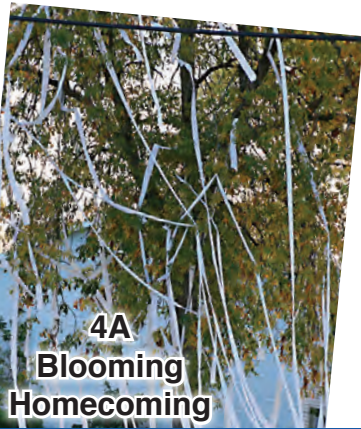




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A blazing lesson in prevention



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Blooming Prairie Firefighter Je my Wangen took a quick break from teaching a lesson in fi e prevention last week to adjust a fi e helmet on Jeff ey Bruns, a kindergarten student from Blooming Prairie Elementary School. The kindergarten class toured the fi e station in preparation for this week's Fire Prevention Week, which stresses the importance of fi e safety, and showed that learning about fi e prevention can never start too soon. Area fi e departments will be going into the classrooms to teach fi e safety throughout the week. See inside pages for additional fi e prevention tips for all ages.

Anatomy of a domestic

The killing of two more police officers, this time in Palm Springs, during their response to a call of a family fight underscores the dangerousness of family violence. For hundreds of years, the cultural norm has been to look away, to leave it to the family to do either do nothing or to find their own solutions. It has become increasingly clear, however, that intimate violence carries with it a cost to communities as a whole. The burdens are not contained within that abusive household.

To be clear, the vast majority of domestic abuse situations never come to the attention of law enforcement. Here is a look at what happens in those that do. Once officers respond, they typically separate the parties and try to understand what has happened. If the responding officers agree there is probable cause to believe domestic

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Combining beans can be a strategy game

"With a wet year like we've had, you can't put enough tile in"

— Jim O'Connor

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

A deluge of rain in late September has forced Blooming Prairie area farmers to play a strategy game in deciding how to harvest some fields still containing wet conditions.

"I still have dust and that makes me happy," remarked Jim O'Connor of O'Connor Farms when navigating his 8230 Case combine.

Dust wasn't always on the horizon when this writer sat in the instructional seat of the O'Connor combine last week. "When you see rain hit the windows, it's not a good feeling," said O'Connor. As the harvest continued, the rain cloud passed over and the sun

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Dust is welcome over rain when Blooming Prairie farmers are in the field harvesting soybeans. Here, Jim O'Connor of O'Connor Farms pilots a Case 8230 combine on the O'Connor home farm just west of Blooming Prairie.

MN barns

By KYLIE RICE
Staff intern

Barns are something that capture the interest of a person, no matter if you've grown up on a farm, or lived in the city your entire life. Something about the towering roof tied with the simple use of the building holds the viewer's attention. The barn always seems to be the heart of the farm. "There is a little bit of farmer in all of us," remarked Doug Ohman as he spoke Wednesday night at an Owatonna Community Education program.

Ohman is a Minnesota photographer who travels the state photographing old barns. "I like to say I have the best job in the world. I get to drive around the backroads of Minnesota snapping pictures, I've

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Banquet honors Blossoms

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Some of Blooming Prairie's most vibrant blossoms returned Saturday night to be honored for their achievements since they graduated.

The Blooming Prairie Education Foundation banquet awarded its distinguished service and honored school staff member accolades, as well as inducted members into the Blooming Prairie Athletic Hall of Fame.

Barry Olson, Blooming Prairie Schools' superintendent, gave the greeting to banquet attendees on behalf of the Blooming Prairie school system.

"I think you should be proud of

our educational system," Olson said, "Things are going very well in blossom land."

The first honoree to speak was Linda Christenson, who's being awarded the foundation's distinguished female service award. Christenson, despite growing up with polio, has dedicated her life to community service.

When speaking of her illness, Christenson said, "It has given me a good angle." She attributes her desire to help others in part to her own health difficulties.

"I am just honored beyond belief," she said of the award.

Missy Avery Ahrens was honored next as the female addition to the hall of fame. Her athletic career scored her MVP status in three dif-

ferent sports her senior year.

"Are you sure I'm old enough?" Ahrens joked. She was the youngest person inducted that night. At least 15 years have to pass between an alum's graduation and their induction. Ahrens was selected the first year she was eligible.

"I'm truly honored to be standing here tonight," Ahrens said, "being nominated by one of my heroes makes this moment even more special." Lisa Bruns, another hall of fame member, recommended Ahrens for the honor.

The male addition to the hall of fame was recognized next, all 19 of them. The entirety of the 1966

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Homecoming royalty



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Kicking off Blooming Prairie's homecoming, Ben Smith and Leah Shiefert were crowned homecoming king and queen.

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Don't forsake your own mercy

It isn't easy making mistakes. Not for the one who makes them or for the ones who are the collateral damage as a result. We have been running a series this year on DWI and although we have listed statistics and graphics and even graphic images, the problem continues.

We can only hope to educate and provide people with information to digest. Obviously, it is not up to an educational or informational system to make the actual choices for individuals. It is, however the responsibility of an entire community to help to educate, to inform, to warn and to get involved.

There is one more thing, though that needs to be added to the education, the information, the warnings and the hands on involvement.

Those are all valid and important components to dealing with a problem that has run rampant in society. It is a problem that is no respecter of persons. The pain has hit big cities as well as small town America. It has affected both the rich and the poor. It has taken a toll on the guilty and the innocent.

That being said, knowing the evils of, the horror stories and the pain that the wrong choices have created, there is a component that is lacking in the dealing with the problem.

A component that many tend to overlook.

It is the choice to take the side of mercy when dealing with the aftermath and to reach out to the one who was caught up in the fray. The one who made the mistake and whose life will ever be changed as a result.

We don't, as a society, do very well in the aftermaths. We are so sure that the preventative measures will work that we don't plan on fallout. That lack of wisdom and insight has left many wounded and dying on the battlefields of everyday, ordinary life.

Guilt is a vice that tightens. Surely those who have suffered the collateral damage want to see suffering as payback. Perhaps you have made mistakes in which no mercy was afforded. There are many excuses for not reaching out. None good enough.

If we truly reap what we sow, then perhaps we will need to reap mercy somewhere in our not too distant future. Perhaps we are not infallible. Perhaps we will fall into a mistake of epic proportions or maybe just one that hurts a lot. We can forsake our own mercy when we choose not to reach out and sow ourselves into the healing and comfort of one who has been broken.

Those who are forgiven and healed with mercy have an excellent chance to recover and learn from the mistakes and become productive members of society. They may even learn how to walk without the limp of shame.

On the other hand, those who are abandoned, tend to remain abandoned. They also tend to make more mistakes in the midst of the pain.

So, you see, mercy can be another preventative measure to someone's future. Perhaps even your own.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

It's perhaps one of the biggest moves I have seen towards repairing what has been an on-going effort in recent years to stripping away the meaning of family and Thanksgiving.

The Mall of America has gone cold turkey in ending the practice of staying open on Thanksgiving Day. Alleluia. Finally somebody is coming to their senses and doing what's best for families and not their own pocketbooks.

This is one of the smartest moves I have seen in business for a long time. It renews my faith that business people aren't as heartless as many have come to think.

Last week's announcement that the mall will close its theaters, Nickelodeon Universe and many of its other attractions as possible is causing a stir in the retail world.

In the past, I have condemned the practice of businesses being open on Thanksgiving. I have even gone as far as writing an open letter in this column to Minnesota's Target Corporation.

It seems over the past few years retail businesses think it's just fine to join in on what has become known as the

A mega move that deserves much thanks

Black Friday creep. Many retailers have opened as early as 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving in an effort to get an early jump on grabbing the almighty shopping dollar. Forget about settling in for a turkey feast and enjoying family together. In the eyes of some, it means nothing and that's a travesty on so many levels.

It has become apparent that large retailers value commercialism ahead of the values of Thanksgiving. The state of our families is already in such a precarious situation of falling apart, many times by no fault of their own. But the larger issue remains how do we keep our fragmented families from taking a greater nosedive into brokenness.

Here's what the mall officials said in making their decision: "Give this day back to our employees so they can celebrate with their families."

It's my desire that the mall's decision will restart a national conversation about the values people attach to holidays. After all, something needs to change to save our families. We need to have the sacredness Thanksgiving has long offered our families.

Even as a businessman myself, it has never made sense to me to rob already time-starved families on one of the most important days of the year for fam-

ily to make this happen.

I don't think we need to be reminded, but I'm going to any way. Thanksgiving is about family, love and thankfulness. Churches encourage us to spend time together and focus on the true meaning of giving thanks.

While money is certainly important to our very existence, America is not solely built on the almighty dollar. It is about family, God, respect and care for each other and of course, freedom to be whoever you want to be.

I hope other retailers will follow suit of what the mall has decided. We need to take back what's happening around us on major holidays. If businesses are still insistent on tempting us with sweet Black Friday deals, boycott them and don't go.

What to do after turkey dinner? That's a no-brainer. Play a game or watch a movie. Take a walk outside. Visit with each other (without electronic gadgets in hand). Have another scrumptious desert. Or, perhaps most importantly, give thanks for the many blessings we have in this country.

We can start by giving thanks to the megamall for its mega decision to go in hot pursuit of putting a little more thanks into Thanksgiving.

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Guest column

Seeking legislators who can get the job done

By ROBERT BEUSSMAN

The 2016 legislative session was a major letdown for transportation advocates. Despite bipartisan agreement that it is one of the biggest issues facing our state, legislators could not agree on how to fund transportation needs across Minnesota. As a result, the project to expand U.S. Highway 14 to four lanes from Rochester to New Ulm once again fell by the wayside.

Only 24.5 miles remain to complete the expansion of this vital corridor of commerce, but it's going to take a lot of money to finish the job—MnDOT estimates about \$300 million—and

the price will only go up if we delay any longer.

That is why the U.S. Highway 14 Partnership is asking all legislative candidates along Highway 14 to support an increase in the gas tax to raise the money needed to finish Highway 14 and fund other transportation projects across the state.

Many current legislators and candidates are quick to argue that the public doesn't support a gas tax increase. However, we disagree. In August and September, the U.S. Highway 14 Partnership received nearly 700 separate survey responses from residents and business leaders from Brown, Blue Earth, Nicol-

let, Waseca, Steele, Dodge and Olmsted counties. The results of this survey found that 64.3 percent of respondents support increasing the gas tax if it would raise the money needed to finish Highway 14. When told the amount an average driver would pay, that support rose to 74%.

Further, our survey found that there was little appetite for diverting funds from other state programs such as education and health and human services to pay for transportation needs. It was clear that respondents would prefer to pay a little more to finally finish Highway 14 rather than see cuts to other programs.

While our survey was not scientific, the results are very similar to a scientific poll conducted by the national firm Harper Polling in November 2015. In that poll, which was authorized by the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, 61 percent of respondents from the counties along Highway 14 said they would support raising the gas tax if "the revenue it generated would be specifically directed to fund the completion of the repairs and widening along Highway 14."

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Support for Daniels

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ATM for their tax and spend agenda and ask you to turn your back on Rep. Daniels and put Patti Fritz back in office to push their tax and spend, tax and spend agenda.

Who is better at determining where you should spend your money? You or the Bureaucrats and Politicians in St. Paul? No more tax and spend!! Rep.

Daniels has our backs as taxpayers and we should have his in November! Vote Rep. Brian Daniels for District 24B on November 8th!

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Steele County homes have elevated radon levels and should be tested



SCOTT GOLBERG

The Minnesota Department of Health has launched a new on-line tool to help residents get a more accurate picture of radon levels in their counties.

Radon is an odorless, colorless, gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils. It is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. More than 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the U.S. are linked to radon.

Radon can enter homes through cracks or openings in walls or foundations. The only way for a resident to know if their home has high levels of radon is to test. Radon is a problem everywhere in Minnesota, and everyone in every county should test their home. Renters should also test their homes and discuss the results with their landlords.

MDH created the new interactive county radon maps and charts using five years of data from 2010-2014. The analysis found that 759 properties in Steele County were tested during this period with 67 percent of them having high average radon levels (4 pCi/L or above). For levels of 4 pCi/L or higher, MDH recommends taking action, including installing a radon mitigation system. Overall, about two in five Minnesota homes have dangerous levels of radon gas.

“Radon is a problem all across Minnesota but it can be hard to know if you have a problem because you can’t see it or smell it,” said Dan Tranter, MDH in-

door air program supervisor. “It is important for home buyers know their rights and get potential homes tested for radon so any problems can be fixed before buying a house.”

The 2014 Minnesota Radon Awareness Act requires sellers to inform home buyers whether their home has been tested for radon and if so, what the levels are and whether the home has been mitigated for radon. In addition, sellers must provide a warning statement and a two-page publication about radon to the buyer. Radon tests can be incorporated into a home inspection. The law does not require radon testing or mitigation; only disclosure of whether testing or mitigation of the home has been done. There is no disclosure or notification requirement when signing a lease, unlike when buying a home.

Testing is easy, free, and only takes three to five days. Test kits are available for pick up at the Steele County Environmental Services Office, County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, (507) 444-7475. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tests should be done in the lowest level of the home that is frequently occupied. If your home’s level is at or above 4 pCi/L, you should consider verification testing and having a radon mitigation system installed. MDH maintains a list of certified radon mitigation contractors

For more information on radon testing and mitigation, visit MDH’s radon website at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/mitigation.html>, call the Minnesota Department of Health Indoor Air Unit at 651-201-4601 or 1-800-798-9050, or contact the Steele County Environmental Services Office at (507) 444-7475. To see how radon has affected the lives of cancer patients and their families, visit CanSAR.

Plea to finish Highway 14

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I understand a politician’s fear of touting a tax increase, but it’s time for our legislative candidates to face the facts. In 2015, Republicans and Democrats agreed that the state needs an additional \$600 million per year for highways and bridges. Nothing comes close to raising this money as quickly and efficiently as the gas tax. For example, a gas tax increase of 10 cents per gallon would raise about \$300 million a year while costing the average driver in Minnesota around \$54. The state could make significant progress on highway repairs, and most drivers would only have to pay about as much as it costs a couple to go out to dinner and a movie.

As we move into the home stretch of the election season, it’s crucial that voters along Highway 14 speak up about the need to finish Highway 14. Only 24.5 miles remain, but it is going to take strong leadership at the State Capitol to get it done. We deserve leaders who are willing to stand up for their constituents and support a realistic and responsible solution to finally fix Highway 14.

To see the full results of the U.S. Highway 14 Partnership’s transportation funding survey, go to <http://ushighway14.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Survey-Results-packet-9.29.pdf>.

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been doing this for 17 years professionally.” But more than just a photographer, Ohman likes to say he is a storyteller, and a gatherer of Minnesota history.

The slideshow at the event displayed some of Ohman’s work, and filled the room with a sense of awe. “I used to photograph churches around Minnesota. One day, I realized that all of these barns I was driving past

and ignoring were worth the same attention as the churches. Every single one of these barns has a story. Most people think that once you’ve seen one barn, you’ve seen them all. I’ve come to find that isn’t true.”

“I realized that as a photographer if I did not get the story, I am missing the best part.” Ohman said. “A photograph without the story is only halfway there.”

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came out, making O’Connor happy once again.

The challenges remained ahead as O’Connor came across some wet ground on his 160-acre home farm that forced him to strategize and section off the field to avoid getting his combine stuck. “Howard, you will have to hook up the chain when we get stuck,” O’Connor joked (maybe he wasn’t joking).

O’Connor is the patriarch of the O’Connor Farms business.

O’Connor Farms is operated by Jim, son Pat, son-in-law Sam Wencil and Craig Strand. Helpers around the farm include Jake Lightly and Chris Wacek. “There are others, friends, relatives and neighbors who help us out and work together for one common goal,” Jim O’Connor said. O’Connor Farms raises 7200 hogs and farms more than 3000 acres.

The O’Connors wrapped up the soybean harvest late last week and then planned to begin the corn harvest. Pat said the soybean harvest was “pretty good” with yields being in the upper 60 bushels to the acre, about 10 to 15 bushels above average.

Other farmers in Steele, Dodge, Freeborn and Mower counties reported wet conditions for the soybean and corn harvests that caused some adversity. Some farmers have reported over 70 bushels to the acre on soybeans and up to 235 bushels to the acre on corn.

The harvest is looking good.

Wrapping up the soybean harvest

Most area farmers reported good yields except in an area in Newry Township where hail struck four to five times during the summer and stripped many of the plants.

Soybeans harvested by O’Connor Farms contained about 12 percent moisture which is desired, said Jim and Pat O’Connor.

Let’s get back into the combine and harvest some more soybeans with Jim O’Connor. He called it “mud bogging” on this particular day. “Let me know when you see water or frogs,” he said in a more serious tone.

As we were on a ride-along program (similar to police ride-alongs, not really), we immediately learned more about the equipment that was carrying us and more about the fields we were traveling.

The Case combine uses a 40-foot Draper head enabling O’Connor to harvest about 15 acres in an hour. The combine is also guided by a GPS. Punching a “Nudge” button will allow corrections as minutely as an inch.

We were harvesting on O’Connor’s 160-acre home farm, his 35th crop on this field located just west of the O’Connor bin site. “We’ve made a lot of improvements on this field in respect to drainage and without tile, this field would be a disaster,” O’Connor related. “With a wet year like we’ve had, you can’t put enough tile in,” he added.

O’Connor said crops from this

field “are more consistent in soil health.”

Beans being harvested on O’Connor Farms are sent to Fairmont where they are processed into soybean meal for feed consumed by hogs and cattle. Some of the beans are also exported through Cargill and CHS. Most of the bean crop will go to the Orient, O’Connor said. “There’s a lot of hungry people in the world,” O’Connor believes.

As farmers harvest, they also carefully watch the farm markets from their combine cab. O’Connor is no exception. He said beans are currently at \$9 a bushel and corn is just over \$3 a bushel.

As we headed to the end of a bean row in the field, the machine echoed a sound mindful of a video game, ordering us to turn.

The harvest efficiency is spiked by a process where Sam pulls a huge cart alongside the combine. It’s called unloading on the go. The cart will hold 1000 bushels. The combine will hold up to 400 bushels.

What happens to the field after it is fully harvested? “Manure,” O’Connor quickly replies. “It’s locally produced organic fertilizer that comes from the process of making bacon,” he said.

O’Connor said safety is always of prime concern for he and his work crews. “One can get pretty tired when running a combine and breaks are encouraged,” he suggested.

Banquet honors awesome alums

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Boys’ Basketball Team and coaching staff was inducted. They’re the only Blooming Prairie boys’ basketball team to ever claim a regional title. Several members of the team addressed the audience.

“Our winning margin averaged 15 point,” Bob Tonolli recalled, “The emotions were just unbelievable going to state.”

John Sanders remembered at the start of that season, “we thought we had great possibilities.”

Bill Fritze, a member of the

coaching staff that year said, “I’m glad to be a blossom. I was a blossom for 16 years.”

There were several jokes poking fun at one another, and Fritze recalled the first time the team entered Williams Stadium for the state tournament they had been awed by the size. One had even asked, “How many bales of hay do you think we could fit in here?”

Loren Elinger addressed the crowd next on behalf of his father Charlie, this year’s honored school staff member. Charlie

was a custodian for Blooming Prairie schools back in the 1930’s and 40’s.

“My dad took precious care of not just the building, but the children and staff as well,” Loren Elinger said, “Charlie will never really leave the school. He will always be remembered.”

The final recognition given that night was to Dr. Les Hansen. He received the distinguished male service award for his work as a teacher at the University of Minnesota, as well as his outstanding research into the

O’Connor said he loves farming. “It’s my chosen occupation and I am playing my role in the local food chain. I am a producer so others can be a consumer.

Still making dust, O’Connor reflects on the Pioneer soybean variety that “has been real good for us for a lot of years.”

“Oh, Oh! water,” O’Connor proclaims as he pilots his huge farm rig through some greasy soil. The feeling for the combine operator and member of the media was like gliding on an ice rink.

“Come on machine, you’re into it now. As long as you keep moving, you will be OK. It’s like going for it on fourth down. If we make it through this, I am not coming back through it.”

The journey through the mud was successful mainly due to the piloting of O’Connor.

O’Connor said, in his mind, he knows the soil type and fertility level of virtually every field the O’Connors harvest. Knowing your fields is part of a farming operation, O’Connor says.

“The good thing is there is a crop here. I have combined beans in below zero weather.”

This harvest marks the 43rd year O’Connor has operated a combine.

As we neared the end of my instructional and observational period in the combine, O’Connor said a farmer’s entire gross income comes down to what they are doing at harvest time in the fall. “The rest of the year, it’s all expenses,” he said.

genetics of fertility, health, and survival of dairy cows. His work has garnered him international recognition, and his hometown is happy to join the number of people who have honored him for his work.

At the end of the evening, Julie Noble, the foundation’s president, was happy with the turnout. She noted this year was especially exciting because of the unique honoring of a whole team.

“We have a lot of wonderful alumni,” Noble said.

What happens after a domestic abuse call is made

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abuse has occurred, the law then requires officers to try to determine who was the primary, first aggressor. If they are able to do so, that person is arrested. If the person is not still present when officers initially arrive, they seek to locate and speak with that person before making the determination about whether charges are appropriate. Mandatory arrest must generally be carried out within 24 hours.

After arrest and booking at the Adult Detention Center is complete, officers transmit their reports to the prosecuting authority. The city attorney has jurisdiction for non-felony domestic crimes occurring in Blooming Prairie, and the county attorney handles all felonies and for lower level offense occurring in the rest of Steele County. Charges may issue in the form of a ticket or in the form of a formal complaint that contains a summary of the actions the State believes give rise to the charges. Prosecutors may make follow-up recommendations to law en-

forcement concerning further investigation. As science has demonstrated that a person who has just experienced a traumatic event may well be unable from a neurobiological perspective to immediately provide all necessary and relevant information, or to provide that information in a straightforward, chronological, understandable fashion, it is becoming more of a standard practice for law enforcement to follow-up with the victim, and potentially with the accused, a few days later.

The accused person appears in court generally within 36 hours of arrest. Ideally, a bail study will have been completed and filed to provide the judge with background information relevant to the issues the judge is obligated under the law to consider: will the accused return to court voluntarily, and are there concerns about public safety? A judge can set bail, conditions the accused must abide by while the case is pending, or both. A history of past warrants for fail-

ing to appear in court will likely lead to the requirement that the accused post some kind of bail. In domestic abuse cases, conditions can include restricting the accused from his/her own home, a requirement to abstain from alcohol and non-prescribed drugs when the situation alleged seems to have been exacerbated by use by one or both parties involved, and may include other restrictions on the accused’s contact with the alleged victim and children in the household. These significant deprivations of liberty are not ordered without serious consideration of the available information.

Bail studies include information about past criminal history and chemical health concerns. Other relevant factors include the accused’s ties to the community, such as a local address, family in the area, and employment. The study can also include recommendations about conditions that might “keep the peace” until the criminal matter is resolved. If an accused is pre-

vented temporarily from being in the home, generally the judge will provide that the person can make one visit home in the presence of a law enforcement officer to retrieve necessary items, which includes not only clothing and toiletries but also work boots, tools and important papers. Efforts are made by the probation officer completing the bail study, as well as by the prosecutor’s office, to connect with the alleged victim to determine what that person is requesting in order to feel safe while the matter works its way through the courts.

As the case goes through the court system, the alleged victim is consulted a number of times. Sometimes her/his requests seem puzzling or counterintuitive. Next week we will look at the laws concerning victim’s rights and the valid reasons why many victims take positions other than “nail ‘em and jail ‘em.”

“The other thing I always notice is a farmer’s hands. One farmer agreed to let me take a picture of his hands, and that is one of the pictures I love the most. We are a nation of farmers.” Ohman stated. “We are a country based on the hard work, the determination, the ethics, everything that farmers loved, and you can see that in their hands.”

According to a study by the

University of Minnesota, we lose historical barns at the rate of 100 per year, with most of those being over 100 years old. “We’re losing history every day,” Mr. Ohman said. “But we can change that. We need to keep the trails of the past alive. History is all about stories, and it is our duty to tell them.”

Minnesota is losing over 100 historical barns per year



BLOOMING PRAIRIE HOMECOMING

Crowning kicks off homecoming



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

King Ben Smith and Queen Leah Shiefert gather with their homecoming court and masters of ceremonies, including Jake Hyland, Elijah Baker, Kylie Forystek, Camden Heimerman, Courtney Wobschall, Bryan Fristedt, Laura Grant, Wyatt Grundmeier, and Rose Johnson. The candidates this year represented students from across the school from theater to sports.



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BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Kicking off homecoming on Monday night, Blooming Prairie brought some of its most beloved students center stage for the 2016 homecoming coronation. Rose Johnson and Jake Hyland served as masters of ceremonies. They welcomed to the stage royalty candidates Ben Smith, who escorted Leah Shiefert and Elijah Baker, who escorted Kylie Forystek. Wyatt Grundmeier was accompanied by Laura Grant. Bryan Fristedt walked up Courtney Wobschall before he doubled back to walk with Camden Heimerman, who was without a queen candidate to escort. Once everyone was settled on stage, the candidates competed in the newlywed game and answered questions from their partner’s favorite color to who their favorite hockey player was. Since Heimerman didn’t have

a partner, he was first challenged with keeping three balloons in the air and then spinning a Frisbee on his finger. He managed the later, but the balloon challenge got away from him. At the end of the game, the candidates were then awarded scary movies in honor of October, with such brilliant titles as “Killer Clowns from Outer Space”. As the night wound down, the time came to crown the homecoming king and queen. The king candidates were asked to stand first, and after a dramatic pause, Ben Smith was crowned king. The queen candidates were asked to line-up, and Leah Shiefert, Smith’s partner was crowned as well. The court joined their classmates in celebrating homecoming with dress-up days and Friday’s parade. Together with their community, they added another great chapter to the legacy of Blooming Prairie homecoming and Blossom pride.



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(Top) Blooming Prairie seniors Jake Hyland and Camden Heimerman put some finishing touches on their display located near the commons area. Students in grades 8-12 participated in the hall decorating contest from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2. (2nd) As the MCs announce Ben Smith homecoming king, he is congratulated by his fellow king candidates. This year’s homecoming court were a close group.

(Top) The sophomore class won the Blooming Prairie High School Homecoming decorating contest in the hallways at the school. Those helping with the decorating won ice cream sundae treats. Shown adjusting the display are sophomores Cody Anderson and Zach Haberman. (2nd) Instead of the newlywed game, candidate Camden Heimerman competes to keep three balloons in the air for a minute to score points. He was sadly unable to do so.



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At this year’s pep fest, students competed in a pie eating contest, where they could not use their hands.



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Two boys volunteer as banner bearers for the high school band. The band played several songs for the gathered parade crowd.



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Art club members recreated a rollercoaster with their costumes in hopes the football team would “roll” to victory.



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The Blooming Prairie brass section marches with the rest of the high school band in the parade.



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(From left to right): Elijah Baker, Kylie Forstetk, Bryan Fristedt, Courtney Wobschall, Luara Grant and homecoming Queen Leah Shiefert pose for a photo at halftime of BP’s homecoming game.



Submitted photo

Coach Worke’s junior varsity and ninth grade volleyball players dressed as clowns for their entry in the Homecoming parade. The team earned second place for its entry.

Businesses hold bridal blitz

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Local businesses are lined up to help walk brides down the aisle.

On Oct. 8, the Holiday Inn hosted a Bridal Expo, where numerous brides, mothers, friends, sisters, and even in a few rare cases, the groom himself, turned up to examine

the wares of over 20 local vendors in the wedding business. This is the first time the hotel has hosted an expo in the fall. It usually holds one in

January, and will continue to do so, in anticipation of spring weddings. As wedding trends are starting to move toward more autumn dates, however, the

hotel decided to cater to those brides as well. The event is free for the public to attend. It is also popular with local business owners who credit it with

helping drum up several clients each year. These vendors take wedding day bliss seriously.



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Top Left: Wings of Love, based out of Waterville, offers white pigeons that can be released at the end of the wedding ceremony. The pigeons are trained to fly back to their home, so the company can guarantee the safety of the pigeons they use. They market their service as a unique and memorable statement that couple's can use to end their ceremony.

Top Right: Kelly Paul, HyVee's cake decorator, stands next to one of her favorite cakes that she designed with a steampunk theme. Kelly has won several awards for the inventiveness of her cakes, including an extreme cake challenge in Iowa. It can take her up to three hours of planning to design a cake. This was her second weekend in a row for wedding expos, as the week prior she had been at the Owatonna Historical Society's.

Left: Torey's, a local Owatonna restaurant, set up their booth with free samples for passing by brides to try. They were one of several catering services available to attendees, including the Owatonna County Club. This expo was smaller than its spring counterpart, but Owatonna businesses still turned out to offer local options to soon-to-be spouses

Bottom: The Perfect Day Cakes set up an elaborate display of the different cake and cupcake designs they can do. They have been in the cake business for over a decade, and owner Thea Farrington is almost entirely self-taught. She and her husband have done so creating cakes for weddings that they were able to branch into opening a full bakery. They boast a uniquely designed cake for every bride, so their customers don't have to worry about their cake being a repeat.



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It was a season to forget



How did the Minnesota Twins fare in 2016? Forget it! In the life of a Twins fan, the years 1965, 1987, 1991 and 2016 are years to remember. Maybe, the year 2016 doesn't fall into this category. It might be one we Twins fans would like to forget. The years 1965, 1987 and 1991 signaled American League championships for our favorite Twins. What happened in the year 2016? Well, we can tell our grandchildren that this was the year that the Twins lost

103 games, the most losses ever recorded by a Twins team. Even though the Twins lost the most games ever, they drew nearly 2 million fans, 1,963,912 to be exact. In 1982, the Twins lost 102 games and drew under 1 million, 921,186 to be precise. In 1981, the Twins drew only 469,090 due to a strike-shortened season. If you go back even further in the history of the Twins, known as the Washington Senators before they moved to the Twin Cities in 1961, you will see that the Senators lost 110 games in 1909, one year after the Chicago Cubs won their only World Series championship. The Cubs of 2016 carved the best record in Major League Baseball and have been tagged a favorite to win the 2016 World Series. The Twins of 2016 won 59 games compared to only 41 games won by the Twins during the strike year of 1981. As long as we're talking statistics, in 1965 the Twins won the most games ever, 102. It was that year the

Twins went on to play the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series and lost the series four games to three. During the Twins' World Series championships of 1987 and 1991, they won 85 games and 95 games, respectively. The championship of 1987 spiked the attendance to 3,030,672 in 1988. The Twins attendance soared over 3 million two other times, in 2010, the inaugural season for the Twins at Target Field at 3,223,640, and again in 2011 at 3,168,107. It's always easy to say "wait till next year." That's what we did last year, encouraged by 11 more wins in 2015 than in 2014. This proved to not be a good sign as we watched Manager Paul Molitor, 60 in actual years, turn into a 103-year-old man. Twins owner Jim Pohlad at mid-season gave Manager Molitor a vote of confidence and said he would be back in 2017. It seems like Molitor and the rest of the coaching staff, all but Waseca native Gene

Glynn, must go. Make Glynn the manager. He is definitely qualified, having coached for four different Major League teams. He also was successful as a manager in the minor leagues. Glynn interviewed for the Twins managerial post the year Molitor was chosen top man. Yes, the Twins have some talent on their roster in Brian Dozier, Max Kepler, Miguel Sano, Brian Buxton, Ervin Santana, Eddie Rosario and Hector Santiago. Looking into the minor leagues, the Twins also have some promising talent. The Twins' trademark has always been its farm system. Loyal Twins fans must always support their favorite team but I must admit that it has been difficult in recent years. Hang in there. Look what happened in 1991, both World Series teams, the Minnesota Twins and Atlanta Braves went from worst to first in their respective divisions.

Governor proclaims ‘Cybersecurity Awareness Month’

Recognizing the importance of protecting Minnesotans' private data and state systems online, Governor Mark Dayton has proclaimed October to be "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Minnesota. Every day, attacks are launched against our state systems, private citizens, and those who do business with the state.

"Strong cybersecurity is critical to protect our citizens, our businesses, and our state from attacks online," said Governor Dayton. "As these threats increase in volume and sophistication, we must invest in critical upgrades, technology, and talent to keep Minnesotans safe and secure online." Last session, Governor Dayton proposed a historic investment to improve Minnesota IT Services' cybersecurity program across state government. This \$20 million investment would have allowed the state to protect against many of our most pressing threats through investments in critical upgrades, technology, and talent to keep Minnesotans safe and secure online. Unfortunately, the Legislature did not agree to any of the Governor's proposed funding for Minnesota IT Services to enhance the state's cybersecurity program last session.

"Minnesota IT Services staff are essential to the success of securing the state," said Minnesota IT Service Commissioner, Thomas Baden. "Our dedication to collaboration with both state and federal agencies in an effort to understand current threats to Minnesota is unparalleled – I take great pride in knowing that other states look to us as a model around cyber defense. Greater investment in cybersecurity is needed to meet the growing threat we face in our state."

Attacks on state systems are intended to steal citizens' private data, disrupt government operations, or use government resources to conduct illicit or illegal operations. The number of these attacks has increased significantly, and they are now more sophisticated and more targeted than ever. "Each day we go to work knowing that someone is going to attack us," said Minnesota's Chief Information Security Officer, Christopher Buse. "Our goal is to keep Minnesotans' data safe and secure from nefarious actors that hide behind their screens. Ensuring that our data is safe is the center of our work, and we are thankful for our many partners in this effort, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing &

Analysis Center, and other industry-leading private sector organizations." The cost of detection and escalation of cyber-attacks is growing. According to the Ponemon Institute's 2016 study on the cost of a data breach: The average cost incurred for each lost or stolen record containing sensitive and con-

fidential information is \$158. This is up 29 percent since 2013 as well as the average consolidated total cost of a data breach is \$4 million. forty-eight percent of breaches are malicious attacks and costs due to lost business are higher and churn rates have increased by 2.9 percent. The likelihood of a breach happening in any organization

is 26 percent over a period of 24 months. To help educate Minnesotans about the importance of cybersecurity, Minnesota IT Services will be sharing important cyber tips for businesses, families, students, educators, government, and all Minnesotans throughout the month.

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Obituaries

Margaret A. Williamson, 93, Blooming Prairie



Margaret Ann Watson was born Aug. 2, 1923 in Oak Park, Ill., the daughter of Clyde and Jenny (Conway) Watson. She grew up in Oak Park and graduated from Oak Park High School in 1941. Following high school, she attended secretarial school and later worked for the Chicago Motor Club, which eventually became part of the American Automobile Association.

Margaret married the love of her life, Frank Williamson, in Oak Park on Aug. 10, 1944. At the time, Frank served in the U.S. Navy and commanders cut his ship's leave short, leaving the new couple little time to plan or celebrate their wedding. In 1947, the couple moved to Lemont, Ill., to follow Frank's lifelong dream of being a farmer. They later moved to Sandwich, Ill., to work for another farmer. Jill, the couple's first child, was born there. The opportunity to rent a farm took the couple to Belvidere, Ill. in 1950, and they bought a separate farm in that area in 1958. During their years in Belvidere, Margaret gave birth to their sons Terry, David, and Mark. A larger farm in Waltham, became available for purchase and the Williamson family moved there in 1968.

Upon moving to Minnesota, Margaret became a member of First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie and became very active in the congregation through teaching Sunday school and volunteering for other activities. Margaret continued to live on the Waltham farm until 1998, when she and Frank retired to a new home in Blooming Prairie. She was very happy in their new home and lived there until 2012, when she moved to Prairie Manor Care Center for health reasons. In her free time, Margaret enjoyed gardening and homemaking. Her family relished the special meals she frequently prepared and the desserts she lovingly baked. They also admired Margaret for her lifelong devotion to Frank and his dream to be a farmer, even though he was born and raised in Chicago.

She was a city girl who became the perfect farm wife and allowed Frank to follow his dreams without ever complaining. Margaret is survived by her husband Frank Williamson of Blooming Prairie; her children Jill (Terry) Gamlin of Huntington, Ind., Terry (Diane) Williamson of Cottage Grove, David (Shelley) Williamson of Woodbury, Mark (Debra) Williamson of New Brighton; grandchildren Michelle (Todd) Dischinger of Crosslake, Minn., Brian (Misty) Gamlin of Huntington, Ind., Scott Gamlin and Micki Beekman of Huntington, Ind., Eric Williamson of Cottage Grove, Nathan Williamson of Coon Rapids, Michael Williamson of Washington, D.C., Andrew Williamson of Seattle, Wash.; great grandchildren Drusilla Dischinger, Luke Dischinger, Justin Erickson, Kenzie Gamlin and Kylie Gamlin.

HomeTown Credit Union to give back

HomeTown Credit Union is pleased to introduce HomeTown Spirit Day for the Faribault community. On Monday, October 10, Columbus Day, team members of HomeTown Credit Union will spread kindness and give back to the community. "This is our first HomeTown Spirit Day and the response from our team has been overwhelming," said HomeTown Credit Union Community Education Coordinator, Kurt Halverson. "In recent years, credit unions across the state of Minnesota have started to devote Columbus Day as an annual day to give back to

the community. HomeTown Credit Union is excited to join this movement and give back to the communities we serve." "Credit Unions were founded on the philosophy of people helping people," President/CEO Kim Westphal said. "That's what HomeTown Spirit Day is all about." This year, staff from HomeTown Credit Union in partnership with Affinity Plus Credit Union will deliver thank you notes and cupcakes from BlueBird Cakery to Faribault's emergency service providers. In the afternoon, HomeTown Credit Union team members will continue HomeTown Spirit Day by

working on beautification at the White Sands Dog Park and by playing bingo with residents of Milestone Senior Living and Memory Care. "We feel fortunate to take a day to show our appreciation to our emergency service providers, including North Memorial Ambulance, Faribault Fire Department, Faribault Police Department, Rice County Sheriff's Office and Rice/Steele County 911 Dispatch Center," Halverson said. "In addition, it's a great opportunity for our team members to get out in the community." Team members from HomeTown Credit Union's

Owatonna office will also be giving back through HomeTown Spirit Day on October 10 with similar activities. HomeTown Credit Union is a not-for-profit cooperative that exists to serve the financial needs of the member owners. It is the mission of HomeTown Credit Union to be a trusted partner for financial success, providing personalized and competitive financial services to the member owners of the Credit Union in a fiscally responsible manner.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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October 12
Candace Bartlett
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Travis Doocy
Alexa Miner
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Candace Anderson
October 13
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Paula Ressler
Chad Forystek
Cody Burkhart
Lloyd Mans
October 14
Taylor Farr
October 15
Roger Sorenson
Burnell Hansen
Scott Musel
Cecil Friesner
October 16
Daryl Smith
Jeri Alwes
Harper Marie Andrews
Nancy Ilk

October 17
Sami Nelson
Melissa Kohn
Dean Meshke
Kathy Johnson
October 18
Shelby Meier
October 19
Kathy Anderson
Paul Iversen
Leah Thorson
Misty Karella

ANNIVERSARIES

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October 12
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October 14
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Taco Salad with Taco Chips, Grapes, Double Pistachio Cake
October 17:
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Carrots, Cherry Crisp
October 18:
Chicken Pot Pie, Cucumbers with Sour Cream, Beet Pickles, Dinner Roll, Citrus Fruit Cup
October 19:
Chopped Sirloin Steak with Mushroom Sauce, Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Green beans, Peaches/Pears/ Grapes

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT
Worlein Funeral Home earns Pursuit of Excellence for 9th straight year



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Worlein Funeral Home of Austin and Blooming Prairie was recently notified that it earned the prestigious Pursuit of Excellence Award given annually by the National Funeral Directors Association. Worlein Funeral Home is located at 418 Highway Ave. S. in Blooming Prairie and at 1801 4th St. NW in Austin.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

For nine years running, Worlein Funeral Home of Austin and Blooming Prairie has earned special recognition from the National Funeral Directors Association.

Worlein was notified early this month that it had received the Pursuit of Excellence designation for the ninth consecutive year. Worlein was also selected one of nine finalists for the NFDA Best of the Best award.

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The Pursuit of Excellence Award is presented annually to firms that have demonstrated a commitment to raising the bar on funeral service excellence by adhering to strict ethical and professional standards and providing outstanding service to families and communities.

The award is given to NFDA-member funeral homes that meet or exceed business standards set forth by the program and demonstrate proficiency in key areas of funeral service, such as compliance with state and federal regulations; providing ongoing education and professional development opportunities for staff; offering outstanding programs and resources to bereaved families; maintaining an active level of involvement within the community; participating and actively serving in the funeral service profession and promoting funeral home services through a variety of marketing, advertising and public relations programs.

Participants are also required to adhere to a Pledge of Ethical Practices.

Only 155 firms from around the world received this prestigious recognition, placing them among an elite group of funeral service providers.

Other Minnesota funeral homes receiving the Pursuit of Excellence designation were:

- Miller-Carlin Funeral Home, St. Cloud
- Joseph Vertin & Sons Funeral Home, Breckinridge
- Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel, Hector
- Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel, Hutchinson
- Dalin-Hantge Funeral Chapel, Winthrop

All Pursuit of Excellence applicants submit an essay describing the development and execution of a program or service that had a positive impact on the families they serve or their community, qualifying them for the Best of the Best Award, which recognizes the most novel and innovative programs and services in the profession.

Worlein Funeral Home community service director and pre-planning consultant Mary Kittelson submitted an essay on Worlein's Little Free Library program instituted at Austin and Blooming Prairie locations.

Best of the Best finalists are selected based on qualities such as the uniqueness of the idea on a national level, quality of implementation and the benefit to those served.

Recipients of the Best of the Best awards for 2016 were: Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Traverse City, MI; Seaver-Brown Funeral Service of Marion, VA and Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton, TN.

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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.

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Semi-Healthy Senior

Dear Semi-Healthy,
There are actually two different flu vaccines available this year that are designed specifically for seniors age 65 and older. One option is the Fluzone High-Dose, which has been available since 2010, and the other is the new FDA approved FLUAD vaccine

(you only need to get one of these).
The Fluzone High-Dose (see Fluzone.com) is a high-potency vaccine that contains four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. While the new FLUAD vaccine (FLUAD.com) contains an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59 that also helps create a stronger immune response. The extra protection these vaccines provide is particularly helpful to seniors who have weaker immune defenses and have a great

risk of developing dangerous flu complications. The CDC estimates that the flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills an average of 24,000 – 80 to 90 percent of whom are seniors.
But be aware that both the Fluzone High-Dose and FLUAD are not recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.
You should also know that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend

one vaccination over the other, and to date, there have been no studies comparing the two vaccines.
If you decide you don't want to get a senior-specific flu shot, there are other options available to people 65 years and older including the standard (trivalent) flu shot, the quadrivalent flu shot which protects against four different flu viruses, and the FluBlok vaccine for those who have egg allergies.
To locate a vaccination site that offers any of these flu shots, visit Vaccines.gov and type in your ZIP code. You'll also be happy to know that as a Medicare beneficiary, Part B will cover 100 percent of the costs of any flu shot, as long as your doctor, health clinic or pharmacy agrees not to charge you more than Medicare pays.
Pneumonia Vaccines
Two other important vaccinations the CDC



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recommends to seniors, especially this time of year, are the pneumococcal vaccines for pneumonia. Around 1 million Americans are hospitalized with pneumonia each year, and about 50,000 people die from it.
The CDC is now recommending that all seniors, 65 or older, get two vaccinations –Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23. Both vaccines, which are administered just once at different times, work in different ways to provide

maximum protection.
If you haven't yet received any pneumococcal vaccine, you should get the Prevnar 13 first, followed by Pneumovax 23 six to 12 months later. But if you've already been vaccinated with Pneumovax 23, wait at least one year before getting the Prevnar 13. Medicare Part B covers both shots, if they are taken at least 11 months apart.

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

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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, October 17, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher
Midwest Management Resources Inc. announced the results of a comprehensive School District Review of the BP Schools. Recommendations included addressing the air quality concerns in both the high school and the elementary schools. Alongside of those concerns, the study also spoke about communication, staffing, curriculum, and facility apprehensions. The school is in need of some updating on its playground equipment and facilities, and a referendum needs to be passed for this district to continue to compete for the future. Overall, the study was a success, and both the school board and administration learned plenty with the review.
Every fall, students from seven school districts come

together for the ZED choral festival. This year it will be Bloomington's turn to host the festival at the high school. There are over 400 singers involved in this event that come from all over Southern Minnesota. The orchestra from the Pine Island High School. This event is huge, and should be fun for the whole family!

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, October 15, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor
Steele County is now named second in the state for the percentage of county generated solid waste that is recycled, according to recycling statistics recently released by the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance. In 1995 Steele County recycled 67 percent of its waste, outpaced only by Waseca County, which recy-

cled 80 percent. Businesses and residents in Steele County are commended for their efforts to recycle and reduce waste. Recycling pays!
Bloomington City Council approved the hiring of Paul Wayne, a former Geneva resident, as police chief. Wayne will leave his post as police chief of Delevan-Easton in the next couple of weeks to take over the new position. He was one of the two finalists chosen by the five-person committee picked to recommend a new chief after the retirement of Terry Bredeck, who retired in August. "I expect an easy move [into the position]," said Wayne of starting his job. "I don't see any problems as it's a position I'm already familiar with. I'm excited to get going."

50 Years Ago
Thursday, October 13, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
Residents of this community are urged to participate in a state wide home exit fire drill entitled "Operation EDITH". The event is being sponsored by the local Fire Department, State Fire Marshal and the Minnesota Fire Chief's Association. "EDITH" stands for Exit Drills in The Home, and is an exercise to prepare homeowners through a practice session on how best to exit from their dwellings in case of a fire. This in turn is expected to help lower the annual rate of 11,500 deaths that occur in house fires. At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the operation will begin with a one-minute signal over radio and television stations. The local fire siren will also be sounded.
Luckily no one was seri-

ously injured in a car-motorcycle collision about 5:30 p.m. Sunday, October 9. The accident occurred on Memorial Drive in Bloomington. The auto was traveling north on Memorial when the motorcycle, with driver and passenger, came from an alley into the path of the car. The driver of the cycle was treated by Dr. T.J. Nealy and released. Both the driver of the car and the motorcycle were juveniles, and therefore their names cannot be released. The driver of the motorcycle was issued a ticket.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, October 9, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher
In the worst auto accident in the history of Steele County, six members of the Minneapolis dance band met instant death this morning (October 16, 1941.) at 5:30

on Highway 65, four miles south of Steele County, when their bus collided head on with a semi-trailer livestock truck. Four other members of the band escaped without serious injury. The truck was driven by Ernest Mehlhoff of Breckenridge, Minnesota. His relief driver, Ralph Pierce, was asleep at the time of the crash. Authorities called to the scene found the horrible wreckage of the flimsy remodeled school bus strewn like leaves along the highway for 300 feet. The entire left side of the bus was pulverized, resulting in the death of everyone who was seated on that side.
A state highway crew moved its office and headquarters to Bloomington last week, and reopened a survey of the trunk Highway 30.

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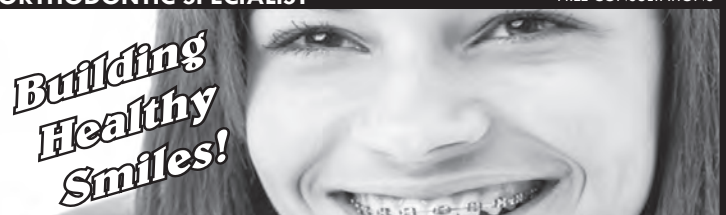
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- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
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FACTS

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Blossoms compete at Chatfield invit

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

In another invitational cross country meet of the season, the Blossom boys took the runner-up spot again, this time at the eight-team Chatfield Invitational.

In the individual race, Alec Ille and Elijah Baker placed

4th and 6th. All five boys who counted times for the locals finished in the top 25 to earn the team second place.

Ille and Baker ran the course in 17:47 and 18:28, Evan Dorerhoefer ran a 19:44 (14), Kyle Bramstedt timed a 20:05 (18), and Quentin Kubista came home in 20:19 (22.) Jesse Schewe and Ethan Grant also ran and finished in the top 60 runners.

BP's girls paced 7th of the eight teams, but it marked just the second time a full team of girls competed. Individually, Bobbie Bruns led the team by placing 12th in 22:11. Alison Pryor and Jerrin Jax both finished in the top 50-Pryor with a time of 24:30 (29) and and Jax in 26:05 (48). Olivia Johnson and

Rose Michaud ran the course in 26:52 and 32: 54.

"It was a very difficult course," remarked Coach John Bruns, "but we ran well again. Bobbie Bruns led the girls again, and Alec Ille and Elijah Baker continued to impress the field. The runner who really provided the key to the team's second place was Kyle Bramsteadt. He ran his best ever the difficult course, and he has improved by leaps and bounds."

Adam Larson Dylan Johnson, and Gustaof Ogren ran in the junior high meet for the boys, and Asha Lightizer and Emily Anderson ran for the girls. Lightizer placed 14th and Anderson 21st. Overall, BP runners had a productive day.

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Homecoming sports

Bucs sweep Awesome Blossoms

BP drops fifth straight match

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

It has been a tough three weeks for the Awesome Blossom volleyball team.

BP dropped its fifth match in a row at Waterville Thursday, as the Bucs swept the locals in three straight games. The match was the only one of the week for the Blossoms, as homecoming activities took center stage at BPHS.

WEM won the first set in that match 25-14, but the last two games remained competitive for most of the time.

The Blossoms had a tough n night contending with senior hitter Katie Masberg, as she dominated at the net, both in kills and in blocking attempts for kills.

In game one, the score was close at 16-10, until Janet Hering served 5 straight points and a 23-13 Buc lead. A Masberg block gave the ball back to the winners, and MaeLea Harmon served the winner.

Haley Androli and Alexis Morsching combined for 23 points, Morsching with the last 8 points ,in a 25-17 second game victory, and Trista Hering served 7 points in game three, including four ace serves, for an identical 25-17 win and the match. The play of Masberg and Androli at the net kept the Blossoms off balance all night.

"Actually, I was proud of the girls tonight," commented Coach Ranell Kittelson, "for the way they hung in al three games. They didn't give up, even when they fell behind earlier. WEM has developed into a top-notch team, and they can compete favorably with the elite Bethlehem Academy squad squad now."

Sam Wurst and Marissa Larson had 6 and 5 kills, with both adding 3 blocks in the match. Leah Inwards had 10 assists and scrambled for 9 digs. The team record dropped to 8-12 with the loss.

The WEM JV team won its match over the Blossoms in two games. The locals fell just 25-2 , after losing the first game 17-25. Rachael Oswald served 8 for 8 and Julia Worke went 7 for 7. WEM served 8 points midway through game one for that victory, and a balanced attack won the second game the JV team is now 10-10 for the season.



Staff photo by Seth Bedenbaugh-DeLap

Blooming Prairie senior Leah Schiefert winds up to serve during the Blossoms matchup against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown on Thursday. Blooming Prairie dropped their fifth straight match, losing 3-0.

It almost felt like fans were on a carousel last Friday, as BP and Medford went round and around, before the Blossoms tucked another win under their belt. One has to give the Tigers some credit, as they unleashed a pretty good passing attack against the prolific onslaught of the Blossom runners. BP rolled up their season high point total in the 54-29 victory, and it marked a fitting climax to the many activities of homecoming.

Although the Blossoms intercepted three passes, Medford almost garnered 300 yards passing, and that is too many yards given up. Hopefully, that part of the defense can still improve. The other improvement has to come from the penalty department. BP still makes too many mistakes, from personal fouls to offensive holding. I think it is more of a concentration factor than anything else, and it is an area that certainly can improve with a little more attention to the situations. We will see.

The volleyball team lost its fifth straight match last week, yet at times they have played pretty good volleyball. The girls still have not learned to finish games when they have the opportunity, and that will have to happen before they can get back to winning matches. The season is beginning to wind down, which means there is not much time left to start playing better. Fight on, girls.

The cross country boys continue to record a successful season, with another team second place again last week. Against an 8-team field of strong competition, Alec Ille and Elijah Baker continue to have banner years. The rest of the runners contribute a great deal with their high finishes in the team competition. At the last meet, a new face popped up to have time contribute to the final score when Kyle Bramstedt finished fourth of the Blossom runners. Good job, runners.

Fakrudin's hat-trick lifts Owatonna



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Abukar Fakrudin (7) and Nick Smith (8) celebrates after Fakrudin's diving goal against Rochester Century Thursday at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. Fakrudin netted all three of the Huskies goals.

Huskies finish regular season 8-7-1

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Searching to keep the hot streak going into the playoffs, the Owatonna Huskies had one final test with Rochester Century. For senior Abukar Fakrudin, he was planning on keeping not only the Huskies streak alive, but built onto one of his own.

In a rain shortened game, the Huskies kept their streak alive Thursday night, defeating the Cougars 3-1 behind Fakrudin's third career hat trick on senior night at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. Head coach Bob Waypa said the mindset of his players really shaped the evening.

"Our strikers and our midfielders refused to lose those 50-50 balls," he added.

The Huskies picked up right where they left off Monday, dominating not only the time of possession but the stat sheet as well. Just six minutes into the contest, Fakrudin scored after being set up by a nifty pass from fellow senior and captain, Dan Keller.

With the Huskies up 1-0 early, Nate Smith was looking to add to the total. The speedy junior managed to get behind the Cougars defense after receiving a feed from his brother, Nick. Unfortunately, the Century 'keeper managed to get a paw on the shot, deflecting it just wide of the net.

The Huskies offense was consistently making great runs into the final third but were stymied on every attempt. By the twenty minute mark of the half, Owatonna's attackers registered five shots on goal. One attempt under the two-minute mark was the closest the team was to adding another goal. Keller fed a strong lead ball to Nick Smith, but his shot sailed high over the net, keeping the score at 1-0 heading into the half.

The second half was all Fakrudin as just two minutes into the half, he managed to record arguably the goal of the year. After Nick Smith pushed the ball deep into the Cougars zone, he sent the ball to the backside of the defense where the senior leaped to head the ball into the back of the net. The pair of Smith and Fakrudin would record the final goal for the Huskies just minutes later. Only this time, Fakrudin was able to easily put the ball on net.

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Homecoming glory!

I doubt that there is anyone who went to school who doesn't have fond memories of at least one homecoming. It has been almost seventy years since my last high school homecoming and sixty-two since my last homecoming celebration in college, but I remember incidents from both of those occasions with fondness. There is something about a homecoming that leaves warm memories in the heart, whether one or many such events.

For BPHS last week, a big tip of the hat is due to homecoming King Ben Smith and Queen Leah Schiefert, and congratulations to the other candidates up for the honor. I mentioned last week that I thought all of the candidates were excellent school citizens, and any of them would have made outstanding royalty.

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Husky round up



By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Volleyball

After losing the second and third sets, Owatonna rallied to pull off the exciting win in five sets (25-11, 20-25, 24-26, 25-16, 15-12).

Huskies stats leaders
Kills
Syd Schultz 28
Lexi Langeland 20
Digs
Schultz 6
Spatenka 9
Assists
Kubista 57

Owatonna 3, Red Wing 0

The Huskies were on the road Tuesday, the face Red Wing. Powered by strong play from both Syd Schultz and Lexi Langeland, the Huskies defeated the Wingers in straight sets (25-16, 25-19, 25-20).

Huskies stats leaders

Kills
Syd Schultz 11
Lexi Langeland 10
Assists
Maddie Kubista 22

Girls soccer

Owatonna 3, Austin 0

After dropping their contest on Monday night, the Huskies were looking to rebound. Tuesday, the Huskies certainly rebounded.

Led by three goals in the first half, Owatonna defeated Austin 3-0. Senior captain Margo

Achterkirch opened up the scoring from off of a free kick in the 25th minute. Shortly thereafter, fellow senior Sophie Amundson scored back-to-back goals in the 34th and 37th minutes.

Owatonna 1, Farmington 2

Powered by goals in each half, the Tigers defeated Owatonna 2-1.

Both of the Tigers' goals were scored off of corner kicks. The lone scorer for the Huskies was Paige Cocchiarella.

The loss on Tuesday snaps a 5-game win streak for Owatonna.

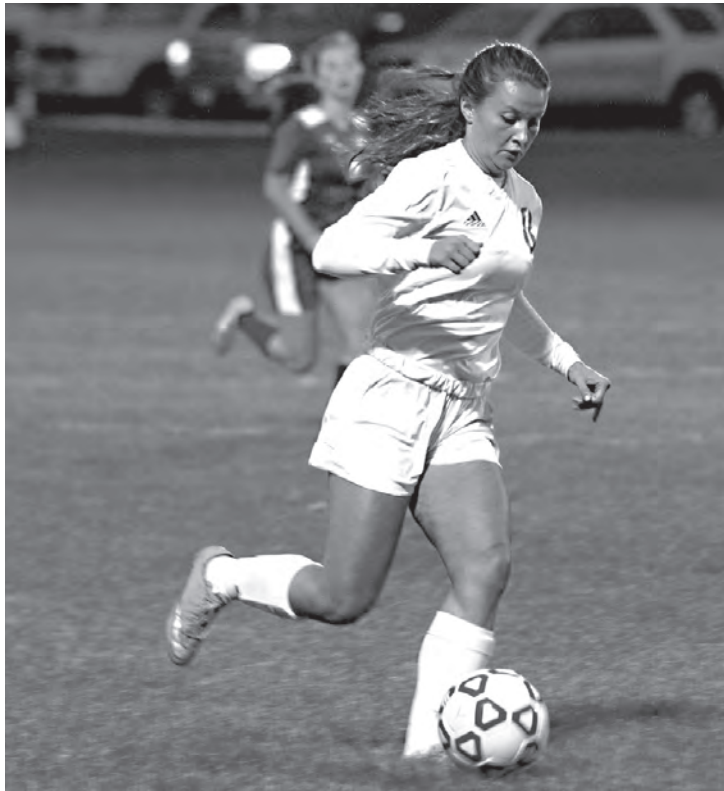
**Thursday's game against Mankato East was cancelled due to lightning.*

Swimming and Diving

The Owatonna girls dropped a contest against Northfield on Thursday 95.5 to 86.5.

The Huskies also honored seniors Ashley Beckman, Katie Belina, Emily An and Kaitlyn Kopecky.

**Editors note: Both Owatonna soccer teams will have home first round games of the section tournament. Boys play at 5 p.m. followed by the girls at the Owatonna Soccer Complex Tuesday.*



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Huskies forward Toria Koch moves the ball upfield agasint Red Wing on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Panther round up



By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Volleyball

In a match that went all five games NRHEG fell just short in a loss to Maple River Tuesday. The Panthers won game one 25-22, but the Eagles rebounded for wins in the next two games 25-20 and 25-22.

NRHEG came back to square the match with a game four 26-24 victory to set up the deciding game. That went to Maple River 15-10. It dropped the Panthers to a 4-10 record, while Maple River improved to 9-5.

The Wagner twins- Maddie and Marnie- had 10 kills each in the match and Marnie added 23 digs. Gretchen Ramaker and Olivia Christopherson had 5 kills each; Rachel Collins had 15 assists and 9 digs; and Grace Johns scrambled for 15 digs. The Panther JV team won its match in three games. NRHEG won the first game 25-15, lost the second game 20-25, but took the deciding

third game 15-12.

Tri City Sweeps

After a close 25-23 victory in the first set, Tri-City United made easy work of the final two games by identical 25-17 scores and swept NRHEG in three games at Montgomery Monday. As Coach Onika Peterson commented, "Tonight just wasn't our night, as we couldn't get anything going against the Titans."

Maddie Wagner had 8 kills and 5 digs in the match, and Marnie Wagner added 3 kills and 20 digs. Grace Johns scrambled for 10 digs, and Rachel Collins contributed 10 assists and 5 digs for the Panthers.

The JV team won its match in three games. The team lost its first game 16-25, but then bounced back to win 25-17 and 15-13 to take the match.

Cross Country

In a meet at Waseca Thursday, Oct. 6, that was marred by the elements and over a short-

ened course, Josh Fleming led the NRHEG boys with a time of 11:45, and Ben Lewer ran just seconds behind in 12:04. Kollin Reese and Jager Beck followed at 12:55 and 13:29, with Braden Routh and Orin Mely coming in with 13:48 and 14:46.

As Coach Mike Weber commented, "It was an interesting evening. The girls got their race in before lightning showed up, and the race was discontinued after the short run. Josh Fleming and Ben Lewer again led the boys, while Jade Mely recorded a personal best for the girls. Madisyn Buetel ran a close second to Mely in their race."

Mely, a 9th grader, ran the course in 23:49, with Buetel just one second back. Mia Williams timed a 25:28, and Destiny Medrano rounded out the girls' times with a 27:05. Medrano took a minute and a half off her time since the home meet two weeks ago. It was a most interesting meet with the weather being the biggest factor in the action.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Medford Senior Callie Nagel prepares to bump an incoming kill attempt during a Tigers home game late in September. Nagel currently sits third in the history for digs in the state of Minnesota.

Tigers round up



By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Volleyball Medford 3, USC 0

After making quick work of Byron Monday night at home, the Tigers were on the road to face United South Central. Despite the slow start, head coach Tanya Powers' Tigers managed to sweep the Rebels 28-26, 25-16 and 25-8.

"It didn't start well. We had way too many unforced errors and hesitation plays," Powers added.

During the sweep of USC, senior Dani Morgan broke the school record for assists- previously set by her sister, Nicole in 2012. Morgan currently sits at 1,249 assists.

Stats vs. USC
Callie Nagel 1 ace, 24 digs
Becca Edel 1 dig
Krystal Hanson 9 digs
Payton Powers 4 digs, 4 kills, 20 set assists
Emma Kniefel 4 digs, 9 kills
Kaylee Kern 12 digs
Dani Morgan 19 assists, 3 ace, 9 digs, 4 kills
Amanda Honsey 11 kills

Sydney Langeslag 3 kills 1 ace
Mikayla Spinler 11 kills
Medford 3, Bryon 0

In their lone home match of the week, the Medford Tigers came to play. Carried by Callie Nagel's 23 digs, the Tigers defeated Byron in straight sets (25-17, 25-18, 25-22). Head coach Tanya Powers said that everything was clicking.

"All of my hitters were on tonight, which doesn't always happen. We served aggressively and dug the ball with confidence. It was a great all around team win tonight," she added.

Payton Powers had a strong night as well, registering 20 assists, 4 digs and 4 kills. Senior Dani Morgan matched Powers, having a team-high 23 assists.

Stats vs. Byron
Callie Nagel - 23 digs, 4 assists, 2 kills
Krystal Hanson - 1 ace, 7 digs, 1 kill
Payton Powers - 4 digs, 20 assists, 4 kills
Emma Kniefel - 4 digs, 12 kills
Kaylee Kern - 2 ace, 14 digs
Dani Morgan - 2 digs, 23 as-

sists, 7 kills
Amanda Honsey - 3 digs, 16 kills, 1 solo block
Sydney Langeslag - 2 ace, 2 digs, 2 kills, 2 solo blocks
Mikayla Spinler - 1 dig, 6 kills, 1 solo block

Cross Country

The boys and girls cross country teams for Medford competed in the Giant Coed invitational at Ney Nature Center in Henderson, Minnesota.

Boys
The boys' top runner was Brett Johnson, whose time of 20:41 was good for a third place finish. Ryan Hermanstorfer also had a top 5 finish with a time of 21:18. In fact, all of the boys' runners finished inside the top 40.

The top runner for the girls in the coed meet was Kelsey Walock, whose time of 24:08 was good for a 24th place finish. Walock's finish would be considered a top five finish for the girls if the meet was not coed. Medford's other female runner was Beth Ann Hanson. Her time of 26:23 was good for a 35th place finish.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Bobbie Bruns
Just a 7th grader, Bobbie Bruns has emerged as the time leader for the cross country girls and their shortened roster in competition. Bruns has been the leader of the team in times for the last three meets and is constantly improving her time, as the season progresses. The girls have had problems fielding a full team, but she is one of the team leaders for the girls.

Max Romeo

He has been the overall leader on offense for the BP football team all season, and last Friday night junior Max Romeo had a combined total of almost 200 yards in the win over Medford. He ran for 132 yards and caught passes for almost 115 yard in the contest. He has also been a stalwart on defense all season and is one of the unquestioned leaders of the team that now stands with a 5-1 season record.
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Blossoms 5-1, face United South Central Friday

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I also went away impressed again at the large crowds of students, parents and local residents who attended the coronation ceremony. It was an impressive occasion, and it proves once again the support that the school gets from the local community.

I understand the juniors won the annual powder puff football game (have the seniors ever won that contest), and the sophomores took the hall-decorating crown with their camping theme.

The parade, the football game, and the dance following

the game all contributed to another successful homecoming celebration, and I would guess that some special memories will be tucked away from the activities.

As I mentioned earlier, I think it shows great school spirit with the enthusiastic participation from students staff, and community members on this annual celebration.

Banquet delights crowd

One of the big highlights of

the year in the community disappointed no one, as over 160 residents and honorees of the Blossoms Forever group gathered at the annual Ed Foundation banquet last Saturday evening.

Congratulations are in order for Linda Christianson, who received a Distinguished Achievement award for her community service and her volunteerism over many years.

Another Distinguished Service award went to Dr. Leslie Hansen, a faculty member of the University of Minnesota and an

expert in the dairy industry.

The Female athlete honor was accorded to Missy (Avery) Ahrens. A 2000 graduate of BPHS, Missy earned 9 varsity letters in three sports and was named the MVP in volleyball, basketball, and softball in her senior year of high school.

She went on to star in those same three sports for two years while attending Riverland College in Austin.

After college she has remained active in recreational sports, both in Austin and in

Owatonna, where she now lives and is raising three children with her husband, Nolan.

Lorne Ellinger accepted the Educator of the Year award for his father, Charlie, who was the custodian at the school for 16 years. He carried out many duties, including boiler maintenance during his years as a school employee.

The 1966 State tournament basketball received the Male Athlete Award as a team, being the first and only team to represent the high school at the state

tournament, when the state had only one class and represented all 400 plus schools in the state.

The best eight schools, both big and small competed in the eight sections to advance to the state tournament, and BP defeated three big Nine teams on their way to the state.

It was quite an evening at the local Servicemen's Club, and all enjoyed a lengthy, but memorable occasion.

We'll talk again.



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Public Safety



High-risk sex offender moves to BP

Police in Blooming Prairie will be holding a community notification meeting this week after a high-risk sex offender has moved into the city.

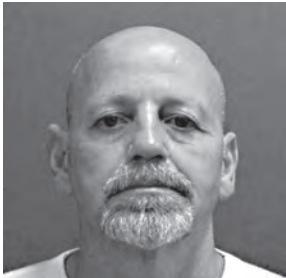
The meeting will take place Friday at 5 p.m. in the Blooming Prairie City Center. Local police as well as representatives from the Minnesota Department of Corrections will be available to provide information on public safety.

At the center of the notification is James Peter Zylstra, 61, who is a registered Level 3 Predatory Offender. He moved to Blooming Prairie on Oct. 5. Level 3 offenders are considered the worst and most likely to re-offend.

According to police, Zylstra has a history of sexual conduct and contact with female victims as young as 12 years old. The conduct included indecent

exposure and sexual touching. The adult victims were vulnerable due to developmental disability. Police said Zylstra was known to his adult victims, but the 12-year-old victim was a stranger.

Zylstra is not wanted by the police at this time and has served the sentence imposed on him by the court. This week’s notification is not intended to increase fear in the community, but rather inform the public in hopes of making everyone safer.



James Peter Zylstra

Fraud. Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 400 block of Glendale St. NW at 6:51 a.m.

Shoplifting. Police arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:40 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff Sept. 30

Restraining Order. At 3:02 p.m., deputies received a report of a restraining order violation at the detention center.

Oct. 1

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 200 block of 2nd Ave. SE at 10:58 a.m.

Oct. 2

Crash. Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 5800 block of 66th St. NW at 1:08 p.m.

Probation. At 11:31 p.m., deputies arrested a subject for a probation violation at the detention center.

Oct. 3

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 4900 block of Kenyon Rd. at 3:33 p.m.

Oct. 4

Assault. Deputies received information regarding an assault in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE at 12:41 p.m.

Crash. Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at 44th Ave. NE and Kenyon Rd. at 6:44 p.m.

Oct. 5

Animal. At 8:26 a.m., deputies received information about animal cruelty in the 4000 block of Crane Creek Rd.

Crash. A personal injury crash occurred in the 1800 block of 44th Ave. SE at 4:22 p.m.

Court News Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 26 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Brandon L. Stevermer, 21, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary and felony controlled substance crime. He was sentenced to \$581, 74 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, chemical dependency evaluation, no possession of firearms, enter the Drug Court program and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 26 – 30:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Kouassi Ehon, 40, Austin, careless driving, stay of adjudication, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Mark A. Hatleli, 55, Austin, revoked license and no insurance; Kristy N. Sibou, 32, Albert Lea, no insurance and revoked license.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Miski N. Abshir, 21, Roches-

ter, speeding, \$381; Farhiyo H. Ahmed, 31, Faribault, permit violation and illegal entry on highway, \$181; Olivia M. Anderson, 17, Inver Grove Heights, speeding, \$141; David D. Antl, 52, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106;

Norma C. Arredondo, 37, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121; Mario C. Bryant, 28, Rosemount, speeding and suspended license; Stephon C. Carpenter, 31, Albert Lea, revoked license and failure to deliver title; Jesus A. Chavez, 20, Faribault, speeding, \$141; Anthony M. Coan, 35, St. Paul, seat belt and no insurance; Katina Y. Coleman-Jackson, 43, Minneapolis, revoked license, \$281; Kendall R. Crouse, 24, Fort Dodge, IA, speeding, \$121; Jennifer Davila, 34, Arden Hills, speeding, \$131; Ryan R. Douglas, 37, Quincy, IL, suspended license; Levi C. Falck, 18, Lino Lakes, speeding, \$131;

William M. Feyereisen, 47, Shakopee, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Kasey A. Grunwald, 23, Medford, speeding, \$281; Jesus G. Herrera, 38, Stockton, CA, revoked license; Melissa L. Hitchcock, 29, Hayfield, speeding and suspended license, \$341; Suzann M. Kirkpatrick, 70, Faribault, seat belt, \$106; Bernard Koslosky, 56, Medford, speeding, \$121; Joshua A. Lee, 26, Owatonna, expired registration and possession of marijuana, \$261; Mark A. Leipnitz, 53, Faribault, invalid license, \$81; Carl E. Lietz, 77, Coloma, WI, speeding, \$100; Josh E. Loukus, 42, Calumet, MI, speeding, \$121; Kyle M. Maguire, 23, Lake City, IA, invalid license and no insurance, \$381; Stephanie J. McCulloch, 41, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; April M. Nelson, 27, West Concord, speeding, \$131; Chuol D. Pal, 31, Omaha, NE, speeding and invalid license;

Nancy M. Richardson, 34, Davonport, IA, invalid license and unregistered vehicle; Julia M. Robinson-Frantsvog, 22, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$121; Matthew G. Sanderson, 42, Knoxville, IA, seat belt, \$106; Jerry M. Saufferer, 63, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Rene E. Sierra, 38, Zimmerman, seat belt, \$106; Brian D. Silvers, 47, Minneapolis, revoked license; Brianna D. Taft, 21, Klemme, IA, no license, \$181; Shelby L. Taylor, 17, Owatonna, texting while driving, \$131; Patrisha L. Thorenson, 28, Owatonna, speeding and suspended license; Carlos E. Torres, 20, Faribault, speeding, \$221;

Ronald T. Waller, 50, Austin, cancelled license, \$381, 28 days in county jail and 2 years of supervised probation; Clarence S. Weah, 35, Denison, IA, no license, \$181; Victor L. Whitfield, 53, Dallas, TX, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Mario L. Williams, 32, St. Paul, revoked license.

Owatonna Police Department

Brandon T. Abrego, 32, Owatonna, seat belt and no insurance; Daniel T. Adkins, 27, Minneapolis, suspended license and open bottle; Scott M. Aragon, 35, Waseca, no insurance; Angela K. Ballstadt, 37, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131;

Matthew G. Bauer, 44, Faribault, no insurance and seat belt; Benjamin L. Carlson, 46, Lafayette, DWI, \$1,006, 30 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter li-

quor establishments, 224 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Korey M. Carroll, 23, West Concord, suspended license, \$281; Jessica L. Cole, 23, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Kirsten T. Conry, 35, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Antonio F. Cortes, 36, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance; April D. Cortez, 38, Claremont, revoked license; Ravyn M. Crawford, 18, Glendale, AZ, no child passenger restraint system and seat belt, \$156; Jaime R. De Leon, 31, Blooming Prairie, revoked license; Nikita M. Finley, 26, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and speeding, \$521;

Brady L. Fischer, 21, Owatonna, no insurance and seat belt, \$306; Melanie M. Garrido, 28, Faribault, speeding and no insurance; Ayde G. Gomez, 34, Dallas, TX, no license, \$181; Johnny L. Gossett, 39, Austin, registration violation, \$381; Mohammed T. Gouma, 38, Albert Lea, suspended license and failure to stop for traffic control signal, \$331; Anthony B. Graham, 32, Austin, revoked license and seat belt, \$225;

Terrance M. Harris, 23, St. Paul, theft and no insurance, \$81, 30 days in county jail, no trespassing at Walmart and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Ashley A. Hernandez, 37, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Faithful R. Hill, 37, Owatonna, theft, \$195.63, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Nathaniel G. Hill, 24, Rochester, failure to notify owner of damaged property, \$181; Christopher A. Hondl, 45, Owatonna, theft, stay of adjudication, \$181 and 1 year of supervised probation;

Justin J. Huisman, 25, Owatonna, animal running at large, \$181; Marino N. Isom, 41, Owatonna, no insurance and revoked license; Tawna M. Johnson, 41, Owatonna, theft, \$181 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Tyreese A. Johnson, 23, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Tori S. Lane, 38, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint systems, expired tabs and no insurance, \$411;

James P. Markowitz, 28, Abilene, TX, revoked license; Dennis R. McHenry, 53, Claremont, revoked license; Tanya L. McKinley, 32, Faribault, seat belt, \$106; Mohamed A. Mohamed, 28, Owatonna, controlled substance crime and false name to peace officer, stay of adjudication, \$300, 257 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 3 years of supervised probation; Kaleb T. More, 20, Janesville, no insurance, \$1,139.44; David J. Morey, 24, suspended license; Boupasavanh Mounphosay, 42, Brooklyn Center, suspended license; Leah E. Olson, 60, Blooming Prairie, failure to yield to pedestrian, no insurance and invalid license;

Helena P. Ost, 51, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; John R. Poindexter, 55, Owatonna, revoked license and speeding, \$341; Mavrick R. Raygor, 24, Austin, revoked license, no insurance and open bottle, \$581; Cassy R. Ree, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Anaira N. Rios-Flores, 21, Medford, suspended license, \$281; Richard Rocha, 29, Poteet, TX, invalid license; Rolando Rocha, 32, Odesa, TX, revoked license and no insurance; Roland C. Rodriguez, 28, Waseca, invalid license; Vanessa Rodriguez, 29, revoked license;

Janardhana S. Saladi, 27, Edina, speeding, \$100; Venus S. Smith, 37, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Timothy J. Spatenka, 25, Nerstrand, careless driving; Adam P. Stumpf, 19, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device and failure to signal for turn, \$181;

Vincent D. Tampio, 38, Faribault, expired license; Robert L. Tanner, 47, Waseca, invalid license and no insurance; Scarlett S. Tanner, 24, Owatonna, suspended license; Zachery C. Vangen, 24, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Corey J. Vanthomme, 35, Waterville, seat belt, \$106; Carrie L. Wallin, 37, Owatonna, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; Josh D. Watkins, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Sarah J. Whitefeather, 40, Geneva, no insurance, \$281; Sharon Williams, 58, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 1 day in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Chandra D. Worrell, 36, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Ramon O. Yciano, 29, Faribault, speeding and revoked license.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Gabriel E. Andrade, 22, Minneapolis, speeding, \$581; Benjamin P. Baganz, 25, Fond du Lac, WI, speeding, \$221; William H. Bergstrom, 32, Brownsdale, no insurance, expired registration and revoked license, \$511; Pedro A. Estrada, 60, Austin, speeding, \$121; Jonathan T. Ferris, 30, Faribault, revoked license, \$281; Ardyce J. Flies, 64, Plymouth, speeding, \$141; Alujonae S. Fowler, 24, St. Paul, no child passenger restraint system, \$131;

Robert W. Gullickson, 59, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Troy J. Gunderson, 37, Blooming Prairie, disorderly conduct, \$381 and 1 year of supervised probation; Terrance M. Harris, 23, St. Paul, theft, \$113.03, 30 days in county jail, no trespassing at Casey’s and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Melissa L. Hitchcock, 29, Hayfield, suspended license, \$281; Darrell G. Hondl, 54, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$1,081 and 1 year in county jail; Thomas A. Isaacson, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$141;

Darnell L. James, 27, Columbus, GA, speeding, \$221; Tyler D. Karge, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Chantha Khammanh, 32, Rochester, speeding, \$141; William C. Langelier, 31, Alexandria, suspended license; Terry A. Lester, 43, Hartland, revoked license, no insurance, suspended registration and possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia; Ricky D. Monroe, 57, Richmond, VA, speeding; Ryan R. Morton, 22, Deephaven, speeding, \$221; Kacey L. Newberry, 19, Kronenwetter, WI, speeding, \$121; Karen L. Newcomer-Aney, 51, Rochester, speeding, \$121; San Juanita B. Olveda Zamora, 39, Claremont, speeding and no license; Preston J. Roach, 18, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Frederick T. Rudolph, 39, St. Cloud, speeding, \$121;

Kathryn L. Rumpza, 48, St. Louis Park, speeding, \$121; Jacob S. Schlichter, 20, Austin, speeding, \$141; Adam J. Schwerr, 30, Anoka, suspended license, \$281; Pedro P. Serenil, 37, Brooklyn Park, no license and speeding, \$241; Jazmyne A. Shinabarger, 23, Albert Lea, speeding, no insurance and careless driving;

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

- Alejandro Garza – domestic assault – \$2,000 bail
- Elizandra Garza – theft, shoplifting – \$500 bail
- David Gatheright – possession - \$20,000 bail
- Domach Gatluak – DWI – no bail
- Conrad Ginter – DWI – no bail
- Claudia Gomez – criminal abuse - \$3,000 bail
- Mark Gomez – assault - \$10,000 bail
- Miguel Gomez – theft - \$1,000 bail
- Valente Gomez Jr. – DWI – no bail
- Christopher Gonzalez – theft - \$500 bail

- Hiran Gonzalez – dishonored checks – no bail
- Jose Gonzalez Jr. – drugs – \$10,000 bail
- Luis Gonzalez – DWI – no bail
- Douglas Greier – worthless check - \$1,000 bail
- Brandon Grunwald – DWI – no bail
- Alma Guajardo – no insurance - \$1,000 bail
- Steven Gustafson – contribute - \$2,000 bail
- Edgar Gutierrez – assault, theft - \$2,000 bail
- Cardenas Gutierrez – revoked license - \$500 bail
- Roger Halbach – DWI - \$3,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Blake D. Stenzel, 17, Mankato, speeding, \$141; Stephen C. Strommer, 31, Medford, speeding, \$121; Daniel G. Willert, 49, Geneva, possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia, \$181; Stephen B. Williams, 53, Faribault, speeding, \$141; Juan Wortham, 32, Waseca, no license and no insurance, \$381.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 182 complaints during the week of Sept. 28 – Oct. 4. Some of them include:

- Sept. 28
- Larceny. Deputy took a report of a theft of money from a vehicle in the 200 block of 4th St. NE in Dodge Center at 9:46 a.m.
- Welfare. Deputy completed a welfare check on Main St. W. in Hayfield at 1:36 a.m.
- Harassment. Deputies responded to a juvenile harassment issue at Hayfield High School at 1:11 p.m.
- Tobacco. At 2:55 p.m., deputies were completing tobacco compliance checks throughout the county.
- Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 1:21 p.m.
- Sept. 30
- School Bus. Triton School District reported a school bus stop arm violation at 595th St. and County Rd. 7 in Dodge Center at 8:11 a.m.
- Disturbance. At 12:10 p.m., a male was destroying an apartment in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield. Deputies responded and the parties were formally trespassed from the property.
- Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 6:21 p.m.
- Property Damage. Deputies found that a rock had been thrown at a vehicle in a parking lot in the 800 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center at 8:33 p.m.

Civil. A truck was reported stolen from the 400 block of 2nd St. W. in Claremont at 9:54 p.m.

- Oct. 1
- Civil. At 10:47 a.m., deputies assisted with a civil matter when one of the heirs to an estate wanted to remove things off the property in the 100 block of 2nd St. NE in Dodge Center.
- Larceny. Deputy took a report of the theft of a wallet, mini iPad and purse from a vehicle in the 100 block of 2nd Ave. NE in Hayfield at 1:21 a.m.
- Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Front St. E. in Claremont at 5:12 p.m.
- Child Abuse. At 5:21 p.m., deputies began an investigation of child abuse on 4th Ave. NW in Dodge Center.
- Oct. 2
- Disturbance. At 12:08 p.m., a male was being aggressive towards a female in the 200 block of Main St. E. in Dodge Center.
- Burglary. A citizen reported an attempted break-in at a residence in the 15600 block of 630th St. in Claremont at 1:23 p.m.
- Gas Leak. Deputies responded to a possible gas leak in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 7:38 p.m.
- Oct. 3
- Lost Animal. A West Concord citizen reported at 10:58 a.m. that he was missing two horses from the 16300 block of 535th St.
- Counterfeit. At 2:18 p.m., deputies received a report of a counterfeit \$20 bill on Main St. W. in Dodge Center.
- Oct. 4
- Narcotics. At 1:27 a.m., a glass pipe was found in the Casey's store in Hayfield.
- Game Laws. A citizen called deputies at 2:15 p.m. when he found a buck with the antlers cut off and a bullet hole in it in the 21500 block of 600th St. in Dodge Center. Deputies notified the DNR.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Sept. 26 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Boyd M. Stangler, 39, St. Charles, previously appeared and was convicted of felony DWI. He was sentenced to \$130 and 41 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Sept. 26 – Oct. 3:

- Dodge County Sheriff's Office
- Terri L. Duschek, 37, Mantorville, speeding, \$140; Michelle R. Goergen, 48, Redwood Falls, possession of paraphernalia, \$130; Brian J. Gray, 33, Claremont, speeding, \$140; Damiana E. Huber, 27, Dodge Center, driving through barricade, stay of adjudication, \$50 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without adjudication; Mercedes K. Luepke, 26, Kasson, aiding an offender, stay of adjudication, 6 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, obtain and maintain employment and suitable housing, Drug Court, mental health evaluation and 3 years of supervised probation; Rhonda K. Ryg, 46, Claremont, DWI, \$1,010, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation.
- Kasson Police Department
- Frank E. Bernau, 34, Kasson, malicious punishment of a child, stay of adjudication, \$900, 2 days in county jail, anger management, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Ashly J. Davidson, 31, Kasson, failure to yield to pedestrian,

\$180; Jeffrey S. Hall, 29, Kellogg, seat belt, \$105; Kelly E. Lattner, 17, Kasson, texting while driving, \$130; Alexander J. McElmury, 16, Kasson, speeding, \$120; Britten K. Quam, 33, Claremont, use of wireless communications device – second offense, \$355; Cynthia L. Reed, 45, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Maricella R. Romero, 18, seat belt, \$105; Erin B. Stafford, 35, Rochester, speeding, \$120; Ashley J. Tierney, 22, Mankato, speeding, \$130; Kevin R. Westland, 28, Rochester, DWI, \$505, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Robert O. Westlund IV, 32, Rosville, seat belt, \$105.

- MN State Patrol Rochester
- Jeremiah A. Benson, 17, Zumbrota, speeding, \$220; April M. Carlson, 40, Kasson, speeding, \$140; Raymond J. Elkins, 28, West Concord, reckless driving, \$455; Jordan Gascoigne, 23, Zumbrota, speeding, \$130; Kathy J. Hegna, 63, Kasson, speeding, \$130; Alma E. Hernandez, 27, Dodge Center, speeding, \$130; Joe Hernandez, 19, Dodge Center, speeding, \$130; Ashley N. Kangas, 29, Shakopee, revoked license, 90 days in county jail; Omot K. Okuot, 26, Mankato, speeding, \$120; Jason C. Richards, 24, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Nicholas R. Winsky, 23, Rochester, speeding, \$120.
- West Concord Police Department
- Mariah E. Benda, 24, Eau Claire, WI, speeding, \$140; Latasha K. Elder, 27, Owatonna, revoked license, \$280; Raymond J. Elkins, 28, West Concord, speeding, \$220; Rodolfo E. Melgar, 44, Kasson, invalid license; Tracy A. Williams, 49, Owatonna, speeding, \$120.

ARREST

Steele County

Owatonna Police
Joseph Ryan Aubin, 29, arrested at 12:09 p.m. Sept. 30, interfer-

ence with 911, held for court.
Chad Allen Smith, 28, arrested at 2:13 p.m. Sept. 30, felony sale of controlled substance, held for court.
Lori Ann Nelson, 23, arrested at 11:05 p.m. Oct. 1, assault/domestic assault, held for court.
Peyton Nicolle Crow, 23, arrested at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 3, warrant arrest, held for court.
Martin John Klaustermeier, 21, arrested at 8:40 p.m. Oct. 3, possession and warrant arrest, held for court.
Michelle Arevalo, 37, arrested at 1:10 a.m. Oct. 5, felony assault and malicious punishment of a child, held for court.
Jeanette Fuentes, 30, arrested at 3:25 p.m. Oct. 5, domestic assault/assault, held for court.
Sean Martin Cicero, 36, arrested at 12:55 a.m. Oct. 6, felony possession of stolen property and possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia, held for court.
Katelyn Jo O'Connor, 28, arrested at 4:22 p.m. Oct. 6, false name and shoplifting, held for court.
Forest Andrew Wright, 20, arrested at 12:25 a.m. Oct. 7, felony possession of controlled substance, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff
Corey Jay Tollefson, 46, arrested at 4:38 p.m. Oct. 6, warrants arrest, body only.

OWATONNA FIRE

- Sept. 30
- Leak. A natural gas leak occurred in the 500 block of 16th St. SW at 9 a.m.
- Vehicle Fire. At 8:26 p.m., fire fighters responded to a road freight or transport vehicle fire in the city.
- Oct. 1
- Gas Leak. Fire personnel responded to gas leaks in the 100 block of 24th Ave. NW at 8:20 a.m. and in the 700 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 7:01 p.m.

- Oct. 4
- Crash. Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on 26th St. NE at 7:56 a.m.
- Cooking Fire. At 7:17 p.m., a confined cooking fire occurred in the 300 block of Shady Ave. SE.
- Oct. 5
- Crash. A motor vehicle accident with no injuries occurred in the 300 block of 32nd Ave. NW at 7:36 a.m.
- Accident. Fire fighters responded to a motor vehicle hitting a pedestrian on 21st St. at 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6
- Fire. At 5:42 a.m., fire fighters responded to a building fire in the 11000 block of 585th St.
- Smoke Removal. Fire personnel assisted with smoke or odor removal in the 300 block of Cerdardale Dr. SE at 8:42 p.m.



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BY MARK DELAP

When remodeling homes, I always look for projects with minimal financial downsides and possible financial returns if and when I sell. I have remodeled many homes in my life, but perhaps my most favorite project happened in Greenville, Michigan.

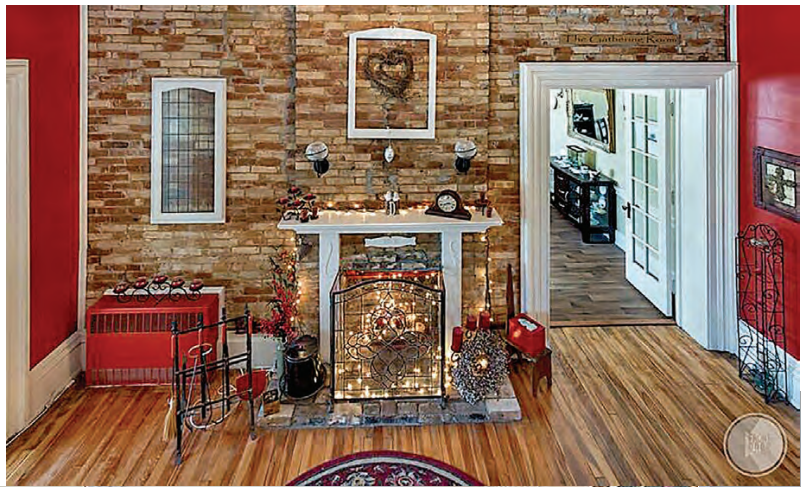
I found a mansion that was on the Michigan historic register. Always a plus to find a home with some street cred. It was called the Charles Church/Frank Gibson mansion. Construction of the home began in 1870 and concluded in 1873. To get into the “bones” of the house leaves no wondering as to why it took three years.

It is a 5400 square-foot, cream brick home, more expensive at the time and more in vogue over red brick. The bricks were manufactured in central Michigan. As was the steel that is found in various portions of the home that helped to enforce the structure reinforcement.

In the 3,000-foot matching carriage house you can see the original massive I-beams that were used to help support the second story which at the time would house family horses. The upper level of the carriage house has some of the original rod and beam construction, not uncommon at the time for helping to keep exterior walls from bowing and collapsing.

Charles Church was the first banker in Montcalm County and it was obvious that no expense was spared in the construction and craftsmanship. Each closet has built in dressers and shoe racks. The outer brick is cream, and then there is an inner course of brick that is red. A double bricked home. Who does that?

The original home had a 10’ by 10’ widow’s walk that



sat high above the third story of the home. In 1923 there was a fire that almost destroyed the property. A six-month remodeling project would



begin by the Gibson family who were the owners.

Gibson is synonymous with Greenville as that is the birthplace of Gibson refrigeration. It began with ice boxes and then after electricity was in demand, they expanded to create refrigerators and freezers. By World War II, they were the largest refrigeration manufacturing company in the world. In the 50s they also invented the ‘Air-Sweep’ heater/air conditioner. The prototype for that unit was still

in the mansion when I purchased it, and then when I realized what I had, I donated it to the local museum.

The home was in the Gibson family until the 60s when it then began to go through multiple owners until the home went into foreclosure in 2008 and left vacant for three years. The three years were not kind to the old girl and by 2011, the city wanted it torn down.

Enter a miracle remodeling project. In 2011 the home was picked through a public auction and although it was a mess, there were still a lot of positives. The boiler was only 6 years old as was the roof. Two major expenses in any remodel that you must consider.

It was all brick and well insulated. After the fire of 1923, the home was remodeled by a millionaire and from imported Italian marble fireplaces to counter tops to cut-crystal lighting, the positives outweighed the negatives.

In four years on a limited budget, I tore up all carpet, exposing the original poplar wood flooring, sanded and refinished every inch of hardwood upstairs and downstairs. I also discovered behind a plastered wall, a hidden fireplace that was sealed after the fire of 23. With a hammer and chisel, I got rid of all surface plaster, exposing the interior brick which needed some tuck-pointing, sanding and sealing.

Every wall was painted, old wallpaper from the 1940s was stripped off, settling cracks were sealed, new concrete was added outdoors as well as landscaping, a privacy fence was added and both the boiler and most of the plumbing were refurbished.

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Confessions of a home improvement veteran: faulty wiring in my head



By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

I had been remodeling a home in Michigan and as usual, I am not to work on one project at a time, but something inside of me drives me to work on several projects within the same remodel. As a result, I have had to do dishes in the bathroom sink, shower

with the garden hose in the backyard, you know, pre-planning not a strong suit.

When you are working multiple projects, you can lose some focus and clarity on what you should be focusing on. So, on a very mundane afternoon, I was putting in some ceiling lighting, tying in three lights to one circuit.

I unscrewed the lightbulbs, removed the existing lighting

and exposed the wires for the new fixtures. Overhead lighting is the worst. Especially in my case where I had 18-foot cathedral ceilings. It was a steady pace of up the ladder, down the ladder, up the ladder, drop a screw, go down the ladder, go up the ladder, forgot the screwdriver, down the ladder, up the ladder, forgot the wire nuts, down the ladder.

You get the point. Frustration abounds whenever you are up on a tall ladder, working over your head. So. I get everything connected, go to the circuit breaker, turn on the juice, come back in and hit the wall switch. Total darkness.

Yes, by now it was getting dark. Because I couldn’t work off the immediate circuit, I ran mobile flood lighting and extension cords. Got up and took off ALL three fixtures, checked all the wiring, finally got down and went to the juice and again... nothing.

I calmly took my hammer out of my tool belt and flung it across the room with great fanfare. It hit something in a dark corner that sounded like glass breaking. WHAT NOW???

I went over to the corner, illuminated my flashlight and found that I had hit the package of lightbulbs without even trying! And then it hit me. A light bulb went off in my head, but not on my ceiling, because I had failed to screw the new bulbs into the light sockets.

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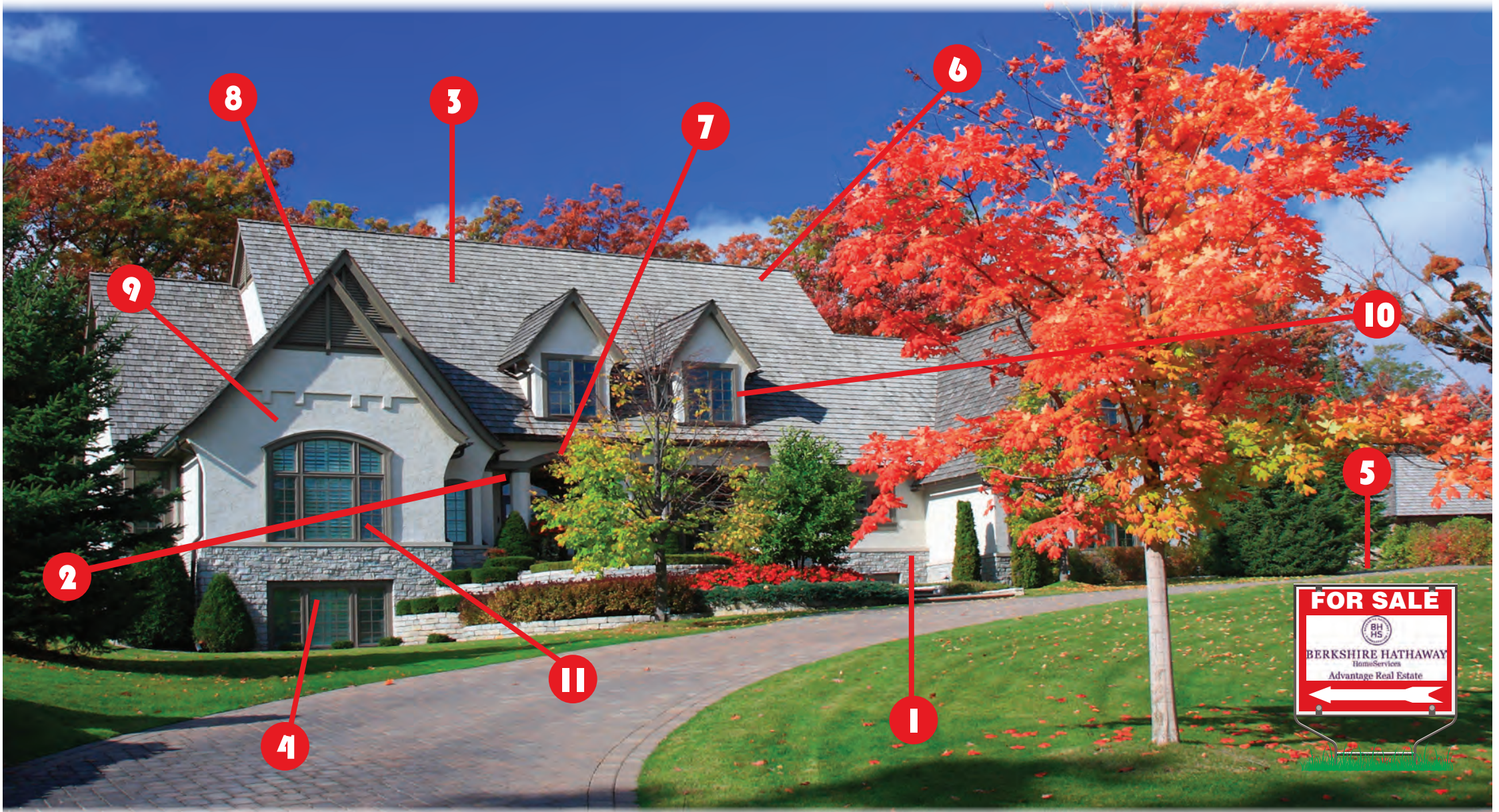
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Stephanie Lageson Kibler, who serves as the new Steele County Historical Society's Meetings and Special Events Manager, stands beside the Lerberg's truck, displayed at the History Center last year.

LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Tuesday, Oct. 11
 BP Card Club & Luncheon
 10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
 11 a.m. Lutfisk Dinne , First Lutheran Church
 2:30 p.m. BPPU Community Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Fire Commission Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 12
 10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
 4:30 p.m. Economic Development Authority Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 13
 4:30 p.m. Police Commission Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 18
 10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
 4:45 p.m. BP Boys N Girls Club Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. B.P. Ambulance Commission Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 19
 10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time

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Tuesday, Oct. 11
 Steele Co. Commission
 9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
 7 p.m. Steele Co: Co Board Meeting, Admin Center, BR
 7 p.m. Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Owatonna, 2nd Tue. Sept – Jun
Wednesday, Oct. 12
 Owatonna Foundation Luncheon
 12:30 p.m. SMIF Celebrates 30 Years of Community Investments – Luncheon, Owatonna Holiday Inn
 4:30 p.m. SMIF Celebrates 30 Years of Community Investments – Open House, Owatonna Arts Center
Thursday, Oct. 13
 Owatonna Foundation Breakfast for Professionals
 Owatonna Foundation Wine, & Craft Beed Tasting Fundraiser
 5:30 p.m. Owatonna Airport Commission, Airport Lounge
 6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
Saturday, Oct. 15
 8 a.m. Owatonna Foundation – Coffee and Cookies at the Office and Mystery Picture Scavenger Hunt, 108 West Park Square
Tuesday, Oct. 18
 9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
 10 a.m. OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club
 4:30 p.m. OPL Board Meeting, Gainey Room
 7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 19
 4 p.m. Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall



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Tuesday, Oct. 11
 8:30 a.m. Shell Rock Watershed Board Meeting
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 3:45 p.m. Book Pals (3rd & 4th Grade)
 5:30 p.m. Lakeview LESO meeting
 6 p.m. Rock Gym 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Wednesday, Oct. 12
 Hawthorne 5th Grade field tri
Thursday, Oct. 13
 10 a.m. Fountain Lake Readers Book Club, ALPL
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement, ALPL
 10:45 p.m. Cap & Gown Ordering, ALHS Commons
 5:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
 6 p.m. Night Time Story Time ALPL
Friday, Oct. 14
 6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr
Saturday, Oct. 15
 Library Closed
 6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr
Sunday, Oct. 16
 2 p.m. CHOOSE KINDNESS (A Choose Civility Event)
 ALPL
Monday, Oct. 17
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 2 p.m. Intro to the Computer, ALPL
 3:45 p.m. Book Pals (Grade 5 & 6) ALPL
 6 p.m. Choir and Orchestra Concert, First Lutheran Church
 7 p.m. AL City Council, Council Chambers
Tuesday, Oct. 18
 Finals – ALHS
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 3:45 p.m. Book Pals (3rd & 4th Grade)
 5:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
 6 p.m. Nonfiction Book Clu
 6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr
Wednesday, Oct. 19
 Finals
 End of Quarter 1 (39 Days)

AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Tuesday, Oct. 11
 Lyle Vol. Fire Dept. Meeting
 9 a.m. Hormel Retiree Breakfast
 10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters
 3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M / HS Gym
 4:45 p.m. Public Skate
 6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen Academy
 6 p.m. Grand Meadow City Council Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
Wednesday, Oct. 12
 Lyle City Council Meeting
 10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
 2 p.m. Kids' Fused Glass Mosaic Handprints, Austin ArtWorks Center
 5:30 p.m. Writing Memoirs and Personal Stories #5 – Including a “Turning Point” in Your Story, Austin ArtWorks Center
 6:30 p.m. Adult Hockey, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
 7 p.m. National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin
Thursday, Oct. 13
 10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M / HS Gym
 4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave East
 4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
 4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers Market, Corner of Broadway and Main Street, Downtown LeRoy
 5 p.m. Ladies Night Out, Holiday Inn Conference Center
 6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)
Friday, Oct. 14
 9 a.m. Garden Spot Market, 106 W Main St, Brownsdale
 10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
 5:15 p.m. Bingo – Austin VFW
 5:30 p.m. Davina and the Vagabonds
 6 p.m. Autism Family Respite Night, YMCA of Austin
 6 p.m. Comedy Show, Holiday Inn Conference Center
 6 p.m. Halloween Warm-Up, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
 7 p.m. Austin Bruins vs Bismarck Bobcats
Saturday, Oct. 15
 8 a.m. 2016 Mower County United Way Day of Caring
 9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave E
 9 a.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
 9 a.m. Under One Roof Rummage Sale, Crane Community Chapel
 10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 10:30 a.m. Kids Studio –Japanese Stab Bound Books, Austin ArtWorks Center
 6 p.m. Halloween Warm-Up, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
 7 p.m. Austin Bruins vs Bismarck Bobcats, Riverside Arena
Sunday, Oct. 16
 12 p.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
 1 p.m. Riverside Figure Skating Club – Basic Skills, Riverside Arena
 2:30 p.m. Riverside Figure Skating Club – Power & Moves, Precision Line, Advanced Ice Time, Riverside Arena
Monday, Oct. 17
 EDA Meeting
 11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
 12 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Austin Armory
 4 p.m. 80th Christ Church Sauerkraut Dinner
 4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave East
 4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
 5:15 p.m. Bingo – Austin VFW
 6:30 p.m. Breaking the Chains of Modern Slavery, Frank W. Bridges Theatre, Riverland Community College
Tuesday, Oct. 18
 10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 10 a.m. Hearth and Home: The History of SPAM, Hormel Historic Home
 12 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Austin Armory
 12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Offic
 3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M / HS Gym
 6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen Academy, Law Enforcement Center
 7 p.m. Austin Artist Series: Dallas Brass, Knowlton Auditorium
Wednesday, Oct. 19
 10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery – Theodore Rasmussen and Steve De Laitsch
 11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House

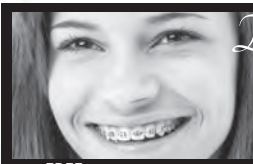


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 7:30 p.m. Monthly ECAG Meeting, Ellendale City Council Chambers
Thursday, Oct. 13
 5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
 7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
 7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Room
Monday, Oct. 17
 6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellendale
Tuesday, Oct. 18
 Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Ave
 7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale
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Wednesday, Oct. 12
 4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Meeting
 7 p.m. Medford Municipal Building Presentation / Open House, Medford Fire Hall
Thursday, Oct. 13
 2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Monday, Oct. 17
 2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Tuesday, Oct. 18
 6:30 p.m. Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 19
 7 p.m. Ft. Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus





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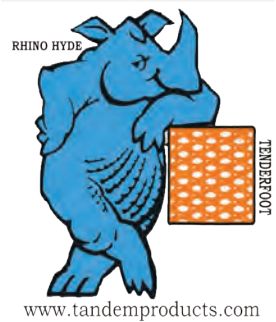
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Members of Big Brothers Big Sisters and employees from the Steele County Detention Center gather by the pumpkins the center is gifting to the organization for their fall festival. The pumpkins will be given to children to decorate and take home.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Volunteers and center employees work together to load pumpkins from the detention center, so they can be taken to the charity's cellar to wait for the fall festival. Any leftover pumpkins will be donated to area preschools.

Prisoners donate pumpkins

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

There's a lot of orange popping up around the Steele County Detention Center, and it's not the jumpsuits.

On Oct. 4, detention center employees and volunteers from Big Brothers Big Sisters loaded up hundreds of pumpkins that inmates grew to donate to the organization for their fall festival.

The pumpkins were grown in the center's garden maintained by prisoners on work release. The garden is roughly three fourths of an

acre large, produces between 500 to 600 pumpkins a year, and was established back in 2004.

Cindy Fowler, the center's system program coordinator, has been working at The Steele County Detention Center for ten years, and helps oversee the prisoners who work in the garden. She said that prisoners who have work release can work in the garden in their time off, and it gives them a chance to utilize their skills.

"I think it's huge for them to give instead of take," Fowler said. She says it a chance for

them "to learn from what they've done."

Two prisoners can work in the garden at a time, and up to six inmates are usually a part of the project.

Other vegetables are also grown in the garden. This led to one odd occasion of crossbreeding when a watermelon cross-pollinated with a pumpkin, which Fowler chuckled at as one of the weird things that can happen when you go into business with Mother Nature. The other vegetables are used as a healthy addition to the inmate's meals.

"It's another great reason to take pride in what they're working on," Sheriff Thiele said. He was also onsite to help the volunteers collect pumpkins.

The volunteers from Big Brothers Big Sisters are happy for the arrangement. Eight members of the organization came out that day to accept the center's donation, Michelle Redman, the organization's executive director, was among them.

"It's nice that the center faculty can collaborate with us," Redman said. This collaboration has been going

on for seven or eight years.

The pumpkins are used at the organization's fall festival on Oct. 25, where they'll be given to the children, known as "littles", who are part of the organization. The littles then get to decorate the pumpkins and take them home. Roughly 120 people usually attend the festival, where the littles and their "bigs" come in costume to celebrate Halloween.

"It's a highlight for the kids," Redman explained. At the end of the night, many of the littles clamor to take home the spare pumpkins to give to their own siblings. Redman

thinks it's an important opportunity of "paying it forward" for the inmates.

This year's pumpkin pick-up ran smoothly with several volunteers thankful there were no small creatures lurking around the pumpkins. Redman remembered less than fondly last year when she lifted up a pumpkin only to have a chipmunk startle and scurry up her leg.

Luckily, this year the only concern was how they were going to manage such a large donation.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

A family member of a firefighter marked by a pink volunteer shirt helps a young boy try out one of the station's fire hoses. There was also an obstacle course for local children to practice their firefighter skills

Fire department hosts feed

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The firefighters of Owatonna's fire department took to fighting more than just fires this weekend.

The twelfth annual Firefighters' Feed served up chili and wild rice stew to help the residents of Owatonna keep hunger at bay and raised money for a

local playground. Roughly 900 people are estimated to have attended the feed which raises roughly \$3,000 for a different charity each year.

This year's charity is We All Play, which hopes to build a Miracle League Field and a playground that will be accessible for able and disabled children alike. The project will be breaking ground at Dart Parks and will

cost \$800,000 total.

The fire department decided on this charity after having one of their guys pitch it in a meeting and everyone voting that it was a worthy cause.

The feed also helps kick off fire prevention week and fire prevention month. According to Travis Ahrens, one of the stations four fire commanders, almost all of

the 36 firefighters who work at the station showed up to help put on the event. Their spouses and children also lend a hand.

Looking over all the firefighters and family members putting on the event, Leila Kath, another firefighter, remarked, "It's a second family down here."

Don't give me a 'gimmee'

LITTLE THOUGHTS
ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK
DELAP

Never leave the court without hitting your last shot. Never leave anything on the court that you may not ever be able to come back to change.

Everyone eventually has a final shot.

It's the last things done that are greatly remembered.

The clock is winding down. Living in Minnesota, I begin to take more time to consider the things around me when I see driveways filled with sweatshirts and basketballs.

Things are changing. The colors of the leaves, the direction of the wind, the face of the clouds.

On a late October run this past weekend I wondered if this would be "that last one" of the year.

On the golf course with frost starting to form on the pads, I wonder if this will be my last round of the season. Suddenly it hits me.

How quickly April turns to autumn.

My friend, Larry, finished his course before the leaves had all turned. Suddenly it

scares me – how some leaves fall before they are allowed to change. I spoon-fed him strawberry ice cream. I remember it because it was the last time I saw him.

Whenever I leave a basketball court, I make sure that the last shot I take is one I make.

On my final golf hole, I will never accept a "gimme." It is imperative that I hear the ball hit the bottom of the cup on that hole, for that hole may, in fact, be final.

And on my run, I make sure that I am sprinting at the finish. Tomorrow may not give me another shot, but it will leave me with the memory of the last one I took today.

"Finishing" prepares you to be ready for tomorrow.

When my clock descends to zero, I want to be able to say boldly, even as Paul wrote in his epistle to Timothy, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

As football starts to wind down and the homecoming is in the books for another year, I look ahead to another basketball season.

And I am in the autumn of my life. The wind is coming across the great plains, gathering oak leaves gone orange and blowing ominous clouds. I am wondering which run, which round, which shot will be the one I will forever remember into eternity.

Be careful out there.



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County Living

Autumn reflections:

Everything has a purpose and a purpose for the journey

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

This week I watched as the river was literally flooded with small and separate troops of geese training for their

upcoming migration. As I witnessed last year, they learn formation, calls from the leader, spacing and stamina from swimming “upstream” in the river. I watched for hours as they would learn how to

rotate to bring a different goose to the front while never losing their spacing in the water... staying perfect in the “V”.

It was quite noisy, as they were all training in small groups and some were swimming, some were resting, somewhere in transition. They trained in that river for hours and the next day, the troops go to a different part of the river to experience a different scene, a new adversity – never letting themselves become complacent.

The hours of discipline in that never-ending thrust of the river flowing swiftly beneath the water level is amazing. They are building

their stamina for the upcoming journey. I thought to myself how dedicated they are to survival. Everything in their life is geared for those yearly journeys.

I imagined me swimming upstream for 30 minutes and got tired just from the thought. These geese train in that torrent every day. As I was watching them, I felt a special touch on my heart with a profound, but simple thought: “They train in the adversity of the stream so that they can withstand the adversity of the journey.” We have our trials each and every day and don’t realize that our training IS part of the journey. With each hour in our stream

of adversity – we are building stamina for our journey and our calling.

I think we would do good to take lessons from geese as we see them forming and training to go south. (No... it’s not a sign to follow them to a warmer climate!!!) As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird who follows. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock increases the flying range by 71% over one bird flying alone.

People who share a common direction and a sense of community get where they’re going more easily and more quickly because they are traveling on each other’s thrust.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and the resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we’ll stay in formation with those ahead and we’ll be willing to accept their help. We’ll also be willing to help those following behind. The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. We need to make sure our honking from behind is for encouragement and not for some other reason.

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Every fiber of their being in life is dedicated to training and planning for their journey. Nothing is haphazard. They swim in formation, train with every sound, practice taking off and landing with the utmost precision and striving for perfection in the formation which is critical to making it to their destination. When you see a flock of geese earlier in the summer out of formation and in a chaotic honking, there is training going on. They won't migrate until they get it right.



Harvest bingo

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: PreK-Age 6 \$25.00 Prize

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AUCTIONEER'S COMMENT: This is a great auction to attend if you are looking for tools and great antiques - it has it all! Lunch and portable toilet available. See you there - Dennis.

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Firefighter of the year chosen

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The Owatonna fire station has selected their Firefighter of the Year at honor during fire prevention week.

Matt Thurnau has been with the fire department for 12 and a half years and is being honored for his diligence to his duty.

Thurnau was 38 when he started fighting fires. The station had been hiring on-call staff, and he answered the call.

“It’s something I always wanted to do,” Thurnau said, as he recalled deciding to give it a try. At the time, he hadn’t been certain he would meet the physical requirements, but he did and joined the station’s night squad.

The night squad is made up of nine to ten men who are prepared to be called in between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Squad members are expected to answer 40 percent of the calls that go out. Thurnau averages

80 percent.

In his time with the department, he’s responded to car accidents, fires, and even two different plane crashes.

One of his favorite rescues was helping save the life of a woman who had been in a car accident. She had flipped her car into a slue off highway 40, and her car filled with water. The firefighters managed to get her out after she had been waiting with only an inch of air above the water to breathe.

Thurnau recalls that rescue with pride.

He also noted that not all calls end happily. He’s responded to farm accidents where he’s known the victim’s family. One time he responded to a car accident only to discover the victim he had lunch with everyday. He’d requested of his commander to be the one who pulled the body from the car.

“It was the last thing I can do for him,” Thurnau remembers thinking.

Thurnau is proud of his time with the department and honored to be recognized. The award comes in his final year at the station, as he plans to retire in March.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Firefighter of the year Matt Thurnau stands in front of the fire station's mural at the annual Firefighters' Feed. When not on-call at the fire station, he works at Federated Insurance.

Apple Crisp

3/4 c. flour
1/2 c. butter
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Toys for Tots kicks off

The season for giving is upon us.

Alpha Media Mankato announced the 5th Annual Southern Minnesota Christmas Festival and “Toys for Tots”

Kick-off.

The free and family-friendly Festival will take place on Saturday, November 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new Performing Arts Center at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato.

Visitors will enter the World of Whoville as this year’s theme is How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

In addition to an assortment of activities for the kids, they’ll have a chance to meet Santa Claus!

This is also the perfect place to start your Christmas shopping, with dozens of local vendors on hand, offering gifts that will be perfect for everyone on your list.

There will also be plenty of food options, along with entertainment from the Mankato Children’s Chorus, Lantz & Jeremy, The Govenaires, Andrea Lyn, The Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota, West Connection & the Mary Guentzel Quintet.

People are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy or make a monetary donation if possible for Toys for Tots.

The goal of Toys for Tots is to help less fortunate children in our area experience the joy of Christmas. Proceeds and donations will be put towards this program.

At last year’s Christmas Festival, more than \$1,200 dollars was raised for Toys for Tots, and 132 toys were donated.

If you are a business or community group that would like to be involved in this year’s Southern Minnesota Christmas Festival, please call 507-345-4646.

GRIEF RELIEF

Will children understand when a widowed person wants to begin dating? Children of all ages need to be included in all plans made after the death of a spouse. Reactions may be supportive, protective, jealous, or insecure. And all family members should be encouraged to discuss feelings about the new relationship and how it affects the family. Dating after the death of a spouse can be a positive step forward for everyone concerned.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

SOLUTION ON PAGE C8

CLUES ACROSS

- Sensitivity
- Greek island
- Up to the time of
- Wife
- Composer Ned
- Edging to street path (Brit.)
- Lose energy
- Biblical parable
- Celery (Spanish)
- Arm bones
- Japanese family emblem
- Customary practice
- Acceptance
- Very fast aircraft (abbr.)
- Cool
- Indian state
- Young boy or girl
- Astronomy unit
- Confederate soldier
- Famed German composer
- Alternate name
- Used to pave driveways
- Artery
- Type of powder
- Inquire too closely
- Northern Ireland
- Connects two points at right angles
- Hot drink
- A newt
- Engine additive
- Wealthy Connecticut town
- Not invited or requested
- Embrace
- Spiritual leader
- Wild or sweet cherry

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CLUES DOWN

- Very short skirt worn by ballerinas
- Angle between leaf stalk and stem
- Popular in Nebraska
- Dessert

- Cognitive retention therapy
- Wandered
- Mistake
- Adolescent
- Medical term
- Russian tsar's edict
- Type genus of the Nepidae
- High school math class
- Double-reed instrument
- Painful places on the body
- Fiddler crabs
- Resinous substance
- Person of wealth (Brit.)
- Series
- North American plant
- Warble
- Pastries
- Group of eight
- Twyla __, dancer
- Pouch
- Singer Charles
- Cattle genus
- Eye infection
- Where couples go to marry
- Long bench with backs
- Unrestricted free agent
- __ Talks
- Causal agent
- Nincompoop
- Relating to the aura
- Person of conspicuous wealth
- Type of mottled fruit
- Essential
- Fertility god
- Folk singer Ives
- La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Foot
- Digital audiotape
- Drunk

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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): Alan P. Christenson and Ronda K. Christenson f/k/a Ronda Kaplan, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., a California corporation n/k/a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$157,560.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 24, 2011

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 1, 2011 as Document Number A000376889 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: \$147,558.83

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Tract I: The South 83.39 feet of Lot One (1) in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Sixteen (16) Township One Hundred and Seven (107) North, of Range Twenty (20) West, Steele County, Minnesota

AND

Tract II: The South Half of Lot 2 in the Northeast Quarter of Section 16-107-20; Except the North Quarter of South Half of West Half of Lot 2, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 522 S CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-3202

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-016-1104 and 17-016-1114

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 1, 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 May 1, 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 6, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A. By: /s/Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee

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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 Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE

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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 T. Evans, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage

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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.

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 6, 2016

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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.

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.

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Dated: September 23, 2016

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Assignee of Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP BY: Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060

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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 mortgages

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,

Foreclosure continued

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.

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In Re: Estate of
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Decedent

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated September 28, 1995. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Richard W. Swanson, whose address is 126 North Prairie Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

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

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

Notice is further given that (subject

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Country church hosts former Vikings player

By KYLIE RICE
Staff intern

Fall is football season. It's time for the loyalty of friends and family who don't agree on teams to be put to the test, and also for those friends and family to come together for a little good natured rivalry, which in true Midwestern fashion, is normally centered around food.

Vista Covenant Church, a small country church with a big heart for people, understood the meaning of the football season, and wanted to encourage the community to come together. The church has hosted numerous Party in the Parks, an event where families could come, eat, and enjoy each other's presence through games and conversation.

This time, the church was hoping for a different angle by hosting a "tailgate party". "Our goal was to have something lighthearted going on to try and

bring the community together after all of the hard things this community has gone through, between the flooding and with the loss of the police chief. We are just wanting to have the community come to this event, to enjoy food and to hopefully listen to the speaker!" Pastor Steve Thompson, a self-professed die hard Vikings fan, stated.

This speaker was a former Vikings' player, Mark Mullaney. Mullaney was the first round draft pick by the Vikings in 1975. Born in Denver, Colorado, Mullaney played college for Colorado State before being drafted, and played for the Vikings between 1975 and 1986. He has 597 tackles, 45.5 quarterback sacks, 13 forced fumbles and one interception, and was a member of the Vikings team that played Oakland in Super Bowl XI in January 1977.

Sharing his life story, Mullaney talked about his

childhood and his journey into playing for the Vikings. He told of growing up with a father who would "easily fly off of the handle." This left Mullaney with scars that made him afraid to shower in the locker room with his teammates. But his relationship with his father eventually turned out to be a good one, as his father spoke some of the most powerful words into Mullaney's life. "He took me out onto Soldiers Field at sunset, and said 'Mark, someday you're going to be drafted in the first round. I was 15 years old at that time.'"

Alongside the message, the church provided a dinner of pulled pork sandwiches and chips, and the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was present to entertain youth with a variety of sports-themed games.

"I hope that people would find encouragement through this outreach," Pastor Thompson stated.

First Lutheran Church salutes local volunteers

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie will salute and pay tribute to many of the community's volunteers on five consecutive Sundays, beginning Oct. 16.

"God is at work at First Lutheran Church and in our community in many surprising and generous ways," says Mary Worke, church vice president and chair of the First Lutheran Church Stewardship Committee.

"We wish to recognize the countless volunteers in our church and community who give generously as great stewards of their time and abilities," Worke said. "Our recognition will be by giving thanks to God for providing

us with our many volunteers," she added.

Recognition for special groups of stewards will be given by the Stewardship Committee on these dates:

- Oct. 16 -- All volunteers participating in past and present ministry at First Lutheran Church
- Oct. 23 -- All community servants: Blooming Prairie firefighters, local ambulance and emergency response personnel and local law enforcement personnel (BP Police, Steele County Sheriff's Department and their families)
- Nov. 6 -- All military service men and women (and spouses) past and present: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, Army Reserves and Coast

- Guard
 - Nov. 13 -- All civic and community leaders
 - Nov. 20 -- Thanks-For-Giving celebration for all stewards of their time, abilities and resources with focus on God
- The First Lutheran stewardship vision is: "To be constantly reminded by God's abundance, moving us to give graciously. We do this by engaging with each other in worship, study and service."
- Members of the Stewardship Committee are: Mary Worke, Eaton Miller, Jan Lueth, Ranell Kittelson, Darrell Hansen, Herman Clausen and Pastor Charlie Leonard.
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The corn husks were flying as Stephen Basness, left, and Roger Pitman, right, did some corn shredding on Sunday afternoon at the Jeff Witt farm south of Blooming Prairie. The New Idea co n husker shredder was brought out of the shed for some old-time memories. More than 50 draft horses were hitched up for some plowing demonstrations on Saturday.

Class of ‘60 reunites



Submitted photo

The BPHS class of 1960 had a class reunion on Oct. 8 at the Pizza Cellar to celebrate 56 years since their graduation.
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Ooofda at the lutefisk dinner



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It takes an entire church to make the annual First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie a success, says chairwoman Ruth Earl. Here, three women of the church put sugar on newly made rosettees. Shown from left to right are: Marilyn Witzel, Naomi Erickson and Vikki Wacek.

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Many lutfisk fans are getting their taste buds ready for the annual First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie Lutfisk dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the church. The menu will include:

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which will feature crafts and quilts. Ruth Earl is chairwoman of the annual dinner project.

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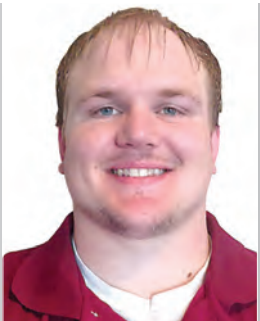
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Vikings recaps

Well folks, what a two weeks it has been for the Vikings. On Monday Night Football last week, it was a continued display of the defense’s quest to be one of the best defenses ever and this week, Brock Osweiler and the Texans offense.

With two games to review-one of which I had the pleasure of being in attendance for- I will give you two main points from each game that stood out to me. So don’t be surprised if I happen to mention the defense in each of the two games. Spoiler alert, they are a few of my talking points.

Vikings 24, Giants 10

Being in attendance for my first Vikings game inside the breath-taking new stadium was simply jaw-dropping. Thanks to a good friend of mine, we were set up with great seats, having a perfect view for all the action all while food and beverages were catered.

The start of the game always gives me chills, going back to my playing days. However, getting a chance to see ESPN’s and former Vikings’ great Randy Moss blow the Gjallarhorn horn, something that resonates through every Vikings fans was awesome. I watched Moss-who in my opinion is the greatest of all time- play when I first fell in love with the team. I remember having all of his jerseys, making sure I had a new one for every season. It was one of my most memorable Viking memories-to include talking to Adrian Peterson-in my young life.

Now onto my thoughts from the Monday night beat down. The Giants came to US Bank Stadium looking for redemption after the 30-point blowout they suffered in week 16 in Minnesota last season. One key factor in this year’s game was the star wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr., managed to keep his attitude in check enough to not be suspended-unlike the fiasco that took place last season.

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A player like Beckham Jr. would strike fear into any Vikings fan, mostly because of the inconsistency the team has had at the cornerback position the last decade. In fact, in the 20-plus years I’ve been a fan, I believe the last time the Vikings had a strong and capable secondary was back in the late 2000’s, when Antoine Winfield was in purple.

That being said, making his first appearance since minor knee surgery was Xavier Rhodes. In the previous three games, second year cornerback Trae Waynes was the starter. Boy, it is sure nice when Mike Zimmer gets his 6-foot-1-inch corner back in the lineup.

The fourth year corner out of Florida State erased any chances of OBJ having a huge night. On 12 targets, the fastest receiver to a 1,000 yards receiving in the history of the NFL was limited to just 3 receptions for 23 yards.

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Medford wide receiver Tye Devoe (85) waits for the snap as Blossoms linebacker Max Romeo (2) sits in coverage last Friday. Blooming Prairie won their homecoming game 54-29, making it five straight wins. For complete results on the game, go to page 3D.



Owatonna defensive back Jason Williamson (22) breaks up a pass from Spartan wide receiver Malik Franklin (14) early in the first quarter of last Friday's action. Powered by Williamson's 79-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the Huskies beat the Spartans 42-21. For complete results, go to page 2D.

Huskies pounce on Spartans



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Huskies quarterback Abe Havelka (3) attempts to pass as offensive lineman Kadyr Mulert (78) wards off a rush from Spartans defensive end Craig Bashore (56) in the second quarter of Owatonna's 42-21 win over Rochester Mayo Friday. The junior quarterback threw three touchdown passes, all in the first half. Right: Senior captain and safety Brett Solie (11) attempts to tackle Mayo running back Ray Motley late in the first quarter. Bottom right: Huskies outside linebacker Journey Peterson (56) tackles Ray Motley in the second half of Owatonna's win against Rochester Mayo.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

A win always counts as a win no matter how it happened. Owatonna's game Friday night at OHS stadium is a prime example of that.

On a sloppy surface Friday night, the Owatonna Huskies managed to pick up a big win in the Big Southeast -Red division with a 42-21 win over the Rochester Mayo Spartans. Head coach Jeff Williams applauded the effort by the defense.

"I was pleased by our run defense. I was pleased with what we looked like up front and our linebackers. I thought we handled the edges well and by and large, we handled the pass well until the fourth quarter," he added.

After exchanging stalled drives on their first two possessions, the Spartans showed their big play ability. After receiving a Huskies punt on the 50-yard line, Mayo quarterback Trajan Grimsrud connected on a 50-yard catch-and-run with Caleb Marris, giving the Spartans a quick 7-0 lead.

Not to be outdone, Huskies quarterback Abe Havelka connected with Alex Raichle on a 44-yard strike to bring Owatonna just yards out of the Spartans red zone. After a pair of Jason Williamson rushes and a 17-yard catch out of the backfield, Havelka connected with Noah Budach on a quick bubble off the right side to tie the score at 7-7.

With just seconds remaining in the first quarter, the Spartans were forced to punt after a Grimsrud pass sailed just high of his intended receiver. The ensuing punt traveled roughly twenty yards, giving the Huskies prime position to strike again.

After an incomplete Havelka pass, Huskies kicker Aiden Buryaska trotted on to attempt a 30-yard field goal. The attempt was good however; a roughing the kicker penalty not only nullified the attempt, but also gave the Huskies new life inside the Spartans 10-yard line. From

there, Havelka scampered in for the second score of the game, extending the lead to 14-7.

A fumble on the ensuing kickoff had the Spartans offense backed up deep in their own zone. The Huskies smelled blood in the water. Just one play after stopping Mayo running back Ray Motley for a loss of three yards, Grimsrud's pass was intercepted by Raichle, setting up yet another prime scoring opportunity.

Despite a pair of penalties, Havelka led the Huskies on an 8-play, 30-yard drive that was capped by Budach's second touchdown reception of the night. The junior finished with five receptions for 45 yards and two scores.

Going into the half with a 21-7 lead and the momentum from a goal line stand to end the first half, the Huskies were still searching for a chance to open the floodgates.

They wouldn't have to wait long as Jay Sullivan—who returned a kickoff at the start of the second half last week—received the opening kick of the half only to hand it to a waiting Williamson. The star sophomore then made his way across the field and down the Spartan sideline on his way to a 79-yard kick off return for a touchdown.

With the defense forcing yet another quick three and out, Havelka led another efficient 7-play, 26 yard scoring drive that was capped by the junior's third touchdown pass of the night to Raichle. Havelka finished with 166 yards passing and two scores, while Raichle grabbed 4 catches for 86 yards.

Mid-way through the third quarter, the Huskies added their final score of the contest when Griffin Thorn rumbled into the end zone from 12 yards out, extending the Huskies lead to 42-7.

Defensively, the Huskies continue to build on their strong homecoming performance. In fact, through three quarters, Defensive Coordinator Marc Achterkirch's unit allowed 88 yards passing on eight attempts and allowed three different ball

carriers a total of 79 yards rushing. The unit also registered three total turnovers and a pair of sacks from Journey Peterson and Chandler Buckhalter.

In the fourth quarter, the Spartans attempted to mount a comeback. On the ensuing kickoff, Mayo marched down the field 80 yards with an equal dose of Motley on the ground, and junior wide receiver Malik Franklin through the air. The drive was capped by a one-yard plunge from Motley.

Just minutes later after a Huskies punt, the Spartans were again marching down the field. A questionable pass inference penalty gave Mayo great field position deep in Huskies' territory. Just one play later, Grimsrud found Franklin from 21 yards out to cut the deficit to 42-21.

Another stalled Huskies drive gave the Spartans a glimmer of hope to make things interesting with just minutes left to play. That was until Raichle stepped in front of a Grimsrud pass and recorded his second interception of the night. The Huskies would run out the clock.

In preparation for this week's matchup at New Prague, coach Williams said the focus will be to get healthy and continuing to develop depth.

"First thing we're gonna do is make sure we're healthy because this was a hard hitting football game and obviously we have to continue to develop depth. We got to feel comfortable with getting some kids off the field and getting other kids on," he said.

Owatonna is on the road to face New Prague Friday.

Scoring summary

FIRST QUARTER
M— Israel Lozoya 50 pass from Trajan Grimsrud (kick good), 5:16
O—Noah 3 pass from Abe Havelka (Aidan Buryaska kick), 3:16
SECOND QUARTER
O—Havelka 3 run (Buryaska kick), 6:45
O—Budach 10 pass from Havelka (Buryaska kick), 3:45
THIRD QUARTER

O—Jason Williamson 79 kick return (Buryaska kick), 11:45

O—Alex Raichle 15 pass from Havelka (Buryaska kick), 8:34

O—Griffin Thorn 12 run (Buryaska kick), :50

FOURTH QUARTER
M—Ray Motley 2 run (kick good), 9:50

M—Malik Franklin 21 pass from Grimsrud (kick good), 7:28

Team stats

Passing: O 166, RM 182
Rushing: O 122, RM 114
Total offense: O 288, RM 296
Turnovers: O 2, RM 3

Huskies stats leaders

Passing: Havelka- 10 for 24, 166 yards, 3 TD's, 2 INT's
Rushing: Williamson- 25 carries,

86 yards; Mitch Weise- 2 carries, 2 yards; Zach Mensink- 2 carries, -5 yards; Havelka- 3 carries, 3 yards, TD; Thorn- 7 carries, 33 yards, TD.
Receiving: Budach- 5 receptions, 45 yards, 2 TD's; Raichle- 4 receptions, 86 yards, TD; Williamson- 1 reception, 17 yards; Mensink- 1 reception, 18 yards.



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Top: Blossoms wide receiver Ben Smith (7) awaits the snap before running his route against the Tigers defense on Friday. Blooming Prairie defeated Medford 54-29, gaining 596 yards of total offense in the win. Bottom: Blossoms running back Max Romeo (2) talks things over with BP coach Matt Kittleson.

Blossoms offense explodes in fifth straight win

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Almost a thousand yards of offense between the two teams meant for a high-scoring contest.

The Awesome Blossoms got the better of it in a 54-29 homecoming victory over visiting Medford. The game on McFarlin field pleased a large homecoming crowd Friday, Oct. 7, to climax a week-long litany of activities to celebrate that annual event.

Counting a forfeit win a week ago, the Medford win moved the Blossoms to a 5-1 record, with two games left in the regular season.

The team travels to United South Central this Friday for another district game. A win there would set up another contest against rival Kenyon-Wanamingo.

The Blossoms piled up 379 yards on the ground and 222 yards in the air for 601 total yards.

That figure counteracted Medford's aerial circus orchestrated by quarterback Jarvis VonRuden, who threw 38 passes in the game and connected with three different receivers 17 times.

The Tiger ground game netted only 70 yards all night, however, and that would mean the difference. Three Blossom interceptions blunted the Medford attack as well.

Leading the charge for BP, Max Romeo had a monstrous game, rushing for 164 yards and catching 4 passes for 114 yards.

Quarterback Seth Peterson went 12 for 22 and three touchdowns, but as he commented after the game, "I didn't have to do so much tonight, because our running game operated so smoothly. The line did a great job tonight opening holes for the runners."

A 37-yard kickoff return from

Lucas Noble to open the action set the Blossoms up, and they needed just five plays to score the touchdown. Noble ran 15 yards to the Medford 35, and Peterson and Romeo advanced the ball to the 26.

On fourth down, Peterson rambled 26 yards on a keeper for the score, and Brad Staska kicked the first of six conversion kicks (out of seven attempts).

BP made a big play on the Tigers' next possession when a quarterback sneak by Von Ruden was stopped cold by the middle of the defensive front.

Five plays later the Blossoms struck again, this time on Romeo's 2-yard burst, with a little over five minutes left in the half.

With 1:18 left in the quarter the locals scored touchdown number three on a 4-yard pass to Payton Simon and a 20-0 lead. In the second quarter, BP scored again on a 12-yard toss to Gabe Hagen.

Before the quarter ended, however, Medford counted two touchdowns. Von Ruden passed 10 yards to Tye Devoe for the first one, with a two-point conversion, and Von Ruden found Nate Meixner for 9 yards just before the half.

The scoreboard then failed, and the rest of the game was played with official time kept on the field.

A fumble on the second half kickoff gave the Blossoms the ball on the Medford 30, and Noble and Peterson rushed the ball to the three.

There, Peterson found Ben Smith for three yards and the touchdown and a 34-14 edge. Later in the quarter, Peterson connected with Connor Getchell for 30 yards.

Getchell then scored the touchdown from 14 yards out, and the margin upped to 41-14. A Von Ruden run of 5 yards cut the margin to 41-22.

A 23-yard pass from Peterson to Romeo counted an early

fourth quarter touchdown, and Von Ruden engineered one last touchdown for the Tigers. Alec Baldwin put a little icing on the victory cake with 16-yard sweep with less than two minutes left in the game.

"We wanted to establish the passing game early," remarked Coach Chad Gimbel. "We did a lot of good things tonight, but we still made many mistakes and way too many penalties."

"We had two personal fouls and a facemask penalty on Medford's first drive, but, fortunately,

we were able to stop the drive at the end.

"Our three pass interceptions helped, as Von Ruden is an excellent passer and fit the ball in several times."

The rush defense played great for the game, with Wyatt Grundmeier, Getchell, and Payton Simon making 8, 7, and 6 tackles.

The pass defense will definitely have to improve, however, as the Tigers gained almost 400 yards through the air. The intercepted passes did slow the Medford passing game a little.

BP	20	7	14	13	54
Medford	0	14	7	8	29

Team Statistics

Passing: BP 222, M 398
Rushing: BP 374, M 70
Total offense: BP 596, 468
Turnovers: BP 0, M 3

Individual Stats

Blooming Prairie
Rushing: Romeo 132 yards, Getchell 53 yards.
Passing 222 yards- Seth Peterson 12 for 22.

Receiving – Romeo 4 for 114 yards

Medford

Passing: VonRuden- 19 for 38, 388 yards, 3 TD's, 3 INT's; Marcus DeLeon- 0 for 1.

Rushing: Nate Meixner- 4 carries, 10 yards; DeLeon- 15 carries, 60 yards, TD

Receiving: DeVoe- 10 receptions, 179 yards, TD; Meixner- 4 receptions, 69 yards, TD; Alex Gengler- 2 receptions, 30 yards; DeLeon- 2 receptions, 70 yards, TD; Carter Aldrich- reception, 40 yards.





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Medford at Blooming Prairie



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Top: Blossoms quarterback Seth Peterson (12) , flanked by running back Max Romeo (2) looks over to the sidelines while Colin Lerum (13) awaits the snap late in the second half Friday night. Blooming Prairie exploded for 596 yards of total offense in the win. Middle: The Blossoms defense takes in a huddle during a timeout. Bottom: Medford wide receiver Tye Devoe (85) waits to run his route while the Tigers offense is on the field. The Medford receiver finished with 179 yards and a touchdown.



Blossoms homecoming run



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Top: Members of the Blooming Prairie cross country team run on 84th avenue toward Blooming Prairie High School with the game ball for Friday night’s homecoming football game. The team led by head coach John Bruns, completed the 26-mile trek from Medford High School in under four hours.

BP cross country team travels from Medford with game ball

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

The homecoming football game is one of the most anticipated events out of all the festivities. The students and the city all come out to support their hometown under the bright lights of Friday night.

The Blossoms cross country team, however, have a way that not only brings recognition to the hard work their team routinely puts in, but is a way for them to show their support to

their school’s team as well.

Started during homecoming week in 2008, the Blooming Prairie cross country team have been participating in a “homecoming run.” The homecoming run always starts where the opposing team’s town is, brining the game ball that will be used for the night’s contest along with it. This season, the team started thier journey in Medford, as the Blossoms had a date set with the Tigers Friday.

Head coach John Bruns said that every year of the race is always an early morning.

“We all left BPHS at 9:30 a.m. this year and arrived at Medford High School at about 10 a.m. This is only about 26 miles, so we knew we could do it under four hours and still make it to the Pepfest at 2:00 p.m. at the school,” he added.

During the nine years of the event, the team has ran from Medford three times. Bruns also mentioned that the team doesnt all run at once but as a group of a few (one to three people) at a time. This concept allows the team fresh legs after a few miles. The teams average about eight

to ten miles an hour, depending on the wind, weather and the terrain they have to cover.

Over the years-aside from three seperate trips from Medford- the team has traveled from St. Clair, Mankato-Loyola and United South Central mulptle times. As for the longest trek, Bruns said that it’s a close one.

“Loyola is the farhest at about 60 miles, but St. Clair and USC are close at about 50 miles. When we travel to those schools we usually send a group out around 4:30 a.m. to

get started,” he said.

Once the final grouping of runners reach the mile mark from city limits, the team comes together and runs into town as one team. Something that may seem small but really resonates to the “One team, One school, One town” mantra that many high schools credit as a code.

Upon completing the run, Bruns said that this event is something special for the team.

“They love this event. It is always something the kids look forward to and is great

bonding time for them. We almost had to cancel one year because it was cold and rainy, but they wouldn’t allow it to happen. That year we ran from St. Clair. It was in the low forty’s and rained almost the whole way. They still had a blast,” he added.

While it’s tough to put any weight behind it, the game ball delivered by the cross country team was in favor of the Awesome Blossoms Friday night as they thumped the Tigers to cap another memorable homecoming week.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Jordyn Sanchez (left) and Gustaof Ogren (right) run down the side of US Highway 218 near Bixby, as they make their way back to Blooming Prairie with the game ball. The two runners ran roughly a mile and a half before switching groups.



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

(from left to right): Senior cross country members Quentin Kubista, Elijah Baker, Evan Doerhoefer, Alison Pryor celebrate in front of Blooming Prairie High School after completing another succesful homecoming run. The members of the Blooming Prairie cross country team ran 26 miles from Medford High School to deliver the game ball.

From kicking to throwing

Prigge’s transistions from kicker to quarterback

By KYLIE RICE
Staff Writer

Getting your position changed right before your senior year can be a daunting thing. But NRHEG Panther’s quarterback Sam Prigge seems to be taking it right in stride. The team captain has played exceptionally well this year.

“I feel like the season has gone very well up to this point. We were very inexperienced as a team to start the year and it showed. But everyone has really stepped into their roles and are executing everything really well right now.” Prigge stated, showing confidence in his team mates.

Prigge went from last year’s team kicker and second string quarterback to the Panther’s starting quarterback and kicker this season. “I believe my biggest strength is making pre-snap reads.” Prigge remarked, when asked about his strengths at quarterback. “Most of the time I can look at a defense and know who will be open before

the snap. Then it’s just about getting the ball close enough to my receivers to where they can make a play on the ball.”

When asked what inspires him to play, the quarterback said that the competition is it. “Every single game is a battle with your best friends. We all play for each other, so I do my best to hold up my end and play as hard as I can all the time for my team. My main goal this season would be to win the section. It will be tough, but if we play well I believe we have the ability to achieve it.”

This may be in the cards for the Panthers, as the football team is on a four game winning streak. The pressure on the team could be high, but Prigge says it is to the contrary. “I feel tons of support from the community, and from everyone in school. I wouldn’t want to play anywhere else, or with any other group of guys.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Panthers quarterback Sam Prigge (3) looks to pitch the ball in second quarter action against Sibley East on Oct. 2. The senior is making quite the transition from kicker to quarterback for Dan Stork's 5-1 team.

Panthers edge Giants

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

In a departure from the last few games, NRHEG scored a last quarter touchdown to edge LeSeuer-Henderson 14-11 Friday, Oct.7, at LeSeuer. The Panthers scored the winner with just one minute and 33 seconds left in the contest on a 1-yard thrust after a sustained drive brought them to that point.

A relieved Coach Dan Stork

commented, “We were fortunate to get the win tonight. The Giants had a very good game plan and really did a good job of mixing defenses that kept us off balance and caused confusion. It was a very good win for us.”

LeSeuer-Henderson took a lead at the 6:22 mark of the opening quarter on a booming field goal from Matthew Plieseis that traveled 41 yards. NRHEG countered with a touchdown on the ensuing

kickoff just 15 seconds later, after a good kickoff return. Noah Sletten rambled 27 yards for the score, and quarterback Sam Prigge passed to Brady Agrimson for the two-point conversion. NRHEG held that 8-3 lead at the break, as neither team could solve the other’s defense.

With just twenty-eight seconds left in a scoreless third quarter, Giant quarterback Jared Miller capped off a drive with a 6-yard run. His two-

point conversion run gave the home team an 11-8 lead and set up the thrilling climax for the Panthers. Prigge’s short run gave a 14-11 lead, and they held on to preserve the victory.

The win gave NRHEG a 5-1 season mark, while LeSeuer-Henderson dropped its record to 1-5. The Panthers will tangle with Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Friday at New Richland.

Vikings move to 5-0 for the first time since 2009

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Houston, Rhodes locked down DeAndre Hopkins, limited the receiver to four catches when covered by the lengthy corner.

Flash is back

After a strong rookie season that the raw, but yet explosive receiver from Tennessee accounted for 2,020 all-purpose yards and nine total touchdowns, the former first round pick has been somewhat of a disappointment. However, this season we are seeing a new and improved Cordarrelle Patterson.

Spending the previous four years solely on the return teams for the special teams units, it has appeared that Patterson has swallowed a bit of his pride and has fully engulfed his new role... and it’s really paying off.

After making a big tackle on the punt return unit against the Carolina Panthers, the receiver caused a fumble on his first snap of Monday Night Football, giving the Vikings prime field position to add the game’s first points.

The hard work displayed on the coverage units is giving Zimmer a newfound trust in the highly talented receiver. Seeing some of his first legitimate offensive snaps in week four, Patterson made the most of his opportunities.

The first time he touched the ball was on a great bubble screen called by Offensive Coordinator Norv Turner. After receiving two great blocks by Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs, the 6-foot-2-inch receiver took it around the right end for a gain of 21 yards. While

he was proving to be effective on the edges at receiver, he was used primarily as a decoy in the backfield when Turner ran the “wildcat” formation with McKinnon running some zone-read plays out of the shotgun.

In the 25 offensive snaps he received, Patterson finished the contest with 5 receptions for 38 yards.

Against the Texans, the former Volunteer snagged four of his six targets for 39 yards and his first touchdown of the 2016 season.

Vikings 31, Texans 13

In the first noon kick off game at US bank Stadium, the Vikings defense asserted itself as being of the best defenses in the history of the NFL to this point. However, it was the offense that really stood out to me. After struggling to score in the first quarter, Minnesota exploded to a quick 14-0 lead. Once Rochester native Marcus Sherels returned a punt for a score mid-way through the second half, it really looked like the Texans checked out.

Zimmer knows

What Mike Zimmer has done with this defense in three years is simply amazing. In his first year as the Vikings head coach, the unit ranked near the bottom in average rushing yards, passing yards and total yards allowed. The lone bright spot was the Vikings were in the top half of the league in sacks. As a native Montanan and good friends with Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler, it was bitter sweet for me to see the Vikings defense play so well and the Houston

signal caller struggle.

In five games of 2016, the Vikings boast the best scoring defense in the NFL, allowing just 12.9 points per game. In fact, Mike Zimmer’s most prized unit rank in top ten in every major statistical category. The Vikings are fourth in total offense (287.6), eighth in passing defense (209.8), and rank sixth in rushing defense, allowing just 77.8 yards a game.

To put this in perspective, when you think of great NFL defenses, the 1985 Chicago Bears, the 2000 Baltimore Ravens, the 2002 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the 2008 Pittsburgh Steelers and the 2013 Seattle Seahawks all should come to mind. The 1972 Dolphins and the “No-Name” defense were left out due to being the lone undefeated team. That’s a pretty exclusive class. In fact, two of those defenses were not only loaded with Hall of Fame talent, but were coached by two Hall of Famers as well (Buddy Ryan in Chicago and Dick LeBeau in Pittsburgh).

More than a Thielen

With No.1 wide receiver Stefon Diggs inactive to nurse a sore groin, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota native Adam Thielen was promoted to be the team’s starter for their matchup against Houston. In simple terms, the football gods shine their light down on the former Division II star to have a breakout performance. At least, a hopeless romantic of good sports storylines would like to think so.

Thielen had a career day for the Vikings offense, racking up a career-high 127 yards while

hauling in seven of his eight targets. The Minnesota native got the scoring started early when he was able to create a few yards of separation from Jonathan Joseph after breaking his route on a pretty double-move.

The former Minnesota State-Mankato Maverick has been a reliable safety blanket for Sam Bradford. When under duress, the signal caller has his highest completion percentage when throwing to Thielen. As alum of NSIC football myself, it’s a neat feeling to see the small school guys flourish in their new roles. And let me tell you, this surely won’t be the last time we talk about Thielen.

Bye week

The Vikings have reached the bye week and quite frankly, it couldn’t have come at the better time. A continuing offensive line continues to dwindle due to injuries. According to my sources, the Vikings intend to bring former 2008 No.1 overall pick Jake Long in for workout sometime next week. After being drafted by the Dolphins, Long spent a season protecting Bradford for the then St. Louis Rams. Long played just 11 snaps all of last season for the Falcons.

While the bye week gives the Vikings time to formulate a plan for the offensive line, it also gives Diggs another week to rest and rehab that sore groin.

Out of the bye, the Vikings will travel to Philadelphia to face the Eagles.

Prep Preview

Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna’s Abe Havelka (3) releases as he is hit by a Spartan defender on Friday as Nathan Deason (54) continues to look for someone to block.

With NRHEG being the last team in Steele County to host homecoming, the Panthers look to make the county 3-1 in homecoming games.

Owatonna

After a big win, the Huskies are now solely in first place of the Big Southeast-Red Division. This week the Huskies travel to New Prague to face the Trojans. New Prague (1-5) is coming off a 32-0 loss to Rochester Century.

NRHEG

The Panthers host Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial.

NRHEG is 5-1 on the year while LCWM is 2-4.

The Knights are coming off a 57-12 loss to Maple River.

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

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

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

Football State Rankings		
Class 1A	Class 2A	Class 5A
1. Minneota	1. Caledonia	1. Elk River
2. Minneapolis North	2. Barnesville	2. Spring Lake Park
3. Rushford-Peterson	3. Redwood Valley	3. Mahtomedi
4. BOLD	4. Pilager	4. Chanhassen
5. Hinckley-Fintayson	5. Eden Valley-Watkins	5. Mankato West
*Receiving votes: Fillmore Central Wabasso		
*Receiving votes: Maple Lake Hawley		
*Receiving votes: Alexandria, St. Michael-Alb.		

*Source: Northstarfootball.com

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 Oct. 19... vs. Kenyon Wanamingo	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 LeSeur-Henderson W 14-11 Oct. 14... vs Lake Crystal-WM Oct. 19... at Maple River	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 Oct. 19... at Rochester Century
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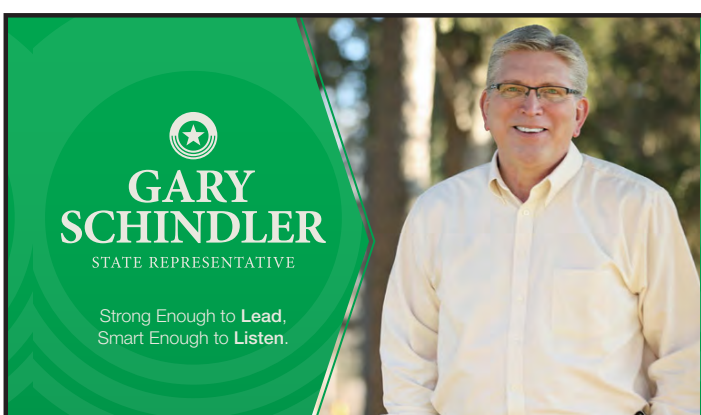
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Rollins joins the Farmamerica team with life-long personal and professional experience in the agriculture industry. Her career background in agriculture communication, marketing and public relations will help lead Farmamerica into the future, building on a strong foundation portraying agriculture of the past while adding new material and displays to help share the



story of today's modern farmers.

Rollins grew up on a farm in Fillmore County. She, her husband, and daughter now reside near the family's sesquicentennial farm outside Pemberton.

Farmamerica is a non-profit organization established by the state legislature in 1978 as Minnesota's Agricultural Interpretive Center, telling the story of agriculture through historical tours, educational programs, and family events. The 360-acre Farmamerica site is just off Highway 14 on County Road 2, west of Waseca. More information is available at farmamerica.org.

USDA issues safety-net payments to farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that many of the 1.7 million farms that enrolled in either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs will receive safety-net payments due to market downturns during the 2015 crop year.

"This fall, USDA will be making more than \$7 billion in payments under the ARC-County and PLC programs to assist participating producers, which will account for over 10 percent of USDA's projected 2016 net farm income. These payments will help provide reassurance to America's farm families, who are standing strong against low commodity prices compounded by unfavorable growing conditions in many parts of the country," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "At USDA, we are standing strong behind them, tapping in to every resource that we have to help. So far in 2016, this has included creating a one-time cost share program for cotton ginning, purchasing about \$800 million in excess commodities to be redirected to food banks and those in need, making \$11 million in payments to America's dairy farmers through the Dairy Margin Protection Program, and reprogramming Farm Service Agency funds to expand credit options for farmers and ranchers in need of extra capital. As always, we continue to watch market conditions and will explore opportunities for further assistance in the coming months. For producers challenged by weather, disease and falling prices, we will continue to ensure the availability of a strong safety net to keep them farming or ranching."

Unlike the old direct payment program, which issued payments during both weak and strong market conditions, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized the ARC-PLC safety net to trigger and provide financial assistance only when decreases in revenues or crop prices, respectively, occur. The ARC and PLC programs primarily allow producers to continue to produce for the market by making payments on a percentage of historical base production, limiting the impact on production decisions.

Nationwide, producers enrolled 96 percent of soybean base acres, 91 percent of corn base acres and 66 percent of wheat base acres in the ARC-County coverage option. Producers enrolled 99 percent of

long grain rice and peanut base acres and 94 percent of medium grain rice base acres in the PLC option. Overall, 76 percent



of participating farm base acres are enrolled in ARC-County, 23 percent in PLC and one percent in ARC-Individual. For other program information including frequently asked questions, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Payments are made to producers who enrolled base acres of barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, wheat and canola. In the upcoming months, payments will be announced after marketing year average prices are published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service for the remaining covered commodities. These include long and medium grain rice (except for temperate Japonica rice), which will be announced in November, remaining oilseeds and chickpeas, which will be announced in December, and temperate Japonica rice, which will be announced in early February 2017. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

The Budget Control Act of

2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce 2015 ARC and PLC payments by 6.8 percent. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

USDA works to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. Since 2009, USDA has provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

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RFA to offer zero-interest loans for farmers in flood disaster countie



The Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (RFA) has lowered its interest rate on the Disaster Loan program to zero percent to help farmers cover the costs to replace and repair items lost or damaged due to flooding and not covered by insurance.

As with other RFA loans, the Disaster Loan program will be available for farmers through their existing agricultural lenders for financing for these repairs. The loans can be used to help clean up, repair, or replace farm structures and to replace seed, other crop inputs, feed, and livestock. The loan may also be used to repair and restore farm real estate that was damaged by flooding. The RFA participation is limited to 45 percent of the principal amount up to a maximum of \$200,000.

The loans will be offered in the following 23 counties that have been declared a disaster by the Governor due to flooding conditions that started September 21, 2016 in Anoka, Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Le Sueur, Mower, Nicollet, Olmstead, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, and Winona counties.

"Minnesotans have a proud tradition of coming together to support one another after a disaster," said Lt. Governor Tina Smith. "Providing zero interest loans to our ag producers will help them recover from severe weather and flooding. I encourage all eligible Minnesota farmers to apply for assistance."

The RFA partners with local lenders to provide affordable credit to eligible farmers. Loan participations are purchased by the RFA under several programs that assist beginning farmers purchase agricultural land; financial improvements to the farm such as grain handling facilities, machine storage, and manure systems; help farmers reorganize their farm debt to improve cash flow; and,

finance new livestock production facilities. Over \$227 million has been invested in over 2,900 participations by the RFA in these programs.

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CORN & SOYBEAN

The 2016 growing season was wet with two distinct temperature patterns—hot during early pollination and cooler in August. Most of Iowa had 125% up to 200% of normal rainfall up to Labor Day, and even more after Labor Day.

The outlook going forward into October is continued above average temperatures and above normal rainfall. These conditions produced high yield potential at the start of September, but deteriorating quality since Labor Day. While yield is determined over the full season, crop quality is often established by conditions at the very end of the growing season.

The recent massive rains in the northern third of Iowa will complicate the need to move quickly on deteriorating grain.

Field Mold: Corn is susceptible to field mold, which we are seeing emerge rapidly. Some yield will be lost, but more importantly, field dry-down and storage properties will be reduced.

Test weight of 54-55 lb/bu may be high this year. If wet and humid weather persists, regardless of temperature, expect wetter than normal corn at harvest. Fungi are invading stalks, which makes stalks weak in many cases.

Stalk rots are progressing into the cobs, and eventually into the kernels. Scouting and early harvest will be needed to prevent field loss from both downed stalks and mold activity. We had a similar situation last year, but the weather turned to very low humidities at the end of September through November, which removed the mold threat.

The effect on soybean quality will be slower field drydown.

While soybeans typically dry down to 12-13% or less with warm, dry weather. Equilibrium moisture contents are staying in the 14-16% range all day, with the current high humidities.

Storage: The amount of grain needing temporary storage, typically in piles, will be larger this year. Given the carryover 2015 corn, I expect about 1 billion bushel of the expected 2.7 billion bushel Iowa corn crop will require temporary storage. At the rate corn is used, this will take three to four months to use up.

Carryover is projected to increase again over the 2016 marketing year, which means a significant share of this year's harvest will have to remain in condition more the 12 months. There will probably be a rush to commercial storage in the second half of harvest, because both corn and soybean crops are expected to be large.

Grain handlers will need to choose, based on local conditions, which crop year grain to hold in long term storage through 2016-2017. In some cases it may be best to hold 2015 grain another year.

Some specific impacts from wet field conditions and tips for grain handling and storage:

Fungus development: Continued wet weather and warm humid conditions are retarding drydown and are encouraging fungus development on ears (see Figures 1 and 2 below).

Some fungi produce mycotoxins harmful to animal and human health. The wide range of fungi on samples this year creates the unusual potential for several mycotoxins. Some fungi, such as diplodia ear rot, do not produce mycotoxins while others such as fusarium or aspergillus can be toxigenic. Expect feed mills and ethanol plants to screen early harvest samples for toxins. Field scouting can help identify problems before harvest.

Moldy grain: Moldy grain will have shorter storage life than 'clean' grain held at the same moisture and temperature. The data in Table 1 represents the long term averages. For grain carrying field mold, expect perhaps 60% to 70% of normal shelf life.

Storage life: The storage life of grain starts immediately after harvest and is shortened significantly when stored at warm temperatures. One day of holding warm, wet corn before drying can use as much as 50% of the storage life, therefore increasing the likelihood of storage problems next spring and summer. Holding wet corn can also result in blue eye mold development, which lowers the Grade but does not produce mycotoxins. Soybeans are sometimes overlooked in the need to cool grain immediately; yet soybeans are more often harvested in warm weather compared to corn.

Harvest early: Harvest early and expect to dry the corn. Avoid holding wet grain before drying. Dry rapidly.

Watch dewpoint temperatures: Cooling the corn out of the field and after drying will be a challenge; watch the dewpoint temperatures. You will never cool the grain below the dewpoint. Ongoing temperature monitoring is key to successful storage. Recent developments in carbon dioxide monitoring have created another way to monitor spoilage; deteriorating organic matter always produces CO2 emissions.

Drying methods: Slower drying methods will require careful monitoring. There will be potential for additional spoilage before the grain dries. This would apply to both natural air and low temperature systems. You can increase drying speed in these systems by reducing the depth, but the tradeoff is having less grain in the dryer.

Bin dryer temperatures: Op-

erate gas-fired bin dryers at temperatures above 120 F, but not over 160 F.

Management of pile grain: Temporary piles should be at commercial facilities, not on farms. Small piles spoil more rapidly than large ones. Management of pile grain is labor intensive, and often requires very short notice decisions about moving the grain. Larger piles are also easier to aerate.

Do not mix old and new crop grain in the same bin: The old crop has used much of its storage time and the new crop is still equilibrating moisture. Rotate stocks if you can. Be sure to separate the crop years and draw the center cores out of all bins, corn and soybeans alike.

Testing for toxins: Commercial grain handlers and processors should expect to receive grain with higher levels of damage and foreign material. We do not know yet if this will create mycotoxin issues.

One way to track the situation in a given area is to collect a 10-lb daily composite (some grain from each of the deliveries in a day) for toxin testing. The USDA-GIPSA grain inspection agencies have the capability to test for the mycotoxins of most concern - aflatoxin, vomitoxin, zearalenone, and fumonisin.

Toxin test kits are now simplified to the point where elevators and processors can do their own, but the USDA results provide a good benchmark. Results after 7-10 days should indicate whether there is a problem in an area. The composites also provide an opportunity to check the accuracy and completeness of on-site grading.

Grain handling safety: High volumes and wet corn, are the common ingredients for grain handling accidents, both entanglements and engulfments. Nothing is worth taking shortcuts on safety.

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