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Holiday cheer moving in

The City of Blooming Prairie hung its Christmas decorations and lit up Main Street this Momnday. With Thanksgiving almost past, communities all over the county are gearing up for their holdiay events and yearly charity drives. The Salvation Army is kicking off their annual ed bucket drive soon, and in Blooming Prairie, the Future Farmers of America are holding a toy drive.

Reorganization in Environmental Services changes feedlot priorities



During a lengthy meeting Nov 8, the Dodge County Commissioners signed a resolution to withdraw from the voluntary state Pollution Control Agency feedlot delegation agreement. This action will return enforcement and administration of the State's Animal Feedlot Rules Chapter 7020 back to MPCA.

Steve Schmidt and Paul Brietzke from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency were at the meeting to inform the County Board what withdrawing from the voluntary feedlot program, or undelegating, would mean for the feedlot owners of Dodge County. In addition, the Olmsted County Feedlot Technician, Martin Larsen, was also at the meeting to provide information to the County Board on his experience working as a Feedlot Technician in an undelegated county, such as Olmsted. Mr. Larsen's Feedlot Technician position duties includes working with feedlot owners, the MPCA and local units of government to help get feedlots into compliance with the Feedlot Rules through education, program assistance, technical evaluation and seeking cost-share, not regulation. In an undelegated county, such as Olmsted, MPCA is responsible for the administrative, regulatory and enforcement of Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020.

Schmidt and Brietzke pointed out to the commissioners that Dodge County Conditional Use Permits for feedlots will still go through the county zoning department as they are a county required land use permit. However, if the county chooses not to be delegated, the MPCA permits, such as the Construction Short Form and Interim Permits, would now be issued by the MPCA and not the County Feedlot Officer.

A CUP is a county land use permit in the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance for establishment or expansion of an animal feedlot of 500 animal units or more. If it is approved, it authorizes the property to be used for a feedlot. The CUP application goes to the Planning Commission for Public Hearing and the County Board makes the final decision on it. This is a Dodge County land use permit and they county's decision to undelegate would not affect whether or not the county requires a CUP for a feedlot.

If the CUP is granted, the landowner still needs to get permits to physically construct the feedlot under the MPCA's Animal Feedlot Rules, Chapter 7020. Under the current delegation agreement with the MPCA, the County Feedlot Officer has the authority to issue the MPCA 7020 Construction Short Form and Interim Permits. If the county chooses not to be delegated to administer the Animal Feedlot Rules, the MPCA will now be responsible for issuing the Construction Short Form and Interim Permits, rather than the Dodge County County Feedlot Officer.

In addition, MPCA would be conducting feedlot inspections and responding to complaints that are subject to the Animal Feedlot Rules, Chapter 7020. Brietzke made it clear if he goes to a farm for a complaint, he has statutory authority to handle the complaint. "I don't have to hold anyone's hand," he said.

Environmental Services Director Mark Gamm stated that the proposal to withdraw is only one of several factors and is part of a larger Environmental Services department reorganization due to staffing changes and the shifting of duties. With the proposed changes, which includes undelegation, part of the Environmental Services levy along with Dodge County Soil and Water Conservation District funds are proposed to be used to jointly fund a Feedlot Technician position similar to that of Martin Larsen's which will be housed out of the SWCD.

Documentation given to the commissioners stated:

1. The mandated aspects of the Delegation Agreement have become increasingly inefficient, duplicative and burdensome, without demonstrated corresponding increase in benefit to feedlot operators, citizens, or water resources.

2. The Agency's feedlot program funding has not kept pace with the increasing requirements of the Delegation Agreement.

3. Dodge County resources can be used more effectively to provide feedlot services that focus on protecting water resources through education, technical assistance, and financial assistance while the Agency focuses on enforcement of state feedlot regulations.

4. Withdrawing from the Delegation Agreement does not reduce the county's authority to regulate feedlots in accordance to the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance.

The commissioners approved a resolution withdrawing from the delegation agreement effective Dec 31.

Next, the county will enter an agreement with the Soil and Water Conservation District to provide feedlot technician duties.

Gnemi to take office

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Editor's note: Due to family health concerns, Rick Gnemi was not reachable for comment last week for our story about the commissioners' races. He has since contacted us, and his thoughts appear below.

Rick Gnemi has been elected to represent the residents of Steele County as a county commissioner for district three.

He says his plan for the first few months when he takes office is to observe, so he can analyze where the county is spending money and where cuts can be made.

He believes the past few budgets for the county have been too expensive. He cites the new county building project as one place where costs need to be cut. He's proposes half of what the current board is currently planning is actually called for.

His other major concern at present is Cedar View. Gnemi says it's been, "sitting empty for a longer time than I think it should be." He believes its time to take action with property.

PROMOTING PEACE

The effects of abuse of children

By ELYCE BAKER
Crisis Center Coordinator

Domestic Violence is a daily topic for staff and volunteers at the Crisis Resource Center, but it is a subject that the community has a hard time discussing and acknowledging.

Due to the silence there is minimal understanding about how Domestic Violence affects us, our family, children and future generations to come. Last year, the Crisis Resource Center (CRC) provided services to 897 new individuals (305 within the Abused Children's Program and an additional 72 within the Sexual Assault Program and 520 within the Domestic Violence Program).

What these numbers don't accurately represent is how many children witnessed Domestic Violence within the families we served in Steele County over the previous year.

Children SEE the physical or sexual abuse that occurred in their home. Even at a young age they remember and comprehend later what they witnessed.

Children HEAR the threats, fights and the scary noises from the other room. A closed door or wall doesn't mean they don't know what is going on.

Children OBSERVE the bruise, blood, tears and broken objects after the fight.

Children can FEEL the tension, fear and the hurt that lingers even after the altercation.

The effects of a child witnessing abuse can be just as traumatizing and significant as a child who endured the abuse. These factors create an environment that is just as dangerous and affects children in

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Opinion

Our view

Let the healing begin

How dumb are we?

I don't know if it's stupidity as much as we are a people who want to believe something so bad or so wonderful or so tragic or so heartwarming that we go to great lengths to not only make ourselves believe, but go forth on a crusade to make others believe as well.

And if two people believe it, then it certainly must be true. There is strength in numbers, but unfortunately not always truth. No matter how many people are on that bandwagon.

There is an alarming blast of error that is being publicized on the internet in this day and hour. Stories that can make you angry. Tales that can make you believe in happily-ever-after. Injustices that can bring tears to your eyes. From riots incited by candidates in conspiracy theories to miracle working wrinkle cream.

Before you run out and get your gun or run to window waiting for your fairy godmother, and even before you reach for that next tissue. Be sure you check the issue. Some people are manufacturing stories to see if anyone will believe.

The trouble with that is, enough people start believing and jumping into the crusade to champion your lie, you may begin to believe it yourself. You'll start thinking that perhaps it wasn't a lie after all and that just maybe you were a prophet uncovering the truth to the universe.

Spoiler alert. Much of the internet is full of things that are simply not true. There were candidates in this past election that were paying for writers and videographers to publish lies on the internet to damage their opponents.

The scenario goes something like this. "A supporter of candidate Lieburger was found and convicted of dog fighting and cruelty to animals. (Cut to an unrelated video of a dog beaten in an unrelated incident) When reached for comment, the candidate had none. Click 'like' and 'share' if you think that it is wrong for candidates to support animal cruelty."

And 10 thousand people begin clicking and sharing and swearing as if they had Turrets syndrome. They may in fact have some sort of "click and share" disease – and the main symptom is that they DON'T HAVE A LIFE.

Thank God for people who check with Snopes before wildly clicking as if they are having a seizure. Even at that, Snopes, being a verification organization, is having a hard time keeping up with all the new falsehood that is gaining great popularity in this new cyber generation.

We have become a people on the edge of the "wild, wild webst." No rules, no boundaries, no verification – but a lot of carpal tunnel from mouse abuse. Journalists verify stories. Or at least, they should. Much of the internet is not a verifiable or reliable news source.

Things are passed from the dark minds of people living in their parent's basement, covered in food crumbs and hiding behind the anonymity of the veil that has become cyberspace. Daring to go where no man has gone before.

And those in the "ratings game" love it because it sells. People want to believe without having to work to verify. For years, we have been a generation led by a news media that has been, for the most part, forthright and held accountable.

The internet is NOT your nightly news broadcast. Now we know, as children we loved the innocence of believing everything without having to spend the time and effort on verification. We just threw mud pies because it was fun and there was no accountability for our actions because we were still hiding behind the excuse of our youth.

It's time to grow up. Put the wet soil down, quit slinging the filth and grow a set of scruples. The truth may not always be fun or exciting or tear-jerking or explosive. Your ordinary life may not "wow" the masses, but your character will.

"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." – Paul.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

Achieving toward zero deaths recognition

By now, you've likely heard the phrase, "Toward Zero Deaths." It has been a part of the fabric of Minnesota law enforcement and others for nearly 15 years.

Toward Zero Deaths is the state's cornerstone traffic safety program, which uses interdisciplinary approach to reduce crashes, injuries and deaths. It is exactly what the name implies—working to reach zero deaths on Minnesota roads.

In some ways it may seem like a pretty unattainable goal. But if you consider the historical perspective, it quickly becomes clear that maybe it's not so lofty after all. Zero isn't impossible, but it will take the efforts of many to come close.

In Minnesota in 1968, there were 1,060 traffic fatalities, the highest number ever recorded in a single year in the state. Just last year, there were 411 people killed in Minnesota. Though it's not the lowest number recorded (2014 was with 361), it's headed in the right direction compared to decades ago.

It's by no accident that Minnesota has experienced a huge drop in fatalities over the past 50 years. It has taken the hard work and dedication of lots of people striving towards a common goal.

Minnesota has been a leader among the states in the development of innovative drunk driving countermeasures. The Legislature made significant amendments to the DWI law in 1971, 1976, 1978 and in almost every year of the 1980s.

The TZD approach is based on the belief that even one traffic-related death on our roads is unacceptable. The "zero deaths" idea was first adopted in Sweden in 1997. Minnesota adopted TZD in 2003.

TZD has proven to save lives by bringing together education, enforcement, emergency services and engineering. The program works in partnership with community and corridor groups to improve traffic safety of a designated area.

The media has also become an important tool in driving home the importance of traffic safety. This past week the Steele County Times was recognized for its efforts in delivering the TZD messages. The Times received a Media Star Award at the annual TZD conference in Duluth. We were the only media organization in the state to receive the high honor.

As I made clear in my acceptance speech in front of 900 traffic safety experts from across the state, this award is not only about us, but rather it exemplifies the importance of teamwork between law enforcement and other community groups and the media.

Together we can make a difference in changing societal attitudes and the lives of others. To drink and drive is not socially acceptable as it was just say 10 years ago. The days of getting smashed and attempting to find your way home behind the wheel are gone. Add to it the days of the local officer looking the other way and not doing anything about driving after having one too many.

Through this newspaper, we are constantly finding new ways to educate our readers about traffic safety, especially impaired driving and distracted driving.

It is humbling and gratifying for me to receive such an honor, especially after I have been personally committed to traffic safety both as a journalist and police officer for more than two decades.

The families of victims killed by drunk drivers are left with a lifetime of pain and anguish. I recently interviewed a mother who lost her daughter 28 years ago after she was decapitated by a drunk driver along Interstate 35 in Rice County. Or consider the parents who lost their three sons to a drunk 12 years ago in Dakota County. It's stories like theirs that should motivate all of us to continue this battle.

A drunk driving death is 100 percent avoidable.

The media—at least the Times— has and will continue to make a difference in the war on dangerous driving behavior. We will also keep working feverishly with the local TZD program in Steele and Dodge counties to help keep our roads safe.

Being in hot pursuit of reaching towards zero deaths is something we should all embrace any time of the year.

Letters to the Editor

Happy days are here again

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 9, a new day dawned in this nation, state and county. On the national level, we elected a successful businessman instead of just another career politician. As Rush Limbaugh says, "Donald Trump is draining the swamp in Washington, D.C."

I can hardly believe our local election results. In Steele County, we drained the swamp of all the old county commissioners and it only took two election cycles or two years to do it. Thank you to the new guys for stepping up to accept our current mess made by the old commissioners. The old ones left us with a legacy of debt.

The new guys have a big job ahead of them and it will take time to unravel our present mess. It can't happen overnight so we need to be patient and supportive.

Everything that went so wrong has our past administrator and old commissioners' fingerprints all over it. The administrator couldn't have done the damage he did if he had not had the old commissioners in his hip pocket. We need to remember to give credit where credit is due. They were voted out because the residents of Steele County awakened and went to the polls in droves. Our voter turnout was an astounding 82.98 percent. They didn't just lose. They took a pummeling.

The system is designed so you are not supposed to be able to unload all the rot at one time. What just happened is unprecedented. A lesson to be learned is that you must respect your constituents' wishes or be voted out. Your loss was completely self-inflicted. The old administrator no longer has anyone to pull strings on.

Happy days are here again.

Marlene Nelson
Owatonna

Thank you from Jim Abbe

To the citizens of Steele County,

Thank you to all who supported me throughout this campaign for Steele County Commissioner of District 4. As I knocked on doors working hard to get the message out, your words of encouragement gave me the energy to keep going. I want to thank the many volunteers, friends, neighbors, and family who gave their time and energy and worked tirelessly going door-to-door to help promote change. Most of all I want to thank my wife Lori and our two daughters Elizabeth and Erin, for your unconditional support. Without you none of this matters.

I am overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and passion that many of you have for this great county. I am thankful to have earned your trust and promise to work hard to represent you. I will always make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the majority, and will never forget that we are spending YOUR money. There are countless hardworking men and women here in Steele County and I am grateful to each of you for your efforts. I look forward to working WITH you going forward.

Jim Abbe
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Second Front

Abuse isolates children

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similar ways.

Children in this type of environment may become fearful and/or anxious. Their safe place is no longer safe because they are unsure what will trigger the abuse or who the next victim may be. Many times a child may feel they are to blame because of their actions or become angry with family or siblings for causing the abuse.

A child may feel isolated, vulnerable and searches for attention, affection and approval in whatever means possible. These children often find themselves in an invisible prison because they are physically, emotionally and psychologically abandoned. Children who are abused or witness abuse learn to repeat the actions they witnessed or endured growing up as an effective way to resolve their conflicts. Putting people down becomes a natural way to control a person and get what they want.

As a parent, family, friend and community we want to protect our youth because nobody should fall victim to abuse. We don't want our children to suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders and other mental health conditions or turn to drugs or alcohol to numb their pain. Many children choose relationships that will cause them to become a victim once again as this is their "norm" or they end up in jail as a means of survival.

There are community organizations such as the Crisis Resource Center that are finding ways to put a stop to Domestic Violence and Child Abuse. We know that abuse is a learned behavior and education is a mandatory component to prevent the cycle of abuse from continuing across generations The United Way of Steele County funds the Crisis Resource Center to provide Violence Prevention Education to grades K-5 and the Center also offers a weekly children's support group in addition to a 24 hour crisis line staffed by trained advocates. Advocates are also available Monday through Friday from 8-5 at the Crisis Resource Center to provide a variety of services to victims of abuse. The office is located at 125 W. Front Street. All services are free of charge and available to anyone who has been the victim or witness of abuse. Nobody deserves to be the victim of abuse! We need to protect the children within our community.

Elyse Baker is the Abused Children's Program Coordinator for the Crisis Resource Center of Steele County. She is contrbuting to our ongoing series, Promoting Peace, dedicated to raising awareness about domestic abuse.

Local paper shines in Toward Zero Deaths effort

A statewide coalition attempting to end traffic deaths has recognized the efforts of two local newspapers in helping with the cause.

The Steele County Times, along with its sister publication, the Dodge County Independent in Kasson, has been given the Media Star Award by Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths. Publisher Rick Bussler accepted the honor Wednesday afternoon during the group's statewide conference in Duluth.

Star awards recognize individuals or organizations in Minnesota that show excellence in YZD's emphasis areas of enforcement, emergency medical and trauma services, education, engineering child passenger safety and judicial/court systems. Recipients have shown leadership and commitment in efforts to improve traffic safety and build partnerships with others in the field.

Over the past year both newspapers have been publishing a monthly series aimed at ending impaired driving called, "U Booze, U Drive, U Lose." The effort will culminate next month with a special section dedicated to local stories of people who have been affected by drunk drivers.

"This award isn't about us, but rather it exemplifies the importance of teamwork between law enforcement and the media," said Bussler. "Together we can make a difference in changing societal attitudes and the lives of others when it comes to drunk driving and other traffic safety issues."

Bussler said it is "humbling and gratifying" to be recognized for work in teaming up with law enforcement to save lives through education.



Submitted photo

Steele County Times Publisher Rick Bussler accepted a Media Star Award at the annual statewide Toward Zero Deaths conference in Duluth. The newspaper was recognized for its efforts in saving lives th ough education of traffic safety issue

BP City Council neogiates contracts and addresses election

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The Blooming Prairie City Council convened last week to discuss the election and city contracts.

The official canvas of votes showed 153 people registered on Election Day this year, and 89 military absentee or military ballots were cast.

The city employee health insurance co-op has increased its price 6%. Though still much lower then non-co-op insurance, employees will see an increase in the amount they will pay in, so the city can maintain a balanced budget.

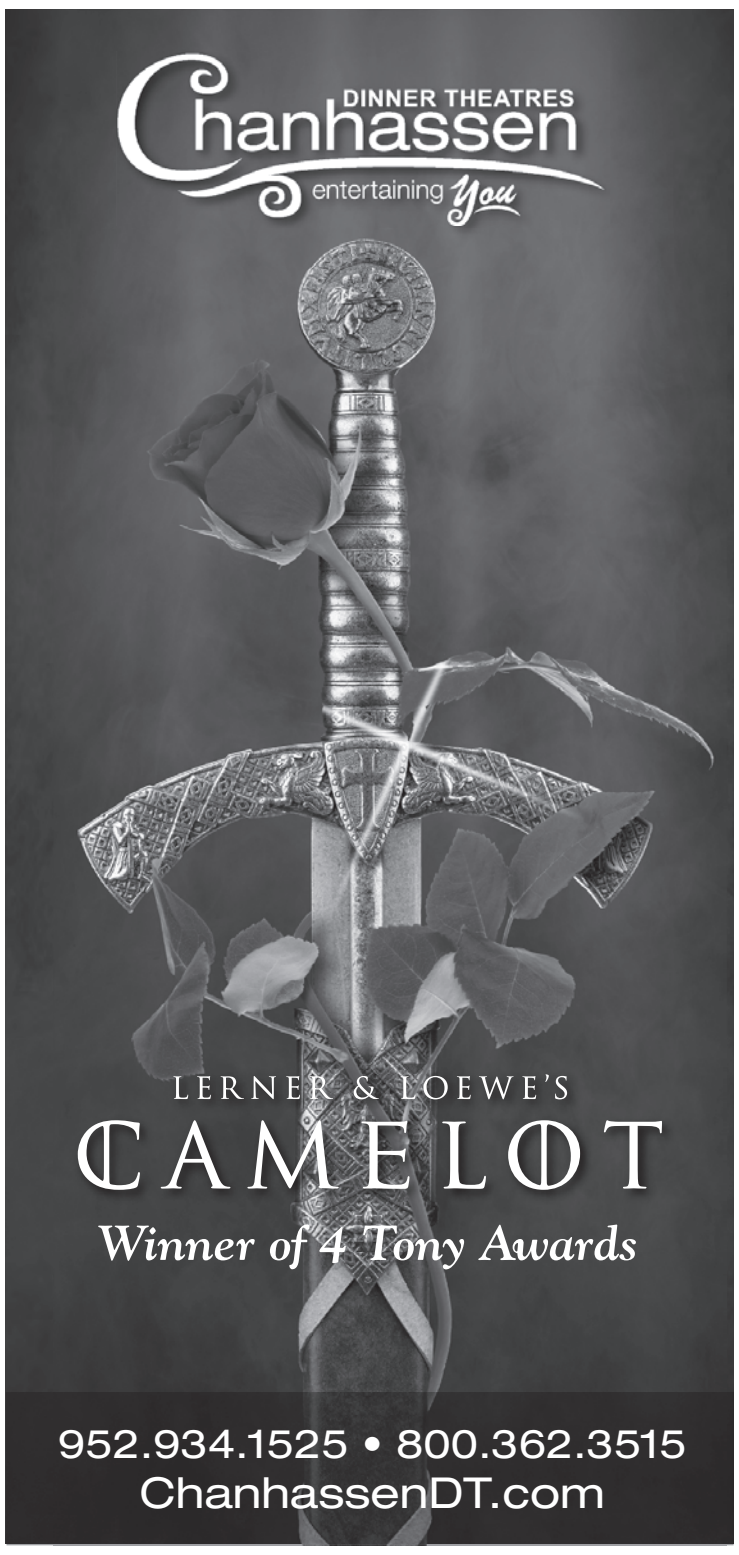
The city has a final payment due to the company working on 6th Street NW. The street is done, but the contractor has not completed the paperwork, so the city can't make the payment. The project has been delayed so far past it Aug. 2015 deadline that the city may seek to fine the company for the delay, before making the final payment. There remains roughly $18,000 still to be paid.

The city has re-entered into a five-year maintenance contract with the Municipal Pipe Tool Co. It sets the prices for their services for the next 5 years, and the city will spend $3,000 a year with the company.

Next month is the budget meeting for the city. They can lower the overall cost of the budget, but at this point can no longer raise it.

In light of recent elections, Mayor Peterson closed the meeting with a few words to minority members of Blooming Prairie.

"This is a welcoming community," Mayor Peterson said, "You're safe here."



Getting ahead of the storm

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

Last Friday at about 10 a.m. I was pumping gas in my cargo shorts and sunglasses, under a bright blue sky and reading the bank's video board which informed me that it was 73 degrees. At 2:30 p.m. that same day I opened my car door, which was then ripped from my hands by an arctic wind and an uninvited blizzard of sleet which had been finely chilled to 33.

It was like… going from Orlando to the North Pole in a few hours. By car. A body was simply not made for that kind of a drastic change is that short of a time period.

Now, I knew from the weather reports that it was coming. I had a window to get from Minnesota to Michigan and back to Minnesota again within 36 hours. I made it, and almost… almost got ahead of the storm.

The first 10-hour drive was both exhausting and filled with great trepidation, knowing that I would be doing it all again the next day and racing a blizzard to Blooming Prairie. I came in second. The day started like a dream.

I had gotten all my errands run, the car was packed to the rafters with more remnants of our relocation, the sun was shining, the traffic was light, and the only problem was that my sunglasses were not strong enough to counteract the brightness of the sun.

It was as if the angels kissed me on the cheek, packed my lunch and told me to have a great day. And, oh yeah, they reminded me to write to them when I got to adversity. Midway through Chicago, red tail lights suddenly screamed at me to take my speed down from 80 to zero in 3.5 seconds.

There were sirens, horns blasting, the sky had become dark and ominous, and my windshield wipers were just generally smudging my view. Perhaps a merciful act on their part, almost prophesying to me that there really wasn't much to look at from that point on.

There I was. At the gates of hell.

I saw more red-faced people shouting from behind closed car windows than I care to mention, and I don't know if it is was an issue of pride, but everyone was showing off their middle finger with great determination and force. Some began driving with their knees as they felt the need to show off both middle fingers at the same time. We get it. You're angry. Deal with it.

Look around buster, we're all in this soup and all being cooked to a boil.

It was the kind of place and time when every radio announcer was obnoxious. The guy in the sky needed a black eye as his candor and mocking of the situation had people looking out their car windows to see if they could spot him up there just to share with him their displeasure.

I knew that we were going to be there a while as I noticed those with Illinois plates pulling out books, shutting their cars off or pulling out blankets and pillows. Dear God, don't let me die here with these Bear fans.

Have you ever been in a situation where you wanted to be someplace else? The warm confines of Minnesota friendly? Yeah. It was like that.

When the traffic did move, I was impressed with people's sudden urges to be two lanes over in bumper-to-bumper gridlock. I seriously witnessed a small U-Haul truck change lanes eight times in the span of two minutes. To this day, I don't know where he "thought" he was going.

The scenery changes with every lane change. Perhaps it's the bumper of a Lexus, perhaps then behind an SUV. Sometimes it's a semi with a "1-800-how's my driving" bumper sticker. I'm thankful that I had to have both hands on the wheel and couldn't reach my phone. Lane to lane, the bumpers change, but the situation is the same.

And who told the workers in the bright neon vests sitting on the roadside orange barrels smoking cigarettes to wave and smile? It's pretty much like saying, "show me your finger." And… are they ALWAYS on a break, or is it just when I drive by. Did someone put a sign on my front bumper that says, "time to take a break?"

Once through Chicago, there is a definite calm before the storm. Oh, I'm not talking about the blizzard conditions coming across the plains, but rather, Wisconsin deer hunters. In cars. On the day before the season opener.

I-90 made Chicago look like Disney World… on a slow day… in the offseason. I was doing 85 miles per hour in the slow lane with huge pickup trucks pulling trailers with ATVs and RVs and OTRVs on my bumper flashing their lights.

Mad I suppose because I refused to pull over to the shoulder. With Minnesota plates, I am sure they were thinking that I didn't understand the URGENCY to get to those deer blinds. On Friday afternoon.

And they all had that glassy look in their eyes, like they all had come down with the buck fever. Every one of them going one speed. Ungodly fast. Lights flashing at everyone they came upon and proving their driving abilities to get inches behind a bumper without hitting it. All of them, white knuckling their steering wheels and focused like a laser.

The best part of Wisconsin was crossing the Mississippi from it. By this time, the clouds had become dark and angry and the outside temperature gage on my dashboard looked like a pilot who had fallen asleep on the joy stick in the down position.

Now I was white knuckling the steering wheel and my car went from driving to skating. The wind was boisterous at best, and I pictured the front of my car looking like a dog who had his head out the window into the wind. I turned on the windshield wipers and they groaned as they fought gale and rain. I could almost hear them protesting… "Uh… uh. Uh… uh. Uh… uh."

That last leg of the journey saw me take two hours to go 30 minutes and I was never so glad to see those 8 silos at the edge of town cheering me on and welcoming me home.

I learned some things. Flying is never more expensive. 60 year-old back bones were not invented to travel 12 hours at a time. The energy drinks are a sham. Screaming loudly and pointing fingers aren't magic buttons to eliminate gridlock. Don't drink a lot of Pepsi before you hit a traffic jam. And finally, there's no place like home.

Just a tip from your Uncle Mark. Be careful out there.



Automatic Medicare Advantage Enrollment Causes Confusion



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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

Dear New,

It's not a scam, but it is a growing problem the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services needs to resolve. Here's what you should know.

Automatic Enrollment?

When Americans first become eligible for Medicare – typically at age 65 – they can choose to 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.

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 financia 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 enrolled.

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.

For contact information visit Shiptacenter.org, or call 1-800-677-1116.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, November 28, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

The second annual Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce Top Scrooge Contest is underway and the BP community is sporting four individuals in for the honor.

In the first ever BP "Top Scrooge" event last year it was Jerry Ingvalson who claimed the special recognition. According to the BP Chamber of Commerce Administrator Becky Noble, the event it like the "Beautiful Baby" contest, only these individuals are nothing like beautiful babies!

In a unanimous vote last Monday, the Blooming Prairie school board approved a plan that asks voters to fund the renovation and an addition to the high school building.

The plan would involve renovating the high school, which is 50 years old and turning the gymnasium into an auditorium. The total cost for the project is estimated to cost $19-20 million.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, November 26, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

It's time to take the old stuff out, so the Blooming Prairie School board will let bids for removal of asbestos in the north tunnel beneath the high school.

The easy part may be the removal, as difficult a job that may be, because the bill will top $20,000 in the first phase of asbestos removal. Because of the budget crunch, that money is not readily available.

The total cost of the project may reach $49,000.

This year, the Christmas spirit will begin on December 1, when the villages of Steele County will be available to tour lights and make stopovers in local businesses.

That day has been set aside to enjoy lighting during the evening hours and enjoy businesses during the day hours.

The Light-Up Blooming Prairie contest also begins this week.

Residents are greatly encouraged to enter. All you have to do is show your Christmas spirit by decorating the outside of your home in lights or a special holiday scene.

The top winner will receive one free month of electricity from the Blooming Prairie Utilities.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, November 24, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

More than 6,000 Minnesota drivers were deprived of their licenses in 1965 for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. More than 1,200 of these had records of repeating violations, some as many as seven.

Drunken drivers were involved in more than 2,000 accidents in 1965, of which more than 1,000 resulted in personal injury, and 46 in death. Many a driver who was lucky enough to survive a fatal accident had the death of an innocent person on his conscience.

Many Steele county families are finding themselves in higher income brackets than ever before, thanks to the improvement in their earning of the past few years.

Some of them that had never been above the $4,000-7,000 bracket have climbed a rung to the $7,000-10,000 level.

This has been a common pattern all along the line. As a result, there are more families in the middle and upper income ranges and fewer in the lower income than before.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, November 27, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Esther Motl, 15, who disappeared from her home here November 14 was found last Saturday in Albert Lea.

A search had been conducted by local authorities in all nearby towns. She was returned to her home here wither her mother and her sister, who went to Albert Lea after her. Esther is a junior in high school.

Nylene, Behrends, 7, was almost instantly killed Monday afternoon when she was struck by an auto driven by Miss Beatrice Cashman.

The accident occurred about 4:30 in the afternoon. Nylene, a student in a rural school a short distance from the Behrends' home, had just been dropped off by a friend's mother.

As the mother drove away, the little girl began to cross the pavement in front of the oncoming car. The front bumper hit the girl; her body went under the machine and was dragged a considerable distance.

The girl was taken to the Albert Lea hospital but died en route.

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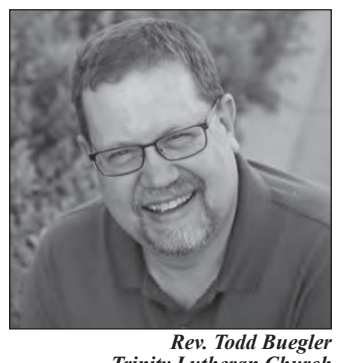
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Area Church Spotlight



Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna

Pastor's corner: *Finding a third space*



Rev. Todd Buegler
Trinity Lutheran Church
Owatonna

My wife Lori and I have a regular ritual on Thursdays, my day off. We get our two boys dropped off at the junior and senior high schools, and then we head to the coffee shop. There, we spend a couple of hours talking, working on projects on our laptops or just reading. Thursday mornings have become one of my favorite times of the week.

It's also a great place to do "people-watching." From the time we arrive to the time we leave, there are always small clusters of people sitting around tables, enjoying a caffeinated beverage and sharing in-depth conversation about whatever topics are in the news or on their mind. It's always amusing to see the "Federated Rush" during the 10am break time. And of course, I run into lots of people from my congregation.

Sociologists talk about places like coffee shops as having become our culture's "Third Space" in people's lives. The first space is the home. The second space is our place of work. These third spaces are places where people gather to build relationships and to be in community with each other.

"Third Spaces" are important things, because humans are wired to be in community. There is a reason that since ancient days, humans roamed the wilderness in tribes and groups. Being together brings safety, reassurance and comfort.

This is no less true today. Countless times I have been in rooms at the hospital or hospice where someone's life is hanging in the balance. Those rooms are typically full of people; family and friends who come together for reassurance and comfort.

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." -Hebrews 10:24-25

God calls us to be in community, for comfort and reassurance, but also to "provoke one another to love and good deeds."

Where is your third space? Where do you gather with friends and family to talk, to be in relationship with each other, and to encourage one other?

Wherever it is, remember that it is a gift. Remember that to be in that space is to live as God created us to be. Remember that it's about support and care for each other. And remember that it's about encouraging each other not only in our own lives, but in how we might take the gifts that we've been given and share them with others.

Being community together is how God has called us to live!

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Merchants promote "Keepin' It Local"

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Leanne Hanson of A Touch of Charm has been one of the major organizers of the "Keepin' It Local" Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce promotion. She is pictured with a items for a gift basket to be given away during Holiday Dazzle.

Twenty-two Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce members are participating in a gala holiday shopping program called "Keepin' It Local.

"We have a great bunch of Blooming Prairie business people and they're joining hands for this first-ever "Keepin' It Local" campaign," said Becky Noble, executive director of the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce.

Shoppers have been told to save their receipts from Nov. 1 to Dec., 2. Once a shopper has $500 in total receipts, stop by A Touch of Charm on East Main Street and drop your entry card in the "Keepin' It Local" box.

Receipts are tabulated at a maximum of $100 in purchases per day per store at one of the 22 participating chamber members.

On Dec. 2, the night of the Blooming Prairie Holiday Dazzle celebration, a drawing will be held for a chance to win a gift basket valued at $550. "There's something for everyone in the basket," says Leanne Hanson of A Touch of Charm. One lucky winner will be drawn at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in front of A Touch of Charm. You need not be present to win.

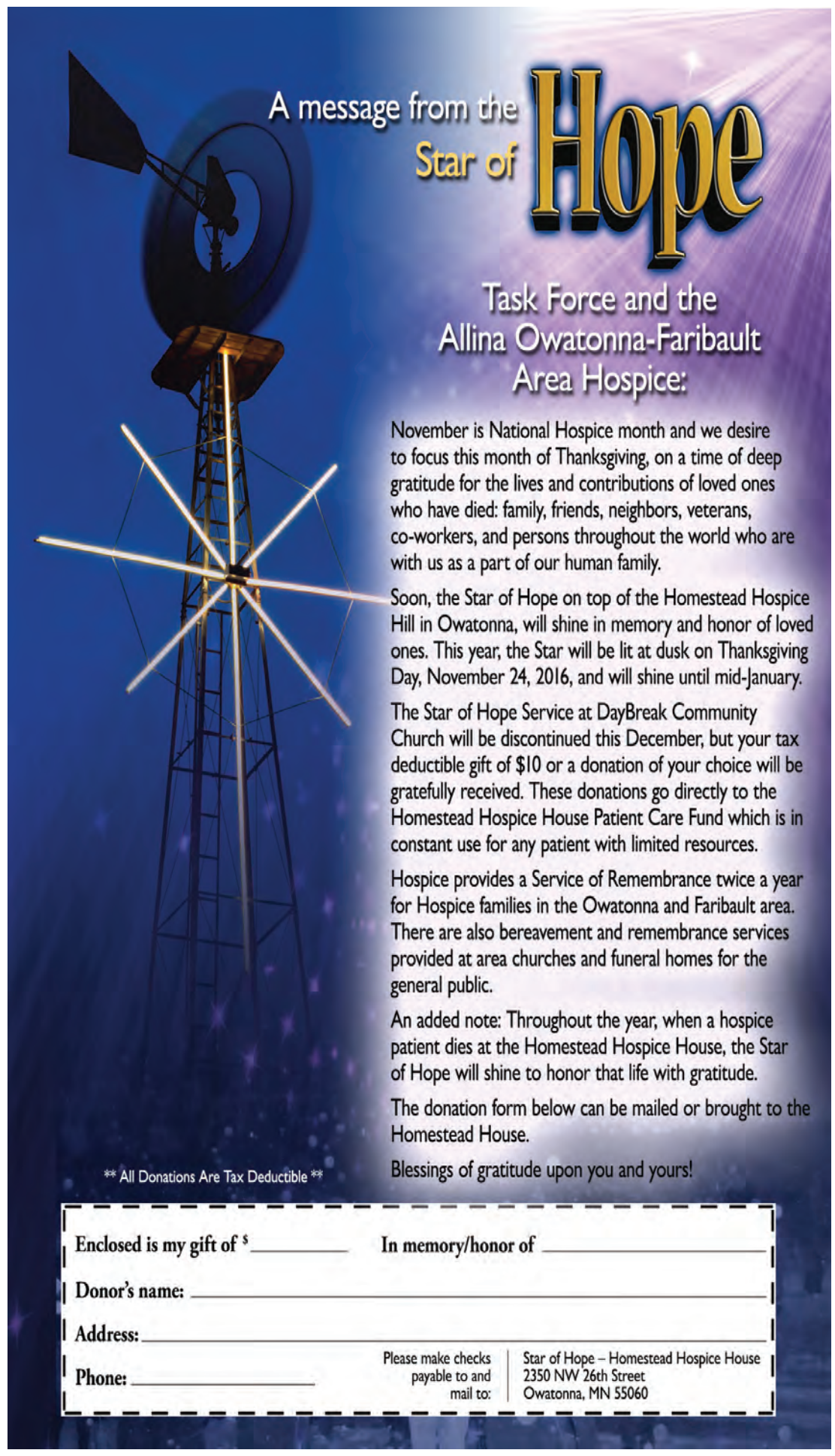
Chamber members participating in the "Keepin' It Local" promotion are: A Touch of Charm, B to Z Hardware, BP Chamber, BP Servicemen's Club, Steele County Times, BP Veterinary Clinic, Bunkies, Dairy Queen, Express Pressure Washers, Geneva Lumber, J & H Liquors, Koster's Car Korner, Krejci Ford, Metal Services, Miner's Outdoor & Rec., New York Life, Pizza Cellar/ BP Cue Company, Prairie Family & Sports Chiropractic, Sportstitch, St. Columbanus Catholic Church, US Bank and Worlein Funeral Homes.

The BP Chamber is also sponsoring its annual Holiday Dazzle event on Friday, Dec. 2. Bring the entire family to enjoy many fine activities.

The Women of Today are sponsoring a Santa House from 2-6 p.m. at the City Center; horse-drawn wagon rides begin at 5 p.m. the 2016 Scrooge winner will be announced at 5:30 p.m. next to B to Z Hardware; check out the reindeer poop drop at 5:45 p.m.; Kix dancers will be performing on Main Street beginning at 6:30 pm.; carolers and instrumentalists will stroll Main Street and the "Keepin' It Local" drawing is at A Touch of Charm at 7 p.m.







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THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

Happy Thanksgiving

One of my favorite holidays happens to be Thanksgiving, not because I am so hungry for turkey, but because it is the first holiday after summer, when families generally gather to recap all the events that have passed. Several holidays celebrate family togetherness, but Thanksgiving is a pleasurable forerunner to the Christmas season.

It offers almost as much enjoyment as does Christmas, and locally, the Gobble Wobble, which precedes the family gatherings, is a fun event, and it offers a way to stay a little more healthy, before everyone sits down and stuffs oneself on turkey and all its trimmings.

It also signals the favorite time of the year for almost everyone, but especially to the younger members of any family. Everyone seems to be just a little more cheerful and walks around with a broader smile on the face. Enjoy the time and celebrate both Thanksgiving and the approaching Christmas holidays.

A quick change

Although it had little effect on our immediate area, Mother Nature reminded all of us last week that she can change the weather on almost a minute's notice. Parts of Minnesota had to deal with a foot of snow on Friday, and the temperatures also took a quick tumble over the weekend. We certainly couldn't complain after the ideal fall we had the privilege of enjoying.

Driving down the highways last week, I was struck by the fact that crops were 99 percent finished, and many farmers had also made great strides in preparing the soil for next spring.

Heroes breakfast

With several holiday events on tap, the local Boys and Girls Club will begin the season by honoring the many companies and private contributors to the club with a first annual Heroes breakfast Wednesday at the BP Servicemen's Cub. This is a 7 a.m. breakfast to highlight the good work by the club for kids in the community and to thank he community for its support.

BPHS graduate and fitness and health expert Jason Linse will be the speaker, and a power point presentation is also on the program. This is an event to last for an hour, before the regular business and school day begins, and over 100 guests are expected to attend. This a new project for the community, and the club hopes that it will be successful enough to become an annual celebration.

Another event being revived after a brief absence is the annual Gobble Wobble. After a two- year absence, several community volunteers have joined together to again direct this popular Fifth annual thanksgiving race/walk to benefit the blooming Prairie Boys and

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Title hopes yanked at U.S. Bank

Top ranked Elks end Huskies' title bid despite stellar defensive performance

"Those losses are difficult to ove come, but to lose in this place? it's hard to feel too sorry for yourself when the end of your season is in U.S. Bank Stadium."

-Huskies head coach Jeff Williams

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Minneapolis- Coming into the matchup, the Huskies knew that limiting the big plays against the run was going to be vital if they hope to have a chance at knocking off the top-ranked team in Class 5A. Unfortunately, a spell of turnovers offensively somewhat dimmed a bright defensive performance.

Managing to force four turnovers, the top-ranked Elk River Elks defeated the Owatonna Huskies 19-7 Friday afternoon at U.S. Bank Stadium in the Class 5A state semifinals. Head coach Jeff Williams gave credit to Elk River's defense.

"If you would have told me that we would hold Elk River to 19 points with our defense, I would have told you that we had a good chance of winning that football game. But, Elk River did some pretty good things against us," he added.

Behind their run-heavy offense and a 2,000-yard rusher in running back Nicholas Rice, the Elks ran the ball early and often. Infact, the First Elk River scoring drive was a 14-play, 63-yard drive-all running plays- that was capped by a Sam Gilbas touchdown run. After being forced into a quick

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Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna senior captains Brett Solie (11) and Ben Staska (51) celebrate after the Huskies forced a fumble late in the fourth quarter Friday afternoon at U.S. Bank Stadium. Owatonna's defense forced two turnovers and held a high-powered Elks offense to a season low 19 points in the loss.

Packers blank Huskies 4-0

Owatonna starts the season 1-1 with overtime win Thursday over Faribault



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Jamie Davison (24) and Sydney Hunst (3) attempt to yield the attack of a Packers' forward Saturday night at the Four Seasons Centre in Owatonna. The Huskies dropped their second game of the season 4-0 after winning 4-3 in overtime to start the season Thursday against Fariabult.

"They're hockey players. They would be ready to go again tonight if we had to."

-Head coach Tim Hunst

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After coming back from an early three goal deficit Thursday to Faribault to win 4-3, the Owatonna girls hockey team was looking to finish their first two-game home stand with a win Saturday night over the South St. Paul Packers.

However, another slow start in the first period proved detrimental.

Powered by three first period goals, the Packers trounced the Huskies 4-0 Saturday night at the Four Season Centre in Owatonna Saturday night. From the opening drop of the puck, the Packers were in full control, spending most of the ice time in the first period in the offensive zone. Head coach Tim Hurst said despite being a fairly even matchup, the Packers capitalized early on the mistakes.

"There a solid team. I felt like we just made some mistakes, coughing the puck up at the blue line. It wasn't necessarily a sustained fore check. We lost the puck a few times in some

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13 Huskies nab All-District honors



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna running back Jason Williamson (22) recieves a handoff f om quarterback Abe Havelka (3) during the Class 5A state semifinals Frida . Williamson was named Red Division Offensive Player of the Year while Havelka took him a honorable mention All-District nod.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Prior to the state semifinals on Firday, The Owatonna Huskies football program were on a seven game winning streak that hasn't just seen the Huskies be crown champions in both the district and the section, but finish the season as one of the best teams in Class 5A.

A big reason for the Huskies success this season is the abundance of young talent that floods the roster.

13 Huskies were honored Wednesday, receiving All-District nods and head coach Jeff Williams was named Coach of the Year. seven players were named for the first-Team, while six were named honorable mention.

Talented sophomore running back Jason Williamson headlines the seven first team nods, being selected as the Red Division Offensive Player of the Year. The sophomore has been the workhorse for the Huskies this year, rushing for 1,584 yards on 284 carries and 16 touchdowns.

He also is a safety on defense, breaking up five passes and hauling in two interceptions. Another offensive weapon that received first team nods honors was Huskies' leading receiver Noah Budach. The junior has 39 receptions for 399 yards, 4 touchdowns to go with two carries for 31 yard and a touchdown.

The remaining trio of the defensive secondary also was recognized. Cornerbacks Alex Raichle and Jaden Dohaniuk along with safety Brett Solie were named to the All-District team. Raichle and Solie garnered first-team nods while Dohaniuk received a honorable mention spot.

Raichle, who also stars as a punt returner and a wide receiver, has tallied 36 tackles, four interceptions, four pass breakups and a blocked kick defensively. He has 20 receptions for 448 yards and a team-high nine receiving touchdowns. Owatonna's other cornerback, Dohaniuk has been solid all season, recording 36 tackles, one interception and 6 pass breakups.

Solie, a senior and captain, has 60 tackles, two forced fumbles and three pass breakups to match his hard nose, sledgehammer hitting style. However, offensively he has been a big-play machine. He has two receptions for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

Linebacker Ben Staska, who is also a captain, currently has 94 tackles on the year, 46 of those solo, four fumble recoveries, 2.5 sacks and three pass breakups from his middle linebacker position.

Junior linebacker Mitch Weise, who has 53 tackles, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 1.5 sacks on the year was named honorable mention. He is also a fullback on the offense; recording 22 carries for 116 yards on the year. He also had a pivotal touchdown reception against Apple Valley in the state quarterfinals last week.

The third member of the linebacker corps to receive honors, junior Zach Mensink has had a strong season so far, garnering a honorable mention nod. He has tallied 72 tackles and 1.5 sacks. He also has been receiving more carries on the offensive side of the ball to help keep Williamson fresh, rushing for his first touchdown of the season against Austin in the Section semifinals.

Goy Tut, a senior defensive lineman, was selected for the first team All-District team. The massive senior has 45 tackles, 2 sacks and a fumble recovery for the Huskies' defense this season.

Nate Deason, Kadyn Mulert, and Senior offensive lineman Josh Burns, three of the mainstays on the offensive line, have helped clear holes for Owatonna running backs, registering nearly 2,400 yards on the ground while also providing enough team for quarterbacks Abe Havelka and Jacob Gauthier to throw for just over 1,550 yards.

Deason was named to the First-Team while Burns and Mulert received nods at honorable mention.

After taking over week four, quarterback Abe Havelka has been electric, but more importantly efficient for Owatonna this season. So far of the year, the junior is 77 for 146 for 1,203 yards and 16 touchdowns on his way to a honorable mention nod.

Huskies defense limit Elks to season-low 19 points in loss

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three and out in their first drive, the Huskies were able to establish a drive of their own.

Taking over on their 45-yard-line, Owatonna turned to star running back Jason Williamson and reliable wide receiver Noah Budach.

On two separate drives in the game, Budach came up with critical catches that kept the drives alive. The junior would finish with 5 catches for 88 yards.

The Huskies marched 55 yards in 10 plays with Williamson running through an Elks linebacker for a two-yard touchdown midway through the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7.

What transpired in the final two minutes of the half will play in the minds of Huskies players for a while.

After sustaining a 13-play drive that was capped by Gibas' second touchdown-despite a questionable ruling from the officials- the Elks defense forced an interception off of backup quarterback Tucker Alstead from a trick play.

Williams noted that there were some differences that what he and his staff saw on tape compared to game time.

"Their secondary rallies up when you try to throw underneath on them and what looked soft sometimes on tape turned out to be not too soft tonight.

"They were able to press our receivers a bit and we had a hard time getting vertical on them."

Starting in the Huskies' redzone, the Elks were able to tally Gibas' third touchdown of the half with just 26 seconds on the clock. Owatonna would have enough time to work the ball just shy of midfield prior to the end of the first half, going into the locker room trailing 19-7.

Opening up the third quarter, the Huskies were looking like a team on a mission. Behind a nice blend of passing from quarterback Abe Havelka and running with Jason Williamson, Owatonna was able to march 70 yards.

However, the Elks defense made have flexed, but didn't snap, stalling the Huskies on fourth down just yards away from a touchdown.

The remainder of the game turned into a defensive showcase as each team managed to cross into the other's territory just four times. Senior captains Ben Staska and Brett Solie led the Huskies' defense with 16.5 and 10 tackles respectively.

Even though it may have been a loss, the Huskies defense may have saved their best football for their last. Take away a handful of missed tackles, the Elks were not finding any creases on the ground.

In fact, in the final three possessions of the game, the Huskies defense forced two fumbles. Junior outside linebacker Zach Mensink credits that to the defensive staff's game plan.

"Coach Achterkirch, he draws up some good keys for us. So, all week he was pounding on us, 'red your keys, read your keys,' and it really pays off in a game. I just read my keys and believed," he added.

On the ensuing Huskies' drive after the second Elks' fumble, quarterback Abe Havelka was intercepted on the seventh play of the drive.

In what was a tad uncharacteristic of the junior signal caller, the quarterback threw two interceptions while completing just 8 passes.

Elk River was able to run out the final eight minutes on the clock.

Owatonna finishes its magical run as one of the four best teams in Class 5A. Williams reiterated that at the post-game press conference.

"I told them in there, losing to end your season is always a bad thing. Those losses are difficult to overcome, but to lose in this place, it's hard to feel too sorry for yourself when the end of your season is in U.S. Bank Stadium. So, awfully proud of our kids and awfully happy that they had the opportunity to play here," he said.

The Huskies finish the 2016 season 9-3 with a Big Southeast Red Division title and a Section 5A Championship.

Owatonna 7, Elk River 19

Scoring Summary

First quarter

ER- Gibas 3-yard run (Kick good) 4:57

Second quarter

O- Williamson 2-yard run (Kick good) 9:50

ER- Gibas 1-yard run (Kick blocked) 2:02

ER- Gibas 4-yard run (conversion failed) 0:26

Team Stats

Passing: O 99, ER 0
Rushing: O 90, ER 269
Total: O 189, ER 269
First Downs: O 10, ER 20
Turnovers: O 4, ER 2

Individual Stats

Passing: Havelka- 8 for 23, 99 yards, 3 INT, sack

Rushing: Williamson- 13 carries, 78 yards, TD, (long 30); Budach- 4 carries 11 yards.

Receiving: Noah Budach- 5 catches 88 yards.

Defense

Staska-16.5 tackles; Solie-10 tackles; Mitch Weise- 7 tackles, sack, 2 TFL, fumble recovery.

Huskies drop contest Saturday after overtime thriller on Thursday

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bad spots," he noted.

The Packers were able to get pucks on Owatonna goalie Luara Ebeling for much of the first period, registering eight shots on goal while the Huskies managed just one.

South St. Paul got on the board just eight minutes into the contest after Kate Klaustermeier was able to beat Ebeling to the glove side.

With just two minutes left in the period, the Packers were able to get into a transition after a turnover in the neutral zone. Trying to shield the Ebeling's vision of the puck movement, South St. Paul's Clair Lehmann managed to redirect a shot after it bounced off the cage of her mask to give the Packers a 2-0 lead.

It was just a minute later that the Packers were able to force a turnover after a poke check and Makena Burke put South St. Paul up with a commanding 3-0 lead.

The second and third period appeared to show signs of the completely different Huskies' team. There weren't as many turnovers in the neutral zone and most importantly, they managed to registered shots on goal. In the final two periods, the Huskies outshot the Packers 10 to 8 and 9 to 4, in large part to being on the power play six different times.

The lone bright spot for the Huskies' Saturday night was their penalty kill, shutting down four separate power plays for the Packers. Hunst noted that despite facing a man advantage, they remain aggressive.

"Well we're aggressive. We went ultra-aggressive on the penalty kill. Every time they said someone touch the puck, we were on them immediately and that's what we needed to do. If we give a team like South St. Paul time to operate, they're going to pick us apart," he said.

With just under a minute left in the game, the Packers managed to net an insurance goal. Despite the flurry of attempts in the second and third periods, the Packers outshot the Huskies 22 to 21 for the game.

The Huskies will travel to Rochester to face Rochester Century at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Huskies 4, Falcons 3 OT

Despite facing a 3-0 deficit just three minutes into the game, the Huskies managed to claw back for a 4-3 overtime win Thursday night at the Four Seasons Centre.

Owatonna got onto the board twice in the second period with goals from Margo Achterkirch and Jamie Davison just minutes apart. In the third period, the lone shot on goal tied the game at 3-3 with Achterkirch's second goal of the game.

In the overtime, the Huskies were able to register 20 shots on goal with the final shot from Jenna Bogen giving the Huskies the 4-3 win. The Huskies outshot the Falcons 27 to 22 and were perfect on the penalty kill.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Girls club.
The race will begin promptly at 8 a.m. after registration.

The last time the race was held, almost 100 local residents competed, and it is hoped that as many or more will take part this year.

Advance registration closed last Friday, but that shouldn't stop anyone from showing up Thursday morning and registering at the club. An added attraction this year will be a Wibble Wobble for kids, which will cover just four blocks.

Prizes will be given and free goodie bags will also be distributed. What better way could there be to prepare oneself for the big Thanksgiving dinner that will partake later in the day.

Over two dozen local businesses have stepped up to sponsor this worthwhile fund-raiser, and the local Boys and Girls club is most appreciative for all the support it receives from the community.

Join the fun on Thursday morning and then enjoy this favorite holiday with family afterwards.

KC supper

The third annual spaghetti supper hosted by the local KC's proved to be a successful venture once again.

The spaghetti tasted great, the conversation flowed freely, and the background music by the Lights of Litomysl provoked a lot of nostalgic feelings for many in attendance.

I will say that the organization does an excellent job with this annual supper, and the local Boys and Girls club really appreciates this fund-raiser on its behalf.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening, and one I would hope be repeated in another year.

News icon dead

To followers of PBS television and TV news, the death last week of Gwen Ifill came as a surprise. Ifill died at 61 of cancer after a successful career as a reporter and a TV newsperson.

She and Judy Woodruff co-anchored The PBS News Hour, and Ifill also served as moderator for Washington Week in Review.

She earned a Peabody ward for journalism in 2008 and moderated two vice-presidential debates. Ifill received more than 20 Honorary Doctorates from various colleges, including Georgetown University. Her fellow journalists hailed her as a competent and hardworking individual who was a credit to her profession.

Let's close this week with the sincere hope that the new administration taking over in January make some wise choices in forming the new cabinet.

I think we could all use a little distance from the previous several months. Enjoy your turkey, and well talk again.

BOYS FOOTBALL

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Ben Staska

In Owatonna's 19-7 loss to top-ranked Elk River in the Class 5A state semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium, the senior captain was all over the field. Facing a stout running game that has nearly 70 rushing attempts, the linebacker tallied 16.5 tackles.

Staska has been a standout all season. Prior to the game Friday, he has registered 94 tackles, leading the team in that category. Late last week, he also was named to the All-District team, garnering a first-team nod for the defense, joining four other Huskies to receive a first-team nod.

Unofficially on the year, Staska finished his season season with 120 tackles.

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Community Living

Obituaries

Ludwig Wencl, 91



Ludwig (Lud) Wencl, 91 lifelong resident of Steele County died Nov. 9, 2016 at Homestead Hospice House in Owatonna. Mass of Christian Burial is set for Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 at 11:00 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Owatonna. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may greet the family on Sunday, from 4 – 7 pm at Brick – Meger Funeral Home (1603 – Austin Road, Owatonna) and one hour before the funeral liturgy on Monday. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be said at 7 pm on Sunday at the funeral home.

Lud Wencl was born on Dec. 24, 1924 in Blooming Prairie Twp. the son of Alois and Mary (Mikyska) Wencl. He attended country school in District 93 and then graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1943. Lud was united in marriage to Julaine Kloeckner on Aug. 26, 1953 at St. John's Catholic Church in Johnsberg, MN. Together the couple raised six children. Lud worked on the family farm along with his father and continued to farm the family farm until he retired from full time farming in 1991. While farming, Lud also worked for Owatonna Tool Company. In his retirement, he drove the bus for head start program and continued to help out on the family farm. Lud was a member of the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945, the KC Choir, and the Henry Spec Assembly, Catholic Workmen, Holy Trinity Church at Litomysl, National Farmer's Organization, and St. Joseph Church. His hobbies included playing concertina and being a member of the Melody Mates Band, collecting toy farm equipment and woodworking.

Ludwig is survived by his wife of 63 yrs. Julaine, Children Tom (Karen) Wencl, Jerry Wencl and Dennis (Mary) Wencl all of Blooming Prairie, Becky (Dennis) Kelm of Owatonna, Annette (Chris) Ashley of Middleton, WI, Mary (Daryl) VanRavenhorst of Janesville, MN. He is further survived by 14 grandchildren: Laura Clemens, Rachel Kelm, Wayne Wencl, Nicholas Ashley, Chris Wencl, Anna Ashley, Jenny Wencl, Alex Ashley, Corey Wencl, Samantha VanRavenhorst, Emily Ruter, Mathew VanRavenhorst, Craig Wencl, Michael VanRavenhorst and 6 great-grandchildren: Jayden Wencl, Camron Wencl, Allison Wencl, Elena Clemens, Jason Ruter, Peyton Wencl. Additionally, he is survived by one sister-in-law, Mag Wencl. Ludwig was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters. Memorials are preferred to Owatonna Hospice Patient Care Fund (2350 NW 26th St, Owatonna, MN 55060) or St. Joseph Church (512 S Elm Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060.) To leave a message go to www.brick-megerfuneral.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

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Pierce Deyoung
Joe Morgan
Shawn Johnson
Carol Holmes
Damon Milton

23rd
Joseph Schiefert
Carissa Easton
Taylor Christianson
Annette Lindquist
Amanda Farr

24th
Judy Lestrud
Dave Dahl
Kara Kubista

25th
Warren Winn
Jared Brown
Sharon Christianson

26th
Gale Klinger
Maggie Bruns

27th
Olivia R. Kohn
Claire Butler
Todd Meshke
Bennett Wencl

28th
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29th
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Dan and Laurie Boeke, owners of Harland's Tire and Auto Center recently presented a check for $1,500 to the Owatonna Foundation. "We are extremely grateful to Dan and Laurie for this very generous gift to the Foundation.

Their continued commitment helps us to continue the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation, and education." said Foundation Executive Coordinator, Laura Resler.

The Owatonna Foundation, now in its 59th year of serving the Owatonna community, provides capital grants in Owatonna and its environs.

The Foundation was established in 1957 with the goal of improving the quality of life for present and future generations of Owatonna residents.

Since then, the Owatonna Foundation has committed more than $11.75 million dollars in grants to Owatonna projects and annually awards $30,000 in scholarships for both traditional and non-traditional students.

SEMCAC senior menu

Nov. 22
Vegetable Soup w/ Crackers
Shredded Turkey on Bun
Mand Orange Salad
Gingerbread w/ topping

Nov. 23
Potato Crusted Pollock
Boiled Potatoes
Crmd Cauliflower/ Peas
Raisin Rice Pudding

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Nov. 28
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Nov. 30
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Dinner Roll
Coconut Crumb Delight

Spaghetti spices up Knight's supper

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Over 150 diners left the third annual Knights of Columbus spaghetti supper with satisfied smiles and full stomachs on Saturday, Nov. 19.

This affair benefits the Blooming Prairie Boys and Girls club and has become a very popular November event.

Diners were treated to a glass of wine, a lettuce salad, and the standard spaghetti with meatball serving. Garlic toast and ice cream also complemented the main meal.

Seated by KC member Tom Walters, or "Luigi", as he was named, resplendent in his tuxedo, diners partook of the good food and pleasant conversation throughout the evening.

Adding to the enjoyment, the Lights of Litomysl also returned to provide easy listening music.

Many of those in attendance suffered bouts of nostalgia, as the six-piece musical group played many of the favorite songs of the fifties made popular by such musicians as the Back Porch Majority, The Weavers, and other popular folk singing groups.

All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the tunes.

Almost twenty KC members and other community volunteers served the spaghetti and kept diners occupied with the good food.

Alex Johnson, a Boys and Girls club employee, thanked the KC organization and those in attendance for the tremendous support afforded the very worthwhile organization.

It proved instrumental in allowing the club to continue providing an excellent place to keep kids safe and to be responsible citizens.

Movie Review: Doctor Strange



BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Prepare for the latest, and one of the strangest, additions to the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Doctor Strange is the newest hero being introduced to the pantheon of Marvel superheroes, and his journey take the audience into a new realm of the comic book world.

Played by Benedict Cumberbatch, Steven Strange is a successful, arrogant brain surgeon whose life is tragically altered after a car crash badly damages his hands and ends his medical career. Strange becomes obsessed with finding a means, any means, to restore his hands. In his search, he stumbles into a mystic world and an even greater destiny.

For those already fans of the Marvel superhero movies, this is a welcome addition to a long list of hits. Fans have been weary about how writers were going to work the magical side of the comic books into what has largely been a science fiction universe, but the screenwriters were up to the challenge.

Cumberbatch plays a charming narcissist with enough self-awareness to avoid most of the Hollywood clichés.

If you're not already a Marvel fan, this is not the movie to enter the franchise on. For those who have a hard enough time accepting regular superheroes, a supernatural superhero sorcerer may be a bit too much to swallow, especially when accompanied by LSD worthy visuals.

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BANANA CAKE

Ingredients:

2/3. c. Soft Shortening
1 ½ c sugar
2 large eggs
2 1/3 c sifted flour
1 ¼ tsp. baking powder
1 ¼ tsp soda
1 tsp salt
1 ¼ c mashed bananas
2/3 c buttermilk

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350º
2. Cream shortening and sugar together.
3. Add eggs beat till fluffy.
4. Sift dry ingredients with buttermilk and bananas.
5. Beat till smooth with beater.
6. Spray a 9x13 pan
7. Bake 25 to 30 minutes

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Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Crash. On Nov. 15 at 5:35 a.m., a two vehicle accident resulted in a fatality at 710th St. and State Hwy. 56 in Hayfield

Crime brief

Retailers urged to watch out for fake cash

Police are urging area retailers to be on the lookout for counterfeit money after a man was busted in Owatonna.

Counterfeit bills in denominations of 20s, 50s and 100 dollar bills have been showing up at local convenient stores over the past week, according to Owatonna Police. Retailers have been successful detecting the bills with a counterfeit pen.

On Nov. 10, Ernest Moore, 54, of Minneapolis was arrested and charged with uttering or possessing counterfeit currency, which is a gross misdemeanor. Moore is accused of attempting to purchase lottery tickets from the Holiday Gas Station with three fake $50 bills.

Police said Moore had a total of $850 in $50 bills in his wallet.

Retailers should remain suspicious if cash currency doesn't look or feel right, police said. In addition, retailers should be cautious if a person passes a large bill for a small purchase.

Counterfeit pens are a reliable and quick method to detect counterfeit money, police said.



Ernest Moore

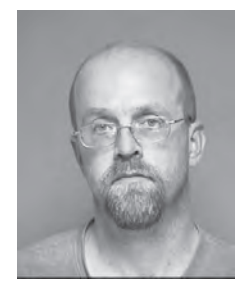
Sex sting nets 5 men



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Chan Briggs
Worthington



Donald Black Jr.
Owatonna



Tommy Bennett
Waseca

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A sex sting by local and state officials has netted five men who are accused of targeting children online for sex.

The five men have been charged in Steele and Olmsted counties with a variety of sex-related charges. They include: Donald Eugene Black, 43, of Owatonna; Brian Wilkie, 37, of Medford; Adam Trimble, 27, of Faribault; Tommy Bennett, 25, of Waseca and Chan Briggs, 43, of Worthington.

Four of the men have been charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct and solicit a child through electronic communication to engage in sexual conduct. Both are felonies. Black also faces a third count of distribute via electronic communication material that relates to sexual conduct to a child.

One of the men, Wilkie, is awaiting sentencing on a felony prostitution with a minor charge from October 2015.

The arrests came after the suspects chatted in a sexually explicit manner with what they believed was a 14-year-old and attempted to meet with the child for sex. The sting involved agents posing as underage children on social media sites.

Agencies involved in the sting were police departments from Owatonna, Blooming Prairie and Waseca, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and South Central Drug Investigation Unit.

Officers began working on the sting last month. The joint investigative effort was set up "to identify adults who were targeting children online for sex online for sex," said Commander Andy Drenth of the drug investigation unit.

In the case against Black, agents watched him leave his house in Owatonna and followed him to the predetermined house just minutes away, court records allege. Once he arrived at the house, he got out and approached the front door. Police then took him into custody as they waited inside the house.

During an interview with police, Black allegedly admitted knowing he was chatting with a 14-year-old. He also told police he sent pictures and videos of himself to the girl.

In another complaint filed against Bennett, transcripts of explicit text messages reportedly sent between him and the agent posing as a 14-year-old girl were included. He also asked for explicit photos of the child to be sent to him.

Upon his arrest, Bennett told police he forgot that she was 14 until he got to the door of the residence.

Police blotter
Steele County

Owatonna Police
Nov. 10

Burglary. Police began a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Rose St. E. at 8:43 a.m.

Forgery. At 2:03 p.m., officers arrested a subject for counterfeit money in the 600 block of Bridge St. W.

Welfare. Police were completing a welfare check in the 200 block of Vine St. E. at 3:24 p.m. They took a subject into custody.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Northview St. SW at 6:02 p.m.

Nov. 13

DWI. Officers made DWI arrests at 12th St. SE and Lincoln Ave. S. at 1:08 a.m. and in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:50 a.m.

Trespassing. Police responded to a trespassing incident in the 500 block of Elm Ave. S. at 2:15 p.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report at Cedar Ave. N. and Pearl St. E. at 3:10 p.m.

Domestic. At 5:54 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Chambers Ave. SE. They took a subject into custody.

Nov. 14

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 100 block of Vine St. W. at 8:11 a.m.

Thefts. Police took theft reports in the 800 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:07 a.m. and in the 1100 block of Elm Ave. N. at 10:06 a.m.

Arrest. Officers arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 12:15 p.m.

Criminal Sex. Police arrested a subject for criminal sexual conduct in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 7:12 p.m.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 6:39 p.m.

Oct. 15

Forgery. Counterfeit money was found in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 10:21 a.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 11:47 a.m.

Criminal Sex. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 12:31 p.m.

Theft. Police received a theft report from the 500 block of School St. E. at 5:27 p.m.

Property. Stolen property was recovered from the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 9:48 p.m.

Nov. 16

Burglary. Officers responded to a burglary in the 300 block of Rose St. E. at 1:51 a.m.

Drunken Driving. At 2:09 a.m., police arrested a subject for driving while intoxicated at Bridge St. W. and Selby Ave. SW.

Shoplifting. Police made a shoplifting arrest in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 3:15 a.m.

Theft. A theft occurred in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 11:34 a.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported at 12:22 p.m. on 25th Ave. NW.

Hit and Run. A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 500 block of Park Dr. NW at 3:04 p.m.

Domestic. Officers arrested a juvenile following a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Willowbrook Dr. NE at 4:27 p.m.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 6:20 p.m.

Nov. 17

Mental Health. At 12:54 p.m., police responded to a mental health incident in the 500 block of 15th St. NE.

Warrant. Police arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 11:07 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff
Nov. 10

Warrant. Deputies made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 3:25 p.m.

Nov. 13

Medical. Deputies responded to a medical emergency in the 6900 block of 22nd Ave. SW at 6:58 a.m.

Nov. 14

Threats. At 9:37 a.m., deputies responded to a subject making threats in the 100 block of Main St. E.

Nov. 16

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a noise complaint in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE at 8:05 a.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 11:34 a.m.

Nov. 17

Warrant. Deputies made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 9:05 a.m.

Fraud. Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 6000 block of 46th St. NE at 10:46 a.m.

Court news
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Nov. 7 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Amanda M. Larscheid, 23, Shakopee, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aid and abet theft. She was sentenced to $131 and 19 months in Shakopee State Prison.

Hector Rocha, 24, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary. Rocha was sentenced to $131 and 14 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Nov. 7 – 11:

Blooming Prairie
Police Department

Merry B. Bills, 35, Scotts Bluff, NE, no license; Shelena M. Distad, 39, Plainview, revoked license, $281; Dominique L. Knox, 34, Lansing, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Christina M. Lafrenier, 32, St. Paul, speeding, no insurance and revoked license;

Genaro C. Robles, 41, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, $281; Asencion P. Rodriguez, 39, Austin, no license and no insurance; Sonia M. Wytaske, 61, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, seat belt and no insurance.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Bobby G. Agan III, 44, Stuart, IA, no license, $181; Anthony C. Backstrom, 50, Cedar Rapids, IA, invalid license and no insurance; Anya T. Balke, 19, Minneapolis, speeding, $221; Shenital L. Brown, 28, Minneapolis, speeding, $141; Rosa M. Carrillo, 52, Stockton, CA, invalid license and registration violation; Alvin L. Chambers, 29, Owatonna, revoked license; Zhiyi Chu, 20, Ames, IA, speeding, $131;

Oscar Cortez, 36, Osseo, suspended license, $281; Jairo A. Diaz Hernandez, 21, Chaska, speeding, revoked license and no license, $681; Patrick I. Gallion, 52, Minneapolis, suspended license and no insurance; Maria A. Garcia Bethke, 29, Owatonna, cancelled license, $281; Jessie J. Garcia, 37, Claremont, revoked license; Dora A. Garza, 57, Waseca, cancelled license; Domach C. Gatluak, 31, Faribault, invalid license;

Calsi S. Gilbertson, 28, Big Lake, invalid license and suspended license; Amy M. Gomez, 26, Albert Lea, cancelled license, no insurance; Motreavous L. Gray, 36, Milwaukee, WI, invalid license and speeding; Todd A. Grimm, 44, Mitchell, IA, seat belt, $106; Ernesto Guerra, 47, Wells, suspended license and no insurance; Branden E. Hallmark, 33, Elk Grove, CA, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia;

Queairra A. Handson Allen, 25, St. Paul, suspended license, no insurance and cracked windshield; Ronald J. Heard, 24, Owatonna, invalid license and revoked license; Rodney E. Hunt, 42, Owatonna, cargo securement violation, $381; Clarissa L. Kryzer, 35, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Catherine P. Kuo, 41, Dakota Dunes, SD, speeding, $131; J

acob M. Lenz, 18, Hutchinson, speeding, $131; Nathan J. Loewen, 28, Chaska, suspended license and invalid license; Rufus Love, 54, Omaha, NE, possession of Paraphernalia, $131; Kandise M. Marxen, 28, Madison Lake, suspended license and possession of paraphernalia; Tommy Miller, 97, Pompano Beach, FL, no license, $181; Brandon H. Moore, 29, Rochester, revoked license;

Bradley S. Musel, 46, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, $106; Samatar A. Nasir, 34, Rochester, revoked license and seat belt; Agani O. Nyegowa, 43, Austin, no insurance; Ojulu O. Omot, 21, Austin, suspended license, $281;

Dijana Pajazetovic, 25, Bloomington, speeding, $141; Marrecus D. Parks, 31, Memphis, TN, speeding and no child passenger restraint system, $271; J. Ascencion R. Pascual, 39, Austin, invalid license and speeding; Christopher J. Pate, 32, Henderson, KY, speeding, $121; Phosana Phetsomphou, 49, Bloomington, suspended license; Lorita D. Placencia, 40, Faribault, revoked license; Korissa L. Pratt, 22, Faribault, suspended license; Brandy C. Rahim, 37, Austin, invalid license and revoked license;

Omar Ramirez-Lopez, 33, Faribault, suspended license and no insurance; Logan R. Saltou, 18, Rochester, speeding, $121; Tiffany A. Sanchez, 27, Grand Prairie, TX, invalid license; Sara M. Sanford, 48, Greencastle, IN, speeding, $141; Bill Saywonson, 23, Des Moines, IA, invalid license; Steve H. Searles, 56, Pine Island, suspended license, $281; Jason M. Slattum, 37, Hastings, suspended license; Gustavo S. Soriano, 20, Richfield, seat belt, $106; Javier S. Soriano, 23, Minneapolis, no license and no insurance, $381;

Timothy J. Spatenka, 25, Faribault, revoked license and registration violation; Mary A. Springer, 44, Minneapolis, speeding, $141; Deric D. Stevens, 26, Dallas, TX, no license, $181; Markus V. Stovall, 31, St. Paul, suspended license; Vincent C. Titus, 27, Oronoco, cancelled license;

Reymundo C. Trevino, 21, Kenyon, suspended license; Ricardo D. Valenzuela, 57, Austin, DWI, $406, attend MADD impact panel, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; April L. Wallace, 25, Washington, IA, registration violation and no insurance; Bradley S. Wilkerson, 27, Geneva, suspended license; Saw Yut, 25, Albert Lea, suspended license.

Owatonna Police
Department

Abdulkadir A. Adan, 30, Faribault, revoked license; Mary J. Banker, 53, Owatonna, expired license, $181; Jonathan L. Becker, 26, Owatonna, domestic assault, $81, 90 days in county jail; Brandon D. Berg, 26, Faribault, suspended license and wrong way on one-way street; Derrick J. Berg, 30, Owatonna, stop sign and revoked license;

Dylan J. Bohl, 24, Buffalo, no license; Joseph L. Boyd, 48, Morristown, revoked license and possession of marijuana; Charity A. Braulik, 37, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Noah A. Bremer, 34, Clarks Grove, revoked license, possession of marijuana and no insurance; Melissa M. Bryant, 37, St. Paul, suspended license; Latanya A. Capote, 31, Owatonna, revoked license; Martin D. Carter, 32, Owatonna, suspended license; Peter R. Caudillo, 24, Owatonna, suspended license, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia; William J. Cervenka, 52, Medford, suspended license, $281;

Kayshawn I. Chambers, 20, Fergus Falls, failure to provide signals, revoked license and no insurance; Marshawn A. Cheeks, 29, Albert Lea, suspended license, no insurance and possession of paraphernalia and marijuana; Sara A. Christiansen, 31, Bloomington, no child passenger restraint system, $131; Tethloac Chut, 26, Mankato, revoked license and no insurance; Sean M. Cicero, 36, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance;

Patrick A. Corchran, 37, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia and marijuana; Mario A. Correa, 23, Owatonna, permit violation; Tony Cowans, 51, Faribault, revoked license; Peyton N. Crow, 22, Owatonna, revoked license; Luis A. Cuevas, 26, Owatonna, theft and domestic assault (stay of adjudication), $131, diversion program, 24 days in county jail and 2 years of supervised probation;

Jamie R. DeLeon, 31, Blooming Prairie, possession of pistol without permit, $181, mental health evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 2 years of supervised probation; Matthew

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

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

- Michael Moore – violation of conditions of release – no bail
- Reynaldo Morales – possession of stolen property - $1,000 bail
- Bryce More – arson - $500 bail
- Joshua Moreno – domestic assault - $1,000 bail
- Jose Mota – theft - $1,000 bail
- Dylan Mott – vehicle registration violation - $300 bail
- Guadalupe Munoz – false name - $3,000 bail
- Ricardo Munoz – DWI - $6,000 bail
- Charlene Murry – DUI – no bail
- Deq Mursal – DWI - $3,000 bail
- Olvidio Narraez – DWI, no license - $1,000 bail
- Jennifer Nekolite – disorderly conduct - $500 bail
- James Neubauer – traffic - $500 ba
- Can Nguyen – revoked license – no bail
- Dai Nguyen – drugs – no bail
- Benito Nieto – terroristic threats – no bail
- Brandon Nisly – soliciting without permit - $500 bail
- Jason Nolan – theft by check - $5,000 bail
- Pedro Nolasco – revoked license - $500 bail
- Gracie Nunez – theft - $10,000 bail

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D. DeLoach, 23, Faribault, revoked license; Scott D. Dirksen, 26, Mankato, suspended license and open bottle; Brandon L. Doten, 32, St. Paul, no license and no insurance; Jennifer D. Eckhart, 36, Faribault, suspended license and speeding; Casandra M. Eveillard, 36, Owatonna, suspended license; Jason T. Fletcher, 40, revoked license; David H. Flores, 28, Owatonna, no license and no insurance; James E. Fluckes, 39, Claremont, revoked license;

Carl L. Franklin, 49, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Jeannette Fuentas, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Tonya M. Gilormini, 49, Owatonna, revoked license; Tyrie J. Gordon, 19, St. Paul, no license; Victor Guerrero, 22, Owatonna, revoked license;

Larry D. Haberman, 45, Blooming Prairie, suspended license; Eric M. Hancock, 39, Owatonna, expired license; Brandie J. Hatfield, 24, Owatonna, suspended license; Cameron J. Hatfield, 25, Fairmont, limited license violation and no insurance; Ronald D. Heard, 24, Owatonna, revoked license (5) and speeding;

Colton P. Heilman, 19, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia, $131; Glen Hill, 25, Chicago, IL, no license; Brandy M. Hodges, 31, Owatonna, no license; Nathan T. Holland, 31, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Verdel L. Houston, 37, Minneapolis, revoked license;

Harely E. Huerta, 24, Faribault, invalid license; Joseph C. Jackson, 29, Owatonna, suspended license; Jay J. Johnson, 47, Medford, disorderly conduct, $381, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Jamie D. Knutson, 38, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Tania A. Kos, 39, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Mallory J. Kurth, 29, Shakopee, revoked license, no insurance and possession of paraphernalia;

Dana M. Lambert, 34, Longville, no insurance and revoked license; Krystal R. Laroque, 25, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, $81, diversion program, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; Edward T. Lawson, 37, Medford, revoked license and no insurance; Nicole K. Lien, 24, Owatonna, suspended license;

Justin D. McFarland, 33, Austin, suspended license, headlamps violation and no insurance; Luis D. Mendoza, 21, Faribault, suspended license; Bradley J. Meyer, 26, Blooming Prairie, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and right turn not made from curb lane; Abdi M. Mohamed, 30, Owatonna, suspended license; Mohamed O. Mohamud, 26, Owatonna, suspended license, $281; Kayla R. Nelson, 26, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance; Michael K. Nowacki, 45, Mankato, revoked license; Heather S. Olson, 32, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and no insurance;

Michelle L. Ouellette, 54, Owatonna, no license and suspended license; Nicole M. Ozmun, 29, Janesville, revoked license, $281; Curtis J. Pemrick, 37, Owatonna, no insurance and revoked license;

Joshua D. Peterson, 35, Dodge Center, suspended license and no insurance; Lorita D. Placencia, 40, Faribault, revoked license; David M. Porras, 26, Owatonna, revoked license; Teriann Powell, 34, Owatonna, speeding, revoked license and no insurance; Zachary L. Prins, 26, Morristown, revoked license; Azeret C. Rios Flores, 24, Medford, revoked license; Jeremia M. Roberts, 30, Canton, SD, revoked license;

Lisa M. Robson, 46, Austin, revoked license; Jose J. Ruiz, 22, Northfield, no insurance, suspended license and stop sign; Juan C. Sanchez, 36, Medford, cancelled license, $281; Brett J. Scheurer, 22, Owatonna, revoked license; Adam M. Schlichter, 35, Blooming Prairie, no insurance and seat belt; Derek R. Sietsema, 30, Waseca, revoked license;

Edward E. Singletary, 53, Owatonna, suspended license; Cheriel L. Slane, 30, Winona, no license and no insurance; Isaac R. Smith, 30, Owatonna, revoked license; Scotty A. Stromley, 28, Owatonna, suspended license; Nathaniel J. Talton-McCaskel, 24, Red Wing, suspended license; Carlos O. Vidalquintana, 42, Medford, no license; Ashley I. Von Ruden, 28, Owatonna, revoked license;

Chris A. Vruno, 29, Chaska, revoked license and no insurance; Darrien D. Walker, 48, Owatonna, revoked license and no child passenger restraint system; Brittni N. Wiener, 21, Chippewa Falls, WI, seat belt, open bottle and no insurance; Daniel G. Willert, 49, Geneva, revoked license and expired tabs; Shawn M. Williams, 33, Owatonna, revoked license, $281;

Eric D. Wilson, 35, revoked license and no insurance; James E. Wimbush, 42, Minneapolis, revoked license; Brad B. Winter, 36, Faribault, cancelled license and no insurance; Ramon O. Yciano, 29, Faribault, revoked license; Ian L. York, 24, Mankato, suspended license and suspended registration.

Steele County
Sheriff's Offic

Booker T. Abner, 38, Coon Rapids, no license and speeding, $221; Robert W. Anderson, 66, Rochester, speeding, $141;

Jeffrey A. Barnett, 41, Rochester, speeding, $121; Steven M. Baynes, 51, Stewart, DWI, $406, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Danny L. Berg, 27, Greenwald, suspended license; Gretchen E. Bill, 38, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Kimberly A. Bonilla, 34, Waseca, speeding, $121; Charity A. Braulik, 37, Owatonna, revoked license; Cody D. Brim, 23, Austin, speeding, $221; Vanessa L. Cardenas, 26, Owatonna, no license; Mary M. Chuol, 39, Des Moines, IA, speeding, $221; Sean M. Cicero, 36, Owatonna, speeding and cancelled license;

Paul A. Ehrich, 53, Kenyon, revoked license and no insurance; Erick A. Engels, 42, Meriden, stop sign, $131; Blas Estrada, 22, Austin, speeding and no insurance; Julie A. Flicek, 44, Owatonna, revoked license, $281; Reed E. Froseth, 57, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Tiilish P. Graham, 42, Owatonna, cancelled license, $81 and 2 years of unsupervised probation; Victor Guerrero, 22, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance;

Kamal L. Hassan, 21, Apple Valley, speeding, no license in possession and suspended license; Kayla M. Jordan, 27, Owatonna, suspended license; Gladys Kanyumba, 24, St. Louis Park, no insurance; Dennis J. Laws Jr., 30, no insurance and no license, $381; Karen Martinez Tinajero, 27, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Gabriel D. Maya Ramirez, 24, Owatonna, speeding, $221;

Justin D. McFarland, 33, Austin, suspended license and no insurance; Heather M. Ott, 36, Mason City, IA, suspended license; Kathy J. Quam, 37, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Angelita Rodriguez, 28, Owatonna, suspended license;

Andrew J. Schmidt, 28, Waseca, speeding, $121; David R. Shirley, 26, Waseca, no license; Jesse K. Shoemaker, 23, Bayport, revoked license and speeding; Luke S. Stringfellow, 32, Fridley, speeding, $121; Matthew A. Szepanski, 38, Michigan City, IN, speeding, $221; Jessica A. Thissen, 35, Waseca, revoked license, $281;

Denise D. Thompson, 34, Blooming Prairie, no insurance; Corey J. Tollefson, 46, Lonsdale, revoked license and no insurance; Victoria J. Torkelson, 23, Austin, speeding, $121; Paul A. Treganza, 54, Owatonna, revoked license;

Edwig D. Vyncke, 25, Waterville, improper information on license and speeding, $151; Armour L. Ward, 53, Minneapolis, speeding and revoked license; Daniel G. Willert, 49, Geneva, no license and unlawful use of license plates; Jacob G. Young, 20, Waseca, speeding, $121.

Police blotter
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 180 complaints during the week of Nov. 9 – 15. Some of them include:

Nov. 9

Child Endangerment. Deputies responded to a child endangerment incident in the 15700 block of 540th St. in West Concord at 5:38 p.m.

Nov. 10

Trespassing. Deputies responded to a trespassing incident in the 200 block of Mantor Dr. in Mantorville at 4:14 p.m.

Nov. 11

Suspicion. Deputies found suspicious activity at 210th Ave. and 617th St. in Dodge Center at 12:26 a.m.

Fire. At 2:49 p.m., deputies responded to a house fire in the 900 block of Walnut St. in Mantorville.

Civil. Deputies assisted with a civil matter regarding a man's daughter refusing to leave his residence in the 600 block of 3rd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 4:44 p.m.

Suspicion. Deputies received a report at 6:26 p.m. that a couple of vehicles were in the fields smashing each other at 190th Ave. and 530th St. in West Concord.

Nov. 12

DWI. Deputies found a vehicle with a flat tire at Mantorville Ave. N. and 4th St. NE in Kasson at 12:19 a.m. The driver was found to be intoxicated.

Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 100 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center at 7:52 p.m.

Nov. 13

Domestic. Deputies assisted with a physical domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Countryview St. in Kasson at 2:50 p.m. One male was transported to the Steele County Jail.

Disturbances. Deputies responded to domestic disturbances in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield at 7:43 p.m. and in the 200 block of 2nd St. SW in Dodge Center at 7:51 p.m.

Nov. 14

Fraud. A West Concord citizen reported that her identity had been stolen in the 53100 block of 170th Ave. at 2:39 p.m.

Nov. 15

Suspicion. Deputies received a suspicious activity report of a male walking down Hwy. 14 in the lane of traffic at 270th Ave. at 6:15 a.m.

Carbon Monoxide. Deputies responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 56700 block of State Hwy. 56 in West Concord at 7:30 a.m.

Court news
Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Nov. 7 – 14:

Dodge County
Sheriff's Offic

Colleen A. Abernathy, 46, Kasson, no insurance, $280; Tara C. Bjerke, 36, Dodge Center, speeding, $120; Conagher J. Cermak, 23, Pine Island, speeding, $120; John S. Davis, 58, Chanhassen, speeding, $140; Jenelle E. Donahue, 34, Austin, speeding, $130; Corey L. Mees, 30, Dexter, revoked license, $280; Peter Mong, 23, Rochester, speeding, $140; Jordyn J. Prouty, 21, Dodge Center, invalid license, $180; Tony L. Schoenrock, 40, Albert Lea, parking violation and registration violation, $130; Christopher A. Smith, 28, Dodge Center, revoked license, $280.

Kasson Police
Department

Timothy A. Burch, 44, Kasson, seat belt, $105; Joe A. Caulfield, 51, Byron, seat belt, $105; Chad A. Christensen, 33, Dodge Center, seat belt, $105; Cydnie C. Conley, 50, stop sign, $130; Roger E. Ellingson, 62, Dodge Center, seat belt, $105; Sergio Fernandez Ibarra, 19, Dodge Center, seat belt, $105; Uriah D. Flowers, 22, Zumbrota, seat belt, $105; Christopher J. Freiderich, 34, Dodge Center, seat belt, $105; Zachary G. Gilbertson, 30, Spring Valley, seat belt, $105; Jeremy M. Hanson, 28, Kasson, seat belt, $105; Sierra B. Jensen, 18, Dodge Center, speeding, $130; Kyle L. Mitchell, 16, Dodge Center, seat belt, $105; Rose L. Plank, 24, Kasson, invalid license, $180; Joshua A. Richardson, 35, Rochester, texting while driving, $130; Keaten S. Schorr, 18, Mantorville, seat belt, $105; Brady W. Swanson, 19, Dodge Center, possession of marijuana and seat belt, $155.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Evangelos Andrias, 63, Beloit, WI, unsafe passing, $130; Tammy M. Babbitt, 46, Owatonna, speeding, $130; Chad S. Behne, 36, Dodge Center, speeding, $130; Cody T. Brown, 24, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, speeding, $130; Danielle M. Gernes, 25, Zumbrota, speeding, $120; Amanda J. Kastner, 32, West Concord, speeding, $120; Amanda K. Meyeraan, 29, Kasson, speeding, $130; Mario A. Moreno, 41, Carrizo Springs, TX, speeding, stay of adjudication, 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Samuel E. Rappe, 21, Kasson, speeding, $120; Gerardo Rodriguez, 20, New Hope, seat belt, $105; Elizabeth J. Stoflet, 76, Byron, seat belt, $105; Isaias Terrones, 61, Faribault, speeding, $140; Nicholas C. Terry, 18, Mantorville, speeding, $130; Jim A. Zuehl, 56, Saint Ansgar, IA, speeding, $120.

West Concord
Police Department

Jace S. Matthees, 39, West Concord, speeding, $140; Gonzalo Saldivar-Quiroz, 34, Faribault, open bottle, $180.

Arrest
Steele County

Owatonna Police

Mark Henry Ammann, 32, arrested at 1:05 a.m. Nov. 10, felony sales, held for court.

Ernest Milton Moore, 54, arrested at 2:50 p.m. Nov. 10, felony possession of counterfeit currency and controlled substance, held for court.

Cody Allen Fonner, 22, arrested at 8:57 p.m. Nov. 10, warrant arrest, body only.

Donald Rae Greenleaf III, 24, arrested at 1:21 a.m. Nov. 11, assault/domestic assault, held for court.

Jesse Joe Heaser, 35, arrested at 1:24 a.m. Nov. 12, DWI and cross center line, held for court.

William David Swain, 30, arrested at 4:09 a.m. Nov. 13, DWI, held for court.

Kevin Baldt, 28, arrested at 6:15 p.m. Nov. 13, interference with 911, held for court.

Donald Eugene Black, 43, arrested at 4 p.m. Nov. 14, felony attempted controlled substance crime, held for court.

Tommy Leon Bennett, 25, arrested at 4:50 p.m. Nov. 14, felony attempted controlled substance crime, held for court.

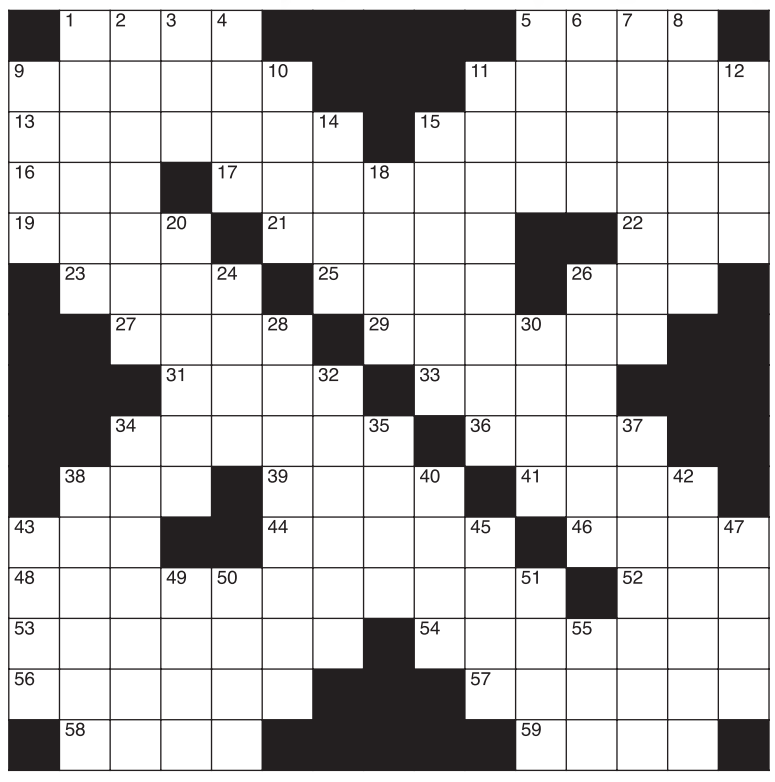
Amber Lynn Brockmiller, 23, arrested at 12:35 p.m. Nov. 14, felony controlled substance, held for court.

Eric Craig Cousens, 34, arrested at 1:27 a.m. Nov. 15, felony probation apprehension and detention order, held for court.

Adam James Trimble, 27, arrested at 1:10 p.m. Nov. 15, felony attempted controlled substance crime, held for court.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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11. Streamed
13. Inner ear cavity
15. Where to go after high school
16. Olympics host
17. A day to remember fallen soldiers
19. Forearm bone
21. Bypass surgery pioneer F. Mason __
22. Judo garments
23. Gentlemen
25. Large wrestler
26. Large integer
27. Makes a soft sound
29. Some claim to have six
31. Sunfish
33. Clan
34. A form of comedy
36. Defy
38. More (Spanish)
39. Sixteen ounces
41. Adventure story
43. Liquid distilled from wood or coal
44. Michigan ghost town
46. Fond of
48. Pearl Jam frontman
52. Clothes
53. Flinches
54. Giving the axe
56. Where planes are kept
57. Intervals
58. Plant's unit of reproduction
59. Equips

CLUES DOWN

1. Cooks by exposure to direct heat
2. Using few words
3. Wood
4. Steer
5. Soft drink
6. Consider
7. Clears from a river
8. Claim again
9. Beige
10. Witnesses
11. Spiked
12. Partidge actor Susan and Marmaduke director Tom
14. __ and Andy, TV show
15. Fraiche and de Menthe are two
18. Burden
20. Olfactory properties
24. Carbon particles
26. Set of four
28. A sweater pulled over the head
30. Relaxing places
32. Gets up
34. Canned fish
35. __ Blyton, children's author
37. A conceited and self-centered person
38. Fine-textured cotton fabric
40. Turner and Kennedy
42. Repents
43. Smartphones, tablets, etc.
45. A way to garner
47. Eat them for breakfast
49. Former Tigers third baseman Brandon
50. Oh, God!
51. Canadian flyers
55. One legged Chinese mythological demon

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Art exhibit offers healing



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Painter Ann Riggott stands next to "Fallen Sand Castles", one of several paintings of hers on display. Riggott has given talks at the Owatonna Art Center about her own health challenges and how art has helped her overcome them.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Illustrator Joni Oeltjenbruns shows two vistors drawings from her book, Not Enough Beds, that hang just down the hall from the Owatonna Hospital lobby. Oeltjenbruns's Christmas themed drawings added a festive touch to the art on display.

Fall leaves Minnesota

We would like to extend our appreciation to all the volunteers that participated in our annual Fall Leaf Clean-Up, sponsored by Healthy Seniors of Steele County.

Forty eight yards were raked across Steele County with over 250 community volunteers including families, students of all ages and many adults.

We can all be proud to live in communities where people are willing to take time out of their busy lives to help one another. Thank you so much for your acts of kindness!

Connie Ruth
Volunteer Coordinator, Healthy Seniors of Steele County



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It's been a fall to remember for the leaf collection on our lawns. Here, Brie Wangen of Blooming Prairie manages to smile while raking her leaves into a pile. Better than average rains caused more leaf production and some beautiful colors. It also created a mess on our lawns.

Greg Johnson takes helm as BP Chamber president

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

One era ends and another begins as Greg Johnson of B to Z Hardware takes over the reins of leadership of the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce.

The actual change in leadership took place at the Chamber's annual meeting at the Pizza Cellar on Wednesday, Nov. 16 with Luke Swenson completing his second year as Chamber president.

Reading from a long list of names, Swenson sincerely thanked those who had helped him during his two-year term as president and two years as a chamber vice president. He especially thanked Chamber executive director Becky Noble who he said "went above and beyond" her duties to assist him.

"I really feel I got more than I put in," Swenson said.

Swenson said time has gone by fast explaining that four years ago, he and wife Teresa had an 11-year-old and a child on the way. Now, four years later, the Swensons are car shopping for their eldest and they now have a child in pre-school.

Johnson welcomed the challenge and said he was proud to be a part of the active community of Blooming Prairie.

He pointed to an example of community involvement, relating to efforts led by Doreen Blome to purchase 256 chairs, 42 flat tables and 15 round tables at the Servicemen's Club. Swenson reminded members that Johnson sold the tables to the club at his cost.

Moving into the vice president's chair is Dan Peach, a Blooming Prairie police officer and part-time employee at B to Z Hardware. Sara Esplan will remain as secretary and Joanne Nahlovski will return as treasurer.

Citizens of the Year

A highlight of Wednesday's meeting was the announcement of the 2016 Citizen of the Year award.The husband and wife team of Jake and Alecia Peterson will receive the award at the annual Chamber banquet on Jan. 19, 2017.

During the business meeting, director Noble said the Chamber enjoyed two successful events recently, a car show that brought in $1,485 and a wine tasting event that netted $1,875.

Members were also informed about upcoming shop locally campaigns to be capped by a Holiday Dazzle promotion on Dec. 2.

Planning continues for the city's 150th birthday celebration next summer. Noble said mayor sesquicentennial activities will be observed on July 2 with a huge birthday cake, release of 150 balloons and a kiddie parade.

A drawing for Blooming Prairie Bucks was won by Dale and Austra Hanson of Blooming Prairie.

Following the chamber business meeting Dr.Diane Wallner, medical director for the I-35 corridor of the Mayo Clinic Health System which includes, Owatonna, Faribault, Kenyon and Blooming Prairie, spoke to the group.

"Medicine is changing rapidly and it very different today from yesterday," Dr. Wallner said. You deserve responsible and affordable care," she emphasized.

Dr. Wallner recapped Mayo's extensive health care services by referring to a Power Point chart.

Dr. Wallner and Mark Brown, operations administrator for Mayo, encourages patients to sign up for patient portal care which allows them to have access to their health records.



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Luke Swenson chaired his final meeting as Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce president. He has held the post for two years. Swenson was honored by his peers at the chamber's annual meeting on Wednesday night, Nov. 16. He is shown with wife Teresa, left and Becky Noble, right, chamber executive director.

Shopping with Santa



MELISSA KOCH

It seems like Halloween was just here and now today we are about to have our BIG Thanksgiving feast!

It is hard to believe we are in the midst of the holiday season already! The Christmas lists and wishes have begun as my children see the holiday ads. With my daughter being the shopper that she is and so many people to buy for, I am starting to feel overwhelmed!

It's hard to find very much these days for a couple of bucks. If you are trying to find that extra special gift for every person on your list while managing a tight budget, Steele County 4-H has just the thing for you, "Shop with Santa"!

Shop with Santa will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 at St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Ave. S. in Owatonna. Numbered bags will be distributed from 7:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.. Shopping will begin at 8:00 a.m. and go until Noon.

For those of you who don't know what Shop with Santa is, it is a GREAT opportunity for children 6th grade and under to do their very own Christmas shopping (without parents!) in a safe, easily accessible location, and at a very reasonable cost too!

Thousands of gifts will be delivered to St. John Lutheran Church in Owatonna.

These gifts are made by Steele County 4-H'ers, their leaders, parents, friends and grandparents. The gifts are all priced at $5.00 or below with most ranging between $1.00 and $2.00.

In the past, there have been wooden puzzles, squirrel feeders, aprons, dishtowels, wall hangings, country craft items and the list goes on and on!

The best part of Shop with Santa is that the children get to shop without parents trying to peek.

When the little shoppers arrive at 8:00 AM, they are given a shopping bag with a number on it. While they are waiting for their number to be called, they may fill out nametags for gifts, watch movies and participate in other fun activities.

Each shopper will be assisted by one of "Santa's helpers" who are available to aid the shoppers with their selections.

With so many tables and gifts, it can take some shoppers a while to make their final decisions, but we want them to be satisfied and happy with the gifts they have picked out for their special people.

Their gifts will be wrapped with name tags attached before they exit the store to meet mom or dad who are always patiently waiting.

Parents!! While you are waiting for your child to pick out just the right gift, you can finish that gift you thought you would never have time to finish, write out your Christmas cards, or just relax and enjoy the atmosphere!

Last year, hundreds of children filled their shopping lists. It never ceases to amaze us!

SANTA

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Blooming Prairie Living

Towns pull together

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Good neighbors are there when you need them most.

That described the help provided by emergency responders to a train derailment and chemical spill in Ellendale on Friday, Nov. 11.

"It's great to have so much help available from neighboring towns," said Blooming Prairie Fire Chief Dean Naatz.

More than 20 agencies and nearly 100 emergency responders helped neutralize a potentially disastrous situation that involved a derailment of four cars on a 146-car Union Pacific train.

The cars were carrying propane and butane. Some of the propane tanks were reportedly leaking.

Firefighters and law enforcement officers went door to door to ask residents of Ellendale to leave their homes because of the dangerous situation that existed. Residents were either taken or directed to the Ellendale United Methodist Church, west of town.

Emergency personnel represented the fire departments of Ellendale, New Richland, Geneva, Blooming Prairie and Owatonna. Law enforcement was represented by the Steele County Sheriff's Department, Freeborn County Sheriff's Department, Waseca County Sheriff's Department and the Minnesota State Patrol.

A hazardous material team from Rochester was also part of the response efforts. The Federal Railway Administration was on the scene investigating the cause of the derailment.

Trains reportedly were back running on the tracks Sunday morning.

Chief Naatz said the BP Fire Department was first paged and asked to supply mutual aid at 6:30 a.m. on Friday. Blooming Prairie supplied its ladder truck and six men to the scene.

The Blooming firefighters were released at about 11 a.m. Friday but repaged at 1 a.m. on Saturday morning when backup was requested to vent the propane tanks.

This time, Chief Naatz said three smaller trucks were dispatched to the scene at Ellendale.

At this early hour, fire departments were asked to help monitor the detonation of propane tanks, in case the weather became a factor, Naatz said.

While the BP firefighters were in Ellendale, another call was received by the BP Fire Department to respond to a clothes dryer potential fire. There was no fire, Naatz said.

Blooming firefighters were back at the fire hall at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

On Sunday, 22 of Blooming Prairie's 28-man department, were on the scene at the department's annual pancake breakfast attended by 420 hungry customers at the Servicemen's Club.

The menu included pancakes, french toast, hash browns, sausage, ham, juice, coffee and milk.

All proceeds from the breakfast go toward a scholarship fund. The department in the spring of the year gives two scholarships to Blooming Prairie High School seniors, each $250.

Santa to appear at Holiday Dazzle

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Santa Claus and Scrooge will be making special appearances during the Blooming Prairie Holiday Dazzle event downtown on Friday, Dec. 2.

Santa will be setting up shop from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the BP City Center. His appearance is sponsored by the Women of Today.

Scrooge will actually have his mug on voting jars at local businesses. Shoppers will be able to vote for their favorite Scrooge by putting money into a jar. All proceeds go to the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Light Fund.

Here's the Scrooge candidates for 2016:

Leah Schiefert, 2016 Blooming Prairie High School Homecoming queen;

Chris Staloch, BP Elementary School principal;

Rachel Klemmensen, New York Life agent and Terry Trom, TT Motorcycles owner.

The winner will be announced at the Holiday Dazzle Friday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. next to B to Z Hardware.

Santa will be greeting children at F & M State Bank where photos can be taken. Horse-drawn wagon rides, provided by Pittman Farms, will begin at 5 p.m. on Main Street.

The reindeer poop drop is planned for 5:45 p.m. on Main Street. Check with B to Z Hardware for more details.

Kix dancers will perform on Main Street starting at 6:30 p.m.

Carolers and instrumentalists will stroll Main Street during the evening hours. A drawing for the "Keepin' It Local" promotion will be held at 7 p.m. at A Touch of Charm on Main Street.

Twenty-five downtown businesses will be offering special bargains during the shopping hours on Holiday Dazzle night.

Stop by these business places and enjoy holiday specials and treats: A Touch of Charm; B to Z Hardware; Blooming Prairie Fire

Department, ambulance and police; BP Servicemen's Club; Bunkies Grille & Lanes; Steele County Times; BP Cue Company/Pizza Cellar; Dairy Queen; Farmers & Merchants State Bank; Floor Tech; J & H Liquors; Main Street Dental Clinics;

US Bank; Home Sellers and Rachel's Hair; Johnson/Doerhoefer/Miner PA; Hometown Insurance; Prairie Family & Sports Chiropractic; Sportstitch; New York Life; The Bakery; Prairie Manor Care Center (5th annual bake sale and chili feed at the BP Senior Center; Subway; Blooming Prairie Public Library; Blooming Prairie Vet Clinic and Miner's Outdoor & Recreation.



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Terry Trom



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Leah Schiefert



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Chris Staloch



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Rachel Klemmensen

Celebrating 40 years



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

Forty years ago, in 1976 the Blooming Prairie Branch Library celebrated its grand opening.

At the time the library was located 110 Highway Avenue North, now occupied by KIK Graphics. Deb Oleson and Paula Sime were the first employees. The branch library was begun due to community demand and under the direction of the Blooming Prairie City Council and Graham Benoit, the Owatonna Public Library director.

We will commemorate the 40th Anniversary with an Open House on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

That evening is also the first day of the Friends of the Library Barnes & Noble Book Fair. We will have a variety of new items to choose from, including calendars, cookbooks, and children's books. The Book Fair will continue from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 3.

A percentage of the purchases will benefit the Friends group. The sale is taking place the same weekend as the local Holiday Dazzle events.

If you can't attend the Book Fair during those times, you can also shop online at bn.com/bookfairs from December 1 to December 5.

Just use the Book Fair ID # 12043535 at the checkout. If you have any questions, please contact us at the library at 507-583-7750 or by email bpbl@selco.info.

Holiday Fun

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Our 4-H'ers and their families are some of the most generous people! They purchase the materials, spend hours making the gifts, and donate them so many small shoppers can experience that wonderful feeling of giving during the holiday season!

The gifts are always kept at a very reasonable price and there is something for even the smallest budget!

The proceeds from the sales of the gifts support youth programming in Steele County 4-H. So shoppers, start making your shopping lists! We hope to see you at "Shop with Santa" on Dec. 3 at St. John Lutheran Church.

Oh yes, "Mrs. Claus' Coffee Shop" will have donuts, juice, milk, and coffee available for those patiently waiting parents and exhausted shoppers.

Missy Koch is the 4-H Program Coordinator for Steele County.

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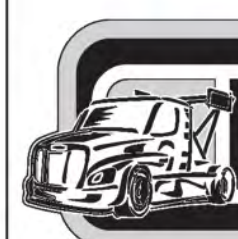
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County Living

Action group has big plans for Ellendale

By KYLIE RICE
Staff intern

The city of Ellendale has many new opportunities and chances coming its way.

At the Ellendale Community Action Group last Tuesday night, the council brought up many new ideas and discussed previous events.

The first matter was the bingo night sponsored by the group. The support of the community was hugely felt, with over one thousand dollars being brought in by the generosity of the attendees. The council is planning to have "Seasonal Bingo" now, with different themes for every season.

The council consists of member of the community who are wanting to make Ellendale a happier and more connected town.

Events for the future that are in the works is a first annual tree lighting with a hot cocoa ceremony, a youth outreach for New Year's Eve, and another Halloween trick or treating evening for families in the area.

Among the ideas brought up, a lutefisk feed seemed to be a bright idea. The fact that people are known to come from all over the state is a big factor to draw more traffic through the small town. Although no one on the board actually like the traditional Scandinavian dish the committee agreed that to have one would be for the betterment of the community.

The Catholic church that is currently for sale on Main Street was also brought up. The idea to restore the church to its former purpose as a movie theater was pitched.

The cost for such a project would be around $79,000, but the committee thought that such an idea could be feasible with the help of the community. The idea would be for the new theater to be comparable to the Flame Theater in Wells.

The concerns about holiday decorations were also brought to light. Problems with outlets being too far a distance away from the miniature trees was discussed, without much conclusion to the problem.

Another issue was if the board should pay for the decorations, or if the local businesses should sponsor and decorate the trees.

Another event discussed was the holiday home lighting competition. Residents, both rural and urban, with an Ellendale zip code are eligible to compete with their decorations. There are prizes for the winner. You can register for the event at Lerbergs Grocery, the Municipal Liquor store, Steve's Meat Market, Floors-4-U, and the First National Bank. Voting for favorite lights is also at these same businesses. Cut off for signup is Nov.21, and the judging ends on Friday, Dec. 9.

The Ellendale Community Action Group jokingly remarked that there will be a lot of "1st annual" events coming up in Ellendale's future. The plans that the board has will definitely infuse a lot of life into the little town.

Medford council signs off on election results

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

In the wake of elections, Medford is adjusting to ballot results.

Medford City Council met for a special meeting to discuss and approve the canvasing of votes on Election Day.

Roughly 900 ballots were cast this year in Medford, and 115 of those were new registrations on Election Day. There were 692 registered voters in the last election.

Mayor Lois Nelson ran unopposed and has been elected with 413 votes to another four-year term.

The two open council member positions will be held by Marie Sexton and Matt Dempsey who were elected to four years terms with 375 and 490 votes respectively.

The results were expected, and the council approved the canvas of votes for the mayor and city council races.

The second item for discussion was the only city resolution on the ballot this year. The referendum to invest money in a new municipal building for the fire department, city administration, and a community space was defeated. The measure would have allowed public utilities to move into the current municipal space, so they could have sufficient room for storing all of their equipment.

There was concern over the inaccurate material that was circulated about the resolution prior to the election.

Council member Marie Sexton described the situation as, "a lot of misconception floating all over." People had approached her with the impression that taxes were going to jump by huge sums to cover the costs, which she assured them was not the case.

"I think the numbers scared people," council member Chad Merritt responded.

The council agreed the need for more space remains, and time will not make the project any cheaper. They continue to work on getting donations and seeking other venues of money to reduce the cost.

Panther of the week



Submitted photo

Nathan Hager

This week, our Panther of the Week is Nathan Hager. Nathan is the son of Laura Hager and Marlin Beckmann and they reside in New Richland.

Nathan is this week's Panther because he displays the four qualities of Panther Pride. He demonstrates positivity by never complaining about work or challenges set before him.

He is safe, respectful, and kind to his classmates and to others. He uses a quiet voice when walking in the hallways, keeps his hands and feet to himself, and uses kind words when playing with others.

Nathan also demonstrates responsibility by being a good listener and participant in class, by working quietly, and completing his work on time. Nathan always comes to school with a smile and an eager attitude for learning.

Nathan enjoys playing on his tablet, watching TV, playing soccer, and playing hockey. He loves Ramen noodles, his favorite book is Train Your Dragon, and his favorite animal is a lion. Nathan is a true example of Panther Pride in our school and community.

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This week's winner is David Grunklee with 6 wrong.

This will be the final week for the contest.

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1. Michigan @ Ohio State
2. Kentucky @ Louisville



3. Auburn @ Alabama
4. Minnesota @ Wisconsin



5. Michigan State @ Penn State
6. Notre Dame @ USC



7. West Virginia @ Iowa State
8. South Carolina @ Clemson



9. Utah @ Colorado
10. Tennessee @ Vanderbilt



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28. Seattle @ Tampa Bay
29. Carolina @ Oakland
30. New England @ New York Jets (Tie breaker)

HOW TO: *Cook your Thanksgiving Turkey?*



How to Make a Turkey

By Gloria Hernandez

First buy a 6inch turkey. Second buy a bottle of salt. Third. sprinkle 4inches of Salt. Fourth buy a little bottle of pepper. Fifth cook the turkey for 1minute. Sixth get a big plate and then buy cheese and crackers. Seventh buy cheese and crackers. Eighth buy a little ham. finally buy bread and that,s it.

How to make a Turkey

By Logan Beadle

you will need a turkey butter keep it in the oven for 2 minutes take it out put more butter on it. Then cut it you cut the eye out. you put Salt and pepper on it. you eat it.

How to make a Turkey

By Gracelyn Anderson

Boil the turkey in a pot for 45 minutes. You can win them from Binga. You can also get them from a store. They are soso, SOSO good, but my sister doesn't like turkey.

How to Cook a Turkey

One day my mom was driving from School and we ran over a turkey. It was a very big turkey, It was big as a baby's crib. We had no idea what to do with it. So we brought it home. first, we plucked the turkey and took it's cowboy boots off. Then we baked it at 60 degrees for an hour. Once it cooled my family hammerd it, it was finger lickin good!!!

Name Addy Schrant Class Mr. Wilson's 3rd grade Medford Elementary

How to Make a Turkey

By Aubrey Klocke.

First, buy your turkey. Then bake your turkey in your oven. Put the temperature at 300F. Keep your turkey there for like ten or fifteen minutes. Then when it is done, put a little pepper on it. Then you can serve it to your family. If you want anything on the side you can put some stuffing or maybe some salads too.

How I think how you cook a turkey is.

You go to the store and buy a turkey. Ar! When you get home you paint the turkey with egg-yoke, to make it crisp. Put it in the oven, So while it is cooking you start the stuffing and you can put all the stuff you like, in stuffing. When the turkey is done take out the bones of the turkey and put the stuffing in a bag and squeeze it out into the turkey. then put the turkey on the table with all the other stuff you made and have a great Thanksgiving with youer family.

Boldin Krause
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Molly Johnson

9 to 12 lb. you put the turkey's Breast in the oven. 4 cups of dryed Bread crumbs. 8 stip salt 1 egg 1½ of water a Pickot Sage a little of Black pepper mix it all to together and put it in the turkey and behind then it take 5 cups of water you can put in mushrms, Onions, and celery Make to your tast. You preheat oven 325 you cook for 2½ COOK with cover and then take it off cook for a hour & intell it reads 180F in the center of the turkey it is do remove from oven put on the cover let stand 15 to 20 min. before carving and enjoy.


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The 2016 election is over:

What does it mean for agriculture?

Just a week over the election, eyes are turning to what the effects of the 45th president, Donald Trump could have on the agriculture industry.

In the short term, Trump's administration could have impacts on the ag markets with volatility, consumer confidence and a changing business appetite.

In the long term, there could be changes to trade agreements, labor policies, economic growth and business regulations.

Short-term ramification

The Trump election came to the markets as a surprise. It is impacting exports and foreign trade with the current volatility and trade implications on exports.

The current depreciation in currencies of emerging markets against the U.S. dollar, could diminish imports from the U.S. into those countries. Mexico's imports to the U.S. may get a boost from the depreciation of their currency and Brazil, may be more attractive than the U.S. in the grain and oilseed exporting area.

The market uncertainty in the short term may lower consumer confidence in the U.S. and globally, impacting some food consumption and trade trends.

Long-term implications

The three areas expected to see the biggest impacts in a Trump administration include trade agreements, labor and ag policy.

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Trade agreements

To sum it up, any changes to the U.S. ag trade agreements, it will not only affect global prices but also the individual farmer margins. One thing is clear to many, it is too early to know if agreements such as NAFTA will see major changes. This is because the U.S., Mexico and Canada are in many ways an integrated agricultural market. Ag exports to Mexico and Canada account for around 30 percent of total U.S. ag exports.

Other trade agreements such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership is unlikely to happen during Trump's administration. However, some markets such as Russia, may reopen and others may strengthen like the United Kingdom.

Trade policy will continue to be a critical factor and source of market uncertainty until it is better understood.

Farm Bill 2018

The farm bill is expected to be renewed in 2018. The good news is that with the republican party majority in both houses, 2018 farm bill might be easier to get approved. Some potential changes in the next version of the farm could include a revision of crop programs to adjust to the tighter row crop margins.

The direction of the farm is expected to shift toward business sustainability and away from conservation. There is an expectation tha the budget for the Conservation Reserve Program is expected to become a key issue along with an adjustment to the revenue support programs including crop insurance.

Economic growth

Throughout the run-up to the election, Trump has mentioned promoting domestic growth by cutting taxes as a way of creating jobs. Assuming if the dollar and rates remain stable, the U.S. economy growth should pick-up. How much growth is what remains to be seen in the ag sector.

Labor

This is the area where ag could see one of the biggest impacts after some of the statements made by President-elect Trump. It continues to be a challenge for U.S. producers to remain labor competitive. There are changes expected regarding immigration and labor. This may force producers to start thinking about technological investments to make up for potential losses in labor.



Time to winterize lawn care equipment

After the last leaf has fallen and the chill of winter starts to set in, it's time to put away the lawn care equipment. To keep your lawn care equipment in good shape for next spring, you'll need to do more than simply store it indoors or throw a tarp over it. There are a few steps to take to properly winterize lawn care equipment.

CLEAN

It's a good habit to clean your lawn care equipment off after every use. Before your lawn equipment sits all winter long, it's important to give it a good cleaning. Clean off any grass, dirt or other debris. For lawn mowers, you'll need to clean under the mower deck, too. Use a putty knife and wire scrub brush to remove any buildup and debris. If you leave the buildup over the winter, it can cause the mower to rust.

SHARPEN

While you have everything disassembled, it's also the perfect time to sharpen any cutting edges. Once they're sharpened, carefully clean off the edges with an oily rag.

REMOVE GASOLINE

You'll also want to remove any gasoline from the lawn equipment. This also goes for two-cycle engines that run on an oil and gas mixture. Old gasoline will make the machines work harder when you start them back up in the spring. For gas-powered machines, run the engine until it runs out of gas and stops. For two-cycle engines, run it with the choke open to remove any fuel from the fuel lines. Once you've removed all the fuel, check and replace the spark plug.

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Event Spotlight:
FFA Toy Drive

The toy drive in Blooming Prairie will be starting Nov. 23. It ends on Dec. 9.There is no certain toy that we are looking for, as long as it's in good shape. They can be dropped off at the the Catholic, Lutheran, or Baptist church in Blooming, the high school office, or the elementary office. It's for the children who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House for various reasons. We can't wait to see the kids faces when we bring them the toys. This gives them a little bit of relief.

PHOTO MEMORY



LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Staff photo by Luara Berndt

Kalyn Naatz and Kelli Naatz spokeabout their mom, Holli Naatz, who was honored as the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in November of 2015.

FOR THE RECORD



HAPPENING NOW

Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

It was a fun day for Merle McNutt as he turned 98 on Nov. 14. A special party was held for him at the Heather Haus. Shown with Merle are these friends: Front row (From left to right): Abbey Johnson, Merle and Lois Arntzen. Standing (Standing left to right): Tammy Johnson, Vicki Reid, Wendy Sparks Clint Sparks, Barb Nason, Barb Molland, Vikki Wacek, Bill Beers, Judy Lestrud, Bev Hoveland and Joyce Johns.

Austin/Mower County

Wednesday, November 23
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
11:30am - 12:30pm Walking Tacos, Mower County Senior Center
5:15pm - 6:30pm Stick Time, Packer Arena, Austin
6:30pm - 8pm Adult Hockey, Riverside Arena, Austin
6:45pm - 8pm Public Skate, Packer Arena, Austin
7pm - 8pm Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin
8pm - 10:30pm Austin Big Band Dance, Austin American Legion
8pm - 11:30pm Cosmic Concert at the VFW, Austin VFW Post 1216
Thursday, November 24
3:30pm - 5pm Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
Friday, November 25
10am - 5pm Members Holiday Show Where: Austin ArtWorks Center
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
1pm - 2pm Public Skate, Packer Arena, Austin
2:45pm - 4pm Stick Time, Packer Arena, Austin
5pm - 7pm Christmas in the City, Downtown Austin
5pm - 7pm Gallery Opening Open House, Austin ArtWorks Center
5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo, Austin VFW
7:30pm - 9pm Jane Taylor Academy of Dance - The Nutcracker, Historic Paramount Theatre
8pm - 11:30pm Ventura Highway Concert, Austin VFW Post 1216
Saturday, November 26
10am - 5pm Members Holiday Show Where: Austin ArtWorks Center
7pm - 10pm Austin Bruins vs Minnesota Magicians, Riverside Arena, Austin
Sunday, November 27
1pm - 3pm Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
1pm - 2:30pm Riverside Figure Skating Club - Basic Skills, Riverside Arena
2:30pm - 5pm Riverside Figure Skating Club - Power & Moves, Precision Line, Advanced Ice Time, Riverside Arena
Monday, November 28
All day Lyle Lion's Club Meeting Mon Nov 28, 2016 - Tue Nov 29, 2016, Lyle
11:30am - 12:30pm SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
5:15pm - 7:15pm Bingo Where: Austin VFW
Tuesday, November 29
10am - 5pm Members Holiday Show Where: Austin ArtWorks Center
12pm - 1pm Tuesdays with Toastmasters Where: Hormel Foods Corporate Offic
1pm - 7pm American Red Cross Blood Drive Where: Mower County Senior Center
3:30pm - 5pm Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4pm - 7pm Christmas in the Northwest, Northwest Austin
6:30pm - 7:30pm Lion's Club Meeting, Lyle Community Center

Blooming Prairie

Wednesday, November 23
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
Tuesday, November 29-
4pm - 7pm JFK - Elem Lunchroom
Saturday, November 26
7am - 4pm BBB Scrimmage, East/West/Elem Gyms
Monday, November 28
3pm - 8pm JFK - Elem Lunchroom, Elem Lunchroom
3pm - 4pm Tie Dye Ornament Where: 4th grade room
5:30pm - 7pm 6th grade GBB Where: Elem Gym
Tuesday, November 29
3pm - 4pm Snowman Lightbulb Ornament, 5th grade room

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7pm - 8pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm 7pm - 8pm NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
Monday, November 28
6:20pm - 7:40pm NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl
Tuesday, November 29
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

Owatonna

Thursday, November 24
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time
Friday, November 25
6pm-7:30pm OHS Boys Alumni Hockey Game, 4 Seasons Arena Owatonna
7pm - 8pm Movie Night, New Beginnings Church, Owatonna
Monday, November 28
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
4pm - 5pm Owatonna Housing & Redevelopment Authority, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
Tuesday, November 29
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!

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Thursday, November 24
All Day:
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5:30pm - 6:30pm AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
Friday, November 25
All Day: City offices, librar , and schools are closed.
6pm - 9pm Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Saturday, November 26
All Day: Library Closed
6pm - 9pm Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Monday, November 28
10:30am - 11:30am ALPL Story time
6pm - 7pm City Council Work Session, City of Albert Lea
7pm - 8pm AL City Council, Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 29
All day Clubs and Activities Photo Day Tue Nov 29, 2016 - Wed Nov 30, 2016, Albert Lea High School
8am - 9am Social Media Breakfast, City of Albert Lea 6pm - 9pm Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea

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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.
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STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8921 13TH ST SW, MERIDAN, MN 56093
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-017-4211
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on June 13, 2017.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: October 13, 2016

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST
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.
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

10/18, 10/25, 11/1
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Foreclosure

16-104834

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.
Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP
BY: Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559
Diane F. Mach - 273788
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

10/18, 10/25, 11/1
11/8, 11/15, 11/22

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 18, 2008

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

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: April 23, 2008

Steele County Recorder

Document #: A000356751

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

PARCEL ID #: 171720223

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

Transaction Agent: N/A

Transaction Agent Id No.: N/A

Current Mortgage Servicer: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Advisor's Mortgage LLC

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $167,382.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $150,248.90
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgagors have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;
PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 15, 2016 at 10:00 am

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

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagor, their personal representatives or assigns.
DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is June 15, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
MORTGAGOR RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Dated: October 17, 2016

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
Mortgagee
Kenneth J. Johnson
Minnesota State Bar No. 0246074
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
230 W. Monroe St., Ste. 1125
Chicago, IL 60606
Phone 312-541-9710
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10/25,11/1, 11/8
11/15, 11/22, 11/29

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.
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11/1,11/8.11/15
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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: **November 9, 2016**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: **December 3, 2014**

2. Mortgagors: **Community Resource Bank**

3. Mortgagees: **Tripp Oil, LLC**

4. Recording Information: **Recorded on January 9, 2015, as Document Number A000400337** (or in Book […] of […] Page […]), in the Office of the **X County Recorder** Registrar of Titles **of Steele County, Minnesota**

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to [insert name of Assignee] by written assignment recorded on [month/day/year], as Document Number […] (or in Book […] of […] Page […]), in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

Further assigned to [insert name of Assignee] by written assignment recorded on [month/day/year], as Document Number […] (or in Book […] of […] Page […]), in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

For additional assignments of Mortgage, provide the relevant information below.
[…]

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 17-3260104 (Abstract Property)

• Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

All that part of Lot 3, Block 1, Matthew's Northtown Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence S 89 degrees 57' 14" E, assumed bearing, 233.00 feet along the North line of said Lot 3; thence S 0 degrees 02' 46" W 198.00 feet; thence N 89 degrees 47' 14" W 227.47 feet to the West line of said Lot 3; thence N 1 degree 33' 16" W 198.08 feet to beginning.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: **435 26th Street NE, Owatonna, MN 55060.**

other foreclosure data

9. The person holding the Mortgage: [check one]
is a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are […].

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is […].

X is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are […].

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is […].

INFORMATION REGARDING Foreclosure

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was $199,302.51.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: $201,616.62.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on December 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is Six (6) Months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on "NOT APPLICABLE".

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.

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
MARTIN & SQUIRES, P.A.
Attn: John Paul Martin
332 Minnesota Street, Suite W2750
St. Paul, MN 55101

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
Community Resource Bank
1605 Heritage Drive
Northfield, MN 55057

11/15, 11/22, 11/29
12/6, 12/13, 12/20

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

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: **November 9, 2016**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: **April 24, 2014**

2. Mortgagors: ***Community Resource Bank***

3. Mortgagees: Tripp Oil, LLC

4. Recording Information: Recorded on April 29, 2014, as Document Number A000396801 (or in Book […] of […] Page […]), in the Office of the X County Recorder Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: Assigned to [insert name of Assignee] by written assignment recorded on [month/day/year], as Document Number […] (or in Book […] of […] Page […]), in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

Further assigned to [insert name of Assignee] by written assignment recorded on [month/day/year], as Document Number […] (or in Book […] of […] Page […]), in the recording office stated in paragraph 4.

For additional assignments of Mortgage, provide the relevant information below.
[…]

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 17-3260104 (Abstract Property)

• Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

All that part of Lot 3, Block 1, Matthew's Northtown Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence S 89 degrees 57' 14" E, assumed bearing, 233.00 feet along the North line of said Lot 3; thence S 0 degrees 02' 46" W 198.00 feet; thence N 89 degrees 47' 14" W 227.47 feet to the West line of said Lot 3; thence N 1 degree 33' 16" W 198.08 feet to beginning.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: **435 26th Street NE, Owatonna, MN 55060.**

other foreclosure data

9. The person holding the Mortgage: [check one]
is a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are […].

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is […].

X is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.
The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is/are […].

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is […].

INFORMATION REGARDING Foreclosure

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was $289,000.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: $299,674.50.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at public auction on **December 29, 2016 at 10:15 a.m., at 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060.**

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is Six (6) Months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on "NOT APPLICABLE".

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Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
MARTIN & SQUIRES, P.A.
Attn: John Paul Martin
332 Minnesota Street, Suite W2750
St. Paul, MN 55101

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
Community Resource Bank
1605 Heritage Drive
Northfield, MN 55057

11/15, 11/22, 11/29
12/6, 12/13, 12/20

Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CIVIL DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Case Type: Action to Determine Adverse Claims to Real Estate
Court File No. 74-CV-16-2102

SUMMONS

SEMCO Properties, LLC, A Minnesota limited liability company,
Plaintiffs
v.
Hans Klein, Kate Klein also known as Katherine B. Klein, Robert D. Klein, Edw. Ferkinhoff and Cecilia Ferkinhoff and also any unknown assigns and successors of the above-named Defendants; and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein,
Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO HANS KLEIN, KATE KLEIN, AKA KATHERINE B. KLEIN, ROBERT D. KLEIN, EDW. FERKINHOFF AND CECILIA FERKINHOFF

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.
2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

David L. Einhaus
Einhaus, Mattison,
Carver & Haberman, P.A.
202 North Cedar Avenue
/P.O. Box 545
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond.
A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. This Action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Steele, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

PARCEL A

All that part of the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 4-T107N-R20W, Steele County, Minnesota; described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said SE1/4 SW1/4; thence North 00°39'33" West a distance of 245.00 feet, on an assumed bearing on the west line of said SE1/4 SW1/4, to the point of beginning;

thence North 00°39'33" West a distance of 123.00 feet, on said west line, to the south line of Block 1, TWELFTH AVENUE ADDITION, as the same is platted and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in Steele County, Minnesota;

thence South 89°05'06" East a distance of 175.19 feet, on the south line of said Block 1, to the west line of a parcel described in Document No. 406322, as the same is recorded in said Office;

thence South 00°39'33" East distance of 123.01 feet, to the north line of a parcel described in Document No. 361231, as the same is recorded in said Office;

thence North 89°04'51" West a distance of 175.19 feet, to the point of beginning;

subject to a highway easement on the west side thereof and any other easements or restrictions of record, if any.

AND

PARCEL B

All that part of the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 4-T107N-R20W, Steele County, Minnesota; described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said SE1/4 SW1/4; thence South 89°04'51" East a distance of 345.00 feet, on an assumed bearing on the south line of said SE1/4 SW1/4, to the southeast corner of a parcel described in Document No. 361231, as the same is recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in Steele County, Minnesota, being the point of beginning;

thence South 89°04'51" East a distance of 150.01 feet, on said south line, to the southwest corner of STADHEIM ADDITION, as the same is platted and recorded in said Office;

thence North 00°41'56" West a distance of 115.18 feet, on the west line of said STADHEIM ADDITION;
thence North 89°04'51" West a distance of 149.93 feet, to the east line of said parcel;
thence South 00°39'33" East a distance of 115.18 feet, to the point of beginning;
subject to a public road easement on the south side thereof and any other easements or restrictions of record, if any.

The object of this action is to obtain a judgment that Plaintiff SEMCO Properties, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company is the owner of that real estate and that none of the Defendants have any estate or interest therein.

EINHAUS, MATTISON, CARVER & HABERMAN P.A.

Dated: October 17, 2016

/s/ David L. Einhaus
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §549.211, to the party against whom the allegations in this pleading are asserted.

Dated: October 17, 2016

EINHAUS, MATTISON, CARVER &HABERMAN P.A.

By: /s/ David L. Einhaus

David L. Einhaus (#26190)

11/15, 11/22,11/29

Assumed Name

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, 333

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ASSUMED NAME: **Park Place**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **125 Park Street East, Owatonna MN 55060 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: **Steele County Communities**
Address: **1995 East Rum River Drive South, Cambridge, MN 55008**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Trent Pepper, Esq.**

MAILING ADDRESS: **1995 East Rum River Drive South, Cambridge MN 55008**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **Janel.paulson@bhshealth.org**

11/15, 11/22

Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF STEELE
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number:
74-CV-16-1871

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the Matter of the Petition of Federal National Mortgage Association for an Order directing entry of a new certificate of title after mortgage foreclosure.

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TO: KIM M. DOUGHERTY LARSON, MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AND MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE:

Upon receiving and filing the Report of Examiner of Titles in the above entitled matter, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you and all persons interested, appear before this Court on the 9th day of December, 2016 at 11:00 a.m, Steele County Courthouse, 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, and then, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, show cause, if any there may be, why this Court should not enter an Order as follows:

That the Registrar of Titles, upon the filing with him of a certified copy of this Order cancel Certificate of Title No. 16503 and enter a new Certificate of Title for Lot 12, Except the East 90 feet; Lot 13, Except the East 90 feet; and the
East 62.1 feet of Lot 14, in Block 1; all lying and being in Elm Heights Addition to the City of Owatonna.

in favor of the Federal National Mortgage Association free of the memorial of the following documents:

#T000057222; #T000057223; #T000061882; #T000061893; #T000067128; #T000067129; #T000070309; #T000072977; #T000073024; #T000073025; #T000073525; and #T000073582; #T000073768; #T000073809; #T000073810; and #T000073916;

and free of the memorial of this Order, but subject to all other memorials and recitals appearing on Certificate of Title No. 16503.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order be served:

(a) at least 10 days prior to such hearing upon the above named parties residing in this State in the manner provided by law for the service of Summons in a civil action;

(b) it shall be served at least 14 days prior to such hearing upon any of the above named non-residents by sending a copy of this Order to such non-residents their post office address, by registered or certified mail, with a return receipt requested;

(c) it shall be served upon any party who cannot be found by two weeks published notice and by sending a copy of this Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing by first class mail to their address as stated on the Certificate of Title if an address is so stated.

(d) upon a dissolved, withdrawn or revoked business entity governed by Minn. Stat., Chp. 302A, 303, 317A, 322A, 322B or 323 in the manner provided by Minn. Stat. 5.25. (Note: return date on the Order to Show Cause must be at least 30 days after the date of mailing by the Secretary of State).

YOU NEED NOT APPEAR IF YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

BY THE COURT,
/s/ Karen Duncan 10/3/2016
Judge of District Court

Attorney for Petitioner:

Melissa B. Porter
Shapiro & Zielke, LLP
12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200
Burnsville, Minnesota 55337

Approved as to form:

By: /s/ David L. Einhaus
David L Einhaus, Examiner of Titles

11/22, 11/29

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 29, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $384,678.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Kevin C. Butler and Donna M. Butler, 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 March 30, 2007, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000348717
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 3, Block 2, North Country Addition No. 3.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2450 Briarwood Place NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-594-0203
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $354,090.75
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: January 13, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on July 13, 2017, or the next business day if July 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: November 14, 2016

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY

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Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

11/22, 11/29, 12/6
12/13, 12/20, 12/27

Summons

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 10/25/2016
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
• Glynn/Brady to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
2. Schultz/Huntington to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes all.
• Approve the Minutes of October 11, 2016.
• Approve the Listing of Bills.
• Approve Personnel Report
• Approve the quote from Owatonna Heating & Cooling for the Compressor Replacement at the Administration Building I the amount of $58,521 and the quote from Cole Electric in the amount of $300 for electrical work.
• Accept Public Works Minutes.
• Accept Land Use and Records Minutes.
• Glynn/Brady offer Resolution pursuant to authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 394.307, Subdivision 9, the County of Steele opts-out of the requirements of Minnesota Statute 394.307, which defines and regulates Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Schultz/Huntington offer Resolution The Steele County Board of Commissioners declares the end of the State of Emergency in Steele County for conditions resulting from the flood event of September 21, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Huntington/Glynn Resolution to authorize final payment for Project No. CP 074-016-006 to Crane Creek Asphalt (Div. of Mathy Constr.) in the amount of $27,975.20. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Glynn/Brady Resolution to authorize final payment for Project No. CP 074-016-002 to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. in the amount of $38,868.68. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Huntington/Schultz to approve the advertising for bids for the sale of three accessory buildings which were not considered a loss and set the bid opening date for December 1, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Brady to approve Change Order #2 DMI in the amount of $8,400 for the Public Works Building. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Schultz to approve the Agreement with Rice County to board inmates. Ayes all.
• Huntington/Schultz to approve paying the cost of the tax rewrite from the Compliance Fund. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
10/25/2016

30th Place LLC	17,611.23
A'viands LLC	9,836.64
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	8,149.26
AMCON	10,631.00
Athletica Sports Systems Unlimited Corp	40,381.00
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	9,380.00
Central Farm Services	3,378.20
City of Owatonna	15,857.15
CliftonLarsonAllen LLC	11,900.00
Crane Creek Asphalt	2,333.76
Dakota County Financial Svc	16,253.02
Empire Pipe Services	7,531.00
Erickson Engineering Co LLC	18,662.44
Hancock Concrete Products Co LLC	8,500.52
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc.	3,090.85
Kris Engineering Inc	15,647.02
Kronos Inc.	2,340.00
Mayo Clinic	4,426.00
MCCC MI 33	5,497.16
Metro Sales Inc	2,058.83
Oertel Architects	25,070.20
R & K Electric Inc	2,860.07
Rinke-Noonan	5,325.50
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc	12,838.22
Stanley Security Solutions Inc	2,964.62
Steele County Agricultural Society	4,295.00
Stonebrooke Engineering Inc.	13,225.58
Turnkey Corrections	7,658.46
Waseca County Treasurer	4,224.03
Wencl Construction Inc	4,967.00
157 Warrants under $2,000	88,149.00
Total:	$385,042.76

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Brady to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 6:15 p.m. Ayes all.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR

11/22

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Nativity brunch and bake sale at Catholic Church

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Adjust your calendars and make room on Sunday, Dec. 4 for the St. Columbanus Council of Catholic Women (CCW) nativity brunch and bake sale at the church, 114 East Main Street in Blooming Prairie.

In addition to enjoying a fresh-baked breakfast, visitors will be able to buy baked goods and also have the opportunity to see beautiful nativities from all over the world.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. and continues until noon.

The meal includes breakfast burritos, hash browns, assorted pastries, sliced oranges, milk, juice and coffee.

A free will offering will be accepted and will benefit the CCW Fund. The fund is used upon request throughout the year and also helps benefit a number of organizations that the CCW donates to each year.

The bake sale will feature a variety of sweets and treats for guests to take home for their enjoyment.

Shirley Hinzmann, who helps organize the event, said she especially enjoys viewing the nativity scenes.

Joanne VanWyek collected the nativity scenes and, after she passed away in 2012, her sister Margaret Noble decided to display the scenes at the church each year for all to enjoy.

"We have many of them set up," said Hinzmann. "The displays are from all over the world and they are all so different."

The displays adorn the tables in the church basement, where they remain on display throughout the month of December.

Hinzmann said that the nativity scenes also add to the atmosphere during the church's weekly activities.

Hinzmann encourages all to come enjoy the event and help support the local CCW.

Kids for Christmas: Wyatt and Serenity

This Christmas season Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for "bigs" who want to brighten the lives of some "littles." Over the coming weeks, we'll be running profiles of children waiting for their very own big brother or sister.



Wyatt

Wyatt is a 10-year-old boy witty boy.

He enjoys skateboarding, riding his scooter, wrestling, reading, football, baseball, 4-wheeling, dirt biking, soccer, sledding and fishing.

The best Big Brother for Wyatt would be someone who can bring him out of his shell.



Serenity

Serenity is a 6-year-old fun girl!

She likes going to the park, imaginative play, swimming, school, arts and crafts, and painting her toenails.

Serenity would like to play sports with her Big Sister as well as go to McDonald's and movies.

Overall, her family would like a Big Sister for Serenity to give her one on one attention and introduce her to new places and opportunities.

If Wyatt, Serenity, or a child in a similiar situation, is someone you would like to make a difference in the life of, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters: Southern Minnesota at 507-451-5922 or look them up online.

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

Cancer Corner

Support the fighters, Admire the survivors, Honor the taken.

Positivity helps Emily Schoenbeck fight cancer at a young age

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Keeping a positive attitude and surrounding one's self with a circle of friends are two ingredients to successfully battling cancer, says Steele County Times News Editor Emily Schoenbeck.

The 22-year-old Watertown, South Dakota native came to Blooming Prairie last summer to join the staff of the Times.

What many of her new friends, working colleagues and work contacts did not know about this young journalist was that Emily is a cancer survivor. Her chic persona reveals a person who is focused on challenges of the moment. In her professional writing career, there is no task that she will not accept.

Fellow journalist Josh Zimmer, the Times sports editor, describes Emily as being "feisty." She agrees with that assessment.

Emily's positivity on life was accentuated two years ago about Christmas time when her mother helped protect Emily's life by noticing a lump on Emily's neck next to her collar bone.

Urged by her parents Donna and Lee to have the lump checked out, Emily learned from doctors at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD that she had Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Their diagnosis came after she underwent an ultrasound, MRI, CT scan and had a biopsy procedure.

Emily was a student at the College of St. Benedict's near St.Cloud, MN at the time she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's. She majored in English and theatre.

Hodgkin's disease is a type of lymphoma, a blood cancer that starts in the lymphatic system. It can occur at any age, but is most prevalent between the ages of 15 and 40 and after the age of 56.

With proper treatment, chances for recovery are as high as 95 percent, Emily says.

After undergoing a series of tests, Emily was diagnosed with stage II Hodgkin's which means that cancer is found in two lymph node regions. It was then recommended by her physician, Dr. Michael Keppen, that she take a series of four chemo therapy treatments followed by two weeks of daily radiation treatment. "I really like my doctor; he's kind and always honest," Emily said.

Emily's parents desired she come home during the time of treatment but Emily insisted that she remain in college. She did. Her parents drove to St. Ben's on weekends and took her to her chemo treatment in Sioux Falls.

After four rounds of chemo, Emily underwent a MRI and it was said her recovery was complete and she was in remission. "I was so relieved," she said. "I lost part of my hair and invested in a few hats," she recalls.

Her radiation treatments were performed at a medical facility near the college.

Emily goes in for a checkup every six months with the next checkup in January of 2017.

"When you have cancer, it's on your mind every day but as the recovery continued, I forgot I had cancer. You have to realize that much of what happens to us is beyond our control. My doctors told me they would take care of the physical part of cancer and said I must take care of the mind part."

Emily says her faith, family and friends have been a source of comfort for her.

She also is impressed with the concern shown by the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group for cancer patients. "I respect what they do," Emily said.

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