 in student scholarships have been awarded since the Village Affair started in 1973.

Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Raffle tickets e available at $2 each for this basket full of goodies to be given away at the 44th Annual Village Affairs Arts and Crafts show at the Blooming Prairie High School on Saturday, Oct. 29. The event is co-sponsored by the AAUW and the Women of Today.

The AAUW gave four $600 scholarships last year and the Women of Today gave two $500 scholarships last year.

For more information on the Village Affair, go to Facebook at BP Village Affair, or contact Naomi Smith at 507-583-2131.

Ask a trooper: curbside pedestrians

By TROY CHRISTIANSON
Sgt. MN State Patrol

Question: We have a debate about the pedestrian law in our house. Is a pedestrian standing curbside considered a "crossing pedestrian" if they are giving all indications they are planning to cross? Are motorists required to stop for such a curbside pedestrian if they can do safely?

Answer: This is a great time of year to review this law, as the days get shorter and the nights longer. The fall months tend to be the deadliest months for pedestrians.

Preliminary figures show that 41 pedestrians have been killed so far this year. In comparison, there were 41 pedestrians killed and 904 injured in 2015 and 17 deaths and 837 injuries in 2014.

Pedestrians must not 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 must abide by before entering the crosswalk; use common sense. Motorists and pedestrians should always watch out for one another.

• Drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersections without crosswalks or stop lights. A pedestrian standing curbside – not in the crosswalk or intersection is not considered a "crossing pedestrian."

• Pedestrians must obey traffic signs and signals at all intersections.

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

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

•Read full statute: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=169.21

With Halloween right around the corner, it is important to dress your children properly so they are visible to motorists. It is important for kids to carry a flashlight, wear bright colored costumes or add reflective tape so it is easier to be spotted by motorists. Kids should travel in groups and also have close adult supervision.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota; send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

Racers witness breathtaking sites

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to a larger town, where it can rest up and receive treatment.

The race isn't something undertaken on a whim. The entrance fee alone is $2,500 and food supplies will run you up another $5,000 just for the dogs.

However, those who are willing to bear the physical and financial burden have the opportunity to compete in "The Last Great Race."

The race, which runs across the heart of Alaska, is a chance to see the great northern wilderness up close. The trail runs through mountains and gorges and offers stunning sights of Alaska's wildlife and waterways.

The next big event for the Sons of Norway is the sixth annual Norwegian meatball supper on Dec. 3rd at the Steele County History Center from 5 to 7 p.m.

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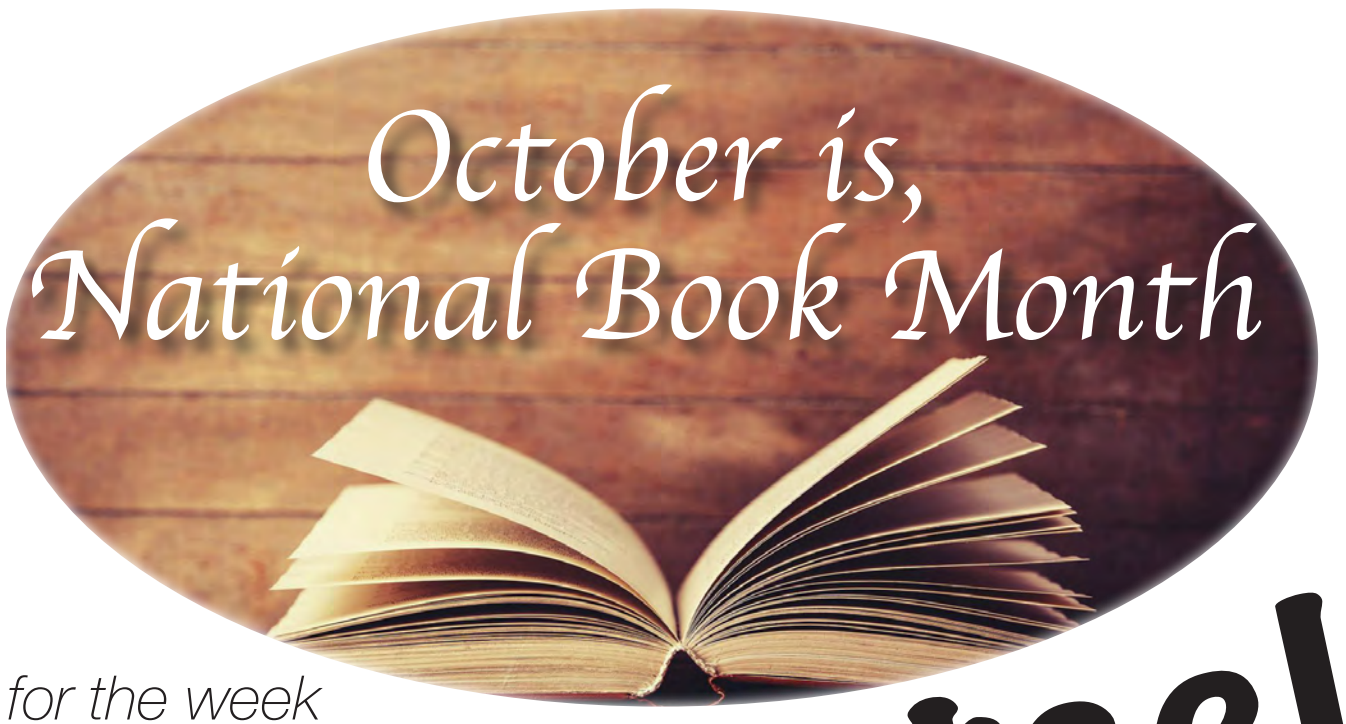

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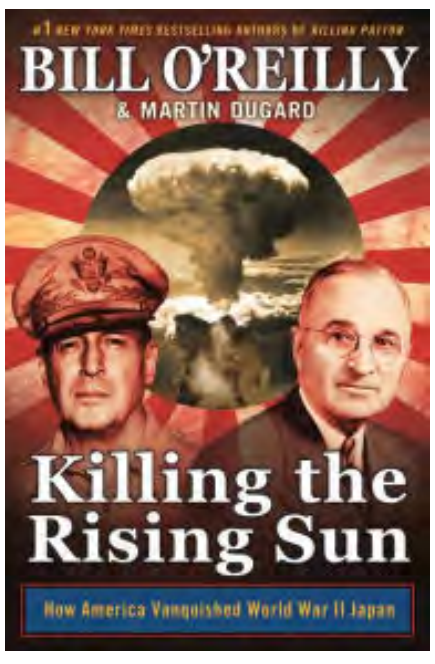

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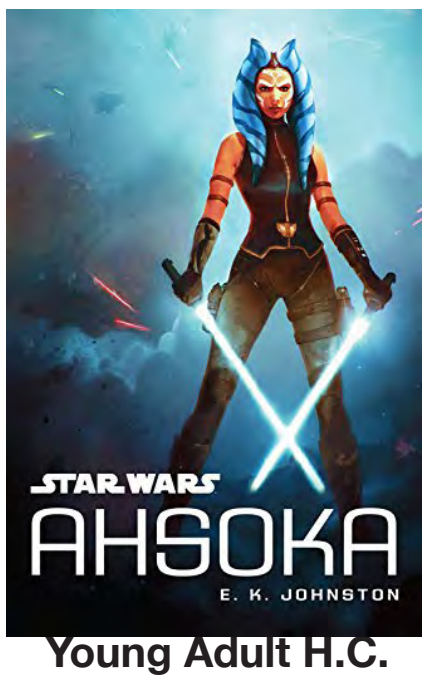

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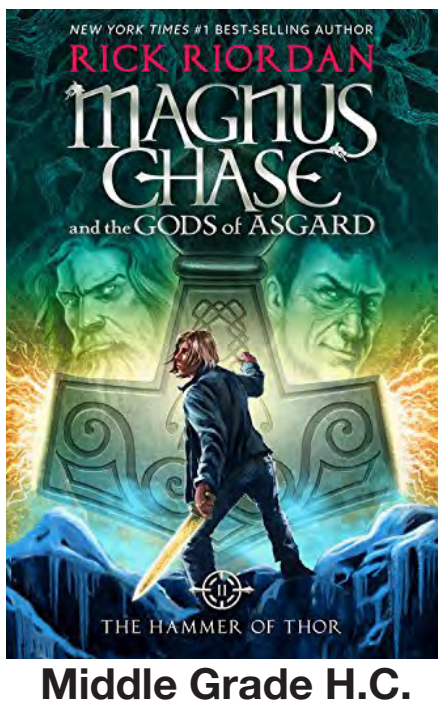

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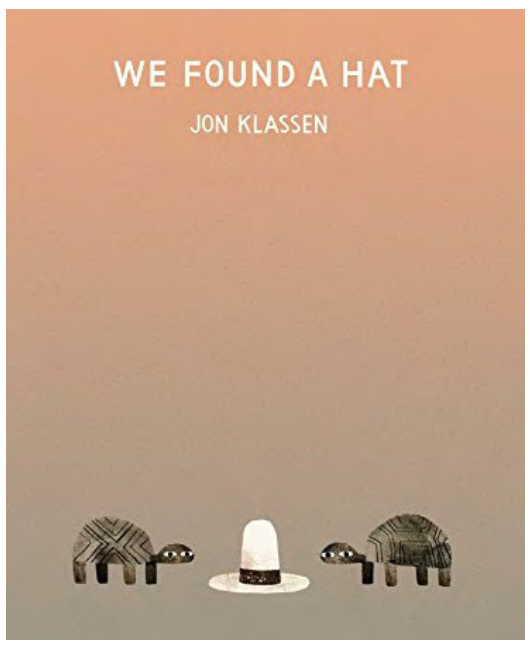

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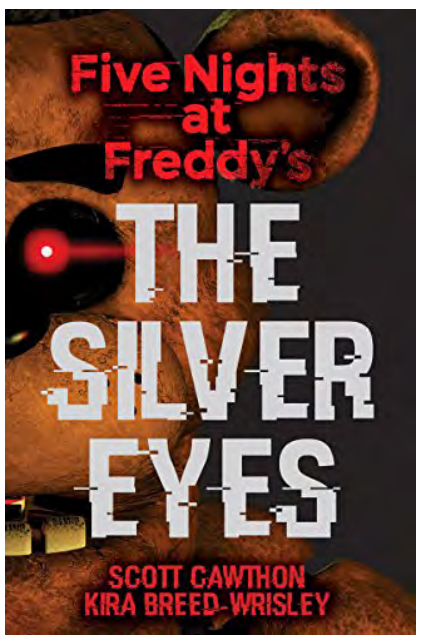

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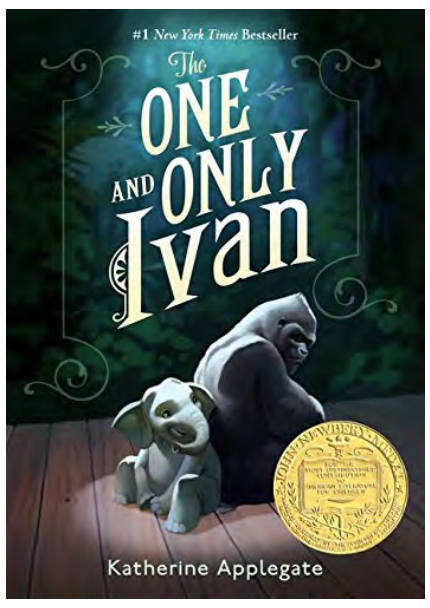

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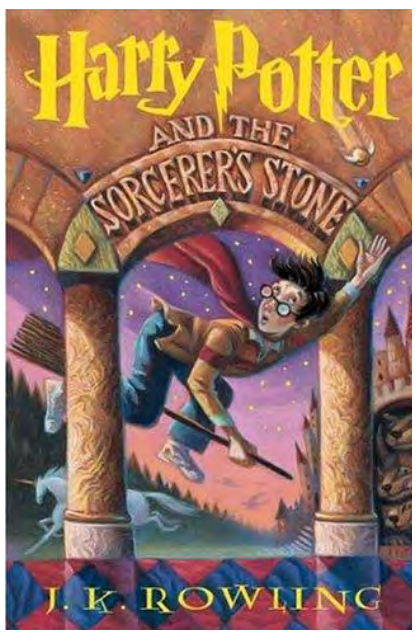

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Incentive trusts can motivate your heirs

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about incentive trusts? I have two adult children that are financial disasters. Before I die, I want to put some type of requirements in place that they will need to follow in order to receive their portion of my estate. Otherwise, they'll blow it all in the first year.
Troubled Parent

Dear Parent,
If you want to influence your family members even after you're gone, an incentive trust is definitely an option to consider. Here's how it works, along with some tips to help you create one.

Incentive Trust?
An incentive trust is an estate-planning tool designed to help prod your heirs in a direction you desire when you're no longer around.

With an incentive trust, some or all of your assets are passed to your trust when you die rather than directly to your heirs. Your trustee is empowered to distribute funds from the trust only if and when your beneficiaries do whatever it is you have specified in the trust.

For example, an incentive trust might encourage a beneficiary to graduate from college, enter a particular profession, get married or even have children. They could also reward beneficiaries who do charitable work, or supplement the incomes of those who choose low-paying, yet meaningful careers like teaching or social work.

Or, they could penalize beneficiaries who don't work by cutting off or decreasing distributions, or placing restrictions on heirs with addictions by requiring that payments go directly to rehab centers.

But be aware that these types of trusts can also have drawbacks.

A poorly constructed incentive trust can have a high risk of unintended consequences. For example, if your trust provides a financial incentive for your children to be employed full-time, but one of them gets sick or seriously injured in a car accident and can't work, they would be punished unfairly.

You also need to know that incentive trusts aren't cheap. You can expect to pay an attorney $2,500 to $5,000 to draft one.

There are also legal limits on what you can do with an incentive trust. While state laws vary, incentive trusts that encourage a beneficiary to join or leave a particular religion, or leave a spouse or not marry at all, can be challenged in court and possibly struck down.

How To Make One
To create a solid incentive trust that accomplishes what you envision, tell your estate-planning attorney that you want to include precise instructions that clearly spells out your wishes, but you also want to include language granting your trustee the right to use his or her discretion and that the trustee's decisions should be final and binding.

This allows your trustee to make common sense rulings, which will reduce or eliminate the chances of unintended and unfair consequences. It also makes it very difficult for beneficiaries to successfully challenge the trust or trustee in court.

When a trust grants final decision-making authority to its trustee, it becomes almost impossible for beneficiaries to successfully argue that this trustee is not correctly implementing the trust's terms.

The key is to select a trustee who's smart enough to interpret your intent and has sufficient backbone to stand up to beneficiaries when necessary. You also need to select a successor trustee too if your first choice can no longer serve. Fees paid to a trustee vary widely depending on the state's fee schedules, the size and complexity of the trust, and conditions laid out in the trust.

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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher
On November 7th, Gene Trom hopes to get your vote for City Council. Trom, a Blooming Prairie native, has high hopes for the town's future. He believes that the city of Blooming Prairie offers a quality school system, excellent churches, and many well-managed businesses. Mr. Trom appreciates your consideration, and encourages every Blooming Prairie citizen to get out and vote!

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor
Despite five years passing by, the Mega Halloween Storm of 1991 remains fresh in people's memories. The whole state of Minnesota was affected and depending on where you lived, what fell from the sky varied. The middle and the north part of the state received snow-Minneapolis got 30 inches-and Faribault and Kenyon area both got an inch of rain and then eighteen inches of snow on top of that. The power outages that followed were devastating to a majority of the state.

New legislation affects students entering the 7th and 12th grades this year. Parents should take note of a change in Minnesota's school immunization law made by Legislature in April. The new law requires that students in grades 7 through 12 receive on shot for tetanus and diphtheria (also known as a TD booster) after they are eleven years of age. This new requirement is a result of concerns about the diphtheria epidemic in the former Soviet Union.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, Oct. 27, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
Timothy Hansen, 13, of Austin was injured in a hunting accident last Saturday afternoon (October 23) at Oak Glen lake, four miles north of Blooming Prairie. According to the Steele County Sheriff's Office, the accident occurred around 3 p.m. when a shotgun discharged and struck the youth. He was taken to St. Olaf Hospital in Austin, and was transported to a Rochester hospital later Sunday, suffer superficial face and chest injuries. Physicians reported Tuesday that the youth's general condition was very good.

Halloween parties for all children grades 1 through 9 at the Blooming Prairie schools will be held on Monday evening of the next week, October 31. All children are invited to participate in this annual entertainment, which is being sponsored by the Parent-Teacher's Association. Costume judging will be done before the showing of the movie. There will be a prize for the best costumes in each grade. After the movie, cookies and an orange drink will be served. Children will be promptly dismissed at 9 o'clock.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, Oct. 23, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher
Disposition of the case of Joe Kubat, confessed sales slip manipulator, awaits final audit of the records of M. Nelson & Co., whom Kubat has confessed to have defrauded out of several hundred dollars by forging sales slips for poultry. Since each day's business must be carefully checked, covering at least a period of at least five months, the audit and conviction will have to wait several weeks.

A remodeling project at the First National Bank was near completion this week as the grille work over the counters was completely eliminated. In place of the grille work are glass panels about 18 inches high, framed in oak. The improvement is in keeping with the present trend in bank lobby construction to eliminate the old formidable iron work and heavy cashier cages.

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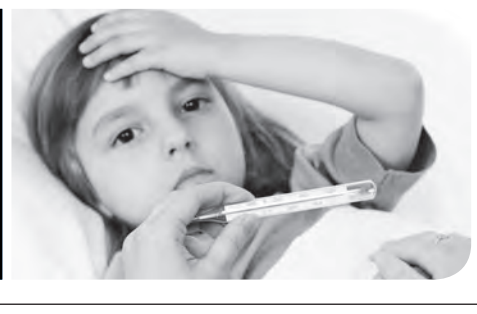

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WEM at New Richland
Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

Next game
Winner of Austin vs. John Marshall
Oct.29 - Time TBD

Next game
Southland at Blooming Prairie
Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

Next game
Kenyon-Wanamingo at Kenyon
Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

Huskies down Panthers

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna linebacker Ben Staska (51) wraps up Rochester Century running back Miguel Benjamin (9) in the second quarter of Owatonna's 35-20 win. The first-team defense allowed just 200 total ya ds of offense and a sco e before being taken out of the game.

35-20 win clinches second straight division championship

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Rochester - In the final game of the regular season, the Owatonna High School football team knew it would be a battle as Rochester Century's defense allowed just three rushing yards in last week's loss to Northfield.

Somebody forgot to tell sophomore running back Jason Williamson and the Owatonna offense.

Guided by a balanced attack, the Huskies offense slashed the Panther's defense for 220 yards on the ground to lift Owatonna to a 35-20 win in Big Southeast-Red Division action Wednesday.

The win secured the Huskies' second consecutive division championship and fifth of the last six. Head coach Jeff Williams said that Owatonna's defense came up with some critical stops that really allowed the momentum to be shifted back in the Huskies favor.

"We had a couple of big stops. That first series, they drove the ball on us, which not too many teams have been able to do. Teams have gotten big plays on us but they haven't just methodically driven the ball down the field. Century did. We got a big stop that got them going backwards," he said.

After Owatonna's opening drive marched 66 yards that ended with a 25-yard Williamson touchdown, the Panthers offense started to chip their way down the field on the ensuing drive. A 12-play drive ultimately stalled after two consecutive penalties on fourth down created a 4-and-14 situation.

Choosing to go for it, Panthers quarterback was sacked by Owatonna's Zach Mensink to turn the ball over on downs. Owatonna defense recorded three sacks on the night.

From the opening kick, the Huskies' offense was able to generate momentum and drive the field. After Owatonna's first 9-play scoring drive, the ensuing offensive possession featured a 12-play, 77-yard drive that ended with a 16-yard Abe Havelka touchdown run.

A quick three and out by the Panthers' defense found the Huskies knocking on the door again. This time, the junior quarterback connected on a 27-yard strike to Noah Budach to extend the lead to 21-0. Williams said that after starting off a little rocky, that he really found a rhythm.

"He did a great job of hitting Budach in stride, just a strike right into the one (Budach's jersey number)," he added.

Fielding the punt after a quick three and out was forced by the defense, Raichle hit a nice spin move to keep himself in bounds, cut against the grain and raced 42-yards into the endzone, putting the Huskies up 28-0.

Owatonna had a chance to add a score late in the half, but was stopped on a fourth and one attempt with seconds remaining.

Williams noted that they have to find a way to put teams away.

"I told the kids I was disappointed we didn't punch that one in just before the half because it probably could have put that in the rear view mirror," he said.

On their second possession of the second half, the Panthers found the end zone on a 19-yard run from running back Steven Nah.

After another Panthers' scoring drive was ended by a red zone fumble, Havelka tossed his second touchdown pass of the night, hitting Raichle on a 71-yard catch-and-run to extend the lead to 35-7.

Havelka finished the contest with 203 yards on 13 completions and two scores.

With the game in hand, the Huskies turned to their workhorse in Williamson. In just three and a half quarters of work, the sophomore carried the ball 29 times for 171 yards.

With a vast majority of their starters still in the game, the Panthers managed to add two scores late in the contest.

Heading into the bye week, Williams noted the down time would be good for the kids to heal.

"We just need to get healthy. Our kids have been in some dogfights the last couple weeks," he said.

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
O- Jason Williamson 25-yard run (Josh Nelson kick) 9:02
Second qaurter
O- Abe Havelka 16-yard run (Nelson kick) 11:00
O- Noah Budach 27-yard pass from Havelka (Nelson kick) 9:02
O- Alex Raichle 42-yard punt return (Nelson kick) 6:28
Third quarter
C- Steven Nah 19-yard run (kick good) 6:42
Fourth quarter
O-Raichle 71-yard pass from Havelka (Nelson kick)
C- Miguel Benjamin 65-yard run (kick good) 4:53
C-Steven Nah 9-yard run (kick good)

Team Stats

Passing: O 203, RC 109
Rushing: O 220, RC 243
Total: 223, 352
Turnovers: O 0, RC 1

Huskies individual stats

Passing: Havelka- 13 for 18, 203 yards, 2 TD's

Rushing: Williamson- 29 carries, 171, TD; Havelka- 3 carries, 24 yards, TD; Mensink- 6 carries, 17 yards; Budach- carry, -3 yards, Gauthier- carry, -4 yards; Thorn- carry, 15 yards.

Receiving: Budach- 3 receptions, 32 yards, TD; Dalton Kubista- 5 receptions, 65 yards; Raichle- 3 receptions, 90 yards, TD (65-yard punt return TD); Williamson-reception, 16 yards.

*Editor's note: Stats are unofficial at time of press.

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Blooming Prairie

Knights stomp Blossoms

Staff photo by Seth Bedenbaugh-DeLap

Blossoms wide receiver Lucas Noble (6) looks back at the ball as he awaits the snap in Blooming Prairie's 42-14 loss to Keynon-Wanamingo. The Blossoms offense struggled to get the passing gam going, throwing for only 131 yards in the loss. Bottom right: Blooming Prairie coach Matt Kittelson looks down at a tablet providing a recap of the previous play during the second half of the Blossoms' loss.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Kenyon–Wanamingo made short work of any suspense in the title battle against the Awesome Blossom football team on Wednesday.

The home field provided no advantage for BP, as the Knights rode to an easy 42-14 victory. Both teams came into the game 6-1 for the season, but KW dominated the game and jumped to a 26-0 lead by the end of the first quarter.

After stopping the Blossoms on their first drive, the Knights took over near midfield. On the first play from scrimmage, Calvin Steberg broke through the defense and raced 59 yards for a touchdown.

The Blossoms had no answer for Steberg's running in this game, as he had three jaunts of at least 48 yards in the contest.

"The Knights were more fired up than we were", commented Coach Chad Gimbel, "and we never did get on track. We just didn't elevate our game as we should have".

Gimbel offered no excuses, but the Blossoms are dealing with some important injuries, and the team lost Dylan Nark midway through the first quarter.

All-around player Max Romeo sat out the game with a bruised shoulder, and linebacker Payton Simon is still recovering from an injury from the game at USC.

Not that it would have made much difference. After a BP punt to midfield Jack Beulke found Gavin Roosen for 11 yards to the 41, and then tossed a 41-yard pass over a fallen Colin Lerum for the touchdown and a 12-0 edge.

A fourth down rush at midfield for the Blossoms led to a loss for Connor Getchell, and KW took over at midfield.

Again Steberg gashed the BP defense, this time for 48 yards and a 19-0 lead after the extra point try succeeded. Things only got worse for the locals when the Knights picked off Seth Peterson's pass attempt. With 42 seconds left in the quarter. Beulke found Roosen again in the corner of the end zone, and the Knights had a very sizable 26-0 lead at the first break.

Midway through the second quarter the Blossoms made a good drive, with Peterson throwing the last 15 yards to Wyatt Grundmeier, who made a sensational catch for the score.

The optimism didn't last long, however, as Steberg raced 78 yards on the first play of scrimmage, and the lead mounted to 33-7.

With five minutes left in the half, BP mounted a drive that led to a16-yard touchdown pass from Peterson to Lucas Noble on another good catch. The extra point kicks by Brad Staska were good, and the Blossoms trailed 33-14 at the half. They could get no closer.

"We controlled the line for the only time all night on that drive." said Gimbel.

"We have had trouble all year getting off the field on third down plays, and that continued tonight. It is frustrating to give up those conversions, and we didn't make tackles to stop those plays."

The final blow to the Blossoms came when the Knights took the opening second half kickoff and used almost five minutes in a drive that resulted in a 31-yard score and a 39-14 margin.

Early in the fourth quarter Beulke kicked a 21-yard field goal and that ended the scoring.

The Blossom defense got burned several times in the first half, but played much better in the second half.

Grundmeier led the charge with 14 tackles, Mitchell Oswald had nine tackles, and Zach Piller added six tackles for the team.

KW 42, Blooming Prairie 14

Team Statistics

KW Rushing 346, Passing 139
BP Rushing 131, Passing 129
Total offense: KW 485, BP 260

Individual Statistics

KW Rushing: Steberg 284 yards;
Passing: Beulke 7 of 11 or 139 yards.
Receiving: Roosen 56 yards.
BP Rushing: Getchell 56 yards;
Passing: Peterson 11 for 27 and 129 yards.

The unsung hero of Blossoms Football

Three years of dedication culminates for hopeful playoff run

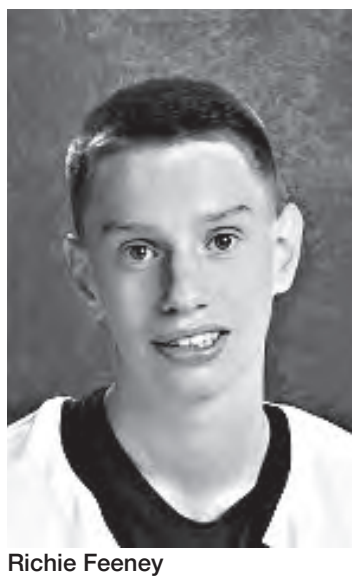
By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

A football team often has many heroes who star in a game, but some unsung heroes also abound on the team, and managers fit perfectly into that category.

One such individual for the Awesome Blossoms is manager Richy Feeney. Feeney is in his third year of attending to the needs of coaches and players, and he takes a great deal of pride in fulfilling his obligations.

Generally, he helps handle the equipment, sees that water is available, and runs errands for the coaches and the players.

His specific duties are many and change from time to time. Richy moved to Blooming Prairie three years ago, when his dad became administrator at Prairie Manor, and he volunteered for the manager's job almost immediately. He hasn't regretted a minute of it.



Richie Feeney

He gets along well with the coaches and the players, and he is a team member as far as they are concerned.

As BPHS staff member Ranell Kittelson recounted, "Richy is an incredibly caring and compassionate kid. He's very intuned to others and usually has a positive attitude about things. He has a great sense of humor and is a great hands-on learner.

"He's been a wonderful addition to our school, , and he will be greatly missed after he graduates."

The girls who do the stats for the team echo those remarks.

Richy would like to do some traveling after he graduates, but he is also comfortable at home. His pastimes include video games and being with his parents.

He likes basketball, his hardest subjects in school are math and social studies. He wouldn't mind working for his dad after graduation, and he also has some thoughts about veterinary medicine.

Time will tell if any of those things become a reality.

Although many would look at a manager's job as kind of inconsequential. Richy speaks for many when he talks bout his job with great pride. After all, a manager's job is vital to the well-being of a team, and Richy epitomizes that importance and vitality.

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Medford Medford wide receiver Alex Gengler (8) looks back at ball prior to running a route early in the third quarter of the Tigers's 41-29 win over United South Central Friday night in Medford. Gengler finished with 99 ya ds on eight receptions.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

With just one game left of the regular season, Tigers head coach Jerome Johannes said that the talk all week was about finishing on a high note. In what could be their final home game of the season, Medford did just that.

Powered by the legs of running back Marcus DeLeon and the arm of quarterback Javis VonRuden, the Tigers thumped United South Central 41-29 last Friday night in Medford. Johannes noted that his team played a complete game tonight.

"We played physical in both halves. Last game, we didn't have that. I'm really proud of our guys," he added.

Senior Marcus DeLeon continued his strong season, carrying the ball 29 times for 245 yards, and two scores. His 245-yard performance put him over the 1,000-yard mark for the season. Johannes added "Marcus (DeLeon) ran the ball physical and well tonight. I'm happy he was able to break the 1,000-yard mark."

The Tigers ran for a team high 301 yards as part of an offensive explosion that saw the team record over 500 yards of total offense.

Calmer weather enabled quarterback Javis VonRuden to bounce back from last week's struggle to throw for 224 yards. He was also efficient, completing 13 of his 20 attempts. He also added a score from the ground to go with his three passing touchdowns.

While senior Tye DeVoe's only two catches were touchdowns, VonRuden's favorite target on the night was Alex Gengler. He hauled in eight passes for 99 yards, and Nate Meixner hauled in a 72-yard score late in the game.

Defensively, Nick Masso's 13 tackles led the Tigers. This marks the second straight week that the linebacker led the team. Also for the second week in the row, Bo Noble finished behind Masso with eight tackles. As a unit, Medford surrendered just 283 yards of total offense. Johannes added that after a slow start, the defense settled down and really played well.

"Our defense played much better than it has the last few weeks. We gave up some big plays, but in between those big plays, we made them work hard to get first downs and forced punts," he said.

While the team now knows they will be facing section power Kenyon-Wanamingo, Johannes reiterated that they are proud of the effort.

"We are proud of the way the guys battle tonight."

Medford 41, USC 29

Team stats

Passing: M 224, USCHS 182
Rushing: M 301, USCHS 101
Total: M 525, USCHS 283
Turnovers: M 0, USCHS 1

Tigers individual Stats

Passing; VonRuden- 13 for 20, 224 yards, 3 TD's

Rushing: DeLeon- 29 carries, 245 yards, 2 TD's; Meixner- 2 carries, five yards; VonRuden- 5 carries, 38 yards, TD

Receiving: DeVoe- 2 receptions, 47 yards, 2 TD's; Meixner- reception, 72 yards; TD; Gengler- 8 receptions, 99 yards.

Defense

Masso 16 tackles; Noble 8 tackles; Greg Larson 7 tackles; Zach Wetmore 7 tackles; Tye Devoe 7 tackles, INT.

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NRHEG falls in overtime

Staff photos by Kylie Rice

Panthers defensive end Alex Buckmeier (50) tackles a Maple River ball carrier behind the line of scrimmage in the second quarter of NRHEG's 13-12 overtime loss. The Panthers failed to convert a game-winning conversion in overtime. Bottom: Running back Perry Peterson (22) attempts his only pass of the night late in the firs half as Noah Sletton (24) and Jack Shultz (60) pick up the blitz.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Maple River - For the second year in a row, NRHEG lost an overtime football game, this time to Maple River 13-12.

The game at Maple River Wednesday, hinged on a two-point conversion, and the Panthers fell just short in a repeat of last season.

The contest featured a bigger Eagle team against a Panther team that more than held its own.

Neither side could mount much of a drive all night, as the teams traded possessions most of the game. Panthers quarterback Sam Prigge found wide receiver Sawyer VanMaldeghem for a 61-yard touchdown in the second quarter and took a slim 6-0 lead.

Halfway through the fourth quarter Maple River running back Lincoln Arndt finished an Eagle drive with an 18-yard jaunt, tying the game at 6-6.

The game ended tied, and Maple River took the ball first in the overtime. This time Arndt ran nine yards for the touchdown, and Nathan Moore kicked the extra point for a 13-6 edge.

NRHEG had a chance when Prigge passed to Peterson for 10 yards and the touchdown, but Prigge's pass for the two-point conversion and the win, was defended by the Eagles, sending the Panthers down to defeat.

"That is the second straight year we have lost in overtime," remarked Coach Dan Stork.

"I thought our guys played their butts off. Maple River is much bigger, but we held our own against them. I am proud of our guys, and there is no quit in this team. They have worked hard all season, and have shown a lot of character. We are excited for the playoffs to begin."

The loss drops the Panther's record to 6-2 heading into the playoffs.

Maple River 13, NRHEG 12 OT

Scoring summary

Second quarter

NR- VanMaldegham 61-yard pass from Prigge (Conversion failed) 2:21

Fourth Quarter

MR- Arndt 18-yard run (PAT missed) 5:55

Overtime

MR- Arndt 9-yard run (kick good)

NR- Peterson 10-yard pass from Prigge (conversion failed)

Team stats

Passing: NR 122, MR 14
Rushing: NR 35, MR 247
Total offense: NR 157, MR 261

Panthers individual stats

Passing: Prigge- 7 for 16, 122 yards, 2 TD's, INT; Peterson- 0 for 1.

Rushing: Peterson- 12 carries, 28 yards; VanMaldegham- 2 carries, 5 yards; Noah Sletton- 5 carries, 3 yards; Prigge- 7 carries, 0 yards; Cole Staloch- 2 carries, -1 yards.

Receiving: VanMeldegham- reception, 61 yards, TD; Staloch- 3 receptions, 34 yards; Brady Agrimson- 2 receptions, 17 yards; Peterson, reception, 10 yards, TD.

Defense: Peterson 6.5 tackles, 1.5 TFL, INT; Lucas Bailey 6 tackles, TFL; Tyler Jacobson 5 tackles, TFL; Alex Buckmeier 5 tackles.

Prep Preview

The opening week of the postseason gives three Steele County teams a chance to extend thier season with home match ups.

Blooming Prairie (6-2)

After getting thumped by the Knights 42-14, The Blossoms will host Southland high school in the first round of the section tournament.

Medford (2-6)

The Tigers ended the regular season with a win over USC 41-29.

Medford will look to continue the strong play with a first round match up at Kenyon.

NRHEG (6-2)

The Panthers will look to rebound from a 13-12 loss against Maple River with a first round matchup against WEM.

All kickoffs are scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Huskies defensive end Ethan DeKam (14) attempts to tackle Century's Miguel Benjamin (9) in last Friday's 35-20 win.

Mid Southwest-West

	Div.	Overall
Kenyon-Wanamingo	7-0-0	7-1-0
Blooming Prairie	6-1-0	6-2-0
Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton	5-2-0	5-3-0
Bethlehem Academy	5-3-0	4-4-0
St. Clair	3-4-0	3-5-0
Medford	2-5-0	2-6-0
United South Central	1-6-0	2-6-0
Mankato Loyola	0-7-0	0-8-0

South Central-Blue

	Div.	Overall
Mayer Lutheran	7-1-0	7-1-0
Maple River	6-1-0	6-2-0
NRHEG	6-2-0	6-2-0
Norwood-Young America	5-2-0	5-3-0
Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity	3-4-0	4-4-0
Sibley East	3-4-0	3-5-0
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	2-4-0	4-4-0
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	2-5-0	3-5-0
LeSeur-Henderson	1-6-0	1-7-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	0-6-0	0-7-0

Big Southeast-Red

	Div.	Overall
Owatonna	5-0-0	6-2-0
Northfield	4-1-0	6-2-0
Rochester Mayo	3-2-0	5-3-0
New Prague	1-4-0	2-6-0
Rochester Century	1-4-0	2-6-0
Rochester John Marshall	1-4-0	2-6-0

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2. Barnesville
3. Eden Valley-Watkins
4. Pilager
5. Redwood Valley

*Receiving votes:
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Kenyon-Wanamingo

Class 5A
1. Elk River
2. Mahtomedi
3. Chanhassen
4. Spring Lake Park
5. Mankato West

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**Rankings source: Northstarfootball.com*
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Steele County Football Schedule

Blooming Prairie

Sept. 2... at Rushford-Peterson L 26-6
Sept. 9... vs. Bethlehem Academy W 32-0
Sept. 16... at St. Clair W 34-16
Sept. 23... vs. J-W-P W 12-8
Sept. 30... at Mankato Loyola W 2-0 (*Won by forfeit)
Oct. 7... vs. Medford W 54-29
Oct. 14... at United South Central W 45-6
Oct. 19... vs.Kenyon Wanamingo L 42-14

Medford

Sept. 2… at Lewiston-Altura L 41-0
Sept. 9... at JWP L 32-25
Sept. 16…vs. Mankato Loyola W 44-0
Sept. 23… vs. Bethlehem Academy L 24-21
Sept. 30… vs. Kenyon Wanamingo L 47-0
Oct. 7... at Blooming Prairie L 54-29
Oct. 14... vs. St. Clair L 28-21
Oct. 19... vs. United South Central W 41-29

NRHEG

Sept. 2… vs. Mayer Lutheran L 36-13
Sept. 9... at Lester Prairie W 39-31
Sept. 16… vs. WEM W 30-22
Sept. 23… at G-F-W W 58-8
Sept. 30… vs. Sibley East W 38-29
Oct. 7... at LeSueur-Henderson W 14-11
Oct. 14…. vs Lake Crystal-WM W 26-0
Oct. 19... at Maple River L 13-12 (OT)

Owatonna

Sept. 2... vs. Mankato West L 34-19
Sept. 9... vs. Rochester JM W 26-7
Sept. 16... at Fairbault L 21-10
Sept. 23... at Northfield W 21-3
Sept. 30... vs. Austin W 49-18
Oct. 7... Rochester Mayo W 42-21
Oct. 14... at New Prague W 29-16
Oct. 19... at Rochester Century W 35-20

Four-Point Stance

JOSH ZIMMER

After 71 years... FINALLY!

You read that headline right ladies and gentlemen, after 71 years, the Chicago Cubs will be playing in the World Series.

In the bottom of the ninth, on a 2-2 pitch, Dodgers outfielder Yasiel Puig hit a hard ground ball to Chicago shortstop Addison Russell, who then flipped the ball to Javier Baez before firing to Anthony Rizzo for the series-ending double-play.

A double-play to end the game, end the series and send Cubs fans across the country into tears. I wish all fans could see the smile that must have struck the face of Cubs great Ernie Banks, who has since passed away.

Now, I've spoken to plenty of Cubs fans via social media, and they all had the same reaction as myself when it became real.

Did this just really happen?

Winning the NLCS ensured the Chicago Cubs a match up with the American League Champion Cleveland Indians for a shot at the World Series.

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Now, add the Cleveland Indians-who played in their last World Series just three years later in 1948-who prior to the All-Star break were lucky to win a bid for a Wild Card.

However, ever since the Cavaliers won the NBA championship eariler this year, title droughts talk couldn't be more prevelant in "Believeland." Well, except for the Browns.

With the American League winning this year's All-Star game, the series will start in Cleveland before coming to Chicago.

The only thing that is for sure in this match up is that one team will end a long championship drought.

Game One should see Cubs ace Jake Arrieta take the mound. The best thing that could happen because, as we saw with Kershaw Saturday night, a full recovery is critical for a pitcher.

As Harry Carry mentioned back in 1991, "As sure as God made green apples, someday, the Chicago Cubs are gonna be in a World Series."

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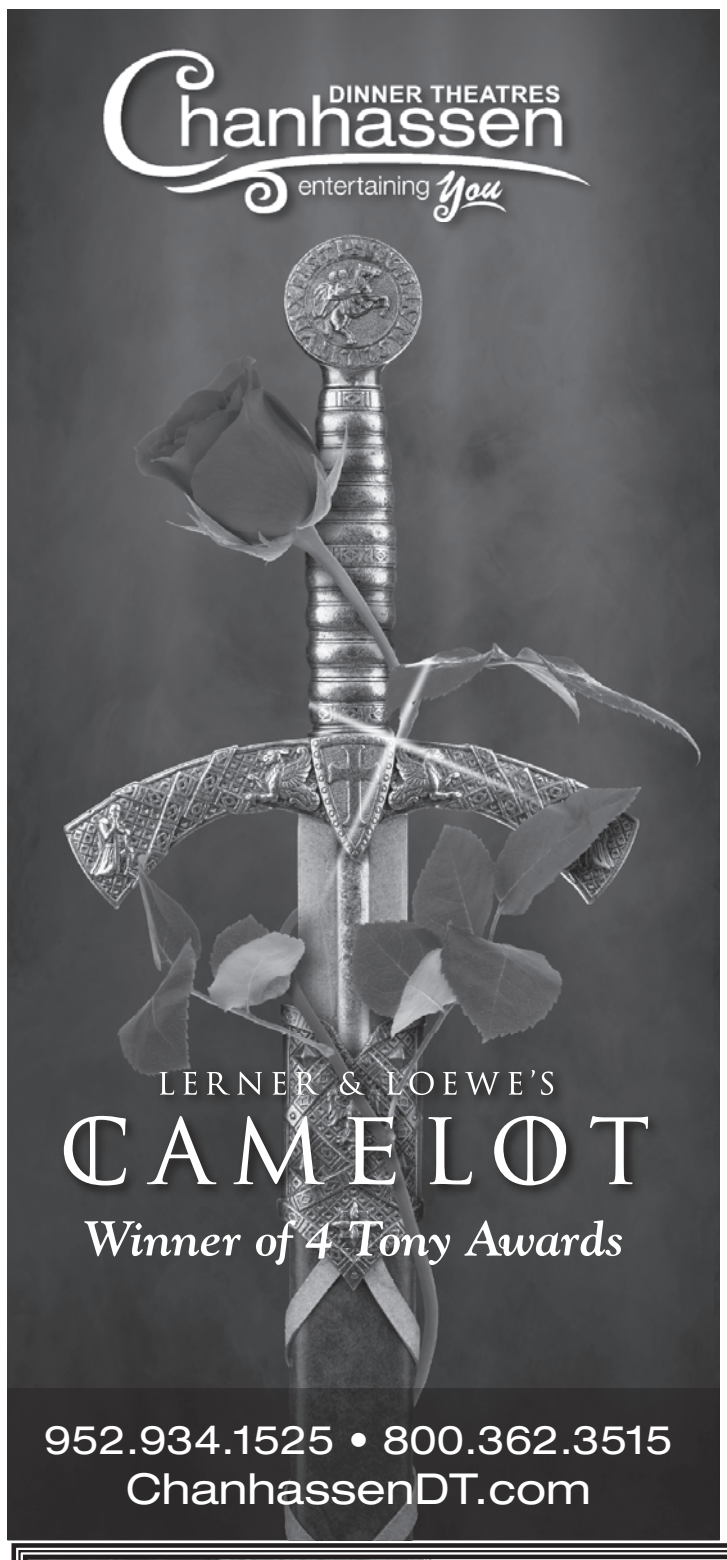

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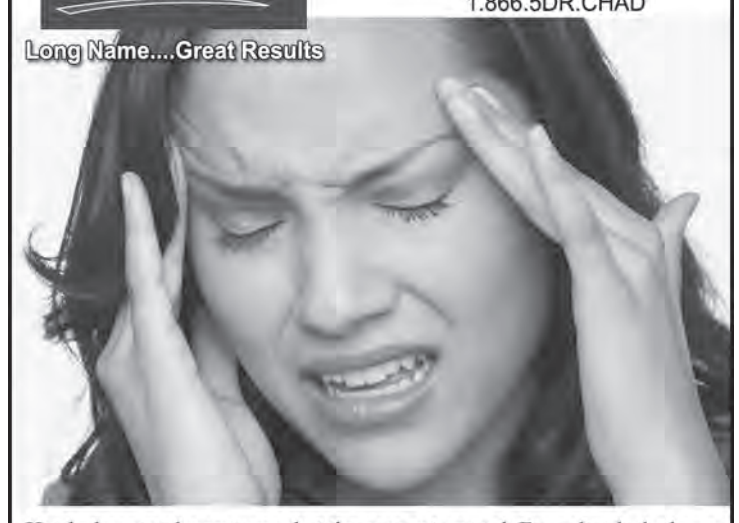

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29 - New York Jets @ Cleveland
30 - Green Bay @ Atlanta (*Tiebreaker)

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Community Calendar

Event Spotlight:
AAUW sets November meeting

American Association of University Women Owatonna invites interested guests to attend their meeting on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Owatonna Public Library, Gainey Room. The program will feature Protect Minnesota, a non-profit group of Minnesotans working to prevent gun violence, deaths, and injuries through education, advocacy, and organization. This group emphasizes violence prevention using a public health model and seeks to build a strong statewide values-based coalition to prevent gun violence.

PHOTO MEMORY

LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Staff photo by Karen Jorgensen

Last fall, volunteers gathered at Trinity Lutheran Church to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children, a Minnesota-based Christian non-profit that provides meals for malnourished children throughout the world.

FOR THE RECORD

HAPPENING NOW

Staff photo by Mark DeLa

Alyesa Baxter sits on classic 1938 International at Farmer John's Pumpkin Patch. The farm has eight acres of pumpkins and provides families the chance to see the beauty of nature in the Minnesota autumn.

Blooming Prairie

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
BP Card and Club Luncheon
3-4:30 p.m.: Canvas and Cookies, Hayfield High School Art Room
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
3-4 p.m.: Design A Mug, Hayfield 4th Grade Classroom
Thursday, October 27, 2016
4-7 p.m.: JFK Elem Lunchroom, Hayfield Elementary
6-9:30 p.m.: CPR, Hayfield Elementary Library
Friday, October 28, 2016
4-9 p.m.: Hunter Saftey Class, Hayfield Elementary Library
Saturday, October 29, 2016
8-6: Hunter Safety Class, Hayfield Elementary Library
7-9 p.m.: Play, Hayfield West Gym
Sunday, October 30, 2016
12:30-5:30 p.m.: Open Gym, Hayfield East Gym
7-9 p.m.: Play, Hayfield West Gym
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
3-8 p.m.: JFK Elem Lunchroom, Hayfield Elementary
5:30-9:30 p.m.: 5w5 Alive Class, Hayfield Elementary Library
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
5-6 p.m.: Hayfield EDA, Hayfield City Hall
5:30-9:30 p.m.: 55 Alive Class, Hayfield Elementary Library

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7-8:20 p.m.: NRHEG Karate ES Gym North Ellendale
Thursday, October 27, 2016
5:30-6:40 p.m.: NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
7-8 p.m.: NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
7-8 p.m.: NRHEG Zumba
Monday, October 31, 2016
6:20-7:40 p.m.: NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellendale
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2-2:30: The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Monday, October 31, 2016
2-2:30 p.m.: Arthritis Foundation Medford Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

Owatonna

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
9:30-10:30 a.m.: It's TALE Time, Owatonna Library
5:30-6:30 p.m.: Owatonna Planning Commission, City Hall
4-5 p.m.: OPU Public Utilities Commission, Utilities Plant Office
6-7 p.m.: BPBL Book Club
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
10:30-11:30 a.m.: BPBL Storytime
Thursday, October 27, 2016
6:30-7 p.m.: OPL Family Storytime
Friday, October 28, 2016:
7-8 p.m.: Movie Night, New Beginnings Church Owatonna
Saturday, October 29, 2016
All Day: Library Closed
Monday, October 31, 2016
3:45-4:30 p.m.: Book Pals (Grades 5 & 6), APLP Children's Library
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
All Day Hope Curbside recycling, S of 42nd Ave
9:30-10:30 a.m.: OPL It's TALE Time!
10:30-11:30 a.m.: BPBL Storytime
5-6 p.m.: Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd floor Conference Room City Hall
7-8 p.m.: Hope City Council Meeting, Hope City Hall
7-8 p.m.: Owatonna City Council, City Hall
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
All Day Hope Curbside Recyling
10:30-11:30 a.m.: BPBL Storytime
12-6 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive, St. Joseph's Church,

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Tuesday, October 25, 2016
8-9 a.m.: Social Media Breakfast,
10:30-11:15 a.m.: Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Secondary School Staff Mentee Meeting, Albert Lea High School, Room E213
3:45-4:30: Book Pals (Grades 3&4), Albert Lea Library
6-9 p.m.: Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Drive, Albert Lea
Thursday, October 27, 2016
10:30-11:30 a.m.: ALPL Storytime
5:30-6:30 p.m.: AL Council workshop, City Council Chambers
7-8 p.m.: Band Concert, Albert Lea Senior High School
Friday, October 28, 2016
6-9 p.m.: Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Saturday, October 29, 2016
6-9 p.m.: Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Monday, October 31, 2016
10:30-11:30 a.m.: ALPL Storytime
10:30-11:15 a.m.: Storytime Videocall, Albert Lea Library
7-8 p.m.: Albert Lea City Council, Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
10:30-11:15 a.m.: Storytime Videocall, Albert Lea Library
3:45-4:30: Book Pals (Grades 3&4), Albert Lea Library
5:30-6:30 p.m.: AL Planning Commission, City Hall
5:30-6:30: Planning Comission, City Hall
6-9 p.m.: Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Drive, Albert Lea
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
7:30-8:30am: AL Port Authority Meeting, AL EDA

Austin/Mower County

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Chef Jack's Fall Harvest Luncheon, Mower County Senior Center
12 p.m.-1p.m.: Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office
4 -6:30 p.m.: Our Family Matters Planning, Mower County Senior Center
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
9 a.m.-5p.m.: Rummage Sale and Chicken Soup Luncheon, First Congregational Church Austin
10 a.m.-5p.m.: Austin ArtWorks, Austin ArtWorks Center
11:30-12:30 p.m.: SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House Lyle
5-8p.m.: 2016 Best Bartender Contest, Hormel Historic Home
6:30-8 p.m.: Adult Hockey, Riverside Arena Austin
7-8 p.m.: Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin
Thursday, October 27, 2016
12-1 p.m.: Lunchbox History series, Mower County Historical Society
2-3p.m.: George Washington Myth vs. History, Mower County Senior Center
3-7p.m.: Chicken-n-Biscuit Supper, First United Methodist Church
4-7 p.m.: Austin Farmer's Market,
4-6 p.m.: Famers Market Place LLC, in front of Shopko
4-7 p.m.: LeRoy Farmer's Market, Downtown LeRoy
9-12 p.m.: Garden Spot Market, Brownsdale Main Street
11:30-12:30p.m.: SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House Lyle
5:15-7:15: Bingo, Austin VFW
Friday, October 28, 2016
7-10 p.m.: Austin Bruins vs. Minot Minotauros, Riverside Arena Austin
7-10 p.m.: Mower County 4-H Ambassadors Haunted House, Mower County Fairgrounds 4H Building
Saturday, October 29, 2016
9a.m.-12 p.m.: Austin Farmers Market,
9a.m.-12 p.m.: Famers Market Place LLC
10 a.m.-1 p.m.: 2016 Fall APD Auction, Packer Arena
10-2: Exploring Abstract Art, Austin ArtWorks Center
10:30-1:30 pm: 4th Annual Fall Fest, Downtown Austin
7-10 p.m.: Austin Bruins vs. Minot Minotauros, Riverside Arena Austin
7:30-9:30: Music @ the Bank: Part Time Ex's, Austin ArtWorks Center
Sunday, October 30, 2016
11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.: Scandanavian Dinner, St. Olaf Lutheran Church Austin
1-3 p.m.: Grand Meadow Open Gym
1-2:30 p.m.: Riverside Figure Skating Club- Basic Skills, Riverside Arena Austin
2-4 p.m.: Austin Symphony Orchestra:Heroes, Knowlton Auditorium Austin High School
2:30-5 p.m.: Riverside Figure Skating Club- Advanced Ice Time, Riverside Arena Austin
Monday, October 31, 2016
9-10:15 a.m.: Austin Symphony Orchestra:Heroes, Knowlton Auditorium Austin High School
10:45-12 p.m.: Austin Symphony Orchestra:Heroes, Knowlton Auditorium Austin High School
11:30-12:30 p.m.: SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House Lyle
12-1:30 p.m.: Halloween Dinner, Mower County Senior Center
4-7 p.m.: Austin Farmer's Market, 501 Oakland Ave E
5:15-7:15: Bingo, Austin VFW

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