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SECTION CHAMPS

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The Owatonna Huskies captured the Section One Class 5A football title Friday night after crushing Rochester Century 37-0 in Owatonna. Jason Williamson, left, and team captain Alex Raichle proudly show off the championship trophy as other team members swarm around them. The Huskies move on to the state quarterfinals Saturday night at Lakeville North. Owatonna, 9-1, is ranked No. 8 in the state.

Owatonna, Austin named finalists for Top Minnesota Town

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

In the quest to find which town best embodies the Spirit of Minnesota, a Twin Cities magazine has narrowed its finalists to five communities, including Owatonna and Austin.

Last week Minnesota Monthly named five finalists for the Best Minnesota Town competition. Besides the pair of southeastern Minnesota towns, the top contenders are Bemidji, Waconia and Walker.

In September, the public got a chance to vote for the top cities in Minnesota. Owatonna collected the most with nearly 96,000 votes, which was nearly 20,000 more than the next contender, Bemidji.

"We were just so excited we received the most," said Katie Godfrey, conventions and tourism director for Owatonna. "We would be honored if Owatonna were named the Best Minnesota Town."

The public vote made up 25 percent of the score for each finalist with the remaining 75 percent coming from a panel of notable Minnesotans. The panel included: Dan McElroy, president and CEO of Hospitality Minnesota; Kate Roberts, senior exhibitor developer for the Minnesota Historical Society and Kevin Kling, playwright, author and humorist.

Godfrey described the application process for the competition as "very vigorous." She said she put a lot of work into answering the questions as accurately as possible. "It was like writing a college paper," she said.

In Owatonna's application, Godfrey said she highlighted the community being "known for preserving and caring about history." She also spotlighted the spirit of innovation throughout the community by identifying at least three businesses, Viracon, Jostens and Wenger, who have had an impact on the entire world.

Another selling point for Owatonna, Godfrey said, is its spirit of philanthropy. She noted how Federated Insurance donates millions of dollars to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization.

The winning city will be announced at a gala in downtown Minneapolis on Nov. 30.

Besides having bragging rights to being the best town in the state, the winner will also receive a media campaign valued at more than \$50,000, a proclamation from Governor Mark Dayton and a party in their community.

"We would use it as a marketing arm to bring tourism to Owatonna," Godfrey said. "This would be huge to bring more visitors to Owatonna."

This is the inaugural year for the best town competition. Dozens of towns heeded the call earlier this year and submitted impassioned entries that included details on the town's history, geographic and cultural challenges and opportunities, beloved landmarks, diversity, community events and resources and outstanding citizens.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Fundraiser to benefit developmentally disabled

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Devastation overcame Laurie Running when she found out her oldest daughter was developmentally disabled more than 30 years ago.

Her daughter, Natalie, was 1 year old at the time when they received the diagnosis that she was severely globally developmentally delayed at a Twin Cities hospital. She became severely mentally and physically challenged.

"It was total devastation," Running says. "It was very hard. It's a grieving process," she said.

She credits her husband, Brad, and a strong family support system for helping them get through the tough times of raising their daughter. "Our friends were there for us," Running said. "People didn't know what to say, but they were there for us. Nobody shied away from us."

Running said her daughter's diagnosis turned her life upset down. She absolutely adored being a teacher, but had to give it up because Natalie's needs were so great. The family moved to the area about 30 years ago.

Since then she has found a way to champion those suffering from being mentally challenged. She serves as the director of Advocates for Developmental Disabilities of Steele County and operates out of a small office at St. John's Lutheran Church in Owatonna.

"I didn't want to do this," she admits. "But here I am 28 years later. It was because of Natalie that I got into this. I care about this as much as when I first started."

Running is in the middle of organizing the organization's largest fundraiser of the year, the Festival of Trees.



STAFF PHOTO: RICK BUSSLER

Laurie Running is the director of Advocates for Developmental Disabilities of Steele County. Her organization is holding a Festival of Trees fundraiser on Nov. 17 to benefit people throughout Steele County suffering from developmental disabilities.

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FESTIVAL OF TREES

Friday,
Nov. 17
Holiday Inn-
Owatonna

A benefit for
the Advocates
for Developmental
Disabilities serving
Steele County

Fair manager battles brain tumor

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Shock set in for both family members and fair workers alike when they found out Steele County Fair manager Jim Gleason of Owatonna was diagnosed with a high-grade glioma tumor located on the cerebellum.

"It took all of us back," said Natalie Gleason, Jim's daughter. "It was such a shock, especially because he is in perfect shape and physically fit."

Fair president Dan Deml expressed disbelief as well in learning about Jim's fate. "He's been a picture of good health," Deml said. "It's pretty shocking."

SEE TUMOR, A3

Purple pride in London

BP woman enjoys Vikings game overseas

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

The Minnesota Vikings National Football League team has unending loyalty in Bloomington Prairie.

Since the Vikings came to Minnesota in 1961, a tradition of holding Vikings season tickets has trickled down from generation to generation of Bloomington Prairie families.

The BP tradition sailed like a forward pass all the way to London, England in late October when Bloomington Prairie resident Mary Kittelson and her sister, Kathleen Iversen, of Victoria, followed the Vikings across the "big pond."

The Vikings played the Cleveland Browns in an official NFL game, one of four games scheduled this season featuring NFL teams playing in London. The Vikings came out on top 33-16. London is hoping some day to

acquire an NFL team.

Kittelson's parents, Bob and Phyllis Dandele, were two of the many BP locals who bought season tickets in 1961 and passed them down to family members. Mary and husband Pete, sister Kathleen and husband Mike luckily became beneficiaries of the season tickets. They have then shared them with their family members.

"The schedule came out early this year and right away, I knew what game I wanted to see," Mary said. It was the Oct. 29 game with the Browns. "Pete didn't know at the time that the game was being played in London," Mary remarked.

Mary offered Pete the chance to go with her but because of the harvest season and his connection with it, he declined. Mary then asked her sister to go and without hesitation, she said, "Let's do it."

Plans to make the London trip were then made by Mary with Bursch Travel of Austin. The tour



SUBMITTED PHOTO

It appeared that the Viking heritage was very much alive in London, England on Oct. 29, the day of the National Football League game between the Minnesota Vikings and Cleveland Browns. Here, sisters Kathleen Iversen, far left, and Mary Kittelson, second from right, pose with two authentic Vikings.

included the trip to the game, tickets to the game and a tailgating pass before and after the game. "It was a great opportunity so we took it," Mary said.

Tailgating is something that the early Vikings fans from Bloomington

Prairie embraced at the old Metropolitan Stadium and at the Metrodome.

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OUR VIEW

A celebration of giving through Festival of Trees

As we head into the final weeks of the year, it's a special time loaded with celebrations and festivals.

One that stands out is the Festival of Trees, which will be held on Nov. 17 in Owatonna. This festival features 50 trees of varying sizes decorated with ornaments for the season. They will be on display for a couple weeks after the opening night event at the Holiday Inn in Owatonna.

The Advocates for Developmental Disabilities of Steele County sponsors the festival, which features so much more than trees and refreshments. It is a celebration of giving.

The festival, which began 27 years ago, is a major fundraiser for a group devoted to developmentally challenged people. All the money raised is used to support programs of ADD, which provides services and programs for individuals with developmental disabilities throughout Steele County. The money stays locally.

People with developmental disabilities, along with their families, are provided with support, advocacy and service through ADD. The needs for people with developmental disabilities have grown in recent years as more children are diagnosed with autism, ADHD and cognitively delayed.

Throughout the year, ADD coordinates support groups, parent mentors, special sitters and KOOL Kids on the Block, which is a disability awareness and bullying prevention program designed to raise awareness, sensitivity and acceptance of people with disabilities.

It's especially gratifying to see the work being done by the advocacy group around the county to make the lives better for those less fortunate.

As children and others grapple with these diagnoses, their families struggle as well. The financial burdens can be exhausting. That's where ADD steps in and offers financial help to lessen the pain and anguish for families.

Families don't have a choice when it comes to developmental disabilities. It's something they are forced to deal with, often times being isolated from society and facing the issues alone.

We can help ease the burden for families through supporting such events like the Festival of Trees. It's truly a celebration of giving. And it's one that will pay big rewards to families faced with developmentally disabilities.

GUEST COLUMN

Break for farmers with governor's propane extension order

BY JOHN PETERSBURG

I was very thankful to learn that Governor Dayton has taken action to keep propane supplies moving to the point of demand for home heating and grain drying this harvest season.

Members of the GOP Rural Caucus on Wednesday co-signed a letter to Gov. Mark Dayton, requesting that he issue an executive order temporarily waiving hours of service regulations for transporters of propane and anhydrous ammonia. The governor issued a similar order in 2013, when late-maturing crops and other factors teamed to choke the propane supply chain that fall.

The Governor's Emergency Executive Order eases regulations on hours of service "for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in emergency relief efforts." According to a press release from the Governor's office, it "will help ensure farmers have access to the diesel fuel and propane they need to dry late-harvested crops."

This year's situation does not appear as dire, but several constituents reported that shortages in surrounding states are causing dealers to turn to Minnesota for supplies, straining our state's resources. Haulers have had to wait in line for up to six hours to load their trucks, time which cuts into their allotted hours of service behind the wheel.

SEE PETERSBURG, A3

LETTERS POLICY

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Remembering a radio icon
'Roger Erickson, two hours late, now closed'

In the days of when I was growing up on the farm, the only means we had to find out if school was closed because of inclement weather was to turn on WCCO-Radio. And there was one person we could always count on for that information with his deep baritone voice—Roger Erickson.

For nearly four decades Erickson ruled Minnesota's morning radio airwaves. He's long been retired, but I will never forget the uncanny and craziness he brought into homes every day with his sidekick, Charlie Boone. Together, Boone and Erickson provided the nation's most enduring and popular radio duos of all time.

Erickson, who grew up near my hometown in Winthrop, died of natural causes Oct. 30 at his home in the Twin Cities. He was 89. According to his family, he had been suffering from dementia for about 10 years.

It's fitting that Erickson joked that the epitaph on his tombstone should be, "Roger Erickson, two hours late, now closed."

He always made my day as a child when I heard him say, "Brownton Public School, closed." It was also fun to hear him rattle off school closings from around the state.

Boone and Erickson created a radio shtick that no one else has ever come close to replicating. And most likely never will. Their show featured skits that poked fun at politicians and satirized current events. They often interviewed celebrities and dignitaries.

Perhaps what Erickson and Boone, who died in 2015, were most known for was their "worse than bad" jokes on the air. Their signature skit was the recurring "Minnesota Hospital," a takeoff on an old radio soap opera. Another hallmark of Erickson was the "Good Morning" song.

Erickson was the voice of my childhood, as well as many others. In fact, at one time, WCCO captured

more than 60 percent of the total radio audience in Minnesota. That is unheard of today as no one comes anywhere close.

I had the honor of meeting Erickson many years ago when I arranged for my high school guitar club to be on WCCO. The group traveled to the Minneapolis studio to play Christmas music on Boone's radio show.

I also got to see Erickson in action when he brought his morning show on the road to a farm place in the neighboring community of Hutchinson.



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

I was in awe of not only hearing a radio giant up close, but also meeting him in person.

Erickson and his cohort Boone were a hit in our household for much of their 40 years of existence, even before my time. They began their daily show in 1961 and they kept it lively all the way until the end when Erickson retired in 1998.

Radio will never be what it was with Boone and Erickson.

So many younger radio announcers try to measure up to their success, only to end up falling short.

Erickson was one of the original inductees into the Minnesota Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2001.

I'm thrilled to have had the opportunity to grow up listening to one of the greatest radio legends of all time. For me, Erickson is one of the reasons why Minnesota has been such a charming place to call home all these years.

May Erickson's soul rest in peace as folks go in hot pursuit of remembering such a popular radio icon.

YOUR VIEW

Working to provide a Christmas for needy children

To-the-Editor:

Toys for Tots of Steele County and Family to Family of Steele County are working jointly to provide a Christmas for needy children, 15 and younger and families.

All donations to these two programs, either money, gift cards or toys, remain under local control and are used for local families. All children of school age must be attending school or home schooled.

Toys for Tots of Steele County has been in existence for 35 years. It operates within the national U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve Toys for Tots program, which began in 1947. Its objective is to collect and distribute new and unwrapped toys to Steele County needy children at Christmas. Cash and gift cards received are used to purchase toys as directed by our national organization.

Family to Family of Steele County has been in existence for 40 years. It is a local organization run through the Steele County Department of Human Services. Its objective is to provide food cards for needy families who meet Federal poverty income guidelines. Cash received by us is used to purchase food cards. Gift cards are used to purchase toys.

Parents or guardians must complete applications that are available from locations within the county. They are contacted by mail about the time and location of the pick up where they will select toys for their children, and, if they meet income qualifications, will receive a food card.

Jerry Shore and Don Overlie
Toys for Tots

Nancy Ness
Steele County Food Shelf

It's time to reflect on county's lawsuit

To-the-Editor:

Now that the dust has settled and the county has a new administrator and engineer, it seems time to reflect on the lawsuit brought forth by the past administrator.

Many in the county believe it to be extremely frivolous while also thinking that it is in part an attempt to influence next year's election. One thing that adds a bit of credence to the belief that past members of the board or others in the community may have influenced the lawsuit is how the first choice for administrator backed off his appointment.

The lawsuit was a headline in an area newspaper the weekend prior to him informing the board that he was not going to accept the position. In the second paragraph of the article in the newspaper the following Tuesday, he stated that due to developments of the past weekend he had decided not to accept. Further on in the article he stated a couple more reasons. He also said he had always wanted to return to Owatonna.

Now it's possible he read about the lawsuit either in the paper or online. Or it's also possible someone in our community informed him and he was influenced by the information. What is certain is it did have a bit of influence.

There are a few things about the lawsuit that are troubling. First of all, I believe there were at least 30 or more applications for the administrator job and of those only a few were female and yet one made the final three. Does not look like the board discriminates against women. I sincerely hope the lawsuit does not influence the hiring of qualified women in the future. It seems every alleged minority feels they are discriminated when being terminated.

Also mentioned in the lawsuit is retaliation for being a whistle blower in regards to alleged numerous violations of the open meeting laws. I happen to know that the present board was very concerned about that after it was pointed out to them after several of them had ended up at the same establishment after a meeting.

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STAFF PHOTO: HOWARD LESTRUD

Which wine was the best? Ask the 80 persons who attended the 16th annual Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Dazzle Wine & Beer Tasting Party on Thursday, Nov. 2 at the BP Servicemen's Club. McKenzie Zuniga of the Phillips Wine Co. pours a sample for a guest.

Wine and beer tasting event benefits BP Chamber

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Blooming Prairie's Holiday Dazzle season kicked off last Thursday night with its 16th annual Holiday Dazzle Wine and Beer Tasting Party.

The event was held at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club and benefits the BP Area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber member Nancy Farr of J & H Liquors chaired the event.

Eighty persons attended this popular fundraising night.

Four wine companies were represented: Phillips Wine Co, Paustis Wine Co., Wine Merchants and Southern Glazers of Minnesota. Beer companies included Northern Beverage and Schott's Distribution.

Party guests had the opportunity to taste test wines and beers during the evening. Delicious appetizers were available during the night.

Appetizers were donated by The Bakery of Blooming Prairie, Eunice Doocy, Monica Lea, Travelin' Picnic

Tables, Pizza Cellar/Cue Company, US Bank, Servicemen's Club, Vandal's, J & H Liquors, Casey's General Store, Prairie Family Sports and Chiropractic and Donna Maixner.

Raffle tickets were sold for chances on cases of wine. Winners were Tom Walters and John Hanson.

Mystery gifts were given away after guests wrote their names on slips of paper and placed them into marked boxes.

Mystery gifts were donated by Prairie Plumbing & Heating, Casey's General Store, Sportstitch, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Main Street Dental, US Bank, BP Area Chamber of Commerce, B to Z Hardware, J & H Liquors, The Cutting Edge, Jennifer Walsh Keller Williams Realty, Johnson, Doerhoefer & Miner, A Touch of Charm, Vandal's and Northern Beverage.

Ed Witzel won the evening door prize. Basket winners were: Wanda Edge, Kim Symes, Tammy Bissel, Marilyn Meshke, Kathy Anderson, Jackie Robinson, Ali Mach, Naomi Smith, Holly Ille, Sherrie Pechan, Lindsey Krejci, Mandy Doocy and Pam Folkens.

Nancy Farr thanked the following



STAFF PHOTO: HOWARD LESTRUD

Jackie Robinson of Blooming Prairie won this gift basket at the 16th Annual Holiday Dazzle Wine and Beer Tasting Party on Thursday night, Nov. 2 at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club. The basket was donated by Farmers & Merchants Bank of BP.

helpers at the event: Dori Hagen, Taylor Farr, Zach Prouty, Monica Lea, Kathy Anderson, Joann Nielsen, Mary Kittelson, Jeremy and Amy Simon and Greg Johnson.

TREES: Fundraiser to benefit developmentally disabled

FROM PAGE A1

The opening night will be Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Owatonna. The group hopes to raise more than \$33,000 from the event.

The festival will feature a silent auction of 100 baskets, along with entertainment, wall of wine, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. "The festival is truly a celebration of giving," Running said. "We're well-known for one of the best silent auctions."

She said many people utilize the fundraiser as a great opportunity to purchase gifts for the holidays.

Prior to the festival, the organization solicits tree sponsors. All the trees, ranging from 4-foot pencils to 7 ½-foot pines, will be on display through Nov. 25. The group has sold 50 artificial trees, and they will be decorated for the festival.

"It's an awesome way to kick off the holiday season," Running says.

All the money raised, Running said, will benefit families and individuals with disabilities.

Most importantly, Running said the festival is a way to serve the needs for the developmentally disabled in Steele County.

The festival, which is in its 27th year, started because of the growing needs for disabilities. "We needed to respond to the different needs that can help support the families," she said.

"We call her our little angel and she is. Natalie is the greatest blessing."

Laurie Running
Advocates for Developmentally Disabled

More children have been diagnosed with disabilities, including ADHD, autism and cognitively delayed, over the past 10 years, according to Running. The agency currently serves about 200 families in the county each year.

The group operates KOOL Kids on the Block, which is a disability awareness/ bullying prevention program. KOOL Kids is designed to increase awareness, sensitivity and acceptance of individuals with disabilities through educational puppet skits and hands on learning

stations, Running said. There are about 2,000 kids throughout the county involved in the program. It has gained popularity at Blooming Prairie Elementary School.

Running said many people are unaware that her agency is available. "People are embarrassed to ask for help," she said. "No one should feel embarrassed or ashamed."

The struggles can be immense for disabled people. "We're here to help make the person's life with disabilities and teach the community that they belong in the community just like the rest of us," Running said. "We're all more alike than different and we need to embrace that. We need to respect everyone," she added.

About 10 years ago, Running's daughter moved into a group home in Owatonna. "We call her our little angel and she is," Running said. "Natalie is the greatest blessing we could have ever received in our family."

Something as simple as a smile coming from Natalie, who is non-verbal, has taught Running to embrace life more. "She has the most incredible smile," she said. "Her life is so simple. Just going over there and saying hi makes her day."

PETERSBURG: Break for farmers

FROM PAGE A2

The Executive Order remains in effect for 30 days, or "until the commercial motor carrier or drivers ceases direct assistance in providing energy relief, whichever occurs first," and may be extended in the future.

STATE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

With QuadGraphics closing in Waseca, it's important to note that there are state-provided programs available allowing impacted workers to transition to new jobs.

One of the most helpful resources is the Dislocated Worker Program. Operated through unemployment insurance, the program is reserved for workers caught in a mass layoff or closure situation. It makes extra resources available to help pay bills beyond normal unemployment insurance,

and also assists with a number of services, including retraining or job search assistance. Visit mn.gov/deed and search for "Dislocated Worker Program."

A new job training grant program approved by the Legislature this year may also be an option. It helps pay full wages for an employee while he or she undergoes training for a new, high-wage job with a company expanding operation in Greater Minnesota. Under this program, a business trains their new workers for jobs paying above average wages for their region, and grants permit them to pay full wages during the on the job training, rather than a lower training wage. It's a great way to help Minnesotans get a good paying job in a new industry that is expanding and growing for years to come.

MNDOT DITCH MOWING

Last year, MnDOT indicated it planned

to change its statewide permitting standards for mowing and baling in ditches along Minnesota's state roadways, which angered many farmers.

Now anyone with an opinion on this topic will have a chance to speak their mind, as the Minnesota Department of Transportation will hold a meeting near Mankato to discuss ditch mowing policies.

The event will take place on Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at South Central College, 1920 Lee Blvd. in North Mankato. If you can't attend, please know that you can also submit written comments by email by filling out a MnDOT comment form: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mowing/comments.html>.

John Petersburg is a state representative for District 24A, which includes Owatonna and Waseca. He may be reached at rep.john.petersburg@house.mn.

TUMOR: Battle for fair manager

FROM PAGE A1

On Oct. 26, Jim underwent brain surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Initially, the family had been told the tumor was inoperable. But doctors went in and removed 90 percent of the tumor. The rest they couldn't get because it was intertwined with the brain stem.

Jim, 64, has been recovering at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester where he is undergoing rehabilitation. The family hoped he would be released today (Tuesday). He will then begin his cancer journey at home and undergo radiation and chemotherapy for 42 days in either Albert Lea or Rochester.

"The prognosis is not good," Natalie said. "It's one of the most aggressive forms of cancer. It's treatable, but it's not curable."

Deml said his wife, Vicki, who is a secretary in the fair office, and other staff members began noticing some cognitive difficulties with Jim in mid October. "He was having problems remembering things and comprehending things," Deml said.

In addition, Jim began having speech problems. "He would be in the middle of a sentence and couldn't remember what he was saying," Deml said. He added the fair staff encouraged him to go to the emergency room, which he finally did and a mass was found on the back of his brain.

"He had a very invasive fast growing malignant brain tumor," Deml said. "The survival rate is very, very low."

Deml said he has been encouraged by the fact doctors were able to remove most of the tumor.

Natalie said her father has been working with a speech therapist since his surgery. Jim has been showing some signs of frustration in the rehab process, but "he has progressed leaps and bounds," she said. "He is making strides."

Deml has been in phone contact with Jim. "He seems to be kind of upbeat, but you can tell it affects his speech and words," Deml said. "He had a hard time verbalizing what he wanted to say," he added.

Jim will be away from his full-time job as managing Minnesota's largest county fair for several months, according to Natalie. She hopes he will be able to get back to work down the road. "He has had a blast with the fair," Natalie said. "We hope he will still be a part of it for years to come. He is very, very passionate about what he does for the fair," she said.

After working at a couple radio stations in Owatonna for 37 years, he became manager of the fair in 2012 having worked for about a year under former manager Elmer Reseland, who died during the 2012 fair. "We've been blessed with good fair managers," Deml said. "You won't have the kind of fair we have without the managers we have."

In the interim, Deml plans to "pick up the slack a little bit" at the fair office, along with the secretaries. Deml's wife has been with the fair for 20 years. "We are blessed that we have some good office people," Deml said, noting it also helps that this is the slower time of the year for the fair.

"I'm not panicking at this point of time," Deml said. "For now he's still our manager until we realize he can't come back."

Jim's family knows he has a long road ahead. And he'll do it with his family at his side. He and his wife Jean have three children and three grandchildren. "That's one of the reasons he wants to fight so hard," Natalie said. "It's just one day at a time," she added.

The family appreciates the support they have received from the community through this ordeal. His CaringBridge site has attracted more than 800 visitors as of late last week. "What's going to help him is the support from the community," Natalie said. "That's been the most amazing part."

For those who would like to stay updated on Jim's journey, visit his CaringBridge site at www.caringbridge.org/visit/jimgleason1971.

As for the journey over the past few weeks, Natalie said it's still all sinking in for her family. "It does remind us how precious and fleeting life is," she said. "Appreciate the time you have with loved ones."

Natalie Gleason
Jim Gleason's Daughter

YOUR VIEW

NIELSON: Reflect on county's lawsuit

FROM PAGE A2

I also know that past boards members met many times in violation of the law while this same administrator was in position to bring charges. The law in and of itself is frivolous and meaningless given modern technology.

The lawsuit also mentioned that the Board violated the Veterans Act of dismissing a veteran. First of all, the veteran in question was not terminated but was informed his position and another were going to be consolidated. He was certainly able to apply for the position. It was the Administrator that walked the two out and gave them a month or more of pay.

What is obvious to those that have followed county business is that the administrator was not on the same page as the new board. Often in such cases, those charged are encouraged to settle out of court, which has had the effect of encouraging similar suits. I would hope they reject any settlement and in fact go after court costs.

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Dear Savvy Senior,
As a divorced woman, am I entitled to my ex-husband's Social Security benefits? I was married for 14 years and would like to know how this works.

Happily Divorced

Dear Divorced,
Yes, you may very well be eligible for divorced spouses Social Security benefits if you meet certain criteria. Here's how it works.
A divorced spouse can collect a Social Security retirement benefit on the earnings record of their ex-husband (or ex-wife) if you are at least age 62, were married for at least 10 years, are unmarried, and are not eligible for a higher benefit based on your own earnings record.
In order to collect, your former spouse must also be at least 62 and eligible for Social Security benefits. But, he doesn't have to be receiving them in order for you to collect divorced spouse's benefits, as long as you've been divorced for at least two years.
Even if your ex is remarried, it won't affect your right to divorcee benefits, nor will it affect your ex's retirement benefits or his current spouse's benefits.
Benefit Amount
A divorced spouse can receive up to 50 percent of their ex's full Social Security benefit, or less if they take benefits before their full retirement age – which is 66 if you were born between 1943 and 1954. To find out your full retirement age and see how much your benefits will be reduced by taking them early see SSA.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html.
Keep in mind though, that if you qualify for benefits based on your own work history, you'll receive the larger of the two benefits. You cannot receive benefits on both your record, and your ex's work record too.
To find out how much your retirement benefits will be, see your Social Security statement at SSA.gov/myaccount. And to get an estimate of your ex's benefits, call Social Security at 800-772-1213. You'll need his Social Security Number to get it.
Divorced Survivor
You also need to know that if your ex-spouse dies, and you were married for 10 or more years, you become eligible for divorced survivor benefits,

Social Security Options for Divorced Spouses

which is worth up to 100 percent of what your ex-spouse was due.
Survivor's benefits are available to divorced spouses as early as age 60 (50 if you're disabled). But, if you remarry before 60 you become ineligible unless the marriage ends. Remarrying after age 60 will not affect your eligibility.
Also note that if you are receiving divorced spouses benefits when you ex-spouse dies, you will automatically be switched over to the higher paying survivor benefit.
Switching Strategies
Being divorced also offers a switching strategy that can help boost your benefits if you were born on or before Jan. 1, 1954. Here's how it works. If you worked and are eligible for benefits on your own earnings record, you could file a "restricted application" with Social Security at age 66 to collect a divorced spousal benefit, which is half of what your ex gets. Then, once you reach 70, you stop receiving the ex-spousal benefit and switch to your own benefit, which will be 32 percent higher than it would have been at your full retirement age.
Unfortunately, as a result of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, this option is not available if your birthday is Jan. 2, 1954 or later.
Divorced widows (and widowers) also have switching options regardless of your birthday. If, for example, you are currently collecting Social Security retirement benefits on your own record, and your ex-spouse dies, you can switch to survivor's benefits if the payment is larger. Or, if you're collecting survivor's benefits, you can switch to your own retirement benefits – between 62 and 70 – if it offers a larger payment.
For more information visit SSA.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html, or call 800-772-1213.
Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago
Nov. 6, 2007
Dan Evans, Publisher

She's a long way from home, but his past August, Blooming Prairie welcomed foreign exchange student Sophie Gemne from Belgium. Sophie is staying with Steven and Caroline Honzenga, who have hosted numerous other foreign exchange students in the past. Sophie lives in a small town near Leege, Belgium, where she has two older brothers. Sophie has already made many great memories here in Blooming Prairie. At the high school, she is involved in the musical choir. However, when asked her favorite experience, Sophie quickly said, "Teepeeing!"

Mark it on your calendar and write it on your hand, Dolly Gallagher Levi, the widowed, brassy, meddling matchmaker is coming to Blooming Prairie High School's stage Nov. 9 – 11, and it shouldn't be missed. Blooming's own Christine Nicholson will portray Dolly in this production, and with her alto vocals and Channingsque style she should bring the house down. Chrissy's character has her sights set on the cantankerous but wealthy, Horace Vandergelder, played by Pat Rumpza.

50 Years Ago
Nov. 9, 1967
Victor, Vernon & Vryle Krejci, Publishers

suspicious circumstances and believe SIDS will be revealed the cause of death.

The Blooming Prairie Cooperative Creamery, a widely recognized name in the dairy industry for the past 75 years, will cease operations on Wednesday of this past week, Albert Yentsch, general overseer, announced to the Times Tuesday afternoon. The local creamery has been in financial difficulty for sometime and the news that the dairy plant would be closed permanently comes as no big surprise to area residents.

Rhonda Phipps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Phipps, Blooming Prairie, will participate in the "Junior Miss Pageant" on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Owatonna High School Auditorium.

75 Years Ago
Nov. 5, 1942
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Word received Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krejci from their son, Pfc. Victor P. Krejci, informed them that he had been transferred from his station near San Diego, Calif., to Governor's Island, New York. Pfc. Krejci left the west coast Oct. 29 and was the only one selected in his company to make the trip to the eastern coast. Since his induction March 18, he has been with Company A, 140th Infantry.

After months of active, terrific air warfare in Australia, where he recently received an oak leaf cluster for acts of heroism performed numerous times in air battles of Coral sea, Major Edward Habberstad has been granted a well-earned furlough in recognition for his bravery.

A real estate deal was closed this week whereby Amos Eaker became owner of the fine, highly, improved Albert Benson 40-acre farm. Consideration was \$8,000 or \$200 per acre.

VIKINGS: BP woman in London

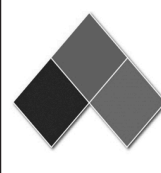
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Ernie Betlach, 94, of Blooming Prairie, and his wife MaryAnne were two of the season ticket holders. The Betlachs have kept the tickets in their family.
Betlach said Don Morrison (Janet) was the "kingpin" in organizing the purchase of Vikings season tickets before the team arrived in 1961. The Blooming group was #800 in season ticket priority.
Betlach said the first game he and other BP season ticket holders attended was an exhibition game between the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears. Tickets cost only \$6 apiece.
Other BP Vikings ticket holders included Frank and Ione Betlach, the Dandeleys, Mary and Charlie Ressler, Frank (Poggie) and Harriet Ressler, John and Billie Ulland, John Johnson and his wife, Victor Krejci, John Whiting, Howard Underwood and Harvey Cole.
Betlach said there were 18 ticket holders from Blooming Prairie when the Vikings came to town. Tickets were on the 40-yard line, five rows up on the visitor's side.
The BP ticket holders kept their seat location when the move was made from the Met to the Metrodome. This didn't happen, however, when the move was made to the Vikings' current home at US Bank Stadium.

"Oh, it was fun back them with corporate people around you and being so friendly and nice," Betlach recalls.
"We had some real good times and I remember my husband bringing a plant from home to put on our tailgating table for a centerpiece," Phyllis Dandeleit laughs. "We were young and that made it even better," she added.
The Vikings fans from Blooming Prairie did a lot of tailgating and were joined by family members and friends who didn't go to the game but paid their \$1 fee to come into the Met Stadium parking lot.
Betlach said Vivian Ulrich (Harold) brought a trailer and all kinds of goodies including chili and oysters. "After the game, we continued to tailgate, spread out a table and enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings," Betlach remembers.
The group always celebrated birthdays and after the game, the BP fans stayed late, enjoyed sandwiches and then headed toward home. "We even stopped on the way home at a convenient restaurant," Betlach said.
Betlach no longer attends games but follows the Vikings closely. He was one of thousands of viewers who watched the Vikings dismantle the Browns with a second half surge.
"It's a different game now," said Betlach. He said fans are different, too, using some

language that is not so acceptable in Ernie's opinion.
"This tradition is something we grew up with and wanted to continue," Mary Kittelson said.
Mary and her sister flew out on a Thursday evening flight of eight hours. The time difference between here and London is six hours.
The Dandeleit sisters spent Friday and Saturday touring the London area.
On Sunday morning, the sisters were picked up at their hotel and taken to Twickenham Stadium, which holds 65,000 people mostly for soccer. The tailgating began at an event center attached to the stadium.
The atmosphere was festive, Mary and Kathleen said. Food venues were similar to those in America, Mary said. Their bratwurst was called a sausage roll, eight to nine flavors of popcorn were available and of course, beer was served.
Mary said there was lots of activity going on during the game, including shooting of t-shirts to bouncing big balls in the stands.
A plastic card was attached to each seat and allowed fans to put them together to form U.S. and British flags. The sisters sang the U.S. National Anthem and the British anthem.
"We were surrounded by people from Sweden and by a couple from Dusseldorf,

Germany, Mary said.
Cleveland was the home team during the game but Mary said she believed there was more purple in the stands then there was brown and orange.
The Vikings trailed the Browns, 13-12 after the first half. "We played much better in the second half," Mary cheered.
Following the game, the Viking fans enjoyed a pizza party at the stadium. Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen who caught a touchdown pass, was named Man of the Match, an honor given to soccer players when they play a good game.
Thielen slid on his knees toward the fans and raised his fists in victory after scoring the TD.
It was a fun atmosphere, the sisters agreed. "Everybody was enthused about the game and people were there to enjoy the moment and were not concerned about winning and losing," Mary believes.
The game was also an excuse to see London in the sunshine, Mary admitted.
The Blooming Prairie Vikings ticket tradition has spanned four generations and will likely continue for some time.
"I would do it again," Mary reflected on the trip to London.

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Blotter spotlight: Fire - On Oct. 28, deputies responded to a grain dryer that caught on fire in the 71500 block of 110th Ave. in Blooming Prairie at 5:16 p.m.

CRIME BRIEFS

Citizen tip leads to
DWI arrest

A citizen tip helped police nab a suspected drunk driver in Owatonna Oct. 30.

A power outage was reported in the area of 22nd Street NE and Condor Place. A citizen was outside and began watching the area when a vehicle made a loud screeching noise in a cul-de-sac.

Police found an electrical box knocked off its base and power out in the neighborhood. Officers went to the residence and heard a man and woman talking in the garage. The conversation centered around the woman hitting the transformer.

Once officers made their

presence known, things turned quiet in the garage. At one point, officers were told to get a warrant. Eventually the garage door opened and a woman stood inside the garage next to pieces hanging off the front end of the vehicle.

The woman admitted to driving and hit the electrical box as she was backing out.

Police arrested Jessica Frank of Hollandale after they determined she was allegedly impaired by alcohol. Her alcohol level was found to be .18, which is twice the legal limit, police said.

Frank has been charged with second-degree DWI

width violation and vehicle weight violation, \$1,081.

Owatonna Police Department
Catalina Arenas Trejo, 39, Medford, no license, \$181; Markessa J. Baedke-Petersen, 34, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Alyssa J. Bethke, 23, New Richland, texting while driving and no insurance, \$331; Joshua W. Brunner, 31, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 180 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state and 3 years of supervised probation; John R. Bulver, 30, Owatonna, no insurance and no license, \$381; Esteban Curenio Velez, 62, Farmington, assault, \$381, 80 hours of community service and 1 year of supervised probation; Michael A. Fitzherbert, 19, Faribault, stop sign and no license, \$231; Sara H. Frandsen, 35, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Joshua J. Fuller, 20, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181; Lillian T. Gehring, 93, Ellendale, failure to yield, \$131; Alyssa M. Hall, 24, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Dylan M. Hoover, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Dennis Jackson, 56, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$131, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no possession of firearms and 1 year of supervised probation; Zachary D. Keller, 30, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Joseph L. Marlin, 34, Albert Lea, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Daniel P. Moller, 63, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Kadyon J. Mulert, 18, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Isiah Y. Perez, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Keith A. Peterson, 33, Waseca, no license in possession and signals violation, \$141; Ashlee M. Quast, 33, Maplewood, theft, \$131 and 30 days in county jail; Shane N. Radke, 37, Owatonna, DWI, \$406, 3 days in county jail, attend MADD impact panel, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Scott L. Rasmussen, 40, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Sara R. Schumacher, 38, New Richland, failure to yield, \$131; Jace D. Shaske, 23, Owatonna, stop sign and expired tabs, \$161; Dylan P. Spencer, 19, St. Paul, theft, \$181; Juana P. Tarango, 57, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Adam J. Techau, 33, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Ubah M. Yussuf, 29, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131.

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Falconer R. Belleffy, 22, Claremont, failure to deliver title within 10 days, no insurance and speeding, \$531; Aaron W. Brunner, 23, Waseca, speeding, \$281; Catherine M. Buck, 64, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; John R. Bulver, 30, Owatonna, speeding and no insurance, \$331; James L. Davis, 49, Medford, speeding, \$121; Allie

E. Frank, 17, New Richland, speeding, \$121; David A. Hellstern, 65, Kenyon, speeding, \$121; Caleb J. Kottke, 25, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Jakob W. Melcher, 18, Meriden, speeding, \$141; Karl A. Mertins, 34, West Concord, speeding, \$121; Michelle M. Miranda, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Nicholas A. Myers, 20, New Richland, speeding, \$221; Hannah R. Neitzell, 25, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Oron O. Ochalla, 41, Owatonna, texting while driving, stay of adjudication, 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Robert W. Paulson, 56, Ellendale, stop sign, \$131; Joshua J. Proechel, 30, Spring Lake Park, speeding, \$121; Candice J. Rath, 36, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Lee R. Schimek, 25, Rochester, speeding, \$221; Taylor R. Schmidt, 20, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Jacob D. Smith, 27, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Jimmy A. Weiss, 67, Little Falls, stop sign, \$131; Timothy J. Wurst, 54, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER
Steele County

Owatonna Police Oct. 27
Drugs: Police responded to drug activity in the 300 block of School St. E. at 11:39 a.m.
DWI: At 11:56 p.m., officer arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

Oct. 28
DWI: Police made DWI arrests in the 1100 block of Frontage Road W. at 4:22 p.m. and 6:25 p.m.
Shoplifting: At 9:35 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1200 block of 21st Ave. NW.
Welfare: Officer completed a welfare check at North St. W. and State Ave. NW at 10:41 p.m.

Oct. 29
Hit and Run: A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 100 block of School St. W. at 8:14 a.m.
Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 2:57 p.m.
Domestic: Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 5:33 p.m.
Crash: At 6:41 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at Cedar Ave. N. and 26th St. NE. They arrested one of the drivers.

Oct. 30
Escort: Police responded to an escort incident in the 400 block of School St. E. at 9:57 a.m. They took a subject into custody.
Suspicion: Officers responded to suspicious activity at Jadden Lane SE and Hayes Ave. SE at 12:34 p.m.
Domestic: At 5:45 p.m., officers arrested a juvenile following a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of State Ave. NW.
Vandalism: Property damage was reported at Oak Ave. S. and School St. W. at 7:38 p.m.
Stop Arm: Police received a report of a stop arm violation at Lincoln Ave. S. and School St. E. at 9:52 p.m.

Oct. 31
Assault: Officers responded to an assault in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 12:21 p.m.
Warrant: Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 4:16 p.m.
Mental Health: Officers responded to a mental health incident in the 2300 block of Linhaven Place NE at 7:05 p.m.
Shoplifting: A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Road W. at 9:01 p.m.

Nov. 1
Theft: A motor vehicle was reported stolen from the 1000 block of Frontage Road W. at 3:15 a.m.

Stop Arm: Officer took a report of a stop arm violation in the 1500 block of Elm Ave. S. at 7:56 a.m.
Domestic: At 9:09 a.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Richard Place SE. They arrested a subject at the scene.
Welfare: Officer completed a welfare check in the 300 block of Grove Ave. S. at 12:10 p.m.
Vandalism: Police received reports of property damage in the 100 block of Main St. W. at 1:07 p.m. and the 100 block of Shady Ave. SE at 8:34 p.m.
Child Protection: Officers received a child protection report from the 600 block of Lee St. NE at 5:47 p.m.

Nov. 2
Stop Arm: Officer issued a citation for a stop arm violation in the 1500 block of St. Paul Road NE at 7:25 a.m.
Theft: Police received a theft report from the 300 block of Allan Ave. SW at 1:38 p.m.
Domestic: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 4:04 p.m.
Intoxication: At 4:29 p.m., officers responded to an intoxicated subject in the 300 block of Cedar Ave. S.
Steele County Sheriff

Oct. 27
Drugs: Deputy issued a citation for drug activity in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE in Medford at 9:07 a.m.

Oct. 28
Burglary: Deputies began a burglary investigation in the 50000 block of 22nd Ave. SW in Somerset Township at 1:09 p.m.
Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 500 block of 2nd St. in Ellendale at 5:29 p.m.
Accident: Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a vehicle off the road at 66th St. NW and Frontage Rd. W. in Medford at 11:29 p.m.

Oct. 29
Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 2:58 p.m.
Suspicion: At 11:57 p.m., deputies responded to suspicious activity in the 16000 block of 52nd Ave. NW in Meriden Township. They issued a citation at the scene.

Oct. 30
Arrest: Deputy arrested a subject in the 6800 block of Frontage Road W. in Medford at 9 a.m.
Ordinance: At 10:18 a.m., deputies responded to an ordinance violation in the 32000 block of 24th Ave. SE in Owatonna Township.

Oct. 31
Death: Deputies began a death investigation in the 55000 block of County Road 45 S. in Somerset Township at 4:15 a.m.
Restraining Order: At 2:24 p.m., deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 40000 block of 66th St. NW in Medford Township. They took a subject into custody.
Crash: Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a motor vehicle accident with injuries at 52nd Ave. NW and 66th St. NW in Deerfield Township at 10 p.m.

Nov. 1
Crash: Deputies received information regarding a vehicle hitting a deer at Lemond Road and 73rd Ave. SW in Lemond Township at 7:37 a.m.
Accident: Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 7200 block of Austin Road in Aurora Township at 12:19 p.m.
Warrant: At 4:40 p.m., deputy made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Central Ave. E. in Medford.
Criminal Sexual Conduct: Deputies began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 200 block of 3rd St. NE in Medford at 7:45 p.m.
Pursuit: Deputies assisted with a vehicle pursuit at Elm Ave. N. and Winona St. NE in Owatonna at 10:53 p.m.

Nov. 2
Warrant: Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding

warrant at the detention center at 12:29 a.m.
DWI: At 4:50 a.m., deputy made a DWI arrest in the 1000 block of Frontage Road W. in Owatonna.
Suspicion: Deputies responded to suspicious activity in the 56000 block of 34th Ave. NE in Merton Township at 8:06 a.m.
Predatory Offender: Deputy responded to a predatory offender incident in the 84000 block of 32nd Ave. NW in Medford Township at 1:55 p.m.
Crash: At 2:36 p.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 7300 block of Crane Creek Road in Meriden Township. They took one of the drivers into custody.
Domestic: Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of 6th St. in Ellendale at 6:32 p.m.
Crash: A motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 6800 block of Frontage Road W. in Medford at 7:28 p.m.

ARREST
Steele County

Owatonna Police
Cassandra Sue Britt, 25, arrested at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 26, felony probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.
Brandon David Wencil, 22, arrested at 6:25 p.m. Oct. 28, DWI, held for court.
Miguel Estrada, 42, arrested at 7:38 p.m. Oct. 28, DWI-test refusal, held for court.
Raymond Ceferino Placencia, 27, arrested at 8:45 p.m. Oct. 29, DWI-test refusal, held for court.
Brian Keith Schnagl, 34, arrested at 10:48 a.m. Oct. 30, order for protection violation, held for court.
John Henry Halliday, 36, arrested at 4:23 p.m. Oct. 30, controlled substance crime, held for court.
Yennifer Serban, 42, arrested at 4:23 p.m. Oct. 30, controlled substance crime, held for court.
Jessica Jean Frank, 39, arrested at 10:23 p.m. Oct. 30, DWI and hit and run, held for court.
Tyler James Gunderson, 19, arrested at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 31, domestic assault/assault, held for court.
Tony Valentino Tristano, 39, arrested at 5 p.m. Oct. 31, felony probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.
Blake Anthony Yearling, 20, arrested at 10:32 a.m. Nov. 1, domestic assault and interference with 911, held for court.
Devin Michael Meany, 23, arrested at 12:22 a.m. Nov. 2, probation violation warrant arrest, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff
Jeffrey Greg Winter, 54, arrested at 10:16 p.m. Oct. 29, DWI, held for court.
Emily Kay Perkins, 22, arrested at 9:39 a.m. Oct. 30, warrant arrest, held for court.
Denasha Raye Sutton, 20, arrested at 10:52 a.m. Oct. 30, felony probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.
Servando Luis Almaguer Jr., 50, arrested at 3 p.m. Oct. 30, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.
Elizabeth Marie Dwyer, 41, arrested at 4:15 p.m. Oct. 30, warrant arrest, \$500 bail.
Brian John Kosel, 68, arrested at 3:26 p.m. Oct. 31, restraining order violation, held for court.
Brandon David Botten, 29, arrested at 6:56 p.m. Nov. 1, warrants arrest, held for court.
Ramadan Hakim Campbell, 32, arrested at 2:03 a.m. Nov. 2, felony violation of felony in possession of firearm, held for court.
Jose Antonio Parajon, 33, arrested at 1:14 a.m. Nov. 2, felony fleeing in motor vehicle, fleeing on foot and DWI, held for court.
David Roger Voracek, 47, arrested at 2:51 p.m. Nov. 2, felony predatory offender violation, held for court.
Daniel Thomas Rolfer, 32, arrested at 7:04 a.m. Nov. 2,

DWI, held for court.

COURT NEWS
Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Oct. 23 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Samuel Z. Ramirez, 36, Dodge Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of marijuana mixture. He was sentenced to 17 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Oct. 23 – 30:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office
Jason A. Andrist, 47, Mantorville, speeding, \$220; Jason R. Garcia, 33, Dodge Center, DWI, \$580, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Dustin D. Grabinger, 31, Dodge Center, disorderly conduct, \$180 and 1 year of probation; Colton J. Page, 25, Dodge Center, controlled substance crime and no insurance, stay of adjudication, \$975, 34 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Christine A. Ranc, 47, West Concord, speeding, \$130; Bryn L. Stauffer, 41, Owatonna, speeding, \$220; Holly A. Zahasky, 32, Rochester, speeding, \$120.

Kasson Police Department
Derek M. Dehoff, 31, Kasson, violation of domestic abuse no contact order, \$1,055, 79 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic abuse evaluation, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, no contact with victim, no possession of firearms, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Jenny L. Fiksen, 26, Wanamingo, revoked license, \$280; Brandon J. Mathews, 17, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Brittany J. Quamme, 26, La Crosse, WI, speeding, \$140; Kory L. Sandoz, 48, Dodge Center, DWI, \$480, do not enter liquor establishments, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of probation.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Crystal A. Alcaraz, 29, Claremont, speeding, \$130; Laura A. Mielke, 40, St. Charles, speeding, \$120; Abdulaziz A. Mohamed, 26, Rochester, speeding and no license, \$240; Jacob K. Schandorff, 20, Hayfield, suspended license and unsafe passing, \$330; John J. Siemek, 53, Lewiston, revoked license, \$280; Robert R. Welke, 63, Millville, seat belt, \$105.

West Concord Police Department
Joshua D. Bale, 34, West Concord, speeding, \$120; James E. Fick, 48, Lake City, speeding, \$130; Jason R. Garcia, 33, Dodge Center, disorderly conduct, \$75, 20 hours of community service, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation.

POLICE BLOTTER
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 166 complaints during the week of Oct. 25 – 31. Some of them include:

Oct. 26
Order for Protection: Deputies received information regarding an order for protection violation via a third party phone contact in Hayfield at 9:21 a.m.
Domestic: At 11:31 a.m., a woman called deputies when her ex who had a knife refused to leave her apartment in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield.

WARRANTS: The following individuals have active warrants in Steele County. The Sheriff provides this information as a public service

- Juan Placencia-Gonzalez – obstruction - \$1,000 bail
- Darrian Porter – interference with 911 – no bail
- Amanda Portillo – DWI - \$500 bail
- Daniel Ramos – disorderly conduct - \$500 bail
- Erasmo Resendez – assault - \$2,000 bail
- Benjamin Restrepo – theft - \$200 bail
- Juan Reyes – criminal sexual conduct - \$50,000 bail

- Margarito Reyes – criminal property damage - \$3,000 bail
- Maria Reyes – false name - \$500 bail
- Antonio Reyes-Guillen – drugs – no bail
- Bartolo Reyna – theft - \$1,000 bail
- Kelly Reynolds – no license - \$1,000 bail
- Nicholas Richards – expired registration - \$500 bail
- Angel Rizo – worthless check - \$5,000 bail

- Derrick Roberson – revoked license - \$1,000 bail
- Tommy Robertson Jr. – DWI - \$300 bail
- Raul Rodarte – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Abraam Rodriguez – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Antonio Rodriguez – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Carlos Rodriguez – terroristic threats – no bail

Disclosing active warrants promotes public safety and aids in the identification and apprehension of wanted individuals

OBITUARIES

Ethel Marie Christianson
Blooming Prairie



Ethel Marie Christianson (née Muenzell), 94, passed away peacefully at Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie on Nov. 1, 2017.

She was born in Tony, Wis., on April 7, 1923 to Albert and Mabel (Kaiser) Muenzell. Ethel and brothers Wesley and Ernest were raised on a small farm outside of Tony. In 1925 at age 2, Ethel lost her mother to sepsis. Three years later, her father married Verna Vanderlinden.

In high school, Ethel was active in basketball, and President of the Girls Reserve. After graduation from Tony High School, Ethel worked at Sparta State School in Sparta, Wis. She saved enough money to attend The Gale Institute and later The Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. Employment included secretarial work at Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and later for an attorney at Iowa Mutual Insurance Company.

Ethel played on two women's softball leagues while working in Minneapolis. In 1952, Ethel moved to Tokyo, Japan where she was employed by the Civil Service and cleared for top-secret cases. Ethel held this position for three years, traveling extensively through Asia and climbing Mt. Fujiyama. While in Japan, Ethel enjoyed a variety of activities that included figure skating, early morning tennis, golf, flower arranging and doll making.

Ethel returned to the states where IBM was opening a plant in Rochester. She worked as a secretary for the head of purchasing for two years. During that period, at age 35, Ethel was introduced to a farmer from Blooming Prairie, Ross Christianson. They married in 1959 and raised three children (Rena, Jay and Holly) on the Christianson farm. While on the farm, Ethel helped with farming and enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening.

She also volunteered for the American Red Cross. Ethel loved making fancy holiday ornaments and poured decorative plaster items from her 500 molds for local gift shops. She loved going to the Austin Artist Series with dear friend Marj Christianson. Ethel and Ross were members of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. She had a beautiful voice and sang for weddings and funerals alongside Nina Ingvalson and Lennie Evenson. She was also secretary for ALCW and WELCA, and enjoyed quilting for these groups.

Ethel re-entered the work force in her mid-50s, working as a secretary for the Administrator of Prairie Manor Nursing Home in Blooming Prairie for 12 years.

Ethel loved to travel, and every summer planned family station wagon trips throughout the central, western and southern states and Mexico. She enjoyed travel to Alaska and Europe, and later fishing and paddle-boating at Lake Mazaska in Faribault. By adapting to many varied ways of life, Ethel had the ability to make everyone around her feel special.

Ethel is preceded in death by parents Albert and Mabel, stepmother Verna, brothers Wesley and Ernest, stepsister Nettie Shultz, stepbrother Clinton Mautner and husband Rosmon. Ethel is survived by daughters Rena (Jim) Smith of Prior Lake, Holly (Steve) Ille of Blooming Prairie, son Jay Christianson of Los Angeles; grandchildren Carson and Paige Smith, Ryan Srsen, Alec and Isaac Ille, and great-grandson Brody Srsen.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church with Pastor Lindsay Stolen officiating. Interment was at the Red Oak Grove Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials can be directed to Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, or recipient of donor's choice. Services prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Edward J. Simon
Owatonna



Edward J. Simon, 85, of Owatonna, died Nov. 4, 2017 at Grand Itasca Hospital in Grand Rapids while away on a deer hunting trip.

Mass of Christian Burial is set for Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. Friends may greet the family on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 4-7 p.m. at the Brick-Meger Funeral Home, 1603 Austin Rd., Owatonna and one hour prior to the funeral liturgy at the church. A parish rosary will be said at 3:45 p.m. at the funeral home on Thursday.

Ed was born Oct. 8, 1932 in Owatonna, the son of Sidney and Mary (Schiller) Simon. He grew up on the family farm in Summit Township. He attended country school and later attended Blooming Prairie High school, graduating in 1950. After high school, Ed continued to work alongside his father at the family farm.

He was united in marriage to Eilyne Olinger on June 26, 1954 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl. The couple made their home on a farm south of Owatonna. Their union brought seven children. Ed continued to farm until the early 1990s. After this he worked for Central Valley Co-Op and was a grave digger for Sacred Heart and Litomysl Cemeteries for 26 years.

He was a member of several organizations including: Eagles Club, Blooming Prairie Knights of Columbus, and Holy Trinity Men's Club. He also served as a member of the Cemetery Board at Litomysl.

Ed is survived by his wife of 63 years, Eilyne; his children, Roxanne (Verlin) Nelson, Michael (Kim) Simon, Ronda (Michael) Fisher, Renee (Terry) Kubat, Rachelle Johnson, Ranita (Judd) Bang and Rosalinda (Dave) Hollister, all of Owatonna. He is further survived by 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jerome and George; sister, Roselyn, and brothers-in-law, Glen Starman and Jerry Rysavy; one sister-in-law, Romayne Simon. For more information or to leave an online condolence message go to www.brick-megerfuneralhome.com.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
Nov. 7 Claire Loverink Mark Hinzmann Ariana Kohl Maclyn Clayton	Ken Trom Daniel Coleman Ryan Cremeans Julie Eischens Cory Sletten	Nov. 7 Gloria & Robert Salinas
Nov. 8 Brandy Thompson Chad Watkins	Nov. 11 Kai Robert Luna Lee Trotman Linkynn Doocy Kristin Schneider Gina Gimbel Samone Hernandez Darrel Trom	Nov. 8 Jerry & Marge Oxley
Nov. 9 Marti Snider Linda Klemmensen	Nov. 12 Jason Williamson	Nov. 9 Ken & Kathy Ryks
Nov. 10 Matt Machin Savannah Farr Sarah Bumgarner Evelyn Trom	Nov. 13 Dylan Heuer Erica Nelson	Nov. 11 Doug & Kristi Miner Steve & Becky Braaten
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United Way urges people to go beyond ‘Minnesota Nice’
This week is Kindness Week around the state

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“Our nation is faced with significant challenges, including hurricanes, racism, violence and terrorism.

To develop solutions and build resilience, we must unify first and foremost as human beings, regardless of our differences,” said Kim Schaufenbuel, executive director of United Way.

• For Families and Kids: Bring extra supplies for your teacher; leave your neighbor a nice note; tell a friend how much you appreciate him/her; mail a family member a card; hold the door open for others; and make a family member's bed.

• For Employees: Give a note of appreciation to a co-worker; surprise someone with coffee; tape a note and

coins to a vending machine; share praise; and take a new employee to lunch.

• For Families and Kids: Bring extra supplies for your teacher; leave your neighbor a nice note; tell a friend how much you appreciate him/her; mail a family member a card; hold the door open for others; and make a family member's bed.

• Capture your acts of kindness via photos and videos and share on social media, using #LiveUnitedMN. Please tag us @UWSteeleCounty on Twitter and United Way of Steele County on Facebook.

• Order LIVE UNITED t-shirts at the United Way office, 110 N. Cedar in Owatonna, and wear them during the week. Money raised goes to the United Way of Steele County Campaign.

LIBRARY BOOK NOOK

Library offers
WWI exhibit



NANCY
VAILLANCOURT

As we approach Veteran's Day it is appropriate to recognize and thank the veterans who have served our country throughout its history.

This year marks the centennial of America's participation in World War I, or the Great War as it was called at that time.

The Steele County Historical Society has a World War I exhibit that includes first-hand accounts by Steele County residents and opportunities to experience what soldiers may have experienced. That exhibit can be seen at the History Center in Owatonna.

In an outreach to the county, the historical society has brought two history panels to the Blooming Prairie Branch Library. They are titled “Temperance and Women's Suffrage” and “Community Supports War Effort” and feature Blooming Prairie's labors during the war.

The exhibit is available to view during regular library hours. In conjunction with the panels and Veteran's Day, we have a display of books about World War I that can be checked out, both fiction and non-fiction.

The library will be closed for Veteran's Day on Friday and Saturday.

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Thursday, Nov. 9
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Friday, Nov. 10
Closed in Honor of our Veterans

Monday, Nov. 13
BBQ Meatballs, Baked Potato w/sour cream, Breen Bean Casserole, Orange Wedge, Cook's Choice Pudding

Tuesday, Nov. 14
Beef Stroganoff over Parslied Noodles, Stewed Tomatoes, 3-Bean Salad, Bread Pudding

RECIPE CORNER

French Silk Pie

- 1/2 c. butter, cut into 8 equal pieces
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 3 T. cocoa & 1 T. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 lg. eggs
- 1 (8") baked pastry shell

By Donna Maixner

Cream butter and sugar. Beat in cocoa and vanilla until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beat 5 minutes after each addition. Pour into crust, chill. For a thicker pie repeat recipe and an 8-ounce container of Cool Whip. Refrigerate 4 hours before serving.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Reflection and gratitude for the many blessings received



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1Thessalonians 5:18: “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”
Here we are in November and the Thanksgiving season is upon us. Thanksgiving may well be the most universally celebrated holiday in America. It is most certainly the most traveled. More Americans travel at Thanksgiving than at any other single week of the year. It is a generous time of hospitality and sharing; a time of gatherings with friends and family.
This wonderful holiday

when we commemorate and celebrate God’s hand of protection and provision is meant to be a time of reflection and genuine gratitude for all the blessings we have received. It is strange then that this precious time is so overlooked by our culture. She is the Cinderella of the holidays; forced into the service of her two homely stepsisters, Halloween and Black Friday.
Sadder still, the acknowledgment that she does receive often has more to do with football and food

than an attitude or offering of thankfulness. How ironic that a people who have so much to be thankful for engage so little in that activity. Ours is a culture that too often is marred by a spirit of entitlement, materialism and selfishness.
This spirit is the enemy of thankfulness. Like a petulant toddler we stuff our checks with the goodies we’ve been given and thrust forth our sticky little hands. With our mouths still full we demand more. To be honest we come by it naturally.

Our ancient parents, Adam and Eve, recipients of all that was good, having more at their fingertips than any other individuals were not content, but rather lusted for that one thing that was set off limits. In other words they wanted more. God had given so much and yet they felt deprived. Through the tempter’s words they came to see themselves as entitled and worthy of more.
They ceased to value that which they had until that which they lacked became all they could see.

They felt neglected rather than cherished and in that moment they fell. This spirit of ingratitude is such a destructive enemy. It is no wonder that our Lord commands us in Scripture to be a thankful people, not only the forth Thursday of November but all the year through!
May the Lord grant each of us a truly thankful Thanksgiving.

AREA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LUTHERAN AURORA LUTHERAN 6329 SE 28th St., Owatonna Pastor Stephanie Wood 507-676-5696 Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. COMMUNITY LUTHERAN – ELCA 106 Third St. SE., Geneva Pastor Kristen Venne 507-256-4288 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun. FIRST LUTHERAN – AFLC 503 Radel Ct., Ellendale Pastor Richard Sliper 507-684-2451 Saturday: 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Confirmation Tues.: 7 p.m. Call to Prayer, open to all churches Wed.: 9:30 a.m. BibleStudy; 3:30 – 5 p.m. Jesus and Me; 6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group FIRST LUTHERAN – ELCA 434 First St. SW., Bloomington Rev. Jeff Sandgren, Interim Pastor Rev. Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor 507-583-6621 firstlutheranbp.com Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sundays Education Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sun. FIRST LUTHERAN – LCMC 8953 SW 37th Ave., Hope Pastor Sandy Miller 507-451-3854 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Sunday School, Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m. Sun. GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN – LCMS 2500 7th Ave. NE., Owatonna Rev. Mark Rosenau, Senior Pastor Rev. Greg Schlicker, Associate Pastor 507-451-4125 www.goodshepherd owatonna.com Worship: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. MOLAND LUTHERAN – ELCA 7618 NE 84th Ave., Kenyon Pastor Nancy Edwardson 507-789-6661 Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN – ELCA 9651 SW 75th St., Ellendale Pastor Mike Walerius 507-465-8366 Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sun.	REDEEMER LUTHERAN – LCMS 1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna Pastor Kirk Griebel 507-451-2720 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Education Hour: 10:15 a.m. Sun. RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN – ELCA 30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin Pastor Lindsay Stolen 507-583-2038 or 507-437-3000 www.roglutheran.org Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Sunday School (Sept. – May): 10:15 a.m. ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN – LCMS 4532 SE 84th Ave., Claremont Pastor Alan Broadwell 507-528-2404 Worship: 6 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN – LCMS 28959 630th Ave., Sergeant Pastor Collin Duling 507-251-5568 Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9 a.m. ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN – ELCA 30450 570th Ave., Waltham Pastor Dwight DoBell 507-567-2474 Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun. ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – LCMS 202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale Pastor Jesse Krusemark 507-567-2272 Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – ELCA 2781 SW 92nd Ave., Meriden Pastor Cheryl D. Indehear 507-451-2165 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun. TRINITY LUTHERAN 5881 SE 118th St., Bloomington Pastor Stephanie Wood 507-676-5696 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (First Sunday of the month) TRINITY LUTHERAN – ELCA 609 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna Rev. Todd Buegler, Senior Pastor Rev. Dean Smith, Associate Pastor Rev. Amanda Weinkauff, Associate Pastor 507-451-4520 www.tlcowatonna.org Worship: Saturday: 5 p.m.; Sun.: 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 6 p.m. Sunday School: 8:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.	TRINITY LUTHERAN – ELCA 104 First St. SE., Hayfield Pastor Paul Hauschild 507-477-2248 www.trinityhayfield.org Worship: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. TRINITY LUTHERAN – LCMS 108 Third Ave. SW., Medford Pastor Mark Biebighauser 507-451-0447 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Education Hour: 10:15 a.m. TRINITY LUTHERAN – LCMS 57043 300th St., Waltham Pastor Jesse Krusemark 507-567-2272 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. ZION LUTHERAN – ELCA 7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale Pastor Cheryl D. Indehear 507-451-2165 Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun. CATHOLIC CHRIST THE KING 203 Second Ave. NW., Medford 507-451-6353 Father Kevin Connolly Deacon Patrick Fagan Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m. Monday Mass: 9 a.m. CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS 307 SW First St., New Richland Father Raul Silva Fr. Adam McMillan, Parochial Vicar 507-465-8217 Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LITOMYSL 9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna Father John Sauer Fr. Jose Morales, Weekend Presider 507-451-1588 www.litomysl.webs.com Reconciliation: 8:45 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Children's Church for Preschool – 1st Grade began Sept. 24 Faith Formation for Kindergarten – Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Adult Study: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays SACRED HEART CATHOLIC 150 NE Second St., Hayfield Father Thomas Niehaus 507-477-2256 Mass: 8 a.m. Sun. & 8:30 a.m. Thursday Reconciliation: 7:30 a.m. Sun.	SACRED HEART PARISH 810 S. Cedar Ave., Owatonna Father John Sauer Fr. Jose Morales, Parochial Vicar 507-451-1588 www.sacredheartowatonna.org Mass: 5 p.m. Sat urday; 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sun. Spanish Mass: 11:45 a.m. Sun. Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m. Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Sat. Adoration: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. Thurs. ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC 114 E. Main St., Bloomington Father Thomas Niehaus 507-583-2784 www.stcolumbanuschurch.com Mass: 10 a.m. Sun. & 8:30 a.m. Friday Reconciliation: 9 a.m. First Friday & Saturday ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH 512 S. Elm Ave., Owatonna Father Kevin Connolly Deacon Patrick Fagan 507-451-4845 Saturday Mass: 4 p.m. Sunday Mass: 8 & 10 a.m. Reconciliation: 3-3:30 p.m. Sat. Daily Mass: 8 a.m. Tues., Wed. & Fri. (Communion Service 8 a.m. Thursday) Adoration Chapel available Mon. – Fri. 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Key fob required after hours or weekends CHRISTIAN CHRIST COMMUNITY COVENANT 540 SE 18th St., Owatonna Dr. V. Brent Carlson, Pastor 507-451-1032 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Sunday Connections: 10:15 a.m. PENTECOSTAL FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL 230 Locust Ave., Owatonna Pastor Eliazar Talamantes 507-363-2240 Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday METHODIST BLOOMING GROVE UNITED METHODIST 43089 180th St., Medford (Seven miles west of Medford on CR 23) Pastors JJ & Stefanie Morgan 507-835-8726 Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. ELLENDALE UNITED METHODIST 200 Sixth St. NW., Ellendale Pastor Randy Cirkse 507-684-2731 www.ellendaleumc.org Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.	OWATONNA UNITED METHODIST 815 E. University, Owatonna Loren Olson, Pastor Linda Boorman, Associate Pastor Joyce Parker, Associate Pastor 507-451-4734 www.owatonnaumc.org Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. Contemporary Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun. Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Classes: 10 a.m. Wednesday night service at 6:30 p.m. NON-DENOMINATIONAL BRIDGES OF HOPE COMMUNITY 130 W. Bridge St., Owatonna Pastor Keith Haskell 507-215-2249 Worship: 10 a.m. Sun. Biblestudy: 9 a.m. Sun. Reformers Unanimous Meetings: 7 p.m. Friday CEDAR CREEK 30 E. Main St., Hayfield Pastor Aaron de Neui 507-477-2255 www.cedarcreekchurch.org Worship: 10 a.m. Sun. DESTINY CHRISTIAN Owatonna Campus 422 North St., Owatonna Pastors Tyler & Jessica Braucht 507-254-8514 www.destinycc.org Worship: 10 a.m. Sun. ELEVATION NORTH 2002 Austin Road, Owatonna Pastor Doug Jones 507-363-3099 www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com Worship (English): 10 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Worship (Spanish): 2 p.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Spanish Evangelism & Prayer: 7 p.m. Friday NEW BEGINNINGS 332 14th St. NE., Owatonna Pastors Scott & Joan Peterson 507-721-1366 Worship: 10 a.m. Sun. Gateway Connection: 6 p.m. Sun. SIMPLE CHURCH 4515 NW 22nd Ave., Owatonna (Country Goods building across the freeway from Cabela's) Pastor Todd Lundgren 507-451-5661 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wednesday MENNONITE PRAIRIE MENNONITE 13638 750th St., Bloomington Bishop Dennis Martin 507-583-7532 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wed.	MORMON THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 404 31st St. NW, Austin Bishop Rick Bremner 507-433-9042 Worship: 9 a.m. Sun. PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATED CHURCH Presbyterian Church (USA) and United Church of Christ 800 Havana Road, Owatonna 507-451-1546 www.associatedchurch.org office@associatedchurch.org Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. (Fellowship, Church School, and Adult Discussions follow) Wednesday Activities: Sept – May (see website for schedule) FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 109 E. Main St., Hayfield Pastor Kirk Johnston 507-477-2631 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun. SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST 2373 Seventh Ave. NE, Owatonna Pastor Bob Brauer 507-340-7143 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sat. Bible Study: 11 a.m. Sat. UCC CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 211 S. Main St., Medford Pastor Louise Bender 507-451-4596 Worship: 10 a.m. Sun. Sunday School: 9 a.m. ASSEMBLY OF GOD VIBRANT LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 702 Third St. S., Ellendale Pastor Patrick Stitt 507-684-3421 www.vibrantlifeag.com Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Kids Church: 10:30 a.m. Sun. BAPTIST FIRST BAPTIST 104 First Ave. NE, Bloomington Pastor Matt Fennell 507-583-2673 Worship: 10 a.m. Sun. & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Sunday School: 9 a.m. Bible Study: 11:30 a.m. Sun.
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Renamed Blossoming Prairie Youth Club open for business



Representatives from the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester meet with Board Members of the newly formed BP Youth Club in Blossoming Prairie to transfer ownership of the building to BP Youth Club.

Photo left to right: Craig Kruckeberg, BP Youth Club BOD, Tamzen Johnson, BP Youth Club Treasurer, Leon Clark, Boys & Girls Club of Rochester Board President, Jodi Millerbernd, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, Angie Carlson, BP Youth Club Board President, Marcy Sundine, BP Youth Club Executive Director, Henry Sundine.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Yes, there is still a youth organization in Blossoming Prairie, and yes, it is still housed on the south side of town at 401 4th St SE.

Just don't make the mistake of calling it the Blossoming Prairie Boys & Girls Club.

The Boys & Girls Club of Rochester has officially severed ties with the BP-based group.

Meet the Blossoming Prairie Youth Club.

"We couldn't be more excited," BP Youth Club board member Craig Kruckeberg said. "There are a lot of great things going on at the BP Youth Club, and now our hands aren't tied by the Rochester group anymore."

Blossoming Prairie isn't the only small town to suffer, either. The National office stopped opening Clubs in rural areas five years ago.

"Something had to be done," Kruckeberg said. "The kids in this community need the support the Blossoming Prairie Youth Club offers. And just because the split is now official doesn't mean we're done looking for ways to improve the Youth Club."

A separate group is currently pursuing a new facility that would become the new home of the BP Youth Club.

"Our local kids are the heart and soul of the club, the future of BP, and they deserve the utmost support,"

Kruckeberg said.

About Blossoming Prairie Youth Club

Since opening its doors more than 15 years ago, the BP Youth Club has been dedicated to the children of Blossoming Prairie. The Club is a place where area kids can go for educational programming, informational field trips, and fun with friends. Safety, education and community form the heart of the Club, which looks after more than a hundred Blossoming Prairie children.

For more information on the Blossoming Prairie Youth Club, contact Executive Director Marcy Sundine at 507-583-6699, or e-mail marcy@bpyouthclub.com.

Hometown Sports

FOOTBALL



STAFF PHOTO: RICK BUSSLER

Huskies football players were overcome with joy after they easily pounded Rochester Century 37-0 to win the Section 1 Class 5A championship Friday night in Owatonna. Team captain Alex Raichle proudly holds the trophy while the rest of his teammates join him in celebrating. At right, quarterback Abraham Havelka gets ready to make another pass in the blowout contest.

EXPLOSIVE HUSKIES

Owatonna captures fourth section title in six years; moves onto state quarterfinals Saturday

In an explosive nature, the Owatonna Huskies easily captured the Section 1-Class 5A championship title by killing Rochester Century 37-0 Friday night in Owatonna. The victory moves the Huskies into the state quarterfinals Saturday

against Mahtomedi at Lakeville North. Both teams sport 9-1 records. In other Class 5A contests, Andover will take on Elk River Friday night and St. Louis Park will face Brainerd and Mankato West will challenge Apple Valley Saturday night. There

are no undefeated teams in Class 5A. Owatonna held Century to just 28 yards rushing and 80 yards passing, including a 47-yard reception. But Century was unable to cash in for anything on the long reception.

SEE HUSKIES, B2

CROSS COUNTRY

Blossoms' Ille captures best ever time at state

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

He saved the best for last. After three appearances at the Minnesota cross-country meet, Blooming Prairie senior Alec Ille captured his best ever performance at state. He finished 41st with a 16:59 time, which is the best in the school's history. Ian Campbell held the previous record at 17:06.

"It's always nice to leave a mark," Ille said after Coach John Bruns informed him of his record.

In his previous two state tournaments, Ille finished 72nd and 90th.

Going into the state cross country tournament, Ille had set two goals—to finish in the top 25 and to have a finishing time under 17 minutes. While he didn't quite make the first goal, he's happy to have come away with a respectable time that put him into the BP School record books.

"It's not exactly where I wanted to place, but I did the best I could," Ille said shortly after crossing the finish line.

With temperatures hovering around 40 degrees and light winds, the conditions proved to be ideal for Ille and other runners competing at the state meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield Saturday afternoon. St. Olaf has hosted the state meet for the past 25 years.

"The cold weather and crisp air felt really good this time around," Ille said.

Ille got a jump start on preparing himself for the 5K run by previewing the course Friday afternoon with Coach Bruns. "It's a pretty course. I like the trails," Ille said.

During the competition, Ille said he was forced to "go hard" for the first mile, which he acknowledged proved to be the hardest for him. He ran the first mile in five minutes.

"My favorite part is on the prairie because it's quiet and you don't have people screaming at you," Ille said. "The quiet area helps you think a little more."

Throughout the run, Ille said he was focused on staying relaxed and knowing where he was at on the course. "I focused on my form," he said.

Ille credits his father, who used to be the cross-country coach, for getting him involved in the sport. "He gave me a lot of knowledge on cross country," Ille said.



STAFF PHOTO: RICK BUSSLER

Blooming Prairie senior Alec Ille finished 41st with a time of 16:59 at the state cross country meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield Saturday afternoon. Ille has competed in state for three straight years with this year being his best performance ever.

He jumped into cross-country in seventh grade and has been competing ever since. "Cross training and strength training are huge in cross-country," Ille explained. "It helps you get power and strength."

Ille prepared himself throughout the fall by running 4-10 miles per day. He gradually increased the distances. He typically takes Sundays off as it "helps the body bounce back after a week of training."

Bruns, who has been coaching cross-country for 21 years, described Ille as "a kid who is dedicated to process and getting better every day." Bruns said Ille does the best to make himself a little better each day.

The coach said Ille has dedicated himself to the cross-country and credits him with growing the program in Blooming Prairie. This year there were 30 participants in the program, up from 23 and 11 the previous two years. "We had one of the biggest teams in the section," Bruns said, adding Ille has been responsible for program's growth as others identify wanting to be a part of the success.

Evidence of Ille's love for cross-country came during a recent spaghetti dinner when he showed all the other team members his favorite running movie. "He's a dedicated athlete and runner," Bruns said.

Ille's greatest strengths are his attitude and dedication to the sport, according to Bruns. "He's a true student of the game," he said.

With his high school career behind him, Ille now has his eyes set on other goals. He hopes to be an all-American in college in either track or cross-country. He is looking to attend Wartburg College.

"It's nuts. You've got to be crazy to do this," Ille said of cross-country.

BP CROSS-COUNTRY RECORD

Senior Alec Ille

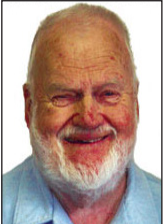
- 3-time state qualifier
- Finished 41st in state
- Best time in school history: 16:59

Hard loss to take for Blossoms

Sometimes it is hard to accept a loss, and the Blossom defeat by Goodhue in the section finals proved to be one of those times.

The Blossoms played so hard and deserved a better fate, but a few costly mistakes at crucial times relegated the team to second place. The loss, however, did not diminish my admiration for the 2017 version of the Awesome Blossom football team. A couple of key injuries, and a concussion forced them to deal with some adversity, but they overcame them with spirited play, hard work, and some great determination.

Surely, the loss will hurt for awhile, but eventually the coaching staff and the team will look back and say, "We had a very good team, and we made our students and our fans proud of our accomplishments."



Outside the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

MUSICAL TAKES THE STAGE

After three months of rehearsal, 'Legally Blonde', the 2017 all-school musical will present the first performance this Thursday night, and from everything my neighbor spies have uncovered, it is a highly entertaining production. Because the football team still competed in the section playoffs through last Saturday, the times have changed slightly this year. The first show will be on Thursday, with the dinner theater performance set for Friday. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with the play at 7 p.m.

The final performance was still to be determined as I write this column, but the play promises good entertainment, tuneful singing, and plenty of humor, and I urge everyone to get to at least one of the performances. I don't think you will be disappointed.

VILLAGE AFFAIR A BIG HIT

I didn't mention it in last week's column, but the annual Village Affair enjoyed one of its most successful ones of all time. With the sponsorship of the AAUW and Women of Today, approximately 70 exhibitors clamored for space, and sales of a multitude of hand-made crafts moved out of the booths with satisfied smiles on the faces of buyers.

The occasion also brings together friends and acquaintances who spend several minutes catching up on respective families. In some cases it is an opportunity that happens just once a year- at the village affair. The variety of product is truly amazing, and I think that all involved- exhibitors and customers- went home satisfied with the day's event.

FIRST TIME CHAMPS

I thought it is fitting that the Houston Astros won the World Series, after that city had undergone such travail from the hurricane a month ago, and they probably were the best all-around team in baseball last season. It did, however, disappoint me just a little bit, as I have been a lifelong Dodgers fan, ever since the team resided in Brooklyn. As a youngster I used to look forward to Saturdays to hear Mutual Radio's Game of the Week.

The Dodgers were popular enough so that they were on the broadcast regularly, and I could recite their lineup, the batting order and each player's batting average within a few points. The team lost some of its appeal to me when they moved to Los Angeles, and I became less enthusiastic once the Minnesota Twins came to our state, but I did continue to have a little soft spot in the back of my heart for them.

This time, however, I did think it is appropriate that Houston won it all, and they deserved the victory. Now, if only the Twins could emerge and ignite our enthusiasm once again for a third trip to that hallowed position. Well, maybe next year!

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Recently, Max Romeo, McKenna Hein, and volleyball ninth grade coach Jennifer Wayne have all been interviewed on Owatonna Lives' web site, "Stories of Steele" by sports enthusiast Todd Walkingstick. Last week senior Sam Wurst had her chance on the program. Wurst is another of the BPHS three sport athletes as she competes in volleyball, basketball, and track.

She recounted some of her highlights in her athletic career and expressed surprise at how fast her senior year was passing. Wurst has been a dominant hitter in volleyball, a leading scorer on the basketball team, and last year earned a trip to the state track meet in the high jump. She is just one of several BPHS personalities who has been tapped for the Owatonna broadcast, and is a great example of the high caliber individual that comes from the local high school.

On Nov.11, the local Servicemen's club will be honoring the community veterans with a Veterans' Day ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. In this case many names are in the news, as the service of these individuals are recognized. Thank a veteran and attend the ceremony for them on Saturday.

Thanksgiving is next on the list of holidays to which we can look forward. A Spaghetti supper, a Hero's breakfast, and the annual Gobble Wobble all are scheduled events coming up in the next three weeks. Enjoy the changing weather, repeat three times, "It's good to be a Blossom," and we'll talk again.

FOOTBALL



HUSKIES:
*Owatonna wins
section title*

FROM PAGE B1

The Huskies played brilliantly in all aspects of the game, but especially in the turnover category as they had none.

One of the most exciting plays turned out to be a 55-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Abe Havelka to Noah Budach less than a minute into the game. After that touchdown, the Huskies didn't look back and seemed to dominate the rest of the game.

Century was down 24-0 at the half. Hopes of a comeback were quickly dashed in the third quarter when the Panthers fumbled the kickoff. The Huskies scored two plays later when Havelka tossed a 17-yard touchdown pass to Budach for a 30-0 lead.

The section championship title is Owatonna's fourth in the past six years. The Huskies won the state championship in 2013.

SCORING SUMMARY				
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14	10	13	0—37	
CENTURY				
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OWATONNA STATS	
RUSHING-	88; PASSING-
309; PENALTIES-	34 YARDS
FIRST QUARTER	
O—	NOAH BUDACH 55 PASS FROM ABE HAVELKA (JOSH NELSON KICK) 11:06
O—	HAVELKA 1 RUN (NELSON KICK) 5:25
SECOND QUARTER	
O—	JASON WILLIAMSON 30 PASS FROM HAVELKA (NELSON KICK) 7:20
O—	NELSON 21 FG, 1:08
THIRD QUARTER	
O—	BUDACH 17 PASS FROM HAVELKA (KICK BLOCKED) 11:11
O—	BUDACH 52 PASS FROM HAVELKA (NELSON KICK) 5:36



Top: Huskies tight end Nolan Malo (82) grabs a Rochester Century defender as he makes a tackle during Friday's section finals in Owatonna. Center left: Noah Budach attempts to sneak past a couple of Panthers players. Budach scored three touchdowns in the game for Owatonna. Center right: Alex Raichle (4) carries the ball and goes over a couple of RC players. Cut out: Ben Zappa (11) makes an attempt to tackle a Panthers player running with the ball. Bottom right: The Huskies celebrated after receiving the Section 5A trophy. Owatonna has captured the section title for four of the past six years. The Huskies advance to the state quarterfinals Saturday at Lakeville North.

FOOTBALL

Blossoms fall in section finals

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

Another hotly contested contest in a long competitive rivalry went this time to Goodhue, as the Wildcats edged Blooming Prairie 19-14 on RCTC's artificial turf Saturday. The win advanced Goodhue to quarterfinal action in Class 1A football playoffs at 11-0, while the Blossoms saw their final record fall to 8-3.

The game had an intensity about it that generated spirited play from both teams, and neither team got comfortable in the contest. It looked bad for BP early on, when the Wildcats scored the first two times they had the ball. Mason Huemann ran for 6 yards and a touchdown, following a third down and 17 pass to Ryan Schoenfelder from quarterback Jack Gadiant gained 24 yards to the six. That followed a first drive of the game that resulted in a 24-yard field goal by Mariano Bigalk. In that drive Huemann accounted for 47 yards of the offense to set up the field goal. One wouldn't think it good, when Huemann rushed for 229 yards in the game, but except for the first drive and the winning drive at the end, BP kept Huemann pretty well bottled up in the game.

Although the Blossoms had a couple of good drives early in the first half, they didn't materialize into any points. But a drive midway through the second quarter finally clicked, with quarterback Seth Peterson finally finding Gabe Hagen on a fade route into the end zone for a 35-yard strike, and Brad Staska's extra point kick cut the margin to 10-7. Another BP drive before the half fell short, and the Wildcats held that 10-7 edge at the break.

In the third quarter Goodhue scored another field goal by Bigalk, this time from 27 yards. Another drive ended, when Mitchell Oswald blocked an attempted 23-yard field goal try by Bigalk. BP embarked on a 77-yard drive that resulted in a touchdown, when Peterson tossed 39-yard pass to Tim Wolf, who made a dazzling catch and run for 39 yards. Staska's good kick put BP up 14-13, and the Blossoms led for the first and only time.

Three minutes and 28 seconds later, just into the final quarter, Goodhue capped a 73-yard drive with Huemann bearing the bulk of the running into the BP end zone. His one-yard plunge finished the drive, but the two-point conversion pass attempt failed, and the Wildcats led 19-14 on the ensuing kickoff. BP looked to have an answer with a drive that found Peterson hitting Wolf with a 45-yard strike down the side to the Goodhue 35, but then the locals misfired. A motion penalty, followed by a Schoenfelder sack put BP way back to the 40-yard line, and the Wildcats stalled out the final four minutes to record the victory.

Coach Chad Gimbel concluded, "I am super proud of the kids. The way they rose to the occasion these last few weeks was great, and they handled a lot of adversity with courage and determination."

BP's timeouts came up short in stopping the Wildcat possession, and another in a long series of rivalry traditions settled into the Goodhue win column. As mentioned, Huemann carried the load for the Goodhue attack, although Schoenfelder caught 4 passes for 128 yards. Peterson piled up 277 yards passing for the Blossoms, as the ground game gained only 43 yards.

As Gimbel commented, "We were playing a great team, and we have to make all the plays. We missed a few tackles that could have made a difference on defense and the offense stalled with a couple of missed blocks. It was a great high school game."

GOODHUE	3	10	0	6	= 19
BLOOMING PRAIRIE	0	7	7	0	= 14

TEAM TOTALS

GOODHUE RUSHING 278 YARDS: HUEMANN 229, CASEY RYAN 19, KALEB O'REILLY 18.

GOODHUE PASSING GADIENT 9-FOR-14 FOR 168 YARDS-RECEIVING SCHOENFELDER 124, RYAN 16, CARTER DANIELSON 14.

BP RUSHING 43- PETERSON 29, MAX ROMEO 14.

BP PASSING PETERSON 17-FOR-30 277 YARDS-RECEIVING WOLF 101, HAGEN 48, ROMEO 15.

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RESULTS WEEK FOUR NOV. 1, 2017

TEAM STANDINGS

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KOSTERS' KAR CORNER	11	9
J & H/DAIRY QUEEN	10	10
EPIC CONTRACTING	5	15
BUNKIES LANES & GRILL	3	17
HIGH TEAM GAME --SCRATCH		
F & M BANK	506	
HIGH TEAM GAME- HANDICAP		
BUNKIES	489	
NIGH TEAM SERIES- SCRATCH		
F & M BANK	1505	
HIGH TEAM SERIES- HANDICAP		
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HIGH GAME INDIVIDUAL		
1. KRISTI FIEBIGER	178	
2. CONNIE LEMBKE	157	
HIGH SERIES INDIVIDUAJ		
1. KRISTI FIEBIGER	444	
2. JUDY ESPLAN	395	

Celebrating a championship



STAFF PHOTO: RICK BUSSLER

After the Huskies ran all over Rochester Century 37-0 Friday night in Owatonna, Kadyn Mulert (78) embraced Jason Williamson (22) as the team celebrated winning the section championship. It was the fourth time in six years that the Huskies have won the section title. Owatonna plays Saturday night at Lakeville North in the state quarterfinals.

Maple River brings down NRHEG in semifinal playoffs

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

After a comeback win earlier in the week, NRHEG saw its season come to an end when Maple River dominated the Panthers on its home field in Mapleton Oct. 28.

The Eagles led just 10-6 at the half, but piled up 24 points after the break to take down NRHEG 34-14 in the semifinals of Section 2AA playoffs.

After Maple River scored a touchdown

on a Nathan Moore scamper of 38 yards just three minutes into the game, Jake stork countered with a 24-yard pass to Cole Stilicho. The two-point conversion try failed, while Moore's kick for the extra point connected, and the Eagles led 7-6 after one quarter. The only points of the second quarter came off the foot of Moore on 34-yard field goal with 5 minutes left before the break.

Four minutes into the third quarter Maple River increased the lead to 17-6 on a Moore rush of one yard and an extra-point kick. A 33-yard field goal and

another one-yard run by Moore pretty well put the game safely into the Eagle win column, and an intercepted pass run back for a touchdown by Stephen Dodie sealed the victory.

Perry Peterson counted a meaningless touchdown for the Panthers on an 8-yard burst, and his run for the two-point conversion ended the scoring.

NRHEG ended its season with a 5-5 record. In 2016, the Panthers were 7-3. Maple River went on to lose to Blue Earth 11-10 in the section finals.

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SONG THAT ALWAYS MAKES ME WANT TO DANCE: Walk of Life- Dire Straits

FAVORITE ZOO ANIMAL: Dolphins



Steele County Times 2017 Football Contest

Football Contest Rules

Contest: There will be 30 games each week during the contest, which begins Sept. 9 and runs for 12 weeks.

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What you win: The Times will award a \$10 gift car to the Kernal Restaurant, in Owatonna to the person correctly predicting the most winners from the games listed. The person with the most correct games throughout the 12 week contest will be awarded a subscription to the Steele County Times (\$38 value) and a Chanhassen Dinner Theatre ticket for two (\$175 value). An additional prize will be awarded if the winner correctly picks the outcome of all 30 games. Ties will be broken by the score of the Tie-Breaker game. All decisions by the judges are final. The contest is open to anyone age 14 and above, excluding staff and family members of Bussler Publishing, Inc. or Dodge Media, Inc.

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** Because the last regular season high school football game will be played tomorrow night (Wednesday), and playoff contest will not be known ahead of time, the football contest will now be just ten college and ten NFL games. Contest still has five weeks to go, so keep entries coming.

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An Energy Transformation

Speakers discuss renewable energy successes, possibilities

BY RICHARD JOHNSON
DCI MANAGING EDITOR

The common theme from among several speakers at a luncheon discussion held Nov. 2 at Events Sports Bar and Grill in Kasson:

Renewable energy is available, it makes economic sense – and it’s imperative.

“I believe in the next 20 years, this country is going to go through an energy transformation,” said Sen. Dave Senjem (R-Rochester), who helped plan the event. “We really need to talk about it. Things are going to change. I think we need to face up to that and frame policies, if that’s necessary, to help get us to a cleaner-energy world.”

The luncheon attracted about 80 visitors. It was hosted by the German-American Chamber of Commerce and the University of Minnesota’s Institute on the Environment, in cooperation with Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Minnesota Farmers Union.

Speakers included Jochen Oestmann, a German who discussed what it takes to be an “energy farmer.”

He uses solar panels and raises wheat and sugar beets to produce biogas, a biofuel

“I think it’s important to get the word out, what is being done, and maybe where some future plans can go. And maybe what can be done in some of these small communities.”

Jim Checkel, Kasson
Regarding renewable energy

farming is quite similar in Germany.

“So the question is, are some things going on here that, regulatory or otherwise, would stimulate that?” he said. “It’s something at least for us to look at. It’s available electricity. It’s clean, it’s controllably safe. It’s there for us.”

Mike Reese, director of renewable energy for the West Central Research and Outreach Center in Morris, said reducing dependence on fossil fuels would increase local energy markets, decrease long-term ecological risks, and increase local renewable energy markets.



STAFF PHOTO: RICHARD JOHNSON

Kasson-area farmer Jim Checkel speaks during a rural renewable energy event, Nov. 2 in Kasson. At left is Hayfield businessman Randy Demmer.

He works with renewable energy-efficient systems for crops, dairy and swine, including cooling pads for sows and heating pads for piglets.

Another panelist, Randy Demmer of Hayfield, is working with Xcel Energy on a solar garden through his company, SunRay Energy.

Subscribers include Hayfield High School, Field Crest Care Center and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Power from the solar garden will be sold to Xcel. In turn, subscribers will receive credits for power being purchased by Xcel, and will receive credits on their electric bill and pay a portion of those credits to SunRay.

It’s hoped Hayfield High School can save 15 to 20 percent on its bills over the next 25 years.

Demmer, a former state representative whose area included parts of Dodge and Olmsted counties, said the Kasson event was “kind of an eye-opener.”

“There’s so much going on in this renewable energy field, world-wide,” he said. “There’s a lot to learn from the way other people are doing things. It’s an evolving industry and an evolving technology.”

It’s important for people to get together and

discuss innovative ideas, said Jim Checkel, a Kasson farmer who serves as Ashland Township chairman and is a member of the Dodge County Planning Commission and Dodge County Farm Bureau.



Doyal

“I’ve noticed several of the people I’ve been talking with come up and ask me, ‘What did they mean by this?’ ‘What did they mean by that?’ ‘I wasn’t aware that Minnesota was doing these projects,’” he said. “So I think it’s important to get the word out, what is being done, and maybe where some future plans can go. And maybe what can be done in some of these small communities.”

Randy Doyal, CEO of Al-Corn Clean Fuel, which is undergoing a major expansion at its plant in Claremont, said farmers naturally produce energy.

“All of our energy starts from the sod,” he said. “I like to see other ways for us to produce energy, and for me it’s about stewardship. Being a good steward of the earth we’ve been given, and finding ways to do things better, cheaper, with less pollution. That’s all good.”

Senjem said the idea of coal power is waning, and noted that licenses will expire in 2034 for Minnesota’s nuclear power plants in Monticello and Welch, near Red Wing – and the U.S. is expected to will run out of natural gas in about 85 years.

Minneapolis-based Xcel has said it hopes to decrease its carbon emissions 60 percent by 2030, “and the other 40 percent is probably in their plan,” Senjem said.

“I think it’s just incumbent on legislators to talk about this, to stir up enough conversation so people think about where we are, where we’re going, and what kind of energy we have, going into the future,” he said.

GUEST COLUMN

Disappointment with DVS system

BY PEGGY BENNETT

In July, the state agency that oversees Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) rolled out an update to the statewide computer system called the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System, or MNLARS.

This computer system was supposed to improve and simplify driver and vehicle services for our state. Unfortunately, since MNLARS took effect in July, it’s been plagued by a variety of issues and has caused headaches and frustrations for many citizens and license center workers.

I have heard many stories from frustrated local residents over the last three months, including one gentleman who recently had to drive into town from Geneva three separate times over a week’s time before he finally was able to get his license tabs. I met recently with equally frustrated area license center personnel to learn more about how this issue is impacting our center and local citizens. I found that, after three months of continued glitches in the system, they continue to face critical issues: multiple-hour shutdowns, charging customers twice, and simply turning people away because there is no way to process their requests

Put simply, we’re disappointed DVS installed this system before it was ready for primetime. The good news is the legislature is doing our part to assist those who have been impacted by MNLARS issues. If you have experienced issues with MNLARS and need assistance, or simply want to share your experience, you can always contact my office at rep.peggy.bennett@house.mn or 651-296-8216, or visit http://www.

house.leg.state.mn.us/DMV/Comment to tell your story.

FORT SNELLING

On Nov. 3, I had a wonderful time touring the historic Fort Snelling site. Some good friends from Albert Lea and the Twin Cities joined me for the tour, along with my House colleague and friend, Rep. Linda Runbeck.

As members of the House Capital Investment Committee, Rep. Runbeck and I were also able to see first hand the Fort Snelling bonding project request along with the tour. I love early American and Native American history, so this visit was right up my alley. A lot of history for a number of different cultures took place in this area. Some of the buildings date back to 1820 - the oldest buildings in Minnesota. Amazing! If you haven’t had a chance to visit historic Fort Snelling, I hope you will sometime. Thank you to David Kelliher from the Minnesota Historical Society and Fort Snelling Site Manager, Tom Pfannenstiel, for taking the time to give us this tour. I greatly enjoyed it!

LOCAL AWARD

Congratulations to Keith Erickson, retired special education director for the Albert Lea Area Schools, on winning the Legacy Award at the 2017 Minnesota Administrators for Special Education conference. I worked with Keith during my time at Albert Lea schools, and he’s most deserving of the award. Congrats, Keith!

Please continue to call or email my office if you need anything in the months leading up to session. I love hearing your views and suggestions, and will get back to you as soon as possible. Please stay in touch!

Peggy Bennett is a state representative for District 27A, which includes Freeborn County and the city of Blooming Prairie.

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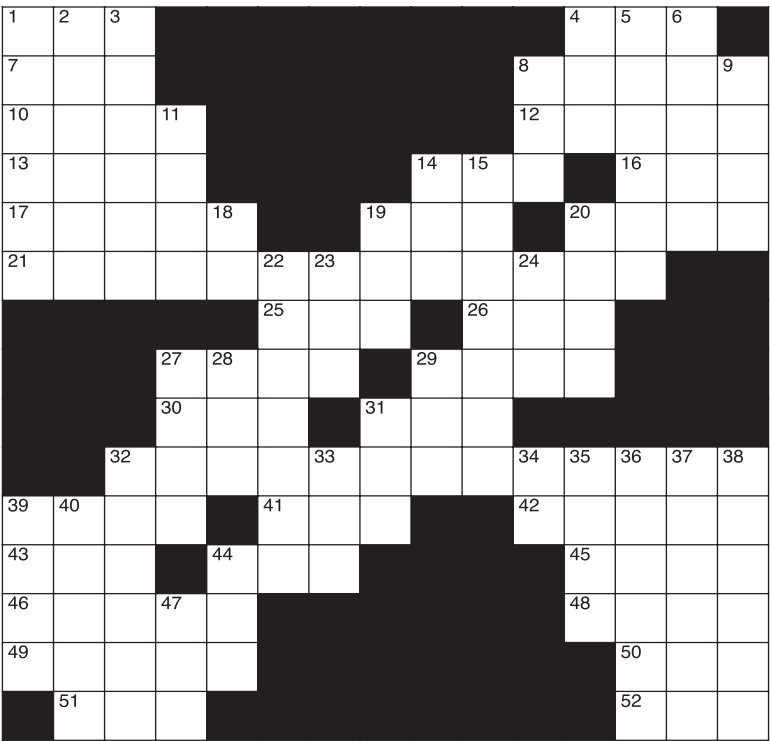
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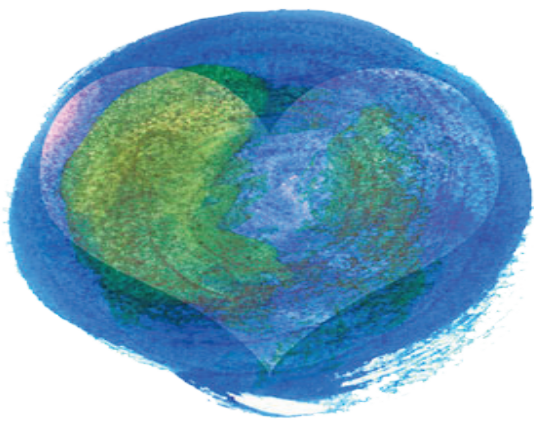
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Hometown Living

Remembering Armistice Day blizzard of 1940

Walk home from school nearly turns tragic for O'Connor

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

What typically was an enjoyable one-mile walk home from a country school nearly turned tragic for a rural Blooming Prairie woman, Barbara O'Connor, when she was 7 years old.

O'Connor recently placed a winter survival kit of gloves, a hat, a scarf, boots, a blanket and a flashlight in the trunk of her car as evidence of what she learned from surviving the Armistice Day blizzard of Nov. 11, 1940.

This Saturday marks the 77th anniversary of the storm that claimed 49 lives in Minnesota including some lightly dressed duck hunters.

O'Connor has shared her story with family and friends and agreed recently to tell her story to The Times. She tells how she became lost in a snow drift a half mile from home and was rescued by her father who heard her loud screams of panic.

While telling her story, one can tell quickly that O'Connor is a strong-willed individual.

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune reported a weather forecast in a Nov. 11, 1940 edition that gave no indication of what was going to strike Minnesota that day and be remembered by many forever.

The forecast said, "Cloudy, occasional snow, and colder, much colder."

For background purposes, read Ben Welter's Star Tribune remembrance printed in a blog in the Nov. 11, 2015 edition recalling the Armistice Day blizzard of 1940:

"Many took advantage of the mild holiday weather and made plans to spend the day outdoors. Then came rain . . .which turned to snow, accompanied by howling wind... and more snow... and then the cold.

"More than 16 inches of snow fell in Minneapolis, more than two feet in other parts of the state.

"Temperatures dropped from near 60 to the single digits in less than 24 hours. Telegraph and telephone lines went down, cutting off communications and complicating the task of reporting the big story. . ."

O'Connor left her farm home for school (District #2) early the morning of Nov. 11, 1940 wearing only a dress, a sweater, anklets and shoes (no boots).

Her home was located one mile south of what was once the location of the Newry Store. Son Mike now owns that property.

"It was warm, the sun was shining," O'Connor recalls about the conditions of that November morning. Her walk one mile to school was uneventful. It was not raining or snowing. Her walk home was more than eventful.



Barbara O'Connor of rural Blooming Prairie shows off her winter survival kit that she began assembling after her experience in the Armistice Day blizzard of 1940.

School officials in Blooming Prairie let school out at about noon on that day because of the heavy rain and snow. O'Connor's teacher rode the bus to and from school, thus planning to ride back with the bus that had carried high school students home.

"We had eaten lunch and already six inches of snow had fallen," O'Connor relates.

She remembers her teacher looking out the school doors and telling everybody to go home. Her teacher who taught all eight grades at the country school, locked the school and went home on the bus to Blooming Prairie.

Students were on their own to find their way home. O'Connor was the only student who lived west of the school.

She says the snow was above her ankles as she began that not so memorable trek toward home.

"I started out running and was scared. My tears were freezing on my cheeks and my hair was full of icicles. I started falling, would get up

and run again. I fought for my breath and had walked about a half mile before I fell again and couldn't get up.

"I could still scream and thankfully my father was nearby in a pasture picking up sheep and had heard me scream. He was picking up sheep that were stuck in the snow and throwing them on a hay rack."

O'Connor's father, Perl Angell, picked her up and threw her onto the hay rack with some half-dead sheep. Angell owned more than 200 sheep, she says.

Her father then reaching the house with his horse-drawn wagon, carried O'Connor into the house and into the arms of her mother who got some blankets for her and also turned up the fire in the cook stove.

"I was still crying but my tears were not freezing any more," she says.

SEE **BLIZZARD, C5**

Youth harvest potatoes

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Members of the Blooming Prairie Youth Club harvested potatoes Friday afternoon outside the club facility. The young harvesters included: (left to right) Michael Wilberding, Madison Sorensen, Kaydance Verhey-Schumacher and Madilynn Madsen. Board member and volunteer Kaye Toquam of Blooming Prairie managed the gardening program with the youth throughout the year. The potatoes were used to make snacks for the youth members.



Legally Blonde musical opens Thursday in BP

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

A new and fresh version of a popular movie of 2001 is set to open Thursday on the Blooming Prairie High School stage, when "Legally Blonde" begins a three performance run at the local school.

The dinner theater is set for Friday night while the final performance will be Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner performance are available at the high school office.

The all-school musical is based on the movie starring Reese Witherspoon, which exceeded all expectations and even was nominated for a Golden Globe Award.

Most people are aware of the somewhat predictable story of the sorority girl who enrolls in Harvard law school to win back her high school sweetheart. He had broken up with her when he left for college, because he didn't think Elle was quite a suitable mate for his interests. In her campaign to woo her suitor back, Elle discovers that she has a talent for the law and solving problems. This becomes especially true when she

successfully defends a client in a murder trial.

Senior Emma Christianson auditioned for and earned the role of Elle, and she is excited, but a little nervous to see the production all come together. "This is my biggest role in a musical," she remarked, "and I am both eager and nervous to have it really happen. It has been a lot of fun rehearsing it for these three months, and now it is time to entertain the audience."

The cast and crews have been putting the finishing touches on the musical the past weeks, and both Director Tammy Johnson and Music Director Kari Bottin are confident that the play will be very entertaining for audiences.

The musical has been popular with actors and audiences alike, and a number of interesting characters populate the production. Locally, Reese Millam, McKenna Hein, Linnea Sunde, Ian Wayne, Max Romeo, and Charlie Heimerman provide just a few of the fun episodes and songs contained in the show. It is a highly entertaining performance and is sure to please the audience at all three performances.



Seniors Max Romeo and Emma Christianson will star as the lead characters in Legally Blonde this weekend at Blooming Prairie High School. They have been practicing for several weeks in preparation for the hit musical.



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Amelia Harthan and Samantha Wurst practice singing for the popular musical, Legally Blonde, which will take center stage in Blooming Prairie beginning Thursday night.

Time to butt it out during Great American Smokeout

Every year, on the third Thursday of November, smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. Encourage someone you know to use the date to make a plan to quit, or plan in advance and then quit smoking that day. By quitting – even for one day – smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk. (www.cancer.org).

Smokefree environments can help a person quit tobacco use. It's been almost two years since Steele County adopted a Clean Indoor Air Ordinance. On Jan. 26, 2016, the Steele County Board of Commissioners passed the Steele County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance #39, which prohibits electronic delivery devices (e-cigs) from being used everywhere cigarettes and cigars (any product that produces secondhand smoke) are prohibited by the MN Clean Indoor Air Act. The Steele County ordinance applies to all of Steele County – including the cities of Owatonna, Blooming Prairie, Medford, Ellendale, and Hope.

The Purpose of the ordinance is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Steele County from the adverse effects of unregulated electronic delivery devices commonly referred to as e-cigarettes.

Steele County Public Health is concerned about these products because they mimic the act of smoking. When used indoors they cause confusion when regulating indoor air laws and they may renormalize the act of smoking.

Many users believe these products are safe. They aren't regulated by any agency. Studies performed on them show they contain nicotine, which is highly addicting and harmful to the developing brain of adolescents. They also contain carcinogens and other toxic chemicals (such as antifreeze). Manufacturers are not required to disclose any ingredients in the products.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that electronic delivery devices not be used indoors, especially in smoke-free environments, to minimize the risk to bystanders of breathing in the aerosol emitted by the devices and to avoid undermining the enforcement of smoke-free laws.

Certain refillable electronic delivery devices (e-cigs) can also be filled with marijuana, meth, and heroine – any drug in a liquid form. This should concern employers who allow e-cig use.

Responsibilities of proprietors/employers:

- Post signage explaining the ordinance
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Tobacco retailers may not allow smoking for the purposes of sampling tobacco, tobacco-related devices, or electronic delivery devices. This is called sampling and it is prohibited in Steele County.

Tobacco cessation information can be accessed through Quitplan at <https://www.quitplan.com/>. This is a resource for anyone who lives in Minnesota. You can also find a quitline number through their website. The Mayo Clinic, American Cancer Society and American Lung Association also have information on quitting on their websites.



Steele Talkin'
JANE NYQUIST

Jane Nyquist is a health educator with Steele County Public Health and can be reached at 507-444-7650. Steele Talkin' is a regular column written by various writers representing groups and organizations throughout Steele County.



Blooming
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BY HOWARD
LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Cancer Corner

Turkey Bingo Nov. 16 in Blooming Prairie



Turkeys, Hope butter, meat raffles and door prizes will be part of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's ever-popular Turkey Bingo extravaganza planned for The Pizza Cellar Party Room in BP on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Bingo starts at 7 p.m. with the first of 25 games. Bingo cards cost \$1 each.

This event, a major fundraiser for the BP Cancer Group, is open to all families and to all ages.

Bingo winners will have their choice of a whole turkey, a large turkey breast or a package of Hope butter. Meat raffle tickets will be sold early in the evening by Cancer Group volunteers Amy Trotman and Joann Nielsen.

Lindsey Krejci will again be the expert caller. She will be assisted by her mother, Cheri Krejci, also treasurer of the BP Cancer Group.

"People love bingo and it's a fun evening," Cheri Krejci said. "This event also

creates an awareness of what the BP Cancer Group does and how volunteers help out to raise funds to fight this dreaded disease," Krejci added.

All funds go to the BP Cancer Group general fund.

The BP Cancer Group is also planning a second annual Jingle Bingo on Thursday, Dec. 14 in the Pizza Cellar Party Room. Twenty games will be featured for the family.

A holiday bake sale is planned before, during and after bingo.

Bingo winners of Jingle Bingo will win wrapped

gifts. Winners seemed to enjoy the mystery of unwrapping a mystery gift, said Krejci. Cancer Group board members will bring gifts and wrap them at the Group's Christmas party in early December.

For more information on the bingo nights, call Cheri Krejci at 507-438-6895.

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Adaptive tricycles give mobility to local kids with motor impairments

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Some children are not able to experience the same joys as kids who don't have disabilities. Riding a tricycle, bicycle, skateboard—these childhood activities are difficult and nearly impossible for those who can't walk independently or use a wheelchair. Until now.

Thanks to the generosity of Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary, children with physical disabilities, orthopedic and neuromuscular impairments who have therapy at Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute – Owatonna Hospital will now have an adaptive tricycle available for their use.

"This is wonderful, and the trike makes it fun," says Lindsey Dahlstrom, physical therapist. "It will allow for further strengthening, range of motion and coordination for kids with orthopedic and neuromuscular impairments."

Nearly \$2,000 was donated to purchase the specially modified tricycle to help staff engage children with special needs in fun activities—boosting their strength, mobility, confidence and sense of freedom.

"We want to increase awareness and encourage healthy habits for our patients as well as the community," says Dahlstrom. "Biking is a lifelong activity that people of all kinds of abilities can enjoy."

What is an adaptive tricycle?

Designed for children with physical limitations, the adaptive trike provides a therapeutic, shared, fun and safe exercise experience. Benefits include:

- Large, puncture-proof wheels which move easily on indoor surfaces and outdoor pavement. A hidden stop prevents over-steering of the front wheel, plus, the steering is separate from pedaling, which makes it easier for early learners to maneuver.
- Self-leveling pedals, courtesy of a pulley system, keeps pedals balanced at all times; hook and loop straps help keep the child's feet in place.
- The trunk support system stabilizes a child who has poor balance.
- Headrests which can be easily adjusted for

height, depth and angle.

· A rear steering bar which allows the physical therapist to guide the tricycle from behind.

"If we can introduce biking as a family-friendly activity by using adaptive tricycles here, families may decide to pursue getting one for home-use," says Dahlstrom.

"Biking is a social, age-appropriate activity, offering kids with disabilities the chance to just 'be a kid' and play alongside their peers," she says. "A sincere thank you to the Auxiliary for making this possible."

A referral from your health care provider is needed before rehabilitation care can begin. For more information, visit allinahealth.org/couragekenny or call 507-977-2150.



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Lindsay Dahlstrom, physical therapist, left, and Grant. He uses the adaptive tricycle during his physical therapy sessions.

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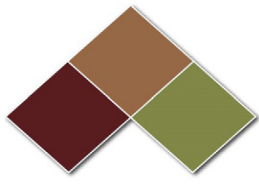
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Congress candidate receives endorsement

Jack Kolars, a 20-year Nicollet County Commissioner, officially endorsed Vicki Jensen of Owatonna in the race for Minnesota's First Congressional District Friday.

"Vicki Jensen is the right person to succeed Tim Walz in Congress for our district. Her work, leadership, and knowledge of our infrastructure has led to some of the largest steps forward for Hwy 14 in decades," said Kolars. "That same motivation and ability to get results will bring Southern Minnesotans better opportunities and less negative interference from Washington."

Following the endorsement, Jensen released the following statement:

"Commissioner Kolars has been a champion of stability and common sense for Nicollet County for more

than 20 years; it's a privilege to earn his endorsement. The state of our district and our nation's infrastructure requires new solutions. If elected to Congress, I'll make it a priority to close tax loopholes and use the cash to secure funding for all of our infrastructure priorities, like Hwy 14, the I-90 corridor, and upgrading infrastructure to a 10-ton road system to handle the heavier trucks already on our roads."

Jensen is a business owner, former school board member and prior State Senator. With a background in agriculture and business and a record of working on common sense legislation, she is the homegrown candidate who can win in 2018.

She is the only woman running for the DFL endorsement and is the only candidate to serve in elected



Vicki Jensen

office. Jensen was the first DFLer to win her Senate seat in 40 years and the first woman ever. She is the only candidate in the race who has proven she can win in a swing district like MN-01.

BP Legion and Auxiliary to sponsor scholarships

American Legion Post commander Karl Luiken and Auxiliary president Jackie Schlichter have announced that a scholarship program will be available once again.

Both the Post and Auxiliary will sponsor \$500 scholarships for another year. This will be the 23rd year that the scholarships will be available by the local American Legion units.

Criteria for eligibility are

- as follows:
- Applicant must have completed at least one semester of higher education.
 - The school must be an approved institution of higher learning.
 - There are no age limits for these scholarships.
 - Applicants may be a traditional student or a non-traditional student.
- The scholarships are made possible in part by

the popular Fourth of July raffle. The Legion thanks all veterans and others who work on this raffle and also those who support the raffle by purchasing tickets.

Scholarship applications may be picked up at the BP Servicemen's Club, 507-583-7884 or at the Blooming Prairie Public Library. Applications must be filled out and returned to the club or the library by Dec. 4.

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Top: The Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary held its annual Holiday Bazaar at the hospital on Saturday, Nov. 4. Faith Hager, 8 of Medford, shows her find at the bazaar. She bought this unique set of Ginger Bread books written by Jan Brett. The two-day bazaar brought throngs of visitors as a benefit for the Auxilliary.

Right: There was something for everyone at the 2017 Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary Bazaar last Friday and Saturday. Hundreds of people visited the busy bazaar. Carrie Spitzack, left and Michelle Noble, right, both of Owatonna, found a couple of doggie friends that they purchased for the holidays.

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Sessions to be held in southeastern Minnesota include: Nov. 14- Bremer Bank in Rochester; Dec. 5- Kibble Equipment in Owatonna and Dec. 13- Riverland College in Austin.

This short course will use an interactive and fun approach to teach

participants how to organize and use financial records; develop and analyze financial statements; and make informed decisions regarding finances and production. Producer teams will act as loan review committees and learn about these concepts as they review a case study farm. The concepts covered promote better internal decisions for farm management and stronger relationships

with external partners, such as farm lenders. The participants will learn the components of a balance sheet, income statement, cash flow, and the importance of records.

Nathan Hulinsky, Extension Educator explains, “With the current commodity prices and farm economy, keeping on top of, and managing the farm’s finances



is a top concern. This course will give the participants the opportunity to review another farm’s finances to determine their financial needs and if the case farm cash flows.”

Classes will start at 9 a.m. and go until 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Attendance is free and each participant will receive a binder full of handouts and resources to take home.

Registration is open. To register, please visit https://z.umn.edu/2017-Survive_Thrive. For more information on the workshop, please call or e-mail Nathan Hulinsky, 218-236-2009 or huli0013@umn.edu.

The infamous home invader

ON THE FARM



Claire LaCanne

Our houses become sanctuary for several critters as the weather cools. An especially infamous home invader is the Multicolored Asian lady beetle, *Harmonia axyridis*. Despite being beneficial to our crop fields and gardens, we often think of them as pests due to their presence inside our homes. They can be nuisances, but there are several myths about these buggers, which earn them more disdain than they deserve.

Myth #1: They were purposefully released in Minnesota to control soybean aphids.

Multicolored Asian lady beetles are not and never have been part of any release program in Minnesota.

These beetles are native to eastern Asia, and were intentionally released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in California in 1916 for biological control of pecan aphids. They were also released for additional biological control programs in other states. They moved into the state from other areas, first sighted in Minnesota in 1994.

Myth #2: Native lady beetles don’t bite, Asian lady beetles do.

This is basically true. Some Asian lady beetles can bite hard enough to break human skin, causing minor discomfort. Most Minnesota-native lady beetle species cannot bite hard enough to break skin. Any bites that do occur are incidental, as the beetles are likely just searching for moisture or food.

Myth #3: Native lady beetles are red, Asian lady beetles are orange. Also, the color or spot

pattern denotes whether it is male or female.

Multicolored Asian lady beetles can be orange or red. They look similar to other lady beetles but are generally rounder and larger. Their appearance is variable; they can be orange, yellow, red, or black. Asian lady beetles typically have 19 black spots on their wing covers, which can vary in appearance. They may also have fewer than 19 spots or no spots at all. The most reliable identifying characteristic is the black ‘M’-shaped marking behind the head. This ‘M’ can look thick, thin, or broken. Multicolored Asian lady beetles are extremely variable in their colors and patterns, living up to the “multicolored” part of their name. You cannot determine the sex of a lady beetle by its coloring or spots.

Myth #4: There is an overabundance of lady beetles in Minnesota.

We see the non-native, invasive Multicolored Asian lady beetles and may think we have plenty. However, some native ladybugs have become extremely rare. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and The Lost Ladybug Project are attempting to monitor rare species.

Myth #5: Lady beetles lay eggs in our homes.

Lady beetles usually enter cracks or gaps in our homes between late September and late October in Minnesota, when soybeans are harvested. They do not reproduce indoors, because they lay eggs where their young will have a food source, which is outside in the spring. Any lady beetle seen inside during winter and spring entered the previous fall.

Lady beetles play a role in our ecosystem, even if we don’t love sharing our homes with them. Contact me for suggestions regarding prevention or removal.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural extension educator for Steele and Rice counties. Her column appears in this newspaper regularly.

Fertilizer savings may be the difference between profit and loss

On a recent webinar with over 1,300 lenders and regulators, I shared some data analysis that shows producers in the top margins on profitability are also more likely to have lower fertilizer costs by \$20 to \$50 per acre. Politely stating his surprise, one of the participating bankers asked how this was accomplished. That’s a great question.

First, some producers who are cutting fertilizer uniformly across all fields are actually missing the target for expense reduction. In other words, they are gaining immediate improvement on cash flow and the income statement, but reducing long term agronomic health, which will undoubtedly tip any savings back to the other side eventually. Those that are profiting from fertilizer reductions are following specific plans that

often involve a combination of factors.

Among the producers exhibiting today’s most profitable margins, many are conducting improved soil sampling and zone delineation for precise rates in areas of application. For example, some growing areas may actually receive more (or less) fertilizer based on its growth potential and surrounding environment because the goal is to maximize efficiency both on productive and marginal land. In short, these producers are driving efficiency.

Next, some producers in the top percentage of profitability have diversified farms or are in a region with a large livestock presence. These producers are rotating manure, or what some call the MVP (most valuable product) into their fertilization plans for overall cost savings.

For other producers, they are literally reaping the benefits of long-term crop rotation and no-till practices in their efforts to reduce costs. Of course, this varies according to the region and land management practices, but over time, these practices are proving profitable for many of today’s top producers.

In reducing fertilizer costs, some producers have been able to negotiate price with cash discounts, while others formed buying groups to take advantage of lower bulk rates. Still others follow the fertilizer markets closely in order to lock in prices when seasonal price shifts occur.

As an important side note, cash discounts are a time-honored way of reducing expenses in several areas. A discount of 2 to 3 percent, especially when applied to more than one expense

can add up quickly. However, this strategy also requires one to have the cash reserves and working capital (outside of operating lines of credit) so timely discounts can be taken.

The approach of many of today’s top producers can be summarized by the “Five percent rule” coined by Dr. Danny Klinefelter Texas A&M University. His rule is that one should strive to improve several areas of the business by 5 percent. This type of improvement requires one to examine the details and implement smaller changes in various places, instead of making one large cut that may reduce expenses and returns. The banker’s question was an excellent reminder that little changes can really add up.

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Minnesota Crop Report

Despite cold temperatures and accumulated snow, Minnesota farmers were able to harvest 22 percent of the statewide corn acreage during the week ending November 5, 2017, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork that were utilized for harvesting crops, spreading manure and working on fall tillage.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Corn for grain harvest advanced 22 percentage points, but remained 12 days behind the 5-year average, bringing the total harvest to 60 percent complete. Corn moisture content of grain at harvest averaged 19 percent. The **sunflower** harvest advanced 8 percentage points to 87 percent complete, 1 day ahead of average.

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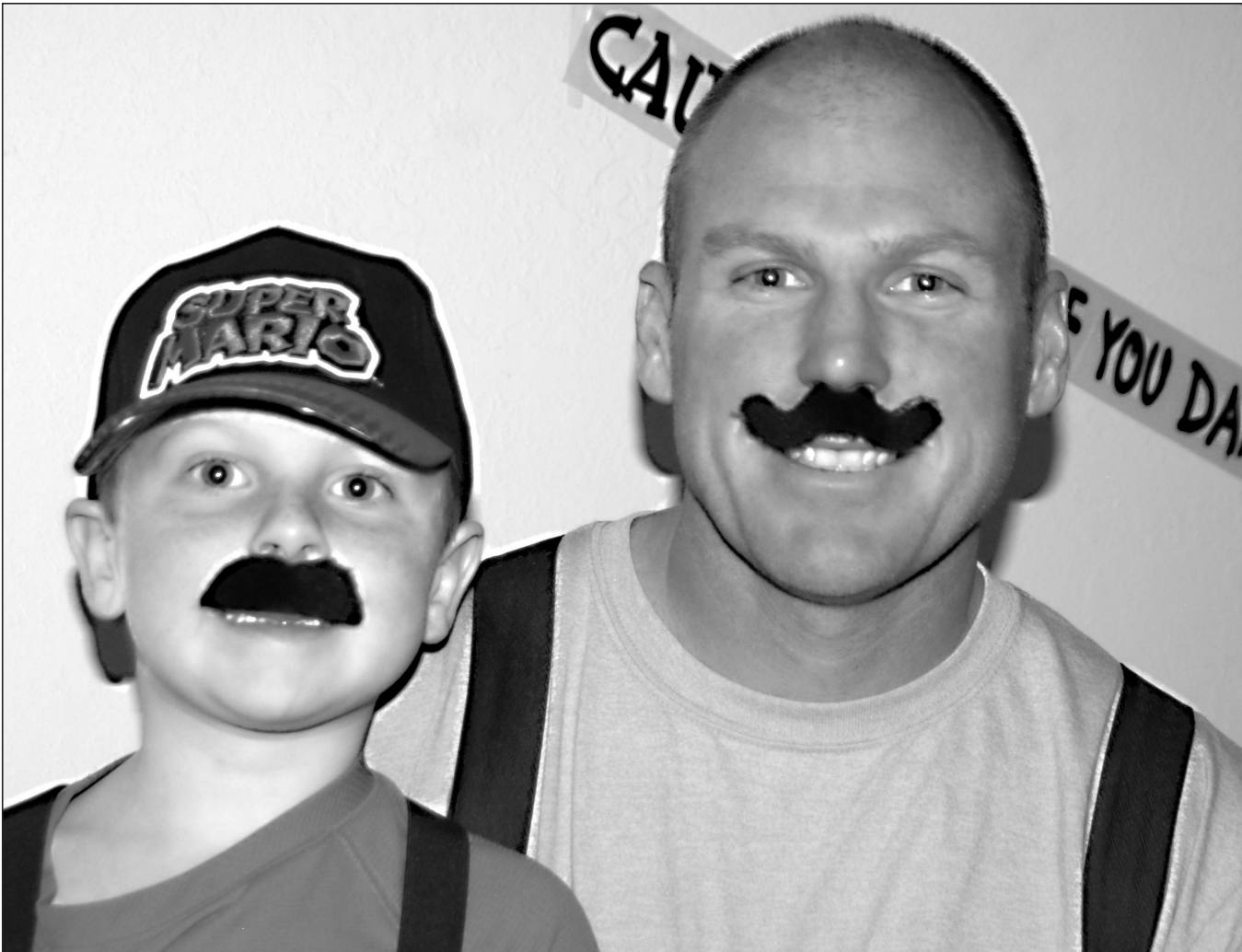
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Spooky time around Steele County



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The Blooming Prairie American Legion Auxiliary sponsored a festive Halloween party at the BP Servicemen's Club on Monday night, Oct. 30. Coming as a broken doll was Jazlyn Kapsch, 9, of Blooming Prairie. Her mother did her makeup.



STAFF PHOTO: HOWARD LESTRUD
Super Mario and Luigi made an appearance at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club Halloween Party on Monday night, Oct. 30. The Super Mario guys are also known as Mavrick Schlichter and dad Bryce Schlichter.

BLIZZARD: Remembering Armistice

FROM PAGE B1

O'Connor's two brothers had already made it home on the bus and were outdoors helping their father with farm chores and helping find more snow-stranded sheep.

"The sheep are what paid off our farm," O'Connor revealed. The Angels were stranded on the farm for days. "Nothing was moving and I didn't want to go outside," she said.

O'Connor helped her father herd sheep by using her pony named "Ginger." She laughs when telling the story about her mother placing her on a pony in the front yard "because I couldn't stay off mom's recently washed floor."

O'Connor said "it was fun" living on the farm with dogs, cats, lambs and ponies.

"I started out running and was scared. My tears were freezing on my cheeks and my hair was full of icicles. I started falling, would get up and run again. I fought for my breath."

Barbara O'Connor

Armistice Day Blizzard Survivor

husband Tom wintered in Arizona for years. She still winters there. "It's funny when you look in a car and see a jacket on the seat; you know the vehicle belongs to a Minnesotan," she said.

She and her husband both farmed and worked outside of the home. They parented two boys and two girls. O'Connor counts 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. All live within 100 miles of her, except one who lives in Michigan.

O'Connor is proud when saying the O'Connors have more family farms in the area than most family farm owners. "Farming has been my life," she affirms.

Her late husband and father farmed together for 17 years.

O'Connor went to school to become a legal stenographer and tax accountant. She started her own accounting business, which is still serving area clients as Stebbins Accounting, managed by her daughter Ellen.

While in the business world, O'Connor became very engaged in working for the best interests of farmers. She was instrumental in organizing a Minnesota chapter of WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics.)

"That's another story," she smiles as she tells about leading efforts to get better prices for farmers. She was an advocate of the farmers as an accountant. She and her husband Tom often traveled to Washington, D.C. to lobby for the farmer.

She is a published author. When in high school, O'Connor wrote a column for the Black and White Chronicle, part of the Blooming Prairie Times.

She has always loved to write and read. And she has been told by many that she should write a book. "If I told everything, they would run me out of town," she chuckles.

"When I was 10 years old, my father gave me the best gift ever, a library card to the Austin Library. I went every two weeks to bring home more books on ponies, pets, the farm and the family."

Son Jim will soon drive his mother and her Sheltie dog "Lucy" to her Arizona winter home.

"I'm 84 years old and damn proud of it," Barbara remarked about her many years of life on the farm.

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Nov. 11
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5:30 p.m. — Veteran's Day Dinner and Program, Servicemen's Club

Nov. 12
Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast, Servicemen's Club

Nov. 13
7 p.m. — City Council Meeting
Nov. 14
10:30 a.m. — Storytime, BP Library

Nov. 16
7 p.m. — Turkey Bingo, Pizza Cellar Party Room

Nov. 18
Spaghetti Supper Fund-raiser for BP Youth Club, Servicemen's Club

Nov. 21
5:30 p.m. — BP Ambulance Commission Meeting
Nov. 23
6th Annual Gobble Wobble, Take off from BP Youth Club



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Nov. 8
5 p.m. — Medford Economic Development Authority Meeting
5:30 p.m. — 50+ Fit and Flex Workshop, Sollid Yoga

Nov. 9
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. — Movies at the Library, Owatonna Library
5 p.m. — Airport Commission Meeting, Airport Lounge
5:30 p.m. — 10 p.m. — Steele County Historical Society Annual Meeting, History Center
6:30 p.m. — Family Storytime, Owatonna Library

Nov. 10
10 a.m. — 7 p.m. — SCHS Operation Tombstone Tour, History Center
6:30 p.m. — Billy Dankert Band concert, Jefts Hall at Pillsbury Concert
6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m. — Wine & Cheese Tasting Benefit, Owatonna Arts Center

Nov. 11
6 a.m. — 11 a.m. — Veteran's Day Breakfast, Hy-Vee
10 a.m. — 7 p.m. — SCHS Operation Tombstone Tour, History Center
10 a.m. — 4 p.m. — South-

ern Minnesota Scrapbook and Card Crop Party, Holiday Inn
11 a.m. — Veterans Day Flag Raising, Courthouse
Noon — 1 p.m. — Veteran's Day Lunch, Owatonna American Legion
4 p.m. — 7 p.m. — Veteran's Day Supper, Owatonna VFW
5 p.m. — 6 p.m. — Veteran's Day Dinner, Owatonna Elks Lodge

Nov. 12
10 a.m. — 7 p.m. — SCHS Operation Tombstone Tour, History Center

Nov. 13
7 p.m. — Medford Park Board Meeting

Nov. 14
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. — Storytime, Owatonna Library
1 p.m. — So Many Books... So Little Time Reading Group, Owatonna Library
4:30 p.m. — Owatonna Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. — Spanish Storytime, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. — Poetry Writers Group, Owatonna Library
7 p.m. — 9 p.m. — Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shepard Lutheran Church



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR BRIEFS

STEELE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING
The Steele County Historical Society announces its annual meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Steele County History Center.
The meeting begins with a social time at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Meal entrees are a choice of chicken or pork.
After dinner, the speaker will be Karen Goetz with a presentation on the Women of World War I.
Several awards, including Volunteer of the Year will be presented, as will highlights of the past year. “This has been an exciting and productive year at SCHS. We are looking forward to an evening of great food, entertainment, and Society fellowship,” said Jerry Ganfield, president of the board.
Tickets are \$25 per person and can be reserved at the SCHS History Center by calling (507) 451-1420. Payment at the reception desk may be by check or credit card. The public is invited to attend.

ALBERT LEA COMMUNITY THEATRE FEATURING “LOVE, LOSS AND WHAT I WORE”
Albert Lea Community Theatre will feature four performances of the play “Love, Loss and What I Wore” from Nov. 9 to Nov. 11 at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center in downtown Albert Lea.
Produced, directed and performed by the women of ACT, this play of monologues and ensemble pieces about women, clothes and memories will feature a cast of more than a dozen local women. Half of the proceeds from the show will benefit local women's groups.
Written by sisters Nora Ephron (When Harry Met Sally and Sleepless in Seattle) and Delia Ephron (You've Got Mail and The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants), and based on the bestselling book by Illene Beckerman, this dramatic comedy covers all of the important subjects — mothers, prom dresses, mothers, buying bras, mothers, hating purses and why women only wear black.
“Love, Loss and What I Wore” will be performed Nov. 9, 10

BILLY DANKERT BAND COMING TO OWATONNA
The Concert Club in Owatonna 2017-2018 concert series continues at Jefts Hall at Pillsbury Friday, Nov. 10.
The amazing night of music includes Billy Dankert, drummer and sometime songwriter for Austin Minnesota legends, Gear Daddies. In addition to contributing several well-known staples to the Gear Daddies albums and live shows, Dankert has released several solo albums, including his newest release Sleep Late, which was released in 2016.
Dankert has been Minneapolis based for many years, but still has family and many friends in his hometown of Austin and rural Mower and Steele counties. He is very excited about finally bringing his solo music up 218 to Owatonna.
Trapper Schoepp is an American rock band from Milwaukee. Trapper Schoepp — who's already crisscrossed the country sharing stages with fellow travelers like The Wallflowers, The Jayhawks and The Old 97's — will be back on the road throughout 2017 in support of their brand new release, Bay Beach Amusement Park. It's a rock n roll concept album about the 125-year-old Bay Beach Amusement Park in Green Bay - home to Elvis' favorite ride The Zippin Pippin.
The Owatonna stop is part of a limited engagement Midwest tour of small venues for the Trapper Schoepp Duo. The full Trapper Schoepp band has played much larger stages including opening for Tom Petty at Summerfest in Milwaukee. Just three days after their Owatonna concert, they will headline a halftime concert at The Milwaukee Bucks 50th Anniversary celebration.
Tickets \$14 in advance. Table of six, including snacks, is \$75 while limited supply of table seating lasts. All tickets purchased in advance will have

ELLENDALE/GENEVA/HOPE

Nov. 8
3:30 p.m. — Com Ed (Kick-ball) Class, Ellendale Elementary Gym North

Nov. 9
4 p.m. — Com Ed (Beginner Piano Lessons), NR Choir Room
6:30 p.m. — Turbo Kick Exercise, Ellendale Elementary Smart Room
7:30 p.m. — Ellendale City Council Meeting

Nov. 10
9:30 a.m. — Veteran's Day Program, NRHEG High School Gym
Nov. 12
11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m. — Turkey

Nov. 13
6 p.m. — Com Ed (Acrylic Painting) Class, NRHEG HS Art Room

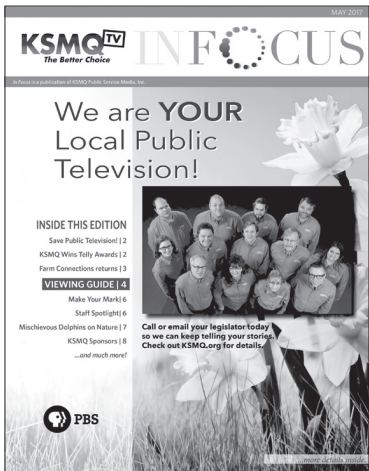
Nov. 14
6:15 p.m. — Com Ed (PIYO Live) Class, Ellendale Elementary Smart Room
6:15 p.m. — ECFE Adventures in Parenting Class, Ellendale Preschool Room
6:30 p.m. — Karate, Ellendale Elementary Gym North

Nov. 23
7:30 p.m. — Ellendale City Council Meeting

Dinner, First Lutheran Church of Ellendale

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Doors for all Jefts Hall at Pillsbury Concerts open at 6:30 p.m. with music starting at 7:30 p.m. To reserve table seating text or call 507-390-4079.

ELLENDALE CHURCH SERVING TURKEY DINNER
First Lutheran Church in Ellendale invites the public to a Turkey Dinner and Pie/Dessert Auction on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — or until turkey is gone.
The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn and beverage. A free-will offering will be accepted. Take-out containers are also available for the meal.

POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER COMING TO CLAREMONT
St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting its 57th Annual Potato Pancake Supper on Sunday, Nov. 12.
From 3 to 7 p.m., all-you-can-eat potato and buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, coffee and water will be served.
Luverne Wanous will provide music from 4 to 6 p.m.
A free-will donation will be accepted at the door with proceeds going to St. John's cemetery restoration and the Steele and Dodge County Food Shelves.
The church is located in Havana Township at 4532 SE 84th Ave. Claremont.

EXCHANGE CLUB HOSTING MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
The Exchange Club of Owatonna will host the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 16. The buffet breakfast will be held at the Owatonna Country Club starting at 7:30 a.m. This year's speaker is former Area Director for Young Life, Chuck Jamison.
Tickets cost \$15 and are on sale at Kottke's, Insty Prints Owatonna and Owatonna City Administration Offices. Deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, Nov. 9.

RED CROSS CALLS FOR BLOOD DONORS
The American Red Cross encourages people to share their good health this holiday season by donating blood for patients in need.
A decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors are busy with holiday activities and travel. However, patients don't get a holiday break from needing lifesaving transfusions. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
By giving blood or platelets, donors may give patients more time — and more holidays — with loved ones. Make an appointment to give blood. Download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
There are several upcoming blood donation opportunities around the area:
Albert Lea — 1 p.m. — 7 p.m. Nov. 30, Salem Lutheran Church
Austin — 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. Nov. 17, Riverland Community College
Austin — 1 p.m. — 7 p.m. Nov. 28, Mower County Senior Citizens Center
Kasson — 10:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, United Methodist Church
Medford — 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. Nov. 20, Medford School
Medford — 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. Nov. 24, Medford Outlet Center
Owatonna — 11 a.m. — 5 p.m. Nov. 22, Family Video Owatonna — 3:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29, McKinley Elementary School

FESTIVAL OF TREES COMING TO OWATONNA
Kick off your Holiday Season with the 27th Annual Festival of Trees. The opening night event will be at the Holiday Inn in Owatonna on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m.
It is a festive evening of sparkling trees, holiday entertainment, a silent auction featuring over 100 baskets, and delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. “Buy It Now” specially decorated fresh holiday wreaths are a new feature this year.
All proceeds benefit the programs that the Advocates for Developmental Disabilities offer to individuals with disabilities and their families throughout Steele County. Tickets can be purchased at Cash Wise, Hy-Vee, Kottke's, at the event or by calling the ADD office at (507) 451-9769.

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMING TO AREA
The Minnesota Highway Safety Center is offering a 55+ Driver Improvement Course in the area.
The class is open to the public and a pre-registration is required. By utilizing the most up-to-date research in the field, participants will be provided the latest information in regards to driver safety, new laws and vehicle technology.
People age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a 10 percent discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. First time participants must complete the initial eight hours of training and a four-hour refresher class every three years to maintain the discount. The cost of the refresher class is \$22.00 and the eight-hour class is \$26.
The four-hour refresher class will be offered in the area on several upcoming dates. They include: Owatonna on Nov. 15 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Education Room at Roosevelt School; and Albert Lea on Nov. 20 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Intego Insurance Services, 1206 W. Front St.
The eight-hour first time course will be in Albert Lea several dates in November. They include: Nov. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Intego Insurance Services, 1206 W. Front St. Albert Lea; Nov. 27 and 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Albert Lea Senior Center, 1739 W. Main St. For more information or to register, visit our website at www.mnsafetycenter.org or call (888) 234-1294.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOSTS ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA
First Baptist Church in Blooming Prairie invites the ladies of Blooming Prairie and the surrounding area to its Annual Ladies Christmas Tea on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.
The event begins with Christmas music and fellowship in the main sanctuary. Following the performance, Christmas tea and delectable treats will be available in the church's fellowship hall, which is handicapped accessible.
This evening is a special way to begin the Christmas season with turning hearts towards Jesus.
Please RSVP for the event by Monday, Nov. 27 by calling the church office (507) 583-2673.



Workers installed new sewer system linings on the north part of Blooming Prairie last week. Joe Foster of Municipal Pipe Tool Co. of Hudson, Iowa, checks out a pressure meter while installing the linings.

STEELE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS

BIRTHS
May 2017

Lucas Austin Snider, Parents: Sara and Spencer, May 1.
Margaret Lin Peterson, Parents: Ashley and Anthony, May 2.
Janelle Gabriella Rosales, Parents: Priscilla and Jesse, May 2.
Callie Jean Mayer, Parents: Deon and Christopher, May 3.

Isabelle Constance Becker, Parents: Gabrielle and Alex, May 4.
Felicity Skye Douglas, Parents: Heidi and Jonathan, May 4.
Lydia Ann Hunt, Parents: Holly and Joel, May 4.
Arind Alimi, Parents: Olivia Hughes and Armend Alimi, May 6.
Annabelle Mae Ogden, Parents: Johnnie and James, May 6.
Landon James Wagamon, Parents: Megan and Brian, May 7.

Landry Avery Woltman, Parents: Kari and Lance, May 7.
Isabelle Marie Hayes, Parents: Bridget and Shawn, May 8.
Owen Thomas Rohe, Parents: Amy and Jason, May 10.
Alexander Owen Ahrens, Parents: Molly and Nathan, May 10.
Berklee Ann Landkammer, Parents: Megan and Ryan, May 11.
Joseph James Krejci, Parents: Rachel and Jon, May 12.

Natalie Joann Langham, Parents: Brooklyn and Jesse, May 15.
Omar Aweys Omar, Parents: Fadumo Maxamuud and Aweys Ahmed, May 17.
Ethan Josias Hernandez-Robles, Parents: Deisy Robles and Margarito Maceda, May 19.
Joseph Aguilar, Parents: Maria and Juan, May 19.
Elizabeth Joy McCusker, Parents: Heidi and Kevin, May 19.
Sawyer Robert Cassen, Parents: Angel and Keith, May 20.
Henry Charles Hoha, Parents: Carissa and Joshua, May 20.
Cecilia Marie Wantoch, Parents: Ashley and Nicholas, May 22.
Augustus Robert Kahnke, Parents: Hollie and Michael, May 23.
Benjamin Nathan Wetzel, Parents: Michelle and Nathan, May 23.
Kaison Michael Myers, Parents: Rachel Abderrahim and Michael Myers, May 30.

PUBLIC RECORDS

MARRIAGES
May 2017

Hortencia Janeth Torres and José Guadalupe Palma, May 1.
Michelle Marie Evans and Sammy Daniel Miranda-Hernandez, May 5.
David Girard Lipelt and Angela Michelle Knish, May 5.
Kayle Nicole Katzung and Scott Sylvester Balzer, May 6.
Bruce Edwin Highfield and Annissa Rheannon Allen, May 12.
Melissa Lynn Duke and Nicholas Andrew Lanyon, May 12.
Samuel Ervin Vanderpoel and Rebecca Ann Leonard, May 13.
Samuel Sergey Meixner and Paige Teresa Nicole Waterbury, May 13.
Michael James Anderson and Barbara Smith Cole, May 13.
Jesse Scott Jaeger and Jacy Jeannette Eggum, May 13.
Keith Alexander Cooper and Tara Jean Benson, May 19.
Jordan Lee Albin-Jandt and Johnathan Michael Srock, May 20.
Lucas Jeffrey Johnson and Courtney Elizabeth Marie Mullerleile, May 20.
Bryan Kenneth Lamont and Stephanie Joy Koepp, May 20.
Michael James Howe and Justine Ambler Mahnke, May 20.
Shane Michael Quiggle and Sara Marie Pichner, May 20.
Blas Obed Varela Santos and Monica Rose Deleon, May 24.
Pedro Gutierrez and Virginia Gutierrez, May 24.
Brooke Elizabeth Radel and Alison Rae Slinden, May 27.
Andrew John Simon and Gloria Claire Rosener, May 27.
Matthew Roger Schrom and Linda Jean Glende-Thompson, May 31.

DIVORCES
May 2017

Kristina A. Kaplan and Jeffrey Joseph Kaplan.
Ashley Marie Johnson and Shane Curtis Johnson.
Isnarda Velazquez-Reyes and Jose A. Tamez.
Nicholas Alexander Woods and Heidi Ann Woods.
Kristi M. Anderson and Jason Anderson.
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AREA VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS

Owatonna Nov. 11:

Flag Raising Program:
11 a.m. at Steele County Courthouse

Hy-Vee Breakfast: **6 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

American Legion Lunch:
Noon to 1 p.m.

Elks Lodge Dinner: **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

VFW Supper: **4 to 7 p.m.**

Bloomington Nov. 11 (all at Servicemen's Club)

9:30 a.m. – coffee and donuts served in the Foxhole

11 a.m. – Flag raising ceremony outside clubhouse

5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:30 p.m. – Ham Dinner followed by a Patriotic Program, Vets Memorial update and Quilts of Valor presentation
Dinner: \$10
Kids, 6-11: \$5
Kids 5 and under, Free Veterans eat free with ID

New Richland Friday, Nov. 10

9:30 a.m. Veteran's Day program in the high school gym featuring a local veteran as the speaker. Organized by the NRHEG HS Ambassadors group, which promotes positivity



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STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Frank Williamson, 94, of Bloomington, proudly holds a wedding photo of him and wife Margaret Ann. The Williamsons were married 72 years before she passed away last year. Frank and Margaret Williamson were married on Aug. 10, 1944 in Oak Park, Illinois. They moved to Minnesota in 1968 and farmed in the Waltham area.



World War II vet recalls sacrifices made in defending country

War experience fueled patriotism for Williamson

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Would you say you are patriotic? That question was asked recently of Frank Williamson, 94-year-old veteran of World War II. His quick response was: "Oh yes."

Williamson's patriotism was built by his three years of service in the military, one year in the Coast Guard and two years in the United States Navy.

Sitting comfortably in his easy recliner, Williamson reflected on his military service just before he celebrates Veterans Day on Saturday. Williamson currently resides in the Heather Haus Apartments next to the Prairie Manor Care Center in Bloomington.

Williamson is proud of his military service and often shares his experiences over morning coffee with friends at Subway in Bloomington.

A most modest man, Williamson discussed his early years after being born and raised in the outskirts of Chicago.

Williamson enlisted in the Coast Guard at age 18 in 1942 during war time. He served in the Coast Guard for one year and then was put on a ship in 1943, the USS Harveson, a destroyer.

His duty consisted of being part of an escort service for convoys going overseas. During his military career, he made 12 convoy trips. The convoy trips would begin in New York and end in British, Irish or Scottish ports.

Williamson's ship and five others would escort the convoy. After getting their battle ships to their destination, Williamson's ship would take on water and fuel to take back. "We also took enough food with us to make a round trip," he said.

Some troops were carried on the ships but mostly fuel and supplies were taken on true

"I did what I was told to do and was not charging up an island or being in a foxhole but did my part."

Frank Williamson
World War II Veteran

water.

Why did Williamson choose to serve? "Because I was called," he responded. He and Margaret Ann were married on Aug. 10, 1944. The Williamsons were married for 72 years.

Citing memories of his service career, Williamson said the first six months were a bad experience. "I was seasick," he explained.

German submarines were all around Williamson's ship, he recalls. He said at least one ship was lost on the convoy trips. Williamson's ship was protecting the convoy. "We never lost any men," he says thankfully.

Williamson's ship hunted down submarines. Records show that Williamson's ship brought one sub to surface.

Williamson went aboard as a seaman and ended up as a Gunner's Mate, two stripes. His ship escorted convoys until the Germans surrendered. He was then assigned to the Pacific with anti-aircraft guns on board.

"We never left Pearl Harbor," Williamson said. When his ship did leave, it headed to Japan. "It was so hot that we slept in our sacks on the deck," he remarked.

"I remember a radio man yelling "The G-- D--- war is over." That message came after the second atomic bomb was dropped on Japan.

After the war ended, Williamson had accumulated enough points to be discharged on Nov. 9, 1945. Williamson was asked to "re-up"

but he said he chose to "head for home."

What lessons did Williamson learn from the military service?

"I did what I was told to do and was not charging up an island or being in a foxhole but did my part," he says.

Williamson farmed in Illinois after the war and moved to Minnesota in 1968. He and wife Margaret and four children lived on a farm near Waltham. He lived on the farm for 51 years. Williamson has four children: Jill, Terry, Dave and Mark. All went to school in Bloomington.

His son Dave farmed with him for many years but then quit the farm at age 44 and became a nurse, working at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis.

Frank has seven grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Military service is good for young kids, Williamson believes. As an example, he mentioned that his youngest son Mark served in the Army and learned "a lot about respect."

He is currently a member of the Bloomington Prairie American Legion and has served on the Legion honor guard.

"I like Bloomington very much," Williamson grins. "It's so clean and a very safe community," he explained.

Williamson believes in a strong military and says the electronic age has taken over in all branches of the service.

While a resident of the Heather Haus, Williamson went next door often to Prairie Manor to be with his wife. He would help feed her twice a day for 4 1/2 years. She passed away in October of last year.

Williamson's apartment is very tidy and filled with family pictures. One photo he most admires is of him in his uniform and Margaret in her white dress on their wedding day.

Quilts of Valor presentation to cap Veterans Day in BP

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Patriotism always reigns supreme in Bloomington and this Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 11 will be no different.

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

Doug Johnson, past commander of American Legion Post #52, said activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts being served at the Servicemen's Club 210 4th St. NE.

A flag raising ceremony is planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday. The Pledge of Allegiance will be recited. The flag will be raised, rain, shine or snow. A local veteran will raise the flag.

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

The meal will be followed by a program featuring an MIA reading and a presentation of 18 Quilts of Valor to area veterans. Marilyn Meshke of the VFW Post #52 Auxiliary will introduce the recipients of the Quilts of Valor and their families.

Johnson will be master of ceremonies for the evening.

Tom Peterson, adjutant for the Sons of the American Legion, will give an update on the Veterans Memorial project he and many others are leading.

Fourth graders at the Bloomington Elementary School will listen to a patriotic presentation at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 in the elementary gym. Veterans Doug Miner and Doug Johnson will share their military experiences and will explore the true meaning of Veterans Day with the students.

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

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

The Veterans Day activities are sponsored by American Legion Post #52, VFW Post #878, Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.



STAFF FILE PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD
Navy veteran Doug Johnson, front row left and Army veteran Doug Miner, will again share their military experiences and talk about patriotism with Bloomington Elementary School students at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 in the school gymnasium. Johnson and Miner are shown with fourth graders last year.

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: 07/21/2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$169,665.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Kristina K. Klocek, A Single Woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 07/22/2016 as T000073918
CERT # 19127 in the Office of the County Register of Deeds, Steele County, Minnesota
The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Assignment dated: 08/30/2017
Assignment recorded: 09/07/2017
Assignment recording information: T000075272
CERT # 19127
All in the records of the County Register of Deeds in and for Steele County, Minnesota.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 17-336-0210
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 2, Heers Addition No. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota.
Torrens Certificate No.19127
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1709 Greenwood Place, Owatonna, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$174,620.96 AS OF 11/15/2017.
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 11/28/2017 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 E. Pearl, Owatonna, MN 55060 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) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 Months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on May 28, 2018, or the next business day if May 28, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
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Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee/
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The Sayer Law Group, P.C.,
By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

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

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - Lot 7, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS - 177 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060

PID # - 17.411.0107
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 18156

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Laxman Sundae, unit owner, to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of Eight Thousand Sixty-Eight and No/100 Dollars (\$8,068.00) for condominium assessments and late fees through October 1, 2017, and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on December 5, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law.
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 unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on June 5, 2018. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: October 11, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
HVVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.
BY: /s/ Mary L. Hahn
Mary L. Hahn (#309370)
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION - Lot 14, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS - 149 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060

PID # - 17.411.0114
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 18136

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Laxman Sundae as unit owner to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and No/100 Dollars (\$7,730.00) for condominium assessments and late fees through October 1, 2017, and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on December 5, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
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 unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on June 5, 2018. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: October 11, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
HVVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.
BY: /s/ Mary L. Hahn
Mary L. Hahn (#309370)
311 South Water Street
Northfield, MN 55057
Phone: (507) 645-9358
Attorneys for Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.
11/24, 10/31, 11/7
11/14, 11/21, 11/28

FORECLOSURE

12-081815

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: May 1, 2008
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$127,806.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Brandon L. Klemmensen and Aana E. Spurgeon, both single persons
MORTGAGEE: Advisor's Mortgage, LLC
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE:

Advisor's Mortgage, LLC
SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 2, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000356965, Thereafter modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded on October 22, 2014 as document number A000399216
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Dated: May 1, 2008 filed: May 2, 2008, recorded as document number A000356966
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at a point 2 rods West and 1384 feet South of the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 106 North, Range 20 West, thence West 142 feet to the East line of the Right of Way of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway; thence Southwest along said Right of Way line 130 feet, thence East approximately 162 feet to the West line of Highway, being a point 1512 feet directly South of the North line of said Northwest Quarter, thence North along the West line of Highway to the point of commencement. Subject to easements of record. Except: The North 66 feet thereof
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 9184 37th Ave SW, Hope, MN 56046
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 05-030-4202
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$124,729.82
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 21, 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 June 21, 2018, or the next business day if June 21, 2018 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 24, 2017
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignee of Mortgagee
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP
BY
Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559
Diane F. Mach - 273788
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778
Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X
Gary J. Evers - 0134764
Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X
Attorneys for Mortgagee
Shapiro & Zielke, LLP
12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200
Burnsville, MN 55337
(952) 831-4060
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR
10/31, 11/7, 11/14
11/21, 11/28, 12/5

NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
September 18, 2017

A regular school board meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.).

OPEN FORUM – Mrs. Thomas thanked the School Board for allowing her a class overload.

I. CALL TO ORDER –CHAIR-PERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK
Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, Elementary School Principal
High School Principal, Members of BPTA

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of information on item E. under "Items on which Board Action is Requested". Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

V. AUDIT PRESENTATION

Craig Popenhagen, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, presented the fiscal year 2017 audit. Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the FY 17 audit as presented. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

VI. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Reports given by Mr. Staloch and Mr. Worke.

VII. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Resignations, Donations
Motion by Jenny Thurnau seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the minutes, bills, treasurer's report, resignations, and donations. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Employment
Motion by Steve Ille and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the employment of Ryan Slack as an assistant track coach; placement on step 5 of the prevailing extracurricular schedule due to previous experience with the district. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Stephanie Murphy as an assistant track coach; placement on step 1 of the prevailing extracurricular schedule due to previous experience with the district. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the employment of Heather Schiller as an assistant track coach; placement on step 0 of the prevailing extracurricular schedule. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Bobbi Meador as an ECSE paraprofessional with placement on step 2 of the prevailing extracurricular schedule. She will work approximately 32.5 hours per week. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2017 Payable 2018
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve the "maximum" amount which must be certified to the home county auditor and the MN Department of Education by September 30th. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Homecoming DJ
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve American Entertainment as the DJ for the Homecoming Dance on October 6th at a cost of \$495.00. As an auditing requirement, this expenditure must be paid by District funds and then reimbursed from the Student Activity Fund. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation Insurance
Motion by Jon Sunde and sec-

onded by Steve Ille to approve the property and casualty insurance bid from Wright Specialty Insurance Agency LLC. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the workers' compensation insurance bid from Midwest Insurance. Motion carried. (6 Aye-Ille, Braaten, Krell, Hameister, Thurnau, Sunde/1 Nay-Vigeland)

Steele County Area Mental Health Collaborative Contract
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve a contract with the Steele County Area Mental Health Collaborative which will contribute funds towards our school social worker costs. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Election Judges
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the following election judges for the November 7, 2017, election which will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Linda Christianson, Barb Blome, Marge Ilk, Gwen Kubista, Joanne Nahlovsky, and Gerry Oswald. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Resolution Establishing Ballot Board
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve a resolution establishing a Ballot Board which consists of the following persons: Nancy Clark, Kari Forystek, and Sharon Lea. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Cheer Club
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve paying one coach an extra duty stipend for supervising at the events where the club is cheering. The participants were asked to pay a fee of \$10 that was deposited into the Cheer Activity Account and they have filled out MSHSL paperwork. The reason for this is to see if there is an interest among the student body to have a cheerleading team in the future. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Hurricane Relief
Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the High School Student Council collecting money for hurricane relief. Funds will be distributed to the Red Cross and Humane Society. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

VIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

Committee Reports
A report update was given on the following committees: Building and Grounds/Facilities, Education Foundation, Negotiations, Staff Development, and ZED.

Enrollment Data
Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year as of September 13, 2017, is 418 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 310 at the high school (grades 7-12) (300 attending BPHS and 10 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 5 seniors and 5 juniors with attendance being full-time.

Dates to Note
The Board noted dates of importance.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Superintendent Olson will be out of the district from September 28th through October 2nd.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, October 16, 2017, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.).

A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hameister
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Drop boxes have appeared over the past week at many Steele County businesses for the annual Toys for Tots campaign. People can donate new, unwrapped gifts between now and Dec. 12.

Toys for Tots kicks off in Steele County

Collection boxes for the 2017 Steele County Toys for Tots program are ready to be filled for the giving season. More than 80 participating businesses in Steele County have collection boxes at their business, school or church. Among those accepting toys will be the Steele County Times office in Blooming Prairie. Look for the collection boxes near the front door of many businesses and fill them with a new, unwrapped gift now through Dec. 12.

The application deadline for Steele County Toys for Tots registration to qualify for a food card and toys is fast approaching. The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15. Parents/Guardians will be notified if their application is accepted and be able to select toys for children ages 0-15 on Dec. 14-16, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna.

For more information about Steele County Toys for Tots visit its website <http://owatonna-mn.toysfortots.org> or go to the Steele County Toys for Tots Facebook page for updates.

Hospital president to add another to his duties

Albrecht to take over District One in Faribault next month

David Albrecht, current president of Owatonna Hospital, will take on another role beginning next month. Albrecht will add president of District One Hospital in Faribault to his duties starting Dec. 11. Both hospitals are part of Allina Health.

Stephen Pribyl, the current president, announced his retirement from District One Hospital in July 2017, effective Feb. 3, 2018. The District One and Owatonna Hospital board of directors, made up of local community members, and Allina Health leadership

identified Albrecht as an accomplished leader to serve both hospitals. This earlier December date will allow for Albrecht to have an opportunity to guide goals and strategies for 2018, provide a smooth transition and leverage Pribyl in a consultative role through his retirement date in February.

During his tenure, Albrecht has successfully communicated a vision to the community; achieved results;

maintained a positive organizational culture; and connected with employees, leaders, board members and medical staff. In addition, he has been an active leader in the community through United Way, Rotary, Owatonna Forward and Riverland College Foundation.

Since joining Allina Health in 2015, District One Hospital has collaborated with Owatonna Hospital in a number of ways:

- joint meetings between District One and Owatonna hospitals' committees of the boards of directors
 - community outreach, through programs like Free Bikes 4 Kidz, Neighborhood Health Connection, Change to Chill and Health Powered Kids
 - Honoring Choices, a program to encourage advanced care planning
 - shared leadership and staff in several departments.
- With District One and Owatonna hospitals located 15 miles apart in Rice and Steele counties, Albrecht will share his time between the two

locations. He will have visibility and relationships with both boards, medical staff, leadership teams and communities.

Both hospitals will continue to have separate community boards of directors, operate under separate licenses and provide a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency care services—independently at both sites. District One and Owatonna hospitals are committed to providing exceptional health care to the communities they serve.

Allina Health has invested \$28 million in numerous District One Hospital projects including a new Emergency Department, medical equipment, IT hardware and software. At Owatonna Hospital, in 2009, Allina Health invested \$50 million in a new hospital, equipment and furnishings. Between the two hospitals, a number of renowned specialty services are offered to patients, including Virginia Piper Cancer Institute®, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute™ and Penny George™ Institute for Health and Healing.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

OWNER- ISD #756 Blooming Prairie School District
202 4th Avenue NW
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

PROJECT- The work shall consist of an LED lighting upgrade for Blooming Prairie High School (202 4th Avenue NW) and Blooming Prairie Elementary School (123 2nd Street NW).

TIME - Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time, on Wednesday November 15, 2017 in the District Office (202 4th Avenue NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917).

MANDATORY PRE-BID WALK-THROUGH- Thursday, November 9th, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at ISD #756 Blooming Prairie Schools District Office.

TIME OF COMPLETION
Project Start Date: January 15, 2018
Final Completion: March 31, 2018

BID SUBMITTAL - All bids shall be addressed to ISD #756 Blooming Prairie School District, Attn: Superintendent Barry Olson. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the contract for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. "LED Project Bid" should also be written on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.

PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS - Copies of the contract documents will be distributed at the required pre-bid walk-through.

BID SECURITY - No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a performance bond and payment bond equal to the amount of the bid. If the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the contract, performance and payment bonds, and insurance certification, as required by the contract documents, within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION - The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of the Blooming Prairie School District.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS - No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 45-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the **OWNER**.

BID DOCUMENTS - Bid documents are available through Barry Olson at the District Office, 202 4th Avenue NW Blooming Prairie, MN 55917, and at bolson@blossoms.k12.mn.us.

Published by the authority of ISD #756 Blooming Prairie School District

Barry Olson
Superintendent
ISD #756 Blooming Prairie Schools

10/31, 11/7

NOTICE

**Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
City Council Meeting Agenda
November 13, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes of October Regular City Council Meeting
Financial Report

Committee/Commission Reports

1. B.P. Public Utilities
2. E.D.A. Commission
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission
5. B.P. Ambulance Commission
6. B.P. Police Commission

Business

1. Street Closing – Holiday Dazzle
2. Request for Exempt Gambling Permit – BP Cancer Group
3. Resolution to Designate 2018 Polling Place
4. Police Officer Declaration Resolution
5. Certification of Assessments for Services
6. Pay Request No. 3 – Ulland Bros. Inc.
7. Hire Ice Rink Employees
8. Pay Request – Municipal Pipe Tool

City Administrator's Report

1. EDA Purchase of Tax Forfeited Property
2. WWTP Job Applications
3. Compost Site Improvements

City Attorney's Report
Council Members' Reports
Adjourn
This Agenda is Subject to Change

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NOTICE

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE,
MINNESOTA 55917
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20,
2017
HIGH SCHOOL
MEDIA CENTER**

**PROPOSED TENTATIVE
AGENDA**

**6:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Special School Board Meeting held in conjunction with the**

**Regular School Board Work Session –High School Board Room
7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 20, 2017
Open Public Forum–High School Media Center**

**7:15 p.m.
Monday, November 20, 2017
Regular School Board Meeting–High School Media Center**

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I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL – CLERK

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. ZED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VI. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

VII. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Consent Agenda
Minutes
Bills
Treasurer's Report
Resignations
Donations

B. Employment
C. Health Insurance Bids
D. Dental Insurance
E. SASS Contract
F. LED Lighting Project
G. Admission Fees to Athletic Events

VIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Committee Reports
B. Enrollment Data
C. Dates to Note

IX. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

X. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes

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NOTICE

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
BLOOMING PRAIRIE,
MINNESOTA
September 14, 2017**

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Kelly Braaten

ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the September 18, 2017, regular school board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hameister
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

NOTICE

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING HELD IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE,
MINNESOTA 55917
THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2017
BOARD ROOM AT
THE HIGH SCHOOL
6:00 A.M.**

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I. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRPERSON

II. ROLL CALL – CLERK

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
Canvass of November 16, 2017, General/Special Election Results

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

VI. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Blooming Prairie will be holding a Public Hearing relating to the request to vacate a platted utility easement in the Prairie Addition No. 3 Addition:

10' utility easement between Lots 8 & 9, Block 2, Prairie Addition No. 3

This Hearing is a forum for interested parties to speak. The Planning and Zoning Commission may make recommendation to the City Council after the Hearing. The Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Conference room at the City Center located at 138 Highway Avenue South.

Vacating the utility easement will allow the combining Lot 9 with a portion of Lot 8.

Michael G. Jones
City Administrator

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November 15, 2017**

- **Must be postmarked by due date**
 - Or use payment drop box
- **Or pay online at www.co.steele.mn.us**
 - Or pay in our office at:
**630 Florence Avenue
Owatonna, MN**

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Apartments for rent, 1, 2 & 3 BR, gas & elec. Included. 507-273-7386. 44tfc
Hayfield, 1 BR apt, laundry on-site, off street parking, heat included, must be 62+ or handicapped/disabled, rent based on income, Equal Housing Opportunity, Call 507-477-2316 42tfc
KASSON, 1 BR apt, laundry on-site, off street parking, heat included, must be 62+ or handicapped/disabled, rent based on income, equal housing opportunity, call 507-634-4188. 42tfc
Hayfield- For Rent- Great Western apartments. 1 & 3 bedroom apartments includes; all utilities, laundry on site, available immediately. Call (507)796-0152 or (701)330-9788. 46,47,48p
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS! 1bd smoke free apt in Blooming Prairie for 62+ or disabled persons. 2nd floor units, rent based on income & ALL utilities included! 507-438-7935 or 507-451-8524 www.lifestyleinc.net tdd 507-451-0704. Equal Housing Opportunity. 47-48c;49nc
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS! 1bd smoke free apt in Kasson for 62+ disabled persons. Pets allowed with \$300 deposit. Month to month leases & deposit payment plans/ 507-398-6027 or 507-451-8524 www.lifestyleinc.net tdd 507-451-0704 Equal Housing Opportunity. 47-48p; 49nc, 50c

WANTED

Crop land to rent. Paul & David Stanton Farms are looking to expand existing corn and soybean operation in Hayfield and surrounding area. Call Paul Stanton at 507-951-0914 or David Stanton 507-951-0915. 46tfc
Crop land to rent, sharecrop, or custom farm. Shamrock Farms: call Tim at 507-259-1169. 47tfc

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Looking for person for morning milking Mon.-Fri. Call (507) 634-4308. 47,48 & 49p

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Caleb's Pet Sitting, Cats & Dogs, please call me at 507-634 -7907. 33tfc

SERVICES

HAMM'S WELDING - All types, aluminum, stainless steel, cast iron, fabrication work and repairs. HAMM'S WELDING, 528-2524, rural Claremont. 9tfc
Dodge County Printing, wedding invitations, bumper stickers, graduation invitations, pens, can holders, letterheads, envelopes, business cards, carbon-less forms, computer stationery. Ask about other items available, 507-634-2661. 33tfc
Have you taken Invokana and suffered any serious side effects? Call 507-573-4551 to speak with a lawyer. You may be entitled to compensation. tfc

GARAGE SALE

HUGE 50% OFF SALE on all LP records, cd's, music books, DVD's, and video games! Held Wed. Nov. 8 - Sat. Nov. 11; Noon-5 p.m.! At Dano's Consignment Store 32 East Main St. Dodge Center. 47p



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then click on the orange "Employment" box

For additional information call
Mindy (046) (507)429-8962

ELLENDALE MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE HIRING

Part-time Bartender.

Must be available nights and weekends.

Starting Pay is \$12.00 per hour

Full job description and application can be obtained at Municipal Liquor Store

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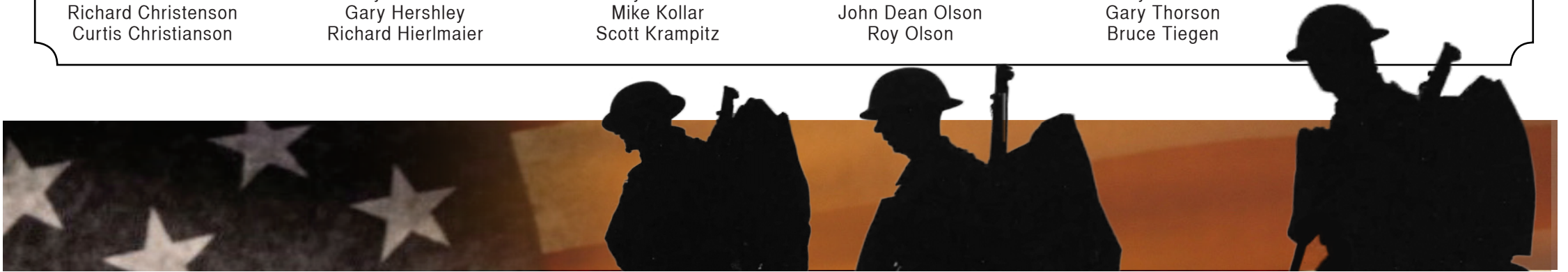


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