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Relative accused of witness tampering in murder case

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A relative of the key suspect in the June killing of a Medford man faces a felony charge for obstructing the murder investigation by tampering with a witness.

The Steele County attorney has filed a single count of aid offender-obstruct investigation or prosecution against Marcus Anthony Trevino, 24. If convicted of the charge, Trevino could face a penalty of 20

years in prison.

Trevino is an uncle of Cyrus Trevino, 24, who is being held as the alleged killer of Richard Jurgensen. Cyrus Trevino has been charged with second-degree murder. However, County Attorney Daniel McIntosh confirmed within the past two weeks that he is convening a grand jury to consider indicting Cyrus Trevino on first-degree murder charges for the execution-style killing that took place on a gravel

road northeast of Owatonna in late June. Jurgensen died of multiple gunshot wounds as his hands were bound, according to court documents.

The most recent developments in the case took place Thursday when a potential witness spoke to an agent with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which has been assisting the Steele County Sheriff's Office with the investigation.

Because of on-going safety concerns with this case, court records did not reveal the gender of the witness. The witness told the BCA agent that he/she had been told that up to eight subjects from Texas were currently in Owatonna in an effort to "look into" people that were providing statements against Cyrus Trevino and his involvement

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Marcus Anthony Trevino



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

TURNING DESPAIR INTO HOPE

Michael Anderson of Owatonna clings to hope that the 7-year-old mystery of who killed his daughter will come to light soon. Anderson's daughter, Lacey, disappeared in August 2009 in Norfolk, Neb. and her body wasn't found until three months later by deer hunters. The recent developments in the decades old mystery of Jacob Wetterling give Anderson a glimmer of hope that his daughter's case will be solved.

Developments in Wetterling case give grieving father optimism for answers

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Like Jerry and Patty Wetterling, Michael Anderson of Owatonna has experienced the anguish of having a child murdered. And similarly to the Wetterlings,

Anderson has been waiting for answers for years, but not nearly as long.

The finding of Jacob's remains and the confession from his killer are giving Anderson renewed hope that his daughter's case will be solved. It's something he's been wanting for seven years.

Lacey Anderson, 19, went missing in Norfolk, Neb. in August 2009. Deer hunters found her body three months later in a remote wooded area. She was only identified through dental records and a shoe found at the scene.

Even after Lacey's body was found, Anderson still wanted to believe it wasn't his daughter. "It felt like I was living in a

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Debate about commissioner charges continues

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

In answer to a petition submitted to the county board in August, the state auditor's office has investigated the county's per diem process and reported its findings

The petition, represented by David Ludescher, an attorney in Northfield, claims that three county commissioners have used unapproved funds provided by the county through per diem payments. The payments are meant to reimburse commissioners for money they spend on travel and conferences for work. The petition accused the commissioners of not properly documenting their expenses and of pocketing some of the money. The petitioners want the money returned to the county and the commissioners to resign. When the petition was presented in early August, it had 345 signatures attached.

The commissioners in question, Mark Schultz, James "Corky" Ebeling, and Nina Huntington, were collectively paid \$31,360 between January 2009 and July 2014. That roughly translates to \$1,900 each a year. The commissioners reject the claim and in return say they have been providing proper documentation.

After the petition was submitted, it was decided by the county auditor's office the claim warranted investigating, and the auditor contacted the state for recommendations. The state has since finished their investigation of the county's per diem process and issued their report.

According to the report issued by the state auditor's office, the county is "in compliance with Minn. State Stat. Sections 15.17 and 471.38, and [they] have no further recommendations regarding documentation of claims as required by there statues." The state auditor's office did, however, have recommendations separate of documentation issues.

While proper documentation is being taken, the state report finds "commissioner per diem claims are not being reviewed and approved by either the County Board

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Cable barriers to be installed on I-35 stretch by Ellendale

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

The stretch of roadway that killed a 19-year-old woman last month near Ellendale is getting what is considered to be life-saving cable barriers over the next few weeks.

MnDOT began installing high tension cable median barriers last week on Interstate 35 from mile marker 21 north of Ellendale to mile marker 31 south of Geneva.

The work should be completed by Oct. 21. In the meantime, motorists traveling southbound on I-35 will encounter a left lane closure while construction crews work in the area.

Lane closures will not be allowed after 2 p.m. on Friday and will resume on Mondays. Location of temporary lane closures will change during the project, typical-

BARRIERS

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Staff photo by Rick Busler

Construction crews are busy installing high tension cable median barriers on a 9.2 mile stretch of I-35 by Ellendale. The project will cause the southbound left lane to be closed. The work is expected to be completed Oct. 21.

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Opinion

Our view

Politics makes us fight like siblings

Have you watched the news recently? It's exhausting. It's frustrating. It's filled with things that, if you submitted them to Random House, they would most likely tell you, "we publish fiction, but this is just too unbelievable to print."

The election that is coming at the end of this year has sparked such debate and controversy that it's made most Americans embarrassed as we have become the brunt of the world's jokes. But this has happened before. Many times.

In Springfield, Illinois. June 1858, Abraham Lincoln called Stephen Douglas a co-conspirator to legalize slavery and gave the famous "House Divided" speech. Three weeks later, a few miles north, in Chicago, Douglas denied the charges and brought charges of his own against Lincoln, calling him "a dangerous radical." And the slinging of mud went forth like that for quite some time.

The arguing and accusations caused a great split. The split was enhanced with the addition of public debates.

Next up... the year was 2000. Hanging chads. Anyone remember that? Robert Salladay of The San Francisco Examiner posted an article back then which may jog your memory. I will print only a portion:

"Even though voters across the nation picked two mainstream presidential candidates with traditional messages, enough wounds were opened during the past few weeks to make the battle between vice president HYPERLINK "http://www.sfgate.com/search/?action=search&channel=politics&inlineLink=1&searchindex=gsa&query=%22Al+Gore%22" Al Gore and Texas Gov. HYPERLINK "http://www.sfgate.com/search/?action=search&channel=politics&inlineLink=1&searchindex=gsa&query=%22George+W.+Bush%22" George W. Bush as nasty and suspenseful as the unexpectedly tough primaries."

It's one thing to have siblings fighting, but we must remember that at times, only the divine can step in to bring us back to unity and to remind us that we are family. One Nation. Under God. Indivisible. With liberty and justice for all. Those words, are probably not all that familiar in this day and age, as even our pledge has been tainted and tampered with by the spirit of political correctness and governmental infighting. "Friendly fire" in America has not been so "friendly" of late.

So... Lincoln was sworn in, March 4, 1861. Civil War broke out in April of the same year. 2001 George Bush is sworn into office. The country was split and bickering like the battling Bickersons. September 11 comes around. 9/11. Lives are gone in an instant and we eventually begin a conflict in the Middle East that we are still fighting today.

Doesn't it seem odd that it takes just a few things to get us so bent out of shape and we let the little things snowball until the hatred is out of control? It then takes a disaster of epic proportion to bring us plumb. To remind us that truly a house divided is neither healthy or able to stand.

It reminds me of siblings fighting in the back seat of the car before the inception of seat belts. Not heeding the warnings from the front seat, the fighting escalates to the point of not even being able to hear the voice from up there.

And then... it happens. Out of nowhere. Suddenly and without warning. Dad puts his foot down. On the brake pedal. Hard. Causing both combatants to actually take flight momentarily and then crash to a heap on the floor, closer to the wrath of the hand of the one they refused to listen to. Out of crisis came unity... and a bit of whimpering.

Our country become so caught up that we no longer hear the voice of reason.

Bringing America plumb. What will it take this time?



A David and Goliath moment while mowing



For several years I have labored and struggled over mowing my lawn, which painfully takes about three hours out of my schedule to complete.

I'm not typically one to complain, but as I grow older I keep thinking to myself that it's time I get a riding mower to get the job done in less than half the time it takes me now.

What gets me is my racing mind. As I cut the grass, I can't help but think what better things I could be doing with that time. There are many other activities I'd rather be doing than the yard work.

To be honest, it doesn't bother me too much, especially when I can absorb nature and get some good exercise on top of it all.

That's until my latest lawn mowing episode this past weekend.

As I was carefully mowing the front yard and only about 15 minutes into my long ordeal, a friendly neighbor raced up

the street with his riding lawn mower and pulled right in my yard, stopping me dead in my tracks with the little bitty mower I have gotten to know so well.

It was like a David and Goliath moment.

I felt like a midget standing next to a giant.

"Why don't you have a riding mower?" he cockily quipped at me.

I tried to explain why I'm still huffing around the yard with a push mower, but he wasn't buying it.

"It just pains me every time I drive by and see you mowing with that little mower," he said. Now he's talking.

Ah, ha... that's the ammunition I need to plead my case with my family for getting a riding mower.

And then the unthinkable happened.

No, he didn't give me a riding mower. But he at least offered to mow the rest of the lawn for me. I'll take it. He saved me a couple hours of my Saturday afternoon.

This same neighbor has helped me out a few times clearing out my driveway after a whopper of a snowstorm.

His actions fit right into my pastor's sermon the next morning. The pastor challenged us to go into God's wide kingdom and push ourselves to help others, even those right in our back yard. Right away I thought of my friendly neighbor. How did he know?

Let's get back to my lawn mower dilemma. Over the years

I've dropped some subtle hints around home that I wouldn't mind having a riding mower. After all, it's what I grew up using on the farm. I had a blast mowing lawn without having to huff it and puff it in order to get the grass cut.

But to this day nobody has picked up on my suggestion for a gift. It doesn't matter to me if it's a gift for Christmas, my birthday, Father's Day or heck even April Fool's Day. Second thought maybe not Fool's Day because it probably would end up being a joke at my expense.

Kids are you reading this? Hint, my birthday is coming up!

With two kids trying to pay college tuition, the reality of me getting a riding mower is probably non-existent.

I'll just have to get used to the fact that I'm stuck zipping around the yard with a little Toro push mower. Nothing flashy or spectacular about it, but it gets the job done. Well, unless one of the wheels comes loose like what happened a couple weeks ago. A trip to the repair shop and a \$100 later and I'm back in business again.

I guess I can just look on the bright side. Lawn mowing season is nearing an end for another year in just a few short weeks.

It'll give me time to get rejuvenated just in time for another long mowing season again... with my push mower. Perhaps it's time to push myself to go in hot pursuit of latching onto a riding mower instead.

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Letters to the Editor

Petitions to county board

I attended both the meeting of the whole and regular board meeting last Tuesday the 13th. I would suggest the meeting of the whole also be filmed and made available to the public. It is where most discussions and decisions are made. Two petitions were on the agenda, the first was about malfeasance in how the board members documented collecting per diems. Headline in Peoples

Press Wednesday stated Commissioners in the Clear in huge letters followed by a question mark. The headline and following article seemed to exonerate the commissioners. It's the question mark that I feel wasn't addressed in the article. County Attorney Dan McIntosh went through the timeline and felt the State Auditor had ruled in favor of county procedures as being in substantial compliance with the rules and was done about the same in other counties.

Several petitioners questioned if McIntosh was working for the people or the three named when he presented

the dispute to State Auditor. One thing was not pointed out in the article which was crucial to petitioners concerns.

The Auditor admitted the commissioners had not completely followed requirements but kind of blamed our county Auditor for the malfeasance.

Whenever you have a dispute like this I wonder if the courts had input in the rules and if that is where this should go. It's the only way to address the question mark.

The second petition had to do with flooding of street, business's and resident basements after the county completed construction of the Hope main street several years ago. It was stated that there were no problems prior to the work so something must have changed during. It was also stated that numerous requests for a solution were given to our county engineer and nothing was being done other than a crew dispersed to pump the water. It's my understanding that finally these folks are going to have it fixed.

I would like to touch on why the citizens of Steele County have to petition to get results. The per diem issue

came about when Iwa Jima veteran Ernie Benish started investigating Steele county and Owatonna city government. He found that double per diems had been collected by a county commissioner in direct violation of the rules. The funds were quietly returned and no further action taken. In his investigations Ernie found that none of the previous commissioners had strictly followed the rules which led him to contact other concerned citizens and a lawyer was hired and a petition presented. The Hope citizens should have had their issue resolved by the County Engineer without a petition.

The county treasurer also presented a budget for 2017 that has a 4.2% increase. If I read it right the lions share is needed to fund that cost saving boondoggle called MnPrairie. This was a plan pushed by former commissioner/administrator Tom Shea and now has commissioner Huntington on the board. She did an excellent job justifying the increase. Looks more like a foxy fox guarding the chickens.

County engineer Benson presented some possible needed change orders

for the new shop site. One was for about a thousand dollars to stake additional soil storage prior to using for the building pad. If the site did not dry a possible 200 plus thousand would be needed to replace onsite soils with granular in order to complete construction at present timelines.

Commissioner Brady stated there was really no need to stake the additional pile storage as land belonged to the county and money could be used to pay renter for loss of corn. However commissioner Huntington stated she felt they should follow engineers recommendation as the pile could cause drainage issues. Anyone versed in constructing building sites knows the plans contain contour lines which in five minutes can determine if there is a drainage problem. Perhaps the engineer was concerned with another 18" grade bust which occurred on the Medford bridge. In that case she could have dispatched her survey crew which could have verified the grades in less than a half hour.

Perhaps it's time we had commissioners and department heads that watch spending instead of building

bureaucracies.

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Ibrahim Hussein is First CulturFest Ambassador



Submitted photo

Ibrahim Hussein from the Cultural Diversity Network has been named as the first recipient of the CulturFest Ambassador Award.

The Cultural Diversity Network is pleased to announce that Ibrahim Hussein has been named as the first recipient of the CulturFest Ambassador Award. Hussein is the Founder and Executive Director of the Somali American Cultural Society of Owatonna, a non-profit organization that works with k through 12 students providing tutoring and homework assistance. He is a business owner, full time student at Winona State University, and is a Commissioner on the Human Rights Commission of Owatonna. His dream is to become an elementary teacher

with a special fondness for math.

Criteria for the award was that the recipient meet the following qualifications:

- 1.Promotes goodwill within the community.
2. Positively represents the mission and beliefs of the Cultural Diversity Network.
3. Is an advocate for their own culture and a student of others.
4. Celebrates our unique cultural diversity and fosters strong cross cultural relationships.

The award will be presented to Hussein at CulturFest immediately after the Opening Ceremony is

completed.

Cultural Diversity Society President, Sue Schroeder had this to say about Hussein, “Ibrahim is a true servant within our community. He works in so many capacities: as an immigrant settlement guide, teacher, bridge builder, advocate, business mentor and employer. Ibrahim makes things happen to help people reach their goals. Always a hard worker, he is supportive and persistent in his efforts. Owatonna is very fortunate that he calls our City home.”

This year, CulturFest is slated for Saturday, September 24th from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm at Wilson

Elementary School, 325 Meadow Lane, Owatonna. CulturFest is a free event that is fun for everyone and is an incredible day of music and dance talents, ethnic foods, authentic merchandise and activities for all ages to enrich its visitors with a multi-cultural experience. Superior performers from around the region gather to share their music and dance in celebration of their heritage.

To enhance the day, the festival invites food vendors to sell their tantalizing ethnic cuisine from around the world. For more information about CulturFest, please visit the website at: culturfest.org.



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

The classics came to town last Saturday at the BP Classic and Customs Car Show. This emblem of a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro contrast sharply with the pickup truck across the street.

Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Breakfast Buffet set for September 25

The Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Advance breakfast tickets are \$5 and they will be \$6 at the door. Children under five are free. The public can get advance

tickets from the American Legion, VFW, Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion and VFW Auxiliary members. The BP Veterans Memorial Breakfast will feature pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, orange juice, milk, water and coffee. The Breakfast Buffet is sponsored by the Blooming

Prairie Veterans Memorial. All of the money raised by the breakfast will go toward the building of the BP Veterans Memorial. If anyone would like to donate canned goods, baked goods or handmade items for the silent auction baskets, call Marilyn Meshke at 583-2439 or Sandy Jones at 583-27

BP Sesquicentennial Committee begins to form

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

A Blooming Prairie Sesquicentennial committee began forming informally last Thursday night with 14 area residents coming together to toss around some ideas of how to observe the city’s 150th birthday.

Becky Noble, executive director of the BP Area Chamber of Commerce, arranged the meeting and asked for volunteers to digest some ideas and possibly begin planning an extra special community celebration.

The celebration will revolve around the Blooming Prairie 4th of July celebration.

Those in attendance agreed that the Sesquicentennial celebration should run from Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 4.

Many ideas were tossed

onto the table with some of them sticking and others to be discussed at future meeting dates.

Some of the ideas presented included:

- Ribfest (July 1)
- Ecumenical church service
- Kids parade
- Temporary museum
- Community picnic
- Pageant
- Helicopter rides
- Pony rides, wagon rides (Pittmans)
- Reinactments of Blooming Prairie historical events
- Walk/run (hope for 150 participants)
- Market collectibles for 150th
- Mud Bogs or tractor pulls
- Band competition
- Beer garden in park
- Banners on both ends of town starting in April
- Tribute to agriculture
- Softball tournament

- Kickball tournament
- Carnival rides
- Outhouse races
- Bed races
- Historical guided tours
- History book
- Special editions of local newspapers

• Old-style baseball game

• Tables in the park with displays by local organizations

It was agreed by the group that some of the special events revolve around the family. Next meeting of the committee will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct 6 at the BP City Center.

Those attending the initial planning meeting were: Becky Noble, Linda Klemmensen, Rachel Klemmensen, Doug and Judy Myers, Sarah Esplan, Karen and John Foruage, Nancy Vaillancourt, Howard Lestrud, Nola Wradislavsky, Carol Iverson, Deb Brown and Doris Rasmussen.

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or by the County administrative official to whom the board has delegated this function.” The county auditor has been issuing per diem payments to the commissioners without having the approval of the board or any other delegated authority. The state recommend that all per diem claims, especially those that require the county to pay the commissioners before the money is spent, be reviewed and approved beforehand. The county auditor and coun-

ty treasurer have now been delegated the authority to review such spending. In light of the state’s report, Ludescher says this confirms the petitioners’ claims that the commissioners have been using per diem money without the proper authority and even implicates the county auditor in misdoing. Regardless of wether or not the commissioners feel they have been using the money fairly, Ludescher says they have been using it without the author-

ity to do so. “You need to do the proper paperwork, “ he said, “doesn’t matter what your intent is.” Daniel A. McIntosh of the county attorney’s office said the report’s finding was more an issue of misinterpretation. In January, the board passed a resolution, as it does every year, giving the county auditor the authority to approve spending with a fixed amount set by law. Per diems are payments with an

amount fixed by law, but they were not specifically approved by the resolution. McIntosh did not know if the state auditor’s office was aware of this resolution’s passage. If they were not, it could be a matter as simple as the state’s office not being aware of the auditor being given authority to approve per diems in the January resolution. More complexly, if the state office was aware of the January resolution, the state auditor’s office

may have felt the resolution was not sufficient to grant the county auditor the authority to approve per diems, as they were not specifically mentioned in the resolution. Regardless, the state recommended the county give the auditor explicit approval to authorize per diems payments, which as of last week, the county board did. While county authorities are aware this is not fully satisfying to the citizen petitioners, Macintosh says, “the

county as a whole does not plan any other actions” in regard to the petition, though he could not speak to the intentions of individual commissioners going forward. While the county has now made steps to make sure per diem requests are properly approved in the future, the question remains whether the commissioners need to pay back the money that has not been properly approved.

Future action by commissioners uncertain

REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming Prairie, for a small community, boasts some very successful and productive business enterprises. One of those enterprises is Arkema Inc. of Blooming Prairie and it welcomes community input to make the company a stronger one. David Price, plant manager, embraces the suggestions of its citizens advisory panel which has been functioning since May 13, 1993. The citizens group’s mission is outlined in a Mission Statement created at the group’s founding in 1993. On the second Wednesday of every month, the Arkema CAP group meets at the BP City Cen-

Arkema citizens group goes exploring

ter and reflects on past successes and looks into the future exploring new products. Roger Sorenson, a retired Blooming Prairie High School English teacher, is chief facilitator for the group. It is his responsibility to keep the meeting moving and focused. Plant manager Price could be said to be the internal facilitator. Members of the Arkema CAP represent all perspectives including employees, high school students, educators and local residents. Panel members are: Mohammed Kazeml, Alison Pryor, Elijah Baker, David Price, David Pfeifer, Donna Maixner, Dawn Gross, Sandy Bass, Gary Thorson, Burt Knutson, Roger Sorenson, Loan Trinh and Ricky Soto. All meetings are open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. and go not much longer than an hour. On the evening I attended, the group took a two-page, 14-question survey designed by Price and his other company leaders. The survey was designed to determine the effectiveness of the current CAP meeting system and to identify possible im-

provements to the meetings going forward. Group members were also challenged to each produce three topics they would like to further discuss in the future. Some of the more popular suggestions for topics were: Arkema community involvement; outside speakers in related interests; speakers from other Arkema plants; new products and robotics. Price announced to the group that a drill will be staged on a day in mid-October. It will involve the local fire department, police department and ambulance service. Arkema’s entire emergency response team will be involved in the drill. “It will be organized chaos and my job that day will be to tell you what is going on,” Price said. He said the plant’s water cannons will be used to shoot water into tank forms. Price also said that he hopes to arrange a plant tour for key emergency personnel. A long agricultural history has followed operations at Arkema, Inc. of Blooming Prairie. The site of Arkema, a global chemical company located at the south side of the city, can be

traced to a creamery that operated from the early 1900s to 1969. Since its eventual location provided access to soybeans, its main product necessary to produce its many specialty products, Arkema chose to locate in Blooming Prairie. The location also provided access to rail and boasted a proximity to customers. Arkema’s chemical plant produces over two dozen finished products. These products are manufactured by chemically bonding oxygen to unsaturated bonds found in natural vegetable oils, such as soybean, linseed or other olefinic oils. This bonding causes changes in the physical appearance and chemical properties of the oils, making them more suitable for industrial use. Arkema’s highest volume product is epoxidized soybean oil. Epoxidized soybean oil and epoxidized linseed oil are primarily used for imparting flexibility, strength and ultraviolet stability to polyvinyl chloride resin formulations. Arkema also produces other specialty epoxides, which are used in lubricating oil formulations, plastic formulations, and



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

David Price, plant manager for Arkema, looks into the future with his Arkema Citizens Advisory Panel. He gives an update of plant projects to members of the citizens group. The group meets monthly at the Blooming Prairie City Center. Citizens group member David Pfeifer is at Price’s right.

in the cosmetic field, including shampoo, lipstick, and perfume manufacture. Arkema business leaders should be commended for involving its community in ex-

ploring new avenues to travel in hopes of improving its operation. Other businesses should follow Arkema’s example of involving the community in its operations.

Father seeks justice for daughters murder

DESPAIR: from page 1A



Submitted photo

Lacey Lea Anderson disappeared August 23, 2009. Hunters found her body three months later just outside Norfolk, Nebraska.

nightmare,” he said. No one has been arrested in the case. And now seven years later, her father is still wondering who is responsible for her tragic death. “It feels like a brick wall,” Anderson says, “But I’m holding out hope there will be answers.” Answers are rarely pleasant. The Wetterlings finally heard a detailed and horrifying account of what took place after their son was snatched while riding bicycle. “It has got to be hell to hear as a parent, but it’s better than not knowing,” Anderson said. He wonders, “What kind of hell did she go through?”

While he hopes he doesn’t have to wait 27 years like the Wetterlings did to find out what happened to their son, Anderson is confident he will get an answer some day. Besides the Wetterling case, Anderson also finds striking similarities with another local murder. The details surrounding the June killing of Richard Jurgensen in rural Steele County may be similar to what happened with Lacey. Authorities have identified a suspected drug connection between all parties involved in the Jurgensen murder. The top prosecutor has said the victim and two suspects arrested in the killing were heavy users of methamphetamine. Investigators learned that the suspects thought Jurgensen was a police informant, though police have denied that. “Hearing how they did that on a country road, killed him execution-style and possible snitching involved,” Anderson said, “There are a lot of similarities as to what I suspect happened to Lacey.” Unlike Anderson’s case, the Jurgensen murder was solved and arrests made within a week. “I was happy that they got quick closure,” Anderson said. “I can’t help but wonder when Lacey’s time is going to come.” Lacey also was heavily involved in meth. A short time

before her disappearance, Lacey was involved in a drive-by shooting and charged with a felony. Her father says her life was threatened if she wouldn’t pull the trigger. Just a month before her death, Lacey called her father and said, “Dad, I’m in trouble.” She also indicated she wanted to go into treatment. Anderson arranged a bed for her in Minnesota to help with her addiction. But she never arrived back in Minnesota. The next thing Anderson got was a phone call from Lacey’s mother indicating she was missing. Anderson kept holding out hope that she would show up on his doorstep any day. After a month went by, Anderson said, “It started hitting me that something was wrong, but I was in denial.” The last person to have seen Lacey was a well-known drug dealer in the Norfolk area, according to Anderson. Police have questioned the drug dealer, but he reportedly knew nothing about her disappearance and subsequent killing. Anderson is convinced the drug dealer killed his daughter. “I went nuts trying to hold it together,” Anderson said of his daughter’s disappearance. “That last month was hell. It seemed like it was a crazy blur.” Ever since Anderson received the phone call notifying him that Lacey was dead, he said with tears, “Everything has changed. I’m almost ashamed to say it seems hopeless.” Anderson admits he’s not the same person he used to be. He has trust issues, especially with two younger children. His marriage

fell apart. And it’s hard for him to find enjoyment in life. “When a child dies, a part of a parent dies, too,” Anderson says. “A part of me died with Lacey. I used to have a lot more passion for life.” He has undergone extensive therapy with clergy, counselors and support groups. It has helped him push forward to be there for his other kids, who are 9, 11 and 29. With no evidence, no weapon and no suspect in his daughter’s death, Anderson said he feels “incredibly powerless.” Anderson has joined in with others on social media in hopes of finding evidence leading to Lacey’s killer. There have been several strangers that have joined in recently, fueling hopefulness for Anderson that something will help crack the case. “Lately that has been my optimism,” he says. He also has helped to develop a motorcycle ride each year called, “Justice for Lacey.” Money raised from the benefit helps fund a scholarship program in Lacey’s honor. Anger and desperation have defined Anderson over the past seven years. But he hopes to turn that outrage into healing once answers bring his daughter’s killer to justice.



Submitted photo

Logo used for the Loud Pipes for Lacey event promoted by the Society of Brothers motorcycle organization.

I-35 by Ellendale gets cable barriers

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By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

The stretch of roadway that killed a 19-year-old woman last month near Ellendale is getting what is considered to be life-saving cable barriers over the next few weeks. MnDOT began installing high tension cable median barriers last week on Interstate 35 from mile marker 21 north of Ellendale to mile marker 31 south of Geneva. The work should be completed by Oct. 21. In the meantime, motorists traveling southbound on I-35

will encounter a left lane closure while construction crews work in the area. Lane closures will not be allowed after 2 p.m. on Friday and will resume on Mondays. Location of temporary lane closures will change during the project, typically progressing from north to south, as work is completed. Kassondra Sage of Delano was killed instantly Aug. 10 at mile marker 27 traveling southbound when she lost control of a PT Cruiser after one of the rear tires blew out. The vehicle entered the median and the force

of the roll split the vehicle into two pieces. When asked if a cable median barrier could have prevented Sage’s death, MnDOT spokesperson Mike Dougherty said, “It’s hard to say. It’s too speculative.” However, Dougherty confirmed it’s certainly a possibility that if a cable barrier had been in place, it could have contained Sage’s vehicle and possibly prevented it from entering the median and ending up on the other side of the freeway. A part of Sage’s vehicle came to rest on the northbound side

before being struck by a motorcycle and two other vehicles. Cable barriers are widely regarded as life-saving devices as they can reduce fatal crashes by 95 percent. Since 2004, about 80 lives have been saved on roadways in Minnesota where cable barriers are in place, according to Dougherty. “They feel these are great lifesavers that come at a much less cost,” he said. The barriers are made of three or four steel cables strung on posts. When a car hits the barrier, the posts break and the cables flex, absorbing much of

a crash’s kinetic energy. This redirects the vehicle along the median, preventing a cross-median crash. Dougherty said, “The barriers contain the vehicle so it doesn’t go into the on-coming lanes.” MnDOT says when a vehicle hits a section of cable barrier, maintenance crews can repair the damaged section quickly. The barriers are carried on steel posts that slide into concrete

sleeves. If the barrier is damaged, the posts slide out easily to allow a new cable section to be installed. With I-35 being such a high volume roadway, MnDOT is making every effort to get the barriers in place throughout the entire corridor. “We’re trying to get it installed as fast as possible, but it costs money,” Dougherty added.

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in the murder. The witness said he/she had recent contact with Marcos Trevino in which Marcos called and stated that he was coming to a location in Steele County, court records show. The witness said Marcos picked him/her up and they went for a ride in Trevino’s car. According to court documents, the witness stated that Marcos questioned him/her on if he/she was talking to the police. Marcos also allegedly told the witness that Cyrus had “papers” which indicated that the witness had testified to or talked with police regarding involvement. The witness told Marcos that he/she didn’t want anything to do with the investigation of Cyrus. Marcos allegedly made a comment similar to “I’ll see you in court and we will see what you have to say,” the complaint said. Gerald Blevins has also been charged in the murder case with aiding and abetting second-degree murder. Authorities allege he was with Cyrus Trevino at the scene of the killing.

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October 7: Owatonna Park Passport Due
October 8: Brooktree Golf Course Music on the Patio
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Area Church Spotlight

Pastor’s corner
Live for today but don’t be afraid to dream about tomorrow

Paul had a desire for what he was shown in the Spirit. It didn't hinder his walk here on earth, but the desire and to share that desire was not a bad thing.... AND he didn't keep it to himself.

When Christ Himself came to John on the Island of Patmos, there was a striking statement presented in the first chapter: Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

When the church does not promote a vision or does not share the coming events, there can be much stagnation without anticipation. That teaching comes from fear. "What if it doesn't happen?"

If Jesus didn't want us to keep our eyes on the prize, He wouldn't have presented it – nor would he have had John tell the church.

We read in the gospels about the prophetic signs of the times, we read in Paul's writings about the graphic nature of the catching away and we actually see through John's eyes the splendor of Heaven.

In the 21st Chapter of the Book of Revelation we read what is recorded about that New Jerusalem and I am geeked about going. Even in the old testament, Abraham was not looking for a city made by men, but in Hebrews 11 it tells us that HE was looking for a city whose builder and maker was God.

In the gospel of John, Jesus tells us about His Father's house with many mansions where a place is being prepared.

One thing you should NEVER discourage is anticipation when someone is looking ahead to what God has shown them. It's like throwing a wet blanket over a fire. The fire of the Holy Ghost is constantly reminding us, warning us, teaching us and showing us the things of tomorrow as securely as He gets us through today.

I love my today... but it doesn't stop me from anticipating my tomorrow. I love what God has done. I love what He is doing. I also LOVE what He has shared about tomorrow. Many times in scripture the tomorrow was given so preparations can be made today.

And finally... Joshua, standing in front of those massive walls of Jericho in the dark of night, saw, by the light of the moon the guards on the walls and the amazing task at hand. The angel of the Lord comes and tells him to LOOK AHEAD. Not to look only at what was... but what was to come.

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Community

College News

The University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis. announced students who received the Chancellor's Award for the spring 2016 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Receiving the award was Caley Kiser of Waltham. She is a psychology major.

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities named students to the 2016 spring semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Weston Fiebigler of Blooming Prairie, a junior in the College of Liberal Arts, received recognition.

Rochester Community and Technical College announced spring semester 2016 graduates. Graduation was held on May 12 in the Regional Sports Center. Receiving an associate in science degree in law enforcement was Matthew Norland of Blooming Prairie.

North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D. announced summer 2016 graduates.

Jason C. Churchill of Ellendale received a master of science in agribusiness and applied econ.

North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D. announced students who were named to the dean's list for the

summer 2016 semester. A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least nine class credits to qualify for the summer list.

Receiving the honors were Jacob S. Nelson of Austin, a management communication major, and Alexis J. Bryngelson of West Concord, a nursing major.

The University of North Dakota held summer commencement on Aug. 5 at the Chester Fritz Auditorium in Grand Forks, N.D.

Megan Huseby of Owatonna received a bachelor of science in kinesiology from the College of Education and Human Development.

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Times

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Legislation to protect seniors

Today, U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Cornyn (R-TX) announced that their legislation to protect seniors from neglect and financial exploitation has moved forward and passed the Senate Judiciary Committee, paving the way for a vote in the full Senate. The bipartisan Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act would help crack down on elder abuse by strengthening oversight and accountability for guardians and conservators.

"Seniors are too often the victims of abuse and financial exploitation by their guardians and conservators. Our bipartisan bill strengthens oversight and accountability for those who are entrusted with acting in the best interests

of seniors," Klobuchar said. "Today's vote means that we're one step closer to providing stronger protections for our vulnerable seniors."

"Senior Citizens deserve respect, and we have a responsibility to protect them from criminals who attempt to exploit and defraud them," Sen. Cornyn said. "This bipartisan legislation is an important step towards ensuring those who try to take advantage of senior citizens are held accountable."

Klobuchar and Cornyn's bill passed as part of broader legislation to expand education, prevention, and prosecution tools to reduce crimes against seniors and to bring perpetrators to justice. The Court-Appointed Guardian Accountability and Senior Protection Act makes courts eligible for an already existing program designed to protect seniors. Under the program, state courts would be able to apply for funding to assess the handling of proceedings relating to guardians and conservators, and then make the necessary improvements to their practices. For example, the courts could conduct background checks on potential guardians and conservators, or implement an electronic filing system in order to better monitor and audit conservatorships and guardianships.

In June, Klobuchar's bipartisan Senior Fraud Prevention Act passed the Senate Commerce Committee. The bill would help fight scams designed to strip seniors of their assets by educating seniors about fraud schemes and improving monitoring of and response to fraud complaints. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) is the original cosponsor of the bill, which is also cosponsored by Senators Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Claire McCaskill (D-MO) and Brian Schatz (D-HI).

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

BP Chamber and EDA are partners

BY EMILY SHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

You might say they are compatible partners.

The Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce's executive director, Becky Noble, says the chamber is lucky to be a partner with the local EDA (Economic Development Authority) and with Community and Economic Development Associates.

Tom Monson of CEDA, says the EDA is also lucky to have the chamber.

"We go hand in hand, aiming to grow the Blooming Prairie community," says Monson, director of training for CEDA.

The Chamber and EDA share offices in the Blooming Prairie City Center. Monson logs regular office hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Wednesday. Monson can be reached Wednesdays at the office or by cell phone, 507-413-2500.

CEDA is a 501-C3 non-profit corporation and serves as a business funding resource for communities. Most of the funding CEDA makes available is done on a contract for services for local governments. CEDA's customers are 98 percent government entities. Investors also make donations to CEDA.

"We level the playing field for rural America and bring world class economic development to communities, in addition to community development and business assistance," said Monson. "Our wheel house is economic development," Monson added.

CEDA also offers grant writing and administration services. A team of 20 CEDA individuals serves 40 communities.

Monson emphasizes that there are "quite a few different ways and as much as a community wants" where a city or county can work with CEDA. "We access connections to resources for cities and counties. Mike Jones, Blooming Prairie city administrator, serves on the CEDA board and is its treasurer.

A first-time homeowner in Kasson, Monson grew up in the Cannon Falls area. Following graduation from Cannon Falls High School, he attended Bethel University in St. Paul and earned a BA degree in political science and communications.

Monson participates in continuing education and took part in the Blandin Foundation Community Leadership Program last year. He is also finishing up with economic development financial professional certification through the National Development Council.

CEDA specializes in:

- Loan packaging: CEDA helps cities and counties with loan applications, credit analy-

sis and underwriting. "We connect the dots," Monson says. State funds for business projects are accessed by CEDA. Gap loans are made with CEDA being a subordinate to the bank. Local businesses receiving CEDA help have included Heavy Metals, TT Motorcycles, G & W Car Wash and Prairie Properties.

- Strategic planning: CEDA is working with the City of Blooming Prairie to design a comprehensive plan. Cris Gastner, senior vice president for CEDA, is spearheading the development of the BP city plan. Eric DiNatale is also working on the plan draft. A public meeting on the plan will be scheduled in about two months, Monson said.

- Grant writing services: Through Business Development Public Infrastructures, CEDA was able to make \$216,000 available for public utilities on 4th St. SE. CEDA has also helped BP with small cities block grants.

- Grant administration: Reporting procedures are checked to see that funds are being used properly.

- Small business counseling: With the Small Business Development Center, one-on-one free and confidential business counseling is offered. CEDA officials work with government officials and businesses in coming up with new ideas.

- City administrative staffing: CEDA will help with utility billing and can serve as an interim city administrator when the administrator leaves or retires.

- Economic development staffing: CEDA staff will help when requested.

- Microenterprise program: It's a revolving loan fund.

- Housing development assistance: Partners with Steele County communities including Owatonna, Ellendale, Medford and Blooming Prairie. Purpose is to attract and inform private developers of development opportunities.

- Regional revolving loan fund: Revolving Loan Fund is same as other CEDA loan funds.

- Community marketing: Last July 21, local CEDA hosted the first regional development tour. It started in Rochester and went to Stewartville, Blooming Prairie, Dodge Center and Byron. There were representatives from all communities. Jones represented BP. Purpose of the tour was to stimulate more interest in making an investment in BP. "We are creating a lot of interest in BP, a city with a lot to offer for a town this size," said Monson.

Monson trains new CEDA members. He developed a CEDA 101 program eight months ago. He has been connected with BP for the past 2 1/2 years.



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Tom Monson, director of training for Community and Economic Development Associates, offices with the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce and the Blooming Prairie EDA (Economic Development Authority).

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Kristin Miller
Gary Lueth
Kristen Robbins

September 21
Dean Naatz
Payton Fristedt
Sam Brewington
Mark Larkoski
Jackie Smith
Cathy Shawback
Krista Young

September 22
Katie Ingvalson
Joan Kubista
Sara Graves

September 23
Carl Swenson, Jr.
Brooks Zimmerman
Ethan Arett
Terri Zwiener
Megan Rask
Kathi Peterson

September 24
Brody Carlson
JayLynn Smith
Patrick Wallace
Kristen Romeo

September 25
Daysha Zilm
Nicholas Nelson
Hannah Morine
Wehner

September 26
Soren Peterson
Joanne Sorenson
Sandy Jones
Wayne Njos
Kayla Brown
Sandy Kae Bass
Grace Olivia Nelson
Mike Trom

September 27
Samuel Skillestad
Jeff McCabe
Mia Farr
Mandy Trom
Anthony J. Olson
Diane Olson

September 28
Lori Burkhart
Nicole Weiss
Katie (Derek)
Ingvalson
Kathryn Weiss
Kevin Mans
Craig Ingvalson
Valerie Braaten

Amy Trotman
Kelli Jo Wallace
Layla Wollenburg
Kurt Underwood
Rhonda Toquam
Jayden Wagner

ANNIVERSARIES

September 22
Sam & Barb
Brewington

September 25
John E & Thresia
Heimerman
Tim & Melody
Amberg
Glen & Ashely Valek

September 26
Steve & Holly Ille
John & Karen Fouarge
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September 28
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September 21:
Onion Smothered Steak,
ALT: Liver & Onions, Boiled
Potatoes, Broccoli, Fresh
Oranges

September 22:
Chicken Chow Mein Over Rice,
Seasoned Carrots, Fruited
Coleslaw, Pumpkin Raisin Bar

September 23:
Hamburger Stew, Waldorf
Salad, Dinner Roll, Moon Cake

September 26:
Porcupine Meatballs, Buttered
Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus,
Fresh Fruit

September 27:
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce,
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Cake

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Joel C. Menden, a single person and Bonita R. Menden, a single person MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$157,560.00 DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 24, 2011

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 1, 2011 as Document Number A000376889 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$147,558.83

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Tract I:

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

AND

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

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 522 S CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-3202 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2017.

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

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

Dated: September 2, 2016 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By:/s/Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.

Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-1206-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

SC vs McRostie

COUNTY OF STEELE STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Steele, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, by its Board of Commissioners; Plaintiff,

vs. George L. McRostie; unknown heirs of George L. Mcrostitie; Flavia McRostie; unknown heirs of Flavia McRostie; Ralph McRostie; unknown heirs of Ralph McRostie; Alice McRostie; unknown heirs of Alice McRostie; Morris McRostie; unknown heirs of Morris McRostie; Ruth McRostie; unknown heirs of Ruth McRostie; Alex Chambers; unknown heirs of Alex Chambers; Rose Chambers; unknown heirs of Rose Chambers; Alex Chambers, Jr.; unknown heirs of Alex Chambers, Jr.; Clark Chambers; unknown heirs of Clark Chambers; Owatonna Builders, Inc., a Minnesota corporation; Theofil J. Petranek; unknown heirs of Theofil J. Petranek; Anna Petranek and unknown heirs of Ann Petranek; Martin Gomboski aka Martin Golombowski; unknown heirs of Martin Gomoski aka Martin Golombowski; Kathrine Gomboski; unknown heirs of Kathrine Gomboski; and The Chicago, Rock Island, Pacific Railway Company, a corporation; State of Minnesota; John Doe and Mary Roe and all other persons known or unknown who claim and interest in the real property described herein.

Defendants. DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Quiet Title Court File No. 74-CV-16-1623 SUMMONS THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: The above named Defendants and all other persons, known or unknown, claiming an interest in the property described herein.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file with the Court Administrator in and for Steele County, Minnesota.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons at the address set forth below.

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

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

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

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

7. QUIET TITLE ACTION: This action involves, affects, or brings into question real property situated in the County of Steele, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

Outlot 4 of Crooker and Parker's Second Addition to the City of Owatonna, according to the plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County, Minnesota; which lies southwesterly of a line run parallel with and distant 100 feet northeasterly of the following described line:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 107 North, Range 20 West; thence run easterly along the north line

3 thereof for a distance of 622.7 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 01 degree 00 minute 00 second curve, (delta angle 04 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds) for a distance of 440.0 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance 1631.2 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 13 degree 00 minute 00 second curve (delta angle 87 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds) for a distance of 672.5 feet and there terminating.

And All of the following described tract:

That part of Lot 1 of the Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 107 North, Range 20 West, according to the plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County, Minnesota; lying easterly of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway right of way; except the south 150 feet thereof.

All that part of the following described tract:

That part of Sublot 1 of Lot 3 of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter (SE¼ NE¼) of section 9, township 107 north, range 20 west and Outlot 5 of Crocker and Parker's Second Addition to the City of Owatonna, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County, described as follows:

Beginning at a point, said point being the intersection of the northerly right of way line of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company's right of way and the westerly right of way line of the Minnesota State Trunk Highway No. 1; thence in a northerly direction along the westerly right of way line of said Trunk Highway No. 1 for a distance of 384 feet; thence in a westerly direction with an interior angle of 88°12' parallel with the center line of North Street in the City of Owatonna, a distance of 274 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company's right of way; thence in a southeasterly direction along said easterly right of way line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company's right of way for a distance of 336.2 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company's right of way; thence in a southeasterly direction along said northerly right of way line of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company's right of way for a distance of 229 feet to the point of beginning;

which lies westerly of a line run parallel with and distant 50 feet westerly of the following described line:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter (NE¼ NW ¼) of said section 9; thence run easterly along the north line thereof for a distance of 622.7 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 1° 00' curve (delta angle 4° 24') for a distance of 440 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance of 1631.2 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 13° 00' curve for a distance 4

of 672.5 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance of 1139.3 feet and there terminating; containing 2.00 acres, more or less; Subject to the following restriction: No access shall be permitted to Trunk Highway No. 1, renumbered 65, from the above described real estate, except that access shall be permitted to said Trunk Highway No. 65 between points distant 380 feet and 440 feet between points distant 490 feet and 550 feet northerly of the point of termination of the above described line (all distances being measured along said line);

And That part of Outlot 5, Crooker and Parker's Second Addition to the Town of Owatonna, according to the recorded plat thereof, Steele County, Minnesota, and that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 107, Range 20, Steele County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9; thence on an assumed bearing of North 89 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West along the north line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 1695.96 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad; thence South 20 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East along said easterly right-of-way line a distance of 190.52 feet; thence southerly a distance of 346.06 feet along said easterly right-of-way line being a tangential curve, concave to the west, with a radius of 1960.08 feet and a central angle of 10 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds, to the north line of the land described in the Quit Claim Deed dated April 13, 1970 and recorded on July 30, 1970 as Document Number 145271 in the Steele County Recorder's Office;

thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 44 seconds East, along said north line, parallel with the center line of West North Street, a distance of 255.34 feet to the southerly prolongation of the westerly right-of-way line of Hoffman Drive as established by RIVERVIEW ADDITION, OWATONNA, MINNESOTA, according to the recorded plat thereof, Steele County, Minnesota; thence North 02 degrees 44 minutes 12 seconds East along said southerly prolongation of the westerly right-of-way line a distance of 69.14 feet to the southeast corner of Block 1, said RIVERVIEW ADDITION;

thence North 89 degrees 03 minutes 48 seconds West along the south line of said Block 1 a distance of 211.19 feet to the southwest corner of said Block 1; thence northerly 297.70 feet along the westerly line of said Block 1 being a non-tangential curve concaved to the west, having a radius of 2020.08 feet, a central angle of 8 degrees 26 minutes 37 seconds, and a chord that bears North 16 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds West; thence North 20 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds West, tangent to said curve,

along said westerly line a distance of 131.51 feet to the northwest corner of said Block 1; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 44 seconds East along the north line of said Block 1 a distance of 12.49 feet to the east line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 20 minutes 10

5 seconds West along said east line a distance of 33.01 feet to the center line of West North Street; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 44 seconds West along said center line a distance of 89.21 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad and the point of beginning.

And All of the South 150 feet of the following described tract of land, to-wit:

That part of Lot 1 of the Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section 9, Township 107 North, Range 20 West, according to the plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Steele County; described as follows: Beginning at a point 423 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, thence South 423 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 1, thence West to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway right of way; thence Northwesterly along the east line of said Railroad right-of-way to a point directly West of the place of beginning; thence East to the place of beginning, containing 0.31 acres, more or less.

and the object of this action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described above.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2016.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: /s/ James Hurd Anderson James Hurd Anderson (#0002033) Attorney at Law

2900 Washington Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55411 Telephone: (612) 747-6662 Email: jha@skypoint.com

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S): Alan P. Christenson and Ronda K. Christenson f/k/a Ronda Kaplan, husband and wife

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

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$263,200.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 21, 2003

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on November 26, 2003 as Document Number A317433 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$226,938.07

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 1, Fretham Addition, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1901 N CEDAR AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-1234 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., a California corporation n/k/a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-339-0101

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 1, 2016 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial

order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2017.

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

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

Dated: September 6, 2016 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

Mortgagee THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By:/s/Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.

*Curt N. Trisko, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.

Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building

25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-1286-FC01)

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Assumed Name

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

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ASSUMED NAME: **Confektions by Karen**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **118 2nd St NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 USA.**

MAILING ADDRESS: **PO Box 58, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917**

List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registd office address: (Required) NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: **Karen K. Peterson** Address: **118 2nd St NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917** This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of ssumed Name File Number: 661938500029. Originally file on: 03/20/2013. Under the name (list the previous name only if you are amending that name): **Confektions by Karen**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document of his/her behalf. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Karen K. Peterson**

MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **karen.peterson80@gmail.com.**

List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form: **Karen K Peterson, 507-340-0171.** Entities that own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed must register with the MN Dept. of Agriculture's Corporate Farm Program.

Does this entity own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed? **No**

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Daniel A. Crow, a single person and Shiann M. Heise, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$147,073.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 30, 2008

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on May 7, 2008 as Document Number A000357058 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$138,052.48

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at a point on the North line of Sub-lot 10, 98 1/2 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Sub-lot 10 in East Half of NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 107 North, Range 20 West; running thence South 58 feet along the center of the Street thence West and parallel with the North line of said Sub-lot 10, 165 feet; thence North 58 feet to the North line of said Sub-lot

10, thence East along the North line of said Sub-lot 10, 165 feet to point of beginning, Steele County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 812 HARRIET AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060-3404

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-015-4212

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

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

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2017.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: Daniel A. Crow, Shiann M. Crow

Dated: September 14, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By:/s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.

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Estate

524.3-502, 524.3-801 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF STEELE PROBATE COURT DIVISION Court File No. 74-PR-16-1799

IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD A. HABERMAN, DECEASED ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of October, 2016, at 10:45 o'clock am, a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Owatonna, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Charlotte F. Haberman whose address is 240 3rd Ave SE, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in an unsupervised administration, and any objection thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative



Estate Continued

will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a statement to close the estate and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court. Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to

Joseph A. Bueltel
8-31-2016

JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT
Frank Henefield
P O Box 818; 415 E. Main Street
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
Telephone Number: 507-583-6663
Attorney Registration Number: 44039

Steele County Synopsis - 8.23.16

STEELE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S SYNOPSIS FOR 8/23/2016

Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Glynn/Brady to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
- Glynn/Huntington to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes all.
 - Approve the Minutes of August 2, 2016.
 - Approve the Listing of Bills.
 - Approve Out of State travel request for two correctional staff to Zuecher training in South Dakota.
 - Approve annual service agreement between Motorola and the Sheriff's office.
 - Accept preliminary plat for Opportunity Addition- Old Highway site.
 - Accept the Land Use and Records Minutes.
 - Accept the Public Works Minutes.
 - Accept Internal Central Services Minutes for August 3rd and August 17th.

- Accept Public Safety Minutes.
 - Accept Probation Officer job descriptions classification request.
- Glynn/Schultz to approve the Personnel Report.
 - Brady/Huntington to approve replacing the full-time Program Assistant Coordinator position at the Detention Center and allow part-time CARE Case Manager, Jovae Priebe to work additional hours until new full-time Program Asst. Coordinator is in place. Ayes all.
 - Schultz/Glynn to approve hiring a student GIS intern to be funded by the compliance fund. Ayes all.
 - Huntington/Glynn to approve the addition of a VS32 Paging Module for the Courthouse complex. Ayes all.
 - Glynn/Brady to approve the Jail Commissary agreement and contract extension with TurnKey Corrections. Ayes all.
 - Schultz/Glynn to approve the finance procedures for the Detention Center using TEAM software. Ayes all.
 - Brady/Schultz to approve Change Order No. 1 to Greystone contract in the amount of minus \$2,200. Ayes all.
 - Huntington/Glynn to approve of Award Option A bid for the sale of property at 1123 SE 44th Ave. with house for high bid amount of \$123,850 to Dalton Wanous. Ayes all.
 - Brady/Huntington to approve the Evergreen Land Services agreement to assist with the closing of the 44th Avenue property. Ayes all.
 - Huntington/Schultz Resolution approve the final payment to Doyle Connor Company in the amount of \$4,518.10 for CP 74-016-03. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
 - Glynn/Huntington Resolution approve the final payment to R.A.W. Construction in the amount of \$3,243.49 for SAP 74-645-35. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
 - Schultz/Brady Resolution by Steele County that the County enter into a Grant Agreement with the MN Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office
 - Public Hearing on amending the Steele County Water plan was open at 5:54 p.m.
 - The meeting was then open to comments from those in attendance.
 - Schultz/Glynn closed Public Hearing.
 - Glynn/Huntington set a second Public Hearing date for October 11, 2016 at 5:45 p.m., which will be after a 30-day state agency review period. Ayes all.
 - Commissioners Reports:
Commissioner Glynn reported on his attendance at the MNPrairie Board meeting and the Canvassing Board.
Commissioner Huntington reported on her attendance at the MNPrairie

Board meeting, South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Board meeting, Mets Work Group (Software), MNPrairie Finance Committee, City/County Joint Transportation meeting and AMC Strategic Planning. Commissioner Brady reported on his attendance at South Central Human Relations and Canvassing Board. Commissioner Schultz reported on his attendance at the Fair Board, SEMCAC meeting and City/County Joint Transportation meeting and South Central Human Relations Center. Commissioner Ebeling reported on his attendance at Emergency Communication Board and Law Library meeting.		
18. Glynn/Huntington to approve the following listing of bills:		
LISTING OF BILLS • 8/23/2016		
30th Place LLC	17,674.75	
A'viands, LLC	20,186.89	
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	9,343.48	
AGI Electric LLC	2,375.00	
All Systems Installation Inc	77,006.00	
AMCON	15,357.00	
APG Media of Southern Minnesota LLC	2,068.43	
Asbestrol Inc	3,800.00	
Aug's All Home Services	2,135.00	
Borneke Construction, Inc.	21,277.30	
Bushey/Jodi L	8,175.00	
Businessware Solutions Corporation	2,027.04	
Carlson McCain Inc	2,100.00	
Chosen Valley Testing Inc.	2,500.00	
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	2,500.00	
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	4,219.72	
Continental Research Corp	2,179.56	
Corporate Recognition Inc	2,173.98	
Crane Creek Asphalt	7,703.70	
Custom Communications, Inc.	3,103.54	
Dakota County Financial, Svc.	2,617.54	
Einhaus Mattison Carver & Haberman PA	2,269.00	
Fidlar Technologies Inc.	2,500.00	
Flooring Frenzy & More	4,757.10	
Harlands Tire & Auto Center	3,192.50	
Hillyard-Hutchinson	3,275.09	
Honeywell Inc	5,671.62	
Hyatt Regency	2,109.92	
Jones Haugh & Smith, Inc.	3,118.40	
Loken Excavating & Drainage	2,378.05	
MACO	3,000.00	
Malo Roofing, Inc.	2,436.00	
Mn Dept of Natural Resources	2,250.00	
Napa Auto Parts	2,088.43	
Oertel Architects	32,153.29	
Owatonna Motor Company	7,481.52	
RDO Equipment Co, Inc	7,284.55	
Reliance Telephone Inc.	2,500.00	
Riverland Comm College Austin	2,000.00	
Schindler Elevator Corp Inc	2,640.84	
Steele County Treasurer	9,323.49	
Steele County Treasurer - PCP	13,432.36	
Steele-Waseca Drug Court	2,000.00	
Thompson Reuters – West	4,584.60	
Trane U.S. Inc.	19,735.22	
Turnkey Corrections	15,749.78	
Univ of MN Regents	3,486.22	
Zuercher Technologies LLC	18,064.46	
201 Warrants under \$2,000	65,503.25	
Total:	\$455,509.62	

Glynn/Huntington to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 6:25 p.m. Ayes all.

Certificate of Assumed Name - Celebrations

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CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

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ASSUMED NAME: **Celebrations**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **1930 Austin Rd PO Box 482, Owatonna, MN 55060 USA.**
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: **Michaelson Funeral Homes, Inc** Address: **1930 Austin Rd PO Box 482, Owatonna, MN 55060 USA.**
Name: **KLCA Enterprises** Address: **4620 Austin Rd, Owatonna, MN 55060 USA.**
Name: **SpareTime Entertainment** Address: **333 18th St SE, Owatonna, MN 55060 USA.**
If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.
By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document of his/ her behalf. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.
SIGNED BY: **Cory Michaelson**
MAILING ADDRESS: **None**
Provided
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **cory@michaelsonfuneral.com.**
9/20, 9/27

STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 starting at 7:00 pm., the Steele County Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings in the Commissioner's Room of the Steele County Administration Center, 630 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN, to receive comments on the following permit applications.

Brad Price of ROC Management has requested a conditional use permit to construct 2 mini storage units on property described as Block 1, Lot 3 Hagen Addition.

Jerry Redman on behalf of Medford Properties LLC II has requested a conditional use permit to build a shop, offic and equipment storage building on property located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 4, Medford Township. The property address is 8100 21st Ave. NW.

Jerry Redman on behalf of Medford Properties LLC II has requested an interim use permit to place a portable ready mix concrete plant on property located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 4, Medford Township. The property address is 8100 21st Ave. NW.

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

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

NOTICE
Special Public
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Questions should be directed to Chris Staloch, Elementary Principal, at cstaloch@blossoms.k12.mn.us or by calling 507-583-6615, ext. 223.

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BLOOMING PRAIRIE



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Roger Pittman of Claremont teaches Vicky Schenk how to drive his team of Percherons. The Pittmans have 19 Percherons on their farm located just north of Bixby. The Pittmans actively show the horses at county fairs and other exhibitions.



Green is very important to Europeans including Claudia and Thomy's family. Here, the six Swiss visitors, Claudia, Thomy, Vicky, Nico, Ellin and Ilona get ready to go on a John Deere tractor ride with Kevin Hansen, far right. Hansen is sales manager for Ag Power of Owatonna.

gician. He performed for about 45 minutes and had the kids and adults in stitches. He even had my wife Judy running as fast as I had ever seen her run. The chaser, a pet rat of Greg's who is part of his magic show.

On one open afternoon, we were invited to my niece Nicky's to do some four-wheelin'. Riauna and Carter were the commanders of our vehicles on the Bishop farmstead.

Cindi and Darrell Hansen (our rellies) invited us to a wonderful breakfast one morning, pancakes, biscuits and gravy and lots of fruit.

Some other highlights of the visit included a tour of Minimizer, led by marketing director Steve Hansen, who also happens to be my nephew. Our Swiss friends were amazed at the complexity of the business.

We made a couple of trips to the Pine Springs Swimming pool and everyone loved the facilities.

On a warm Wednesday night, we took Claudia, Thomy and family to Berne (near West Concord) for its Swiss festival. Claudia and Thomy had fun meeting up with some fellow Swiss/German-speaking people. They also thoroughly enjoyed the firewood pizza

A second trip to the Mall of America allowed Thomy, Nico, my son Troy and his son Ryan and I to slip away to a Minnesota United soccer game in Blaine. They love soccer, of course. However, Nico did get pretty good at throwing a football given too him by Troy, Ryan, Nancy, Jenna and Kaley.

The most enjoyable part of hosting the Swiss family was to get to know them even though language proved a slight barrier. Claudia and Thomy speak fluent English and eldest daughter Ilona, 16, just started to master English. The other three, Vicky, 12; Ellin, 9 and Nico, 8, picked up some English from us.

Here's some words to describe our visitors:

- Claudia:** Beautiful, loving parent, always helpful and willing to clean up the kitchen, creative mind, teacher
- Thomy:** Handsome, engineer, easy going, always asking questions, loving parent, Westernized, became a Twins fan
- Ilona:** Beautiful, always smiling, loved American music, had to have Wi-fi
- Vicky:** Energy-plus, loved to swim, loved to bike, smiled with her eyes
- Ellin:** Beautiful, playful like a kitten, talked with many facial expressions, was Nico's sibling rival
- Nico:** Cute, somewhat shy, loved meat especially pork chops, loves soccer and American football, also because a Twins fan while here, was Ellin's sibling rival

It was a wonderful experience, one we recommend to everyone. It is very rewarding to expand our horizons by getting to know other cultures and people. Thank you daughter Tammi for starting this relationship with Claudia and 23 years later the bond still strongly exists.

That's an invitation that is difficult to turn down and as we said goodbye early last week to our Swiss visitors, they harmonized the message of coming to Switzerland to visit them.

What an experience it was to host Claudia Schenk and Thomas Leeman and their four children!

For 10 days, we were on the move, visiting such popular tourist traps as the Mall of America and a Minnesota water park.

But more importantly, our Swiss visitors had the opportunity to see how important agriculture is in southern Minnesota. The kids had the chance to ride in a John Deere 9650R, one of the biggest tractors on the lot at Ag Power in Owatonna.

Nico, the eight-year-old in the family, loves heavy equipment and was blown away when Ag Power sales manager Kevin Hansen gave him the steering wheel and the opportunity to drive the big machine around the lot. Dad Thomy as (Thomy as we called him) was even more enthralled by Green Power.

In Perfect English, Thomy said, "Howard, I ordered two of the large tractors and they will be delivered to my home in Switzerland."

As we traveled from site to site in the Blooming Prairie area, Claudia and Thomy said they loved the flat ground laced with tall crops. "It reminds us of Denmark," Claudia said

We turned the page in farming history by taking the Swiss family to the Roger and Erin Pittman farm near Bixby, actually a Claremont address. The Pittmans are known for their large Percheron horses. They have 19 of them and one of the tallest measures 19.1 hands tall.

Roger, Erin and son Mark were so "Minnesota Nice" to hitch two of the horses to a wagon and offer 13 of us (Swiss family and Judy and my family of seven) a jaunt down a gravel road in the country.

Part of the fun was being introduced to the beautiful horses one by one. "Roger and Mark know them all by name but some of them look alike to me," laughed Erin.

On the jaunt down a gravel road and onto a blacktop road, the kids were given the grand chance to drive the wagon. Roger sat next to the driver and gave the drivers tips on the commands to give to the horses. The Pittmans' farm Dog "Charlie" accompanied our journey, always out ahead of the horses.

Nico and my grandson Ryan had fun getting off the wagon at a stop and then trying to catch the wagon as the horses moved into a fast trot.

The Pittmans were joyful on the day we visited because they had won a first place for their six-team hitch in competition the night before at the Fremont County Fair in Albert Lea. Their competition continued at the Mower County Fair in Austin and the Steele County Fair in Owatonna.

On the same day as we visited the Pittmans, we motored to my family farm two miles west of Corning on Highway 251. The farm is now owned by Mel and June Kahler. The Kahlers graciously allowed us free access to their farm and buildings.

What an opportunity I thought, as I planned the visit weeks ago, to invite professional photographer Tammy Wolf to come and take some family photos for us with the "live" backdrop of my former family farm. On one of the photo shoots, we posed in front of the well-kept barn that housed some cattle. They stood at the feed trough begging to be part of the photo.

We took some large group photos and even stood in the bean field to further show our farm heritage

That Sunday afternoon, we rushed home to BP, picked up some sandwiches at Subway and then helped prepare for a picnic at the pavilion just south of Blooming Prairie High School. Picnics are known for lots of food and Judy accommodated that tradition.

We had a special guest at the picnic, Greg Skillestad, BP Police Chief and ma-



Following a tour of Minimizer of Blooming Prairie, led by marketing manager Steve Hansen, right, Claudia and Thomy and family tried out their new Tested and Tortured racing shirts. Hansen took the Swiss visitors through the Minimizer plant in BP.



The Lestrud families gets together at the Mall of America with Swiss visitors. From left are: Howard, Ellin, Nico, Ilona, Vicky, Claudia, Nancy, Ryan, Kaley, Jenna, Troy, Thomy and Judy.

FOUR-POINT
STANCE



JOSH
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Vikes defended the north

Well, what a better way to “open the gates” at US Bank Stadium.

The Icelandic soccer team brought its traditional Vikings war chant to help fire up the crowd to fuel the Vikings to defend the north. They defended it just nicely.

We also learned some things about our new starting quarterback Sam Bradford.

In the 17-14 win against the Packers Sunday night, for being involvrf in the offense for only two weeks, he played fairly well.

There were your usual miscommunication plays with some of the receivers,which is a given due to not having the rapport with them.

However, the 2010 No. 1 overall pick threw two touch-downs and most importantly, protected the football.

While it was a hard fought win, there weren’t many bright spots offensively. So I suppose we should dive into those before the bad.

Stefon Diggs is a star

The second year wide recevier continues to make his case as the best young player in the NFL. The former Maryland product had 182 yards receiving-just 29 shy of the team record (210) and a pretty touchdown catch late in the third quarter to give the Vikings the 17-10 lead.

In fact, Stefon Diggs is the first Vikings receiver since Randy Moss to record a 150-yard receiving game in thier first two seasons. The season could be another spectacular one for Diggs.

“All Day” may be “All Done”

Before you read further Vikings fans, please make sure you are sitting down.

In the third quarter, future Hall of Fame running back Adrian Peterson suffered what first looked like an ankle injury.

Unfortunately, after talking to my sources, it was qouted as a right knee injury. Now, anytime the words knee injury and Peterson are together, fans cant help but think about the ACL suffered just a few years ago.

Hopefully after an MRI-which should be done within the next day or so is completed, we know the fate of our running back.

Offensive line woes

While I gave him a hard time in my first column, Bradford displayed some real toughness Sunday night. The offensive line was atrocious, there were snaps that Bradford took shots on that I really believed he was going to just lie there.

Matt Kalil, who’s been nursing a hip injury, struggled all night trying to slow down Nick Perry and Julius Peppers. Bradon Fusco played so bad in his technique that you may have believed he was back playing at Division II Slippery Rock.

Bradford proved that he can be the guy. Now the offensive line needs to protect him.

Sunday won’t be any easier as they face a vaunting Carolina front seven. Hopefully, the offensive line can get on track and the Vikings can improve to 3-0.

Next week I’ll fill you all in on how the Vikings defense performed against Cam Newton. Until next time, SKOL.

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Medford downs NRHEG in straight sets

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After splitting two contests earlier in the week, the Medford volleyball team was on a mission to finish the weekend off right.

On parent’s night, the Tigers beat NRHEG in straight sets (25-16, 25-19, 25-10) in a conference match to finish their schedule for the week. Prior to the contest, the parents were honored by their daughters with hugs and roses near the Medford bench.

During that time head coach Tanya Powers made a special announcement to the crowd as two of her seniors hit career milestones in the weeks’ earlier contests. Senior Libero Callie Nagel reached 1,500 digs in her impressive career. Senior setter Dani Morgan also joined the one thousand club, as she recorded 1,000 career assists.

“They’re both gems. Callie Nagel-1,500 digs, that’s rare. She could very well make 2,000 by the end of the season; she just has one of the best anticipations of any digger I’ve ever coached. Dani Morgan, she’s a fighter. She just wants to be out there. You can tell she loves the game,” an emotional Powers added.

Despite winning in straight sets, the Panthers gave the Tigers a battle in the first set. There was really no comfort zone, as each team routinely battled for the lead. After confusion set in between two NRHEG players, Medford started to generate some momentum and quickly built an 8-4 lead, causing the Panthers to call a timeout.

Out of the timeout, the Panthers stuck to the routine of battling back. After a series of volleys built suspense for both cheering sections, NRHEG Mar-



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Starters for the Medford volleyball team huddle for a quick cheer after winning the second set against NRHEG on Thursday in Medford. The Tigers won in straight sets.

nie Wagner smashed home a kill to bring to score to 10-9.

The momentum shift would be short lived as the outside hitters for the Tigers were too strong. Powered by Emma Kniefel and Amanda Honsley, Medford built a 24-16 lead. Kniefel and Honsley would finish the night with seven and 10 kills respectively. An errant serve by NRHEG’s Gretchen Ramaker sealed the first set victory.

The second set was when Medford started to attack the middle of the Panther defense. Leading the charge was Mikayla Spinler, who would close out the second set with a pair of kills.

Spinler would finish the evening with eight kills and four solo blocks.

The success with the middle attack continued into the third set with the Tigers building a quick 11-4 lead. Powers said that her using her middles more was a key heading into this matchup.

“Both of them were getting good blocks and finding the ball and going up with it. They both stepped up in a big way tonight,” she added.

The Tigers would cruise in the third set, winning 25-10. During that set, they also secured their largest lead of the night at 24-9.

The win marks the end of a

13-game stretch for the Tigers that started on Sept. 3. With no tournaments over the weekend, Powers gave her team practice off Friday to recover from the intensive schedule.

“I want them to come back and love the game and miss it. Its’ tough to do during the season and you don’t want to do that, but you want them to crave it. I think they’re gonna come back Monday hungrier than ever and we just gonna have to finish it strong. We have some good matches coming up,” she added.

Medford stats

Callie Nagel - 33 digs, 1 ace,

Krystal Hanson - 9 digs, Payton Powers - 5 digs, 11 set assists, 4 kills
Emma Kniefel - 3 digs, 7 kills
Rachel Bluhm - 4 digs, 3 set as-sists
Kaylee Kern - 9 digs, Dani Morgan - 7 digs, 22 set as-sists,
Amanda Honsey - 5 digs, 10 kills
Sydney Langeslag - 3 digs, 4 kills, 6 solo blocks
Mikayla Spinler - 2 digs, 8 kills, 4 solo blocks

VOLLEYBALL
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Rahrick, Huskies down Fairbault



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna No.1 singles Emily Rahrick returns a serve against her Fairbault opponent Tuesday at the Owatonna High School tennis courts. Rahrick won in straight sets 6-0,6-0.

Lady Huskies sweep Falcons in straight sets

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After starting the season with three meets on the road, the Owatonna girls’ tennis team held the first of two home matches Tuesday at the Owatonna High School tennis courts. Powered by strong matches from singles players Emily Rahrick and Alissa Weide, the Lady Huskies swept Fairbault 7-0 in a Big Nine conference match.

“I thought overall we played very well and had a good a

balance of consistency and aggressiveness,” said head coach Curt Matejcek.

No. 1 singles Emily Rahrick, who went 3-0 at the Waseca round robin, swept Fairbault’s Maddy Drevlow in straight sets (6-0,6-0). No.2 and No. 3 singles Alissa Weide and Sara Anderson also made quick work of their opponents, winning in straight sets (6-0, 6-0) as well.

Anderson-recently promoted to No.3 singles-managed to keep her record at a perfect 11-0 on the season. First time

varsity performer Grace Simon saw herself in a battle with Fairbault’s Franziska Kuupe. Matejcek said that it was a barnburner.

“She played her first varsity match that was two long and grueling sets and finally won in a third set tiebreaker,” he said.

Grace would win in three sets (7-4, 3-6, 10-5).

As for the Owatonna doubles squad, there were exchanges of points from both squads, but the Lady Huskies managed to win in straight sets. Top pair Caitlin Anderson and Gabi Deml kicked off the doubles matches with a 6-2, 6-0 win over the pair of Emily and Sarah Kendell.

No. 2 Macy Voss and Katie Segler won in straight sets 6-1,6-3 over Abby Goodwin and Erica Johnson. The final match of the afternoon was the No. 3 doubles duo of Maragret Schlicker and Annabelle Paquin winning 6-1,6-2.

With Northfield coming to town for the final home match of the week, Matejcek said that today’s matches were a good preview of what is to come on

Thursday.

“I thought Fairbault had some really good athletes, and that will be the case with Northfield,” he said.

Matejcek went on to say that in two matches last year, that both teams had competitive matches, with each team taking home a victory. He said he expects the same this season.

“I anticipate another close match this year if we play well,” he added.

Owatonna boys fall to Lakeville South

By **JOSH ZIMMER**
Sports Editor

After rains cancelled Thursday night’s match against Rochester Century, The Owatonna boys’ soccer team was looking to finish the weekend with a win. Unfortunately, the Cougars’s aggressive offensive attack had other ideas.

The Huskies dropped its contest against Lakeville South 1-0 Saturday afternoon at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. Head coach Bob Waypa said that they didn’t play thier best.

“It’s just been that kind of a season where we’re just missing,” he added.

In the first twenty minutes of the match it was an evenly possessed battle. Each team was getting chances to launch a long counter to try and open up thier respective offenses.

In the first five minutes, however, Owatonna had a great oppourtunity to get on the board early. Nate Smith controlled a long pass from brother Nick Smith and attempted to put a shot on net, but sailed his shot just left of the ‘keeper.

Both offenses continued to battle for possession but each team’s defense was smothering. The moment the ball entered either of the offensive zones, the defense was quickly and actively clearing the ball downfield.

The Huskies and Cougars combined for 10 shots on goal throughout the contest.

Owatonna ‘keeper Aiden Buryska continued his dominant play after having Tuesday off to rest. In the 13th minute, he made a great diving save to deflect a

Cougar’s shot just right of the post.

Unfortunately, the following corner kick, Lakeville responded with a goal from Roman Fabry-giving the Huskies a one point deficit late in the first half.

The second half was the epitome of the Huskies season so far. they just were not able to finish scoring chances.

“We hit the post twice, missed the goal by two inches on two other occassions. We’re close to four goals and we didn’t play our best,” added Waypa.

Outside of the lone goal, Buryska had another stellar performance, constantly diving and lunging to knock away shots. While he only recorded four saves, they were bigger plays than one would think.

The Huskies mounted a valient effort late in the second half, but had four seperate scoring chances go wide with minutes left.

Owatonna travels to Rochester on Tuesday to face John Marshall.

Owatonna 4, Winona 0

Often times, a game after a huge win can often open the door for a letdown. Fortunately, for head coach Bob Waypa, the match Tuesday night was far from that.

Powered by three second half goals, the Huskies beat Winona 4-0 in a non-conference match-up on parent’s night at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. Waypa said that a win like this is a sigh of relief.

“This game actually scared me because when you come off a big win, there’s always that let-

down,” he said.

While their forte is being a team that won’t win the pos-session battle, the first half was all about the Owatonna offense. Just three minutes into the game, seniors Abukar Fakruden and Captain Dan Kelly each had potential scoring chances that were swatted away by the Winona ‘keeper. However, junior Juan Maya’s shot on goal just minutes later was the charm.

Maya’s shot bounced just off the corner of the goal but fellow junior Nate Smith-who’s been on a hot streak of late- was right there to fire the ricocheted shot into the back of the net to give the Huskies an early 1-0 lead.

Owatonna would continue to dominate time of possession in the offensive zone. Waypa attributed that to executing one of the points of emphasis for the match.

“The emphasis was to win the 50-50 balls. Their goal kicks weren’t that long and we were jumping it so we were all over them,” he said.

In the first half, Smith was the difference maker. With Owatonna’s defense continuing their smothering attack that led them to the upset win on Saturday, Smith was great position to receive the counter attack’s deep in the Winhawks zone. In fact, Owatonna’s defense didn’t allow a shot on goal until the 48th minute.

With just minutes winding down in the first half, the Huskies were continuing the search for that second elusive goal. The Huskies had another good look with just two minutes left in the half after Kelly floated a free



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna captain Mitchell Mayer attempts a free kick in the Huskies match up against Lakeville South Saturday at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. The Cougars beat the Huskies 1-0.

kick into the Winhawks zone. Unfortunately, Harmon jumped in the way to slow up a Smith header attempt.

After coming out of the half with a 1-0 lead and successfully applying an immense amount of pressure, the Huskies attack was slowed a bit due to a sense of urgency. There were multiple scoring chances that were halted because of a rushed attack.

“Sometimes we try to rush or panic things. We have more time than we think,” he said.

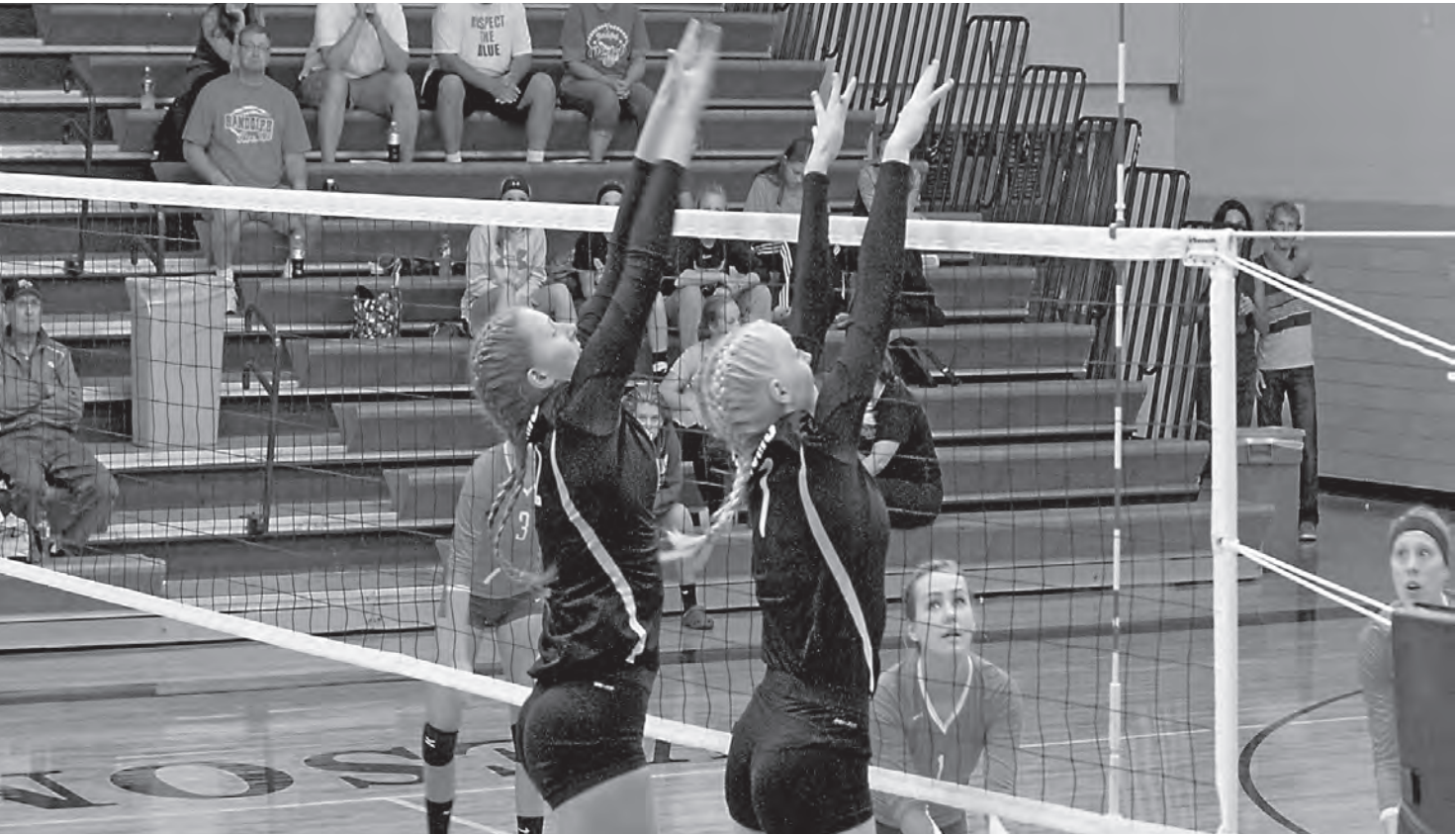
After the Winhawks recorded their first shot on goal, the Huskies appeared to slow down and return to their dominant form from the first half.

Despite the valiant effort, the Owatonna offensive pressure was just too strong. In a span of three minutes, Juan Maya added to his stat line on

the evening by recording two goals-pushing the Huskies lead to 3-0. With just three minutes left, Nate Smith brushed off his previous three attempts after he netted his second goal of the night on a long strike.

Tyler Akemann was the man in nets for the Huskies tonight. In his first start, the junior would block all four shots he faced.

BP volleyball picks up a pair of wins



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Awesome Blossoms’ Courtney Wobschall (left) and Ayren Ingvalson (right) attempt to block a Randolph shot Monday, Sept. 12. Blooming Prairie won in straight sets.

By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Sports Writer

Except for a lapse in game two, the Awesome Blossom volleyball team dominated USC on the home court Thursday, Sept. 15. BP won game one 25-19, dropped game two 19-25, but then took

games three and four 25-16 and 25-6. It gave the Blossoms a 2-1 record in the conference and a 7-6 mark overall.

“This was another exciting win,” remarked Coach Ranell Kittelson. “We have been working really hard in practice on stringing points together and keeping con-

sistency with ball control. I think we did a god job of that tonight. In serving, Courtney Wobschall came within two of the single game record for ace serves, and she had 12 straight points in the third game rout.”

Besides her serving dominance, Wobschall also had 12 kills and 6

blocks in the match. Marissa Larson and Sam Wurst had 8 and 7 kills; Leah Inwards had 17 assists and 11 digs; Leah Schiefert had 15 assists; and Kylies Forystek had 14 digs and 5 kills.

Heather PirkI served 6 straight points to begin game one, and the JV team defeated USC in two

straight 25-16 and 26-24. Kaylee Carlson served 5 straight points for the Rebels in the second game to put them in a position to win, but Maya Lembke served the winning points after a block had tied the score at 24.

Four Blossom girls served 100 percent, and Micalyn Trihus had 3 aces. Julia Worke, PirkI, Lembke and Kieara Raschke all added one ace. The team is 8-3 for the season now. The C squad won its match in two straight games, as well.

BP sweeps Randolph

An Invigorated Blossom volleyball team swept Randolph in three straight games Monday, Sept. 12, on the home court. BP won all three games 25-11, 25-15, and again 25-11.

Real solid play at the net from Sam Wurst, Marissa Larson, and Courtney Wobschall kept the Rockets well in check the first game. On offense Leah Inwards served 5 points early in the set, and Wobschall counted 5 points to allow the Blossoms a 23-9 edge. The winning points came on a block from Wurst and a Larson kill.

Wobschall served 6 straight points in game two, and Linnea Byers- Sunde served the winner on the next rotation. The third game saw Kylie Forystek serve 5 points for a 23-9 edge, and two straight blocks gathered in the winners.

“The girls came out with a lot of energy,” Coach Kittelson commented. “We were able to control play and keep momentum through all three games. Everyone had a chance to play some tonight and everyone showed excellent teamwork and effort.”

Wurst led the defense with 6 kills, but Wobschall, Larson, and Forystek all added 4 kills. Inwards piled up 16 assists, 11 digs, and 3 kills. It marked a good night for the Blossoms.

BP’s junior varsity defeated Randolph two straight, with the second game going extras points 28-26. The Blossoms won the first set 25-17. BP had excellent balance in serving for game one, and Riauna Bishop had 6 serving points in the second game victory.

As Coach Mary Worke remarked, “I thought this was a terrific match for the girls. We showed the ability to let our mistakes go and to keep working hard. We showed a lot of heart tonight.”

BP fourth at Hayfiel

The Blossom varsity girls had to settle for fourth place at the Hayfield Invite Saturday, Sept. 10. The team defeated Leroy-Ostrander 25-14 and 25-18, but then lost in three games to Goodhue 23-25- 29-27, and 3-15. They finished third in pool play with a loss to Alden-Conger 13-25 and 23-25.

Nagel, Morgan, Spinler power Tigers

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NRHEG stats

Mad. Wagner 13 kills, 9 digs, 2 ace blocks
Mar. Wagner 4 kills, 13 digs, 1 ace block, 1 ace serve
Muri 4 digs
Ramaker 4 kills, 4 digs
Collins 13 assists, 9 digs
VanWilgen 3 digs
Harden 1 kill, 2 digs
Christopherson 3 digs, 1 ace block
Schoenrock 1 dig
Johns 1 kill, 15 digs

Tigers vs. Zumbrota-Mazeppa

The Medford volleyball team started their competition this

week on the road. Monday, the Tigers were in Zumbrota-Mazeppa to face the Cougars. Unfortunately, Medford lost the match in 5 (20-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-18, 10-15), battling back from being down one set. Head coach Tanya Powers said that there were a few mental errors that turned the game.

“We missed some key serves and struggled with a consistent defense at times,” she said. “We had our chances but we had way too many unforced errors,” she added.

Stats

Callie Nagel- 1 ace, 33 digs, 2 set assists

Krystal Hanson- 18 digs
Payton Powers- 1 ace, 9 digs, 17 set assists, 6 kills
Emma Kniefel - 2 ace, 14 digs, 11 kills
Dani Morgan- 15 set assists, 1 solo block, 25 set assists, 4 kills
Amanda Honsey- 4 digs, 2 solo blocks, 15 kills
Sydney Langeslag- 2 ace, 5 digs, 6 kills,
Mikayla Spinler- 7 solo blocks, 11 kills

Tigers vs. Lyle-Pacelli

Tuesday, the Tigers were more fortunate, defeating Lyle in straight sets (25-16, 25-23, 25-14). While it may have been far from their best, Powers said

that it was efficient enough to win.

“It was not necessarily pretty volleyball, but we got the job done,” she added.

Stats

Callie Nagel- 1 ace, 28 digs
Krystal Hanson- 1 ace, 7 digs
Payton Powers- 1 ace, 5 digs, 12 set assists, 4 kills, 1 solo block
Emma Kniefel - 7 digs, 11 kills
Kaylee Kern- 2 ace, 6 digs
Dani Morgan- 2 ace, 4 digs, 12 set assists, 2 kills
Amanda Honsey- 1 dig, 4 kills
Sydney Langeslag- 1 dig, 1 kill, 3 solo blocks
Mikayla Spinler- 5 kills, 2 solo blocks

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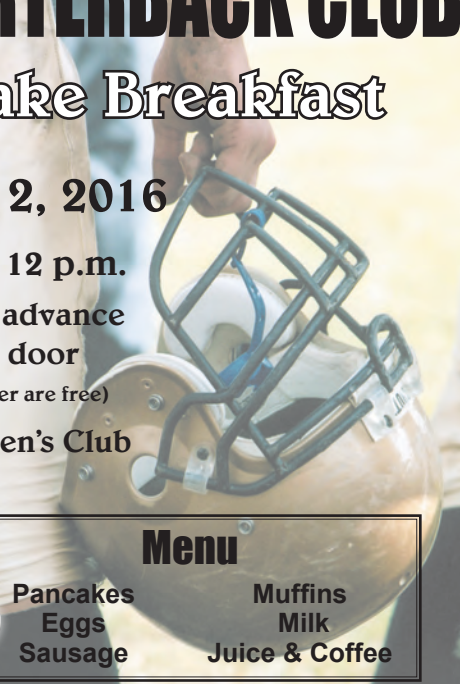
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Cougars down Lady Huskies



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Owatonna senior Toria Koch battles for the ball with Lakeville South's Kaitlyn Hanson in Saturday afternoon's matchup at the Owatonna Soccer Complex. The Huskies fell to the Cougars 3-1.

By **JOSH ZIMMER**
Sports Editor

The Lady Huskies were looking forward to getting back to action on Saturday after a competition was cancelled Thursday due to thunderstorms. The Huskies were also looking for answers for Lakeville South's aggressive attack.

Powered by two-second half goals, the Lakeville South Cougars beat the Lady Huskies at the Owatonna Soccer Complex.

Head coach Matt Roddy said that despite what the score said, there were some mistakes that could have completely shifted the outcome.

"It really all came down to mistakes for us. It wasn't a game where they were giving us all kinds of trouble," he added.

From the start, the Cougars offensive attack was firing on all cylinders. They controlled the possessions and were able to spend the majority of the first half on the attack.

However, Owatonna's defense played smothering defense and allowed just six shots on goal in the half.

There were moments where the Huskies had a chance to open the door. In the 12th minute, Kiley Friedrichs had the first chance to put the Huskies on the board until her shot on goal sailed just left of the post.

Despite the offensive pressure from Lakeville South, the game was equally back and forth in the first half.

The Huskies were back on the offensive attack as a Cougar turnover near midfield gave Owatonna numbers. Unfortunately, Page Cocchiarella's redirect from a Sydney Kretlow throw in went just above the net.

In the 31st minute, Lakeville South's Megan Hannash scored on a redirect to give the Cougars the late 1-0 lead.

As the half was winding down, Owatonna's Kenna West and Sophie Amundson each had opportunities to net the equalizer but their shots sailed wide of the net. With just under a minute remaining in the half, the Huskies again had a chance to tie the game but two separate corner kick attempts were shut down by Lakeville South's smothering defense. The Huskies recorded

just four shots on goal in the half.

In the second half, the Cougars aggressive offense was searching for a moment to assert itself. It didn't take long as Kaitlyn Hanson netted the second goal of the game just thirty-six seconds into the half.

The Huskies would get on the board in the 45th minute as Sophie Amundson would capitalize on her penalty kick attempt-cutting the Cougars lead to one.

Unfortunately, the pressure was just too much for the Huskies. In the 56th minute, Bianca Biffet extended the Cougars lead to 3-1.

The Huskies were outshot 15-6. Afterward, Roddy said that the point of emphasis was going to be the little things.

"Consistency, passing and receiving. As long as we do, we can win all three games next week," he added.

Owatonna faced Winona on Tuesday in Winona and defeated the Winhawks 4-1.

They will travel to Rochester on Monday to make up Thursday's contest against Century.

Husky Round up



By **JOSH ZIMMER**
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Volleyball

The Owatonna volleyball team competed against Northfield in a Big Nine conference matchup Tuesday in Northfield. Despite Erin Steffenson recording team high 24 assists, the Lady Huskies (2-7) were unable to capture a win, falling in straight sets (17-25, 22-25, 19-25).

Olivia Spatenka statically, recorded her best match of the season, registering a team high 14 digs while Lexi Langeland crushed home 15 kills. She also recorded five digs.

Syd Schultz was second on the team with 14 kills with Tori Urch, Devin Miller and Karissa Gregory each registering a kill as well. Steffenson, added two aces with Samantha Mundale and Tori Urch each also recording an ace serve.

Stats

Erin Steffenson 2 aces, 24 assists, 1 dig; Tori Urch- one ace serve, 1 kill, 1 dig; Samantha Mundale- one ace , 2 digs; Lexi Langeland-15 kills, 5 digs; Syd Schultz- 14 kills; Devin Miller- one kill, one dig; Karissa Gregory- 1 kill; Olivia Spantenka- 14 digs; Tate Peterson- one dig; Maddie Kubista- 8 assists.

Cross Country

The Owatonna boys' and girls' cross country teams were in Rochester on Thursday to compete in the Mayo Invitational.

Boys

Led by Braydon Kubat, the Huskies finished eighth out of 25 teams.

Kubat (26th), Bryce Knutson (43rd) and Caedon McCartney (45th) all finished inside the top 50.

Girls

Senior Sara Wall (40th) and eighth grader Catrina Herr (45th) had top 50 finishes to lead the Huskies. In fact, all but one of the runners for Owatonna would place in the top 100.

Owatonna finished 12th out of 24 teams.

Girls basketball

Owatonna High School Athletics Director Ryan Swanson announced on Friday afternoon that Lindsey Hugstad-Vaa has been hired as the new girls basketball coach.

Hugstad-Vaa, who has been assistant on the OHS staff since 2014, takes over for Tricia Hoffmann, who stepped down in August to take a teaching job outside of the district.

Panthers drop two matches



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Members of the NRHEG varsity volleyball team celebrate a point that brought the score to 10-9 against Medford on Thursday, Sept. 15. NRHEG dropped the contest in straight sets.

By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Sports Writer

"NRHEG had a tough week in volleyball," admitted coach Onika Peterson. "We dropped three straight to Medford Thursday, Sept. 15, after losing a four-set match to LeSeuer earlier in the week. We hope to get back to winning next week."

Set two at Medford proved very competitive, before the Tigers pulled away late, but the

other two games proved easy wins for the home team. Medford won 25-18, 25-19 and 25-10. The team record dropped to 2-7.

NRHEG loses to Leseuer-Henderson

A first game win couldn't carry into the remaining games, and the NRHEG volleyball team fell to LeSeuer-Henderson in four games. The non-conference match, played

on the home court Tuesday, Sept. 16, saw the Panthers edge the Giants 24-23, but then fall short in the next three sets. The visitors took game two 25-22, won game three 25-17, and then closed out the match with a 25-13 victory

"We started out great tonight," commented Coach Onika Peterson, "but slowly started to unravel. By the fourth game we weren't getting any touches on their hitters and weren't able to dig

their hits. We need to keep the ball playable, have stronger serve receives, and cut down on the mental errors."

Marnie Wagner had 7 kills, 11 digs, and an ace serve, and Gretchen Ramaker added 5 kills. Maddie Wagner and Rachel Collins both had 7 digs, and Collins had 12 assists and one kill. Olivia Christopher-son had 3 kills and 3 digs, and Grace Johns scrambled for 14 digs in the match.

BP dominates home invite

By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Sports Writer

Junior Alec Ille ran first in the BP invitational on the home course Tuesday, Sept. 13, and both the boys and girls' cross country teams finished first of four teams in the meet. The first five varsity boys landed in the top ten individuals, and Bobbie Bruns and Alison Pryor finished second and third for the girls. BP took first over Lyle-Pacelli for the boys, and the Blossoms also outdistanced the Athletics for the girls.

"It was an ideal day for cross country," remarked Coach John Bruns, "and both the boys and girls claimed the team titles."

Ille won the meet for the second straight year, although slightly under the weather, and the next four boys ran as a pack for most of the race. Seventh grader Bruns ran a nice race today to finish second individually, and Pryor ran her first race, after dealing with a knee injury, up to now.

Ille timed a 17:07 for his first place, and Elijah Baker took third in 18:11. Evan Doerhoefer trailed Baker by 11 seconds with an 18:23 (4th), and Cameron Kubista finished another 9 seconds back at 18:32 (5th). Quentin Kubista ran an 18:58 (7th), and Ethan Grant, Kyle Bramstedt, Jesse Schewe, and Jake Hyland all ran for the Blossom boys. Grant and Bramstedt finished 12th and 13th individually.

In finishing second for the girls' meet, the Blossoms ran times of 21:21, with Pryor taking third in 22:05. Jerrin Jax was fourth in 22:40, and Olivia Johnson, Rose Michaud, and Jackie Hyland followed in 6 8, and 13 places. "I was proud of Pryor today," concluded Coach Bruns. "She ran her first meet after dealing with a knee problem and doing very little actual running. She ran an outstanding first race."

NRHEG finished third in both the boys and girls' divisions, with Josh Fleming placing 6th in the boys' race at 18:55. Ben Lewer also placed in the top ten indi-

viduals with 8th place (19; 14). Kollin Reese and Jagger Beck ran times of 21:23 and 22:25 for places 18 and 19, and Orin Mely also ran for the Panthers.

Jade Mely ran first for the NRHEG girls, as she finished 5th in 25:01. Mia Williamson ran a 26:47, and Destiny Medrano timed a 26:58. Coach Weber remarked, "Fleming really ran a nice race today. His times are low for this time of the season. Lewer ran his personal best, as did the other three runners behind Lewer. Jade improved her time by half a minute from the last event, and Medrano recorded a personal best. Despite wet conditions, it was a good meet."

The Medford boys' and girls' cross country teams also competed in the Blooming Prairie Invitational on Tuesday. Both squads placed fourth in each respective class.

For the boys, eighth grader Grant Fitzgerald was bumped to the varsity recorded an eleventh place (19:54.2) finish. Head coach Dave Bon said that it's a

good sign for the future with his young runner.

"He was our fastest runner today and will grow into a team leader over the next couple years," he added.

Bon also mentioned that the team is continuing to improve as individuals.

For the girls, Kelsey Walock recorded a seventh place finish and earned a t-shirt as part of her placing in the top ten. Beth Ann Hanson was the Tigers' other contestant, placing twelfth. The junior high squad were also in attendance and competed well.

George McCarthy led the charge for the junior high, placing second with a time of 13:43.7. In fact, Medford had four runners place in the top five. Other notable placers were Tyler Sturza (third), Brock Merritt (fourth), and Henry Grayson (fifth).

Medford and NRHEG were expecting to run in a meet on Thursday in Mapleton but was cancelled due to rain.

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#1: Kids had fun playing bingo under the Big Tent Saturday. Shown from left to right are: Payton Esplan, Harlee Doocy, Sophia Espanal, Jasper Doocy and Skylar Valek.

#2: A Mark Noble racing poster was a popular item auctioned off last weekend during Paint BP Pink activities. Noble and wife Becky donated the item.

#3: Little Jason Ruter, 4, proudly shows off his shirt that he won during a Bloomington Prairie Cancer Auction on Saturday night. BP Cancer Group Treasurer Cheri Krejci said over \$32,000 was earned at the two auctions.

#4: Elvis Presley was in the Big Tent during Paint Bloomington Prairie auction activities on Friday night. The Elvis painting was one of about 280 items donated to two auctions Friday and Saturday nights.

#5: Auctioneer Galen Peterson solicits bids during the Paint BP Pink cancer auctions Friday and Saturday nights.

#6: Treasurer Cheri Krejci of the Bloomington Prairie Cancer Group paid tribute to a young BP Cancer Group donor, Adam Walsh. The young Mr. Walsh donated \$184.88 earned at a garage sale this past spring.

#7: Stix of Fury drummers Dylan Aldrich and Rose Michaud perform at the Bloomington Prairie Cue Company Saturday night. This was the final performance of the season for the group, directed by Jake Peterson and Camden Heimerman.

#8: Easton Valek marks a bingo card with his father Glenn Valek under the Big Tent on Saturday. More than 60 bingo fans competed for special prizes. Lindsay Krejci was the bingo caller.





Diet and exercise needs change as men and women age

Maintaining a healthy weight is important at any age. But avoiding being overweight or obese can be particularly crucial for seniors, considering many illnesses are tied to body weight. Maintaining a healthy immune system also can require eating a balanced, nutritionally sound diet.

The Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center at Durham Medical Center in Virginia says people need to change how they eat for every decade they reach. Caloric intake should be reduced because individuals are generally moving around less, have less muscle and their metabolic rates decline. People who find that they are having trouble losing weight in their 50s and older may be basing weight-loss goals on calorie recommendations for younger people.

One challenging thing about eating less overall is supplementing with more nutrient-rich foods. Older bodies still require similar amounts of protein, vitamins and minerals as younger ones, but older men and women must balance that need with their need to consume less calories. Consuming more fruits, vegetables and lean protein sources, including beans, and choosing whole grains over refined starchy foods can be the key.

Watch what you drink, as well. Soft drinks and other sugary beverages may be packed with calories you don't need. Choose unsweetened beverages and opt for water as much as possible. Protect yourself against dehydration, which can be harder to detect as you get older.

In addition to modifying food and beverage choices and reducing their calorie intake, seniors should continue to exercise. Healthy eating paired with moderate exercise remains one of the best combinations for healthy weight loss or weight maintenance.

The goal is to consume fewer calories and expend more energy. While cardiovascular exercises can be a good way to get the heart pumping and stimulate your metabolic rate, as you age you should perform strength-training and weight-bearing exercises as well. Muscle mass naturally diminishes with age, and according to the Mayo Clinic if you avoid strength exercises you can eventually lose muscle and increase the percentage of fat in your body. Strength training also helps you develop stronger bones, which can help prevent fractures. In addition, as you gain muscle, your body will begin to burn calories more efficiently, making your time in and out of the gym more productive.

Apart from diet and exercise, aging adults may need to consult with their doctors about nutritional supplements. Your body may produce less stomach acid as you get older, making it more difficult to absorb vitamins from food, including vitamin B12 and vitamin D. Aging skin is less able to transform sunlight into the vitamin, which can affect the body's ability to absorb calcium. Deficiencies in vitamins D and B12 and calcium can result in a number of health conditions. Routine blood work can help pinpoint whether you are deficient in key nutrients.

The body's nutritional and fitness needs change as a person ages. Those uncertain about the lifestyle changes they will need to make should speak with their physicians.

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Older Travelers

Dear Travelers,
A dream vacation can turn into a real nightmare if you get sick or injured while you're away and aren't prepared. Before setting out, here are some simple steps to help ensure a safe and healthy trip. Talk to your doctor: If you have a medical condition or health concerns, a good first step is to talk with your doctor now about what precautions you need to take before traveling. You should also

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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher
Last renovated in 1986-87, under Father Halloren, the St. Columbanus Church was in definite need of repair. After a generous donation from the late Harriet Ressler, the needed renovation was able to take place for this landmark of Bloomington. Divided into two stages, lighting and interior, the work on the church is well past stage one and nearly in completion of stage two. Important parts of the renovation were new light fixtures, new paint, and a brand new sound system. The seventh annual B.O.B. Ride was held on July 15. This benefit ride gathered 13 large boxes of toys, seven bikes, and \$5,140 in donations for the “Toys for Tots” organization of Steele County. This successful fund-raiser was possible because of the generous donations given by the 182 registered riders, the Bloomington Lions, Fire Departments of Bloomington, Geneva, and Hayfield, and the businesses of Bloomington

Prairie and surrounding communities. The support and donations of everyone involved will make a big difference in the life of a child who received those special gifts. **20 Years Ago**
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor
For the second year now, students have met at the flag pole in front of the Bloomington High School, to meet for “See You at the Pole”, a prayer movement for students of all religions. The event began as a simple prayer meeting of several high school students in Texas in the spring of 1990, and has spread around the world. There are now over 75 denominations and ministries helping to promote the project, but it's students who initiate, organize, and lead prayer at the flagpole. Using the railroad track from Bloomington north to Owatonna may be a thing of the past as Canadian-Pacific Railway has closed the line for the time being. The track from Owatonna

to Bloomington and further south was built in the early 1900s, if not earlier. But the track no longer makes it financially feasible to keep it open, as it serves just the Owatonna Canning Company. **50 Years Ago**
Thursday, Sept. 22, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
In Steele County, as in most other parts of the country, the cost of living is several percent higher today than it was a year ago. On the basis of the Labor Department findings, the average Steele County family needs approximately \$167 more per year than it did in 1965 to buy the same amount of goods and services. That is the size of increase for a family that has a net, after-tax income of \$6,419, which is the local average. A group of more than thirty Dodge County Farm Bureau Women and guests participated in the annual rural-urban tour, Monday, September 12. In the morning, they visited the

Smith Brothers dairy farm. The ladies then enjoyed lunch at the Carlson Café in Mantorville, following which Martin Grovdahl spoke to them about his trip to the Citizen's Seminar. John Patrick Saylor, 5, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and formerly of Waseca, was instantly killed Monday of last week in the collapse of a masonry wall. He and his brother Robert, 7, were playing on a farm where the family was visiting, when John bumped against the wall and it fell on him. Robert suffered only minor scratches. **75 Years Ago**
Thursday, Sept. 25, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher
A five-man team, representing the Bloomington Gun Club, defeated a large field of trap-shooters Sunday at a shoot sponsored by the gun club at LeRoy. Breaking 108 out of 125 clay pigeons, the team, consisting of Merville Bray, Glen Dennis, George Ray and Ed Zwiener, won a large trophy. Petty thievery in the

area apparently turned from chickens to potatoes this week. Mike Volmer, Bloomington farm hand, pleaded guilty in court Monday in Justice William's court here to a charge of petty larceny. He stole several sacks of potatoes from a truck south of town. Bringing \$135 per acre, the 80-acre Cozy Corner

farm owned by the Andrew Nelson estate was sold Friday at auction for the highest price bought for many years by any farm in this area. The buyer was Martin Hanson, farmer, who will be occupying the farm himself. Personal property also sold unusually well. Top price for cows was \$137, pullets \$1 a piece, and a brood sow and pigs \$90.



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Residents taste Steele County



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Attendees try a vairty of sausgaes from Steve's Meet Market out of Ellendale. The event offers a chance for vocal vendors to show off their talents

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) hosted their seventh annual Taste of Steele County on Sept. 15 at the Eagles Club. The event brings together 12 different food vendors from around Steele County to form a buffet of local foods

for attendees. This year's vendors were The Eagles Club, Costas, The Bakery in Blooming Prairie, Central Park Coffee, Elks, El Tequila, Faraway Foods, HyVee Deli, Mizuki Fusion, Sparetime Entertainment, Steve's Meat Market, and Torey's. Their offerings ranged from chocolate covered caramels to raw sushi. All of the vendors

donated their time and food for the event. Beyond the food, there was also a silent auction of items donated by AAUW members. Roughly 300 people were in attendance. The organization caps the number of possible guests at 300, so the food vendors are able to plan the amount of food they need to prepare. Barb Novak, one of



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Greg Friestedt, the owner of The Bakery in Blooming Prairie, serves a pastry to one of the event patrons. He was one of several tables offering a sweeter option

the co-chairs of the event, said that while the number of vendors has remained constant over the years the amount of food they've needed to bring has grown with attendance. AAUW hosts the event as a fundraiser for their scholarship program. Their organization funds seven different scholarships for women, ranging from middle school

age to adult. Talking about the organization, Marla Holt, the other co-chair for the event, said, "It supports educational equity for women and girls." Holt, who has been a member since 1993, says they focus their efforts particularly on women entering STEM fields. The Owatonna chapter of AAUW has roughly 60 members. Membership rules

require that every member has attended at least two years of college, though the rule requiring members to be female was removed several years ago. When asked if she had anything to say to people considering attending in the future, Novak surveyed the room and responded, "Come hungry."

CLASSICS CRUISE BLOOMING PRAIRIE

By **KYLIE RICE**
Staff intern

The 4th annual Blooming Prairie Classics and Customs car show took place on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Many different types of cars, motorcycles, and tractors entered, competing for the Best in Show award. The cool weather of the day may have inhibited some fans and participants from coming, but for those who did, the event was great fun! A live DJ and raffle prizes helped to draw crowds in. There was a great array of colors, makes and models of cars, making it a fun and interactive experience for viewers. Many of the exhibits in this show are local vehicles, and by far the most popular kind of car seemed to be the Chevrolet Camaro. "We have on average 50-60 cars on exhibit," Tammy Johnson, staff member, stated. "Some of the people that are here, who are very into this, say that there are some cars here that they have not seen at shows before!" The vehicles that are in the competition all have to register,

in order to win any of the prizes. "There is categories for Top 10 Autos, Top Tractor, and Top Motorcycle," Johnson said. "There's also the Best in Show award." In order to place in any of these classes, they had to be nominated by judges. "Well, basically what they've set as criteria here is we're looking at different categories. Body condition is one, such as if the car has rust, dents or scratches. Obviously those are all marks against the car, as we're looking for a great body condition. Interior, such as type of fabrication and the quality of what has been done inside, matters too." Competition judge Daryl Prihoda told me when I asked him. What's under the hood of the car matters almost as much as how the car looks on the outside. "Engine compartments and how everything has been put together in there is important. The brackets, the painting, and the detailing of the engine itself matters. How tires and wheels fit with the car counts as well. Do they look right? Do they fit right? All of this comes into consideration when judging the

cars." Prihoda said. Prihoda has been into cars for around 40 years, and this show is different from the rest. "This show is really unique in the fact that most shows have classes, and in this show everyone is all together." He said with a smile. "It's also fun too, because there are several people judging all of the vehicles." The show began four years ago when Greg Peterson, the late owner of Extreme Powder Coating here in Blooming Prairie, would attend these type of events all over Minnesota. "He kept saying to me 'Tammy, we need to have one of these in Blooming, it'll draw people in; it will be a lot of fun.'" Johnson remembered. Johnson and Peterson launched the first Classics and Customs show back in 2012. Peterson since passed away in 2013, but his family continues to support the show by sponsoring the Best in Show award. They do this in memory of Greg, and also of his father, who also enjoyed cars. "What we really hope to see is the people of Blooming Prairie come and enjoy themselves. A lot of the times, you'll see



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

Cars lined the Main Street of Blooming Prairie Saturday for the 4th annual Classics and Customs Car Show.

families come down and have lunch and share each other's company," Johnson said. "It's a family event, for sure." Best in Show honors went to Julie Boyum. Pete Mittlestad won the Peoples Choice

award with his 2014 Indian motorcycle. Mayor's Choice honors were given to Steve Jensen. Harm Kuyper had the best bike and John Kraling showed the best tractor. The Top 10 (in no specific

order) were: Kendal Boyen, John Erickson, Harry and Sharon Willis, Dave Dunnette, Linda Peterson, Bruce Felberg, Steve Stadheim, Terry Prokopec, Roger Trom and Larry Schmeling.

‘And, oh, by the way... you’ve only got one kidney’

LITTLE THOUGHTS
ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK
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By the time you reach the century mark in your life, you pretty much have learned all you have to learn about your own body. In fact, it's insulting when a young intern stands in front of you telling you about what your "illness" could be when you not only know what it is, but have been to that rodeo several times. Most of them before this kid was in diapers. The doctor who looks to be twelve years old, gives you his

diagnosis, and you patronize him, to be polite. He patronizes you because he's young and arrogant. The strained dance continues through the healing process. When I moved back to Minnesota, I felt kindred with my ancestors who had settled here many years before. My great-grandparents came across the pond from Yugoslavia and Croatia to work in the mines. My mom was born on the Mesabi Range.

There was an excitement about coming to a land that boasted 10,000 lakes. Most of them frozen, but that's beside the point. So, I anticipated coming to see such sights as the eagle sanctuary in Wabasha and perhaps taking my sons to the American Hockey Halls of Fame in both Eveleth and Warroad. And then of course, there was the famous Mall of America. But in the past few weeks I

have spent some quality time at another famous Minnesota landmark. A little Bed & Breakfast in Rochester they call The Mayo Clinic. Tony Bennett may have left his heart in San Francisco, but I left my gall bladder in southeastern Minnesota. On a not-particularly eventful Wednesday, the week following surgery, I checked into a local "fast-food" Mayo of sorts in Ausin. I was feeling a bit of discomfort and found

out that the hollow of where my gall bladder used to be had developed another Minnesota lake. 10,001. It was, however, neither scenic, serene or healthy. I had developed an infectious cavity of water that was infected. My white blood cell count was elevated and let's just say, I wasn't feeling ready for any upcoming Oktoberfest's.

KIDNEY

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Blooming PrairieLiving

Local family writes farm memoir

When the three daughters of John and Dorothy Hondl were growing up on the family farm eight miles north of Blooming Prairie in the late 1940s-60s, they never dreamed of writing a book about those experiences. They were too busy “being the boys,” helping with fieldwork, driving tractors and horses, pulling weeds, feeding cattle, etc., since there were no brothers in the Hondl family.

Now decades later, the former Steele County sisters have published Under Minnesota Skies, which features stories of their grandparents and parents, as well as their own memories of the formative years on the farm. The sisters Nadine Hondl, Bernadette Hondl Thomasy and Colleen Hondl Gengler were in Blooming Prairie recently to meet with Leanne Hanson, owner of A Touch of Charm floral and gift shop, where Under Minnesota Skies is now

available.

Blooming Prairie holds some special memories for the Hondl family. They often came to buy baler twine and machinery parts in Blooming Prairie in the 1950s-70s. Oldest daughter Nadine who became a hair stylist and worked for 16 years in Austin, Minnesota, passed through the city many times on her way to visit the family farm. In the 1980s, Bernadette, who was as a newspaper reporter and public relations writer in Toledo, Ohio, brought her husband Ken and their two daughters for summer visits to the farm. They recalled enjoying many meals at The Place Restaurant in Blooming Prairie and visits to the park afterwards. Also the annual July Fourth parade was a highlight for the Hondl and Thomasy families.

It was during these visits that Bernadette began writing down family stories told by her father. After John passed away in 2002, the family

decided to preserve these memories in his honor and the idea for the book gradually emerged. Bernadette, who now lives in Sacramento, CA, and Colleen, who lives on a farm near Iona, MN, worked long distance for several years to complete the book. Their mother Dorothy, who lives in Owatonna, and Nadine of Rogers, MN, read drafts and offered suggestions along the way to publishing in 2015.

Writing the book turned out to be a journey of discovery. Colleen, a retired educator for University of Minnesota Extension, researched the family genealogy and found the family’s Czech roots and connections to the large Czech community that had settled in Litomysl, Saco and other part of Steele County. Blooming Prairie figures in that part of the story too. Some descendants of John Haubenschild, the Hondl girls’ great grandfather, still reside in Blooming Prairie,



Submitted photo by Bernadette Thomasy

Bernadette Thomasy, Leanne Hanson, Colleen Gengler, Nadine Hondl, from left, at A Touch of Charm.

and have reconnected with the Hondl family as a result of the book.

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lively account of a local family farm -- from farming with horses to using modern farm machinery -- Under

Minnesota Skies is sure to bring back some memories. A Touch of Charm is located at 330 East Main St.

Athletes inducted into hall of fame

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

Blossoms Forever, a branch of the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation, is adding one woman and an entire basketball team to the Blooming Prairie Athletic Hall of Fame.

Avery “Missy” Ahrens of the 2000 graduating class is being inducted into the hall of fame the first year she has become eligible. In a high school class that boasted many impressive athletes, especially among the women, Ahrens earned recognition by being the first person to be awarded MVP in three sports her senior year. She is the only person in the school’s history to have done so. She earned nine varsity letters in total by the

time she graduated.

Ahrens played volleyball and broke the record for highest kill efficiency and helped her team achieve a 21-4 record that remains the standing record for Blooming Prairie volleyball. She also played basketball and helped lead her team to their only state tournament appearance in Blooming Prairie Girls Basketball history. For four years, she served as the school’s softball team’s shortstop, where she was a two-time all-conference selection and helped her team to a sub-section championship.

Ahrens would continue to play all three sports in college and receive further honors for her efforts. While she has been recognized for her athletic success, her coaches and

teammates fondly remember her unrelenting work ethic and unfailing support for those with whom she played. These days, she lives with her family in Owatonna, where she volunteers coaching and works to make athletic facilities open to people of all physical abilities.

The second inductee for the hall of fame is the entirety of the 1966 boys basketball team along with their coaching staff and managers. The team made Blooming Prairie boys basketball history when they won the school, not only its first district championship, but regional championship as well, and went on to play in the state tournament. A feat no team has repeated in the 50 years since. For their combined excellence and teamwork, all

Club hosts “after hours”

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Approximately 30 business people and local residents took the opportunity to attend “Business after hours”, hosted for the Chamber of Commerce by the BP Boys and Girls Club. The event on Wednesday, Sept. 14, gave attendees a chance to tour the premises for some continued improvements being made at the club.

Visitors also had the opportunity to enjoy an assortment of snacks provided by the club’s Board of Directors. Almost every board member attended the open house and all were pleased with the reception accorded by those who took time to witness the members in activities and also found a few minutes to observe the new paint on the various rooms at the club. As one attendee remarked, “I had no idea how things have changed in the last months. The painted rooms, the new carpeting and the rearrangement have certainly

given the club a new and pleasant look.”

A few visitors hadn’t even seen the new kitchen yet, and they were surprised at the addition. Breakfasts and lunches were served all summer long and snacks are provided now that school is again in session. Hours at the club while school is in session range from 3 to 6 p.m. and many classes and activities take place during that time.

Daily attendance has

fluctuated between 30 and 40 members, according to Marcy Sundine, the BP Unit Director, and memberships continue to rise gradually. The club has over 100 members, and daily attendance is also on the rise. Director Sundine assures everyone that new members are always welcome, and the many activities, plus the hour set aside for schoolwork each day make the club an inviting and safe place for kids at all times.

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There are not enough words to express the THANKS we feel to our community of Blooming Prairie and the surrounding communities for their generous outpouring of support to our recent BP Cancer Auction and Paint BP Pink events.
We would be remiss to name names for fear of forgetting anyone.
There have been so many helpers; we had help from the football, volleyball and cross country teams. We had numerous helpers with events, games, special projects, the auction and more.
Then, there are the donors (who there are many), the tent sponsors, the bidders. To everyone who came to one of our events, we say THANK YOU.
A couple of random acts of kindness not many are aware of includes a couple/business owners from Hayfield who came to our auction. They donated two very generous items, bought them back three times and do-

nated them back to the auction. So, these two items actually got paid for five times. What a wonderful couple!
Then, there is the local man, whose wife passed away from cancer. He stopped at the auction before it started and gave one of our members a check and said, “Buy something or do something good with it.”
Well, there now is a little boy (whose mom is battling cancer) who has the coolest tractor in the world, according to the little boy. He may not have gotten that very cool tractor if it hadn’t been for this very generous man.
So, you see, we live in an awesome community and are surrounded by awesome communities. Without all of you, we could not continue to help with cancer research and we could to continue to help people in our area who are dealing with cancer.
Thus, a GIANT THANK YOU to all. Remember, SUPPORT the fighters, ADMIRE the survivors, and HONOR the taken.
Next up for the BP Cancer Group is Turkey Bingo at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 17 at the Pizza Cellar Party Room in Blooming Prairie.

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Cale Braaten loves to play bingo and he was a winner at the Big Tent Bingo Party during Paint BP Pink Weekend on Sept. 10. He shows off a box of Reese’s peanut

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Riders gather for Jacob's Run



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Riders line up in Spare Time Entertainment's parking lot to begin the route. There were over a 100 bikes and cars in attendance to raise awareness for suicide prevention.

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

In the light of a beautiful morning, local bikers gathered in the parking lot of Spare Time Entertainment on September 10th for the 5th Annual Jacob's Run, a suicide prevention motorcycle ride and fundraiser.

The ride kicked off at 10:30 a.m. and went for five hours till the rides circled back to Spare Time, Owatonna's local blowing Alley. Roughly 100 riders and several cars gathered for the run. Their route would take them through Owatonna, Elysian, Hartland, Myrtle, and Blooming Prairie.

Angie Howe and Robert Sikel, who lost their son Jacob to suicide four years ago, put

the event together. Jacob died in July of 2012 at the age of 15.

"We don't want another family to go through what we're going through," Howe said. She remembers her son as an over-achiever and eager to please others. His death came as a shock to her and Jacob's father, who didn't see any signs of what was coming.

She's glad to host an event that allows other people to step forward who have been affected by suicide. She says suicide used to be so "hush-hush", and that can make grieving hard. The run has become an annual event, where the community can come together to reduce the number of suicides, especially amongst teenagers.

Robert Sikel, Jacob's dad, said

the ride is particularly inspired by events in the wake of Jacob's death. Sikel had been driving his motorcycle when he heard about Jacob's death. The news caused him to crash his bike and total it. His Friends raised money to buy him a new bike, in case his insurance wouldn't cover it. Sikel opted to use the money for him, Howe, his sister, and two friends to get suicide prevention training. They now speak at schools and community groups about the effects of suicide and how to spot warning signs in friends and loved ones.

The ride is a fundraiser for different youth oriented projects. Howe says it helps fund free youth nights at the bowling alley, and most importantly, the goal this year was to fund 10 \$500

scholarships. The scholarships are available to any graduating students who attend schools that invite The Open Arms Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program to speak at their school. Students can apply for the scholarship by writing an essay about how suicide has touched their lives and community.

As the sun shone out over the start of their ride, Howe remarked, "Jacob gave us good weather again." The young man whose death prompted the event is still dearly missed, but the feeling that morning was one love for those that have been lost to suicide and hope of making sure no more families suffer what they have.

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By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

This Sept. 11, the Owatonna Art Center welcomed the public to the gallery and celebrated the completion of the construction of their new entrance.

The open house was attended by over a 150 people. Silvan Durben, the artistic director of the art center, said the event was "a great way to introduce the new entrance."

The open house overlapped

nicely with the opening of two new exhibits the weekend prior. The new entrance hall displayed quilts by Pat Cox and led the public into the gallery newly displaying the paintings of Holly DeGrote Thiner and the drawings of Ernest Gillman.

In addition to the artwork, the public could enjoy several art activities. There was an artist explaining printmaking, a demonstration on the studio pottery wheels, and a chance for people to make their own

watercolors of maple leaf and spider web designs.

The public opening Sunday was preceded on Saturday by smaller reception for donors who had given money for the project. The Art Center Board president Arlan Burmeister made a brief statement, as did Durben. Mayor Kuntz also briefly spoke about the importance of the arts in the community. The private reception included a brunch attended by approximately 75 patrons, and later, there was

performance by local singing group, The Bad Tangerines.

These events mark the ending of a project over a year in the making. The art center has raised 1.5 million in funds in its campaign, and they are hoping to finish off with about \$50,000 more to pay back some final loans. The staff and board are excited and grateful for the support the community has shown.

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Four Mower County farm families ensure clean water is part of their legacy

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) today recognized four Mower County farm families for becoming the first in the county to be certified under the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). Together these families are enrolling more than 2,200 acres into the certification program.

The event, held at the Freeborn Area Soil Health Team's Fall 2016 Field Day, recognized the following Mower County families for their water conservation efforts:

- James Anderson
- Michael and Tom Cotter
- Bruce and Jackie Barnum
- Arvid and Jon Jovaag

The program, created by Governor Mark Dayton as a partnership between federal and state governments and private industry, has certified over 240 farmers in 55 counties, totaling over 140,000 acres in just over one year of state-

wide operation. The MAWQCP is a voluntary program that works with famers and local soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) to identify and fix risks to water quality on a field-by-field, whole farm basis. Producers who treat all risks to water quality on their operation are certified and deemed to be in compliance with new water quality rules and laws for 10 years.

"Producers from every corner of the state are applying because this program isn't one size fits all, it works with producers to mitigate site-specific risks to water quality in a way that works for them, their farm, and our state's water resources," said Brad Redlin, MAWQCP Program Manager. "We're honored to partner with these farmers in Mower County, and farmers across the state, to promote an agricultural water ethic."

Tom Cotter and his father, Michael, farm corn, soybeans, and

canning vegetables and raise cattle. "The Mower SWCD got me interested in the program and I like the fact that by becoming certified I know I am on the right path," said Tom Cotter. "Farmers do care about the land and becoming certified is one way I can show the public how I specifically am caring for our land and water."

In August 2016 Governor Dayton declared a Year of Water Action in Minnesota and is asking all Minnesotans to do their part to protect and preserve our most important natural resource. Farmers are the original stewards of the land and water and becoming certified is one of five actions the Governor is asking farmers to consider taking to continue protecting our lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater. A complete list of water-friendly actions for farmers and landowners can be found at <http://mn.gov/governor/issues/wateraction/>.

Farmers and landowners can

get started in the MAWQCP contacting their local soil and water conservation district office. More information is also available at www.mylandmylegacy.com.

The MAWQCP is a state-federal partnership that includes the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Land Stewardship Project organizational meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20

Everyone is invited to come together and start planning to make sure their values and priorities are included in the 2018 Farm Bill:

- Support family farmers and stewardship of the land
- Promote the next generation of family farmers on the land
- Envision a food system that does not subsidize agribusiness

and corporate control of the land

The meeting is scheduled for **7:30-8:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20** at the Blooming Prairie Public Library, 138 Highway Avenue South.

Anyone with questions may call LSP Staff Ben Anderson at 612-722-6377 banderson@landstewardshipproject.org



2017 Midwest Soil Health Summit registration now open

Scholarships available for ag professionals

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Also, scholarships are available for ag professionals, agency employees, and crop consultants to attend the 2017 MSHS. Scholarship recipients will receive admission to the two-day event, one night's hotel, and all

meals during the event (approx. \$400 value). Mileage will not be reimbursed. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received an SFA Soil Health scholarship.

Get the 2017 MSHS on your calendar and don't miss this chance for advanced soil health

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Minnesota Crop Report:

Wet field conditions continued to limit fieldwork and harvest operations across Minnesota during the week ending September 18, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork. In addition to limiting harvest opportunities, the consistently wet conditions have raised concerns about mold in corn and soybeans, stalk problems in corn, and rot related to wet soil. While the damp conditions have proved challenging, harvest continues for corn silage, sugarbeets, potatoes, alfalfa hay, and dry edible beans.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 36 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus.

Forty-five percent of Minnesota's corn acreage was mature, 5 days ahead of the five-year average and 3 days ahead of last year. Corn condition rated 84 percent good to excellent. Nearly one-third of the corn for silage acreage was harvested during the week, bringing the total harvested to 67 percent. Ninety-one percent of the soybean crop was turning color, 6 days ahead of average, but 2 days behind last year. Fifty-six percent of the soybean crop was dropping leaves or beyond, 2 days ahead of average. There were scattered reports of soybeans being harvested. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent. Ninety-four percent of the dry edible bean crop was dropping leaves or beyond. Sixty-one percent of the dry edible bean crop had been harvested, a week ahead of average, but 2 days behind last year. Dry edible bean condition rated 65 percent good to excellent. Sunflower condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. Forty-six percent of the potato acreage had been harvested. Potato condition rated 89 percent good to excellent. Twelve percent of the sugarbeet crop was harvested. Sugarbeet condition rated 84 percent good to excellent, down 3 percentage points from the previous week.

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Sat., September 24, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

ON SITE: Federal Firearms Dealer (NICS background checks required for gun purchases). Purchase or carry permit required for hand gun buyers.

129 LONG GUNS, including Winchester Model 1890, 22 short, only rifle slide action (take down), serial # 386903, condition: fair – Winchester Model -53, .25-20 cal. lever action, serial #3036, condition: fair – Winchester Model 1873, .32 cal. octagon barrel, serial #351364B, condition: good – US Model 1884 trap door, .45/70, serial #521644, condition: good.

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Broomhandle Mauser 9mm semi-auto, serial #104382, condition: good.

AUCTIONEER'S COMMENT: Folks, if you're looking for some outstanding firearms, ammo, gun parts, and literature - this is the auction for you. Lunch and restrooms available. See you there. Thanks, Dennis.

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Large Estate Firearms Auction

AUCTIONEERS: Dennis Jensen, Lic. 74-15-005 jensenauctions@gmail.com 507-456-1210

Larry Lee, Lic. 19-65

Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Domestic. On Sept. 8, deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of 4th St. NE in Hayfield at 10:40 p.m.

CRIME BRIEFS

Police investigate shooting in Owatonna

Owatonna Police continue an investigation into a shooting that occurred in the Mills Fleet Farm parking lot Sept. 10.

Police responded to a theft complaint in the 100 block of St. John Drive at about 11:36 p.m. A few minutes later officers received additional information about an alleged shooting.

The investigation found that a confrontation between the occupants of an Oldsmobile mini-van and a GMC

Suburban took place in the Mills lot. Both vehicles received damage. At least one of the vehicles had bullet holes in the driver's side door. No one was seriously injured.

Capt. Jeff Mundale said the investigation is an active and ongoing criminal case. No arrests have been made.

Owatonna received initial help with the case from the State Patrol, Gold Cross Ambulance and sheriff's offices from Steele and Rice.

Steele County officers arrest 1 drunk drivers during extra patrols

Officers in Steele County arrested 12 drunk drivers over the recent Labor Day DWI enforcement campaign.

The Steele County Sheriff's Office and Owatonna Police had five arrests each during the end-of-summer extra enforcement, which ran from Aug. 19 to Sept. 5. Blooming Prairie Police made two DWI arrests. Statewide officers arrested 1,351 drunk drivers over the two-week period.

Troopers with the Rochester district of the Minnesota State Patrol, which covers Steele

County, arrested 40 impaired drivers throughout southeastern Minnesota.

Owatonna had one of the highest alcohol content readings recorded in the state. One of the drivers took a breath test and finished with results of .31, which is nearly four times the legal limit. In Minnesota, the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle is .08.

The consequences for DWI include loss of license for up to one year, thousands of dollars in costs and possible jail time.

Repeat offenders as well as first-time offenders with an alcohol reading of .16 or more must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges or face at least one year without a license.

"Most drunk drivers arrested are first-time offenders who won't get arrested again, but even the first DWI can be costly and deadly," said Donna Berger, director for the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety. "People can overestimate their driving skills and think they're okay to

drive after drinking. They're not, and we need the awareness and enforcement to influence Minnesotans for the safety of all on the road."

Steele County agencies were among more than 300 across the state that participated in the DWI campaign.

Safety experts encourage friends to not let other friends drink and drive. Some suggestions include: plan for a safe ride, speak up, buckle up and report drunk driving by calling 911.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

Sept. 10
Theft. Officer took a theft report in the city at 12:09 p.m.

Sept. 15
Missing Person. Police received a missing person report at 8:54 a.m.

Owatonna Police

Sept. 9
Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 11:02 a.m.

Criminal Sex. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 200 block of Woodland Dr. SE at 2:40 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 3:17 p.m., officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Assault. Police responded to an assault in the 1000 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 5:23 p.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 300 block of School St. E. at 6:45 p.m.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 10
Theft. A theft occurred in the 400 block of 16th St. NE at 12:41 p.m.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a personal injury crash at Lincoln Ave. S. and Main St. E. at 4:40 p.m.

Trespassing. At 6:53 p.m., police responded to a trespassing incident in the 400 block of Mound St. SW. They made an arrest at the scene.

Sept. 11
Shoplifting. Shoplifting incidents occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 7:11 a.m. and in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 12:15 p.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 600 block of Vine St. E. at 10:36 a.m.

Fraud. Police responded to a fraud incident in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:41 p.m. They arrested a subject.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 400 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE at 11:54 p.m.

Sept. 12
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 7:54 a.m., in the 300 block of School St. E. at 12:42 p.m. and in the 1900 block of Greenwood Dr. NE at 5:24 p.m.

Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the 100 block of Oakdale St. SW at 10:08 a.m.

Hit and Run. At 11:03 a.m., a hit and run crash resulting in property damage occurred in the 200 block of Vine St. E.

Mental Health. Police responded to a mental health incident in the 900 block of Brae Burn Place NE at 6:43 p.m.

Fight. Officers responded to a fight in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10:39 p.m. They issued a citation.

Threats. Police responded to a subject making a threat in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW at 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 13
Death. Police began a death investigation in the 700 block of 12th St. NE at 6:02 a.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 100 block of Wilson Dr. NW at 8:32 a.m.

Warrant. At 11:26 p.m., police arrested a subject at the detention center for an outstanding warrant.

Sept. 14
Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest at Hoffman Dr. NW and State Ave. NW at 5:18 a.m.

Driving Complaint. Police responded to a driving complaint in the 100 block of Main St. W. at 2:47 p.m. They arrested the subject.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1000 block of State Ave. NW at 5:10 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 6:01 p.m., officer issued a shoplifting incident in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

Steele County Sheriff

Sept. 9
Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 3500 block of Hwy. 30 W. at 10:37 a.m.

Drugs. Deputies responded to a report of drug activity in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 3:11 p.m.

Sept. 10
Warrant. Deputy made a warrant arrest in the 2200 block of 46th St. NW at 12:09 a.m.

Sept. 11
Domestic. At 10:17 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of 2nd

St.

Warrant. A subject came to the detention center to turn himself in for an outstanding warrant at 6:27 p.m.

Sept. 13
Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 9:38 a.m.

Restraining Order. At 2:56 p.m., deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE.

Arrest. Deputy arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 100 block of Main St. N. at 10 p.m.

Sept. 15
Stop Arm. Deputies issued a citation for a stop arm violation at Bixby Lane and Hwy. 218 at 8:11 a.m.

Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 7:09 p.m.

Disturbance. At 11:14 p.m., deputy took a subject into custody following a domestic disturbance in the 6800 block of Dane Rd.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 5 – 9:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Collin J. Wobschall, 20, St. Cloud, minor consumption, \$181.

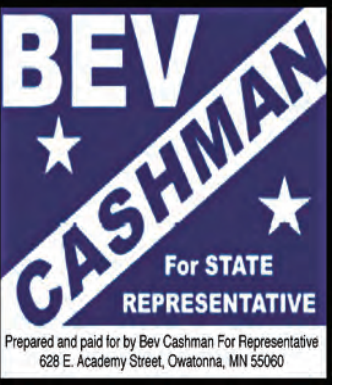
MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Taten J. Babatz, 27, Faribault, speeding, \$141.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Abdikadir M. Abdi, 29, Owatonna, speeding and permit violation, \$191; Haley A. Behne, 19, Ellendale, speeding, \$131; Anthony W. Caywood, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jamie L. Davis, 33, Rapid City, SD, speeding, \$131; Allan A. Garciamirantes, 22, Long Beach, CA, no license, \$181; Robert S. Garson, 39, Hayfield, speeding, \$121; Amy M. Gedicke, 43, Medford, speeding, \$131; Nishitha Gundala, 26, Mankato, seat belt, \$106; Dylan T. Himle, 26, Spring Valley, speeding, \$141; Abigail M.

Owatonna Police Department

Benjamin H. Armijo, 21, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia and speeding, \$281; Casey J. Bauer, 23, St. Peter, no insurance, \$281; Anthony W. Caywood, 34, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; David J. Hanson, 23, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Hassan N. Hassan, 24, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Jayden G. Howe, 19, Rose Creek, theft, \$210.88; Drew N. Miller, 23, Hayfield, theft, \$450 and 90 days in county jail; Eric D. Nelson, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$181; Epifanio Ramon, 29, Eagle Pass, TX, expired tabs, \$111; Soniya L. Sullivan, 56, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Jacob S. Sylvara, 19, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181.

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Police arrest man with counterfeit bill



Joaquin Benitez, Jr.

A case of the munchies turned up some big trouble for an Owatonna man.

Joaquin Benitez, Jr., 23, has been charged with counterfeiting of currency for allegedly passing a counterfeit \$50 bill at a local business last week.

Benitez went to the Dairy Queen in Owatonna to order some food when an observant employee determined

he was attempting to pay with a counterfeit \$50 bill, police said.

After being turned away at DQ, he went to the Holiday Station where he filled up with \$20 of gas. The counterfeit bill, police said, was initially accepted for gas and before the employee could get his attention, he headed back to the DQ with the change to pay for his food.

The Holiday employee quickly contacted DQ to let them know about the customer coming back. While Benitez pulled forward to wait for his food, it provided just enough time for police to arrive.

Police promptly arrested Benitez. And, no he did not get his food and remained hungry. In addition, his vehicle was towed and may be forfeited, according to police.

Last teen stabbing suspect reaches plea deal

The last of four teenagers charged in a brutal attack in a Steele County cornfield last year has reached a plea agreement.

Jameson Smith, 18, of Owatonna, pleaded guilty last week to aiding and abetting first-degree assault. In exchange, prosecutors dropped the more serious charge of attempted first-degree murder charge.

Smith was involved in the violent stabbing in July 2015 in which a man was stabbed

more than 100 times in a cornfield located northwest of Owatonna. Others charged in the case were Carlos Sosa-Venegas, Jose Sosa-Venegas and Seth Brandenburg. All had previously pleaded guilty to reduced charges. Brandenburg and Carlos Sosa-Venegas are currently serving prison terms while Jose Sosa-Venegas' case was left in the juvenile system.

Smith will appear in court for sentencing on Nov. 28.



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- Omar Cordova Jr. – stalking and revoked license – no bail
- Robles-Cordova – license violation - \$500 bail
- Alberto Corona – DUI – no bail
- Harold Crafton – give false name - \$500 bail
- Isaac Cronin – drugs - \$40,000 bail
- Elias Cruz – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Jose Cruz – DWI - \$1,400 bail
- Stuart Culpepper – DWI - \$700 bail
- Joel Dahl – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- James Davis – domestic assault – no bail

- Lonell Davis – cancelled license – no bail
- Roderick Davis – vehicle registration violation - \$1,000 bail
- Jeanne Day – worthless check - \$10,000 bail
- Maurice Daye – burglary – no bail
- Federico de la Cerda – controlled substance - \$75,000 bail
- Arturo Dector – DWI – no bail
- Felipe Delacerda – DWI - \$750 bail
- Jose Delbosque – dishonored checks - \$10,000 bail
- Jose Delrio – criminal damage to property - \$3,000 bail
- Rachell Dentz – obstructing legal process - \$3,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

HometownLiving Community Calendar

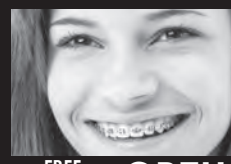


LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Deputies examine the scene of a collision between a pick-up and pay loader, following a high-speed chase that ended outside Blooming Prairie Elementary School last year.

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Tuesday, Sept. 20
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
4:45 BP Boys and Girls Club Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 21
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
Tuesday, Sept. 27
BP Card Club & Luncheon
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
6 p.m. BPBL Book Club
Wednesday, Sept. 28
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time



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ELLENDALE/GENEVA

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Ave
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Hope Curbside Recycling N of 42nd Ave
Thursday, Sept. 22
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Room
Monday, Sept. 26
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center, Ellendale
Tuesday, Sept. 27
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale



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Tuesday, Sept. 20
6:30 p.m. Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 21
7 p.m. Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council
Thursday, Sept. 22
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Monday, Sept. 26
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner



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AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Welcoming Week
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N.
10 a.m. Fight the Flu Fundraiser, Mower County Senior Center
12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Corporate Office
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Our Family Matters: Casket or Cremation – How Do I Decide?
4:45 p.m. Public Skate, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen Academy
6:30 p.m. Author Visit – Sherry Hanson, Austin Public Library
6:30 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
7 p.m. Sparky Stensaas – What's So Great About the Great Horned Owl?, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Welcoming Week
Cancer Symposium, The Hormel Institute
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N.
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
3 p.m. Cedars Market, The Cedars of Austin, east side parking lot
5:30 p.m. Writing Memoirs and Personal Stories #2 – Writing About Real People, Austin ArtWorks Center
6:30 p.m. Adult Hockey, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
Thursday, Sept. 22
Welcoming Week
Cancer Symposium, The Hormel Institute
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N.
11:30 a.m. Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum, Austin Eagles Aerie
12 p.m. Lunchbox History Series: The Assassination of President Lincoln, Mower County Historical Society, 1303 6th Ave SW, Austin
12 p.m. Picnic in the Lot, Mower County Senior Center
1:15 p.m. Austin Bruins vs Fairbanks Ice Dogs – Pre Season Tune – Up, Riverside Arena, Austin
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave East
4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
4 p.m. LeRoy Farmers Market, Corner of Broadway and Main Street, Downtown LeRoy
6 p.m. Brownsdale PL Puzzle Night (subject to change)
Friday, Sept. 23
Welcoming Week
Cancer Symposium, The Hormel Institute
9 a.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Mower County Senior Center
9 a.m. Garden Spot Market, 106 W Main St, Brownsdale
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. Austin Bruins vs Johnstown, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
5:15 p.m. Bingo – Austin VFW
7 p.m. Austin ArtWorks Open Jam Session, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
Saturday, Sept. 24
Welcoming Week
9 a.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave E
9 a.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
9 a.m. Hormel Nature Center 8k Trail Run / 1 Mile Kids Run, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
11 a.m. Fall Harvest Celebration, Mower County Historical Society, 1303 6th Ave SW, Austin
1 p.m. 5 in 1 Wrap Bracelets, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
1 p.m. Public Skate, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
2:45 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
6 p.m. Austin Rotary Club Trivia Night, Mower County Senior Center
9 p.m. Sola Fide Observatory Viewing, Sola Fide Observatory
Sunday, Sept. 25
Welcoming Week
1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
Monday, Sept. 26
Lyle Lion's Club Meeting
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
1:30 p.m. Minnesota ZooMobile, Mower County Senior Center
4 p.m. Austin Farmers Market, 501 Oakland Ave East
4 p.m. Farmers Market Place LLC, 18th Ave, in front of Shopko
5:15 p.m. Bingo – Austin VFW
5:30 p.m. Adult Coloring and Wine, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
7:15 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
Tuesday, Sept. 27
10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St. N, Austin
12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
4:45 p.m. Public Skate, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen Academy, Law Enforcement Center



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Tuesday, Sept. 20
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
10 a.m. OPL So Many Books... So Little Time Book Club
4:30 p.m. OPL Board Meeting, Gainey Room
7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall
Thursday, Sept. 22
2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
Friday, Sept. 23
7 p.m. Movie Night, new Beginnings Church, Owatonna
Monday, Sept. 26
Owatonna Housing & Redevelopment Authority, 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

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Tuesday, Sept. 20
8:30 a.m. Shell Rock River Watershed Board Special Meeting
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
5:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
6 p.m. Nonfiction Book Club, ALPL
6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W. Richway Drive, Albert Lea
Wednesday, Sept. 21
11 a.m. Hawthorne's 3rd Grade Farm Tours
Thursday, Sept. 22
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
10:30 a.m. Music & Movement, ALPL
Thursday, Sept. 22
5:30 p.m. Council Workshop
6 p.m. Night Time Story Time, ALPL
Friday, Sept. 23
Sibley's School Picture Retake Day
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Saturday, Sept. 24
Hawthorne's Walk-a-Thon
Library Closed
Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Monday, Sept. 26
Homecoming Week
Sibley's After School Clubs Start
8:55 a.m. Jostens Sophomore Meeting – Class Rings, ALHS Auditorium
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
7 p.m. City Council
Tuesday, Sept. 27
Homecoming Week
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
3:30 p.m. Staff Mentee Meeting (Secondary), High School – Room E113
6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Wednesday, Sept. 28
Homecoming Week
Hawthorne Picture Retakes



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Medford Living

Zimbabwe comes to Steele County



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Lizzie Mukurazita is starting the second half of her year abroad in the U.S. after a semester of living in Medford. Before coming to study in America, Lizzie lived in Zimbabwe, where she attended boarding school.

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Mukurazita, 17, has made quite the commute for her high school classes. Coming all the way from Zimbabwe, Lizzie is spending her senior year of high school 9,000 miles from home thanks to the Rotary student exchange program.

Arriving in January, Lizzie has split her year in the U.S. between a spring semester at Medford High School and now a fall one in Owatonna. She’ll return to her home country this coming January, but in the meantime, she enjoys her opportunity to study abroad.

She applied to the Rotary program out of a desire to go to college in the U.S., and this being a chance to see the country before that. As an added comfort, she also has family who live in the U.S., so it didn’t seem quite too scary to spend an entire year in another country.

She confessed that when she originally applied the program she was hoping to be placed on either the east or

west coast. She did get part of her wish when she spent two weeks this summer exploring the east coast. She saw visited New York and Florida and stopped over in Chicago.

Life in Medford she says is nice, though small. Her city back home has over two million people in it, so the jump to rural Minnesota was extreme. She said the first two months were definitely an adjustment. She remembers talking with her parents on the phone and telling them, “book a ticket for me. I need to come home.” Looking back now, she laughs at the memory and says she’s really come to enjoy her time in Minnesota.

During her spring semester at Medford, she participated in the school musical, volunteered with student council, sang in choir, and helped with Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Back home she had participated in national choir, speech, volleyball, swimming, and basketball. She made friends here faster then she expected and always felt appreciated at the small school, where she was regularly asked to give talks

to different classes about her home country.

She really enjoyed speaking to different grades, as it gave her the chance to tell them all of the things she loves about her country. She talk about natural wonders in her country, like Victoria Falls, and tells about the bustling city from which she comes. One of her continual frustration when she tells people she is from Africa is how little people know about the continent. People ask her often if she had electricity back home or if she slept in a grass hut. It can be hard to make people understand that many parts of Africa are just as industrialized and modern as the U.S.

At the end of last spring, she changed host families and moved to Owatonna, where she has been attending school for the last two weeks. She says it’s nice to be in a bigger town where more is going on, but she doesn’t feel quite as appreciated as she did in Medford. She has, however, gotten involved at Owatonna high school as well. She joined the cheer team and culinary club, and

she’s confident she’ll settle in a this high school too.

When asked if she missed anything about Zimbabwe, she said the food in her country was much more flavorful and there was more fresh fruit. Teenagers in her home country aren’t as into their cellphones either, but those are pretty small things. She said some of the racism she has encountered has surprised. She keeps meeting people who “assume you’re poor because you’re black.”

There are a lot of things she’s found about America that does enjoy. There’s much more freedom both at large and in classroom settings. She feels individuality is more encouraged, and people are more open to some having different beliefs and opinions than their own. With a smile, she also said she appreciated how many malls Minnesota has. In Zimbabwe, the stores are often in many separate locations, and she likes being able to go to one place to lots of shopping.

After nine months in the country, she says, “I don’t want to leave.”

Foundation receives gift from Gopher Sport

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“The Owatonna Foundation wishes to express its gratitude for this very generous gift. We truly appreciate the Gopher Sport Giving Team’s philosophy, their humbleness, and their commitment to making Owatonna a better place for all of us. This gift will help to continue the Foundation’s mission of improving the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus, in this case particularly, on Recreation.” said Foundation Trustee, Kent Kienholz who has worked with the Gopher Sport Giving team.

The Owatonna Foundation, now in its 59th year of serving the Owatonna community, provides “brick and mortar” grants in Owatonna and its environs in four areas: Community, Arts, Recreation and Education. The Foundation also provides both traditional and non-traditional scholarships for 2 year colleges and technical schools.

The Foundation was established in 1957 with the goal of improving the quality of life for present and future generations of Owatonna residents. Since then, the Owatonna Foundation has committed more than \$11.7 million dollars in grants and scholarships to local organizations and students. For

more information about the Owatonna Foundation, grants or scholarships, please visit www.owatonnafoundation.org, or call the office at 455-2995.

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Players spy great show

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

This weekend at the Paradise Performing Arts Center The Merlin Players will be performing their second weekend of “Harriet the Spy” by Louise Fitzhugh under the direction of Jon Terrill.

The play, based on the beloved children series, tells the story of Harriet M. Welch, the willful child of socialites. She spends her free time spying on her friends and neighbors and writes her observations down in her notebook. Problems arise when her notebook goes missing, and it’s up to her loving nurse, Ole Golly, to teach Harriet a life lesson.

Director Jon Terrill said the

show was picked for its appeal to children, and Harriet’s problems mirror those they may find themselves going through. The show, he says, is about “how to deal with relationships with your friends when thing go bad.” This will be the twelfth show Terrill has directed and continues his in involvement in southern Minnesota theater since 1991.

Desirae Brooks stars as Harriet and Stephanie Weiss as Ole Golly along with a community cast including several local children.

The show ran all of last weekend and will be performed again Sept 22, 23, and 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or by calling 507-332-7372.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Employee stock ownership plan
5. Teaspoon
8. Type of IRA
11. Restore courage
13. Pet Detective Ventura
14. Discount
15. Where rockers play
16. Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.)
17. Computer manufacturer
18. Nomadic people
20. Liquefied natural gas
21. Steps leading to a river
22. Benign tumors
25. In an early way
30. Type of wall
31. Pop folk singer Williams
32. Greek Titaness
33. Expresses purpose
38. Type of school
41. Least true
43. Delighted
45. Church building
47. Replacement worker
49. A sign of assent
50. Semitic gods
55. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
56. Partly digested food
57. Fevers
59. Genus of trees

60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Gallivant
63. Hideaway
64. Source

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CLUES DOWN

1. Major division of time
2. Withered
3. Portends good or evil
4. Single sheet of glass

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Superintendent speaks on suicide

Parents and Guardians:
It has been a difficult day for many throughout the school district as we learned of the death of New Richland Police

Chief Scott Eads. Scott was not only a police officer to residents of New Richland and to our Secondary School, but he was a father to two students in our

district as well.
I received the following press release this morning from the Waseca County Sheriff's Office.
It is with heavy heart that we share news that Chief Scott Eads of the New Richland Police Department took his own life on the evening of September 12 in rural Freeborn County. Chief Eads leaves behind a wife, Candace and two young children. Sheriff Milbrath has been in contact with New Richland City Administrators and the Sheriff's Office will be handling all calls and police matters for the city of New Richland until further notice.
Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers while they work through this difficult period. Chief Eads was a part of our Law Enforcement family here in Waseca County, so obviously this is shocking news for all involved.
Sheriff Milbrath stopped in the District Office early this morning to check on our needs as a school district as he knew the important role Chief Eads had in the school community and especially the Secondary School. He assured me his department would provide the needed support to our students and staff in the days and weeks ahead.
Before students reported to class this morning, staff members were informed of Chief Eads' death. It was important for staff members to be informed so that they would be prepared to respond to student conversations and questions, and be able to refer students to counselors for assistance if needed. Guidance Counselor Tim Stoesz and Student Success Coordinator Robin Eder met with the seventh grade classes, as Chief Eads was the father of a seventh grade classmate. The purpose of their visit to each seventh grade classroom was to acknowledge the death of a parent of a classmate, and to reassure students and staff that support is available as needed.
As Mr. Stoesz and Ms. Eder shared with our seventh grade students this morning, each one of us may deal with the death of a family member or friend differently. Your school staff will continue to monitor students in the coming days and be sensitive to their actions

and needs. I encourage you, as a parent or guardian, to talk with your child(ren) as you feel is necessary about this tragedy. Some things you may want to consider to help you with the conversation are:
1. Talk with your child and answer any questions he/she might have. Being there to communicate is the best way to help your child through this challenging time.
2. Be sensitive to the age of your child, and his/her level of understanding and experience. Do not offer information beyond the child's comprehension, as it may confuse matters.
3. If you notice your child is having a difficult time, please contact your child's school. We will continue to provide assistance to students and their families as long as the need exists. If we can be of assistance to you or your child, please feel free to contact us.
We are fortunate as a school district to be able to partner with Fernbrook Family Center in providing needed assistance for staff and students. Fernbrook provides below additional resources and links to information that may be helpful to you including:
• <http://www.sptsusa.org/> (talking to children about suicide)
• http://www.cc.nih.gov/ccc/patient_education/pepubs/childdeath.pdf (talking to children about death)
• Owatonna Crisis Intervention – Suicide Hotline (507)451-9100 or 1-866-451-9191
• National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org or 1-800-273-8255
Chief Eads was a visible presence around the Secondary School. In addition to his daily supervision outside before and after school, he was a guest speaker in classes as well as at assemblies. He was an important part of our school community and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family as well to the entire community during this difficult time.

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The club has participated in all four areas to receive the diamond patch.
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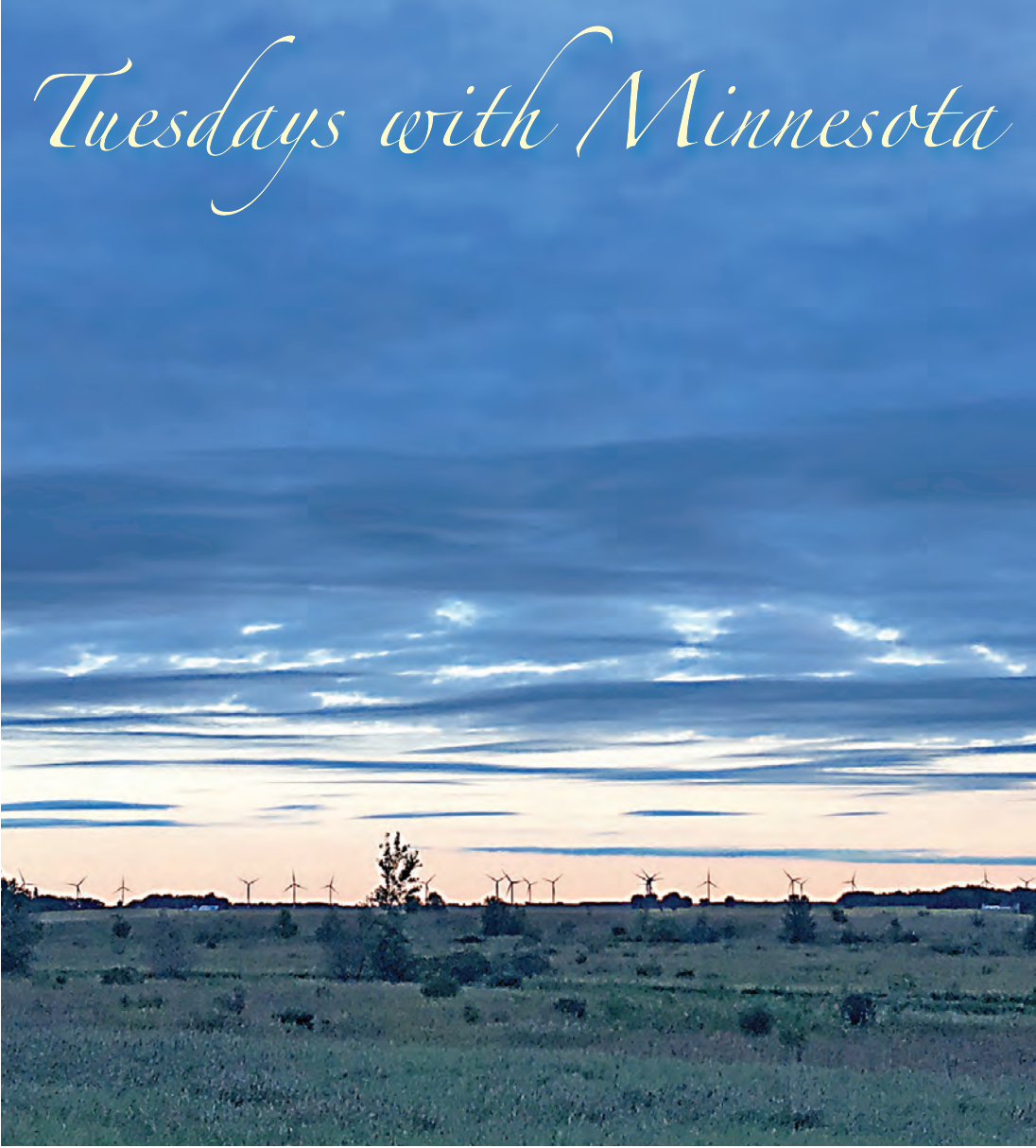
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NRHEG	30	Owatonna	10	Blooming Prairie	34	Medford	44
W-E-M	22	Fairbault	21	St. Clair	16	Loyola Catholic	0
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Another good week

Last week proved a good one for the volleyball team, as they won a pair of matches, one a three-game sweep and another in four games. In both matches, I thought the girls stayed pretty aggressive and communicated with each other pretty well. Play at the net by the hitters Marissa Larson, Sam Wurst, and Courtney Wobschall stayed consistent and steady.

Wobschall also ran off an impressive string of serving points in the fourth game of the USC match to come within just a few ace serves of a Blossom record. All in all, it was a good week for the girls, and they will need that play this week with a couple of tough matches on the schedule, starting with Kenyon-Wanamingo at home last night. The Knights are undefeated so far this season, and the Blossoms play powerhouse Bethlehem Academy Thursday night. I can't even remember the last time a Blossom volleyball team defeated the Cardinals. BP certainly has its work cut out for it.

It wasn't a pretty win for the Blossom football team at St. Clair last Friday, but the defense dominated play after a couple of very big plays from the Cyclones. The screen pass and the kickoff-return for a touchdown really were the only real offensive threats from the home team. I think most fans would bemoan the many penalties in the game, as it turned into a veritable carnival of errors at times.

St. Clair probably realized that the team would have to resort to some tricks to stay in the game, and a three-man front with blitzing linebackers on every play became their plan. It worked occasionally, but quarterback Seth Peterson still managed to complete enough passes to reach 200 yards through the air.

The locals had five big penalties in the first quarter, and both teams piled up almost fifteen miscues by game's end. The Blossoms know that avoiding penalties will be high on their list on things to work on, as they prepare for this Friday's contest at home against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton. The locals outscored the Bulldogs at Janesville last year, despite fumbling four times in that game, and BP fans will be looking for a more disciplined game this time around. The team will be looking for the third win of the season.

The cross country teams also had another good week. Both the boys and girls won a four team invitational on the home course, and Alec Ille took first individually for the second year straight. It was great, also, to note that the girls were able to field a full team, and that an injured Alison Pryor was able to see action. She has been hobbled with a bad knee since before the season began. A tip of the hat this week goes to the cross country teams for their fine showing on the home course.

Out and about

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Hail to the victors



Photo courtesy of Kathy Piller

Wide receiver Colin Lerum returns a punt down the sideline early in the first half of Blooming Prairie's matchup against St. Clair on Friday, Sept. 16. The Blossoms won the game 34-16. For complete results of the Awesome Blossoms, turn to page 3D.



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

Panthers running back Perry Peterson looks to cut upfield against W-E-M on Friday, Sept. 16. NRHEG won 30-22. For complete results, turn to page 5D.

Fairbault traps Huskies 21-10



Falcons running back Felipe Ramirez runs through an arm tackle of Owatonna's Zach Mensink Friday, Sept. 16. Ramirez rushed for 142 yards and a touchdown in the 21-10 win over Owatonna.

Passing- Gauthier: 13-22, 81 yards, TD, INT
 Rushing- Williamson: 22 carries, 125 yards
 Mitch Weise: one carry, four yards
 Gauthier: 4 carries, 12 yards
 Griffin Thorn: 4 carries 13 yards.
 Receiving- Kubista: 2 catches, 13 yards, TD
 Budach: 3 catches 13 yards
 Williamson: 3 catches, 23 yards
 Ethan DeKam: one catch, 22 yards
 Alex Raichle: one catch, five yards
 Thorn: one catch. two yards.



A black and white photograph capturing a dynamic moment during a football game. In the center, a player wearing a white jersey and a light-colored helmet is being tackled by multiple players in dark jerseys and dark helmets. The player in white is holding the football and is being brought down by the defenders. To the right, another player in a white jersey with the number 53 and a light-colored helmet is running towards the action. The background shows a blurred view of the stadium stands and other players, emphasizing the intensity of the play.

Huskies running back Jason Williamson is driven back by Fairbault linebacker Felipe Ramirez late in the third quarter on Friday. Williamson finished with 125 yards rushing on the night.

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Blossoms tame Cyclones



Photos courtesy of Kathy Piller

(From left to right): Nick THompson (59), Nick Piller (5), Dylan Nirk (75), and Bradley Staska (63) attack the Cyclones offense Friday, Sept. 16 in St. Clair. The Awesome Blossoms allowed 230 yards of total offense in the 34-16 win.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

The Awesome Blossom football team overpowered a blitzing St. Clair defense and overcame numerous penalties, especially in the first half, to earn a 34-16 victory over the Cyclones Friday, Sept. 16. Except for two big plays by the home team, the Blossoms pitched a shutout to raise their season record to 2-1. Penalties erased one touchdown for the locals and stopped at least two other drives in the contest. BP had 5 penalties in the first quarter, including two holding calls and a facemask penalty. St. Clair didn't go unscathed either, as it had three penalties in the reckless first

quarter. "We won the game, but we certainly didn't play our best," commented Coach Chad Gimbel. "We had way too many penalties, and we had a little trouble protecting our quarterback against a defense that had three down linemen and blitzed linebackers on every play." BP fumbled on its first possession, but the second time the Blossoms had the ball, they marched from their own 31 to score a touchdown, with quarterback Seth Peterson finding Colin Lerum in the end zone corner for 14 yards. Brad Staska, who had a great night kicking, made the first of four extra points for a 7-0 lead. Staska's only extra point miss came after

the fifth touchdown on a high snap from center, and he also had a touchback on a kickoff. BP's lead didn't last long, as Noah Schruin took the kickoff at the 20 and broke out of a cluster of Blossom tacklers to go 80 yards and a touchdown. The two-point conversion run succeeded, and the home team had an 8-7 lead. Max Romeo culminated a three-play drive beginning on the St. Clair 48 to retake the lead at 14-8. A facemask penalty and pass interference moved the ball to the 14, and Romeo ran 14 yards for the score. BP scored another touchdown at the 2:48 mark, when Lucas Noble ran two yards and the touchdown. A 33-yard pass from Peterson to

Noble highlighted the drive. BP led 21-8 at the half. Another big play early in the third quarter saw Michael Anderson taking a screen pass from the Cyclone 16 and running 84 yards to the BP two. He scored two plays later, and BP led just 21-16. Connor Getchell got those points back, culminating another nine-play drive at 6:42 on a two-yard burst and a 28-16 edge. The Blossoms ended the scoring with just under three minutes left in the third quarter. Peterson found Getchell over the middle for 40 yards to cap a four-play drive. Both teams saw drives fizzle in the last quarter with St. Clair's last drive stopped by a pass interception from safety

Ben Smith. Except for the two big plays, BP dominated the defense, allowing the home team just 230 yards, 77 in the air. BP had 445 yards of total offense, 243 on the ground and 202 passing. Romeo clicked off 131 yards, and Getchell almost made 100 yards with 92 rushing. Peterson connected on 16 of 34 pass attempts, but was under siege because of the blitzing Cyclone defense. As cornerback Zach Piller noted, "They played a little different defense, and it took a little time for us to adjust to it." Timmy Wolf said, "I think we handled the different defense all right." Wyatt Grundmeier led the de-

fense with 8 tackles, and Piller had 6. Romeo and Staska each added 5 tackles. "We made a lot of mistakes and took too many penalties," Coach Gimbel repeated. "We have a lot to work on before the next game." That game is a home contest against JWP on Friday, Sept. 23

Box score

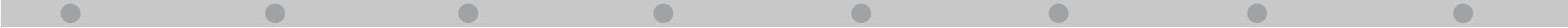
BP	7	14	13	0=	34
ST Clair	8	0	8	0=	16

Individual stats

BP Rushing	243-	Romeo	16
for	131,	Getchell	10 for 92
BP Passing	202-	Peterson	16
for 34	Receiving-	Lerum	4 for 59,
		Noble	3 for 46



Blossoms wide receiver Colin Lerum breaks a would-be tackle from a St. Clair defender after hauling in a Seth Peterson pass on Friday night on his way to a touchdown. Lerum finished with four catches for 59 yards and a touchdown.



Tigers maul Crusaders



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Medford Defensive tackle Mitch Borwege (71) and linebacker Joey Schull (50) await the snap during the second half of Medford’s matchup against Loyola Catholic. The Tigers defense allowed just 146 yards of total offense in the 44-0 win.

Defense holds Loyola Catholic to 146 total yards in shutout

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

From the season opener to the nail biter last week, the Medford football team has continued to progress in the right direction. In their third game of the year, you would have never known that the Tigers were 0-2 heading in.

Behind 305 rushing yards, the Tigers jaunted to an impressive 44-0 shutout victory over Loyola Catholic Friday. Head coach Jerome Johannes said that it felt good to notch the first one.

“The guys worked real hard this game, and we knew this was a game we could win. They hunkered down and they made re-

ally good plays,” he said.

This is Medford’s first win in over 20 games, breaking the streak of nearly three seasons without a win. Over the first two games, senior running back Marcus DeLeon was the component that enabled the Tigers to eclipse over 300 yards of total offense- the vast majority of it on the ground. Friday’s contest was no different.

The senior toted the ball a team high 27 times for 189 yards and three touchdowns, pushing his rushing total to nearly 500 yards in just three games. Aside from DeLeon, the Tigers saw four other ball carriers accumulate double-digit rushing totals.

Bo Noble, had five carries for 26 yards and the fourth rushing touchdown of the contest.

While Johannes’ offense had the bulk of its success on the ground, quarterback Jarvis VonRuden was efficient attacking the Loyola defense through the air. He was methodical throughout, completing seven of his 12 attempts for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

VonRuden’s favorite target on the night was wide receiver Alex Gengler. The junior caught eight passes for 44 yards. Ty Devoe and Nate Meixner each hauled in a VonRuden touchdown pass.

Defensively, the Tigers were rolling. Led by Nick Masso’s 13

tackles, Medford allowed just 146 yards of total offense and held the Crusaders scoreless. Tanner Barbeau recovered the lone turnover of the contest, and Johannes’ defensive front seven registered 3 sacks on the night.

It seemed like the Tigers were finally putting everything together. After the win, coach Johannes said that this was the ultimate team win.

“This was a team effort to-night-every single one. Every player got into the game and every player did their responsibility. It’s nice to get a win but it was really nice to get a shutout.

Looking into this week, the Tigers will face its bitter rivals

in Bethlehem Academy- who Blooming Prairie blanked just two weeks ago 32-0. Johannes said that they are looking to add another win.

“It’s a big rivalry game and we’re looking to continue this roll and hopefully get a streak going,” he added.

Box Score

Loyola Catholic	0	0	0	0
Medford	12	16	16	0

Team stats

Passing: LC 36, M 100
Rushing: LC 110, M 305
Turnovers: LC 1, M 1

Individual Stats

Passing: VonRuden- 7 for 12, 100 yards, 2 TD’s
Rushing: DeLeon- 27 carries, 189 yards, 3 TD’s; Meixner- 7 carries, 45 yards; VonRuden- 3 carries, 31 yards; Noble- 5 carries, 26 yards, TD; Jerone Charvis- 4 carries, 14 yards.

Receiving: Devoe- 2 catches, 14 yards, TD; Meixner- 1 catch, 14 yards, TD; Gengler- 8 catches, 44 yards; DeLeon- 2 catches, 28 yards.

Defense- Nick Masso 13 tackles, sack; Bud Haefs 6 tackles, sack; Greg Larson 5 tackles; Mitchell Borwege .5 sacks; Josh Schauer .5 sacks.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Tigers quarterback Jarvis VonRuden and wide receiver Alex Gengler await to go back onto the field during Medford’s match up against Loyola Catholic. The duo connected eight times for 44 yards in the 44-0 Tigers win.



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-Rick Wooden

Panthers top W-E-M in 30-22 win



Staff photos by Kylie Rice

Panthers junior running back Perry Peterson looks to cut upfield against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown on Friday, Sept. 16. Peterson's 262 yards and 3 touchdowns propelled NRHEG to a 30-22 win.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Editor

NRHEG upended an old nemesis Friday, Sept. 16, when they defeated WEM 30-22 on the home field. After the Panthers took an early 6-0 lead, the Bucs went ahead 7-6 early in the second quarter, and the teams exchanged scores to end the half in a 14-14 tie.

Perry Peterson ran 20 yards with under three minutes gone in the first quarter, but Tanner Ranslow caught a 23-yard pass

just into the second quarter to put the visitors up 7-6. Peterson scored again for NRHEG with just over four minutes left in the half, but WEM tied the game just before the break on a 10-yard run by Brody Boran. The second half belonged to the Panthers.

As Coach Dan Stork commented, “We had two very good weeks of practice and have taken some steps forward. We still had a couple of miscues and need to stop turning the ball over, but we’re moving in the right direction.”

Halfway through the third quarter Peterson broke the tie by running the last yard for a touchdown. The two-point conversion pass from Sam Prigge to Brady Agrimson put the home team up 22-14. The Panthers iced the game in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard burst by Prigge. The two-point conversion gave NRHEG a 30-14 edge, and a touchdown and two-point conversion for WEM with just under four minutes left in the game narrowed the final margin. The winners controlled the clock for the last three plus minutes.

Coach Stork added, “I thought both the offensive and defensive lines really controlled things tonight. WEM could not get their run game going, on which the Bucs build the offense. Jack Schultz, Alex Buckmeier, Agrimson, Hunter Knutson, and Jack Hogstad opened up some nice holes and executed assignments well. Perry Peterson took full advantage of that play, and he was a complete work horse once again.”

The team record improved to 2-1, with a trip to Winthrop for a contest with GFW is on

tap this week for NRHEG. The team will be looking for a third straight win in the 2016 season.

Box score

WEM 0 14 0 8 22
NRHEG 6 8 8 8 30

Team stats

Passing: WEM 200, NRHEG 34
Rushing: WEM 80, NRHEG 296
Turnovers: WEM 1, NRHEG 1

Individual stats (NRHEG)

Passing: Prigge- 3 for 5, 34 yards.
Rushing: Peterson- 33 carries, 262 yards, 3 TD's; Sawyer VanMaldegham- 2 carries, 20 yards; Noah Sletton- four carries , 15 yards; Lucas Bailey- 1 carry, 7 yards; Prigge- 7 carries, -8 yards. TD
Receiving: Cole Staloch- 2 catches, 31 yards; Bailey- one catch, 3 yards.
Defense: VanMaldegham- 6.5 tackles; Alex Buckmeier- 6 tackles, sack, 1.5 TFL; Chad Agrimson- 2.5 tackles, sack, TFL

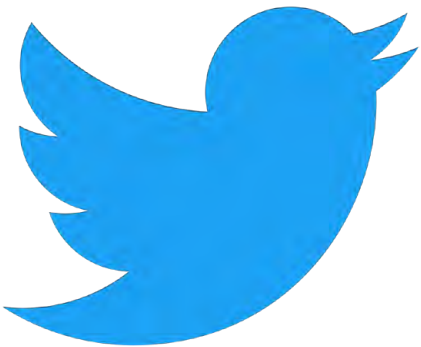


Above: Panthers quarterback Sam Prigge steps under center prior to the play against W-E-M. Bottom: Perry Peterson (22) attempts to break a tackle from a W-E-M defensive lineman.



Panthers wide receiver Cole Staloch can't make the highlight reel catch on Friday.

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A derserving retirement



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The Blossoms sideline seems emptier without a familar face in Dr. Chad Eischens. The Blooming chiropractor recently retired from being the BP athletic trainer after twenty years of service.

By LEMAR NEWLSON
Staff Sports Writer

After 20 years of patrolling the sidelines at Blooming Prairie high school football games, football athletic trainer Dr. Chad Eischens has decided to retire. He will let some younger person take on the responsibility of tending to the on-field injuries of Blossom players.

It has been a fun and rewarding sidelight career for Eischens, but as he said recently, “I just wanted to sit in the stands for a change and be a fan. After my first game there, I knew I had made the right decision. It really gives one a different perspective on the game and the excitement that goes with it”. He has already seen one game from that vantage point, and it was an enjoyable experience.

During his 20 years the sidelines, both at home, and for the most part on the road, Eischens



Dr. Chad Eischens

has banked many unforgettable memories. Most of them have been satisfying and exhilarating, as he has been able to be an integral part of team successes. The Blossom football history over the past fifteen years has been remarkable, and Eischens is proud to have been a small part of it.

Eleven straight Conference

titles, seven section final appearances, two trips to the state semi-finals in the Metrodome, and many seasons of plus ten-win football have kept him engaged and enthused about the Blossoms. Very few schools can boast such a winning history.

Eischens has seen a succession of exceptional quarterbacks, such as Austin Moe, Craig Olson, Spencer Ohm, Luke Zellmer, and John Rumpza, just to name some of them, and that doesn’t count some extraordinary pass receivers and running backs. Through it all, Eischens has been on the sideline, taking care of the numerous injuries and giving words of encouragement. That includes too many injuries over the years to count. Several concussions, a couple of broken legs, and numerous bruises are among the less pleasant parts of his service to the players. However, probably the worst injury in his experience

was a broken jaw sustained by Dylan Hatch. That was a tough one for Eischens to get over.

Eischens has many highlights to remember about his 20 years as the Blossom trainer. Two trips to the Metrodome, eleven conference titles, and numerous section playoff appearances comprise many of them. However, he maintains that one of his most memorable games was one the Blossoms lost in a section playoff game at Goodhue several years ago. He still maintains that game will remain etched in his memory as unforgettable. Fortunately, the wins greatly outnumber the losses.

As a fan in the stands, Eischens will still root for the Blossoms, enjoy the victories, and mourn the losses. After all, he, like all of BP fans, is proud to be a Blossom. He would have it no other way.

Blooming Prairie wins second in a row

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I would be the first to confess that I have never been a big fan of fancy or classic cars. For me, a vehicle is simply transportation, and I really don’t pay much attention to make or model. That was my thinking, even while growing up.

Having said that, however, I will readily admit that the classic car show on Main Street last Saturday had some really jazzy and snazzy vehicles on display. The array of vehicles impressed onlookers a great deal, and it was quite a show. It was just one more event that showcased our community, and I hope it is something that we can offer again and again, and that it would grow in attendance and popularity.

The Business After hours at the Boys and Girls club last wee, and the bike rodeo that was directed by the local police department and sponsored by Minimizer demonstrated two other activities to benefit and give publicity to our community. From a persona standpoint, I would have wished a few more businesses or residents to make an appearance at the open house, but I do so appreciate those who did find the time to stop in, look at the club, and enjoy snacks offered by the b 7 G Board of directors

It sounds as if several good ideas were advanced at the voluntary meeting with preliminary preparations for the giant 150th anniversary celebration of our town over the Fourth of July holiday next year. Although this was just a first step

in the preparations, it sounds like a good one.

Congratulations to the king and queen candidates for this year’s homecoming celebration. The weekend of October 7 and 8 will actually begin w3ith the annual coronation program on Monday, Oct. 3, and culminate with the annual Education Foundation banquet and Blossoms Forever annual recognitions for athletes and distinguished alumni. It should be a great week overall. The Homecoming queen candidates are Kylie Forystek, Laura Grant, Alison Pryor, Courtney Wobschall, and Leah Schiefert. The king candidates are Elijah

Baker, Bryan Friestedt, Wyatt Grundmeier, Camden Heimerman, and Ben Smith.

Good luck to all of the candidates. Next Saturday, Sept. 24, the annual Punt, Pass, and Kick contest is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the football field.

Fans of drama are saddened this week to learn that playwright Edward Albee died last week at age 88, in New York. Albee is one of the best known and controversial writers of drama in America, and he earned four Pulitzer prized (the highest writing ward in American literature. His best known works are probably “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf”, “Zoo Story”

and “A Delicate Balance”.

He won two Tony Awards, was a Lincoln Center honoree in 1996, and was a member of The American Theater Hall of Fame. He never became a favorite of playgoers, but his works always made them think, and he will always be remembered by fns of the theater.

Let’s close with this item to think about: Elections are a good deal like marriages. There’s no accounting for anyone’s taste. Every time we see a bridegroom, we wonder why she ever picked him; it’s the same with public officials. Think that through, and we’ll talk again.



Photo courtesy of Kathy Piller

Blooming Prairie linebacker Zach Piller (5) and Tim Wolf (9) attempt to block a St. Clair punt on Friday.

Prep Preview

Week four brings an opportunity for three of the Steele County football teams the chance to build onto their win streak. For one school, it gives them a chance to regroup after a painful loss last Friday.

Owatonna

The Huskies (1-2) will be on the road against Northfield as they look to regroup from a 21-10 loss to AAAA Fairbault.

In the Huskies lone win this season, sophomore running back Jason Williamson rushed nearly 40 times for roughly 240 yards.

The Raiders (3-0) will look to continue their winning ways on Friday. Northfield defeated Mankato East 23-8 last friday.

Medford

Coming off their first win in nearly three years, the Tigers will look to continue the offensive fire that has been on display in spurts this season.

Medford will travel to Fairbault to take on Bethlehem Academy.

The Cardinals,who lost to Blooming Prairie 32-0 earlier in the season, is coming off a 35-0 loss the Kenyon-Wanamingo.

NRHEG

The Panthers will take their two game winning streak on the road to face GFW.

Last Friday, the rushing attack led by Perry Peterson continued to show its strength. The junior rushed for nearly 270 yards on 33 carries.

Blooming Prairie

Now that BP has handled St. Clair rather easily for the second straight season, attention focuses on a home contest against Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton. Although the Blossoms turned the ball over four times last season, it didn’t stop the BP offense from scoring 39 points to improve their season record to 3-1.

Mid Southeast-West

	Div.	Overall
Rushford-Peterson	2-0-0	2-0 -0
Goodhue	1-0-0	2-0-0
Southland	1-0-0	2-0-0
Hayfield	0-0-0	1-1-0
Blooming Prairie	0-1-0	1-1-0
Fillmore Central	0-1-0	1-1-0
Wabasha-Kellogg	0-1-0	1-1-0
Kingsland	0-1-0	0-2-0

South Central-Blue

	Div.	Overall
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	1-0-0	2-1 -0
NRHEG	1-0-0	2-1-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	0-0-0	2-1-0
Maple River	0-0-0	2-1-0
Blue Earth Area	0-0-0	1-2-0
Medford	0-0-0	1-2-0
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	0-2-0	1-2-0
LeSeur-Henderson	0-0-0	0-3-0

Big Southeast-Red

	Div.	Overall
Rochester Mayo	2-0-0	3-0-0
Northfield	0-0-0	3-0-0
Owatonna	1-0-0	1-2-0
Rochester John Marshall	1-1-0	1-1-0
Rochester Century	0-1-0	1-2-0
Austin	0-2-0	0-3-0

Football State Rankings

Class 1A	Class 2A	Class 5A
1. Minneota	1. Caledonia	1. St. Michael-Albertville
2. Minneapolis North	2. Barnesville	2. Spring Lake Park
3. Rushford-Peterson	3. Maple Lake	3. Mahtomedi
4. Browerville	4. Moose Lake-Willow Riv.	4.Chanhassen
5. BOLD	5. Eden Valley-Watkins	5. Mankato West
*Receiving votes: Wabasso, Fillmore Centural	*Receiving votes: Pilager, Evelth-Gilbert	*Receiving votes: Elk River, Alexandria

Source: Northstarfootballnews.com
Rankings as of Sept. 19

Steele County Football Schedule

Blooming Prairie

Sept. 2... at Rushford-Peterson L 26-6
Sept. 9... vs. Bethlehem Academy W 32-0
Sept. 16... at St. Clair W 34-16
Sept. 23... vs. J-W-P
Sept. 30... at Mankato Loyola
Oct. 7... vs. Medford
Oct. 14... at United South Central
Oct. 19... vs.Kenyon Wanamingo

Medford

Sept. 2... at Lewiston-Altura L 41-0
Sept. 9... at JWP L 32-25
Sept. 16...vs. Mankato Loyola W 44-0
Sept. 23... vs. Bethlehem Academy
Sept. 30... vs. Kenyon Wanamingo
Oct. 7... at Blooming Prairie
Oct. 14... vs. St. Clair

Oct. 19... vs. United South Central

NRHEG

Sept. 2... vs. Mayer Lutheran L 36-13
Sept. 9... at Lester Prairie W 39-31
Sept. 16... vs. WEM W 30-22
Sept. 23... at G-F-W
Sept. 30... vs. Sibley East
Oct. 7... at LeSueur-Henderson
Oct. 14.... vs Lake Crystal-WM
Oct. 19... at Maple River

Owatonna

Sept. 2... vs. Mankato West L 34-19
Sept. 9... vs. Rochester JM W 26-7
Sept. 16... at Fairbault L 21-10
Sept. 23... at Northfield
Sept. 30... vs. Austin
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By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

For Jade and Jeremy Cumberland, the trapping industry has always has been a part of their lives. So it was fitting that the two brothers would take over for the family business from their father three years ago.

“We just both worked here growing up. So when our dad retired, it was kind of natural,” said Jade.

Prior to Jade and Jeremy’s

father taking over the business, their grandfather was the sole owner of the company. Started in 1965, Cumberlands Trapping Supply was the one-stop shop for anything that avid fur trappers possibly needed.

Now, the once tiny Steele County company now has a nationwide reach.

“We wholesale to the entire country. We distribute traps out of our warehouse onto trucks destined for states across the country,” said Jeremy. “We also

fulfill and ship retail orders.”

As for trappers in the Steele County area, the shops have plenty of distinctive traps for the various types of animals in the southern Minnesota landscape. The two most popular are snares or foot-hold traps.

Snares are easily accessible in terms of the set-up due to it being solely a noose-like rope or wire. It can be placed anywhere in a landscape-whether it’s the wetlands trapping beavers or in the woodlands going after rac-

coons. Foot-hold traps are the stereotypical traps that you may have seen in movies like Fox and the Hound or other cartoons.

These types of traps are typically designed for bigger animals that may have the power to rip through a snare. The trap works by having a plate that is triggered by a pin. The two ends must be collapsed on each side in order to set the pin, however. A trapper would set the trap, and then would cover the top of it with some brush or other foliage to hide the steel from the sight of the animals. The moment an animal steps on the plate, the pin releases, making the two edges-that are often rigid- fold back up “trapping” the animals leg and in some cases even crushing the bone.

Due to the various types of terrain that can be utilized here, in Minnesota, as well as the types of animals, each method can be effective. However, Jeremy said that snares are one of the more popular tools to use during the wintertime.

“It’s a little more of an effective tool than a foot-hold trap,” he added.

Some of the animals that can be trapped on the Minnesota Landscapes are raccoons, mink, muskrats and beavers. Jade mentioned that coyotes and foxes are starting to become more

prevalent.

“Twenty years ago, we weren’t buying as many coyote furs that we are now,” he said.

Going on 52 years of serving the community, Jade and Jeremy both agreed that there is a high level of satisfaction that comes with taking over the family business.

“What I like most about it is that we’ve known our customers our whole lives basically. In a lot of cases, guys who are our age, their grandpa dealt with our grandpa. So as our business has switched through the generations, our customers have too.” He said.

He also added that there is a sense of community that comes with being a trapper.

“Trapping is a close knit community because there isn’t a lot of us left anymore,” Jade added.

Ducks Unlimited to host annual fall bash

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The Steele County chapter for Ducks Unlimited is gearing up for its 44th annual Fall Duck Bash.

Ducks Unlimited volunterr Bob Hoen said that there will be numerous activites for people in attendance to participate in.

“We got a number of raffles. We’re giving away 34 guns or so. We also have live auction and silent auctions,” he said.

He also mentioned that there will be numerous raffles and games for people in attendance throughout the event.

Some of the items that are to be auctioned off will be apparel of the Ducks Unlimited brand, prints, and firearms.

Hoen said that last year, they had a paid bus trip from the Owatonna Bus company but is unsure if that prize is returning.

The remainders of items left for the auction were donated by various businesses in town.

“We have leafblowers, duck decoys,- a lot of various things,” he added.

The foundation’s shotgun of the year, a Beretta A400 Xplor, and Springfield 1911, will be available as part of the raffle as well.

They will also have a kids’ section for those who will in attendance.

Hoen said that there will be

about five activites set up, and that each of them will receive a blow gun.

Hoen said that with each of the kids receiving a blow gun, that 30% of the firearms for the evening will be already gone before the auction starts.

They originally held the event at the Eagles club over the years ,but for the last four years have used the Richie Brothers auction facility.

“It’s a little more room and we’re able to get more guests in there,” he added.

Tickets for the event cost \$40 and will close sales by Oct. 5.

Hoen said you dont have to be a hunter to enjoy what the night has to offer.

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