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Medford under water



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

The road into Medford's Straight River park is closed due to obvious standing water. Many of the communities around the area were covered in inches, if not feet of rain or river water.

"We've all learned that if you take care of each other, everything will turn out all right."

—Lois Nelson, Medford mayor

By KYLIE RICE
Staff i tern

The Medford area was hit by a devastating surge of floodwaters this last week. After heavy rains struck Southern Minnesota, many of the communities around the area were covered in inches, if not feet of rain or river water.

Sandbagging took place Thursday in Medford, with the Medford Fire Department leading the charge to stop the rising water from ruining homes and businesses. "We want to give our fire department kudos," Mayor Lois Nelson said. "Our guys had been monitoring the water all through the night."

City administrator Andy Welti called to give the mayor an update about the condition of the waste-

water plant outside of Medford in the early hours of Wednesday morning. This concern had been weighing on everyone's minds, because if the plant was to overflow, the town would have a very messy and difficult clean-up ahead of them. But good news came from Welti, as the water is close to the plant but there hasn't been any inside of it. "That's our most expensive investment right there. If that went underwater, that would really be a messy operation." The mayor remarked, looking in concern at how close the water was to the plant walls.

Rick Hager, fire chief, was also out making rounds and checking on water levels as well.

Schools were closed Thursday morning. Students, and school faculty were encouraged to come and help fill sandbags. The fire department had already begun to set up stations to begin assembling the sandbags. "There were four young guys here. I remarked that I was

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Strongest showing yet for Times Newspaper racks up 6 national awards

It was the strongest showing ever for the Steele County Times on the national level as the local newspaper captured six national journalistic awards of excellence last week in Tennessee.

The Times received the honors at a breakfast banquet for the National Newspaper Association Saturday morning in Franklin, Tenn. Publisher Rick Bussler accepted the awards on behalf of the local paper.

The newspaper earned a second place award, a trio of third place awards and a pair of honorable mentions in the contest. The Times is one of seven publications in Minnesota, and the only in southern Minnesota, to win awards in the competition.

The second place award came in the community service category for last fall's month-long in-depth coverage of domestic violence in Steele County. During the campaign, the Times partnered up with Steele County District Courts in sponsoring a Promoting Peace awareness conference aimed

at drawing attention to domestic violence in the community.

In making the honor to the Times, judges commented: "Good coverage series of a sensitive and deep problem facing all communities. Well-written and prominent display in newspaper. Raises public awareness and that can lead to action."

The Times devoted extensive resources last fall to producing several weeks of stories relating to domestic violence.

"It especially humbling for us to receive the community service award because service to the community is the exact essence of why a community newspaper exists," Bussler said. "This also shows that we're not afraid to take on tough issues facing our community."

The Times won three third place awards for best editorial, best feature story and best column, all written by Publisher Bussler.

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Submitted photo

Steele County Times Publisher Rick Bussler, left, accepted six national awards from National Newspaper Association President Chip Hutcheson Saturday morning in Franklin, Tenn. The Times was one of seven newspapers in Minnesota, and the only one in Southern Minnesota, to be recognized on the national level.

Steele Grand Jury returns murder indictments

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A pair of suspects charged in the killing of a Medford man now face more serious charges of first degree murder after a grand jury returned the indictments Friday afternoon.

Cyrus Noel Trevino, 24, of Owatonna and Gerald William Blevins, 36, of Bemidji, have been indicted on two counts of first degree murder by a Steele County Grand Jury. In addition, they also face a pair of new second-degree murder charges as well as a gross misdemeanor count of possessing a firearm

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Gerald William Blevins



Cyrus Noel Trevino



DWI conviction impacts more than driving record

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff riter

Everyone knows, or should know, that an arrest for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), will cost you some money, a lot of money.

DWI fines in Minnesota are expensive.

A first time DWI conviction can

result in a \$1,000 fine, driver's license suspension of up to 90 day and possible jail time of up to 90 days. Get convicted a second time, within 10 years, and the fine increases to \$3,000, the suspension goes to 180 days and jail time could be as much as a year.

For a third offense the fines and penalties stay the same but the

driver's license suspension goes up to a minimum of one year. And for a fourth offense you could be charged with felony DWI and would be paying a hefty fine of \$14,000, having your driver's license suspended for up to four years and spend up to seven years in jail.

If any of those offenses results in

a revocation of your driving privileges, it will require an additional \$680 reinstatement fee, completion of a DWI knowledge test, a driver's license application and a chemical assessment.

While those impacts should be enough to make anyone think

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What we learned in the flood

I wonder what Noah thought about in the midst of the disaster. He had over a year in the aftermath to ponder and to wonder and to plan and to find a way to carry on. I am sure that the circumstance put him and his family in a place of gratefulness. It was a time when they had to learn to depend upon and live with family in a changed environment. And most assuredly the new careers in animal husbandry were no doubt, challenging.

How did they make it? They learned the secret of accomplishment being in lighting candles instead of cursing darkness.

We didn't have a flood of biblical proportions here in south-eastern Minnesota, but it was devastating in its own right. Many have compared it to the flood of 2010 and some say it hasn't flooded like this in over 100 years.

What is amazing about the people of the Midwest is that, although they are no strangers to inclement weather, they have shown themselves resilient in "weathering" the storms. From tornadoes to bone chilling winter winds to prolonged storms, and of course, flash flooding.

From the mighty Mississippi which seems to be flood-mentoring all the rivers of the Midwestern states, to the extreme winds that come head over heels over the Rockies and by the time they get to Minnesota, they are like a freight train out of control.

Witnessing the way that people came together here in the flood zones left a heart-warming feeling inside. At a time when the country is politically volatile and lines have been drawn in the racial arena to the town hall meetings, it's refreshing to know that in times of real crisis, the people came together shoulder to shoulder to 'be' the solution.

And isn't it funny that when the rains came and the rivers came gushing over their banks washing out roads and creating detours, people didn't point fingers at the Democrats or the Republicans or the Latino community or the black community or the white community.

They simply picked up shovels and began to fill sandbags. From the Mayor of Medford to the politicians of our local districts, they put on hold their campaigns and their agendas for the greater good and to reaffirm that the deepest need within each person is the need to help one another.

And to see all the different factions there reminded me of a sand box long ago where as young kids we would meet to build castles and plan infrastructures with Tonka trucks and peanut butter sandwiches. It was where we forged lifetime friendships and bonds as we faced the crisis of "growing up."

Perhaps we need to take a step back to learn what it's like to "grow up" again in this country. Perhaps nature itself has given us a way so that we absolutely must work together. Perhaps we need to frequent the sandboxes more often to remind us what is essential and what is expected to go forth.

The waters are abating. A week of dry weather will cause many to forget and move past the disastrous week that we experienced. The best we can hope for is that we "don't" forget what we came together for and how things were accomplished when we decided not to point fingers, but to fill sandbags.

We need not blame someone for our ever present darkness. We need to learn to light candles. Ours and theirs.

Focusing on things Minnesotans can agree on

By **BRIAN DANIELS**
Guest Writer

After months of negotiations, Gov. Dayton walked away from special session negotiations and agreements on tax relief and bonding in August over his insistence on a funding mechanism for Southwest Light Rail (SWLRT). This light rail train project was not included in the governor's 2016 bonding request and received little support from the legislature.

In doing so, the governor is leaving more than \$800 million in tax cuts over the next three years, including over half a billion in ongoing and permanent tax relief on the table. Farmers, veterans, families, college graduates and small businesses are all left out in the cold.

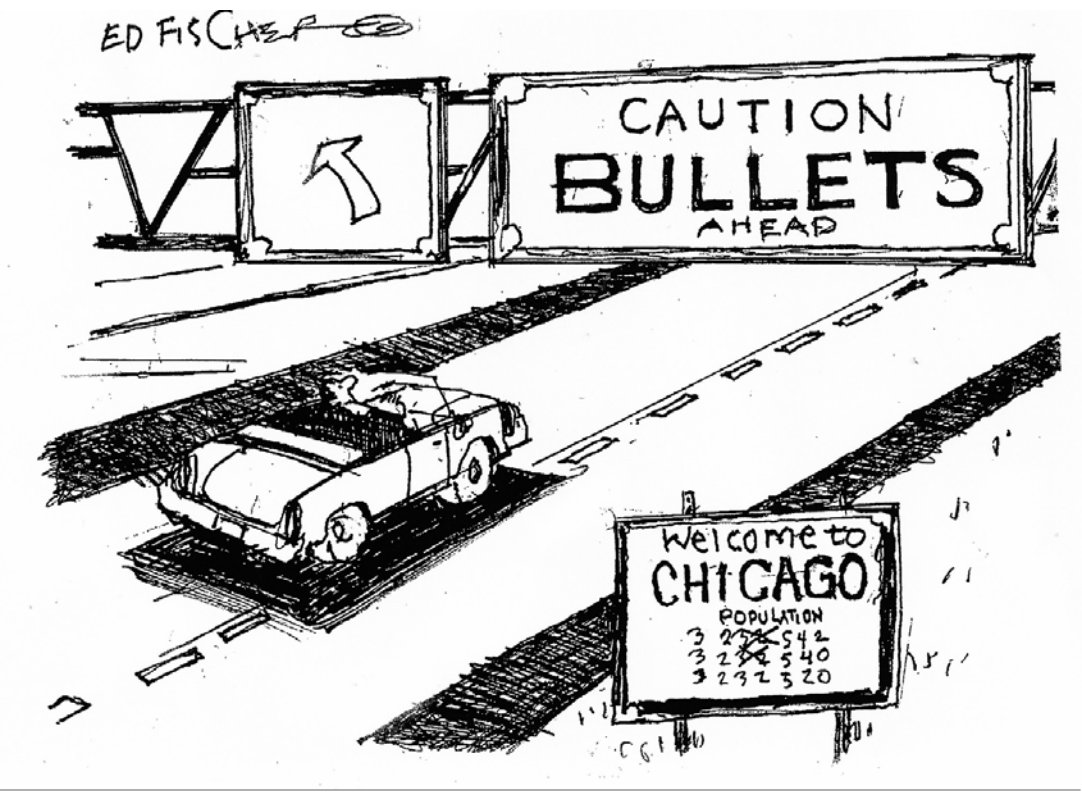
In addition to tax relief, he is walking away from a transportation- and infrastructure-focused bonding bill that included funding for the State Academies and Hwy.

This train must be a great deal for Minnesota if the governor is willing to throw away tax relief and a bonding bill over its funding, right? Wrong.

The current cost of SWLRT is \$1.858 billion. Construction will cost \$128 million per mile, including 34 new bridges needed to pass over existing roads and wetlands. With the money needed to build one mile of SWLRT, MnDOT could replace every bridge on its local bridge waiting list, 135 total bridges, and still have \$50 million left over.

Once the train is built, Minnesota taxpayers will subsidize its operations with millions of dollars coming out of the general fund each year. This is funding that will be taken away from schools, health and human services and other important areas.

If concerns about funding weren't enough, the project is currently in the middle of an ongoing lawsuit that is expected to go to a jury trial in September of 2017. The federal government has



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

It started with a simple e-mail from the Honorable Karen Duncan, one of the district court judges for Steele County, more than a year ago requesting our newspaper to partner with her on a project that has huge reach throughout the community.

It was called Promoting the Peace and focused on domestic violence in our greater community. We joined in to sponsor a conference for professionals who deal with the issue on a regular basis. In addition, we saw it as a great opportunity to highlight a troubling societal problem that needs the attention of every one of us.

Domestic violence affects every American. It harms our communities, weakens the foundation of our nation and most problematic, it hurts those we dearly love.

For five weeks last fall we ran stories, columns, editorials and information about domestic violence. During the campaign, we challenged every one to join in to break the cycle of violence that affects 10 million children every year.

The Times just keeps getting better

Our efforts did not go unnoticed as this past weekend this newspaper won a national award for community service at the National Newspaper Association's annual convention in Tennessee.

Of all the awards we received, I am especially grateful to receive this particular honor because it cuts to the core of what community journalism is all about. A community newspaper, like the Times, exists because service to the community is of utmost importance. It also shows that we're not afraid to take on sensitive and tough issues for the greater good of the community.

As I accepted the award on behalf of the newspaper, I became incredibly humbled at the impact we have in our community. The old familiar phrase, "the pen is mightier than the sword" definitely applies to what we do on a regular basis.

I am grateful for the success we have achieved with this newspaper over the past year. Besides the community award, we won five other honors for journalistic excellence. It proved to be the strongest showing we have ever experienced in the national competition.

Some will dismiss awards as being no big deal. But I respectfully disagree. While I agree awards aren't everything, they go a long way in moti-

vating us to do an even better job for our readers. Receiving recognition is inspiring.

The awards reflect the true commitment that I, along with the rest of our staff members, have in providing the community with a solid journalistic publication. Quality journalism can happen anywhere no matter what size the publication is. We're living proof of that.

If there is one thing I'd like our readers to understand, it is that community newspapers matter. We are a powerful force in identifying what's most relevant to the communities we serve. The Times is one of maybe a couple news organizations that care at all about what happens in Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Medford, Owatonna and beyond.

When I took over the Times almost seven years ago, my commitment was to provide a quality newspaper that readers can trust for reliable information. I have never backed down from that commitment.

Some people take issue at times with what we're doing for a variety of reasons. While we are definitely not perfect in everything we do, last week's awards provide some validation that we are doing something right.

It's time for me to go in hot pursuit of providing more strong community journalism.

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Letters to the Editor

Impressed with tribute to Vietnam Memorial

An introduction to the arrival of the "The Wall" that was featured in the Steele County Times on Sept. 6, served as a kick off of the replica of the Vietnam Memorial which is in Washington, D.C., as it came into our area.

Your staff reporter, Emily Schoenbeck, was on hand at the Steele County Fairgrounds on Aug. 31 as the motorcade assembled to escort the truck carrying the panels for The Wall to lie displayed the following day at the Rice County Fairgrounds in Faribault.

Nature provided a perfect day and the response was outstanding as the procession came through Medford. It was greeted by townspeople lining the street waving flags

and cheering. It was a heart-warming experience. I actually counted 135 motorcycles along with all the cars and a representation of fire trucks and emergency vehicles.

On Sept. 1, volunteers gathered and assembled the complete display prior to the official opening ceremony.

As a spectator, I was moved by the patriotism that was so evident. Realizing that this prospect came into existence after 18 months of planning and dedication is a tribute to the committee. The response from the public had to be most gratifying to those who worked tirelessly to make this happen.

While I was there, I couldn't help but make a mental comparison of this event to when the county fair was in action—no loud music or tantalizing aroma from the food stands or signs posted throughout reminding the visitors of this is hallowed ground, no smoking,

no eating or drinking, no loud talking, no horse play and no cell phones.

Yes, indeed there was an air of respect and reverence which prevailed. Adding to the solemnity of it all during the opening program which included introducing committee people and gala-star families, a flock of geese circled overhead honking their own tribute to the occasion. The climax to the program came with the release of a dozen white doves. Very impressive.

**Luella Heim
Medford**

Green Beret judge

It's not often a former Green Beret becomes an attorney. It is not often an attorney has been both a criminal prosecutor and a defense lawyer. And it is not often you have the opportunity to elect a judicial candidate with this breadth of experience

and depth of skills.

Tim Guth is an attorney who is now requesting your support and vote in the November election. Tim believes your Judge should be elected and not appointed. Tim believes changes in the process and practice need to be addressed and implemented.

Tim's opponent was appointed to complete the term of a retiring judge. She was not elected to office and is not the people's choice. I am writing this letter to encourage each and every one of you to vote Tim Guth for Judge Seat 16 Third Judicial District.

Tim has 28 years of legal expertise with 68 jury trials. Tim is a man who has served his country, has served his clients, and will service people with integrity, dependability and trust.

**Catherine Gray
Carver**



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6 National Awards
8 State Awards

2015
4 National Awards
7 State Awards

2014
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3 State Awards

2013
2 National Awards
7 State Awards

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2 State Awards

2011
4 National Awards
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The Steele County Times encourages readers to write letters to the editor as a means of communicating ideas and opinions with others, with a goal being to make the community better for all people.

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By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff riter

Everyone knows drinking and driving costs, but just how much is it?

The immediate costs that come after a DUI pile up fast. Bail, impounding, court fines, and alcohol treatment can run up a bill over \$5,000, and that’s assuming there was no wreck resulting in medical bills and car repairs. It’s the long-term financial costs, however, that

can really break your bank. People who are charged with a DUI become designated as “high-risk drivers” to their insurance companies, and in insurance terms, “high-risk” does not equal high reward.

In the months following a DUI conviction, a drunk driver’s insurance premiums go up an average of 94% and remain there for an average of five years. Even after the five-year window expires, they can still be paying

upward of 50% their original costs. That means double the amount spent a month on car insurance.

Those costs are assuming they aren’t dropped from their insurance company altogether and have to shop around for a new company with a drunk driving record following them.

In Minnesota, drivers convicted of a DUI have to purchase a special DUI auto insurance license known as a SR 22. SR stands for

“safety responsibility”, and it isn’t additional insurance. It’s evidence of insurance. Given the driver’s high-risk behavior, it’s proof that all of the vehicles they own are insured, and it’s the only proof the authorities will accept. Drivers are required to have it for at least three years, and only companies that deal with high-risk auto insurance even sell it. A SR 22 must be acquired before a driver can even apply to have their

license reinstated.

By the time you add up the immediate costs of a DUI, the medical bills, the auto repairs, the lost time at work due to jail time or license suspension, and the insurance, your costs can range into the tens of thousands. If the threat you pose to yourself and others doesn’t keep you from getting behind the wheel, they’re plenty of material reasons to make you pause. Call a cab. It’s definitely cheaper.

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Three squad cars (two SUVs and one sedan) are available to local officers. Two bicycles are also utilized for patrol in the city.

All squad cars are fully equipped with the latest in computer systems and with the best in tactical equipment. Vehicles also carry radar cameras, First Aid medical equipment including oxygen and an AED (defibrillator), a rifle, a shotgun and a halogen tool to gain forceable entry into a building.

Each officer including the chief is attired with a sidearm, a taser, pepper spray, an asp (club), handcuffs, protective gloves, extra ammunition and a radio for communication. Officers also have the ability to print their own violation tickets from the squad car. Full protective body suits are carried in the squads, allowing police to respond to bio hazardous situations. Stop sticks are part of the essential list of equipment.

Blooming Prairie officers are trained to use field drug testing kits carried in police vehicles. Drug tests are sent to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) where specialists test and confirm the BP tests. Social media is also used effectively by BP police, Skillestad said.

Skillestad, a veteran of 20 years in law enforcement, says police work has changed dramatically and “gotten harder” because more cases are now dealing with drugs and with mental illness. Calls have gone up dramatically, he says.

“If you have a situation of someone with chest pain, or there is someone breaking into a home or business, you want a police officer to respond immediately,” Skillestad said. “We’re constantly trying to provide better coverage for Blooming Prairie,” he remarked.

Skillestad said he is constantly approached by citizens who want more coverage even if it costs them more in taxes.

Law enforcement has always been a dangerous vocation, says Skillestad somberly. “It’s gotten even more dangerous and there are more people out there now who want to kill a cop.” He said the abnormal has gotten to be the normal.

“We are just a phone call away and we are counting on our residents of Blooming Prairie to make that call for help or to help us,” concluded Chief Skillestad.

FOCUS

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expressed concerns over this existing lawsuit and has indicated that funding will likely not come until it is resolved.

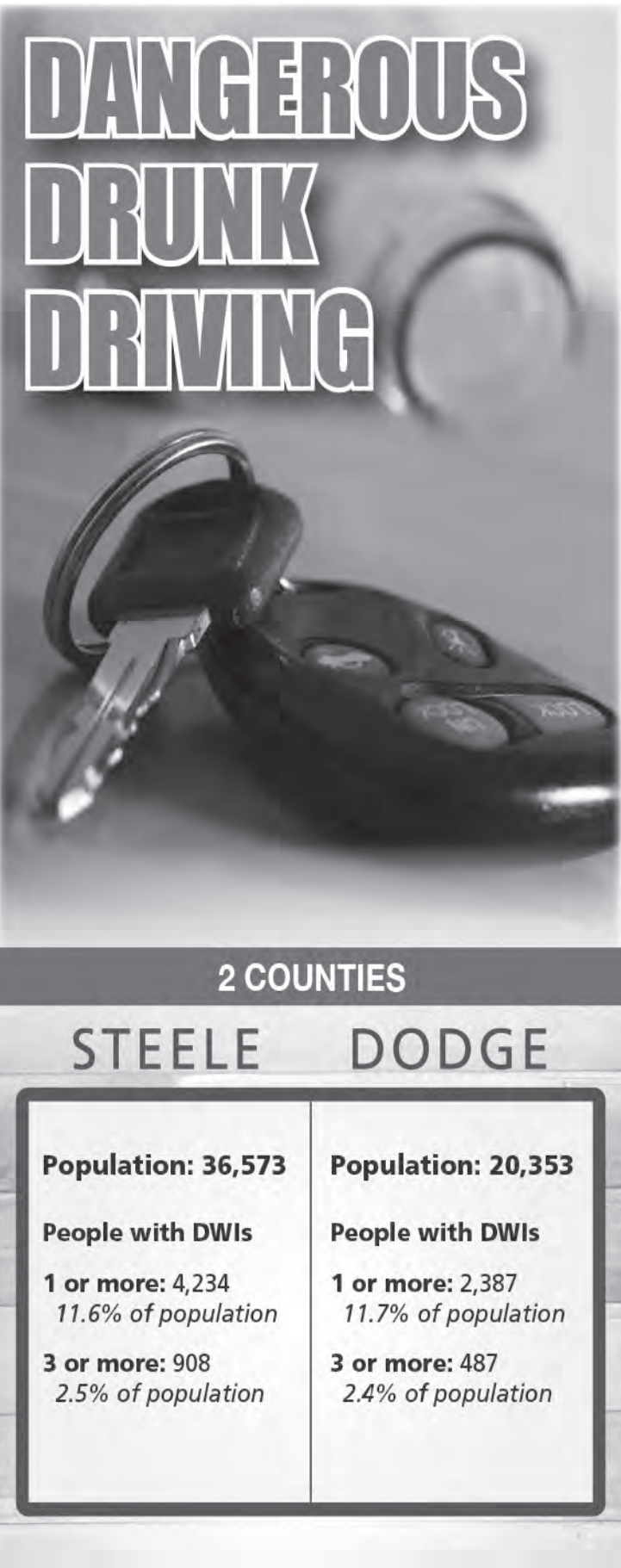
Given this, it would be unwise to invest millions of dollars into a project when there is a real possibility that federal funding may not be on the way.

The day after the 2016 session ended, Dayton told Minnesotans: “I’m not going to hold tax cuts ... hostage to other considerations.” As we can see, that is exactly what he ended up doing.

Minnesotans expect their leaders to act with their best interests in mind. Unfortunately, the governor’s actions have not lived up to this expectation. He could call a special session tomorrow and we would easily pass these two bills. Let’s focus on the things that we have broad, bipartisan agreement on and get the job done that Minnesotans sent us to St. Paul to accomplish.

Brian Daniels is state representative for District 24B, which covers a large chunk of rural Steele County, including the cities of Medford and Ellendale, and portions of Dodge and Rice counties.

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Minnesota DWI Snapshot

607,885 Minnesota residents have one or more impaired driving incidents on their record. That’s 11 percent of all people living in the state and one in seven licensed drivers.



Fines, suspensions, jail and more

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twice about drinking and driving there are ramifications that will bring the financial repercussions higher and that many drivers might not think about.

A DUI conviction, insurance professionals say, will without a doubt substantially increase the amount you pay for insurance and even for a first offense that increase will stay with you for years. Exactly how much of an increase a policyholder will see varies and how a DUI is handled also varies from insurance company to insurance company but there are some common procedures.

A DUI conviction does not automatically mean that your insurance will be cancelled, said Angela Putnam with Farmers Insurance, although that is a possibility. It can also mean that your current policy will be cancelled and you are placed on another high risk policy.

“You won’t necessarily be dropped,” she said, “although you could be.”

Most insurance policies are for a six-month term, she said, and renewal is not guaranteed.

An insurance company generally looks at three years of driving records when considering a renewal. Depending on an individual’s driving record the policy could be renewed with higher rates or a completely new high risk policy could be written.

The total driving record is taken into account, she said, and if the DUI was in conjunction with an accident, especially an injury accident, the ramifications will be greater.

In a DUI situation your “rates are going to go up,” said a representative of Farm Bureau Financial Services, “and you will probably be cancelled.” Cancellation, the representative said, means the standard policy is rewritten to place the individual on a non-standard policy.

Again, if the only thing on the record is the DUI the rates will go up, he said, but not as much as if there were multiple driving violations or the DUI resulted in an accident. Even more minor offenses such as stop sign violations are taken into consideration when a policy is written.

As far as insurance is concerned a DUI conviction is “punishment that keeps on punishing,” Putnam said, because the higher premiums continue for years.

A DUI results in higher premiums for at least five years and any additional violations will keep a driver on a high risk policy even longer.

There can also be other related financial repercussions, Putnam said. Part of what determines what an individual’s insurance rate is, is the type of vehicle insured. It can happen, she said, that a policyholder with a more expensive vehicle may find they have to downsize to an older or less expensive one because of the increase in premiums.

Agents also pointed out that a DUI conviction can affect more people than just the driver.

Even if you are not the one who received the DUI your insurance rates will go up if they were driving your car.

“If the driver is on mom and dad’s policy it’s going to go up,” Putnam said. Likewise, if the policy is in the name of the spouse of the one who got the DUI, the rates will go up.

In fact, it doesn’t matter if the person is listed on the policy or not, agents say. The same is true if you have loaned your car to someone and they have a DUI. The policyholder’s insurance will go up.

“Most drunk drivers arrested are first-time offenders who won’t get arrested again, but even the first DUI can be costly and deadly,” said Donna Berger, Office of Traffic Safety director for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

A recent extra enforcement and awareness campaign carried out by law enforcement agencies statewide between Aug. 19 and Sept. 5, 2016 resulted in 1,351 DWI arrests, she said.

In greater Minnesota, she said, the agency with the most DWI arrests was District 2100 in Rochester which includes both Dodge and Steele Counties. The State Patrol in the district reported 40 arrests.

In Minnesota a driver with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or above can be arrested for DWI. Of the five highest alcohol concentrations reported statewide during the extra enforcement campaign number five was an arrest by the Owatonna Police Department of a driver with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.31

Defendants face life in prison without parole

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Blevins, for example, previously had been charged with aiding and abetting the murder as Trevino had been identified as the alleged shooter. But now with the new indictment, he faces the same charge as Trevino.

The two first-degree murder charges are for premeditation and elevated robbery. The premeditation count carries a life in prison without the chance of parole.

Trevino and Blevins were due

back in court this week to appear on the enhanced charges. They remain locked up in the Steele County Jail. No trial date has yet been set.

County Attorney Daniel McIntosh presented evidence last week to the grand jury for members to consider enhancing the charges. Grand jury proceedings are confidential and closed to the public.

McIntosh said first-degree murder charges can only be

brought against someone by a grand jury, which consists of 16-23 members of the public.

Grand juries are a group of randomly selected people from the county who are summoned to court, sworn in, instructed by a judge and advised by a prosecutor. Members of the grand jury do not decide the guilt or innocence of the accused. No defense attorneys are present during the proceedings.

McIntosh said the grand jury

indictment is just another step in the process of bringing this case to justice. He stressed this is not the end as his office and law enforcement continue their investigation.

Though the investigation is still on-going, McIntosh said there was no magic timing of the grand jury. “We believe the investigation was to a point where we could confidently present it (to a grand jury),” he said.

Blevins and Trevino are ac-

cused of shooting Richard Jurgensen multiple times in what has been described as an execution-style killing. The victim had been taken to a gravel road in a remote area of the county northeast of Owatonna and bound with nylon cord before being shot to death.

Authorities have said this was a drug-related homicide as all parties involved have been known methamphetamine users.

Times presented six national awards from National Newspaper Association

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The editorial, which appeared in March 2015, tackled the issue of police body cameras. Judges remarked, “Good argument for body cams and the editorial presents a logical structure in telling its readers why body cams are a good idea.”

Besides winning for an edi-

torial piece, Bussler also was honored for having the best serious column. He wrote a column about suffering an emotional ambush with his son going off to college in September 2015. Judges said, “Wistful piece about dad sending his only son off to college.”

The other third place award

came in the best feature category for a story Bussler wrote in February 2015 about an Ellendale girl who lost her arm in a farming accident.

A story about a Hope man who lost his house to a fire and a feature about a man who plays his harmonica earned a pair of honorable mentions.

Staff writer Howard Lestrud wrote the harmonica story on Kenny Trom in September 2015.

“These awards reflect the true commitment we have in providing our readers with strong journalism,” Bussler said. “It’s also gratifying to be recognized by your peers for

outstanding journalistic excellence,” he added.

With the latest awards, the Times has now won 19 national awards over the past six years. Last year, the paper earned four awards.

In addition to national awards, the paper has also won 27 state awards since 2010.

LOVE FOOTBALL?

Put your knowledge to the test and enter the Steele County Times Football Contest each week. Submit your entry for a chance to win!



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Obituaries

Gretchen A. Thoen, 75, Blooming Prairie



Gretchen A. Thoen, 75 of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, died Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health System, Austin.

Gretchen Ann Anderson was born September 11, 1941,

in Kasson, MN, the daughter of Oscar and Ellen (Benson) Anderson. She was raised in the Hayfield area and graduated from Hayfield High School. Gretchen was baptized, confirmed, and married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hayfield, where she was involved with vacation Bible school.

Following high school, she attended St. Olaf College then received her Bachelor's Degree in teaching from Winona State University. Gretchen taught junior high music in the St. Paul Public Schools for nine years, and then became a teaching assistant in the music program at the University of Minnesota.

In the early 70's she returned to the Hayfield area, then moved to Blooming Prairie in 1996. A member of First Lutheran Church

in Blooming Prairie, Gretchen served as the senior choir director for several years and played the piano for Monday communion services.

She was also a member of W.I.F.E. (Women Involved in Farm Economics), the Austin Ladies Floral Club, and the DFL. In the fall of 2015, Gretchen moved to Primrose Retirement Community in Austin. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, especially mysteries.

Survivors include her sister Arliss (Donald) Cerny of Austin; 3 nieces, Lynne (Tom) Hansen of Wells, Diane (Ken) Wangen of Albert Lea, Marsha (Don) Leathers of Austin; 2 nephews, David (Debbie) Cerny of Madelia, Paul Cerny of Austin; her godchild Deborah Eastman of Old Lyme, CT; 11 great-nieces

and nephews, and many great-great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Oscar and Ellen Anderson and her sister Elvira Tarleton.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016, at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner and Pastor Charles Leonard officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Hope Lodge in Rochester or First Lutheran Church Phase 2 Building Fund. Services prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Habitat for Humanity launches blueprint bash event

Habitat for Humanity of Steele-Waseca Area invites the entire family to join us for a night of storytelling and comedy at our inaugural Blueprint Bash on Saturday, October 1st. Gopher Sport has been a key partner in making this event a possibility as our Platinum Porch Sponsor. The event is free and open to the public with preregistration encouraged. Richie Bros. Auctioneers, (Medford), will be our venue starting at 5 pm with a social hour complete

with restaurant and wine pulls, photo booth and cash bar. A pasta bar will follow, while Dave Thompson, our auctioneer, guides us through the night with fundraising in mind. Michael Callahan of 2nd Story comedy will close out the night with an hour of laughs while volunteers lead kids through activities. We can't wait to celebrate and fundraise with you on Saturday, October 1st from 5-8 pm at Richie Bros. Auctioneers.

Anyone interested in

attending the Blueprint Bash is encouraged to contact the Habitat office for more information by emailing info@habitatswa.org or

calling 507-446-0112. Guests can also register at bit.ly/BlueprintBashRegistration by September 22.

VOD program opens

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In each school, First place—\$150
Second place—\$100
Third place—\$75
Fourth place—\$50
Fifth place—\$25

VOD is open to students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. These students must be enrolled in public, private, or parochial schools, as well as home-schooled students. Foreign exchange students are, unfortunately, ineligible.

To enter, students must submit a three to five minute original essay recorded on a CD or flash drive that is spoken in English. No background music or other vocal enhancements are allowed. Students should not verbally identify themselves, their city, their state, or their school. This year's theme for the essays is "My Responsibility to America". The entry deadline is Nov.1, and essays should be submitted through the student's school.

The essays will be evaluated on originality, content, and delivery. A positive approach is

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More information about the contest can be gained by contacting the chairwoman of the VFW Auxiliary Youth Julie Kriesel at (507)451-0325.

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September 28

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

September 29

Brenna Rask
Blake Arett
Bradley Nelson
Amanda Steinberg

September 30

Les Shawback
Julie Halla
Elaine Klemmensen
Phyllis Peterson

October 1

Tim Wurst
Dianne Hannenberger
Brianna Hensrud
Melissa Weiss Trihus
Alexis Steckelberg
Jacob Bumgarner
Kristi Fiebigler

October 3

Paul Wayne
Samantha Wurst
Colette Lea
Chris Butler
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Elizabeth Iversen

October 4

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September 30:
Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Italian Green Beans, Mixed Fruit Cup

October 3:
Pork Loin Steak, Dressing with Gravy, Cauliflower/Pimento Blend, Peaches, PB Cookie

October 4:
Vegetable Soup, Crackers, BBQ on a Bun, Macaroni Fruit Salad, Apple Pie

October 5:
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Fresh Squash, Beet Pickles. Pears/Caramel sauce

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Blooming Prairie Police Department

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff riter

Blooming Prairie residents serve as eyes and ears for the Blooming Prairie Police Department.

"If you see something strange or out of the ordinary, call us so we can investigate," urges Blooming Prairie Police Department Chief Greg Skillestad. "Call anytime, and it is not a waste of our time to follow up on a tip," he added.

Road signs entering Blooming Prairie proclaim a population of 1,996. "Blooming Prairie is an active community for its size, and our department is a busy one, working together with its citizenry to solve crime and to keep the community safe," Skillestad said.

Skillestad paints a picture of his eight-man department being a "fantastic" family. Three of the officers are full time. He is hoping that family soon grows to nine. He has made a request through the local police commission, requesting the city provide another full-time officer.

"My door is always open and our officers are so open with one another," explains Skillestad. "Every department has its problems, but we work on resolving ours," Skillestad added. Officers get to know one another's families by participating in family get-togethers.

Skillestad applauded his officers for coming up with an idea of purchasing pink badges to pay tribute to those families fighting cancer. All BP officers will wear the pink badges during October to call attention to cancer awareness.

Skillestad also said three department officers recently dedicated their personal time by volunteering to shop with needy youngsters at Wal-Mart in Owatonna.

In a small town, everyone knows everyone's

family, and this is a good thing, says Skillestad, because many a time residents will take the time to work with the local police department to help those in need.

Skillestad leads a department that includes Sgt. Mark Lang, Corporal Jacob Peterson and officers Matthew Miller, Steve Seipp, Rick Ellingson, Dan Peach and Michael St. John.

The BP Police Department provides professional law enforcement coverage, not only for the city of Blooming Prairie, but for other surrounding areas. Skillestad says that since a major highway, Minnesota Highway 218 goes through town, there are times when local police must assist the Minnesota State Patrol and must also provide assistance to other areas in Steele County, in Dodge County, in Mower County and in Freeborn County.

SPOTLIGHT
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Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad leads a department of eight officers. Skillestad praises the community for working together to help one another. "People go out of their way to show human kindness," Skillestad says.

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Area Church Spotlight

First Baptist, Blooming Prairie

Pastor's corner

"So often we are tempted to blame God..."

Betty was a superb cook, and her special dinners when she debuted a new recipes were the delight of all her social circle. After one fabulously successful occasion, her dear friend, Sue, lingered after everyone else had departed and implored her friend that she absolutely must have the recipe for tonight's dessert. "Truly", she gushed, "It is the most spectacular thing I have ever eaten." Betty thanked her for her kind words and owing to the true affection and friendship between them, gladly shared the recipe for he latest creation. They sat down at the kitchen table while Betty meticulously recorded each step and ingredient necessary for a successful duplication of the coveted dish. Several weeks

later Sue hosted her own dinner party at which Betty's creation was to be the crowning event. Betty was, of course, curious as to how the event had gone so she asked Sue about it the next morning. "Well," Sue confessed, "it wasn't as good as I remembered. I had some trouble. I think you messed up in giving me the instructions." "What happened? Betty inquired? "Tell me about it." "Well," began Sue, "I was out of shortening so I used margarine instead. I substituted almond extract for the vanilla because Charlie doesn't really like vanilla all that well. Oh, and heavy cream is just too fattening so I used skim milk. I thought raisins would be a good

touch, so I threw in a cup or so of them. Martha is glucose intolerant, so I didn't use flour. Charlie is struggling with his cholesterol so I used egg beaters. Other than that I followed your recipe exactly. I just can't figure out what went wrong, but don't worry I gave you all the credit! I told all my guests that if they didn't like the dessert, it was your recipe!" How foolish to think one can make so many substitutions and additions and still expect the same results. Yet we do it all the time with something far more important than a dessert. Three times in Scripture the Lord advises us to pay strict adherence to His plan. He states in Proverbs 4:27, Deuteronomy 5:32 and Joshua 23:6 to strictly



follow His directions and not to veer either to the left or to the right. So often we are tempted to blame God for the difficulties and failures we experience. The next time you are tempted so to do, perhaps you should check the book and examine how closely you are following His recipe for your life!

Matt Fennell
First Baptist,
Blooming Prairie

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The Flood of 2016



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie is not a community with lots of lakes, only when a rainstorm strikes. That happened Monday and Tuesday of this week. Here, the Blooming Prairie Country Club resembles a large lake. No golfing today .

Farmers lament: Rain, rain go away!

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

“Rain, rain go away and come back another day.” That refrain is being sounded by many Minnesota farmers who were expected to get into the fields and begin harvesting soybeans and corn. Unfortunately, the farmers of Steele County, Dodge County, Mower County and Freeborn County have been set back possibly a week because of some heavy torrential rains the past week. Various reports have mentioned five inches of rainfall in the Blooming Prairie area and going just

west of Steele County in Waseca, there were reports of as much as 14 inches of rain. The heaviest rainfalls came last Tuesday and Wednesday. Rains caused flash flooding. The Blooming Prairie Country Club resembled a lake and no golfing was allowed for several days. Many members visited the course early last Thursday and moved their golf carts from onrushing water. In the city of Blooming Prairie, Central Park was again inundated with water. City crews were out early Thursday pumping water from the park into the street storm sewer systems.

In much of southern Minnesota, the heavy rains caused roads and intersections to be closed. Austin and Albert Lea were hit hard by rains last week. Several main road arteries were closed. Interstate 90 was shut down Thursday between exists 175 and 179 near Austin. Main Street of Albert Lea was closed for two days. Blooming Prairie area farmer Jerry Ingvalson said he measured 1 1/2 inches on Tuesday night and 3 1/2 inches the next night. He said soybean and corn harvesting would have maybe started late last week but has been delayed at least a week.

Farmer Richard Symes agreed with that analysis and said the continuous moisture falling on the crops has set harvesting back. Symes, who lives and farms near the Cedar River, said the river had risen 5-6 feet. after the rainfall. “Some farmers will not be able to harvest until the land freezes up,” said Ingvalson. “Ground conditions will be tough for trucks in the field, he said. “We can get along with no rain until the middle of next May,” he added. Ingvalson said area farmers experienced easy fall seasons the past few years. “Hopefully, the rains will shut off,” he said.

Patrick O’Connor of O’Connor Farms of Blooming Prairie said an end to the rainfall and some warm, sunny days will make it possible for farmers to get into the field and harvest their crops. “The soybeans are ready to be harvested,” he said. “Now, it’s a waiting game,” O’Connor stated. “There’s not much you can do until the water goes down; ducks don’t like this weather either,” he added. Crop yields will not be known, O’Connor said, until the farm machinery begins to grind away. It’s likely that more bin drying will be needed this harvest, some

area farmers believe. Recent crop forecasts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicate that Minnesota’s corn crop of 1.33 billion bushels will be more than last year. That’s up 2 percent from the USDA’s September forecast. Yields are expected to average 170 bushels per acre, up 10 from 2013 but unchanged from last month’s forecast. Minnesota soybean production is forecast at 305 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year but 2 percent below the September forecast. Soybean yield are forecast at 42 bushels to the acre.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

The flood waters closed several businesses until the water could recede far enough to allow access.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Tony Motl of the Blooming Prairie Street Department works on pumping excess water from Central Park in Blooming Prairie. Local weather watcher Connie Habermann reported 3.86 inches of rain on Tuesday night. The prolonged rainfall will definitely slow down the anticipated progress in the crops harvesting.

Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

The flood waters overtook the woods and bicycle path before promptly spilling over onto Hoffman Drive. The road had to be closed for about a quarter mile stretch. Hoffman Drive was one of just several roads that had to be partially closed due to the flooding after several intense rain storms.



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A Medford resident's home is kept safe by a berm of sandbags.

was glad to see part of the football team here, and one of them turned around and said ‘I’m with cross country!’” Mayor Nelson said with a laugh.

The sense of community pride in Medford seems to be very strong, as Nelson retells the events of Thursday. “The community is so supportive of one another. We’ve all learned that if you take care of each other, everything will turn out all right. We had around 150 people here to help sandbagging. People were coming from all over, even Faribault, to help. Whenever you’d see people wearing clean clothes arrive to help, it was such a relief.”

The support of the area was clearly felt as there were participants from kindergarten all the way to adults volunteering to help fill and place the sandbags. “I was teasing one of the children helping, and I said ‘This is quite the way to get out of school!’ The boy turned around and very seriously said, ‘Oh, no, I’m helping my community.’” Nelson remembers. “That made me think that this is really the point of why we’re all here, for

the community.” There was even an international flavor, as two foreign exchange students from Spain and Germany were there pitching in as well. The community made several thousand sand bags over the day, helping to stay the floodwaters in many residents’ homes.

Even the new business in the area helped with flood relief. The new Casey’s gas station donated 20 pizzas for the sandbagging crews to eat. The Salvation Army and Red Cross were also called in, as per the orders of the city’s disaster relief plan. The Red Cross helped by bringing in 250 McDonald’s cheeseburgers for the hard workers. “The response system that Steele County has is awesome. They have practice sessions for handling these types of things. It’s a nice reassuring machine, if you will, to make sure that things get done.”

“I woke up in the middle of the night, and thought ‘Oh, my! I bet the picnic tables in the park are gone!’” Nelson said, shaking her head. This has happened before in the flood of 2010, as the Straight River park itself is

built on a flood plain, according to a study by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Straight River park has also flooded in 2014. The park is going to be a massive clean-up of its own, according to the mayor. “We’re now dealing with contaminated soils and mulches. Everything is going to have to be taken out, cleaned and new things put in.”

Most of the water that caused all of this damage was not from the rains, but from all of the rivers that flow through Medford. “Usually we count on everything from Hope, which is south of Owatonna, to come flooding up the Straight River. But this time, we also have all of the Crane Creek water coming from Waseca. There’s a small lake where the creek should be, and of course all of that flows into the Straight. It’s what is causing both Medford and Faribault to flood as much as they are.”

If anyone is interested in volunteering with flood clean up, they are asked to contact City Administrator Andy Welti.



Submitted photo by Lori Wagner

Gallons of water are pumped from an Owatonna residence. The county has released information for clearing debris from homes.



Staff photo by Emily Shoenbeck

Owatonna businesses are submurged at the intersection of Hoffman Drive and North St eet. Hoffman Drive itself is partially underwater and closed off to traffic.

STEELE COUNTY FLOOD-DAMAGE DEBRIS REMOVAL

Steele County, along with the cities of Ellendale, Medford, and Owatonna are collaborating in the recovery efforts due to the recent flooding. The cities and county have a flood-damage debris removal schedule beginning Wednesday, September 28th.

Residents can place flood-damaged debris on the boulevard in piles using the guidelines listed. Debris should be placed on the boulevard from the curb to the sidewalk or 10 feet from the curb. In rural areas, do not place debris in the ditch. Place it at the edge before the ditch.

Please keep debris out of the right-of-way for

emergency vehicles and to prevent plugging of storm-water drains.

If you need volunteer help, please call 507-444-2454.

Sorting Instructions for Flood-Damaged Debris
Sort and separate waste from flooded property into the following categories when placing it on the curb for pickup or to the Steele County Landfill:

Mixed Waste/Debris

The following items can be delivered to the landfill as a mixed load.

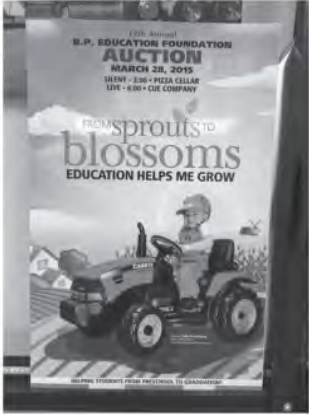
1. Carpet and carpet pads
2. Rugs
3. Furniture
4. Mattresses and box springs
5. Insulation
6. Sheetrock
7. Paneling
8. Plaster
9. Wood/lumber
10. Other waste

Separated Items

The following items must be separated from the above mixed waste items and delivered to the landfill as a separate load.

1. Appliances (hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, ranges and stoves, microwave ovens, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers
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87 kids participate in BP Bike Rodeo



Story and photos by Howard Lestrud

Many of those who participated in the Blooming Prairie Police Department Bike Rodeo at the Boys and Girls Club last Thursday came with their own helmets. Here, Levi Skillestad, shows off his Ninja turtle helmet. All participants received the opportunity to get a free helmet, courtesy of Minimizer.



Kindergartner Elliot Schiller of Blooming Prairie safely negotiates an obstacle course set up by the BP Police Department during a Bike Rodeo at the Boys and Girls Club on Thursday, Sept. 15. Elliot is the son of Tony and Heather Schiller, Blooming Prairie

Eighty-seven kids brought their bicycles to the Blooming Prairie Boys and Girls Club on Thursday afternoon and were welcome to participate in a lively bike rodeo.

The BP Bike Rodeo was sponsored by the Blooming Prairie Police Department with financing coming from Minimizer.

An obstacle course was set up and it offered challenges to young inexperienced and older more experienced youngsters. Safety was emphasized.

Chief Greg Skillestad and Cpl. Jake Peterson coordinated the course which challenged bike riders to learn hand signals, negotiate sharp turns and to learn how to stop quickly.

Marcy Sundine, director of the Boys and Girls Club, said she sent out e-mails to all grades at the BP Elementary School alerting them of the rodeo.

Each participant in the rodeo will receive a new bike helmet, courtesy of Minimizer. The helmets will be available at B to Z Hardware. All will be custom fit.

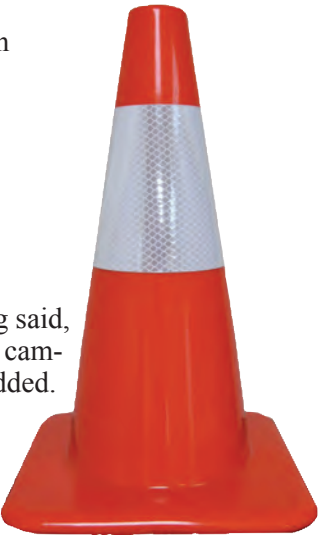
Kids also had the opportunity to sign up for a free bicycle. Bikes were to be given away in each age category, said Craig Kruckeberg, chief visionary and CEO of Minimizer.

“I could have used more help,” said Skillestad, pleased with the large turnout. “I think it went very smoothly,” he said.

Kruckeberg also was pleased to learn of the sizable youth turnout for the rodeo. Minimizer last year donated monies to purchase two police patrol bicycles. Since the city did not budget for the bike patrol this year, Kruckeberg directed monies be used for bicycle safety instruction.

“It’s nice to see the community come together,” Kruckeberg said, acknowledging other business involvement in the bike safety campaign. “We surely don’t want some kid to get run over,” he added.

Each youngster who came with a bike helmet received a special safety check sticker. A safety pup baseball card and bicycle safety manual were also given out to all participants.



The safety manual was provided as a public service by the following businesses and organizations: First Lutheran Church; Keith Johnson Construction, Inc.; Metal Services; Mayo Clinic Health Systems of BP; BP Funeral Home; BP Servicemen’s Club; Extreme Custom Powder Coating; Farmers & Merchants State Bank; Hansen Trucking; Main Street Dental Clinics; J & H Liquors; Bishop Excavating; Holman Agency; Steven G. Vaith Construction; Blooming Prairie Veterinary Clinic; Vandal’s Super Valu; Darrick’s Preferred Auto; Sportstitch, Inc.; Steele County Times; Hometown Insurance; Krejci Ford; St. Columbanus Catholic Church and O’Connor-Stebbins Tax & Accounting.

Six youngsters are new bike owners thanks to Minimizer

Thanks to Minimizer of Blooming Prairie, six youngsters are new bicycle owners.

The six free bicycles were given with three boys and three girls being the recipients in three different categories, announced Craig Kruckeberg, Chief Executive Officer and visionary for Minimizer.

The drawings resulted from a Bike Rodeo put on by the Blooming Prairie Police Department on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Blooming Prairie Boys and Girls Club.

Marcy Sundine, director of the BP Boys and Girls Club unit, said 89 signed up for the rodeo.

BP Police Chief Greg Skillestad and Corporal Jake Peterson conducted the rodeo which featured an obstacle course for

all participants. Bike riders were asked to take their bikes through a course created with the use of orange safety cones. The riders were then asked to use the proper signals and to stop when asked to stop.

Winners of the bikes which were districted last weekend at B to Z Hardware were:

Ages 3-5
Boys bike -- Nathan Peterson
Girls bike -- Sierra Stangl

Ages 6-8
Boys bike -- Wyatt Anderson
Girls bike -- Avry Hoffman

Ages 9-14
Boys bike -- C.J. Coleman
Girls bike -- Anna Haberman



Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad mounted his police bike and taught youngsters all they needed to know about hand signals while traveling on the roadway. More than 80 youngsters participated in a Bike Rodeo at the Boys and Girls Club on Sept. 14. The rodeo was sponsored by Minimizer.

OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

BP wins in thriller

Every good high school football team can almost always find a game or two during the season that can be labeled a clunker. Last Friday’s home game against Janesville-Waldorf- Pemberton classifies as one of those games, at least offensively.

The team can thank the defense for that victory, as that proved the difference between winning and losing. Rare interceptions for quarterback Seth Peterson (two of them), two lost fumbles on successive possessions, and another handful of penalties did a lot in stopping drives by the BP offense. A very stout defense obviously saved the team from being an upset victim. Now we will hope that game is the only poor performance for the season.

The BP volleyball team knew it was heading into a tough couple of matches last week when the team battled Kenyon- Wanamingo and Bethlehem Academy in successive contests. Both of those teams are top-ranked in the state in their class, and both have a history of outstanding teams the last few years.

In KW’s case their attempt to reach the state tournament have been thwarted for two years straight by Belle Plaine, which has defeated them in the section finals. For Bethlehem Academy, Coach Franz Boelter, he has developed a tradition that is almost unmatched. The team has advanced to the state tournament in 12 of the last fifteen years and has three or four state titles. The team doesn’t so much rebuild after a big year, but simply reloads, and it has been some time since BP or any other conference school has beaten the Cardinals in a regular season contest.

Despite that, Coach Ranell Kittelson thought the Blossoms played pretty well at Faribault and even managed to win one game in the match. The girls played aggressively and didn’t back down to a more talented team. It was a little different story against Kenyon-Wanamingo, as the Knights thoroughly dominated that match. The team is hoping this week will be a little different.

The cross country boys had another great week of action with a second place team win and a second place individual run for Alec Ille. This meet at New Richland featured some of the better individuals in the area west of Blooming, and the second place for Ille continued his streak of times in the low to 17-minutemarks. He will get still better, as the season goes along.

Weather or not

Just about the time we think we can start enjoying the new season of cooler days, fall harvesting, and myriads of colors from trees whose leaves

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BP boys second, NRHEG seventh at invite



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Blooming Prairie’s Alex Ille (front) fights off his opponent during the NRHEG Invite on Sept. 2 at Riverview Golf Course. Ille took home a second place finish.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Unusually good weather for a cross-country meet treated the Blossom cross country boys well, as they finished second to Mankato Loyola/Cleveland in

an 8- team invitational meet at New Richland Tuesday. Twin City United claimed third, with Lyle-Pacelli, and Maple River following. WEM, NRHEG, and Madelia-Truman trailed in that order. TCU won the girls’ division, with only five complete

teams in the meet. Individually, Alec Ille earned second in the meet, trailing first place Kaden Cameron of WEM/JWP by just 10 seconds. Elijah Baker (5) and Evan Doerhoefer (15) also finished in the top fifteen runners in times of 17:49 and 19:08, and Cameron Kubi-

sta and Quentin Kubista edged into 17th and 18th with 19:09 and 19:29. Kyle Bramstedt (22) and Jesse Schewe (22), placed in the top thirty runners in 20:09 and 20:23 minutes respectively. Ethan Grant and Jake Hyland

also ran for the BP boys.

“The kids ran really well today,” remarked Coach John Bruns, “and we had some outstanding performances. We competed well against a very strong Loyola/Cleveland team, and Alec Ille had a great race again. Elijah Baker ran his best race of the season in finishing fifth.”

“Because of injury and illness, we didn’t have a complete team for the girls, but 7th grader Bobbie Bruns ran an excellent race to finish fifth. Abby Smith won the race for junior high girls,” added Bruns.

Bruns ran a time of 21:41, and Olivia Johnson timed a 26:48 for 28th. Rose Michaud and Jackie Hyland had times of 26:55 and 33:46. Abby Smith won the junior high girls’ race in 8:32, with Asha Lightizer timing a 9:48. Emily Anderson and Jordyn Sanchez tied in 11:04.

Coach Mike Weber of NRHEG had two boys finish in the top 25. Josh Fleming placed 14 in 19:04, and Ben Lewer (21) ran the course in 19:49. Kollin Reese, Braden Routh, Jagger Beck, and Tyler Malakowsky timed 21:51, 22:35, 23:44, and 25:30 minutes respectively.

“Fleming had a great finish on the home course,” commented Coach Weber. “Lewer also had an impressive race. Times are coming down for the other runners as well. For the girls Jade Mely turned in her best time of the season to finish 13th.”

Mely timed a 23:51 for her place, and Mia Williams followed Mely with a 27:06 time. Freshman Destiny Medrano rounded out the girls’ scoring with a 28:48 time.

Boys soccer comes together in win

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Not even rain, or the two penalty kicks could slow down the Owatonna offense.

On a rain soaked field at the Owatonna Soccer Complex, the Huskies managed to escape a resilient Rochester Mayo team 4-3 on Thursday. Head coach Bob Waypa said that after the devastating loss on Tuesday, his team came together.

“We played together. I feel like the last few games, we were kind of getting on each other. Last game, the guys just had a team moment at half and said enough is enough,” he added.

Owatonna got the scoring started early as Abukar Fakrudin scored off of a Zakariya Abdi feed just thirty seconds into the game. The 1-0 Huskies lead who just mere minutes as in the 7th minute of the contest, Mayo’s Nathan Spindler-Krage added his first of three goals to tie the score 1-1. The tie was short lived as just a minute later, Abdi found himself behind the Spartans’ defense and kicking the Huskies to a 2-1 lead.

It was a fairly equal battle offensively in the first half as each team’s defenses were doing a great job in collapsing on the ball once it entered the offensive zone. Defenders on each team would launch long counters to awaiting strikers to start their team’s offensive attack.

While it was also a defensive battle early, it was a physical match throughout. After Captain Dan Keller was tripped while attempting to play a rebound from Fakrudin, he was awarded a penalty shot. The senior cap-



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna’s Cameron Trout (10), starts to turn up field as a Spartan defender tries to attack the ball on Sept. 22. The Huskies defeated the Rochester Mayo Spartans by a score of 4-3.

tain fired his shot to the far right corner and a wrong read by the Spartans ‘keeper gave the Huskies a 3-1 lead.

On the ensuing Spartans possession, the Spartans were awarded the first of their two penalty shots on the night. Slotted to make the penalty kick was Spindler-Krage, whose shot

fooled Buryaska, shortening the Owatonna lead to 3-2.

Aiden Buryaska had himself a strong performance in net, recording eight saves of the night. Two of which in the second half appeared to be destined to go into the net. Waypa has mentioned in previous matches that his communication in the back

half really helps with the ongoing shuffle of the defensive alignment. Despite allowing 13 shots on goal, only one goal came from an attempted shot.

Just shy of 10 minutes left in the half, the Spartans saw themselves with another penalty kick attempt after Huskies defensemen Alex Beaver was pegged

with a yellow card. Waypa as also mentioned in previous matches that it’s not how long they possess the ball but what they do with it.

The long counter balls from the Owatonna defense were

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Cardinals feast on Blossoms

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Playing two matches in a row against top-ranked teams didn’t bode well for the Awesome Blossom volleyball team,, but Coach Ranell Kittelson and the girls felt a lot better in their play against Bethlehem Academy than they did earlier in the week. The Cardinals defeated BP in four games Thursday, Sept. 22, in a conference match at Faribault, but the locals showed good determination and great effort in the match. After losing the first two sets 10-25 and 13-25, the Blossoms bounced back to take game three 25-17. B. A. won the deciding game 25-10.

“I was very proud of the girls after this match,” commented Coach Kittelson. “We played pretty well on both sides of the ball, and we did a good job of sticking with a great volleyball team and getting sides out after some lengthy rallies. That was good.”

Shelby Meyers served 7 points in game one for the Cardinals in the easy first game win, and two B. A. servers had 5 points each in the second game. Rachel Kubicek and Marissa Larson had 4 and 5 serving points in BP’s third-game victory. Courtney Wobschall and Larson led the BP attack with 7 and 6 kills, and both had 2 blocks. Leah Inwards had 11 assists and 9 digs, and Leah Schiefert added assists

and 8 digs. Bria Baldwin had 12 digs for the locals in the losing effort.

BP’s JV team saw their record drop to 9-8 for the season, as the cardinals took two straight from the Blossoms 25-14 and 25-13. Four Blossom girls served 100 percent for the match, and Julia Worke served 6 for 7, with one ace. Coach Jennifer Wayne’s C squad lost a three-game match to B.A. The Cardinals won 25-17, but BP fought back for a 26-24 second game win. The home team win the deciding game 15-5.

BP no match for K-W

The Blossom volleyball team knew it was in for a tough week of play, and the first of those tough matchups came at the hands of No.1 state-ranked Kenyon-Wanamingo. The Knights dominated all phases of the match on the home court Monday, winning 25-4, 25-10, and 25-16.

The outside hitters for KW struck resounding kills time after time, and the sets by Maddie Luebke (14) and Maddie McCauley (12) gave the Knight hitters almost perfect opportunities for those thundering kills at the net.

Except for a run of four points by Leah Inwards in the third game, the Blossoms simply had few chances, either on the floor or at the net. McKenna Hein managed three kills in the



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Blooming Prairie setter Leah Inwards (13) celebrates with teammates Ayren Ingvalson (7), Marissa Larson (4) and Kylie Forystek (2) after scoring a point in a match earlier this month. Blooming dropped two matches within the last week.

match, and Inwards scrambled for 6 digs and 2 assists, but most of the statistics belonged to the Knights.

Besides the assists from Luebke and McCauley, senior Megan Flom protected the net with 20 kills in the match. Kasey Dummer and Mara Quam led the team in digs, with Dummer getting 12 of them. KW is still undefeated for the season.

KW took down the JV team

of the Blossoms in two games 25-14 and 25-12. Heather Pirkel, Julia Worke, and Rachael Oswald all served 100 percent and Rachel Pirkel served an ace in the match. The Knights also won the C squad match in two straight games. B. A. won 25-7 and 25-22.

JV 1-3 at Hayfiel

In some very tough competition at the Hayfield Invitational

on Saturday, Sept. 17, the JV team salvaged the last match of the tourney. The Blossoms defeated Fillmore Central in three games to wind down the action. BP won the first game in a marathon contest 34-32, dropped the second game 17-25, but then bounced back for a 15-6 victory.

Earlier in the tourney, KW beat the Blossoms 25-20 and 25-10 in two games, and BP then dropped a three-game match to

Goodhue. BP lost the first game 11-25, but came back to edge the Wildcats 28-26. Goodhue won the deciding game 15-11. The other loss for the Blossoms came when Stewartville won 25-21 and 25-9. The team record stands at 9-6 for the season, and BP is 1-1 in conference action.

Lady Huskies’ win streak to 2



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna’s Jordan Whalen pushes the ball up field for the Huskies attack Tuesday, Sept. 20 against Rochester John Marshall. Owatonna defeated the Rockets 2-1.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

On Thursday, the Owatonna girls soccer team traveled to Rochester in a Big Nine Conference match up against Mayo.

The lone goal of the contest came in the 19th minute, when Bria Wachowiak fed a pass to Ashley Green.

The Huskies (4-5-1) will have the weekend off from competition before they open up a two

game home stretch.

On Tuesday, the Huskies will play Red Wing and Fairbault on Thursday.

Owatonna 2, Rochester JM 1

After finishing with a 0-0 tie

to Rochester Century on Monday, the Owatonna girls’ soccer team was looking to get back to its winning ways. A home match Tuesday night was the perfect setting for what was a highlight finish.

The Lady Huskies were propelled to a 2-1 win over Rochester John Marshall thanks to Page Cocchiarella’s goal with just two minutes left in the match. Head coach Matt Roddy said that after coming off a loss and a tie, he was proud of the effort.

“I was really impressed with how well we played for 80 minutes after we played 90 (minutes) the day before in a tough match,” he added.

It was all Owatonna early throughout as just three minutes into the match, Toria Koch added a shot on goal that sailed just wide. The offense for the Huskies was more methodical than the last home match. There was much more communication and their passing was more precise.

After creating a turnover in the middle third of the field, the Huskies had a breakaway chance to net the first goal of the contest. Owatonna would have to wait to get on the scoreboard after Bria Wachowiak’s shot that was labeled for the top middle of the net was slapped away by Rockets ‘keeper Zoe Zanella.

Just minutes later, Owatonna was on the attack again as junior Kenna West aimed a shot that bounced off the post. Kiley Friedrichs attempted to knock the rebound into the goal but it bounced just left of the net as she crashed into the post.

The defense was stifling all night. Roddy said that a big key to the defensive success was maintaining position on the offensive attack.

“We did a good job of keeping a high line while we possessed

(the ball) and as they tried to clear, we kept winning balls,” he explained.

The Rockets were held to three total shots on goal, two of which came in the first half. One of those attempts created a nail-biting situation early.

In the 22nd minute, John Marshall’s Claire Mitchell had a penalty kick after a trip. The Rockets would be denied as Britta Gantert’s diving save kept the score knotted at zero.

The score wouldn’t stay like that for long as Sophie Amundson scored off of a Kenna West feed on the backside to give the Huskies the 1-0 lead.

The lead unfortunately would be short lived, as the Rockets would connect on a long strike from Tessa Gushulak to tie the score at 1-1 just before the half.

The second half saw the Huskies looking to score from the backside as three separate shots were attempted. Roddy said that the focus on the backside of the defense has always been a part of the attack.

“Our goal is to have them cover the entire field,” he added.

A diving Gantert again stymied the Rockets lone shot on goal in the second half.

Watching the second half continue to play out, there was a sense that the Huskies were looking at yet another overtime period until Cocchiarella’s late goal lifted the Huskies to a 2-1 win.

Owatonna escapes penalty kick-filled game

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consistently setting the strikers up with clean scores chances throughout the match. With just three minutes left in the half, Fakrudin capitalized on a feed from Mitch Mayer-which all was set up after a long counter from Beaver.

There was few scoring chance in the second half as most of the half was played in the middle third of the field. The cleanest look for the Huskies came early in the half as a series of passes and headers that involved four different Huskies was ultimately shot wide by Abdi.

The Spartans had a chance to net the equalizer late in the second half, but a Rehan Iftikhar’s free kick attempt sailed just

wide.

After the Spartans free kick attempt, the Huskies defense put a lock on their zone for the rest of the half, limiting the Spartans to just three shots on goal.

With sections nearing closer for the Huskies, Waypa said that as long as they play as a team, they can’t be beaten.

“We’re putting the first eight games of the season behind us. If we play as a group, we still can achieve greatness with this team,” he added.

*Saturday the Huskies fell to Chanhasen 2-1. Stats were not available before press.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna’s Abukar Fakrudin receives a pass and starts the Huskies attack. Fakrudin netted two goals in the 4-3 win Thursday night.

BP QUARTERBACK CLUB

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY
October 2, 2016

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tickets - \$5 advance
\$7 at the door

(kids 5 and under are free)

at Servicemen's Club



Menu

Pancakes	Muffins
Eggs	Milk
Sausage	Juice & Coffee



Photo submitted by Seth Bendenbaugh-DeLap

The basketball floor inside the arena on the campus of the University of Northwestern. The Eagles went 22-6 with an 11-2 home record last season.

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Being recruited

In order to be great at something, you must fall in love with the process. Sacrificing your time, sleep, even some friendships, just to achieve something you’ve set before yourself. I feel like it’s healthy for someone to find something that they’re that passionate about, and for me

that addiction is basketball. When I found this out about myself, I made it a goal to be a collegiate athlete. When you make this decision for yourself, you set yourself up for hours of diligent work as you try and perfect your craft. Although, the thought of hours of sweating and pushing your body to its physical limits, doesn’t sound flattering, there is a fun part in making that decision: the recruiting process. This weekend, I was blessed with the opportunity to visit the campus of Northwestern St. Paul as a recruit. If you’ve ever been on a recruiting visit you can relate when I say, it feels like a day of royalty. The hospitality the coaching staff and all the players display makes you feel like you’re already attending the school. When I first arrived, I was introduced to the coach. We had a sit-down conversation in his office about the program and how excited he is to have me on campus. I then had a tour of the facilities that

are most commonly used by the basketball team, and a full campus tour following that. I was very impressed with the beautiful chapels and architecture throughout the campus, and also the on-campus housing options that are available. Next, I attended the Homecoming football game. This was a time to get to know some of the players on the team, as we watched the Golden Eagles bring home their 4th win of the season. This gave me great feel for the energy on campus and the amount of support the student body shows towards the athletes. Finally, I ended off my experience by going out to lunch with some of the teammates that I was going to be hosted by overnight. We Played video games, watched Netflix, and had a long debate on whether Larry Bird is better than Lebron James. This is the first of, hopefully, many more experiences and visits as I decide which program God has planned for my future.

Blooming extends win streak to three

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are beginning to paint colorful pictures for the season, Mother Nature throws another curveball of weather at us. Although our immediate areas escaped the brunt of the torrential rains, we didn’t have to look very far at all to see major problems. As near as Owatonna, New Richland, and Waseca, flooded basements, highways, and rivers caused all sorts of problems to residents. We in Blooming Prairie can certainly appreciate what 9 to 12 plus inches of rain can do, having gone through such a phenomenon here in our town just a half dozen years ago. The downpour of rain that descended on our community at that time turned streets into rivers, back yards into small lakes and overflowed our municipal swimming pool into adjoining streets. That was supposed to be a one-hundred year rainfall, and now we see such rains in some area or another almost every year. It makes one wonder what the world’s weather systems are really up to. I guess we can speculate about weather and climate changes all we want, but in the end, it doesn’t matter what we think. Weather is still one part of our existence that we have been unable to control. I sincerely doubt that we ever will.

A lost season

With all the talk now about

football in general, and the Vikings in particular, hardly anyone is following baseball very closely, and the Twins, especially, have fallen completely off the radar. For a diehard Twins fan, like me, it has been disheartening and even painful to watch them most of the time. But I still keep close track of the team and watch as many games as I can. It hardly seems possible that the team will lose 100 games this year, after they just missed getting into the playoffs last year, winning over 80 games. It’s easy to see some of the problems this season, but one must admit that they have had their share of bad luck over the course of the year. Certainly the pitching staff needs a complete overhaul. I think Santana is a legitimate No. 1 starter, but it’s wide open after that as to who will step up next spring. Gibson Duffy, and Santiago have all had flashes of competence, but they will have to show better to make the pitching staff a competent one. The bullpen also needs to get much better. The Twins gave up countless leads in the later innings when the pitchers from the bullpen could not throw strike and could never hold a lead. The team had the second most errors in the league, and that problem will also have to be addressed next year. Manager Paul Molitor should be

able to improve on that problem, with his background of excellent fielding. All we know is that the defense will have to take a step forward. Keeping Sano at third base will give the coaches plenty of work getting ready for next year. Finally, when we talk Twins, we have to talk hitting. Except for Dosier and a few stretches of consistency by Max Kepler and the new Brian Buxton, hitting has been a disappointment. They are hitting more home runs than they have for many years, but they are still striking out with alarming rapidity. And I know that many Twins fans have heaped criticism on Joe Mauer this year, but he is still my favorite Twin, and he will remain so through his career. He is certainly having a down year in hitting average and in keeping himself healthy enough to stay in the lineup, but I think every player goes through one of those seasons. When one has a plus .300 career batting average, one off year can be forgiven. Anyway, that is my last word on the lost season in which my favorite baseball team really disappointed themselves and the Twins territory. During a children’s sermon in church, the Pastor asked if anyone knew what a Bishop does. “That’s easy”, piped up one little boy. “He can move diagonally.” Ponder that, and we’ll talk again.

Junior high round up

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

After four losses at an invitational tourney in Rochester, Coach Jennifer Wayne’s C squad is 2-7 for the season. The team lost a pair of matches earlier in the last couple of weeks, both in straight sets. Medford won two games 25-10 and 25-18, after the Austin B squad defeated the girls 25-18 and 25-22 at Austin BP’s only victory came in an exciting match against visiting NRHEG. The Blossoms won game one 25-23, lost the second 10-25, but then regrouped for a 15-10 victory in the deciding game. Coach Wayne said the team had trouble in

serve receives in the second game, but otherwise played well. Halle Strunk had three ace serves and Ashleigh Alves two in the first game.

7th grade splits pair

The 7th grade volleyball team split a four-game match with Hayfield on the home court. Hayfield won a tight first game 25-23, but the locals came back in another close game that went to extra points 27-25. The Blossoms also took game three 25-22, but the Vikings evened the match with a 25-22 victory.

7th grade wins two

The 7th grade defeated USC

Husky Round up



By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Tennis

Saturday, Owatonna was in Litchfield for the Litchfield Invite. The Huskies took home top honors over eight other schools. Owatonna saw two champions in singles. No.3 singles Sara Anderson defeated her opponents 8-0, 8-1, 8-5. No. 4 singles Annabelle Paquin won 8-3, 8-2, 8-1 to take home a title as well. No.1 singles Emily Rahrlick took home a third place finish after falling in the first round. In the doubles matches, Owatonna swept, taking home three championships. On Thursday, the Huskies were in Rochester for a conference match against Rochester Centruy. Owatonna came away with a 5-2 win. The Huskies won all but two matches-dropping contests in both singles and doubles action.

Owatonna 6, Albert Lea 1

Powered by a full sweep from their doubles teams, the Lady Huskies thumped Albert Lea 6-1. Head coach Curt Matejcek credits that to his team not having any major forced errors throughout the matches. “We played a solid match. We kept forced errors to a minimum and had good net play from our doubles teams,” he added. The Lady Huskies’ singles team won three of the four matches. No. 1 singles Emily Rahrlick made quick work of her opponent, winning in straight sets (6-0,6-0) to improve to 12-4 on the season. No. 3 and No.4 singles players Sara Johnson and Annabelle Paquin also won in decisive fashion, defeating both of their opponents 6-0,6-

0. No. 2 singles player Alissa Weinz, faced stiff competition in Albert Lea’s Sam Skersted. Wienz dropped the match 6-4, 6-1. The Owatonna doubles teams’ competition gave each of the team’s a battle throughout the afternoon. No. 1 doubles pair of Caitlyn Anderson and Gabi Deml surrendered a total of two points on their way to a 6-1,6-1 sweep of Albert Lea’s Alexa Drescher and Katie Boetteher. No.2 singles Macy Voss and Katie Segler had a hard fought match against Sara Kabread and Kaedyn Kirchner. After an exchange of points from each respective pair in each of the two sets, the Owatonna duo escaped with a 6-3,6-2 victory. No. 3 doubles pair of Lauren Betti and Margaret Schlickson made quick work of their opponent, winning in straight sets, 6-1,6-0.

Volleyball

The Owatonna volleyball team continued its grueling road schedule due to restoration of the school’s gymnasium floor. Fortunately, it was somewhat home as the lady Huskies played at Medford High School Tuesday. Led by Lexi Langeland’s 10 kills, the Huskies swept the Winhawks in straight sets (25-15, 25-23, 25-18).

***Stats leaders vs. Winona**

Lexi Langeland (10 kills), Maddie Kubista (25 assists), Olivia Spatenka (5 digs)

On thursday, the Huskies were again at Medford high school to play a conference matchup against Rochester Centruy. The Huskies dropped the contest in four sets- after winning

the second set by a score of 28-26. Lexi Langeland and Sy Schultz each added 10 kills. This is the second consecutive match from Langeland that she recorded 10 or more kills.

***Stats leaders vs. Century**

Lexi Langeland and Syd Schultz (10 kills), Maddie Kubista (15 assists), Erin Steffenson (11 assists, Devin Miller (3 kills, 4 blocks)

*stats are unofficial for both matches

Cross Country

Saturday, the Owatonna boys cross country team was on the campus of the University of Minnesota. Teams from all over the US competed in this meet to induct several of the top teams in Minnesota competed. Wayzata was the meet champion. Head coach Dave Chateline said that this is always a good meet. “I like this meet because it provides great competition and the team has a chance to watch college runners. It is a very inspiring experience,” he added. Owatonna finished 36th in the Gold race out of 46 teams. 54 teams competed in the Maroonhigh school race. Chateline added that “Comparing our total team time to teams in the maroon race, only two teams were faster than us.”

Results

Braydon Kubat (88th)
Ross Stevensen (201st)
Bryce Knutson (216th)
Evan Steiger (235th)
Brett Ruiter (285th)
Steven St. Martin (298th)
Caedon McCartney (315th)
Preston Meier (349th)
Connor Ginskey (371st)
Connor McCartney (387th)

Panthers sweep JWP

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Following a losing streak last week, the NRHEG volleyball team got back on track with a three-game sweep over Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Monday on the Janesville court. The first and third games of the match were relatively close contests, but the Panthers dominated

play at the net for most of the night. NRHEG won 25-21, 25-14, and 25-20. “The girls played really well tonight,” remarked Coach Onika Peterson. “We discussed the need for a little more confidence in our game and getting into the right mindset. That seemed to work. We played aggressively at the net, and the defense hustled hard in the back row.”

Olivia Christopherson led the offense with 13 kills, Maddie Wagner had 7 kills, and Marnie Wagner and Gretchen Ramaker both added 5 kills to the total. Marnie Wagner and Rachel Collins had 14 and 11 digs, and Collins pried up 23 assists in the match. The Panther JV team won its match by identical 25-16 scores.

Awesome Blossoms B Squad football recap

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

St. Clair took a 20-0 lead over the Blossom B squad in the first half on the home field and went on to a 33-20 victory Monday, Sept. 20. The loss dropped the Blossoms to 1-2 for the season. After scoring one touchdown in the first quarter, the Cyclones notched two more scores in the second frame for the halftime lead. In the third quarter b finally got on the board on a pass

from Kaden Thomas to Matthew Pryor for 55 yards. A Thomas two-point conversion run made the score 20-8. St. Clair intercepted a pass on the next possession and returned it for a touchdown and a 26-8 edge. In the fourth quarter, the BP defense held and took possession on its own four. Alex Baldwin took a handoff for 70 yards and great field position, but a penalty set the locals back. Thomas immediately found Gabe Hagen for a 45-yard touchdown, but the conversion

try failed 45, and the Cyclones still led 26-14. A late touchdown increased the winners’ margin to 33-14, and a later score on a pass from Thomas to Baldwin good for 37 yards drew the locals closer. A two-point pass from Thomas to Zach Archer closed the gap to 33-22, but the visitors ran the subsequent kickoff back for a touchdown and the 39-22 final margin. “It was another tough game,” commented coach Nathan Piller. “We had some chances, but we also gave up some big plays

soms 28-6. B.A. scored first to take a 6-0 lead, but Alex Baldwin scored in the second quarter to tie the score at 6. The home team added a second touchdown late in the second quarter for a 12-6 edge at the break. The Cardinals counted two more touchdowns in the second half and added two-point conversions after each score for the final margin. “Overall, I thought the boys played pretty good,” remarked coach Nate Piller. “Many of the boys had to play without a break

and out of their normal positions, because of few numbers and culminating injuries. Many of the players are learning multiple positions, which should payoff in the future. Ian Wayne returned a kickoff 65 yards, but we couldn’t capitalize on the run. Zach Weber and Dylan Nirk both made good defensive plays in the game.”

The Blossoms will play St. Clair on the home field Monday, Sept 19.hoping for another win.

Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Pursuit. On Sept. 19 at 10:36 p.m., deputies were involved in a pursuit with a speeding vehicle at 130th Ave. and 630th St. in Claremont.

CRIME BRIEF

Man charged in hit and run crash

A man urinating in public was told by a police officer to not drive because of his intoxication level. However, police now claim he ignored their advice and faces a variety of charges.

Nicholas Lee Cain, 24, of Owatonna, faces drunken driving charges for a hit and run crash Sept. 20.

Police initially received a call of a man urinating outside a downtown business and his vehicle was parked close by. An officer located the man and told him not to drive because of his intoxication level, police said.

About an hour later, police received an anonymous tip that

Cain drove off in his vehicle. While officers checked the area, they came across a hit and run crash near the intersection of 20th Northeast and 7th Avenue. The victim of the hit and run followed Cain to the 2200 block of Condor Place, according to police.

Cain refused to answer the door and officers took extra time to get a search warrant, police said. They eventually arrested Cain and he faces charges of DWI, leaving the scene of a property damage crash, driving after revocation and operating a vehicle without ignition interlock.



Photo courtesy Owatonna Police

A vehicle allegedly driven by Nicholas Cain of Owatonna received heavy front-end damage in a hit and run crash Sept. 20. Cain has been charged with DWI and several other misdemeanors.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police Sept. 16

Suspicion. Police responded to a suspicious activity report in the city at 3:15 p.m.

Sept. 17

Suspicious Activity. At 1:11 p.m., officers received a suspicious activity report.

Owatonna Police Sept. 16

Criminal Sex. At 10:54 a.m., police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

Warrant. Police made a warrant arrest in the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 9:21 p.m.

Sept. 17

Arrest. Officer arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 400 block of North St. W. at 1:19 a.m.

Death. Police began a death investigation in the 1600 block of Woodlawn Ave. NE at 10:15 a.m.

Shoplifting. At 11:39 a.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 400 block of North St. W.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a crash with injuries at Austin Rd. SE and Park St. SE at 5:28 p.m.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 6:59 p.m.

Sept. 18

Child Protection. Officer took a child protection report in the 1300 block of Rose St. E. at 3:40 a.m.

Domestic. At 10:39 a.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Grove Ave. N. They made an arrest at the scene.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 600 block of 12th St. SE at 11:02 a.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 6:07 p.m.

Warrant. Police made a warrant arrest in the 300 block of School St. W. at 6:58 p.m.

Sept. 19

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 400 block of North St. W. at 9:47 a.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1400 block of Autumn Dr. SE at 9:52 a.m. and in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 9:57 a.m.

Juvenile. Police received a juvenile complaint from the 100 block of Vine St. E. at 12:21 p.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 100 block of Vine St. E. at 5:04 p.m.

Death. At 6:18 p.m., police began a death investigation in the 100 block of McKinley St. E.

Drugs. Drug activity was reported in the 1700 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 9:15 p.m.

DWI. Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 200 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE at 10:34 p.m.

Sept. 20

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 10:35 a.m. and in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 11:08 p.m.

Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 500 block of 24th St. NE at 10:48 a.m.

Drunken Driving. At 3:12 p.m., police made a DWI arrest in the 2200 block of Condor Place NE.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 7:25 p.m.

Assault. Police responded to an assault in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 7:52 p.m.

Sept. 21

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:35 p.m.

Hit and Run. At 3:22 p.m., police responded to a hit and run crash in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW.

Sept. 22

Child Protection. Officers received a child protection report from Holly St. SW and Oak Ave. S. at 12:33 p.m.

Warrant. Police arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at Bridge St. W. and State Ave. NW at 6:10 p.m.

Domestic. At 8:25 p.m., officer arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of University St. E.

Arrest. Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Rose St. E. at 8:34 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff Sept. 16

Warrant. At 1:12 a.m., deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center.

Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of 44th Ave. SE at 10:46 a.m. They made an arrest at the scene.

Weapon. Shots were heard fired in the 1600 block of 50th St. NW at 6:15 p.m.

Sept. 17

Warrant. A subject came to the detention center to turn himself in for an outstanding warrant at 3:43 p.m.

Trespassing. Deputies responded to a trespassing incident in the 3000 block of 84th Ave. SE at 7:19 p.m.

Sept. 18

Domestic. At 7:21 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 11300 block of 34th Ave. SE. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Sept. 19

Crash. Deputies assisted the state patrol with a personal injury crash at 123rd St. SE and 89th Ave. SE at 5:21 p.m.

Sept. 21

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 2500 block of County Rd. 45 S. at 1:48 p.m.

Sept. 22

Warrant. At 10:05 a.m., deputy made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Main St. E.

Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 11:06 a.m.

Death. Deputies began a death investigation in the 11400 block of 42nd Ave. SW at 11:44 p.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 12 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

Jorge J. Rocha, 50, Bayport, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault – correctional employee. He was sentenced to \$5,020.84 and 1 year in

St. Cloud State Prison.

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 12 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Nathaniel T. Henderson, 29, Waseca, previously appeared and was convicted of felony DWI-refusal to submit to chemical test. Henderson was sentenced to \$2,081, 60 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, alcohol monitor and 7 years of supervised probation.

Shannon D. Irons, 38, Austin, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime – possession. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,081, 74 days in county jail, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend MADD impact panel, cognitive skill training, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised probation.

Colleen M. Thomas, 25, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of Marijuana. She was sentenced to \$131, 180 days in county jail, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised probation.

William A. Thomas, 49, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of Marijuana. He was sentenced to \$581, 180 days in county jail, obtain permission to leave the state, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised probation.

Heath J. Baier, 36, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony violation of a harassment restraining order. Baier was sentenced to \$131, 23 months in St. Cloud State Prison and no contact with victim.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 12 – 16:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Saw T. Aung, 31, St. Paul, speeding, \$141; Brody R. Carlson, 19, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Dakota R. Cisneros, 20, Blooming Prairie, no insurance, seat belt and possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$487; Brittany N. Fielding, 22, Austin, suspended license, \$281; Nyilueth M. Ngor, 25, Austin, suspended license, \$281; Jeremiah T. Pegues, 24, Salemburg, NC, speeding, \$141; Tina M. Schwery, 33, Lyle, revoked license, \$281; Trent E. Strunk, 19, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Samuel S. Swenson, 19, Claremont, minor consumption, \$181; Adam D. Wacek, 32, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Aubree L. Weise, 25, Blooming Prairie, keeping of animals violation, \$96.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Sobeida Aguilar, 50, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Pauline E. Ball, 52, West Concord, seat belt, \$106; Nicole R. Barfknecht, 26, Northfield, speeding, \$131; Zachary J. Eisen, 22, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Riley J. Forcelle, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$281; Larry D. Haberman, 45, Blooming Prairie, suspended license, \$131, 29 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised probation; Victoria L. Hale, 48, Kasson, speeding, \$121; Theang T. Ho, 31, Minneapolis, speeding, \$121; Ahmed A. Ibra-

him, 19, North Mankato, speeding, \$100; Thomas J. Johnson, 26, Lake Forest, IL, speeding, \$131; Caitlin A. Landt, 27, Liscomb, IA, speeding, \$141; Gregory D. Moyer, 52, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Julian M. Rodriguez, 39, Abbotsford, WI, no license, \$181; Londe S. Rountree, 39, Omaha, NE, no license, \$181; Andrew Sanchez, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Martinez R. Santos, 29, Chicago, IL, speeding, \$141; Elizabeth R. Scheuers, 25, Appleton, WI, speeding, \$121; Steven J. Stringer, 51, Austin, speeding, \$121; Emily L. Strobel, 23, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Kpru Thaboe, 22, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$141; Marlyn Y. Vidal, 41, Faribault, no license, \$181; Benjamin J. Warnock, 30, New Brighton, no insurance, \$281; Steven D. Werner, 26, Hampton, speeding, \$121; Amanda D. Whaley, 31, South St. Paul, revoked license, \$281; Daniel G. White, 48, Sioux City, IA, no plates displayed, \$181; Trevor J. Woodwick, 21, Silver Bay, expired registration, \$111.

Owatonna Police Department

Qorana A. Ahmed, 30, St. Paul, open bottle, \$181; Matthew B. Andrews, 40, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, \$131, psychological evaluation and revoked license, no contact with victim and 1 year of supervised probation; Tanya R. Bakken, 37, Faribault, speeding, \$131; Linda M. Card, 56, Owatonna, revoked license and expired tabs, \$311; Bryan W. Cleveland, 47, Claremont, no insurance, \$281; Daniel C. Connelly, 30, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Carina R. Cuevas, 32, Owatonna, obscured plate violation and no insurance, \$311; Jeffrey M. Delbridge, 25, Owatonna, controlled substance, stay of adjudication, \$81, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, psychological evaluation, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, 240 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Steven C. Ferrin, 61, Faribault, failure to stop for traffic control signal, \$131; Patrick M. Finnegan, 65, Owatonna, recreational vehicle parking violation, \$106; Kendall M. Gallardo, 38, Faribault, shoplifting, \$381, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Skyler N. Heissenbottle, 23, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$81, domestic violence inventory, complete substance

abuse screen, diversion program and 2 years of supervised probation; Harely E. Huerta, 24, Mason City, IA, disorderly conduct, \$181; Geoffrey A. Koloc, 53, Owatonna, cancelled license, \$281, 1 day in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Anthony J. Lake, 38, Minneapolis, revoked license, \$281; Irving Mixteco Vasquez, 35, Owatonna, theft, \$131; Lucia E. Porras, 27, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Luisanna Rodriguez, 27, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Cole J. Simons, 22, Owatonna, theft, \$81, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Chantel A. Smith, 18, Minneapolis, trespassing, \$181; Carol L. Supon, 40, Owatonna, give peace officer false information, \$131 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Paul A. Treganza, 54, Owatonna, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$81, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation; Oscar Trevino, 49, Owatonna, suspended license, \$281; Jennifer J. Tuttle, 31, Owatonna, revoked license and following vehicle too closely, \$331; Cooper C. Wriston, 35, Midlothian, VA, failure to obey traffic control device and expired tabs, \$161.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Richard C. Aaseth, 69, Ellendale, DWI, \$406, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Abdikadir H. Ali, 39, Providence, RI, speeding, \$141; Falconer R. Bellefy, 21, Owatonna, no license and speeding, \$241; Robert J. Burns, 56, Janesville, speeding, \$121; Cheyenne M. Cates, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jesus A. Cazares-Fernandez, 19, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Viviana Coronado, 27, Claremont, no license and speeding, \$241; Vanessa R. Floyd, 29, St. Paul, speeding, \$141; Leo R. Gaxiola, 37, Claremont, cancelled license and no insurance, \$481; Sherry R. Gillis, 29, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Nicholas M. Graupmann, 39, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$131; Alexander M. Grorud, 24, Stewartville, speeding, \$141; Jesse S. Hagglund, 33, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Yussuf A. Hassan, 31, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Dinah R. Hodges, 36, revoked license, \$281; Verdel L. Houston, 36, Minneapolis, re-

Steele Waseca Drug Court Graduation Ceremony

The Honorable Joseph Bueltel and the Steele Waseca Drug Court Team invite you to attend

The SWDC Drug Court Graduation Ceremony



Wednesday, September 28, 2016 @ 1:30 PM
Judge Bueltel Courtroom, 3rd Floor
Steele County Courthouse
111 East Main Street
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060



DRUG COURTS WORK!

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

- Donald Derrick – theft – no bail
- James Desbiens – child support – no bail
- Michael Deslongchamps – DWI - \$6,000 bail
- Tina Disher – assault - \$1,000 bail
- Panfilo Dominguez – DWI - \$6,000 bai
- Eric Doran – weapons - \$6,000 bail
- Loretta Dorsey – trespassing - \$2,500 bail
- John Douthit – cancelled license - \$3,000 bail
- Richard Doyens – deprive of parental rights – no bail
- Brady Dubose – theft, shoplifting - \$1,000 bail

- Scott Dungey – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- Angel Duran – assault – no bail
- William Durham – domestic assault - \$2,000 bail
- Rosa Dusbabek – controlled substance - \$30,000 bail
- Douglas Eckerman – DWI – no bail
- David Ecklund – DWI - \$500 bail
- Glenn Ellison – forged check - \$1,000 bail
- Jean Enamorado – open bottle - \$181 bail
- Carlos Escobar – suspended license - \$500 bail
- Ramiro Esquivel – false information - \$2,000 bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

voked license and possession of Marijuana, \$431; David M. Jen0, 61, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Cassandra J. Kubicek, 25, Eagan, wearing headphones while driving, \$121; Troy J. Lembke, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jacob L. Lisowski, 28, Ellendale, speeding, \$141; Jose Lopez, 48, Austin, speeding, \$141; Jack C. Malecha, 22, Elko, speeding, \$221; Molly K. Mews, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jessieanna Mireles, 35, Owatonna, expired tabs and speeding, \$111; Darlene E. Mosley, 28, Morristown, speeding, \$111; James R. Murrell, 55, Torrance, CA, speeding, \$121; Christopher O. Neegaard, 45, Mankato, failure to notify ofwner of damage property, revoked license and speeding, \$381 and 1 year of supervised probation; Anthony P. Payne, 24, Austin, speeding, \$141; Jeffrey W. Peters, 37, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Daniel Reeves, 34, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$131; Marivel S. Rodriguez, 46, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Ricardo J. Ruvalcaba, 23, Austin, speeding, \$121; Jeremy A. Salerno, 29, Bellevue, NE, speeding, \$121; Brooke M. Scharberg, 28, Byron, speeding, \$121; Kelly J. Schroeder, 23, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Shane D. Scouton, 39, Faribault, DWI, \$381, 1 day in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; James C. Scram, 61, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Rosa I. Solorio, 39, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Linda L. Stadheim, 37, Ellendale, speeding, \$131; Jericho L. Strohma, 24, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Andrew D. Thor, 46, Minneapolis, no insurance, \$281; Tyler A. Titus, 33, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Shiao Wang, 24, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$141;

Tarren P. Weise, 18, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$141.

POLICE BLOTTER

Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office handled 201 complaints during the week of Sept. 14 – 20. They include:

- Sept. 14**
Civil. At 12:48 a.m., deputy assisted with a civil matter in Hayfield.
Theft. Deputies received information regarding the past action theft of a trailer in the 71100 block of 220th Ave. in Hayfield at 4:56 p.m.
- Sept. 15**
Crash. Deputies responded to a vehicle backing into a building in the 100 block of 2nd St. NW in Hayfield at 5:20 a.m.
Theft. A dirt bike was reported stolen from the 55200 block of 201st Ave. in West Concord at 11:41 a.m.
Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of 2nd St. SW in Dodge Center at 7:48 p.m.
- Sept. 16**
Larceny. At 2:38 p.m., deputy took a report of a returned check in the 21600 block of 750th St. in Hayfield.
Child Abuse. Deputies began an investigation of child abuse in the 500 block of 3rd St. SE in Hayfield at 6:39 p.m.
- Sept. 17**

- Theft. A citizen reported a stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of 5th St. NW in Dodge Center at 6:21 a.m.
Intoxication. At 3:46 p.m., deputies responded to a report of an intoxicated male at the Tractor Pull at 1st St. and Central Ave. in Dodge Center. The subject was taken to detox.
Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of 3rd Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 7:37 p.m.
Juvenile. Deputies received a juvenile complaint from 1st St. NE in Hayfield at 9:50 p.m.
- Sept. 18**
Burglary. Deputies responded to a burglary alarm in the 100 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 3:12 a.m.
Vandalism. Vandalism was reported in the 600 block of 2nd St. NW in Hayfield at 7:28 a.m.
Weapons. At 11:10 a.m., deputies responded to a report that a rifle blew up on a male subject in the 62200 block of 200th Ave. in Dodge Center. He had injuries to his hands and face. He was transported to St. Mary’s Hospital.
- Sept. 20**
Narcotics. Deputies responded to a narcotics incident in the 67000 block of 170th Ave. in Dodge Center at 3:20 p.m.
Traffic. At 9:29 p.m., deputies made a traffic stop at Central Ave. S. and 2nd St. SW in Dodge Center. They arrested a female subject on an outstanding warrant.

COURT NEWS

Dodge County

- The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Sept. 12 – 19:*
- Dodge County Sheriff’s Office**
Jose E. Arreguin Tapia, 19, Kasson, suspended license, \$280; Keith A. Beene, 38, Faribault, cancelled license, \$205 and 2 years of probation; William P. Cordle, 40, Waltham, cancelled license, \$1,055, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of probation; Dylan T. Crow, 35, Amboy, possession of Marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$125, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health screening, psychological evaluation and 5 years of supervised probation; Amanda J. Greene, 26, Rochester, possession of Marijuana, stay of adjudication, 56 days in county jail, \$1,075, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, maintain employment, mental health evaluation, chemical dependency evaluation, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation; Matthew J. Peters, 29, revoked license and no insurance, \$480; Jesse K. Shoemaker, 23, Zumbrota, suspended license, \$280; Brady W. Swanson, 19, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140.
- Kasson Police Department**
Eric L. Becker, 29, Chicago, IL, speeding, \$140; Sean M. Chvatal, 48, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Kendra L. Kajer, 20, New Prague, speeding, \$130; Joel D. Teske, 58, Grand Meadow, speeding and no insurance, \$330.

- MN Dept. of Natural Resources**
Douglas M. Persing, 23, Claremont, take fish without angling license and bass catch and release violation.
- MN State Patrol Rochester**
Shane R. Bunnell, 29, Mantorville, speeding, \$130; Brittney R. Carroll, 30, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Jarred L. Clement, 17, Kasson, window tint violation, \$130; Tanner J. Cole, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$140; Leah S. Jones, 26, White Bear Lake, revoked license, \$280; Sterling S. Larson, 79, Kasson, seat belt, \$105; Nicholas M. Matti, 18, Hayfield, speeding, \$140; Stephanie L. More, 29, Mantorville, speeding, \$120; Juan A. Ochoa, 40, Claremont, speeding and suspended license, \$330; Jose A. Rocha Esquivel, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$130; Kourtney C. Terrell, 33, Maplewood, possession of Paraphernalia, \$130.
- West Concord Police Department**
Hashim H. Abdi, 44, Faribault, speeding, \$220.
- Owatonna Police**
Martin John Klaustermeier, 21, arrested at 1:36 a.m. Sept. 17, possession and paraphernalia, \$3,000 bail.
Macy Elizabeth Vonruden, 19, arrested at 1:54 a.m. Sept. 17, controlled substance, \$3,000 bail.
Brandon Gene Schramm, 24, arrested at 2:35 p.m. Sept. 17, probation violation apprehension and detention, held for court.

- Jacob Virgil Louks, 24, arrested at 10:33 p.m. Sept. 17, felony controlled substance, held for court.
Simon Gregory Lang, 22, arrested at 9:37 p.m. Sept. 17, felony controlled substance, held for court.
Vincent Johnny, 26, arrested at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 18, domestic assault and assault, held for court.
John Thomas McGuire, 35, arrested at 7:11 p.m. Sept. 18, controlled substance warrant arrest, \$30,000 bail.
Nicholas Lee Cain, 24, arrested at 4:40 p.m. Sept. 20, DWI, held for court.
Kristy Marie Rhodes, 33, arrested at 10:48 p.m. Sept. 22, felony assault/domestic assault, terroristic threats and interference with 911, held for court.

- Steele County Sheriff**
Levi Jeffrey Westling, 24, arrested at 11:24 a.m. Sept. 16, contempt of court warrant arrest, \$20,000 bail.
Janiffer Lynn Suchanek, 32, arrested at 8:57 p.m. Sept. 18, felony domestic assault and possession, held for court.
Charity Ann Braulik, 37, arrested at 3:47 p.m. Sept. 19, probation warrant arrest, held for court.
Robert Lee Dodge, 34, arrested Sept. 19, warrant arrest, \$5,000 bail.
William Darwin Beyer, 24, arrested at 2:52 p.m. Sept. 21, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.
Erika Denise Degollado, 22, arrested at 2:45 a.m. Sept. 23, warrant arrest, \$2,000 bail.

Eagles party in the parking lot to celebrate police

By KYLIE RICE
Staff intern

A “parking lot party” took place in downtown Owatonna on Friday night. The Owatonna Eagles Club hosted the party to celebrate the law enforcement and first responders throughout the Owatonna and Steele County area.

Many of the different sections of law enforcement were represented there, as members from the Steele County Sheriff’s Department, the Owatonna Police Department, and the County Detention Center were all present. Firefighters and EMTs were honored there, too. Each of the persons from the different departments were given a black and white American flag with either a thin blue line, or a thin

red line, denoting if they were law enforcement or first responders. These flags made reference to the fact that law enforcement officers are commonly known as the “thin blue line”. It represents law enforcement as the line between civilians and the criminal forces of society.

Along with the flags, there were also giveaways for various Thin Blue Line products, such as t-shirts, baseball caps, and one bean bag game set. After the giveaway, a live band called Smokescreen took the stage set up in the parking lot. The band, which seemed to have a southern-rock grunge flair was lively and entertaining. One of the Eagles members introduced Smokescreen as a crowd pleaser, and they lived up to their introduction. Another great achievement was celebrated

as well. After one of the members of the Eagles passed away in December of 2015, he left the organization in his will. Benefitting from this generous donation, the Eagles were able to pay off the mortgage on their building. This was another facet of the night, as they burned their mortgage papers in part of the party. The bonfire pit was lit and ready to go from the beginning of the night, so this was something everyone was looking forward to!

The fallen Eagle, Donald Tuerk, was a 50-year member of the Eagles, and was a firefighter for 21 years. “He had a real respect for anyone in uniform. He loved the fire department.” Fellow Eagles member Jeff Hollister had to say about Tuerk.

“This night started out to be a thank-you to Donny for paying off the mortgage,



Staff photo by Kylie Rice

The fire department is presented with a black and white flag. This originated as a way to commemorate the fallen.

and it kind of evolved from there.” Hollister remarked. “We decided that it is time to appreciate everyone in that uniform category and we decided to do an honorary night for our departments. We had a great turn out, I believe!”

“The Eagles Organization is an organization that is people helping people.” Hollister said with a smile. “Don did just that.”



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The employees of Farmers and Merchants State Bank celebrate their support of breast cancer awareness and funding research to help make cancer a thing of the past. They are one of many Blooming Prairie business that stepped up to support survivors.

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Families should note that the Homecoming parade begins at 1:30 on Friday, September 30. Students will be dismissed 2 hours early that day. Buses will run their normal schedule, only 2 hours earlier than normal.



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Community Calendar



LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Last year at the homecoming game, senior wide receiver John Cole bursts through the homecoming banner, which read “Here comes the BOOM! Homecoming 2015.”

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

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
Tuesday, Oct 4
 10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time
Wednesday, Oct 5
 10:30 a.m. BPBL Story Time



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ELLENDALE/GENEVA

Tuesday, Sept. 27
 7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale
Thursday, Sept. 29
 5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
 7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Room
 7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Room
Sunday, Oct. 2
 Free Meal Sundays at Ellendale United Methodist Church, Ellendale
Monday, Oct 3
 6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center, Ellendale
Tuesday, Oct 4
 Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Ave
 7 p.m. Hope City Council Meeting, Hope City Hall, Council Chambers
 7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale
Wednesday, Oct 5
 Hope Curbside Recycling N of 42nd Ave



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Thursday, Sept. 29
 2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Monday, Oct 3
 2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
Wednesday, Oct 5
 7 p.m. Medford Park Board (1st Wednesday even months)



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AUSTIN/MOWER COUNTY

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 County, 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, 201 1st St NE
 6:30 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
Wednesday, Sept. 28
 MCCE, Austin Area Chamber of Commerce, Holiday Inn Austin Conference Center, 1701 4th St NW
 9 a.m. Mayo Clinic Health System Auxiliary Purse Sale, Mayo Clinic Health System, Austin
 10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
 11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
 5:30 p.m. Writing Memoirs and Personal Stories #3 – Writing About Real Places, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
 6:30 p.m. Adult Hockey, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
 7 p.m. National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin
Thursday, Sept. 29
 MCCE, Austin Area Chamber of Commerce, Holiday Inn Austin Conference Center, 1701 4th St NW
 10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
 2 p.m. Mower County Historical Society Presentation: Mutual Self-Destruction – The Origins of the First World War, Mower County Senior Center
 3:30 p.m. Mower County, 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. 30th
 MCCE, Austin Area Chamber of Commerce, Holiday Inn Austin Conference Center, 1701 4th St NW
 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
 11:30 a.m. Fall Luncheon / Entertainment, Mower County Senior Center
 11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House
 5:15 p.m. Bingo, Austin VFW
Saturday, Oct. 1
 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. Masonic Pancake Feed, Austin Masonic Lodge, 303A N Main Street
 10 a.m. ArtWorks Gallery – James Wegner, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
 10 a.m. First Annual SPAMazing Race, Hormel Corporate South Offices, 1101 N Main St
 10 a.m. Strides of Love Event, Mill Pond, Austin
 10:30 a.m. Kids Studio – Clay, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
 11 a.m. 2016 Regional Highland Cattle Show, Mower County Fairgrounds
 12:30 p.m. Public Skate, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
 1 p.m. Austin Youth Hockey Bean Bag Tournament, Austin Eagles Club
 2 p.m. Read Any Good Books Lately? Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin
 3 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
 7 p.m. Charlie Parr Concert, Historic Paramount Theatre
Sunday, Oct. 2
 9 a.m. All You Can Eat Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast, Austin Eagles Lookout Aerie 703, 107 11th St SE
 10 a.m. Battle of the Borders Llama Show, Mower County Fairgrounds
 1 p.m. 2016 AAUW Scholarship Tour of Homes, Keener, Anderson, and Cummings Homes
 1 p.m. Grand Meadow Open Gym, Wrestling Room, Weight Room
 1 p.m. Riverside Figure Skating Club – Basic Skills, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
 2:30 p.m. Riverside Figure Skating Club – Power & Moves, Precision Line, Advanced Ice Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
Monday, Oct 3
 11:30 a.m. SEMCAC MEAL, Heritage House
 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
 7 p.m. Brownsdale City Council Meeting
 7 p.m. Stan Tekiela – Deer, Elk and Moose, Grand and Majestic Creatures, Jay C Hormel Nature Center
 7:15 p.m. Stick Time, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
Tuesday, Oct 4
 12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office
 3:30 p.m. Mower County, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
 4:45 p.m. Public Skate, Riverside Arena, 501 2nd Ave NE, Austin
 5:30 p.m. Uncork and Create: Sunflowers, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
 6 p.m. 2016 Austin Police Department Citizen Academy, Law Enforcement Center, 201 1st St NE

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Tuesday, Sept. 27
 9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
 4 p.m. OPU Utilities Commission, Utilities Plant Office
 5:30 p.m. Owatonna Planning Commission, Council Chambers, City Hall
Thursday, Sept. 29
 6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
Monday, Oct 3
 1 p.m. Owatonna, Womanas Club Bridge Group, Senior Place
Tuesday, Oct 4
 9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
 5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
 7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall

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Tuesday, Sept. 27
 Homecoming Week
 8:30 a.m. Shell Rock River Watershed Board Special Meeting
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 3:30 p.m. Staff Mentee Meeting, High School – Room E113
 6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea, MN
Wednesday, Sept. 28
 Homecoming Week
 Hawthorne Picture Retakes
 9:30 a.m. Hawthorne – Firefighters visit Kindergarten
Thursday, Sept. 29
 Homecoming Week
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 10:30 a.m. Music & Movement, ALPL
 10:45 a.m. Class Ring Orders, ALHS Commons
 5:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
 6 p.m. ALPL Night Time Story Time
Friday, Sept. 30th
 Homecoming Week
 Homecoming Day
 Sibley's Stroll for a Goal
 6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Saturday, Oct. 1
 Library Closed
 6 p.m. Rock Climbing Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Monday, Oct 3
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 3:45 p.m. Book Pals (Gr. 5 & 6), ALPL
 3:45 p.m. LEGO Time, ALPL
 7 p.m. AL City Council, Council Chambers
Tuesday, Oct 4
 10:30 a.m. ALPL Story Time
 3:45 p.m. Book Pals (3rd & 4th Grade), ALPL
 5:30 p.m. AL Planning Commission, City Hall
 6 p.m. Rock Gym, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea
Wednesday, Oct 5
 7:30 a.m. AL Port Authority Meeting, AL EDA
 8 a.m. Hawthorne's Dental Day
 3:30 p.m. Staff Mentee Meetings (Elementary), Hawthorne Elementary School, Room #134



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Meal service delivery options for seniors who don't cook

Dear Savvy Senior
What types of healthy meal delivery options can you recommend for seniors who live at home, but don't cook and don't get out much. Since mom passed away, my dad's diet is terrible and I worry about his health.
Long-Distance Daughter

Dear Long-Distance,
There are various healthy meal service delivery options available to non-cooking seniors who live at home, but what's available to your dad will depend on his location and budget. Here are several to check into.

Senior Meal Programs
A good place to start is to find out if there's a senior home delivery meal program in your dad's area. Meals on Wheels is the largest program that most people are familiar with, but many communities

offer senior meal delivery programs sponsored by other organizations that go by different names.

To find services available in your dad's area, visit MealsOnWheelsAmerica.org, which offers a comprehensive directory on their website, or call the area aging agency near your dad. Contact the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 to get the number.

Most home delivered meal programs across the U.S. deliver hot meals daily or several times a week, usually around the lunch hour, to seniors over age 60 who have problems preparing meals for themselves, as well as those with disabilities. Weekend meals, usually frozen, may also be available, along with special diets (diabetic, low-sodium, kosher, etc.). Most of these programs typically charge a small fee (usually

between \$2 and \$6) or request a donation, while some may be free to low-income seniors.

Online Meal Delivery
Another option that's a bit more expensive is to purchase your dad's meals online and have them delivered to his home. There are a number of companies that offer this type of service like Magic Kitchen (magickitchen.com), Home Bistro (homebistro.com), Personal Chef To Go (personalchef.to.go.com), Good Measure Meals (goodmeasuremeals.com), and many others.

These companies offer a wide variety of tasty meal choices, and will usually post the nutrition information for their meals right on their website. Most companies will also cater to a host of dietary and medical needs, such as low-sodium and low-carb meals, diabetic meals, gluten-

free, dairy-free, and vegetarian options.

Most of the food arrives frozen, but a few companies ship food fresh. Prices generally start at around \$10 to \$13 per meal, plus shipping, however most companies provide discounts or free shipping when you order meals in bulk.

Grocery Stores and Restaurants
Depending on where your dad lives, he may also be able to get home delivered meals from local grocery stores or restaurants. Some grocery stores offer a selection of pre-cooked meals and foods, including roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, and fresh soups and salads. Contact the grocery stores in your dad's area to inquire about this option. Or check with some of his favorite restaurants to see if they offer home delivery.



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Personal Chefs
Another option for non-cooking seniors with a bigger budget is to hire a personal chef from time to time. A personal chef can provide your dad with a do-it-all service that will help plan his meals, do the grocery shopping and prepare him several weeks worth (or more) of tasty meals in his home, which he can freeze and eat whenever he wants. Or, they can prepare it in their own kitchen and deliver it. Chef's fees range between \$200 and \$300 plus groceries. He may be able to save money by sharing meals with you or another family member, or a friend or neighbor.

To find a personal chef in your dad's area, check the listings at the American Personal & Private Chef Association (personalchef.com) or the United States Personal Chef Association (hireachef.com).

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

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, October 3, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

On July 1, 2005, Jeff Schwert of Blooming Prairie Dental Center made the decision to utilize the empty office space connected to his building by opening a health club- and has experienced great success. It wasn't as simple as filling up a room with exercise equipment

and opening the doors, as Schwert and his staff went through a tedious process of transforming the old multi-colored Fantasy Fish Factory into a clean and functional health club. All of the hard work seems to have paid off, as membership exceeded 190 last year.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is paying more than the

current prices to farmers who are willing to leave about 16 rows of corn standing over the winter in snowdrift areas. In an effort to improve winter driving conditions and reduce plowing, Mn/DOT will pay an extra \$1.50 a bushel more than the current corn price to farmers who are willing to leave their corn standing. The corn serves as a living snow fence which is capable of capturing nearly 12,000 tons of snow over a quarter-mile drift area.

to present a one-woman play, called 'Mary's Boy' on November 1. Margaret Andersen the playwright and actress who portrays Mary, is a professional actress from New York. She has given the performance throughout the country, and several foreign countries for the past 18 years.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, Sept. 29, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Approximately \$60 in cash and a camera were taken from the Blooming Prairie High School following a break-in sometime after 11 p.m. Tuesday, September 20. According to Steele County Sheriff Bernard Coufal, entry to the building was believed to have been made by breaking through a door on the north side of the gymnasium. Two offices in the building along with a vault in one of the rooms, were ransacked, and two vending machines were broken into. In addition to the cash, also taken by the intruders was a Polaroid Camera Model 250 in a black leather carrying case.

New 1967 model

automobiles will be unveiled to the public in Blooming Prairie for the first time this week in the showrooms of both Harpel Chevrolet Co. and Strohshein Ford. Both dealers expect to have a wide selection of various models on display for the introduction of the 1967 line of cars and trucks. Both Blooming Prairie car agencies extend a cordial invitation to everyone in the area to stop in and see the advancements made in their lines during the introduction of new models this week-end.

The Ellendale Saddle Club will sponsor a "Little Britches Rodeo" at its arena. The event, taking place on Sunday, October 2 at 1:30, is for riders 18 years of age and younger. The entry fee is 50 cents. First place trophy and four places ribbons will be awarded in barrel racing, bull riding, sack racing, musical chairs bareback riding, and bat race.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, October 2, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Butter makers of Steele County and Southern Minnesota pulled down

high scores this week at the National Butter Scoring Contest at the Dairy Cattle Congress at Waterloo, Iowa. Bowling, however, to a Brooklyn, Iowa butter maker, the experts in this vicinity still rated very high. C.O. Johnson of Blooming Prairie rated a score of 94. C.M. Kjos, of the Union Creamery, scored 93. The butter makers of Hope and Ellendale also scored 93.

Theatre patrons, including the local theatre, will pay a new 10% tax increase on children's admissions from now on, according to Bill McIntire, manager of the Rex theatre. Ten-cent children's tickets will now be eleven cents to conform to the new federal tax effective Oct. 1. Adult and high school students tickets will not be affected by this tax at the Rex theatre as they already bear a federal tax.

A new A.S. Aloe X-ray machine has been added to the equipment in the office of Dr. H.J. Kurtin. The new instrument is an improved type X-ray, embodying every new modern feature in medical x-ray and constitutes a highly important addition to Dr. Kurtin's laboratory.

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MDA adds to real-time soil temperature monitoring sites to aid farmers in fall fertilizer application

To prevent fertilizer loss, apply when soil is cooler than 50° F

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) advises farmers and fertilizer applicators to check soil temperature and delay fall application of ammonium-based nitrogen fertilizers until soil temperature stays below 50°F. To assist tracking soil temperature, the MDA has added 22 new monitoring stations for a total of 48 stations on its on-line soil temperature map at: <https://app.gisdata.mn.gov/mda-soiltemp/>.

Soil temperature is measured at a six-inch depth; the same depth anhydrous ammonia is typically applied. Station data on the MDA on-line map is updated every 15 minutes with the help of satellite uplink technology from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the National Weather

Service.

“In areas where fall nitrogen applications are appropriate, soil temperature, not harvest progress, should be your guide of when to apply,” says Bruce Montgomery, manager of the MDA Fertilizer Management Section. “Waiting until soil temperature stays below 50° F before applying anhydrous ammonia and urea increases the availability of nitrogen to next season’s crop and decreases the amount of nitrate that could potentially leach into groundwater.”

At temperatures below 50° F, microbe activity in the soil slows down, slowing the conversion to nitrate and the likelihood of nitrate movement with water.



According to Dr. Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota Extension climatologist, on average soil temperatures

reach 50° F during the first week in October in northern Minnesota and the fourth week of October in southern Minnesota. These dates can vary widely year to year, making information provided by the real-time soil temperature monitoring stations valuable.

In addition to delaying application until soil temperature stays below 50° F, best management practices for nitrogen use developed by the University of Minnesota Extension recommend using a nitrification inhibitor when fall applying anhydrous ammonia in south-central Minnesota. Fall applied urea is not recommended for south-central Minnesota. In southeast Minnesota’s karst

region and statewide on coarse-textured soils, fall application of nitrogen fertilizer is not recommended regardless of soil temperature. Specific nitrogen fertilizer use recommendations by region of the state can be found at: www.mda.state.mn.us/nitrogenbmps.

The MDA has announced plans to develop a rule by 2018 which will restrict fall nitrogen fertilizer application in areas vulnerable to groundwater contamination. This would include southeast Minnesota’s karst region and statewide on coarse-textured soils. The rulemaking is part of the state’s revised Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan which was completed in 2015. More information on the plan can be found at www.mda.state.mn.us/nfmp.

LEARN MORE

For more information on corn, corn farmers or corn products, visit these websites:

- Minnesota Corn Growers Association
www.mnccorn.org
- National Corn Growers Association
www.ncga.com
- Corn Farmers Coalition
www.cornfarmerscoalition.org
- World of Corn
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For the sources of information cited here, visit www.ncga.com/contacts

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Minnesota apple harvest in full swing

Fall is in full swing and so is Minnesota’s apple season. Early season Minnesota hardy varieties like Honeycrisp, Zestar!®, SweeTango®, Sweet Sixteen and Cortland are now available for picking, while traditional Minnesota favorites like Haralson, Regent, McIntosh and Honeygold will ripen later this month. Apple orchards are now open, with limited hours continuing into the end of November or later. Many local grocery stores will also carry Minnesota grown varieties throughout the fall.

Weather conditions throughout the 2016 season resulted in some crop loss for some producers, but most apple orchards are ready for visitors. This year’s overall crop is expected to be slightly smaller than average, so visiting a local orchard or market early in the season is recommended.

John Jacobson of Pine Tree Apple Orchard in White Bear Lake summarized the spring and summer growing season, with a hopeful outlook for fall harvest.

“This year was especially challenging for many apple growers. Most growers lost at least some of their crop due to a mid-May freeze and some faced additional losses because of severe weather like high winds and hail,” said Jacobson. “Despite these challenges, Minnesotans will still find plenty of crisp, juicy, locally grown apples at their favorite orchards, farmers markets and gro-

cery stores.”

According to Minnesota Grown’s Agricultural Marketing Specialist Jessica Miles, a trip to the apple orchard is about more than just picking apples.

“Taking the family to the orchard is a great way to get kids outside and help them understand where their apples come from and how they grow,” Miles said. “Apple orchards are open for business with fresh apple cider, fall raspberries, pumpkins, squash and

other seasonal favorites to enjoy. Some even have fun family activities like hay wagon rides, animals, tours and crop mazes.”

Weather conditions can vary drastically throughout Minnesota and orchard owners recommend calling or checking websites in advance to verify hours and check availability of local apple varieties.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s Minnesota Grown Directory is a free, statewide

guide to more than 120 apple orchards. The Directory also includes a comprehensive list of fall raspberry patches, corn mazes, wineries and more. You can search the Directory online at www.minnesotagrown.com or order a free printed copy by calling 1-888-TOURISM.

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Above average rainfall has slowed the harvest in many areas across Minnesota during the week ending September 25, 2016, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Thunderstorms brought heavy rainfall to portions of central and southern Minnesota, leading to very wet conditions and flooding in some areas. The consistently wet conditions continue to raise concerns about mold in corn and soybeans, stalk problems in corn, and rot related to wet soil. The saturated soils have made fieldwork challenging, as harvest continues for corn silage, sugarbeets, potatoes, alfalfa hay, and dry edible beans. Other limited field activities include hauling manure, tillage, and cover crop work.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 42 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus.

Seventy percent of Minnesota’s corn acreage was mature, 6 days ahead of the five-year average and 3 days ahead of last year. There were reports of farmers beginning to harvest corn for grain throughout the state. Corn condition rated 84 percent good to excellent. Eighty-one percent of the corn for silage acreage was harvested, equal to last year. Eighty-three percent of the soybean crop was dropping leaves or beyond, 3 days ahead of average. Soybean harvest was 13 percent complete, 3 days behind average and 5 days behind last year. Soybean condition rated 79 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa hay was 94 percent complete. Pasture condition rated 73 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week. There were reports that pastures are still growing, but getting trampled into the mud in wet areas.

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Officer Schwering, commander of the Sheriff's mounted posse, has dinner with the young boy he shopped with. In addition to the shopping, all of the children were treated to a meal at Subway.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Officers Dave Peach, Shane St. John, and Chief Greg Skillestad shopped with Ashtun, Dunoven, and Jakson. The chief helped Jakson pick out a coat and snow pants for the coming winter.

Steele cops shop with kids

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The 10th annual Shop with a Cop was held on Sept. 21 at the Owatonna Walmart.

The Salvation Army sponsored event is a chance for local law enforcement officers to meet with children in the community and help them shop for necessary items.

Paid for by the red kettles the Salvation Army has out during December, the kids who participate are given a budget of \$150 to buy themselves clothes, hygiene products, and a few toys. The event costs around \$4,000 to put on. The officers assist the children in going around the store and picking out what they need.

This year 27 kids and 24

officers took part. Present law enforcement departments included the Steele County sheriff's, the sheriff's posse and specials, highway patrol, and the police departments of Owatonna and Blooming Prairie. The organizers make an effort to match the kids with officers who patrol that kid's city.

Gina Shepherd, the event

coordinator, said, "It's really about building relationships. We want to catch them while they're young."

She said the kids really connect with their officers. One child the previous year even bought Axe body spray as one of his items because he wanted to "smell like his officer."

Sheriff Lon Thiele helped

corral kids at the event's start and get them paired with officers. He said, "This is the kind of community engagement we like to do."

The sheriff was paired with a young girl, and she told him she was so happy her cheeks were starting to hurt from smiling.

After the kids finished shopping, they were treated

to a meal at Subway, and the Sheriff's posse brought along their horses for the kids to pet.

Chief Skillestad and two of his officers represented the Blooming Prairie police department. The chief went shopping with a young boy and was more than happy to do it. He said, "I'm going to come out every year I can."

Catching the grand finale

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It's the end of September and how things are changing. My front lawn wore a coat of yellow dandelions just a few months ago and this morning it is sporting a coat of many colors. The trees are weeping leaves and getting ready for a winter slumber party.

In a few more months we will no longer be worrying about that pesky dandelion problem or raking all those leaves. The concerns will turn to why the neighbor's dog has to color your front-yard-snow that has so drastically changed the landscape from green to pristine.

Autumn. It's my favorite scent. From the smell of brats cooking at Friday night football games to Saturday morning leaves being sacrificed as sweet-smelling savors. And of course, the best scent in the world is Thanksgiving morning. My wife – God bless her. Getting up to feed babies in the middle of the night when she was younger, decorating the home to the wee hours for

the holidays and of course, the ultimate, getting out of a cold bed on a holiday to prep and slam a 25-pound turkey into the oven, putting coffee on and baking pumpkin pies.

All so I can wake up to that amazing autumn nose-bud sensation that energizes me and gets me up and ready for a full day of gorging, football, gorging, napping and more football. When I was younger, it was a day to pack the food and travel to the grandparent's house. Now I AM the grandparent and I understand why my grandfather didn't shave or change out of his pajama pants when we came to visit.

Because he could. I am relishing in the same excuse and enjoying the fact that grandpa's face is scratchy on the cheeks of grandkids and loved ones.

But we have miles to go before the ultimate autumn holiday. We have leaves to rake and piles to burn and people to flog for using the "s" word too soon. In last week's production meeting, my sports editor saw the rain outside and asked if it might be "snow." We properly rebuked and flogged him. But, he's from that tropical State of Montana, so we cut him some slack.

The storms of September here in Minnesota were nothing more than spectacular and in many cases, infamous of late. For two nights the heavens groaned and boomed, and like a bon-fire, lit the skies for hours. I call this the Midwestern harvest

rain. Happens every year, but this year, it seemed more spectacular and awe-inspiring.

Ma Nature. She came in late one night and began to announce that she was about to harvest. She warned for hours that her rain would come and when it did, it came wicked and harsh. It must have tired her out as she went away to slumber only to come back the next night to finish the job.

"She's taking all the blooms off the prairie," I whispered to my wife in the midst of that dark and angry night. "Why?" She asked.

"Because this is such a wondrous place, that the blooming would 'take place' on the prairie all year if it could," I answered and continued, "and nature is saying, 'enough' – it's time to rest now."

And as things begin to shut down, farm combines will be cleaned and secured to the sheds, the harvest is being completed, the hay is in the barn, the soil is bare and the landscape is being prepared for Heaven's bounty which we will harvest from the north wind and ominous clouds. I heard a friend say once, that "as the snow falls, it hides the world's scars and it gives nature new birth."

And above all, the peace that comes with knowing that it's a loving Creator who tells us that He will "make us lie down" to rest from all our labor. "Good-night John Boy."

Be careful out there.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Senior Colin Nelson teaches several young students about the danger of getting arms and legs too close to bladed equipment. The children were instructed about several pieces of equipment, including combines and riding lawnmowers.

Farmers in the park

By EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

On the morning of Sept 21, elementary students from Blooming Prairie School were brought out to the park for a lesson in farm safety.

In honor of September being farm safety month, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) brought in farm equipment to the park to illustrate safety precautions around the large equipment for the kids.

Senior Sasha Katzung, president of FFA club, said to was important for the kids to be safe around farm

equipment, especially in this harvest season. When around people operating farm equipment, she says they teach the kids, "If you can't see them, they can't see you."

Katzung was one of several high school students in the park that day educating kids through FFA. Local students, with the help of their parents, bring in the equipment from their farms. There were nine different machines brought out that day.

Mr. Rinkenberger, the club advisor, was on site supervising the event and was grateful that the weather

cleared up. He said they've lucked out with good weather the last few years, though the previous night's storm had them nervous.

He said it was great to see all of the 7th and 8th graders who were out with the club that day. This is the 13th consecutive FFA in the park he's advised, and he said it was nice for the high school students to help put on an event that they had attended as grade school students. They enjoyed the chance to provide the same opportunity to another generation that they had been given.



Still great after 58

The Blooming Prairie class of 1958 held their 58th class reunion on Sept. 17 at the Pizza Cellar in Blooming Prairie.

Graduating at the end of the World War II baby boom and the beginning of the space race, this class has seen a lot of changes in the U.S. in the nearly 60 years since they

graduated.

Those attending the reunion were: back-row Andy Steensma, Chris Thissen, and John Hansen.

In the middle are Karon Ruzek Nelson, Doris Engler Rasmussen, Barb Smith Peterson, and Carol Erickson Benson.

Seated are Elaine Angell

Schmeling, Sharon Ramsey Lea, Jane Morton Hoshal, Betty Tollefson Ronningen, and Judy Dixon Wencil.

A fun time was had by all, and they enjoyed the car show along main street later that day.

Blooming PrairieLiving

Board talks budget and back to school

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

On September 19, the Blooming Prairie school board convened its monthly meeting with an auditor’s report and a start of school update.

Opening the meeting, the two principals of the elementary school and high school gave their school reports.

Elementary school principal, Chris Staloch, updated the board on the school’s Prairie Pride campaign to teach students positive behavior. He said the current focus for his staff is office referrals, when they should or shouldn’t send students to him. They are also continuing their work

to maximize their use of the technology resources that are available.

They are also reviewing their social studies course to make sure they are keeping up with state standards.

Enrollment for the year has settled at 410 students in the elementary school.

High school principal John D. Worke gave his report next. He noted an increase in high school enrollment from 301 students at the end of last year to 326 at the start of this one.

They’ve wrapped up seventh grade orientation, which Worke described as their big event for the start of school. When speaking of the seventh graders, he said it’s important to “alleviate any anxiety they may have when

they come into our building.”

There had been hesitancy to offer lunch during orientation, and after having only 15 students utilize it this year, they will not serve it at next year’s orientation. He is hoping this will offer them more flexibility in scheduling a time for orientation. Next year, they may coordinate with the elementary school’s “unofficial first day”, so parents can attend both and still attend a few hours of work.

Plans for homecoming are underway, as they begin speaking with students about the week’s activities.

Worke commented on the high school’s Prairie Pride and said they would soon begin filming the third Prairie Pride film. This time it would

take place in the lunchroom space, and they are currently recruiting students.

The high school football facilities are being updated in regards to men’s bathroom. The facility was breaking down, but new bathroom equipment had already been ordered in anticipation of problems, so the repairs should be finished promptly.

Craig Popenhagen, a CPA with CliftonLarsonAllen, followed with a presentation of the school’s audit. His company prepared the financial statements and was happy to report there are no serious issues with school’s finances.

He reported on the state of the general funds as of June 30. The general fund total revenues equaled \$7,487,316,

while expenditures were \$7,426,410.

Copenhagen told the board, “If your goal is balanced budgeting, you’ve got it.” The school is well within the education department’s recommendation for a “cushion” or unassigned funds. For school funding purposes, the weighted enrollment number is 777 students between the two schools.

After the presentations and reports were finished, the meeting formally began by approving the auditor’s report.

Small points of business were also addressed. The 7th grade football coach submitted his resignation, and Ray Johnson will replace him. The senior class’s request to hire DJ Peps for \$400 for

the homecoming dance was approved.

The community education committee has decided to continue offering driver’s education, despite programs across the state decreasing. There is some debate now whether to offer the program to Hayfield students and if so, the best manner to do so. The Education Foundation budget is approved. The ZED committee has selected Kraus Anderson to be construction manager, and believe his selection should “help move things forward,” according to Michelle Vigeland. Other schools in the area are more hesitant in their support of construction, but she says they’re all aware “that something needs to be done.”

Red Cross blood drive at BP city center

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

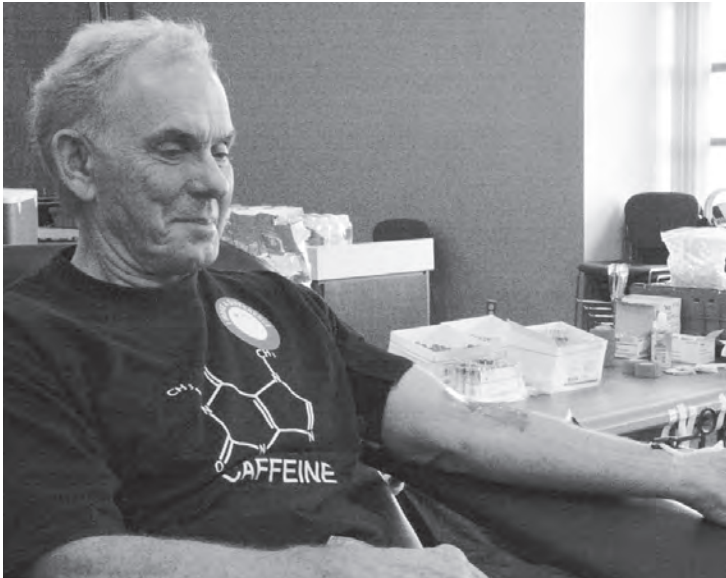
On Sept. 21, the American Red Cross made a stop in Blooming Prairie to take blood donations.

The goal of the Red Cross staff was to have 20 donations that day. They had 25 people sign-up online in advance. An hour into their five hour collection window, seven people had already donated blood, and several of them were walk-ins. The staff was confident they would meet their goal.

The Red Cross is coming off its summer season of donations, which is always a little slower. People traveling and high schools being out of session limit the number of people available to donate.

Once the blood is donated in Blooming Prairie, it’s sent up to a lab in St. Paul. After its cleared there, it goes out to hospitals and medical centers. Minnesota has priority over blood donated in state, but the blood does occasionally cross state borders and has even been known to cross international borders into countries like Costa Rica.

People can be ineligible to donate blood if they have traveled to certain countries where particular diseases are common or have been sick with certain illnesses. Unlike some states, Minnesota regulates its tattoo parlors closely enough that getting your skin inked does not



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Arie Olsen gives blood at the city center. He was one of seven people that showed up in the first hour alone

eliminate you from the pool of eligible candidates.

Terri Zwiener, one of the donors at the drive that day, has been giving blood for some time. She said, “I always give blood.” The process doesn’t bother her, and her O+ blood is in high demand. Donors like her

are helping ensure medical professionals have the resources they need to treat their patients.

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HOWARD LESTRUD

Car restoration has become a love of Dale Jacobson, formerly of Blooming Prairie and now a resident of Owatonna.

Jacobson, a 1976 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School, was one of many who brought their bragging wheels to the Fourth Annual Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Classics and Customs Show on the Main Street of Blooming Prairie last Saturday. Show officials reported entries totaling more than 50.

“I like to take something that everyone else says is hopeless and bring it back,” remarked Jacobson as he stayed close to his 1965 Mustang convertible, a car he said it took two cars to make his final collector car. Many eyes were drawn to cars, tractors and motorcycles displayed on Main Street and a side street near the Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Recalling history on his Mustang, Jacobson said he took a car that was totaled in a crash. He

Clock turned back in time for car show

said a young man from Rochester had just gotten the car and while traveling in Rochester in the 1980s, he was t-boned.

Jacobson said the parts for the car sat in his shed for 15 years before he began to restore it. “I always wanted my convertible,” Jacobson said.

It took Jacobson about a year and a half to restore the Mustang. His project was finished in 2006. He said he did most of the work himself but did have the assistance of his brother-in-law Roger Trom, owner of Roger’s Auto Body in Blooming Prairie. Most of the work was done on Jacobson’s acreage east of Owatonna.

“I am very happy with the way it turned out,” Jacobson remarked.

The restoration did not stop with the 1965 Mustang convertible. Jacobson has also restored a 1966 Mustang Fast Back; a 1967 Mustang Coupe he bought from Hugo Harpel of Blooming Prairie and a 1969 Mustang Mach 1.

Jacobson’s 1967 Mustang coupe is one he calls his high school car. He plans to do more work on it. “It’s sitting, waiting its turn (to be restored),” Jacobson related.

All his cars are stock restored. “I like stock and go to extremes, putting little stickers and paint marks from the original auto on the restored car,” Jacobson said.

Jacobson is also proud of a 1977 Ford Pinto cruising wagon

that he purchased new from Virgil Krejci of Tri Ford in Blooming Prairie. It has multi-colored stripes and features a bubble window in the back. The vehicle, now displaying collector plates, has 46,000 miles on it.

Laughing about his hobby, Jacobson tells a passerby that his wife Barbara (Trom) says he has all he can have for collector cars. “She says I have too many toys and must sell one to buy one,” he chuckled.

As car show visitors made their rounds on a cool, overcast morning, owners of all kinds of vehicles were happy to take time to talk about their vehicles. Mike Sjulstad of Northfield drove a 1954 International Rat Rod to the show. He said he took a second place the weekend before at Jesse James Days in Northfield.

Sjulstad’s rat rod featured many license plates on the passenger door and on the pick-up bed, a beer keg was being tapped.

Next to Sjulstad’s unique truck was a shiny, 1933 Plymouth couple, shown by his father Roger. “They sit in the same garage,” he said.

Some other popular items displayed at the show included “LadyNRed” owned by Elaine Vermilyea. It is a 2000 red Corvette. John Kraling brought some antique tractors to the show. Pete Mitterstad garnered lots of votes for his 2014 Chief-tain motorcycle.



Mike Sjulstad’s rat rod, a 1954 International, drew a lot of looks. He actually drove this vehicle to the show from Northfield



Elaine Vermilyea of Blooming Prairie proudly displays her 2000 Corvette convertible. She and husband Ken are members of the Rochester Area Corvette club.



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Dale Jacobson, a native of Blooming Prairie and currently a resident of Owatonna, was one of more than 50 collectors who entered their vehicles in the Blooming Prairie Classics and Customs Car Show last Saturday. This 1965 Ford Mustang actually represents two cars in one.

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City council talks land purchases

By **EMILY SCHOENBECK**
County Staff Writer

On Sept. 20 the Owatonna City Council convened with all members and mayor present and discussed two proclamations and several land purchases. The meeting opened with two proclamations by the mayor. The first was in honor of Sacred Heart Church celebrating its 150-year anniversary from when its first mass was held in town hall in 1866. Sept 24, 2016, is officially Sacred Heart Church Day. The second proclamation was in honor of suicide prevention week. A young woman came forward to read a statement. She is a local blogger and now

founder of a small business promoting mental health. She attempted to take her own life in 2013 and now works to reduce the number of people taking their own lives. There were 780,400 suicides in the last year or one every 40 seconds. She asked everyone present to do what they could to be a source of hope for people, and said, “who knows how far each one of our individual ripples can go in decreasing the 780,400.” Two city ordinances regarding the zoning of brewery and taprooms in certain districts had their second reading and were once again approved. They’ll be read for the third and final time in two weeks to give the secretaries time to resolve the

wording in regards to liquor sales on Sundays. The 2015 sidewalk project costs were assessed. The city is splitting the costs of repairing the sidewalks 50/50 with the property owners and will be paying a total of \$5,058.04. The council approved a motion to approve the costs and set a date for a public hearing to consider the proposed assents. Pro-pet wants to build additions to its industrial site. The city is agreeing to help offset the costs. In exchange, Pro-pet must over the next two years, through these additions, create at least 10 jobs that pay at least \$13 an hour. REO Development is planning a new development in its

Majestic Oaks Subdivision with an additional 17-20 lots. The city has come to an agreement with REO that the council approved conditional to REO submitting a signed copy of the agreement. The city has come to a tentative contract agreement with the MPEA sergeant and corporal units. Their contracts will allow for a 2% general wage increase on the approved 2016-2017 wage scale. In addition, employees assigned to the South Central Drug Investigation Unit will be paid a lump sum of \$200 for each full month they are assigned. The contracts were approved by the council. The city’s annual archery deer hunt has received applications from roughly 43 hunters and

competency exams will follow shortly. Mineral Springs Park is excluded from this year’s hunt. Councilor Kevin P. Raney expressed his disappointment that the park was not approved grounds for hunting. He feels there is a deer population in the park that needs to be controlled and is doing damage to the golf course. The rest of the council agreed to look into the park for next year’s hunt and voted unanimously for the hunt to continue this year. The city has purchased two houses with the use of flood grant money. The lots are 1040 North Elm and 433 Mineral Springs Road and currently sit in a floodplain. The city now needs to hire a contractor to disconnect

the utilities and complete the demolition process. The bids by different contractors have already been collected. The council was recommended a bid of \$36,500, which they approved. The purchase of the property at 215 E. Pearl St. was debated. The hope is to use the land as the site of a future parking lot for the law enforcement center. The house previously on the lot burned down. The cost of clearing the rest of the space is covered by police department’s operating budget. The council voted to approve the purchase. Anyone seeking to be trained as an election day judge can sign-up for training on Oct. 6 at 2:30 p.m. by calling 774-7341.

Chamber of Commerce wins tourism award

The Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism was awarded the 2016 McDaniel Award at the Upper Midwest Convention and Visitors Bureau Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota on September 19. Katie Godfrey, Director of Conventions and Tourism, and Bridget Hayes, Tourism Associate, were presented with the award for their work on doing a complete overhaul on

Owatonna’s tourism branding and marketing materials for under \$10,000. The award category was for Bureau Innovation for annual budgets under \$350,000. “We are honored to win this award which brings recognition to the work we have done to market Owatonna as a destination,” stated Katie. Katie and Bridget both started at the Chamber within the past

two years. As they researched the tourism industry, it became clear that the tourism marketing materials needed to be updated to be current with industry trends in order to be competitive in the marketplace. After doing research, they found that the visitor guides that had the most impact are similar to traditional magazines in size and style with more of an editorial focus and an emphasis

on large images. Kerri Lynch from Tri-M Graphics did the design work on the visitor guide and advertisements. Kerri pulled colors from photos used in the guide to create the color palette for the new materials. The letter “O” in the Chamber’s Owatonna logo was enlarged and used throughout the guide to emphasize call-outs and images. Soon after completing the visitor guide, Katie and Bridget

began work on overhauling the tourism website, www.visitowatonna.org. Josh Elwood from The Fox Company out of Faribault developed the new tourism site in less than ten weeks with a launch date of May 25. Josh pulled visuals from the new visitor guide to match the new site. The new website is mobile-friendly and has had a thirty-five percent increase in users since the launch.

The McDaniel Award was developed after the Convention and Visitor Bureau Industry lost one of their leaders with the untimely passing of Bruce McDaniel, one of the founders of the Upper Midwest CVB Conference. In his honor and memory, the Conference awards the annual McDaniel Award to tourism industry professionals that achieve and exemplify greatness.

Gnemi talks term limits for county

By **RICK GNEMI**
Political Correspondent

I want to discuss something today that is not popular with elected officials no matter if they are local, (county/city), state or federal positions and that is ---TERM LIMITS.... Yes, there I said it....term limits for elected officials. Not a new concept, in fact, it goes all the way back to our founding fathers. John Adams tried and tried to get it into the Constitution for not only congressmen but also for the POTUS and was met with opposition every step of the way. It was not until FDR (Pres. Franklin Roosevelt served almost 4 terms) that Congress finally enacted a 2 term limit for the POTUS (some 150 years after John Adams lived!)

I believe a 2 term limit enacted for a county commissioner is very important for us in Steele County. The position of county commissioner should not be looked at as a lifetime career. It should be viewed as a temporary position to SERVE the people of Steele County and to represent them to the best of his/her ability during that term. Each commissioner should have another main source of income that provides for his/her family; the office of commissioner should not be viewed as that primary source. Believe me, if a person only had a total of 2 terms to get things accomplished, the activity of the board would be heightened considerably. Time would be of the essence. Now that could be a double-edged sword if not reined in by the people. And that brings me to another topic. Public participation and appearance at the county board meetings----we the people are the government; not the elected officials. We give our CONSENT to be governed by representatives; and it is our responsibility to make our voices heard, to go to the meetings, to find out what is being discussed, gather petitions

if necessary, and be part of the entire process. We the people need to be part of the solution. If I am fortunate enough to be elected as commissioner for the 3rd District, I would do my very best to encourage the board to open up even more public meetings to get the people involved in the process of governance. I am only one voice, but I will continue to speak up for these concepts even if not elected. Back to term limits: we need new faces, new ideas and new perspectives in our county government and term limits would provide that very opportunity. This is one of the important reasons I chose to run for county commissioner in the

3rd District of Steele County. I believe strongly in term limits, more provision for public participation in county board meetings, as well as reining in the unbridled spending that is going on in our county with regard to the other items I have spoken about several times, namely, The Steele Co. Detention Center, Cedarview, & KODA-SCCL(We have less beds now available for our elderly in Steele County and perhaps for even ourselves at the KODA complex which is not able to meet its financial obligations). And last, but not least of all, the Steele Co. Highway Dept. building project with a price tag of over \$12 million that we

are being told as taxpayers we must absorb. The 3 incumbent commissioners (Mark Schultz, James “Corky” Ebeling, and Nina Huntington) decided to vote for the \$12 million price tag even though the community task force the board handpicked recommended a \$6-7 million project. These 3 county commissioners are not listening to the voice of the people any longer. It’s apparent, something needs to change. Remember, We The People, are the government. Our elected officials are our employees; we are their employer. Will you be part of the process and vote on November 8th to effect that change?

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Hovering between muggy and cool, the lingering showers all day made this transitional weather a perfect match for this transitional week of the Autumnal Equinox. The temperature was a mild 77°.

Class of '46 turns 70



The 1946 graduating class of Blooming Prairie High School celebrated their 70th class reunion. 12 graduates

attended. Front row: Virginia Lindquist, Dorothy Kittelson, Virginia Davis, Norma Hartcell, Glenda Kibiska. Back

row: Norman Grunklee, Albert Rysavy, Eugene Trom, Donna Shielck, Lowell Trom, Esther Busho, Harriet Matchan.



St. Mary's School welcomes 53 new families

Walk down the hallways at St. Mary's School, and you will find a different level of back-to-school excitement. After being displaced last school year due to an identified problem with the flooring system, St. Mary's School families are glad to be back in their renovated building. "There truly is no place like home," Principal Kathleen Segna said. "After overcoming great adversity last year, our St. Mary's School family could not be any more excited to be back."

Welcoming 53 new families

this school year also adds to the excitement. Segna stated, "We are pleased 19 new K-8 families and 34 new Preschool families have chosen us to partner with them to develop their child(ren)'s mind, body and spirit." Priding themselves in providing a welcoming environment, St. Mary's School cannot deny the excitement that new faces bring to the school. Chris Smith, Assistant Principal and teacher, added, "It is humbling to receive such support from the community and from our families who

are willing to partner with us to help their children become who God created them to be." St. Mary's School has provided academic excellence built on the foundation of faith for 139 years, starting in preschool and going through 8th grade. As students prepare for a successful future, St. Mary's is pleased to have an average class size of 18, and takes pride in its national test scores being consistently above the community and national average. St. Mary's students learn how to put God first and share the gifts and talents they have been blessed with in service to others. For more information contact: 507-446-2300 or check out www.stmarys-owatonna.org



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Across the line

A celebration of Cedars

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

Trips to the metropolitan areas of the United States led visionary Darrel Farr to see into the future. A future that would include longer life for seniors and greater challenges for a society that had to make room for a generation that would be enjoying more of their golden years.

“When I started building and operating residential and commercial property in 1961, senior communities were not a common occurrence. By 1985 however, the thought of doing something more socially challenging and rewarding occurred to me. Maybe the thought was of ‘giving back’ for the blessings I’d received. Since then, my family and I have developed 18 senior communities. The very first of those 18 communities was the Cedars of Austin.”

On Saturday, the Cedars of Ausin, a senior living community in Ausin, celebrated their 30-year anniversary with River

Rat’s Car Club Show, live entertainment, free food and some great adult beverages at a beer garden sponsored by the Jaycee’s.

The weather had turned on the charm for the event after having been severe for the past few days and although the water had crept to the trail around the Mill Pond, it came no further to trouble the activities of the day.

The motto for Cedars is, “We understand, we assist, we listen, we share.” Those are not just words, but could be evidenced as action watching the crowd of seniors and families enjoying the day.

Lucinda Gardner who represented the owners at the event, and whose father was the visionary for the project, said, “We have independent living, assisted living and memory care.”

Although Gardner grew up in Minneapolis, she shed light on how the Cedars project came to Austin. “My uncle actually owned the hotel (The Red Cedar Inn) that the city originally built as a Holiday

Inn. My dad bought and remodeled that and then added this big wing on.”

The facility houses 142 residents and is at almost 95 percent capacity. Gardner points to her marketing guru, Lisa Nelson (director of sales and marketing) as the reason for the successful and impressive numbers.

Nelson has been with Cedars since 2011 and says, “I came into this business purely for my love of seniors and to have the ability to help the families.”

She also mentioned that the attractive employment jump from where she was included the fact that the Cedars is privately owned and that the owners were very hands-on, involved in every phase of the business every day.

As society has changed and the breakthroughs in technology and health care have improved, the challenges for the working generation now is to not only be able to find places to house the elderly, but to house them for a longer period of time. The average American is living longer than ever in its history.

Gardner attested to the longevity of the elderly as she said, “Most of this building was built for independent seniors who had an average age of about 75 years old. In the past 10-15 years, our average age for seniors here is 89. About 14 years older on average.”

With the challenges of a greater number of older adults who are learning to live beyond their years, Cedars has had to keep up with the pace of the times by adding assisted care and memory care to its services.

When asked about the challenges of financial hardship for seniors who have been outliving their pensions and their Social Security incomes, Gardner responded, “The State of Minnesota has a program called Elderly Waiver. (The Elderly Waiver (EW) program is a federal Medicaid waiver program that

funds home and community-based services for people age 65 and older who are eligible for Medical Assistance (MA), require the level of care provided in a nursing home, and choose to live in the community.)

“The Cedars does allow those (who qualify for EW) to come and live in our buildings. Because of our age and commitment to the community, if we have someone who has lived at the Cedars for five, 10, 15 years, just because they run out of money, we are not making them leave.”

There is a staff in place at the Cedars of between 75 and 80 employees. Nelson commented, “Keepin’ them (the employees) happy is a full-time job. Everything from making sure we meet their needs to providing them with a great staff environment, in addition to staff training so that they can feel confident and happy with the job they

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The Cedars of Austin



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Mark DeLap takes a peak under the hood of a classic at the River Rat’s Car show. There was a long line of brightly colored classics decorating the event that day.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. ___ blache: Freedom

6. Plan

12. A jolt

15. “Doonesbury” character

16. Inspiring with love

17. Blood type

19. Anno Domini

20. Janet Reno held this post

21. Arab Republic of Egypt

22. Midway between south and east

23. Sodium

24. Twitches

26. Not loud

28. Hindmost

30. Be quiet!

31. This gives you money

32. Check

34. Short-term memory

35. Askew

37. Platforms

39. Towards the mouth

40. Copied

41. Emerges

43. Menial laborer

44. Chinese sword

45. Energy unit

47. Unhappy

48. The Golden State (abbr.)

50. External

52. Strayed

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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54. Liquid body substances

56. Plutonium

57. Truckers use this

59. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

60. Beloved British princess Lady ___

61. The Bay State (abbr.)

62. Thallium

63. Rebuilt

66. Element

67. The law of retaliation

70. Cuts

71. Mexican monetary units

CLUES DOWN

1. Mothlike insect

2. Equally

3. Flightless birds

4. Grilling tool

5. When you plan to arrive

6. Thoroughfare

7. Philosophical life force

8. Birds

9. Anxious

10. Man’s title

11. Issued

13. Prayer leader

14. Edible red algae

15. Hitters need this

18. Froths on fermenting liquors

25. A two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle

26. Amount (abbr.)

27. Small amount

29. Fundamental quality

31. Cubage unit

33. Bleated

36. No longer is

38. Initial public offering

39. Hard to interpret

41. Highly skilled

42. The woman

43. A bachelor has one

46. Trial prints

47. Passover feast

49. Military forces

51. Plant part

53. Remake

54. Flanks

55. Swiss river

58. Ottoman governors

60. Vale

64. Encountered

65. One track circuit

68. Opposite of yes

69. Hello (slang)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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Cert of Assumed Name

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive

rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Confections 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 registered 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): **Confections 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

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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

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.*

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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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): 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: 17-339-0101

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

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, and then, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, show cause, if any there may be, why this Court should not enter an Order as follows:

That the Registrar of Titles, upon the filing with him of a certified copy of this Order cancel Certificate of Title No. 16932 and enter a new Certificates of Title for Lot 6, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Minnesota in favor of Christina L. Sunda free of the memorial of the following documents:

#T000060244; #T000056634; #T000056635; #T000060245; #T000060246; #T000060291; #T000060485; #T000068635; #T000072981; and #T000073115; and free of the memorial of this Order, but subject to all other memorials and recitals appearing on Certificate of Title No. 16932

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order be served:

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

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

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

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

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

BY THE COURT, /s/ Karen R. Duncan 09/15/2016 Judge of District Court Attorney for Petitioner: Mark J. Rahrick

Smith, Tollefson, Rahrick & Cass 108 West Park Square, Suite A P.O. Box 271 Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Approved as to form: By: /s/ David L. Einhaus David L Einhaus Steele County Examiner of Titles 9/27, 10/4

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

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. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.*

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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 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 present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

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 9/20, 9/27

Amended Order to Show Cause

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE DISTRICT COURT

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT In the Matter of the Petition of CHRISTINA L. SUNDA

For a New Certificate of Title After Tax Forfeiture

Court File Number: 74-CV-16-1723

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE TO: JUANITA M. HOFF, DECISION ONE LOAN COMPANY OF MINNESOTA, DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC. AND SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION

Upon receiving and filing the Report of Examiner of Titles in the above entitled matter, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you and all persons interested, appear before this Court on the 4th day of November, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., at the Steele County Courthouse, 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, and then, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be heard, show cause, if any there may be, why this Court should not enter an Order as follows:

That the Registrar of Titles, upon the filing with him of a certified copy of this Order cancel Certificate of Title No. 16932 and enter a new Certificates of Title for Lot 6, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Minnesota in favor of Christina L. Sunda free of the memorial of the following documents:

#T000060244; #T000056634; #T000056635; #T000060245; #T000060246; #T000060291; #T000060485; #T000068635; #T000072981; and #T000073115; and free of the memorial of this Order, but subject to all other memorials and recitals appearing on Certificate of Title No. 16932

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order be served:

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

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

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

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

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

BY THE COURT, /s/ Karen R. Duncan 09/15/2016 Judge of District Court Attorney for Petitioner: Mark J. Rahrick

Smith, Tollefson, Rahrick & Cass 108 West Park Square, Suite A P.O. Box 271 Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Approved as to form: By: /s/ David L. Einhaus David L Einhaus Steele County Examiner of

Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

IN DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 74-PR-16-1906
Judge: Joseph A. Buettel

In Re: Estate of
MARIE JOHNSON,
ALSO KNOWN AS
MARIE L. JOHNSON,
Deceased

**ORDER
AND NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR FORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR
FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of November, 2016 at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for a formal probate of the instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated November 29, 2013, and for the appointment of Barbara Draheim, whose address is 904 - 9th Avenue S.E., Waseca, Minnesota 56093, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objection thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative 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.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: 9.20.16
Joseph A. Buettel
Judge of District Court

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 74-CV-16-1472
Case Type: Harassment

Leanna Adams, Petitioner

vs.

Carrie Cook, Respondent

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie veterans Doug Johnson and Tom Walters mixed up some pancake batter while working Sunday, Sept. 25 at a BP Veterans Memorial Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser and Silent Auction at the Servicemen's Club. Event chair Marilyn Meshke said 284 tickets were sold.

BP Memorial breakfast

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

The money tree for the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial continues to grow. It grew by more than \$2700 with funds raised at a BP Veterans Memorial Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser and Silent Auction on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie. Marilyn Meshke and Sandy Jones, chairs of the event, said 26 volunteers from local service organizations including the American Legion, VFW and their auxiliaries and the Sons of the American Legion helped with the event. Of the funds received total of \$2,736, \$475 came from the silent auction and \$700 was given in donations. Food costs were deferred by \$250 from a Thrivent Financial Community Action VISA card

held by Vikki and Joe Wacek. Meshke said \$200 was also donated from the Servicemen's gambling fund. "The community really supported us on this successful project," Meshke said. With funds raised from this most recent fundraiser, veterans memorial funds have approached \$70,016.12, which is about 28% of the \$250,000 goal, said BP Veterans Memorial Committee Chairman Tom Peterson. "I am humbled by the response from our posts in providing workers for the fundraiser breakfast," said Peterson. "A big thank you to Marilyn Meshke and Sandy Jones for coordinating everything! I am also humbled by the response from the community," Peterson continued. To date, nearly 100 pavers have been sold for the memorial wall.

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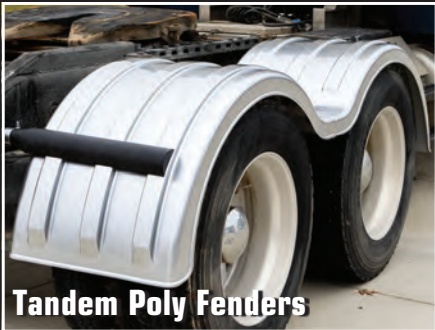
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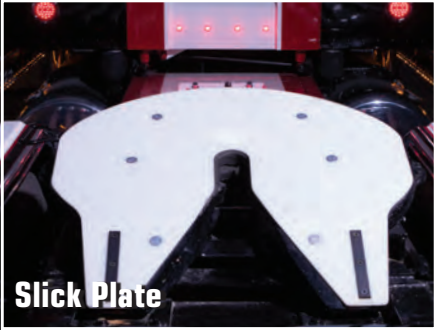
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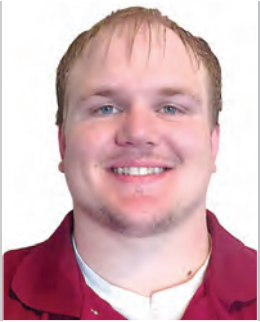
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Vikings D: Best in the NFL?

Well folks, I think it is safe to say that the Vikings defense is the real deal.

In Sunday's 22-10 win over the defending NFC champion Carolina Panthers, it was the defense and more particularly, Mike's Zimmer second half adjustments that helped move the Vikings to 3-0 on the year.

Now, I know there is a ton of football left, but the Vikings may in fact boast the best defense in the NFL through the first three games all things considered.

That unit has been unbelievable in the opening part of the season.

Sunday, the Vikings harassed Cam Newton and the Carolina offense, allowing just 10 points-all that were recorded in the first half. Throughout the first half, they managed just one sack, a Trae Waynes interception and a 54-yard Marcus Sherels punt return for a touchdown . However, after the second half adjustments kicked in, they exploded for 8 sacks and two interceptions.

There were numerous players that stood out in the win, and I'm going to give you the inside scoop of just how good they have been so far.

The LSU hellcat

The first player that should be mentioned when you talk about the Vikings youth amongst the defense is 2015 third round pick, Danielle Hunter. The physical specimen from LSU has been nothing but a monster for the Vikings. In his first 17 games, Hunter has recorded 37 tackles and 9 sacks. To vastly show the development of Zimmer's prized defensive gem is that the second year defensive end played just 25% of the Vikings snaps last season- being used primarily as a pass rusher. In that role as a rookie, he already topped his career high in sacks with 6. In four years at LSU, he recorded a lowly 5 sacks in Les Miles defense. A defense that has a rich tradition of generating pass rushers.

This season however, Hunter has developed a more in depth role, often spelling veteran defensive end Brian Robison on plays that are often considered a run-down. The pace that Hunter is on now, he could easily double his sack total from his rookie season, which would be nothing but an abundance of riches for Mike Zimmer.

The developing Spartan

While Hunter wasn't as highly touted during that draft, first round pick Trae Waynes was.

Waynes' development under fire the first three games of the year is a huge deal. Especially when you consider that fellow first round pick, Marcus Peters (Kansas City), was arguably the best pure cover corner in the draft class and the one that everyone in Norseland wanted. The former Michigan State product has made two big plays in back to back weeks.

Last week, as the Packers were mounting a comeback, the young corner stepped in front of an Aaron Rodgers pass to seal

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Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna running back Jason Williamson (22) follows his blockers on his way to his first rushing touchdown in the Huskies' 21-3 win over Northfield last Friday . Williamson recorded his third straight game of rushing for over 150 yards. For complete results, go to page 2D.



Photos courtesy of Pam Agrimson (Candid Naturals Photography)

Panthers running back Noah Sletten (24) protects quarterback Sam Prigge (3) as he looks to throw in the second half of the Panthers 58-8 win over GFW last Friday. The Panthers offense exploded for 492 yards of total offense. For complete results, turn to page 5D.

Huskies bite Raiders



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Northfield wide receiver Isiah Walker (14) is tackled by Owatonna’s Ben Staska (51), Journey Peterson (56), and Zach Mensink (21) during the third quarter last Friday. The Huskies allowed just 146 yards of total offense and held the state-ranked Raiders to a field goal in the win.

Owatonna defense holds Northfield to 146 yards of offense

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

After a stunning defeat to Class AAAA Faribault on Sept. 16, Defensive Coordinator Marc Achterkirch said that heading into practice for Northfield, the team was going to regroup. It didn’t take long to see just how refocused the Huskies were.

On an autumn night in Northfield, the Huskies ran away with a 21-3 win over the state ranked Raiders. Head coach Jeff Williams said that something they failed to do last week was the biggest factor.

“We established the line of scrimmage. Our zone running game looked good, and we did a good job of sustaining our blocks,” he added.

Heading into this week of practice, the Huskies allowed both regular starter Jacob Gauthier and backup quarterback Abe Havelka reps with the first team offense. Williams also noted that

they were going to give both quarterbacks a shot—adding that Havelka could enter in the game as early as the second or third series.

After Gauthier’s drive accumulated plays of a loss of one, a gain of one and an incomplete pass, Williams made the switch and put in his back up, and he was the signal caller for the remainder of the contest. Havelka’s first drive as the quarterback saw the Huskies march 61 yards down the field before a 6-yard Williamson touchdown run capped the drive.

“I liked what I saw. I liked his command of our zone run scheme. I liked his ability to throw the ball down the field and makes things happen,” Williams stated.

After a Huskies punt, The Raiders took over on their own 24-yard line. However, the field position would be greatly shifted after running back Mitchell Stanchina raced down the Hus-

kies sideline on his way to a 39-yard gain. After the Huskies limited the Raiders to just eleven yards on the next few plays, Northfield got on the board after a 30-yard field goal.

After a Northfield fumble on their following possession, the Huskies found themselves in premium field position to add another score just minute into the second quarter. After a Havelka pass moved the Huskies into Northfield territory, Owatonna’s star sophomore Jason Williamson took over. The speedster broke off a run of eight yards before ripping off a 26-yard touchdown to extend the Huskies lead 14-3. Williamson finished with 174 yards on 30 carries to lead the Huskies on the ground.

From that moment on, it was all defense from Owatonna. Aside from the 50-yard drive that registered Northfield’s only points of the contest, the Huskies halted any offensive attack

from the Raiders. In fact, out of 12 Northfield possessions, the Raiders managed to get into the red zone once.

An even more impressive stat line is that the secondary, that has been pegged “The no fly zone” by members of the local media, didn’t allow a completion until the midway point of the third quarter. The Raiders didn’t have much luck running the ball as well. On 25 carries the Huskies allowed 101 yards rushing. They did create three fumbles, however. Owatonna’s defense allowed its lowest total of yards in the season, giving up just 146 yards of offense.

Midway through the third quarter, Havelka led the final scoring drive of the night as the Huskies drove 56 yards. The drive was sealed with a Havelka sneak from one yard out. The junior finished 12 for 26 for 110 yards passing. Despite the one yard touchdown run, Havelka managed to rush for just 10

yards.

Despite playing the rest of the game after taking over, Coach Williams said that this doesn’t mean there will be a permanent change.

“Internal competition for jobs is the best motivator in high school football bar none,” he added.

Williams also added that the win feels better than last week, but that there is a lot of football left to played.

“We still got four more regular season games left. We got playoff coming. The best thing is that we are relatively healthy,” he said.

The Huskies will be home this week against Austin for homecoming. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

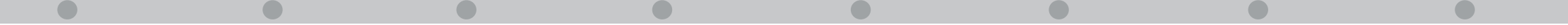
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Northfield 0 3 0 0 3
Owatonna 7 7 7 0 21
FIRST QUARTER

O—Jason Williamson 7 run (Aidan Buryaska kick), 5:50
SECOND QUARTER
N—Tommy Gallagher 31 field goal, 10:27
O—Williamson 26 run (Buryaska kick), 7:04
THIRD QUARTER
O—Abe Havelka 1 run (Buryaska kick), 6:08
Team stats
Passing: O 111, N 45
Rushing: O 208, N 101
Turnovers O 0, N 1
Individual stats
Passing: Gauthier- 1 for 2, 1 yard; Havelka- 12 for 26, 110 yards.
Rushing: Williamson- 30 carries, 174 yards, 2 TD’s; Mitch Weise- 1 carry, 3 yards; Bryce Goodwin- 2 carries, 20 yards; Zach Mensink- 2 carries, 1 yard.
Receiving: Noah Budach- 6 catches, 49 yards; Alex Raichle- 2 catches, 14 yards; Ethan DeKam- 3 catches, 45 yards.



Junior quarterback Abe Havelka (3) attempts a pass as running back Jason Williamson (22) and Nathan Deason (54) ward off pressure late in the third quarter on Friday. Havelka replaced starting Huskies quarterback Jacob Gauthier and led three scoring drives on the night. The junior finished with 110 yards passing on the night.



Blossoms edge JWP



Photos courtesy of Kathy Piller

Junior running backs Lucas Noble (6) and Max Romeo (2) straddle sophomore quarterback Seth Peterson (12) prior to the snap in the second half of Blooming Prairie's 12-8 win over JWP last Friday. The Awesome Blossoms recorded 131 yards rushing on the night.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Editor

Chalk this one up for the defense. The Awesome Blossom football team spent over three-fourths of the game in its own half of the field, but a dominating defense allowed the team to escape with its third straight win. BP edged Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton 12-8 Friday, Sept. 23, on the home field by scoring two second half touchdowns. The defense, led by outstanding athlete Wyatt Grundmeier, kept the Bulldogs scoreless until the last half minute of the game. This, despite the fact that the visitors had almost 60 more yards in total offense, both on

the ground and through the air. Grundmeier pied up 13 tackles, including four for losses and two of them in succession to knock the Bulldogs out of a scoring threat. Mitchell Oswald chimed in with 11 tackles, and two-way starter Connor Getchell added 7. Getchell, who was also the Blossoms' second-leading rusher said, "The line did a good job of opening holes when my number was called. On defense, we just played the way we had to in shutting down the Bulldogs." Coach Chad Gimbel added, "We keep making mistake after mistake, and we were lucky tonight. Grundmeier was all over the field, and the defense overall won this game for us."

After a scoreless first half in which the Blossoms managed only one drive into Bulldog territory, their first possession of the second half resulted in a ten-play scoring drive from their own 37-yard line. Quarterback Seth Peterson's three runs for 16 yards and a pass to Colin Lerum for 20 yards brought the ball to the JWP 10. Lucas Noble gained 9 yards to the one and scored the touchdown with 6:08 left in the third quarter. Brad Staska's kick sailed wide, and BP the led 6-0. After stopping a subsequent drive by the Bulldogs, the Blossoms began another drive from their own 45. The home team used 11 plays, ending in the fourth quarter to notch a second

touchdown. Max Romeo, Getchell, and Noble shared runs in the drive to take the ball to the JWP 3. A loss of three on third down put the ball back on the 6-yard line, but Peterson found Tim Wolf in the corner of the end zone for the score. Staska's kick again sailed off to the right. The first half was a comedy of errors for the Blossoms. The one good drive in the first quarter took the ball to the JWP 30, but the first of two intercepted passes stopped that drive. In the second quarter Romeo lost the handle on the ball in two possessions in a row to give the losers the ball, and a third possession ended with the second intercepted pass thrown by Peterson.

Add to that four penalties, including two holding calls, and the locals considered themselves lucky to get to the half in a scoreless tie. The defense continued to thwart the Bulldogs until less than one minute remained. In three plays JWP marched to the Blossom 20, and quarterback Sam Eustice connected with Braydon Johnson after Eustice scrambled out of the pocket. The touchdown came with 29 seconds on the clock, and a Eustice to Josh Janike scramble counted the two-point conversion. BP recovered JWP's on-side kick to preserve the victory for the Blossoms and up the record to 3-1 for the season.

The team heads to Mankato Loyola Friday night for another important contest.

Box score

BP	0	0	6	6=	12
JWP	0	0	0	8=	8

Team stats

BP	Rushing	131,	Passing	53
	total yards	184		
JWP	rushing	133,	Passing	120
	total yards	253		

Individual stats

BP RUSHING	Romeo	59,	
Getchell	29,	Noble	22
BP Passing	Seth Peterson	6 of 13	53 yards



Blossoms defensive lineman Cameron Heimerman (62) locks out an opposing JWP offensive lineman during the second half of Blooming Prairie's 12-8 win last Friday. Heimerman and the Blooming defense held JWP to just eight points and 253 totals yards of offense.

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Cardinals peck Tigers



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Medford running back Marcus Deleon (25) rolls over a Cardinal defender as he falls into the endzone late in the fourth quarter last Friday. The senior running back finished with 195 ya ds and three scores on the night.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

A week after recording its first win in nearly three years, the Medford Tigers were on the road to Fairbault looking like they might be able to steal a game from the Cardinals in the “Battle for the Paddle.”

Unfortunately, an interception on fourth down late in the fourth quarter sealed the Tigers’ fate as the Cardinals escaped with a 24-21 win. Head coach Jerome Johannes said that it came to not being able to stop the rushing attack.

“They had a strong power running game. They did a nice job in doing that. We put some guys out there, and they just blocked it well,” he added.

The Cardinals rushed for 110 yards on the evening-most of

which came in the second half. Johannes said that defensively, they did a good job of shutting down the running game in the first half. In fact, the bulk of the Cardinal’s rushing yards in the first half came on Jack Clark’s 63-yard run midway through the second quarter.

The Tigers fought back after a Clark interception was returned for a touchdown put Medford in a 6-0 deficit.

Star running back Marcus Deleon gave Medford the early 7-6 lead after scoring on a 6-yard run. The senior running back finished the evening with 40 carries for 195 yards and three scores. Deleon also showed his presence in the return game, recording 3 returns for 89 yards. As if starring on offense wasn’t enough, he also led the defense with 14 tackles. Johannes said

that Deleon was the big reason the game was as close as it was.

“He was our workhorse for us tonight. He seemed to get better the more carries he had,” he added.

After Clark’s long run helped the Cardinals regain the lead before the half, the rushing attack opened up for the Cardinals in the second half.

The Cardinals opened the second half marching down the field by way of its formidable power running game until a 17-yard run from Nick Brown capped the drive. Brown would give the lead right back to the Cardinals on a 13-yard run after Deleon punched his second score of the night in for Medford.

Finding themselves down two scores in the fourth quarter, Ty Devoe came up with the biggest play for the Tigers of the night

as he intercepted a Cardinal pass on the two-yard line.

On the ensuing possession, the Tigers marched 98 yards with Deleon scoring his final touchdown of the contest with 4:16 remaining. In what may be ruled by fans as a risky call, Johannes opted for an onside kick. The coaches’ gambled paid off as the Tigers recovered and started marching downfield. Unfortunately, Clark’s second interception of the night sealed the victory for the Cardinals.

Joahnnes said after the game that the biggest point of emphasis in this week of practice will be stopping the run.

“This is a good Kenyon team, a team from last year that won the district, so we need to be ready to go. We have to bounce back. This game has a lot of implications for us,” he added.

Box score

B.A. 24, Medford 21
BA 0 12 12 0 — 24
MHS 0 7 6 8 — 21

Scoring
Second Quarter
B — Clark 17 interception return, (run failed) 11:48.
M — DeLeon 6 run, (kick good), 7:08.
B — Clark 63 run, (run failed), 6:49
Third Quarter
B — N. Brown 17 run (kick missed), 10:13
M — DeLeon 2 run (pass failed), 6:10
B — N. Brown 13 run (run failed), 4:05
Fourth Quarter
M — DeLeon 8 run (pass good),

4:16

Team stats

Passing: Medford 42, B.A. 36.
Rushing: Medford 230, B.A. 110
Turnovers: Medford 3, B.A. 2.

Tigers individual stats

Passing: Javis VonRuden- 3 for 10, 42 yards, 3 INT’s.
Rushing: Deleon- 40 carries, 195 yards, 3 TD’s; Nate Meixner- 8 carries, 22 yards; Javis VonRuden- 1 carry, 10 yards; Bo Noble- 3 carries, 3 yards.
Receiving: Meixner- 2 catches, 10 yards; Alex Gengler- 1 catch , 32 yards.
Defense
Deleon- 14 tackles, Nick Maso-11 tackles, Noble- 7 tcakles.



The Medford defense led by linebacker Bo Noble (15) wraps up a Cardinal ball carrier behind the line of scrimmage on Friday.



Tigers wide receiver David Klapperich (15) attempts to break through a flock of Ca dinal defenders on Friday.

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Panthers pounce on GFW



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Panthers junior running back Perry Peterson (22) attempts to break the tackles of three GFW defenders in the first quarter last Friday. Peterson's 125 yards was a part of NRHEG's explosion for over 300 yards on the ground in the 58-8.

Peterson runs for 125 yards, 4 scores in win

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Editor

Scoring four touchdowns in the opening quarter propelled NRHEG to a 58-8 rout over Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop at Winthrop Friday. It marked the third straight win for the Panthers after an opening season loss to Mayer Lutheran.

The home team never had a chance in this game. With less than three minutes gone, quarterback Sam Prigge found Cole Staloch open and launched a 65-yard pass and run for a touchdown.

With two plus minutes left in the quarter, Perry Peterson

powered one yard for a second touchdown. A third score on a one-yard run from Peterson increased the lead, and Peterson intercepted a pass and ran it in for the 26-0 lead at the first break. That burst set the tone, and NRHEG kept scoring the rest of the game.

"After not practicing Thursday," remarked Coach Dan Stork, "and the guys sandbagging to help the flooding, I was concerned about the ability to perform in a strong manner."

Prigge's pass to Staloch for the early touchdown seemed to wake everybody up and give us the spark we needed."

NRHEG counted one more

touchdown in the first half, but the Panthers then really broke the game open in the second half with five more touchdowns. Peterson ran for 35 yards and a touchdown, with Prigge kicking the extra point.

Peterson ran again for 35 yards and 15 yards and two more touchdowns, and Sawyer Van Maldeghem ran 9 yards, with Prigge again kicking the extra point. GFW scored its lone touchdown on a run of 9 yards against Panther reserves. Lucas Bailey finished the scoring late in the fourth quarter on a 66-yard run.

"I was very pleased with the defense," concluded Coach

Stork. "As we held them to just 99 total yards of offense. I am happy with how far we have come the last few weeks. Practices have been sharp, and the guys are doing everything with a purpose. That is really paying off, and it has shown in the game performances."

Box score

NRHEG 26 6 20 6 58
GFW 00 08 8
Team stats
Passing: NR 162, GFW 61
Rushing: NR 330, GFW 38
Turnovers: NR 2, GFW 4



Above: NRHEG defensive back Brady Agrimson (27) leaps to deflect a pass from a GFW receiver.
Left: A GFW ball carrier is tackled by a pack of Panthers led by (from left to right) Jack Schultz (60), Jack Hogstad (56), Jacob Schuller (2).



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Like father, like son



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Senior defensive back and captain Brett Solie (11) attempts to wrap up a Raider running back in Owatonna's 21-3 win over Northfield last Friday. The 2015 All-District performer was second on the team for nine tackles on the night.

Huskies football keeps it all in the family for Solie's

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

High school is said to be the place where you build lifelong friendships and memories that you'll never forget. When you play for the school's football program, the chances of having those memories greatly increase. However, when you play on the football team and have your father on the coaching staff, those will be memories that last a lifetime.

That's the situation for the Owatonna Huskies. Delles Solie, the Huskies varsity defensive line coach, gets the best seat in the house to watch his son, Brett, play on Friday nights. "It's pretty special," Delles added.

Delles has been coaching football for the Huskies since 1991, helping create some of the best defensive lines in the state for nearly 25 years. His most recent former player, Andrew Stelter, has been starting at defensive tackle for the Golden Gophers.

For the last three years however, he has had a chance to see his son Brett star at safety for the Huskies. Delles added that getting a chance to share memories of Owatonna football with his son is a lot of fun.

"Owatonna football is fun to be a part of anyway. While I don't see much of him after the game, I get to see it on tape.

Watching your son play is a lot of fun," he added.

Brett Solie added that it gives the two a chance to spend more time together.

"It's pretty good. I mean he hasn't really been there growing up because he had stuff to do with the varsity. So having him watch is pretty cool," he added.

Named a captain by his teammates, Solie has been a force in the secondary for the Huskies. Delles recalled that it only took a few games into his sophomore year for his son to be a starter.

"He started as a sophomore at free safety. It was probably two or three games, then he played full time as a junior," Delles added.

As a junior, Brett was tabbed an All-District performer, earning a slot on the Big Southeast All-District team. While people may think that once they both get home that the football talk stops, that is not the case in the Solie household.

With Brett playing safety, Delles gets little opportunity throughout the week of practice to converse with his son about the implemented game plan or their opponents. Brett mentioned that home gives them a good chance to pick up really where practice left off.

"I can go to him and get everything cleared up. We can watch video throughout the week and discuss what needs to happen,"

Brett added.

As for interactions during the game, Delles added that it's more valuable than anything.

"I get an interesting perspective because I can ask Brett about how do you feel the team is responding to this and he can

give me a lot of good insight," he said.

This week, Brett mentioned they had to stop the run first before they could worry about other things. Led by his 9 tackles, the Huskies limited the Raiders to 101 yards rushing.

As his senior season continues to roll on with Brett's final homecoming game this Friday, Delles said that being able to share every moment with his son is a good deal.

"As busy as we get as a society, we don't necessarily spend

as much time with our kids as we should. This is already two hours a day I can keep an eye on him and see how he's doing," he added.

Owatonna will face Austin for homecoming on Friday at OHS Stadium.



(From left to right): Varsity defensive line coach converses with senior defensive linemen Goy Tut (74) and defensive coordinator Marc Achterkirch about an adjustment for the next defensive series. Solie has been coaching at Owatonna for nearly 25 years.

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Veterans update Legion, VFW memberships

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

It was a night to renew patriotism and a night to keep Blooming Prairie American Legion and VFW members strong.

An estimated 125 persons attended a special annual membership meeting for American Legion Post 52, VFW Post 878, Sons of American Legion and for the auxiliaries of the Legion and VFW. On this night, members renew memberships and new members of these organizations are also signed up.

“Tonight is a kickoff for the year,” said Doug Johnson, commander of the local American Legion post.

A delicious deep fried chicken dinner was served by the staff of the Servicemen’s Club on Thursday, Sept. 22. “We are showcasing the Servicemen’s staff tonight,” Johnson said. The club is under new management.

Three Blooming Prairie High School students, Aaron Fennell, Rachel Peterson and Bryan Fristedt, shared their experiences of attending Boys State and Girls State at Southwest State University in Marshall and at Bethel University in St. Paul, respectively, this past summer, courtesy of the BP Legion and Auxiliary.

“I have grown so much more patriotic; I love my country,” remarked an eloquent Bryan Fristedt. With trouble being experienced throughout the night with a loud speaker system, the young Fristedt put the microphone aside and spoke loudly and informatively about his time at Boys State. He began his talk by thanking the veterans in attendance for their service.

“The week kind of changed

me as a person,” offered Rachel Peterson. “I was taught more about respecting the flag and I learned the deep meaning of patriotism,” commented Rachel.

In introducing the Boys State and Girls State representatives, Commander Johnson said they attended the special week to give back their youth and to work on their personal growth,

“It was fun, fast and exciting,” Fennell said in comparing the week to a roller coaster ride. During the week, participants built their own cities and counties, said Fennell.

Fennell listed three favorites during the week: sports (softball), activities including a march around Minnesota and an ending party. Fennell has performed his viola pieces before local veterans groups in the past. “Where’s your viola,” Johnson joked with Fennell.

Julie Hoffman, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, introduced Girls Stater Rachel Peterson, a senior at Blooming Prairie High School.

At Girls State, Peterson said she learned more about government and about how laws are passed. She also learned more about the American flag, how it is honored and folded and how it is disposed.

Rachel was assigned to a city and to a county. Her city was called Muskies and her county was named walleye. Students voted for mayor, governor, Lt. governor and also had the opportunity to hear officials from the FBI and from city police departments. The mayor of White Bear Lake, Jo Emerson, and Speaker of the House, Kurt Daudt, spoke to the Girls Staters during the week.

Peterson said a talent show

also highlighted her week.

While building cities, Fristedt said he represented Moorhead as a city and Crow Wing County as a county. He was chosen mayor of Crow Wing County and also became one of eight candidates for governor.

During an active week, Fristedt was elected to the House of Representatives and served as the head of the Department of Natural Resources Commission. “We even impeached one senator,” He laughed.

Sharing his extroverted ways, Fristedt said he proudly sang a Boys State song, “Boys

State Will shine.”

Fristedt said he plans to study pre-law in college and hopes to become a politician some day.

As a wrap-up to the evening activities, Tom Peterson, chairman of the Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial Committee, presented an update on the progress of building a Blooming Prairie Veterans Memorial. He said \$65,420 has been raised thus far. Fundraising goal is \$250,000.

To date, Peterson said 93 pavers have been sold. He said there will be room for 720 pavers on the wall.



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Blooming Prairie American Legion and Auxiliary Boys Staters and Girls Stater were special guests at a veterans organization membership dinner on Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Servicemen’s Club in Blooming Prairie. Shown from left are: Bryan Fristedt, Rachel Peterson and Aaron Fennell.

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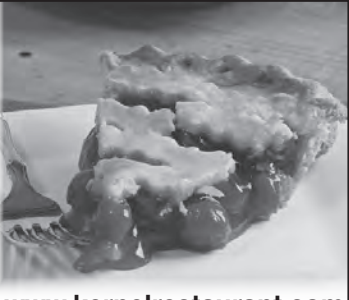
Contest: There will be 30 games each week during the contest, which begins Sept. 9 and runs for 12 weeks.

How to win: Pick the team you think will win each game listed in the below advertisements. Write the team's name in the blank with the corresponding number. Cut out the entry blank and enter to: Steele County Times, P.O. Box 247, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 or drop off at our office at 411 E. Main St. in Blooming Prairie. You may enter in person, mail or by e-mail to bptimes@frontiernet.net. It must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. You must enter a score in the Tie-Breaker game or you will be disqualified

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