

Opinion

Our view

I agree to give you a voice

“I do not agree with what you have to say, but I’ll defend to the death your right to say it.” – Evelyn Beatrice Hall

A newspaper must be careful not to censor the voice of the people. That being said, the “fourth estate,” or, the voice of the people may at times be unpopular because of the stories we run or the advertisers we sell to.

Just because we do not agree with everything going on in the world, it is still our responsibility as journalists to report those things. The good, the bad, the ugly and topics that may even split a community.

At this time of year, it is especially challenging to cover the political races that are going forth and the candidates who are running. At our publication we choose not to endorse candidates or views or take sides. It is simply quite enough of a task to report as fairly and as objectively as possible, making sure that the words that are spoken, are published.

As to the placement of stories in our newspaper, it is ludicrous to say that because we place one story on Page 3 instead of Page 4 means that we are endorsing, condoning or agreeing with a particular view, opinion or candidate.

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That is the risk we run in the business that we are in. You may not agree with all stories written. You may think that a story is biased or pointed in some way. You must realize that there is another faction that is really, quite pleased with the story. So... in essence, you get mad because we have chosen to be impartial and set a goal to let all voices be heard.

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Letters to the Editor

Character you can count on

Dear Editor,

I think we can all agree this election cycle has been a crazy one. We, as voters, are being forced to question the character of the presidential candidates like never before.

While I can’t comment on the character of each presidential candidate, I can confidently endorse the character of Jim Abbe, a candidate for District 4 Steele County Commissioner. Jim is my father and I am honored to share with you some of the qualities he is far too humble to share himself.

My dad has been my role model for as long as I can remember. He effortlessly strikes a balance between confidence and humility. He treats every person with utmost dignity and believes we are all good people at our core. He can always be counted on to follow through with a promise and would drive all night to help the ones he loves.

He sees a need and fills it without being asked. He builds his character, not his reputation. He has a strong work ethic and embodies our family’s favorite saying,

“there isn’t a lazy bone in his body!”

At the center of it all, my dad’s mission is to help people.

Whether through small interactions like the acts of kindness he performs on a daily basis or big ones like his pursuit to serve as a county commissioner, everything he does is done with love and for the benefit of others, never for his own personal gain.

My dad, Jim Abbe, has all of the necessary attributes (and then some) to serve as an effective county commissioner. I don’t how the election will end but I do know, without a shadow of a doubt, my dad’s character will never waver.

Citizens of district 4, I wholeheartedly thank you for your consideration on Nov. 8.

Elizabeth Abbe
St. Paul



Record warmth for early November smothered most of Minnesota over the weekend, providing the perfect chance to get some much needed yard work done.

I had a mountain of leaves in my back yard. It looked like a daunting task that would take forever to get done.

What had been a splendor of beautiful fall colors hanging in the wind quickly turned into a pile of rubbish on the ground. The trees had literally turned bare within hours.

Armed with my trusty rake, I began the overwhelming task of collecting what seemed like millions of leaves. Within no time, I had some blisters on my hands to show for my efforts.

With frustration setting in as I didn’t feel I was really making much progress, a neighbor came to the rescue. In her hands, she had a yellow contraption that she

An aide in the great leaf attack

assured me would take away all my leaf worries. “Try them out,” my neighbor said. “It’s the best \$8 I’ve ever spent.”

Hmm, with leaves dancing around in my head like sugar plums, I didn’t waste a second. I jumped at the chance to make my raking a little more pleasurable.

The yellow gadget, actually called Gardex Leaf Scoops, is the pile pick-up tool all homeowners need. The plastic multi-purpose tool claims to make yard work fast and easy. Getting yard work done in a jiffy is my idea of fall fun.

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This leaf pick-up tool is designed to fit either hand. It even has rake teeth to dig down and clean pile residue.

It actually brought a little more enjoyment, if that’s possible, to raking the leaves. Anything that helps make things a breeze comes highly recommended from me.

I’m thankful to have neighbors watching out for my welfare. From the lawn mowing neighbor that I told you about a few weeks ago to the leaf gadget neighbor, I’ve got it made in the shade. I have found this fall that it pays to hang out in the yard.

But then the next morning came after my big raking excursion when the reality of raking set in as my body ached in spots I didn’t even know existed. It’s funny how age wreaks havoc on one’s body. I have to keep reminding myself that I’m not as young as I once was. And I figured out quickly that a trip to the chiropractor may be in order soon.

If raking is still on your list of chores for this fall, it may be time for you to go in hot pursuit of the leaf scoopers to aide in the great leaf attack.

Court ruling on board members

Dear Editor,

After reading last weeks article in the times concerning the petition forth to three Steele county commissioners , I have several comments. Steele county attorney Dan McIntosh stated that he did not see the relevance in the petition and the Mn, Supreme Court ruling. Mr. Ebeling stated it was a non issue because State Auditor had found no false claims. First of all Mr. McIntosh is not a judge or jury and his opinion has no more weight then any Steele county taxpayer. The article

in the Court ruling Minn. Stat. 471.38, subd. 1 is exactly the same one in the petition signed by close to 500. The ruling not only has relevance but sets president for future court cases. Perhaps Mr. McIntosh should begin representing taxpayers in this matter and take it to court. As far as it being a non issue I believe it was understood that State Auditor had recently requested six years of per diems. The ruling also gives taxpayers the right to bring suite as pointed out in the following condensed version of the ruling.

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Changes coming to 2017 county fair

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sary and to consider what special ways they might like to mark the occasion. Immediately after the annual meeting concluded, the board of directors convened for a monthly meeting. They elected their officers, and all of the current leaders were unanimously re-elected to their seats. Dan Deml will once

again serve as president, Bruce Busho as vice-president, Tim Arlt as treasurer, and Jim Gleeson as secretary. The board discussed altering the grandstand entertainment schedule for the fair. They thought five hours was too long for the demo derby. Rain led to canceling three of the grandstand shows, which

has never happened before in fair history, and the board thought they should have a better contingency in place for that. This led to a debate over insurance in case of rain. With water on the mind, the board also discussed the repairs needed after recent floods. The mothers’ rest basement had been cleaned and the furnace

repaired, so everything is back on track. The board has several projects and alterations in mind for next year’s fair. A decompression zone, a picnic area for families and kids to sit and play, was proposed, so that families could take a break during their day at the fair and recharge away from all the

noise. The paddock building may be restored to give it a more historic look. The sheriff’s posse may help split costs, and the board will continue to look into it once they’ve talked to the posse. Weekly parking passes to the general public will be discontinued. Only daily parking

passes will now be sold in an effort to reduce confusion over parking. The Four Season Center may close one hour earlier on Tuesday through Thursday nights. The board will decide next month once they’ve had time to assess how that will affect the rest of the fair.

Unstable housing is a special risk for children

HOMELESS: from page 1A

Often theft or trespass, but also in child protection, domestic abuse, and even probation violations for failure to maintain contact with probation based on having no address at which to receive mail. Housing instability has many different faces. These include the stereotypic person living under a bridge, but in this part of the state it also looks like individuals and families sleeping in vehicles in a box store parking lot or wayside rest. It includes people, often families with children, sleeping on the floor of an apartment where

there is drug or alcohol use and abuse. People quite understandably can become hypervigilant in this type of an environment. At any given time officials in the Owatonna school system believe there are at least 100 students who meet the definition of “homeless.” People suffering from housing instability must of necessity focus on meeting basic needs, including the need for safety. Does one choose the possibility of frostbite, or the possible dangers of a drug-induced violent outburst?

For some, the cycle of housing instability begins with flight from a dangerous home environment. The individual may experience more trauma if a person offering shelter then later expects a certain payment in kind for the inconvenience. For those caught in a cycle of homelessness, the world can seem like a very dangerous place. Children face special problems when homeless. Children can be neglected while a parent works double shifts to try to come up with rent money. They may have lost comfort items,

something as simple as a teddy bear, and they may have their connections to friends or their regular school severed as the family moves about looking for shelter. Children may face harassment or bullying due to the inability to maintain normal hygiene. They may end up wearing the same clothing for days at a time because they ended up on the street with only what they could carry. In the community, children without stable housing may revert to behaviors of a younger chronological age as they seek protection and reassurance. Due

to disrupted sleep and the primal focus on survival issues, such as where will we sleep tonight, moodiness, irritability, distractibility and acting out are not uncommon. People who work with children try to be mindful that what may appear to be apathy, hostility or non-compliant behavior may actually be trauma responses. Those in helping professions can often be viewed as “safe” outlets for displaced anger and fear. In trying to help someone you suspect or know to be homeless, it is important to remain calm

and offer concern. An example, “You seem really upset right now. How can I help?” A sense of safety is an individual thing, so asking what someone needs is preferable to telling him what he needs. In the court system we work to connect people with the resources that meet the needs they have identified, but there remains much opportunity for caring community members to offer encouragement to those who struggle.

Steps you can take to keep your child safe

OFFENDERS: from page 1A

assured everyone that even level three offenders have a very low reoffend rate with less than 3% reoffending. There are currently 398 level three sexual offenders in Minnesota. Hustad it’s more important to be aware of the people who are already in your and your child’s life. The majority of perpetrators are known to their victims. Less than 10% of sex crimes are perpetrated by strangers, and two thirds of victims are assaulted before the age of 18. When it comes to preventing sexual assault, “your most pow-

erful tool is your voice,” Hustad said. She encouraged parents to talk to their kids and let them know that no topic is off limits that they can come to them with anything. She also encouraged everyone to check out resources like The Jacob Wetterling Resource Center website and the Crisis Resource Center of Steele County, which can be contacted at 507-541-1202, for information about to prevent and respond to sexual assaults. Agent Jason Mullenbach is one of the handlers for prisoners

on supervised release and reassured the audience that planning for release starts long before they are actually released. “Most everybody who’s in prison is getting out some day,” Mullenbach said, but the intensive supervised release program that is a part of works to make the transition as safe as possible for everyone. The intensive supervised release, that both Ledesma and Davis are subject to, includes conditions such as no alcohol, GPS monitoring, curfews, and surprise visits from supervis-

ing agents. There is also at least one agent on call 24/7 in Steele County. Mullenbach encouraged citizens to report any suspicious behavior they might see, not just by the level three offenders. His teams can be reached at 888-637-6237, and they request you give your name with any message that you leave them. Mullenbach said his team was committed to their work supervising the offenders. “We want to make sure they are stable, then we are all much better off,” he said.

State plans appeal of denied individual assistance by FEMA

State officials are asking homeowners in seven Minnesota counties to report any damage to their home from a September 21-22 severe storm and flooding event. Homeowners should contact their county emergency manager as soon as possible because staff from FEMA and the Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management division (HSEM) will be conducting additional damage assessments Nov. 8-10. Governor Mark Dayton announced that he will appeal FEMA’s denial of his request for assistance to individuals whose homes sustained damage during the flooding event this fall. Governor Dayton requested a federal disaster declaration October 19 and President Obama declared a major disaster in nine Minnesota counties on Wednesday. Those counties are eligible for Public Assistance (PA), or reimbursement of the cost to repair public infrastructure. FEMA’s

decision regarding Individual Assistance was not included in that declaration. During damage assessments in October, FEMA and HSEM identified more than 1,100 homes impacted by flooding and \$10.1 million in estimated individual and household needs. Since that time, more than 600 damaged homes were discovered in those areas when homeowners came forward to report damage. Many of those

homes received major damage or were destroyed. Officials are asking anyone in Blue Earth, Freeborn, Hennepin, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele and Waseca who has not reported damage to contact their county emergency manager. Residents in counties outside those seven counties should also report damage to their county emergency manager. If significant damage is discovered in additional

counties, those counties could be added to the Governor’s appeal. Minnesotans can find their county emergency manager online <http://bit.ly/2fjDW0d>. Once the additional damage assessment is completed in the affected counties, HSEM will provide the updated information to Governor Dayton who will use the data as a basis for his appeal to FEMA.



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Merle McNutt, who turns 98 on Nov. 14, is very patriotic and is not afraid to show it. Visit his home and one will find many items of patriotism including his large American flag above his bed

World War II veteran reflects on freedom

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

As another Veterans Day approaches on Nov. 11, 97-year-old World War II veteran Merle Wilson McNutt of Blooming Prairie, says he will hang out an extra flag or two showing his value of freedom.

McNutt is very proud of his military service time carved out in the United States Navy from 1942-45 during World War II. He's so proud that he still carries his service card that records his time of service from Dec. 15, 1942 to Nov. 18, 1945.

A mountain of a man in stature, McNutt, who stands 6 ft. 3 in. is widely known to parishioners of First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie. He rarely misses church, often rides to church on Sunday with friends. "I hate to miss church," McNutt says. He is a classy dresser, often coming to church in a three-piece suit.

According to statistics released by the Veteran's Administration, World War II veterans are dying at a rate of approximately 492 a day. This means there are approximately only 855,070 American veterans remaining of the 16 million who served our nation in World War II.

"I'm getting up there," McNutt points out, saying he has a 98th birthday approaching on Nov. 14. "I think I am in good health, too," he says with confidence.

He was born in Sheldon, Iowa in 1918 and has lived during the administrations of 17 presidents, from Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama. Calling himself a Democrat, McNutt said he votes for the man. Reminded that the next president could be a woman, McNutt smiles, "I think we are ready."

McNutt resides at the Heather Haus in Blooming Prairie and has many samples of his patriotism hanging on the walls of his home. "Come here, I will show you how patriotic I am." He leads his guests to his bedroom where a large American flag hangs over the headboard of the bed.

McNutt is also proud of a painting hanging on the wall that depicts a little boy on a pony with a red barn and a yellow house in the background. "I never had a bicycle but I had a pony," McNutt said. The painting was done by Mildred Nelson.

Still clutching his military service card, McNutt proudly says he reached the rank of aviation machinist's mate Second Class.

"When people think of the Navy, they think water but I was air based," McNutt says.

He was an airplane mechanic, a skill he first learned as a farm boy repairing equipment on the farm.

Born in the rich farming community of northwestern Iowa, Merle still affectionately remembers his heritage in O'Brien County. He can recite, from memory, all the townships and there are 16 of them in O'Brien County. Merle chuckles when saying people wonder how he can remember the township names. "I learned them in eighth grade and my trick is to do them in fours," he says.

Merle Wilson McNutt was born to Homer and Alice on a farm near Sheldon. He said his grandfather built the house where he resided. His grandfather was killed in 1917, struck by lightning while raking hay. Merle was born one year later in 1918.

Merle was the youngest of four boys. All three brothers have since passed, Merle says as he points to a photo of the four of them together (Millard, Paul, Wayne and Merle). Prior to joining the Navy, McNutt spent his time helping on the farmstead. His parents raised dairy cattle, beef cattle and hogs. His father died at the young age of 56, from an infected appendix.

He was 24 when he joined the Navy. His brother Paul also served in World War II, doing his years of service from 1941-45 in the U.S. Army.

Soon after he joined the Navy, one year after Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941), Merle was trained as an aircraft machinist. "I worked on twin-engine aircraft," he said. He said it was a real trick to turn over the propeller on one of those planes.

Most of McNutt's service time was spent in Jacksonville,

Florida. He remembers starting out in pay at \$21 a month and later advancing in rank and pay to \$96 a month. As a mechanic, if he logged four hours of flying time a month, he would gain an additional \$48 in salary. "It was like gold," he recalls.

McNutt often flew north with fellow servicemen to travel out of then path of hurricanes. Merle said hurricanes always made a roar. "We knew when they were coming because the waves got so high and the noise was loud," he said.

He never served in Europe during World War II.

Merle met his future wife while attending high school in Sheldon, Iowa. He married LaNelle during the time he was in the Navy. They were married in Chicago, Illinois, Merle receiving permission for a three-day leave from a military chaplain.

Merle and LaNelle were married in a Methodist church. Pointing to an aerial photo on the wall of downtown Chicago, Merle said the church is still there and is the oldest church in downtown Chicago.

"She loved me and I loved her," Merle says through misty eyes.

McNutt was discharged from the Navy on Nov. 18, 1945, four days after his 27th birthday and two months after the war ended.

"I wanted to be a farmer," McNutt said about his vocation choice upon leaving the military. He worked for his brother and rented a house. His wife was attending college in Greeley, Colorado to become a teacher. His wife was one of six children and all went to college. Merle said her father loaned each child money for their education. He wrote off LaNelle's debt for her, Merle

recalls. The McNutts lived in Greeley for four years.

He and his wife had three children: Melanie, Edmonton Alberta, Canada; Marsonda, Grand Forks, ND and Mace, a banker from Minneapolis. The McNutts came to Minnesota in the late 1940s when Merle rented land from his brother in Austin.

His wife taught in Grand Meadow for 17 years. Merle said his children often teased their mother who taught fourth grade: "When are you going to get out of fourth grade?" Merle said he often met some of her students who said she was the best teacher they had ever had.

McNutt says he has always tried to be a good citizen and said he cherishes his freedom.

Looking to the future of our country, Merle responded quickly: "It will take some good heads and good planning."

McNutt loves to visit and goes regularly to the Blooming Prairie Senior Center for lunch. He doesn't do computers. He loves going to fairs and said one of the best is in Spencer, Iowa. He loves going there to view the machinery and livestock.

McNutt is very mindful of his military career and says he believes when kids get out of high school, they should do a couple of years in the military. "It wouldn't hurt anyone," he says.

With his son Mace, Merle a few years ago was a passenger on an Honor Flight to go to Washington, D.C. to visit the veterans memorial. "We flew out of Rochester early in the morning and came home late at night," he remembers.

Mace asked his father how he liked the trip. "I didn't say a word, I just cried."

Servicemen's Club to host Veterans Day activities

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Be sure and mark Veterans Day, Friday, Nov 11, as a special day to remember our many veterans, living and passed.

The Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club will host several activities on Veterans Day.

Joyce Johns, president of the VFW Post #878 Auxiliary, says the day will feature many patriotic activities including a flag raising ceremony in the morning.

Donuts and coffee will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Servicemen's Club, 210 4th St. NE.

Three classes of fourth-graders from the Blooming Prairie Elementary school will visit the Servicemen's Club at 10 a.m. and will see a presentation in the Liberty Room that will explore the true meaning behind Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on Nov. 11, that honors military veterans, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at

the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Following the presentations in the Liberty Room, Blooming Prairie fourth-graders will join the public outside in front of the Servicemen's Club for a raising of the American and POW flags. The Pledge of Allegiance will be recited. The flag will be raised, rain, shine or snow, by U.S. Army veteran Jim Johns of Blooming Prairie.

Taps will be sounded and closing will be said by a chaplain from one of the local military service organizations.

Following the outdoor ceremonies, people will be invited back into the Servicemen's Club for more socializing. Students will return to school.

An evening program is also planned at the Servicemen's Club with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Veterans Day supper at 6:30 p.m.

The meal will be followed by a program featuring a presentation of Quilts of Valor to many local veterans.

The day's activities are sponsored by American Legion Post #52, VFW Post #878, Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

Veterans Day Dinner

There will be a free dinner for all military veterans at the Owatonna Elks Club on Nov. 11.

There will be a roast turkey buffet from 5-6 p.m. with musical entertainment by singer Dunnell Lenort from 5-7 p.m.

Reservations are appreciated

and can be made by calling 507-451-1395 or 507-363-1960 or stopping by the bar at the Elks Lodge. Non-veterans are also welcome to attend.

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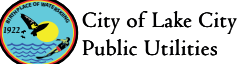
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Cancer's effect on sexuality

Fatigue, nausea and emotional symptoms are common side effects of cancer treatments. Cancer can impact all areas of emotional and physical well-being, but few may know that cancer also can affect sexuality. Although it is entirely possible for men and women undergoing cancer treatments to have healthy, intimate relationships, the Mayo Clinic notes that many people find that cancer causes a range of side effects that make sex more difficult. Men experiencing pelvic cancers may experience difficulty with sexual activity both during and after cancer treatment than those who have other cancers. In fact, erectile dysfunction is the most common sexual side effect of cancer treatments among men.

also says that sexual desire and energy levels change during treatment. Individuals may have less interest in sex because of the physical and emotional demands of cancer treatments. Furthermore, medications and the treatment itself may lead to side effects that make it challenging to engage in intimate behaviors. Cancer and subsequent treatments also may have an effect on fertility, and this is something that both men and women need to be aware of. Menstrual cycles may become irregular, potentially making conception more challenging. Cancer patients should discuss their plans to have children with their physicians before choosing treatment plans. After treatment, testing to assess fertility and if it is the right

time to once again try for children may be necessary, as a pregnancy during or just after chemotherapy can be complicated by birth defects, advises the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Treatment-related sexual changes can be long-term and permanent, or they may be transient. Patients should speak with their health care team about any concerns regarding their cancer's affect on sexuality. While some men and women may be hesitant to discuss sexuality with their physicians, they should know that doctors have experience discussing sexuality and cancer treatments with their patients, and that experience can calm any concerns patients may have.



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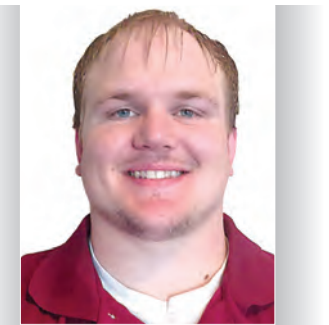
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**JOSH
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**108 years in
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The wait is officially over. At 12:01 a.m. on Thursday morning, after a brief rain delay, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series in 10 innings, forever breaking the curse of the Billy goat, the black cat and most recently, Steve Bartman. The Internet, as the young kids say, officially broke, as social media accounts were flooded with videos of people cheering in the streets of Chicago or a fan such as myself- recording the final out on my phone while on FaceTime with my family- all Cubs fans- back in Montana to share the moment. Now, I’ve said in recent columns about the Cubs that I have been waiting my entire life (25 years) to see a World Series win for the city.

The game itself is one for the ages. I remember watching numerous World Series games growing up and in college, with the 2001 World Series between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees being the best. This game certainly will be the top game for my lifetime, whether they win again or not.

And, according to a recent release, the 2016 World Series reeled in 40.045 million viewers, making it the most watch baseball game since the 1991 World Series. I’m sure Minnesotans know who played in that one.

You simply couldn’t write that script. Game 7, Cubs up late only to have a two-run home run by Rajai Davis send the game to extra innings.

There was a song by Cubs super fan Eddie Vedder- the lead for Pearl Jam- called “Some- day we’ll go all the way,” that we wrote back in 2008 at the request of Cubs legend Ernie Banks.

The words of the third verse resonated with me, and just about every Cubs fan in America Thursday morning.

“And here’s to the men and the legends we’ve known, teaching us faith and giving us hope, united we stand and united we’ll fall, down to our knees the day we win it all.”

When Kris Bryant fielded that hard hit ball in just feet to the right of the mound and fired over to Anthony Rizzo to make history, myself and I’m sure fans across the country, dropped to their knees. I couldn’t believe it. The Chicago Cubs won the World Series in extra innings.

Allow me to get deeper into this.

108 years of pain

A historic ball club that has 40 MLB Hall of Famers, has only won two World Series, winning back-to-back titles in 1907 and 1908.

Out of those 40, only four have won a World Series when Mordecai Brown, Frank Chance, Johnny Evers and Joe

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Going to state!

Williamson’s four touchdowns powers Owatonna to state playoffs

“I’m just really, really proud of them. Very business-like.”
-Head coach Jeff Williams

By **JOSH ZIMMER**
Sports Editor

One game stood between the Owatonna High School football team making it to the state tournament. One team, the Northfield Raiders, was looking to play spoilers and end the Huskies’ season early for the second straight year.

Fortunately for Owatonna, running back Jason Williamson was firing on all cylinders.

Powered by the star sophomore’s four touchdowns, the Huskies rolled over the Raiders 38-20, grabbing both the Section 1-5A title and a trip to the state tournament in the process Friday night at OHS Stadium. Head coach Jeff Williams said that the feeling all week was like every other week of practice.

“We had a great week of practice and very frankly, it felt like every other week of practice. They were very business like, they went and got their job taken care of all week, had a great night tonight. I’m just really really proud of them,” he added.

It wouldn’t take long for the Huskies to get into scoring position as Alex Raichle returned a poor Raiders’ punt down to the Northfield 17-yard line. After being stopped just shy of a first down, the Huskies turned to kicker Aiden Buryska, who would convert the 24-yard field goal try to give Owatonna the early 3-0 lead.

Unlike the first matchup between the two schools back in September, the Raiders struck back with a quick three-play 66-yard scoring drive that was capped by Mitchell Stanchina’s 58-yard run.



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Owatonna sophomore Jason Williamson (22) looks for running room in the first quarter of the Huskies’ 38-20 win on Friday night at OHS Stadium. Williamson’s 118 yards and four touchdowns led the Huskies to the Section 1-5A championship.

State cross-country

Owatonna’s Kubat, Blossoms’ Ille compete at state meets



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

“It wasn’t the race I wanted, but definately the expie - ence I wanted.”

-Owatonna’s Bryadon Kubat

By **JOSH ZIMMER**
Sports Editor

After an up and down season, the day that Owatonna High School cross-country runner Braydon Kubat has been spending hours of work for finally arrived.

Saturday on the campus of St. Olaf College, hundreds of athletes flocked the grounds for their chance at winning a state championship on the 5000-meter course. Kubat finished 112th out of 174 runners from all across the Class AA ranks. It was a relatively warm day for November in the north, with temperatures reaching a peak of nearly 75 degrees. Head coach Dave Chateline said that while Kubat is fine with running in warm weather, the temperature could have played a factor.

“This is quite a bit warmer than at the section meet. Once it starts cooling down in the fall, your body starts to adjust and when it spikes like that, it’s a bit of an adjustment,” he added.

Cross-Country
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Owatonna senior Bryadon Kubat (516) runs the final 1800 meters of the 5000-meter course in the 2016 Class AA Minnesota State Cross-Country Championships Saturday. The lone Husky competing, the senior finished in 112th place.



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A brief respite

Although I am sure that all the fall sports teams would rather still be playing, the fact is that, except for cross country runner Alec Ille, all the fall athletes now have a short breathing spell before the next season begins.

The vacation is quite brief, however, as the basketball girls begin practice in less than a week, and the basketball boys and the wrestlers just a week after that.

It certainly isn't a huge amount of time, but it does give everyone a chance to get a little rest and recharge ones competitive batteries before a hectic four months of almost non-stop activity. For many

athletes and fans alike winter provides the favorite sport.

Every season has its specialties, but there is something about basketball or wrestling that makes the competitive juices flowing just a little faster. Welcome to winter, even though the weather may not yet display much of a climate change yet.

The Times is once again planning a special tab -reviewing all the sports of the four area schools, and we hope readers will take the time to read about their favorite teams and the prospects for the season. The tab will be published in the Dec. 6 issue of the Steele County Times.

Cubs win, Cubs win!

I guess now we can quit worrying about the Chicago Cubs winning a World Series. After 108 years of frustration those lovable Cubs finally broke the curse.

That seventh game excited most fans and had plenty of drama for everyone. It was interesting to note, however, that the huge TV audience still didn't rival the number of viewers that watched game seven of the Atlanta- Twins series in 1991.

It was a little ironic, also, that no starting pitcher in the whole series went more than five innings when Jack Morris

went all ten innings by himself in 1991. I admit to not caring much, which team won this year, but I am happy for the long-suffering Cub fans.

Football 101

I am surprised that there isn't a little more interest surrounding the Minnesota Gopher football team now that they became bowl-eligible. Granted that they have not been the most exciting game to watch week to week, but they have shown some very good at times. We ill see what happens in the remaining games before the bowl games begin.

Let's hope, too, that the

Vikings can get back on track after a couple of poorly played games.

I am writing this before the high school playoff section final games are played. We wish Owatonna good luck, as the Huskies face off against Northfield.

I am pretty neutral in the other section games, although I suppose we should be cheering for the team that defeated the Blossoms in the playoffs. The final two games will be back indoors at the U.S. Bank Stadium after the games were outdoors struggling against the cold.

Think about this, and we'll talk again.

Ladies bowling league

Week 5 (Nov. 2, 2016)

Team	W	L	High Team Game (Scratch)	High Team Series (Handicap)
1. Epic Contracting	15	5		
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			Epic 1609	
			High Game Individual	High Series Individual
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			2. Jenni Duholm 196	2. Cathy Janning 469



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NRHEG's Perry Peterson (22) attempts to break a pair of Knights tacklers On Monday, Oct. 31 in the Panthers 21-12 Section semifinal loss. o read the complete results of the game, as well as Panther's OL Jack Schultz being selected to the 2016 Minnesota Football Showcase, go to www.steeledodgenews.com

Huskies' Kubat 112th in state Class AA, Blossoms' Ille 72nd in Class A

CROSS-COUNTRY: from page 1B

Starting in the outside lane, Kubat attempted to get a strong kick to help create separation.

However, he noted that he wasn't exactly expecting the amount of contact that went on to try and keep position.

"It was definitely a different race environment, more aggressive. There were people pushing, people boxing in. It was just crazy. It was great to experience," he explained.

The struggle out of the gate to get position made it an uphill climb for the senior. At the

1600-meter mark, Kubat was just 10 seconds off the then leader, St. Paul Como Park's Innocent Murwanash.

At the second checkpoint at 3200 meters, Kubat appeared to hit the preverbal wall as he is pace was nearly an entire minute off the leader and was currently sitting at 116th.

However, in the final 1800 meters, Kubat started to gain ground. Unfortunately, there just wasn't enough race left. Kubat finished with a time of 17:22.5. Despite the finish,

Chateline said that even though it was an average day; don't look too hard into where he placed.

"This is the cream of the crop. It's a lot different from our other races," he commented.

Kubat, who battled a lingering foot issue for most of the season, said that looking back it was a memorable season.

"I'm going to miss the team. Everything about it. You get connected with your team, going through ups and down. It becomes a family," he said.

BP's Ille finishes in top 10

As for the Class A meet, for the second straight year, Alec Ille earned a chance to race for a state championship.

He ran the course in 17:25.2, which was almost ten seconds faster than his time as a sophomore at the 2015 state championships.

As Blossoms head coach John Bruns remarked, "Alec ran a good race at the state meet this year. He was a lot more at ease knowing what to expect

from the experience last year, and he improved on both his time and place from last year."

While he improved on his time and position from last year, his best time this year was nearly 10 seconds faster than at the state meet Saturday.

At the 1600-meter mark, the junior was sitting in the middle of the pack with a time of 5:14.3. At the 3200-meter mark, Ille appeared to be finding his groove, working up to 52nd place and a mere 35 seconds off the leader.

In the final 1800 meters however, Ille started to battle wall and slowly started to slide back into the pack. Fighting through every last meter, Ille finished 72nd out of 174 runners.

While Kubat noted that he is hoping to continue his career in college and has received some attention from schools in Minnesota, Ille will be returning for the Blossoms next season as a senior.

Owatonna to meet Apple Valley at state

HUSKIES: from page 1B

On the ensuing kick, Huskies' quarterback Abe Havelka and the offense started to get into a rhythm. Owatonna mounted an 11-play, 54-yard drive that was capped by the first of Williamson's four scores.

After a fumble by Northfield lost 19 yards late in the second quarter, the Huskies needed just two plays for Williamson to notch his second score of the contest, giving the Huskies a 17-7 half-time lead.

On the first drive of the second half for Owatonna, Havelka led the Huskies on a quick two-play, 65-yard drive, connecting with Dalton Kubista for 28 yards before Williamson ended the drive from 37 yards out.

In fact, the first two drives of the half for the Huskies spanned just five plays. The second scoring drive featured a 45-yard touchdown pass from Havelka to Brett Solie. The senior captain now has two catches, for 100 yards and two scores on the year. Afterward, the junior quarterback said that while it was tough to not get time earlier in the year, he's thankful that Williams gave him a shot.

"Being on this field is something I love to do and just not getting that chance kind of sucks, but coach gave me a shot, my team is playing great and we're heading to state," he added.

Williamson added the final Huskies' score just three minutes later, giving the Huskies a commanding 38-7 lead late in the third quarter. He finished with 29 carries for 118 yards and four touchdowns on the night.

Despite the large deficit, the Raiders fought until the clock was all zeros. In their final two possessions of the night, Northfield managed to record 141 yards of offense, most of it from the ground to cut the lead to 38-20.

After an onside attempt was covered by the Huskies, backup quarterback Jacob Gauthier was able to kneel out the clock.

The win marks for first time since the Huskies won the state championship back in 2013 that Owatonna will be represented in the state tournament. While it was not the dominating performance the Huskies had in the first meeting, the Owatonna defense forced two turnovers and allowed just 6

completions through the air, and had six stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Williams noted afterward that outside of two plays, the defense orchestrated a solid performance.

"They got us twice, and we got a couple of turnovers deep in their territory, so you know, the football gods giveth and the football god taketh away, but our defense played great tonight," he said.

Owatonna will face Apple Valley at Lakeville North Saturday, at 7 p.m. with a trip to US Bank Stadium and the State 5A semifinals on the line.

Owatonna 38, Northfield 20

Team stats

Passing: O 99, N 137
Rushing: O 220, N 165
Total offense: O 319, 302
Turnovers: O 1, N 2

Huskies individual leaders

Passing: Havelka- 10 for 15, 99 yards, TD, INT; Rushing- Williamson- 29 carries, 118 yards, 4 TD's; Receiving: Solie- 1 catch, 45 yards, TD



BOYS FOOTBALL
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jack Schultz

It was recently announced that the 6-foot, 2-inch senior offensive and defensive lineman for the NRHEG Panthers was selected to be apart of the 2016 Minnesota Football Showcase All-Star game on Dec. 3 at US Bank Stadium.

A dominating presence on both sides of the ball, Schultz was part of an offensive line that guided running back Perry Peterson to a 1,000-yard season. As a defensive lineman, the 250-pounder wrecked havoc up front, helping NRHEG boast a defensive unit that allowed just 18 points per game.

Head coach Dan Stork noted that there isn't a more deserving player for the honor.

"We are thrilled for Jack to be given the opportunity to play along side of Minnesota's top football players. He has worked extremely hard and has dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball all season. He is very deserving of this recognition and opportunity and he will make the most of it," he added.

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The Chicago Cubs won the 2016 World Series

STANCE: from page 1B

Tinker all played on the back-to-back championship teams. With all the legendary monikers surrounding the Cubs like the "bleacher bums," the "Sandberg game," and The ivy, the call of Tinker to Evers to Chance was the first to cement itself in Cubs' history.

The four players played in the 1910 World Series, losing to the Athletics in five games.

Out of the 36 Hall of Famers remaining, nine players (Pete Alexander, Kiki Cuyler, Dizzy Dean, Burleigh Grimes, Gabby Harnett, Billy Herman, Rogers Hornsby, Tony Lazzeri, Fred Lindstrom and Hack Wilson) played in a World Series, but lost.

Leaving Cubs legends like Ernie Banks, Andre Dawson, Ron Santo and Greg Maddux

to have never played in a World Series for the Cubs.

None of the Cubs Hall of Famers, however, was apart of the 1945 NL pennant team.

Lets not forget All-Stars and eventual Hall of Famers like Ryne Sandberg and Sammy Sosa. Sandberg statically ranks no less than fifth in every major hitting category for the team. He ranks fourth in career hits (2,385) and fifth in home runs (282).

Like Sandberg, Sosa never had a chance to play in a World Series. For single season home runs, Sosa sits first, second, third and fifth-with his 66 home run season in 1998-the year of the home run race with NL Central rival Mark McGuire-being at the top.

As many Cubs players have

said since winning, the win wasn't just for them and the organization, but for all of the players and fans that were unable to witness a championship.

Canton is calling

Believe it or not, Theo Epstein will go down in baseball history as the best front office minds the game as ever seen. He can now add the Cubs to his list of championship teams that were battling a curse. In 2004, the Boston Red Sox won the World Series after over 80 years of struggling to secure a title. Like Chicago, Red sox fans believed the team was cursed after trading away Babe Ruth.

The way in which he constructed his team was that of a genius. A Strong, minded open

book in the dugout with manager Joe Maddon and a bevy of young superstars. And only like Chicago knew how, 5 million people turned out for the parade Friday, making it the largest gathering of people in the history of the United States.

When he spoke at the parade in Chicago Friday, about coming out of the rain delay re-focused, he noted that two Cubs legends may have had a hand in that event.

"Thank you Ernie (Banks). Thank you Ronnie (Santo) for that rain."

So long to the "Loveable losers," the Chicago Cubs finally won the World Series.

**Editor's note: To interact with Josh, follow him on Twitter: @JZimmer_Sports*



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CommunityLiving

Holiday Dazzle Wine and Beer Tasting event a success



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Justin Esplan of Paustis Wine Co. pours a wine sample for Krystyn Maixner and Donna Maixner at the 15th Annual Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Dazzle Wine & Beer Tasting Event. More than 100 attended this fundraiser. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

It was a matter of taste and

the tasting of seasonal and promotional wines was part of the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce's

15th annual Holiday Dazzle Wine and Beer Tasting event on Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Servicemen's Club.

Becky Noble, chamber executive director, said more than 100 attended the event and had an outstanding time tasting wines, beer and enjoying some delicious food.

Nancy Farr of J & H Liquors again chaired the event and coordinated the vendors who provided samples and took orders for the holidays.

Raffles were held for cases of wine and attendees registered for mystery prizes which were given by area merchants and chamber members.

Vendors included:

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Donations welcome for Servicemen's drive

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

The Servicemen's Club of Blooming Prairie has taken on a new look with the purchase of some new tables and chairs for special dining and party events.

Much of the credit for the new look goes to businesses and residents who have graciously donated money to purchase the new tables and chairs from B to Z Hardware

of Blooming Prairie.

Doreen Blome, Servicemen's Club board member, has helped lead the drive for the purchase of new tables and chairs. The old tables and chairs were purchased by interested parties on a first come, first serve basis.

The new table inventory includes 45 rectangular tables, 15 large round tables and 5 smaller round tables. Blome said 128 chairs have already

been purchased and she is looking to purchase 200 more chairs.

Anyone wishing to donate money for the chairs can contact Doreen at 608-279-6901. A special price of \$27.50 per chair will be honored if the chairs are ordered by Nov. 11, Blome said. She said interested donors may contact her or leave a check at the Servicemen's Club.

Blome was busy soliciting donations at the Blooming

Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce's Wine and Beer Tasting event on Thursday, Nov. 3 at the servicemen's Club. She said people have been more than generous to support this cause. "I even said I would go clean houses to earn more money for the chair purchases," Blome told wine tasting attendees.

"People want to see this place prosper and they have been so giving," Blome said.

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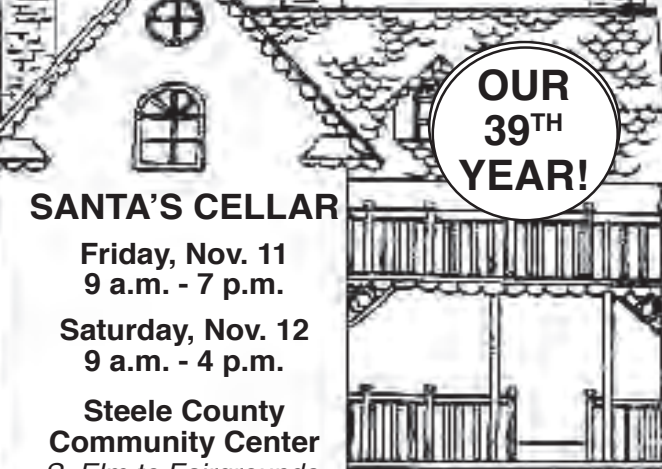
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Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Thefts. Thefts occurred in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10:30 a.m. and in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

CRIME BRIEF

Woman hides identity in shoplifting incident

A 21-year-old woman tried her best to be evasive about her identity in a shoplifting incident, but ended up in more trouble than she bargained for.

Owatonna Police responded to Walmart for a pair of uncooperative women shoplifters. One of the women provided a false name to officers. After officers realized she wasn't who she claimed to be, she fessed up and revealed her name as Emilie Kay Perkins.

When officers asked why she lied, she replied, "You'll see why soon," according to police. They then found she had two felony warrants out of a neighboring county.

During a search, Perkins revealed she had needles hiding in her bra. She told police she uses

meth and had pills in her purse. She also pulled out a bottle containing marijuana and a small scale from her pocket.

In addition to the warrants, Perkins now faces fifth-degree controlled substance, which is a felony, and false name to police officer, a misdemeanor.



Emilie Kay Perkins

POLICE BLOTTER

Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police
Nov. 2
-Fraud. Officer took a report of a fraud incident at 10:42 a.m.

Owatonna Police
Oct. 28
Theft. Police took theft reports in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 10:09 a.m. and in the 2200 block of Austin Road SE at 10:05 a.m.

Drugs. Officers responded to drug activity in the 500 block of Walnut Ave. S. at 1:12 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 4:19 p.m., officer arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Oct. 29
Thefts. Thefts occurred in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10:30 a.m. and in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 6:11 p.m.

Restraining Order. At 11:20 a.m., officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 1500 block of Elm Ave. S.

Fight. Police responded to a fight in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 1:34 p.m.

Oct. 30
Vandalism. Property damage was reported at Grove Ave. N. and Rose St. E. at 12:56 a.m.

Animal. At 2:54 a.m., officers responded to an animal call in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW.

Theft. Police received information regarding a vehicle theft in the 300 block of Murray St. SE at 9:56 a.m.

Domestic. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1200 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 12:37 p.m.

Warrant. At 8:35 p.m., police made a warrant arrest in the 500 block of Adam Ave. NW.

Arrest. Officers arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 1000 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:49 p.m.

Oct. 31
Warrant. At 12:30 a.m., officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 800 block of Myers Drive NE.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 200 block of State Ave. NW at 9:03 a.m.

Assist. Officer assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 100 block of Landmark Drive NE at 11:57 a.m.

Shoplifting. Police issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:37 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 2100 block of St. Paul Rd. NE at 7:44 p.m.

Nov. 1
Fight. Officers responded to a fight in the 300 block of School St. E. at 10:36 a.m.

Death. At 10:07 a.m., police began a death investigation on 12th Place NW.

Juvenile. Officers received a juvenile complaint from the 300 block of School St. E. at 12:46 p.m.

Theft. Police took theft reports in the 200 block of Pine Ave. NE at 2:16 p.m. and in the 300 block of Allan Ave. SW at 9:15 p.m.

Threats. Officers responded to a subject making threats in the 500 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 4:55 p.m.

Nov. 2
Warrant. At 8:21 a.m., officer made a warrant arrest in the 500 block of Florence Ave. NW.

Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 9:32 a.m.

Medical. Police assisted with a medical emergency in the 400 block of Dartt Ave. NE at 1:09 p.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 200 block of Mineral Springs Road NE at 5:52 p.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 1200 block of Frontage Road W. at 7:49 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage

Identity of fire victim to be released today

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Investigators expect to release the identity today (Tuesday) of the victim burned in a vehicle fire in rural Steele County Oct. 23.

Sgt. Gary Okins of the sheriff's office said there had been some delay in positively identifying the victim from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The sheriff's office planned to notify

family members prior to the release of the victim's name this morning. The information was not available when this edition of the Times went to press.

Okins said the investigation into what happened in the 2000 block of Northwest 52nd Avenue is on-going between his office and the State Fire Marshall. He expects the investigation to continue for at least a few more weeks. Once the investigation is completed, it will be turned over

to the county attorney's office for review, he added.

The body of a man was found inside a burning vehicle in a farm field west of Owatonna Oct. 23 around 6:30 p.m. Authorities have not released any further details about the incident since then.

The Times will have updates on this case, including the victim's name, on the website as soon as it is released.

Simulator provides real life driving experience for teens

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Area teenagers are getting a more practical hands-on lesson in driving before jumping behind the wheel of a real vehicle.

The Steele County Sheriff's Office rolled out a driving simulator for driver's education students at Medford High School Nov. 1. The simulator was provided to the sheriff's office by the Southeast Minnesota Emergency Medical Services.

For ninth grader Jordyn Stadler, she found the simulator to be pretty hard. It proved to be a challenge for her maneuvering the brake pedals, steering wheel and keeping her focus different driving scenarios coming at her on the screen.

"It's a good thing to try out before you go out on the road," Stadler said.

During the driving exercise on the simulator, would-be drivers encountered pedestrians, stoplights, text messages popping up, cell phone calls coming in and other motorists driving down the road.

Sheriff Lon Thiele has been assisting with Medford's driving education classes for several years, but this was the first time he has been able to offer a simulator.

"It's a different style of teaching them," Thiele said of the simulator. "It focuses on

a more real concept for them," he added.

One of Thiele's goals with the simulator is to give teens a better idea of what it's like behind the wheel before they actually start driving.

Tim Larson, who is one of the instructors of the driver's education class, welcomed the simulator as "another layer of knowledge" for his students to utilize. He found the simulator to be as close to real life as possible.

Larson said he has seen simulators in the past, but none have been as interactive as the one the sheriff came equipped with last week. For example, he appreciates the distractions thrown into the driving scenarios for the teens.

Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of traffic crashes. Each year in Minnesota, distracted or inattentive driving is a factor in one in four crashes, resulting in at least 70 deaths and 350 serious injuries. Distracted driving numbers are considered to be vastly underreported

due to law enforcement's challenge in determining distraction as a factor.

The driving simulator, however, won't only be used for new drivers. Thiele said the Medford Fire Department will be using the simulator in the near future to train firefighters to be better drivers with fire trucks.



A Medford student demonstrates his skills on the driving simulator provided by the Steele County Sheriff's office

occurred in the 1200 block of Smith Ave. SE at 10:44 p.m.

Nov. 3
Warrants. Police made warrant arrests at Hoffman Dr. NW and Interstate 35 southbound at 3:46 a.m. and in the 100 block of Landmark Dr. NE at 4:46 p.m.

Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the 1200 block of Rice Lake St. E. at 9:45 a.m.

Shoplifting. Officers shoplifting citations in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 4:22 p.m. and in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 5:27 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff

Oct. 30
Warrant. At 2:53 a.m., deputies arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at 133rd St. SW and 42nd Ave. SW.

Theft. Deputies received information regarding a theft at 78th St. SE and 89th Ave. SE at 3:42 p.m.

Oct. 31
Criminal Sex. Deputies began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 9:58 a.m.

Nov. 1
Warrant. Deputy made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 2:36 p.m.

Nov. 2
Burglary. Deputies began a burglary investigation in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 2:44 a.m.

Drugs. At 8:38 p.m., drug activity was reported at the detention center.

Nov. 3
Warrant. Deputies arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 12:08 a.m.

Restraining Order. At 12:11 a.m., a restraining order was violated in the 200 block of Central Ave. E.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 24 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Isaac J. Cronin, 19, Claremont, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of Cocaine/Heroin/Methamphetamine and felony receiving stolen property. He was sentenced to \$2,081, 149 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

David R. Kujac, 37, Steele County Jail, previously appeared and was convicted of felony domestic assault by strangulation and misdemeanor domestic abuse violation of no contact order. Kujac was sentenced to \$3,286.55, 108 days in county jail, mental

health evaluation, domestic abuse evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state, no possession of firearms and 3 years of supervised probation.

Joshua N. Temple, 34, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of narcotics. The defendant was sentenced to \$4,081 and 39 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Oct. 24 – 28:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Genaro Cardenas-Robles, 41, Blooming Prairie, no license, \$181; Brandie J. Hatfield, 24, Owatonna, no license; Heather S. Olson, 32, Blooming Prairie, revoked license; Joselynn O. William, 33, Austin, revoked license and no insurance.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Xochitl Cardona, 32, Austin, TX, angling without a license; Jose Velasco Jr., 27, Owatonna, angling without a license.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Joe A. Almaguer, 55, Robstown, TX, invalid license; Pernell M. Brown, 28, Minneapolis, no insurance; Martin V. Casas,

47, Riesel, TX, invalid license and no insurance; Kyle L. Chosa, 30, Babbitt, no insurance and seat belt; Luis E. Cruz Martinez, 18, St. Paul, speeding, \$121; Richard J. Eisenmann, 58, Solon Spring, WI, speeding, \$121; Eugene W. Garcia Jr., 28, Sioux Falls, SD, invalid license and speeding; Juan J. Garcia, 29, Minneapolis, suspended license and speeding; Josue O. Garciavega, 23, Downey, CA, no insurance, \$281;

Jason A. Hubbard, 37, St. Cloud, cancelled license; Jessica H. Kloss, 34, East Bethel, speeding, \$121; Melissa M. Krivachek, 28, Maple Grove, speeding, \$121; Michael S. Krohn, 32, Faribault, invalid license; Lori L. Larson, 44, Northfield, speeding, \$131; John T. McGuire, 35, Owatonna, revoked license, possession of paraphernalia and no insurance;

David J. Miller, 27, Owatonna, revoked license; Hassan O. Mohamed, 28, Sioux Falls, SD, driving wrong way on one way street, \$181; Samuel R. Olvera, 37, Hollandale, seat belt and no insurance; Delmira Ortega, 40, Owatonna, no insurance; Duncan F. Osborne, 17, Courtland, speeding, \$381;

Mary J. Pelinka, 57, Owatonna, speeding, \$381; Ramiro M. Perez, 36, Morristown, revoked license; Yasir Perwaiz, 22, Mankato, speeding, \$100; Thalia Resendez, 21, Claremont, speeding and no license, \$241; Randy D. Richmond, 69, Owatonna, over legal weight, \$1,081; Anaira N. Rios-Flores, 21, Medford, suspended license, \$281; Richard R. Rodriguez, 26,

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

- Carlos Lopez – open bottle - \$181 bail
- Rogilio Lopez – DWI, revoked license - \$12,000 bail
- Krystie Louis – aid and abet theft - \$10,000 bail
- Anthony Lucarelli – DWI – no bail
- Leah Ludwig – theft - \$2,000 bail
- Sarah Luke – public nuisance (2) - \$800 bail
- Robert Luna – DWI – no bail
- Naykor Mabior – assault police officer - \$10,000 ba
- Jose Macias – revoked license – no bail
- Sonia Macias – theft – no bail

- Shane Mack – theft – no bail
- Faisai Mahamed – criminal sexual conduct – no bail
- Lavell Malone – drugs – no bail
- Adrian Maloney – assault - \$1,000 bail
- David Marmolejo – child neglect - \$3,000 bail
- Tanya Marovich – theft by check - \$1,000 bail
- David Martinez – DWI - \$500 bail
- Evaristo Martinez – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Felipe Martinez – DWI – no bail
- Guadalupe Martinez – no insurance - \$1,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

PUBLIC SAFETY: from page 4B

Owatonna, revoked license; Maktoom H. Saleh Jumaan Alseiri, 19, Ames, IA, speeding, \$141; Cassidy J. Severson, 24, Calmar, IA, seat belt, \$106; Derek R. Sietsema, 30, Waseca, revoked license and no insurance; Milton L. Smith, 43, St. Paul, carrying pistol without permit, \$378, 18 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised probation; Tanya M. Sowards, 43, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Monte L. Topp, 55, Fertile, IA, seat belt, \$106;

Dennis M. Weeks, 60, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Michael J. Wiliver, 50, Minneapolis, expired license and no insurance; Robby L. Witke, 28, New Richland, revoked license and seat belt.

Owatonna Police Department

Robert I. Alikandiel, 34, Moose Lake, revoked license; Mohamed I. Baaluul, 35, Rochester, revoked license and littering; Nicholis L. Balzer, 36, Owatonna, interference with privacy, \$381, attend sex offender program, no possession of pornography, do not engage in any massage therapy as a professional capacity, no contact with victim and 2 years of supervised probation; Sharon M. Bell, 35, Owatonna, revoked license (2) and no insurance;

Cherrelle D. Bennett, 28, Owatonna, suspended license; David J. Beraza, 23, Owatonna, DWI and invalid license, \$381, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Charity A. Braulik, 37, Owatonna, suspended license (2) and possession of paraphernalia;

Chad D. Braunschweig, 28, Rochester, suspended license; Jill P. Bremer, 40, Lane Rock, IA, no insurance, \$2,181; Dale D. Burnham, 23, Apple Valley, no license; Matthew J. Burr, 29, Owatonna, suspended license; Anna T. Caballero, 26, Austin, revoked license; Latanya A. Capote, 31, Austin, revoked license and no insurance; Alvin L. Chambers Jr., 29, Owatonna, revoked license; Curtis D. Chavie, 27, Willow River, revoked license, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia; Jessica A. Dahle, 39, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Roderick L. Davis, 41, Charlotte, NC, invalid license; Benita T. Deleon, 56, Harlingen, TX, no license; Kierra J. Ellingswoth, 23, Morristown, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$181; Ashley D. Elwood, 19, Woodbury, theft, \$81, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction;

Joshua J. Emmerson, 31, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Misty J. Fedder, 35, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance; Nikita M. Finley, 26, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Azeret C. Flores, 24, Medford, no insurance; Riley M. Flynn, 27, Owatonna, scooter headlight violation, suspended license (2) and no insurance; Henry C. Fox,

32, Owatonna, suspended license; Stetson P. Fox, 29, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Jeannette Fuentes, 30, Owatonna, revoked license (2);

Jeffrey N. Gamble, 31, Waseca, revoked license; Jared L. Gardow, 24, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance; Lina Garza, 46, Owatonna, texting while driving, \$131; Pedro A. Garza, 27, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Jesse M. Gillis, 44, Faribault, revoked license; Edgar A. Gomez Alcocer, 30, Richfield, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; Regina Z. Heard, 31, Minneapolis, revoked license; Joseph C. Jackson, 29, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Tabatha R. Katzung, 25, Houston, TX, suspended license and no insurance; Tania A. Kos, 39, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance; Tori S. Lane, 38, Owatonna, open bottle, \$181;

Jennifer L. Langton, 42, Claremont, suspended license; John T. McGuire, 35, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Vanessa M. Miller, 34, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and no insurance;

Jason R. Monsebroten, 24, Owatonna, no insurance and speeding; Angelica F. Montemayor, 30, Owatonna, revoked license, seat belt, no child passenger restraint system and no insurance;

Larry Morgan Jr., 25, Inver Grove Heights, revoked license and no insurance; Esteban Nieves, 26, Owatonna, revoked license; Esteban Nieves, 26, Moose Lake, revoked license; Ryan O. Olson, 38, Nerstrand, cancelled license and no insurance; Michelle L. Ouellette, 53, Owatonna, no license; Ashley M. Padilla, 25, Waseca, suspended license; David C. Parman, 40, Faribault, revoked license; Ruth Perez, 29, Owatonna, speeding and no license; Nathaniel C. Ptacek, 19, Owatonna, damage to property, \$381, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 1 year of supervised probation;

Michelle L. Quellette, 53, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device and no license; Jamie R. Rocha, 39, Mankato, revoked license; Vanessa Rodriguez, 29, revoked license and expired tabs; Amy R. Roessler, 43, Mankato, revoked license; Everardo Sierra, 39, Albert Lea, revoked license;

Cheriel L. Slane, 30, Winona, no license; Coray J. Smith, 37, Calumet City, IL, no license; Venus L. Smith-Walker, 37, Owatonna, no license and failure to obey traffic control device; Gregorio J. Soto, 34, revoked license; Matthew R. Steinberg, 29, Owatonna, no insurance, suspended license, expired tabs and following vehicle too closely; David R. Tharjiath, 51, St. Cloud, revoked license; Larry D. Thompson, 24, St. Paul, no insurance; Scott W. Tichy, 50, Cedar Rapids, IA, DWI, \$381, 3 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Michael

J. Timmerman, 58, Lincoln, NE, speeding, \$131; James J. Voracek, 52, St. Cloud, suspended license;

Dustin W. Wallin, 27, Rochester, no insurance; Josh D. Watkins, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Theresa E. Webinger, 44, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131;

David J. Wolkenhauer, 33, Owatonna, indecent exposure, \$381, 5 days in county jail, attend sex offender program, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of pornography, write letter of apology, no contact with victim, no unsupervised contact with minors and 1 year of supervised probation; Lynn A. Zamudio, 46, Burnsville, speeding and no insurance; Rachel M. Zamudio, 26, Owatonna, no license in possession and no insurance.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Gary J. Adams, 57, Thompson, ND, speeding, \$121; Grace M. Atkinson, 51, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Elizabeth J. Blake, 48, Quincy, IL, DWI, \$607.01, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Cassandra M. Calhoun, 27, Owatonna, revoked license;

Francisco J. Camarillo Rodriguez, 32, Faribault, no license and failure to obey traffic control device, \$231; Jarid D. Everett, 26, Byron, speeding, \$121; Melanie M. Garrido, 28, Faribault, revoked license; Raymundo I. Gonzalez Betancourt, 21, Faribault, speeding, \$131; Quincy L. Grant, 34, Minneapolis, suspended license; Hassan N. Hassan, 24, Owatonna, suspended license and speeding, \$421; Coy R. Hicks, 32, Warrensburg, MO, littering, \$131;

Nicholas M. Huffman, 23, Owatonna, improper information on license and speeding, \$161; Brandon J. Jen0, 32, New Richland, speeding, \$121; Amy J. Johnson, 59, Ellendale, stop sign, \$131; Bradley C. Johnson, 46, Faribault, driving through barricade, \$121; Willie H. Jordan, 51, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131; Rosendo Luna Jr., 20, Waseca, false name and suspended license, \$281, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Menta K. Macy, 60, Ellendale, speeding, \$141;

Kelly D. Mahoney, 30, Rockford, give peace officer false information, \$381, 1 day in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; John A. McCollum, 24, Hastings, no insurance; John T. McGuire, 35, Owatonna, revoked license; Amanda G. Mesagna, 23, Morristown, revoked license; Nichole M. Mitchell, 22, New Richland, speeding, \$221;

Kimberly L. Nettles, 30, Waseca, no license and no insurance, \$381; Nhut M. Nguyen, 43, Richfield, speeding, \$121; Jeremy R. Potter, 27, Bloomington, revoked license; Debra D. Quintanilla, 43, Waseca, unlawful passing, \$131; Deandre L. Rogers, 27, Owatonna, no insurance, revoked license and failure to yield; Mason J.

Ruhlman, 18, Ira, MI, speeding, \$121;

Scott A. Schablin, 47, Faribault, speeding and revoked license; Drew L. Schroht-Fuller, 33, Owatonna, revoked license; Andy A. Sommers, 50, White Bear Lake, speeding, \$121; Jacquilyn R. Staige, 31, Rochester, suspended license; Anthony D. Stapleton, 31, Owatonna, suspended license; Scotty A. Stromley, 28, Owatonna, expired license; Jonathon E. Valenzuela, 20, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Brett D. Wickersheim, 20, Waseca, speeding, \$121.

COURT NEWS Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Oct. 24 – 31:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Ana R. Arias Mojica, 28, Austin, revoked license, \$280; Terry L. Dahl, 36, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and no insurance, \$480; David E. Gaskins, 38, Mantorville, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$125, 24 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, psychiatric evaluation, no contact with victim, domestic abuse counseling and 3 years of supervised probation; Bryanna F. Hetrick, 18, Hayfield, speeding, \$220; Cory R. Koplin, 45, Red Wing, DWI, \$580, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, 40 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation; Jesse E. Larrison, 28, West Concord, speeding, \$380; Alyssa B. Larson, 36, Winona, speeding, \$220; Brittney L. Lyke, 20, Claremont, speeding, \$120; Kaacee J. Mullins, 24, Rochester, suspended license, \$280; Scott B. O'Brien, 62, Mantorville, seat belt, \$105; Ethan J. Ramer, 23, Dodge Center, criminal sexual conduct – non-consensual sexual contact, \$1,080, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, maintain employment, attend sex offender program, submit to polygraph examinations as directed, no contact with victim, no contact with vulnerable adult, no possession of pornography, no access to Internet without approval, 100 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Mario A. Rocha, 19, Claremont, invalid license and no insurance, \$380; Hunter M. Strouckel, 18, Byron, DWI, \$580, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, 40 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation; Thalamus H. Wilson, 38, Kasson, suspended license, \$280.

Kasson Police

Department

Ronald D. Akkerman, 56, Brownsdale, seat belt, \$105; Barbara J. Bergert, 48, West Concord, seat belt, \$105; Brandon K. Buskowiak, 34, Rochester, violation of limited drivers license – license not in possession, stay of adjudication, \$150 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Jamie J. Fritz, 37, Kasson, assault and obstruct legal process, \$80, write letter of apology, 30 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation; Courtney E. Giesler, 31, West Concord, seat belt, \$105; Gale J. Hoven, 72, Wanamingo, seat belt, \$105; Daniel R. Johnson, 50, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Dulce Mota, 31, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Jason R. Snow, 42, Byron, seat belt, \$105; Kari N. Vers, 22, no child passenger restraint system, \$130; Joshua R. Whiteaker, 28, Kasson, seat belt, \$105.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Steven J. Brown, 23, Mantorville, failure to display ATV registration, \$105.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Alecea J. Anderson, 18, North Mankato, speeding, \$130; Patricia L. Derby, 67, West Concord, speeding, \$130; Michael J. Elder, 21, New Hope, using mobile telephone while driving a CMV, stay of adjudication, \$185 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Derek S. Heald, 45, Byron, speeding, \$140; Brian J. Lohrbach, 61, Mantorville, speeding, \$120; Katie M. Miner, 22, Hayfield, speeding, \$130; Alyssa M. Misch, 25, Rochester, speeding, \$220; Melonie L. Moton, 41, Balch Springs, TX, no insurance, \$280; Willem A. Nolte, 35, Tuttle, ND, seat belt, \$105; Kristin F. Olson, 31, Medford, speeding, \$140; Amanda M. Penman, 35, North Mankato, speeding, \$120; Brent A. Rekstad, 50, Rochester, speeding, \$120; Thiyyang G. Riek, 36, Marshall, suspended license, \$280; Sarah I. Scherger, 35, Dodge Center, speeding, \$220; Michael C. Schimek, 54, Byron, stop lamps not activated and cargo securement violation, \$410; Irene J. Spreiter, 71, West Concord, speeding, \$120.

West Concord Police Department

Scott L. Rasmussen, 39, West Concord, domestic abuse – violation of order for protection, \$355, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation.

ARREST Steele County

Owatonna Police

Russell Christopher Bailey,

38, arrested at 6:48 p.m. Oct. 29, felony terroristic threats, held for court.

Emilie Kay Perkins, 21, arrested at 4:51 p.m. Oct. 28, felony possession of controlled substance and marijuana, false name and paraphernalia, \$20,000 bail.

Lindsey Larae Dwyer-Rodewald, 24, arrested at 8:45 p.m. Oct. 30, probation violation warrant, body only.

Epifanio Ramon, 29, arrested at 9:58 p.m. Oct. 30, cancelled license, held for court.

Darian Margaret Bohlman-Reyna, 23, arrested at 12:38 a.m. Oct. 31, probation violation warrant, body only.

Jennifer Joy Bobo, 31, arrested at 12:09 p.m. Oct. 31, felony probation apprehension and detention, held for court.

Travis Joel Vasquez, 31, arrested at 4:04 a.m. Nov. 3, felony theft and controlled substance, held for court.

Ross Christopher Harding II, 30, arrested at 8:45 p.m. Nov. 3, felony theft and conspiracy, held for court.

Matthew John Peters, 29, arrested at 5:01 p.m. Nov. 3, felony probation violation apprehension and detention, held for court.

Jack Warren Schneider, 23, arrested at 4:04 a.m. Nov. 3, felony theft and controlled substance, held for court.

OWATONNA FIRE

Owatonna Fire Oct. 30

Elevator. Fire personnel responded to a defective elevator with no occupants in the 400 block of Garden View Dr. NW at 9:20 a.m.

Nov. 1

Medical. Fire rescue assisted with a medical emergency in the 1400 block of Autumn Dr. NE at 10:17 a.m.

Nov. 2

Medical. Fire fighters assisted with medical emergencies in the 1000 block of Barney St. at 7:47 a.m. and in the 1000 block of 12th St. SE at 7:58 a.m.

Painter sees art as a healing tool in hospital exhibit

If you ask abstract painter Lisa Anderson about the healing power that art provides, her answer is absolute.

“I believe that art, in all forms, plays a huge part in the healing process and promotes well-being, as well as provide essential ingredients for a whole, healthy and happy life,” she says.

Anderson, a Waseca and MSU-Mankato graduate, is honored and grateful to be able to show her work at the Owatonna Hospital as part of Al-

lina Health’s Healing Arts Program. It is a cooperative effort between the hospital and the Owatonna Arts Center.

Allina Health recognized the importance of an environment that is conducive to the overall healing process and according to its website description, incorporated that into the design of the Owatonna Hospital. “During the design planning for the replacement hospital in Owatonna, we realized that the healing process for patients must involve more than medi-

cine and technology. It’s well documented that human touch, personal caring and overall environment make a difference in a patient’s recovery. Besides investing in clinical care excellence, we deliberately created an environment that also encourages healing through architecture, interior design and a healing arts program.”

Anderson has also recently exhibited her paintings as part of the Healing Arts Program at District One Hospital in Faribault.

“A variety of studies have shown that art can help promote positive thinking, creativity, and tranquility,” Anderson explained, “I hope my work

can bring a sense of comfort, peace, positive healing-energy and distraction to a patient, friend or family member awaiting the outcome of their hospital or clinic visit.”

Anderson will showcase 12-15 of her paintings, which will be displayed in waiting areas, conference rooms and patient and staff corridors throughout the hospital and clinic. The exhibit runs through February.

More of Anderson’s work can be found at: LisaAndersonPaintings.com. To purchase a piece of artwork from the Allina Health exhibit, call the Owatonna Arts Center at 507-451-0533.



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Artist, Lisa Anderson poses in front of a couple of her paintings. Lisa is grateful to be able to show her work at the Owatonna Hospital as part of Allina Health’s Healing Arts Program.

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Owatonna High School’s Drama Department is performing “*Dracula*” by William McNulty, an adaptation of the popular vampire horror story by Bram Stoker. Ian Crum plays the titular bloodsucking character, as he feeds upon the populace of England, such as Izzy Melgaard’s Mina.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Will Titchenal makes a memorable entrance as Robert Renfield on of several inmates locked up in the assylum run by Dr. Thomas Seward. Renfield th ough his madness can sense the dark forces that have come to England.

Owatonna’s fall play has bite

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Owatonna High School’s fall play will get under your skin and into your blood.

This year the drama department will be performing Bram Stoker’s “*Dracula*”, adapted by William McNully and directed by Erik Eitrheim.

The play follows the story of the famous vampire Dracula, as he terrorizes England and must be stopped.

Junior Ian Crum stars as Dracula, his first speaking part in a high school show.

“It’s a lot more work than I thought it’d be,” Crum said, but he’s enjoying the production. He’s particularly thrilled about the shows specials effects that allow him to blow up a chandelier, kill people, and of course, bite others.

Kyra Rahn, a junior and recent transfer from Medford, plays Lucy Weatherby. Her character she says is very

complex and goes through several changes throughout the story. To prepare for the role, she read parts of the book that inspired the play and watched different film adaptation.

Rhan has been in over 15 productions and says this one “unlike any other thing I’ve apart of before.”

Junior Nick Hagen plays the show’s protagonist Thomas Seward. Hagen has been in more shows than he could count and is happy in his latest

role as Seward.

Seward, he says is the “connection between good and evil” in the show. He serves as an audience surrogate, as he tries along with the audience to understand the unfortunate events that are befalling his friends and loved ones.

Hagen enjoys the challenge of portraying the levels of sorrow Seward endures, and says he likes that the characters isn’t simple. He goes back and forth between brave and

sacred, like anyone in such a situation would.

Hagen is proud of the production and says, “ You really get the feel of the struggle between good and evil.”

The cast includes:

The Monster —Anthony

Carlton

Thomas Seward —Nicholas

Hagen

Robert Renfield —Will

Titchenal

Briggs —William Behne

Abram Van Helsing —Isaiah Damitz

Dracula —Ian Crum

Margaret Sullivan —Erin

Ackman

Jonathan Harker —Jacob

Wright

Lucy Weatherby —Kyra Rann

Mina —Izzy Melgaard

Bride #1 —Kayla Mollenhauer

Bride #2 —Audrey Revier

Bride #3 —Madison

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The show runs from Nov. 10 to Nov. 13 at the High School.

To those who wait

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ON THE PRAIRIE



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Persistence: firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Perseverance: steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Prudence: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

1876, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1885, 1886, and 1906, were bittersweet years. We’re talking years. This team of wind-bags and blow-hards were able to win several flags but not “the” flag in that windy city. For years, the chants of “Tinkers to Evers to Chance” were embraced and loved and cherished, but all in vain as “the” flag never flew over West Side Park. And the chant became synonymous with Chicago baseball. Wait ‘till next year.

Orval Overall made World Series history Oct. 14 in 1908 at Bennett Park in Detroit. He struck out four batters in the first inning. Later that afternoon, in the late autumn shadows and a cool breeze blowing in from Lake Erie, he threw a final pitch. With the crack of the bat, Detroit catcher, Charles “Boss” Schmidt hit a towering foul ball that landed securely in the glove of Chicago catcher Johnny Kling.

And it was in the books. The first team to win Back-to-back World Series victories and three straight appearances to the big dance.



Submitted photo

“The band of Cub rooters gathered in the grand stand let out a loud and prolonged yell,” wrote Chicago Tribune sports writer L. E. Sanborn.

History has repeated itself. There are a certain handful of events that this generation can boast about being a part of, that previous generations cannot claim. The Chicago Cubs have finally broken a 108-year drought and last Wednesday night won their third World Series game in club history.

Interestingly enough, all three series have been finalized on the road. Two in Detroit and now, venturing a little farther east, the most recent win in Cleveland. Winning again near the Great Lake, Erie. It must be something in the water.

Remember that the Cubs have been to the great dance 17 times and have only won three. In fact, the dryness picked up right after the ’08 Series and the path was filled with seven more trips to the vine without fruit. (1910, 1918, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938, 1945)

But they finally got the

water witches working in this past Halloween season and it rained and it poured and the fans wept as they realized that the drought was done. Grown men sat in graveyards watching that final game on their I-phones with their departed loved ones who never felt the rain in an entire lifetime. Chicago is alone with celebration. Some say it may last until St. Patrick’s Day when the next good reason to lift a glass will occur. Or perhaps, just as the spirit of Chicago was, to persist and persevere with great prudence, the celebration will continue indefinitely.

“Not in the memory of this generation of fans has any team ever won its honors with greater credit than that which belongs to these warriors. Not in a thousand years has a team been compelled to fight as hard for its titles as the Chicago team. What those gray clad modest young warriors have accomplished will be remembered long after any of them lives.”

What an apropos quote after last week’s stunning victory,



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

The art center’s main gallery is displaying works by Gayle Cole, a St. Paul resident and painter. Her paintings are lagrely abtract landscapes.

Art center opens two new exhibits

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Walk into the Owatonna Art Center and art from the other side of the other side of the world will great you.

Dee Teller, an artist who works in Chinese calligraphy and Asian scrolls, is one of two new artists being exhibited for the month of November.

Teller studied at the Zhejiang Academy of Fines Arts in Hangzhou, China in 1987.

She is most famous for her paintings of horses and has studied under a master artist on the subject. In 1992, her work placed third at a world invitational in Beijing.

All of her works of horses come with inscription “Horses Running in the Middle of Ten Thousand Miles” writtin in

Chinese.

Teller is an old friend of the center, and they are excited to be showcasing her art.

In the central exhibit space, Gayle Cole’s paintings are on display.

This exhibit features a collection of her abstract landscapes, many which have been inspired by the different places she has lived over her lifetime.

Her work is largely concerned with opposites, the principle of Yin and Yang. Elements of dark versus light and wet versus dry, naturally occurring opposites populate her paintings.

Her paintings are not meant to be realistic depictions of actual places, but more symbolical of different places that she has seen that have come together to form

landscapes that exist only in her mind.

Cole has studied at the University of Southern Maine, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as Saint Cloud State. Her work has spanned drawing, painting, and ceramics, though just her paintings are on display in this collection.

Silvan Durben, creative director for the art center, hopes people will come to see not just this show, but all of the center’s shows, saying each month is “an opportunity to see what’s happening in the arts.”

The current exhibit will run through Nov. 27. The art center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and the exhibits are free to attend.

Blooming Prairie Living

On to the stage and into the woods we go



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Hazel Michaud, Elijah Baker, and Leah Inwards play little red riding hood, the baker, and the baker's wife respectively in the fairytale mash-up “Into the Woods” performed by the high school. The baker and his wife's quest sends them into the woods and into the way of famous fables.

BP teacher becomes community education coordinator

By KYLIE RICE
Staff Writer

“I have lived in Blooming since 1995,” Michelle Southworth stated with a warm smile. “It’s home to me.”

The school social studies teacher was recently hired as the city’s community education coordinator. Taking over the position from Suzy Kramer, Southworth says that she couldn’t be any more prepared.

“Suzy is such a blessing; I couldn’t do it without her,” Southworth said, laughing. “I’m emailing her all of the time with questions!”

“She is so helpful, there is no way I could figure this out without her helping me. She left me with a list of classes that are ones that do well here, and I am so grateful for that!”

“Suzy does everything, even though she’s semi-retired. She is so important in our school; having her kind of phase out hurts a little bit.”

But the school’s community ed program will flourish under the direction of Southworth,

who has a bachelor’s degree in social studies instruction with a minor in history, a master’s degree in geography, and a whole lot of enthusiasm for the program.

“We have a lot of programs in place that are really solid, and I want to make sure that we keep these curriculums in place,” Southworth said.

Among these well rooted classes are a baby-sitting and staying home alone class for elementary to young teenagers, as well as a defensive driving class for segment the population in the area.

Southworth hopes to integrate some new programs into the Community Education roster as well, she’s just looking for volunteers.

“A lot of the time, I believe that people think they need to have a special, amazing talent to teach a class. I personally think that a person just needs to be willing. Everyone I talk to, I’m always asking ‘Do you want to teach a class?’ That’s the main challenge with this new position.”

The opportunities for

class ideas are endless. One such idea that Southworth mentioned was as simple as a class on how to do basic things on, and how to use an iPad.

“Anything that you know how to do that could be valuable to someone else could be a community education class,” She said.

Community ed is designed because as school is not just for K-12, there are early childhood development classes, and classes for those who may be just a little bit older than a senior in high school.

“The goal of community education is to literally bring the community into the school to teach them, and to promote learning for all people.

If you are interested in teaching a class, have an idea for one, or are would like to volunteer, please contact Michelle Southworth, or call the school office. The school website also has a community education tab. All the information for classes and contacting Southworth can be found there.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

“The music is great, and the characters have a lot of development.” Those were the sentiments expressed by cast member Rose Johnson, when she was asked to comment about “Into The Woods,” the all-school musical for BPHS In 2016.

Several other members of the cast when asked for their opinions about the production echoed her sentiments.

The story of the play revolves around the plots of several fairy tales. The tales are tied together by a story involving a childless baker and his wife and their quest to begin a family. They interact with a witch, who has placed a curse on them and their interaction with other storybook characters along the way.

Elijah Baker, who plays the baker, said, “I am familiar with it, and I really enjoy the music and the story. I think the rehearsals are fun, but challenging, so it is good that we all get along with the difficulty of learning dialogue and music.”

The story is tied together with the aid of a narrator, whose part is handled by Gabe Hagen. As he commented, “I like it that I get to tell the story of the play, and it is fun because I get to act alongside of friends. Rehearsals are going well, and

the cast is busily learning lines and songs.”

The play has become one of then most popular ones around the country in high schools, because of its relative newness and its familiar music and story line. The Broadway production in 1987 earned several Tony nominations along with three Tonys for Best Score, best Book, and Best Actress.

The Witch, as played by Johnson is an emotional character. “I like the role because can show a lot of emotion, and the play alternates between being sad, and yet happy.”

Camden Heimerman, who has the role of Jack, commented, “My role is quite challenging, but it is also a lot of fun. This is kind of a bittersweet time for me, because it is my last year, and I’ll miss the cast and the opportunity to act in musicals.

Jack is young and a lot of fun to play, and I think the public will enjoy the production, because it is unique, yet quite funny.”

Because of the play’s popularity, it became a very successful film in 2014 and earned three Academy Award and three Golden Globe nominations. Two of the actors in the film were “Pitch Perfect’s” Anna Kendrick and Late night TV host James Corden. The film grossed several billion dollars worldwide.

The BPHS production has a

cast of over 35 students, and rehearsals have been ongoing since the cast was announced the first week of school.

Among the many fairy tale characters is Cinderella, who is portrayed by Linnea Byers-Sunde. As she remarked recently, “I like the songs she sings and also how she interacts with the other characters. I think the public will enjoy this production a lot, because it was a familiar film, and young people, especially, will recognize many of the songs.

“Overall, it has just been a lot of fun, and our directors are very devoted and creative.”

MEA week found the cast practicing daily for several hours, as they finish learning the dialogue and the various songs that help move the action of the story along. Three performances of the production are scheduled over three nights. The first performance will be Thursday, Nov. 10, the second on Friday, Nov.11, and the final one on Saturday, Nov. 12. The Thursday and Friday performances will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the Saturday dinner theater performance at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The production is directed by Tamzen Johnson and assisted by Kari Bottin. Amanda Harthan the music director. The musical should be one that people of all ages can thoroughly enjoy.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Blooming Prairie NAPA grand opening coming soon



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

“It takes a team effort to run a NAPA Auto Parts store,” says owner Tom Welch of the Blooming Prairie store. Shown from left to right are employees Nick Finke, Jason St. John, Dale Ulrich, Welch and Dennis Sauke.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The lights are on and business is exploding at the new NAPA Auto Parts store in Blooming Prairie.

Ground was broken May 3 on property just east of the former NAPA store. Construction of a new 5,670 square foot building (63 by 90 feet) took most of the summer and was led by Broskoff Construction of Geneva. Vern Dahl & Sons of Blooming Prairie was the sub-contractor, erecting the pole building structure.

Storeowners Tom and Diane Welch moved into the new NAPA quarters the last week of October. An open house for the new facility is planned for late November.

“We were out of room and needed more space to continue our growth,” says NAPA owner Welch, “We are a lot more organized and are enjoying our extra retail space.” The expansion has allowed NAPA to expand its car maintenance supplies and also has given the store

more options in dealing with agricultural customers.

“We serve an area about the radius of 15 miles and we deliver,” Welch said. The BP NAPA store with its three delivery vans offers delivery and can supply car, truck and tractor parts as needed.

The customers are the beneficiaries of not only a larger store but also expanded hours. NAPA of Blooming Prairie is now open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., compared to its former hours of 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Welch and wife Diane purchased the Blooming Prairie NAPA store in 2004. NAPA has definitely been in the Welch family name for many years in northeast Iowa at Waukon, dating back to the 1940s with Tom’s father Ambrose.

Tom and his two brothers, Tim and Charlie, were in a partnership with NAPA from 1981-99.

Welch moved to St. Charles in 2000 and worked for NAPA in Rochester for two years and then two years at Adamson Motors in

Rochester.

The search was then on for a NAPA store and the Blooming Prairie opportunity came to Welch in 2004. Tom and Diane bought the store from Kevin Christianson. Tom and Diane also own the NAPA store in Hayfield.

Both stores cater to all customer needs, much of the business coming from the agriculture industry. “Farmers bring us lots of business,” Welch emphasized. Eight employees serve both the Blooming Prairie and Hayfield stores.

“Our customers definitely come first and our new store will help us follow that motto,” Welch said. New and existing customers will be rewarded with an opportunity to participate in a two-day sale later this month.

“All tools will be on sale,” Welch said and will be available at jobber cost.

NAPA’s auto parts reputation has grown over the years and should continue to grow in Blooming Prairie with its new expansion.

End of the year book sale



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Come one, come all to the Blooming Prairie Branch Library end of the year book sale! For many years there has been a perpetual book sale area in the back of the library. Thanks to a donation from

the First Lutheran Church we now have high quality shelving in the back and have decided to use that extra space for our collection.

What does that mean? We will no longer be having a perpetual book sale; instead the donated and extra books will be sold twice a year. The book sales will be held in spring and fall by the Friends of the Library.

The space on the new shelves will be used for our western and romance paperbacks. This will allow more space for our growing Large Print collection. Too many of the Large Print books have been

on the lowest shelves which makes it difficult for our seniors to see and reach them.

So please come to the book sale in the next two weeks. Bring a bag and fill it up with as many books as you can fit inside your bag. The special price will be \$1.00 a bag – the best deal in town! Stock up for those winter days and nights when you can’t make it to the library.

As we rearrange things in the library, we appreciate your patience. And if you can’t find things in their regular location, please ask!

Wish Tree seeks needy families

A local effort is underway to put a little extra jingle in the holidays for area needy families.

Applications for Wish Tree are available in the lobby of the Blooming Prairie Post Office.

Requirements for the Wish Tree program include:

- A parent or guardian must fill out applications.
- Gifts are for families in need residing in the Blooming Prairie area.
- Children must be between the ages of newborn to 18 years old and students in the

Blooming Prairie School District.

The applications must be returned to First Lutheran Church by Nov. 15.

For those wishing to purchase gifts for the program, gift tags for the qualified families will be available at Sportstitch starting Nov. 18. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to Sportstitch or Rachel’s Hair and Tanning by Dec. 8.

Folks can also make financial donations to be used for purchase of grocery and utility vouchers for the

families. The pastors at First Lutheran Church will collect donations.

Gifts will be sorted and distributed Dec. 9 at the church.

If anyone has questions regarding this program, contact Leanne Hanson at A Touch of Charm, 507-583-7637 or Lachelle Wondra at Rachel’s Hair and Tanning, 507-583-4247.

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How Halloween changes a community



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

Children crowd around an alligator from the RAD Zoo during the Medford Outlet Mall's annual Trick-or-Treat. The event is run by volunteers from the community and mall staff

By KYLIE RICE
Staff Writer

Everything in a community seems to change on Halloween night, and this is no different for the Medford Outlet Mall.

On Halloween Night, many families came rushing into the mall for one of the most exciting events of the year: trick-or-treating. Of the majority of the stores, all but two, opened their doors for kids young and old to enter if they dared. Employees were then waiting inside with baskets and boxes of candy to reward the children.

In 2015, the mall had about 350 kids with their parents. "It's mostly younger kids, only a couple of teenagers come anymore," Sharon Paulson, general manager of the mall, stated. "We all figure this would be fun for the community, it's easier for families than trucking in and out of yards all through the night."

The outlet mall has been

hosting this event for at least 10 years, but the popularity of it seems to always stay the same. "We never really advertise," Sharon said. "It's always been more of a by word-of-mouth thing we enjoy hosting. We have families that know about it and always come, it is a tradition."

The event is volunteer, as stores within the mall do not have to participate. "We ask that stores that do participate have their staff dress up, as we have a contest for the employees to see who has the best costume. We also have a contest for the best store front. The employee who gets first place wins two movie tickets and popcorn, and the store with the best storefront wins a pizza party for the whole staff."

But the competition isn't just for employees of the mall. The business actually started a competition for best costume for patrons, and the prizes are great! First place wins a \$100

store voucher, second place wins \$50, and third place is a \$25 store voucher. All guests are asked to do is to post a picture of their costumes on the mall's Facebook page, and the top three photos will be announced on Nov. 4.

There are many other things to do at the mall besides trick-or-treating. Also present at the event was the RAD Zoo, along with the Monster Bash that takes place in Old Navy.

Costume watching is one of the favorite pastimes of staff. "This is my second time doing this, and most popular costume by far that I've seen are witches. It will be kind of cute to see what the night brings in," Deb Griffin, an employee at Bath and Bodyworks stated.

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle is the most common costume I've seen, so far. I'm not so crazy about super scary costumes, I'm more of a fan of the cute ones," an employee at Urban Finds, Sharon Wilker, said, smiling.

Medford school crowns stage with fall play

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Medford High School is giving its audience the royal treatment with its fall production of The Twelve Dancing Princesses.

The play is written and directed by Shelley Fitzgerald and draws from grades nine through twelve for its cast.

The play revolves around 12 daughters of a king who are pitted against an evil prince and with the help of a noble captain must defeat them.

Fitzgerald, who is in charge of selecting the play, said she actually chose the fairytale two years ago because the turnout of girls at auditions is always so high. She ended up writing the show, so she could tailor it better to the school's needs.

"This is actually the fourth play that I have written and we have performed here at Medford," Fitzgerald said. The cast this year is excited to perform the story.

"When I started directing here at Medford 10 years ago, at least half of my casts were experienced actors who were very involved in both high school and community theater. Now most of them have only high school theater experience or none at all, so it is challenging but fun to introduce them to theater," Fitzgerald said.

Freshman Madison Klein is one of those new actors. She plays the eldest princess Jacquelyn, which is her first speaking role in a play. She had originally auditioned hoping to just be cast in the show at all and was happily surprised to get one of the leading roles. Klein is excited for the show and can't wait for the audience to see the action scenes, her favorite part of the play.

Junior Greg Larson plays Prince Kaldar, the show's villain. He is thrilled with his character and said, "The bad guy gets all the cool stuff."

According to Larson, the cast is really starting to pick

up and has "good chemistry." Like Klein, Larson also enjoys the show's action scenes, especially since he gets to be part of a sword fight.

Jason Domstrand, a sophomore, plays one of the four lords of the kingdom and the head of the treasury. It's also Domstrand's first time in a show. He says the veteran performers do a great job of making it easier for the first-timers. His favorite moments are the comedic ones that pop up in otherwise serious scenes and offer a relief from the tension.

The show is set to be quite the spectacle with the cast in period costumes and the princesses in full wigs. While it's not a musical, there is, as the title suggests, music and dancing in the story.

Performances will be on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 12 and Nov. 13.

Tickets are available at the District office and cost \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.



Submitted photo

The twelve titular princesses and their father, the king, pose together for a family portrait. There are almost 30 Medford high schoolers performing in the play.

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• Roof – Have your roof inspected for damaged shingles.
• HVAC system – Have your HVAC system serviced so it's ready for winter heating.

• Change all filters – Change HVAC filters

through out the home. Vacuum returns. Change refrigerator filters, vacuum filters, and any other items in your home that has filters.

• Have fireplaces serviced – Have your fireplace serviced to prevent unwanted fires.

• Humidifier – Pull the humidifier out of the closet, clean it up and get it ready for winter.

• Smoke detectors and CO monitors – Check all monitors in your home for batteries and make sure they are functioning properly.

• Landscaping – Cut all brush away from your home. This eliminates an access point for unwanted pests, and prevents branches from

damaging your house during storms.

• Stock up on winter essentials – If you have extra freezer space stock up on staples like soups, bread and premade dishes. Buy extra canned goods. Buy salt, water, candles, and matches.

• Outdoor lighting – Check all outdoor lights, and replace bulbs if necessary.

• Mud area – Fall means lots of winter coats, and hectic schedules. Create an area that is organized to catch clothing, shoes and helps leave dirt and mud behind.

• Washer and Dryer – Clean around and behind your

units. Vacuum up all lint and dust. Check all tubing and pipes.

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Shannon Kerr to speak at mayor’s prayer breakfast



History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

It was a busy night last Tuesday as 801 voters made their way to the Blooming Prairie City Center to cast their ballot. Although breaking the 800 mark seems impressive, the turnout was not as high as it could and should have been. November 7th marked the lowest voting percentage for the last three midterm elections for both Blooming Prairie (67%) and Steele County (75%) alike. Given the war in Iraq and the potential shifts in power in the House and Senate, many thought that voting would have increased. Those who did get out definitely had their voices heard, as Mayor H. Peterson put it, “[the

election results] show that the powerbase consists of mostly Democrats.” What’s for certain is that people wanted change, and they definitely got it.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

Twenty years ago, Blooming Prairie had its own public library, as the facility opened in May. After many generous donations from civic groups and individuals and the help of the Owatonna Library Director Graham Benoit, Blooming Prairie opened the doors of their library. The facility stacked its books at the Hometown Insurance building and Hansen Real Estate

Women in Agriculture Network (WAGN) is excited to announce its December seminar: Taking Charge of YOUR Finances- How to Survive and Thrive. The event will be December 6, 2016 at the Farmington Regional Extension office (located at the Dakota County Extension and Conservation

building over the years, but has now made a comfortable home for its patrons at the City Center. If you waited up for the local tallies on election night November 5, you almost saw the sun rise. That’s because the ballot counting machine in Owatonna broke down just after midnight, leaving race tallies undecided until it got fixed. Two hours later it was back on line- a broken belt fixed- and ballot counting was finished about 5 a.m. And when the votes came in, incumbents won big and a new liquor license was voted down.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, Nov. 10, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Center, 4100 220th St. West, Farmington, MN 55024). Registration is at 8:30AM with the program running from 9AM-3:30PM. The fee is \$20, which covers the cost of lunch. Payment can be made the day of event. “Financial management is the key to a successful farming operation,” Pauline

Burnell Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rozwell Hanson, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in Vietnam during the period of January 30, 1966 to August 19, 1966. The citation is fourth highest award given by the U.S. Army. The Citation and Army Commendation medal were sent to Burnell from the Headquarters 2nd Brigade 25th Infantry Division. Burnell has served as a combat photographer with the 25th Division and was separated from the army on August 20th, arriving home on August 21st. Smoke damaged merchandise from the Ben Franklin store has been moved into the First National Bank building and is now

Van Nurden, Extension Educator, shared. “Having an understanding of farm finances impacts all management decisions. Attending our ‘Survive & Thrive’ workshops will give producers a base understanding of the major financial statements and how to put them into action in their operation.”

The Women in Ag Network offers more information about the program, including registration details at: <http://z.umn.edu/decflyer>. To learn more about Women in Ag Network, please visit: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/business/women-in-ag/>.

Automatic Medicare Advantage

Dear Savvy Senior,
I’ll be 65 in a few months and I recently pre-enrolled in original Medicare. But last week, I received a member card in the mail for a Medicare Advantage plan that I did not enroll in. What’s going on? Medicare is so confusing with all the different choices, and now it seems like I’m getting automatically enrolled in a plan I didn’t even choose. Is this a scam?
New to Medicare

enroll either in original Medicare, or they can opt for a Medicare Advantage plan, which is offered by private insurance companies. But some people, like yourself, are being enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan without your knowledge.

Here’s how it’s happening.

Before becoming eligible for Medicare, many people are covered by a commercial or a Medicaid health care plan run by a private health insurance company. These insurers often operate Medicare Advantage plans too. Under a little-known rule authorized by the federal government, some insurers can shift their beneficiaries who are turning 65 to their own Medicare Advantage plan. It’s a process called “seamless conversion enrollment,” and all it requires

is that the insurance company send a letter to the beneficiary explaining the new coverage, which takes effect unless the member opts out within 60 days. The idea is to preserve continuity for those who want to stay with the same company. But some seniors are unaware that they’ve been signed up, in part due to the flood of mail they get around their 65th birthday from insurers marketing their Medicare plans. This makes it easy to miss a notice of seamless conversion or fail to understand the letter. It can also have serious financial consequences. Medicare Advantage plans tend to be HMOs and PPOs with limited provider networks. If you unknowingly get enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan and receive treatment from a doctor who’s not in the network your

medical bills may go uncovered. Consumer advocate groups like the Medicare Rights Center is pushing for a change in the rules. They want it set up so beneficiaries must respond to the letter/invitation before they’re enrolled, versus having to opt out of automatic enrollment. In the meantime, here are some things you can do to protect yourself from unrequested Medicare enrollment.

Self Protection
Every one approaching age 65 should carefully read all mail received from your current health insurance provider. If you come across anything suggesting that the insurance company intends to enroll you in a Medicare Advantage plan that you do not wish to have, contact the insurer and decline to be en-



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rolled. Also, to be safe, about a month prior to Medicare eligibility, call your current insurer to confirm that you are not being automatically enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan. If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan against your wishes, call Medicare at 800-633-4227. People in this situation have been allowed to convert to traditional Medicare without having to wait until the next open-enrollment period, or enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan that they choose. It even might be possible to be retroactively enrolled in Medicare so that out-of-network expenses already incurred are covered. If you need help with your Medicare enrollment, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free one-on-one Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. For contact information visit Shiptacenter.org, or call the eldercare locator at 800-677-1116.

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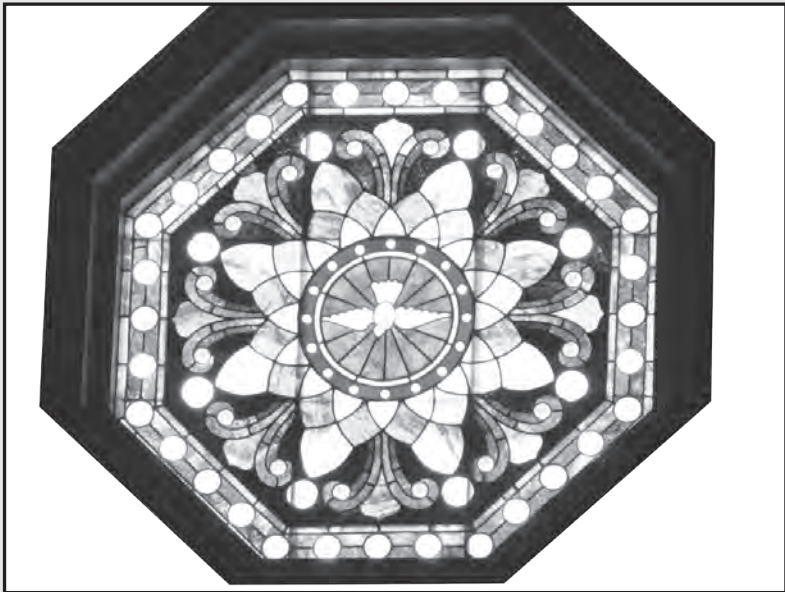

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Pastor's corner

The hidden realm

There are battles and fights all around us.

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Is it a conflict with relatives or neighbors? Is it job related? Is it financial? Maybe your health?

Our greatest struggle and most important battle is not listed above. It's a battle that we ignore and even deny, but it's being waged everyday, whether we acknowledge it or not. The foundational war is with sin and death. These dual enemies are joined at the hip, a two-headed adversary. The devastation from these enemies is all around us. Fear leading to fleeing or fighting. Harsh and hurtful words which cause pain, and break friendships and families. Repeated behaviors that become addictions

and we end up ignoring our most important relationships.

If we are honest with ourselves, we come to realize that we are losing this war. There are no steps, no pills, no weapons, no therapies that can give us victory. Our best efforts and most creative strategies fall short. An old testament prophet advised King Jehoshaphat, "The battle is too great for you., We don't not have the power or resources to defeat death."

There is no who stepped in between us and sin or



Pastor Dwight DeBell
Saint Michael's Lutheran
Waltham, MN

death. There is one who has fought the fight for us. "Thanks be to god, who gives us the victory through our lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

It's victory through surrender.

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Farmland rental meetings offered

Fair agreements are focus as low crop prices loom

A series of 42 meetings on fair farm rental agreements begins in early November and continues for five weeks throughout the state.

The program is free and designed to help meet the needs of farmers, landlords, agri-business professionals and others.

“Farmland rental rates have never been higher,” says David Bau, Extension educator in ag business management. “Following earlier records, the prices

for corn and soybeans in recent years are significantly lower. Determining a fair, profitable farm rental agreement is a challenge in today’s economy.”

Bau will examine several ways to negotiate fair rental agreements that satisfy the landowner and farmer. Examples and factsheets will be provided, along with worksheets

that look at 2017 input costs and crop prices to determine affordable rent, rate of return to the landlord and flexible rental agreements.

The meetings begin in early November and end in mid-December. Locations are: Ada, Albert Lea, Alexandria, Benson, Blue Earth, Buffalo, Caledonia, Chaska, Cologne, Elko New Market, Faribault,



Farmington, Foley, Gaylord, Hutchinson, Jordan, Le Center, Litchfield, Little Falls, Long Prairie, Madison, Mankato, Melrose, Moorhead, Morris, Newfolden, Olivia, Owatonna, Park Rapids, Pipestone, Preston, Red Lake Falls, Rochester, St. Charles, St. Peter, Slayton, Sleepy Eye, Waseca, Wheaton, Willmar and Worthington.

More details are at z.umn.edu/2017landrental.

Women in Agriculture Network announces December event

The Women in Agriculture Network (WAGN) is excited to announce its December seminar: ***Taking Charge of YOUR Finances - How to Survive and Thrive.***

The event will be December 6 at the Farmington Regional Extension office (located at the Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220th St. West, Farmington, MN 55024). Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The fee of \$20 covers the cost of lunch. Payment can be made the day of event.

“Financial management is the key to a successful farming operation,” Pauline Van

Nurden, Extension Educator, shared. “Having an understanding of farm finances impacts all management decisions. Attending our ‘Survive & Thrive’ workshops will give producers a base understanding of the major financial statements and how to put them into action in their operation.”

The Women in Ag Network offers more information about the program, including registration details at: <http://z.umn.edu/decflye>.

To learn more about Women in Ag Network, please visit: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/business/women-in-ag/>.

Bruce Schmoll of Claremont named USMEF chairman

Bruce Schmoll of Claremont was named USMEF chairman, taking over at USMEF’s 40th Anniversary and Strategic Planning Conference Nov. 2-4 in Carlsbad, Calif.

Speaking by phone, Schmoll said he was honored to be taking on the position but understood there was a lot of work ahead for USMEF.

“There are so many different facets to USMEF that there is always something that needs your attention,” he said. “Our strategic plan is basically done. We’re presenting it to our members at this meeting and hopefully we’ll get it approved so we can get moving on it.”

Schmoll says one of the immediate needs for the organization is to address pork and beef exports. With higher supplies, the marketplace needs to grow.

“There has been an excess of pork and currently we are exporting about 25 percent, but we’re looking to move to 30 per-

cent,” he said. “The same thing can be said for beef.”

Schmoll pointed to Australia as a country benefiting from having a trade agreement in place with Japan for beef.

“It’s an imbalanced market place right now,” he said. “We’re trying to be creative with the markets at this time. The industry is working hard to get TPP passed. We need to get those free trade agreements in place.”

Schmoll attended a reception on his behalf Wednesday night, but said other than that break, there has been little down time.

“That was pretty nice. I really appreciated that,” he said. “Things are scheduled so tight, it was kind of nice to be able to visit with a few people. I’ve put in six years with USMEF. After a while you get to meet a lot of people and it was nice to see some of those people and catch up.”



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Bruce Schmoll, USMEF chairman.

Avoid grain bin accidents

Inside a grain storage bin, flowing grain can engulf a grown man in just 20 seconds. That fact alone helps explain why every year, people are hurt – and some killed – in grain bin accidents. Avoiding grain bin entrapment requires awareness of the dangers, as well as training and clear safety procedures to follow in case of emergency.

Grain bin parts (the auger, fans and grain vacuums) can cause injury and death, and accidents in grain bins are especially challenging because reaching the victim is difficult for rescuers. The average rescue time is more than three hours.

No one should ever enter a bin with a sweep auger running; following lock-out/tag-out procedures helps ensure that doesn’t happen.

An employee entering a bin should clip the monitoring device to his or her harness so it goes with the employee down where the air could be dangerous.

Bridging and crusting grain are two more potential causes of disasters: A person goes in to knock down grain crusted on the bin’s side and causes an avalanche, or he falls into a void when a grain bridge—a hard, crusty surface formed by moldy or frozen grain—collapses. A more recent development is texting while using a grain vacuum. Workers stick the hose at their feet while they answer a text, and it sucks the grain out from under them.

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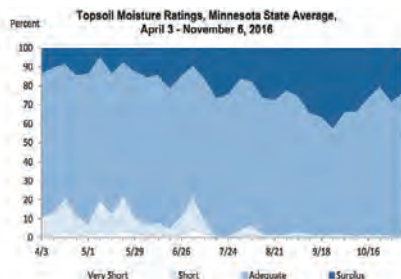
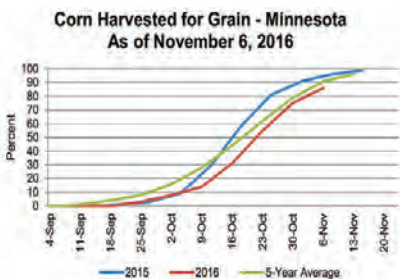
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Minnesota Crop Report

Warm and dry weather allowed Minnesota farmers to continue harvest and field activities during the week ending November 6, 2016, with 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. There continued to be fields too saturated to harvest, leading some to decide that they will wait for a hard freeze to complete harvest. Field activities for the week included harvesting and tillage.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus.

Corn for harvest advanced to 86 percent complete, 4 days behind the five-year average and 9 days behind last year. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest was 17 percent. Eighty-five percent of the sunflower acreage was harvested, 4 days behind average.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 21, 2006

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00

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

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100021278104668400

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

SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association; Dated: July 27, 2015 filed: August 3, 2015, recorded as document number A000403434; Thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated March 21, 2016 and recorded May 18, 2016 as document number A000407640.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

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

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-2310

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$112,504.93

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 15, 2016, 10:00am

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

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

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

Dated: September 23, 2016

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Assignee of Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Adam D. Jensen, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by assignment recorded on March 22, 2016 as Document Number A000406720 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; as corrected to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by corrective assignment recorded on August 23, 2016 as Document Number A000409190 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,200.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 21, 2009

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 3, 2009 as Document Number A000364463; as reformed by Court Order recorded on June 7, 2016 as Document No. A000407930 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$122,754.80

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Half of the following: Commencing 80 rods East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21, running thence East 9 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 9 rods; thence South 8 rods to the place of beginning, Except the West 36 feet thereof.

AND

Commencing 89 rods East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, running thence East 5 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 5 rods; thence South 8 rods to beginning.

(Being Sublot 3, and part of Sublot 4 of Lot 10 in Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21)

Together with and subject to that certain Well Agreement dated and filed June 21, 1994, as Document No. 242387 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8921 13TH ST SW, MERIDIAN, MN 56093

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-017-4211

AGENT'S TRANSACTION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 13, 2017.

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

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

Dated: October 13, 2016

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

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 8, 2007

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$103,647.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Mark E Zvorak and Ginger M Zvorak, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed January 17, 2007, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000347181

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 12 Block 9 Brainerd's Addition to Blooming Prairie

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 141 5th Ave SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-103-0912

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$96,454.49

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 13, 2016, 10:00am

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

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

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

Dated: October 14, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in conditions of the

following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 18, 2008

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

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: April 23, 2008

Steele County Recorder

Document #: A000356751

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

PARCEL ID #: 171720223

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

Transaction Agent: N/A

Transaction Agent Id No.: N/A

Current Mortgage Servicer: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Advisor's Mortgage LLC

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$167,382.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$150,248.90

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgagors have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 15, 2016 at 10:00 am

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

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is June 15, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA

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

Dated: October 17, 2016

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Josh Dale and Holly L. Dale, husband and wife

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 27, 2011 as Document Number A000380851 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$189,560.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 7, 2009

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 21, 2009 as Document Number A000368421; as amended of record by document recorded on November 8, 2011 as Document No. A000381093 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: \$211,371.37

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of the North Half of Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 105 North, Range 21 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Southwest Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East, assumed bearing, 468.00 feet along the West line of said Southwest Quarter to the True Point of beginning; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 202.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East 58.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 0 minutes 115.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes West 124.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East 86.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes West 178.00 feet to the West line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 259.00 feet to said True Point of Beginning. Containing 1.42 acres, more or less. Containing 1.13 acres, more or less, excluding highway easement. Subject to a public highway easement along the West line thereof

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 16411 SOUTH WEST 52ND AVE, ELLENDALE, MN 56026-3064

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 03-036-3101

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100052221010839741

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: January 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 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 July 3, 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: Josh Dale

Dated: October 27, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
Curt N. Trisko, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee

The Academy Professional Building
25 North Dale Street
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(16-1415-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

11/1, 11/8, 11/15
11/22, 11/29, 12/6

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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Advertisement for Bids – Buildings to be Removed from Property

Close December 1, 2016
Steele County, MN

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County, MN until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Office of the County Auditor, Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060 for the contract listed below at which time the bids will be opened and read publicly: LOCATION: 828 Hoffman Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060
TYPE OF WORK: Three Buildings to be Removed from Property

Contact the Steele County Highway Department for bid documents at 507.444.7670.

11/8, 11/15, 11/22

BP City

Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
City Council Meeting Agenda
November 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of September
Regular City Council Meeting

Financial Report

Committee/Commission Reports
1. B.P. Public Utilities
2. E.D.A.
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission

5. B.P. Ambulance Commission
6. B.P. Police Commission
- Business
1. Canvass of Votes
2. Additional Employee
Contribution to Health Insurance
Increase
3. Increase hourly rate for Health
Benefit Allowance
4. Final Pay Request – 6th Street
NW
5. Street Closing – Holiday Dazzle
6. Hire Ice Rink Employees
7. Certification of Assessments
Rolls – 6th Street NW
8. Certification of Other
Assessment Roll
9. Municipal Pipe Tool Co – 5 year
contract
10. Application for Exempt
Gambling Permit – BP Cancer
Group

City Administrator's Report
1. Rough Draft of City
Comprehensive Plan

City Attorney's Report

Council Members' Reports

Adjourn

This Agenda is Subject to Change

BP City

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE,
MINNESOTA 55917

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

6:00 a.m. Thursday, November 17,
2016
Regular School Board Work
Session–High School Board
Room

7:00 p.m. Monday, November 21,
2016
Open Public Forum–High School
Media Center

7:15 p.m.
Monday, November 21, 2016
Regular School Board Meeting–
High School Media Center

Any person may raise a question to
the School Board. The Board will
not act on any item presented to
them, which is not on the agenda,
until the following Board meeting.
Also, the Board would like persons
to limit themselves to five minutes,

with a maximum of 15 minutes
per topic. These limitations are
needed for us to run a timely and
orderly Board meeting. Persons are
requested to identify themselves
prior to speaking.

• CALL TO ORDER –
CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL – CLERK

• APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD
ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Consent Agenda
Minutes
Bills
Treasurer's Report

Resignations
Employment

C. Donations
B. SASS Contract
C. Long-Term Substitute
D. District Office Position
E. Hockey

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/
OR DISCUSSION ONLY

• Committee Reports
• Enrollment Data
• Dates to Note

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR
BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes

11/8

Taste of Norway

The Nortonna Lodge 1-638 of the Sons of Norway meets Monday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the Owatonna Elks Lodge, 126 East Vine Street.

The annual Taste of Norway supper will feature favorite Norwegian foods such as herring, meatballs, fruit

soup, rommegrot, lefse, and Scandinavian sweets. Serving begins at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$7 per member or guest and free if you bring a Norwegian dish to share.

The event also include a silent auction with items donated by lodge members. Proceeds from

the auction will be used for lodge programs and events.

If you would like more information regarding the Nortonna Lodge of the Sons of Norway, contact Nina Zak at 507-213-1919 or Cindy Hokanson at 507-451-9301.

Toys for Tots applications due Nov. 16

The application deadline for Steele County Toys for Tots registration to qualify for a “food card” and “toys” is fast approaching. The deadline is Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

Applications for the Steele County Toys for Tots Program are available at the following locations:

- Blooming Prairie Public Library
- Ellendale Food Shelf
- Lerberg’s Foods - Ellendale
- Medford City Hall
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern MN
- Churches in Steele County
- Owatonna Public Library
- Owatonna Workforce Center
- Salvation Army

·Steele County Clothesline

·Steele County Food Shelf

·Minnesota Prairie County Alliance

·Steele County Public Health

Children must be 0 to 15 years of age to qualify for the Steele County Toys for Tots Program. Toys will be distributed to children ages 0-15 on December 15-17, 2016.

Wrap up fall, roll into winter

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in the books, we are now heading into Winter. And as the weather gets colder, the sports move indoors as we gear up for Boys & Girls Basketball, and Wrestling. The Wrestling team, lead by Coach Gimble, is looking forward to combining with Hayfield’s wrestling team. The Girl’s Basketball team is looking strong heading into the 2016-2017 season. With returning Seniors including Kylie Forystek, Marissa Larson, and Jasmine Anderson paired with the Junior talent of Sam Wurst, McKenna Hein, and Ayren Ingvalson they have a good possibility of finishing with a winning season under Coach Bruns. The Boy’s Basketball team also has serious potential going into this year. We have a great mix of talent on all levels, Including Freshman Gabe Hagen, 6’8” Junior Jake Ressler, Junior Max Romeo, Cameron Kubista a Junior, Senior Wyatt Grundmeier, Senior Ben Smith, and myself a Senior. With the open gyms that are being held, many players from both the Boy’s and Girl’s teams are showing up, and showing early signs of hopeful future success as most players are making the transition from football and volleyball season, to Hoop season.

Get ready to come out and support your hometown Blossoms this winter, we can’t wait to showcase our teams this season.

As we roll into the second week of November, the Awesome Blossoms have completely wrapped up their Fall sports seasons. The Girl’s Volleyball team ended their season on a second round loss to Hayfield. The Football team started off their post season play with

a blowout home victory over Southland. They followed that with a loss against the #1 seed, Rushford-Peterson. Nonetheless they had a great season, considering their impressive 6-2 regular season record that they put together. Finally, the most recent sport to conclude would be the Awesome Blossom Cross Country team. With several great athletes in the lineup for the Blossoms, Junior, Alec Ille stood out the most as his efforts carried him to a state-qualifying season.

With a successful Fall season

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

SOLUTION ON PAGE 6D

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Subway inhabitants
5. Removes
11. Ancient Greek City
12. Plagued
16. An aspect of the Egyptian Sun god
17. Registered dietician
18. A citizen of Iran
19. Jordan’s old team
24. Ballplayers go here when they’re hurt
25. Common fractions
26. Terrorist organization
27. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
28. Heroic tale
29. Reared
30. One of the first cars
31. Praises highly
33. Make fun of
34. Defines a vector space
38. Blotted
39. Municipal
40. Maxim
43. Russian investment bank
44. Active Filipino volcano
45. Scottish tax
49. Peter ____
50. South Asian garment for women
51. Taiwan capital
53. University of Dayton
54. Combining radio waves
56. Sweetheart (archaic)
58. Farm state
59. Singer-songwriter Atias
60. Isolates
63. Tiny piece

CLUES DOWN

1. Responds
2. Trailblazing tennis player ____
Gibson
3. Driving
4. Holy places
5. Spanish river
6. Cardinal
7. Anno Domini
8. Southeast
9. Ills
10. Gentlemen

64. Most domesticated
65. Matured

13. Lanthanum
14. Support
15. Widened
20. Exclamation of surprise
21. Type of Suzuki motorcycle
22. Advantages
23. Cover
27. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
29. Baylor University
30. Aristocratic young lady
31. Resinous insect secretion
32. Noble gas (abbr.)
33. Combo exercise ____-bo
34. Shoulder blade
35. Fortress
36. River in England
37. Popular point guard
Jeremy
38. Decigram
40. Swiss river
41. Where milk is processed
42. Weird guy Yankovic
44. Tattoo (slang)
45. Place to see movies
46. Conclusive comment
47. Has high legislative powers
48. Initialed
50. Cassia tree
51. Touchdown
52. Egyptian pharaoh
54. Thai district Ban ____
55. Kiln
57. Michigan
61. Morning
62. Rob Gronkowski is one

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Because of recent problems at the compost site, consideration might be given to fencing it and controlling access to it.

The City can no longer burn our brush pile, so taxpayer’s dollars are being used to remove the brush from the site. The cost of removal of the brush and the fact that plastic bags and garbage continues to be problem at the site has prompted the discussion of fencing the facility.

If you see some of our rural neighbors using the facility or someone disposing of yard & garden waste at the brush pile, please point out to them that the City has to pay to have the brush removed. The City provided a very large area for the disposal of yard & garden waste there is no need to add these items to the brush pile.

As taxpayers of the City of Blooming Prairie you should be concerned about our compost site and the cost to maintain the site.

Michael G. Jones
City Administrator

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HometownLiving Community Calendar

Event Spotlight: *November 11, 2016*

9 a.m. Coffee in the foxhole bar.

11 a.m. Veteran's Day Flag raising and supper at the Servicemen's Club.

5 p.m. social hour.

6:30 p.m. Roast beef dinner

**There will be a program following the dinner.*

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❖ ❖ LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME ❖ ❖

Archive photo

Reuben Ebeling and Allan Terpstra pose for a photo as they talk about their time with Company F. Unit of the 135th Infantry of the 47th Division.

❖ ❖ FOR THE RECORD ❖ ❖



❖ ❖ HAPPENING NOW ❖ ❖

Staff Photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Anthony Carlon who is portrayed as a werewolf practices his role with Izzy Melgaard for Owatonna High School's upcoming play "Dracula," that opens Nov. 10.

AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Tuesday, November 8, 2016-
All Day Lyle Volunteer Fire Department Meeting
7 a.m.-8p.m. Election Day
10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery, Austin ArtWorks Center
11am - 2pm Election Day Salad Luncheon, Austin Masonic Lodge 12pm - 1pm Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office
3:30pm - 5pm Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/ HS Gym

Wednesday, November 9, 2016-
All day Lyle City Council Meeting
10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery, Austin ArtWorks Center
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal
11:30am - 12:30pm Tater Time
6:30pm - 8pm Adult Hockey
7pm - 8pm Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin

Thursday, November 10, 2016-
All day Calico Hutch Quilters Retreat Thu Nov 10, 2016 - Thu Nov 17, 2016 Where: Holiday Inn Austin Conference Center
10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery, Austin ArtWorks Center
2pm - 3pm YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program Where: Mower County Senior Center
3:30pm - 5pm Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/ HS Gym
6pm - 7:30pm Duo Beads Wrap Bracelet Where: Austin ArtWorks Center

Friday, November 11, 2016-
10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery, Austin ArtWorks Center
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal Where: Heritage House, Lyle
5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo Where: Austin VFW
5:15pm - 6:30pm Stick Time Where: Packer Arena, Austin
6pm - 8:30pm Autism Family Respite Night Where: YMCA of Austin
6:45pm - 8pm Public Skate Where: Packer Arena, Austin

Saturday, November 12, 2016-
10am - 5pm Austin ArtWorks 2nd Floor Gallery, Austin ArtWorks Center
10am - 2pm Exploring Abstract Art with Watercolor & Acrylic Where: Austin ArtWorks Center
10:30am - 12pm Kids Studio - Accordion Books Where: Austin ArtWorks Center
4:45pm - 6pm Public Skate Where: Packer Arena, Austin
7pm - 10pm Austin Bruins vs Coulee Region Chill Where: Riverside Arena
8pm - 9pm Sola Fide Observatory Viewing Where: Sola Fide Observatory

Sunday, November 13, 2016-
1pm - 2:30pm Riverside Figure Skating Club - Basic Skills Where: Riverside Arena, Austin
2:30pm - 5pm Riverside Figure Skating Club - Power & Moves, Precision Line, Advanced Ice Time

Monday, November 14, 2016-
All day American Legion & Auxiliary Meeting, Lyle
10:30am - 11:30am Read Any Good Books Lately? Where: Austin Public Library,
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal Where: Heritage House, Lyle
5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo Where: Austin VFW
5:30pm - 8:30pm History Happy Hour - Mower County Cemeteries Where: Hormel Historic Home
6:30pm - 8pm Wake Up, Austin Where: Knowlton Auditorium, Austin High School

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Tuesday, November 8, 2016-
All Day BP Card Club and Luncheon
Holiday dazzle wine tasting Where: Servicemen's club

Wednesday, November 9, 2016-
6pm - 6:30pm DC Meeting Where: HS Lunchroom, Hayfield

Thursday, November 10, 2016-
3pm - 4pm Chess Where: Elem Library, Hayfield
3pm - 4pm Fall Luminary Where: 4th grade room, Hayfield Elementary
Into The Woods Where BPHS (runs through Nov. 12)
4pm - 7pm JFK - Elem Lunchroom, Hayfield
5pm - 7pm Sport Sign Up

Sunday, November 13, 2016-
12:30pm - 5:30pm Open Gym
Fireman's pancake breakfast Where: Servicemen's Club
6pm - Annual Banquet Where: Pizza Cellar

Monday, November 14, 2016-
7pm - 8pm School Board Mtg Where: Brownsdale Elementary Library Hayfield

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Chamber annual meeting

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ELLENDALE/GENEVA

Tuesday, November 8, 2016-
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale

Thursday, November 10, 2016-
5:30pm - 6:40pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm

Monday, November 14, 2016-
6:20pm - 7:40pm NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellnd

OWATONNA

Tuesday, November 8, 2016-
All Day Steele County Commission
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime 5pm - 6pm Medford EDA (2nd Wed odd months)
7pm - 8pm Steele Co: Co Brd Mtg, Admin Center, BR
7pm - 8pm Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Owatonna

Wednesday, November 9, 2016-
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Story time
4pm - 5pm Medford Veterans Committee Mtg

Thursday, November 10, 2016-
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
5:30pm - 6:30pm Owatonna Airport Commission
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time

Monday, November 14, 2016-
All day Medford EDA (2nd Wed, odd months)
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation
4:30pm - 5:30pm Owatonna Park & Rec Brd, Council Chambers, Brooktree Golf Course or City Park

ALBERT LEA/FREEBORN Co

Tuesday, November 8, 2016-
10:30am - 11:15am Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library
3:30pm - 4:30pm Staff Mentee Meeting (Secondary), Albert Lea High School
6pm - 9pm Rock Gym

Wednesday, November 9, 2016-
8:30am - 9:30am Shell Rock Watershed Board Meeting, Albert Lea
3:30pm - 4:30pm Staff Mentee Meeting (Elementary), Hawthorne Elementary School

Thursday, November 10, 2016-
10am - 11am Fountain Lake Readers Book Club, Albert Lea Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am ALPL Story time
10:30am - 11:15am Music & Movement, ALPL
1:05pm - 2:05pm Veteran's Day Assembly, Albert Lea High School
5:30pm - 6:30pm AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
6pm - 7pm Night-time Storytime, ALPL

Friday, November 11, 2016-
All day Closed to Observe Veteran's Holiday, ALPL
All day Veteran's Day, City Offices and Library Close
6pm - 9pm Rock Climbing Open Gym Where: 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea

Saturday, November 12, 2016-
All day Library Closed, ALPL
6pm - 9pm Rock Climbing Open Gym

Monday, November 14, 2016-
10:30am - 11:30am ALPL Story time
5:15pm - 6:15pm AL Human Rights Commission, City Council Chambers
7pm - 8pm AL City Council, Council Chambers

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Veterans Day is a day to pay tribute

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Veterans Day on Nov. 11 is a day when we remember our veterans, those who have passed and those who are still with us.

Just take time not only on Friday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) but at other times too, in your own private way, to pay tribute to those many veterans who have fought for the many freedoms we enjoy today.

Special activities are planned by Blooming Prairie's military service organizations: American Legion Post #52, VFW Post #878, Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

Donuts and coffee will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Servicemen's Club, 210 4th St. NE. in Blooming Prairie. Three classes of fourth graders from Blooming Prairie Elementary School will visit the Servicemen's Club at 10 a.m. and an hour later at 11 a.m., they will participate with local veterans in a flag raising ceremony.

An evening dinner and program are planned at 6:30 p.m.

How did Veterans Day in America come about? Let's take a look by visiting Wikipedia.

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on Nov. 11, that honors military veterans, who served in the United States

Armed Forces.

It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson on Nov 11, 1919, issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans. Let's read part of President Wilson's message.

"A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and

gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and more just set of international relations.

"The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half. With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory.

"We were able to bring the vast resources, material and morale, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

"Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concern. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

"To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with - solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."

The United States Congress on June 4, 1926 adopted a resolution calling for observance of Nov. 11 as Veterans Day with appropriate ceremonies. Another Congressional Act in

1938 made Nov. 11 each year a legal federal holiday.

Read in Wikipedia, "In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day.

"Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks was the Father of Veterans Day."

Let's honor our veterans, passed and alive, with thankfulness for their service to our country. Veterans Day is a very special day indeed.

UCare offers informational meetings on Medicare plan options

Next month, UCare will host informational meetings about its UCare for Seniors Medicare health plan options. UCare for Seniors has more than 80,000 members across Minnesota.

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Monday, November 14
10 a.m. Pier 55 Senior Center, 240 Harrison St., Red Wing 55066

Thursday, November 17
12:30 p.m. Zumbrota Public Library, 100 West Ave., Zumbrota 55992

Monday, November 21
10 a.m. Faribault Community Center, 15 W. Division St., Faribault 55021
2 p.m. Owatonna Holiday Inn, 2365 43rd St. NW, Owatonna 55060
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Tuesday, November 22
9 a.m. Northfield Senior Center Room 106, 1651 Jefferson Pkwy., Northfield 55057

Monday, November 28
5:30 p.m. New Ulm Community Center LL, 600 N. German St., New Ulm 56073

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Lions give dictionaries to Panthers



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Mrs. Schultz's third grade class poses with their new dictionaries at NRHEG elementary school on Nov. 3. They were one of three third grade classes given dictionaries by the Lions Club. This is annual tradition by the club to help promote literacy amongst students.

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