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Fans admire super sized rings for Super Bowl champs



Staff photo: Rick Bussler
Deborah Litke of Owatonna carefully admires Super Bowl championship rings made by Jostens at a traveling display last week at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna. Jostens has made 33 Super Bowl rings over the years. All of them were on display during the exhibit.

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Visitors to the Steele County History Center in Owatonna found out last week just how super sized the rings are for Super Bowl champions.

SUPER BOWL RINGS
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Administrator process hits snag as top choice rejects county offer

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

The Steele County Board will not get its top choice to be the next county administrator.

Last week Michael Plante, current administrator with Wabasha County, notified Steele County that he did not want the job after reaching an impasse during contract negotiations. Board chair James Brady and interim county administrator Janice Fransen handled negotiations for the county.

"I wasn't able to work things out personally or contractually," Plante told the Times. "It's an excellent organization and a great community, but it just didn't work out," he said.

Plante's decision came just a week after former county administrator Laura Elvebak filed a lawsuit against the county board. She claims the board has sexually discriminated, violated open meeting laws and violated the Minnesota Whistleblower Act.

Asked if the lawsuit had

any bearing on his decision to reject the job, Plante firmly said, "No, it didn't."

Plante, who grew up in Owatonna, has always wanted to get back to Steele County. "I was extremely interested in the position, but it just didn't work out right now, unfortunately," he said.

He plans to continue focusing his efforts on Wabasha County where he has worked for the past seven years. "I work for a great organization and I have great citizens to work for," Plante said.

The board is expected to take up the issue of what to do next at its regular board meeting Sept. 26.

The other finalists previously identified by the county when they chose Plante were Jennifer Bromeland, city administrator for Jackson and Scott Goldberg, the environmental services director for Steele County. All three had been interviewed and introduced during a public meet-and-greet on Sept. 13.

BP School seeks operating funds from voters

3 referendum questions on ballot Nov. 7

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Three operating levy questions are being brought to Blooming Prairie School District 756 voters on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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Surprise end in murder trial



Staff photo: Rick Bussler
Steele County sheriff's deputies lead Gerald Blevins out of the Steele County Courthouse in handcuffs Friday morning after he pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting second-degree murder. Both Blevins, and his co-defendant, Cyrus Trevino, have admitted their involvement in killing Richard Jurgensen in June 2016 on a rural gravel road northeast of Owatonna.

Both accused killers enter guilty pleas

By RICK and KYRIE BUSSLER
Staff Writers

In a surprise move, the two men accused of murder admitted their involvement in Steele County District Court last week, bringing an end to one of the murder trials that had been in the midst of jury selection.

On Thursday, Cyrus Noel Trevino, 22, entered a guilty plea to second-degree murder. The next morning, his accomplice, Gerald Blevins, 38, also pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting second-degree murder. The two will be sentenced in separate hearings on Nov. 13.

As part of the plea bargain reached with prosecutors, Trevino is facing 27-32 years in prison while Blevins is looking at 12 ½ years in prison. However, Judge Joseph Bueltel will have the final say at November's sentencing hearings.

Trevino had the most to lose, as he could

have faced life in prison without parole if he would have continued with his trial and been convicted of first-degree murder.

"You never know how people are going to react when they have a lot to lose," said Daniel McIntosh, Steele County Attorney. "One of the benefits of a long jury selection is for people to see the true picture. The prosecution was ready to mount a big case with many witnesses," he said.

Jury selection began on Monday, Sept. 18 and continued throughout the week for Trevino's trial. On Thursday, jury selection came to a stop when both sides announced they had reached a deal.

McIntosh said prosecutors struck a deal with Blevins last Tuesday before anything was decided with Trevino.

Once it became apparent that Blevins was cooperating with prosecutors and ready to testify against Trevino, Trevino quickly de-

cided to the plea agreement.

The plea deal, McIntosh said, ended up being the same offer that prosecutors had proposed all along.

McIntosh said even if Blevins had decided to not testify against Trevino, the prosecution still had a "good case" to go forward. But, McIntosh admitted, it would have definitely been a better case with the full testimony from Blevins.

During their plea hearings last week, the two admitted in court how they killed Richard Jurgensen of Medford in June 2016 on a gravel road northeast of Owatonna.

On Friday, Judge Bueltel, Blevins' public defender Lauri Traub and special prosecutor David Miller of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office led Blevins through his account of what had happened on the night of June 25 when Jurgensen was shot and killed.

MURDER TRIAL

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Hale to retirement

Long-time fair publicity director hangs it up

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

One of the most iconic figures of the Steele County Free Fair is hanging it up.

Todd Hale, who has become known as the voice of the fair for nearly three decades, says it's time to go. Beginning Friday, he's leaving behind the publicity and entertainment position he's had since 1990.

"It's been 27 years. That's enough," Hale said. "I have enjoyed every day and every year working with the fair. I have especially enjoyed my association with the entertainers that have visited with us and performed for us each year," he added.

Fair president Dan Deml said Hale has been "a tremendous asset" to the fair for many years. "Todd has been a real icon of the fair. I hate to see him go," Deml said. "But we know he can't go on forever."

Deml attributes some of the success of the fair becoming the largest fair in Minnesota to Hale. Deml said the fair experienced significant growth during Hale's tenure because of his expertise in publicity as well as the entertainment field.

Hale also served as the voice of the fair

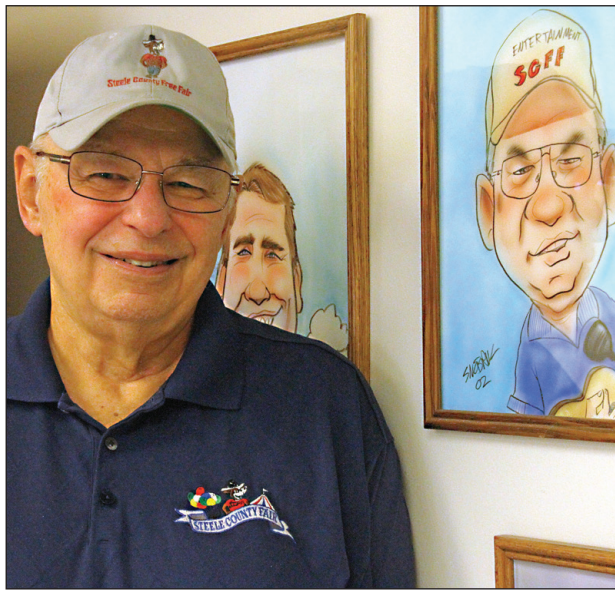
as he made announcements on the public address system. "His voice was recognizable to anyone who has been around Steele County," Deml said. He added that Hale's announcing of the Human Cannonball for several years "enhanced the enjoyment" of the experience for fairgoers.

Hale began with the fair as an assistant to Dr. Louie Allgeyer, secretary of the fair, handling publicity and advertising. In the late 1990s, he assumed the task of booking the entertainment for the free stages on the fairgrounds.

Though Hale has been officially working for the fair for 27 years, his association with the fair goes back even longer. For years he worked with KRFO-Radio doing live remotes during fair week.

Taking over Hale's duties will be Wayne Steele, who has been the coordinator of Fair Square Stage for the past five years. Steele is a member of the fair board.

The fair board is discussing ways to keep Hale involved on a limited basis with the fair.



Staff photo: Rick Bussler
Long-time publicity director Todd Hale stands next to a caricature that was done of him several years ago at the fair. Hale is retiring from the fair this Friday after 27 years of handling publicity and entertainment scheduling. See Rick Bussler's Hot Pursuit column on page 2A for more about Hale's long career with the fair.

Deml said the board is considering making Hale a superintendent of one of the fair's departments.

"We really want to express our appreciation and gratitude to Todd for everything he has done," Deml said.



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Opinion

Our view

Move gives hint of transparency issues by county board

Earlier this month the Steele County Board held interviews with three prospective candidates for county administrator without apparently divulging a critical piece of information about the county.

According to at least one of the candidates, the county had a good process in place. It included several rounds of interviews with board members and various department heads, as well as a meet-and-greet with the public.

However, according to one source close to the process, a key piece of information was left out of the interviews. That information included a lawsuit filed by the former administrator accusing the board of misconduct ranging from sexual discrimination to violation of open meeting laws.

Laura Elvebak served the lawsuit on the county Sept. 8 and it was filed in district court on Sept. 11. The interview process took place on Sept. 12 and 13 at the administration building. The allegations didn't come to light until late in the week by local media.

While it's difficult to speculate on the timing of the lawsuit, it seems logical that the lawsuit should have been disclosed to the candidates.

In our view, county officials failed to do their due diligence in letting the top candidates know just exactly what they're getting themselves into by wanting to lead Steele County.

Whether this snafu caused Michael Plante of Wabasha County to turn down the job or not may never be known. He claims it didn't have any bearing on his decision. We hope that's the case.

But the greater issue is the apparent lack of transparency and accountability with our county board members. This should have been disclosed to each candidate during the interview process. Granted they would eventually find out, but imagine if the commissioners had thrown it out there right away, how much better they would be viewed.

We recognize that anyone can make up allegations in a lawsuit, but the charges in the suit are quite serious in nature and deserve some explanation from at least some of the commissioners.

If what Elvebak is claiming is true about a "boys' club" culture in which state laws are being openly violated, swift and prompt action needs to take place long before any lawsuit is resolved. Lawsuits of this nature can often take up to two years or longer to go through the court system.

There has been a great deal of turmoil within county government over the past 18 months. Isn't it time to upright the ship and lead the county to some happier times?



HOT PURSUIT
RICK BUSSLER

For nearly three decades Todd Hale has churned out advertising and publicity to attract folks to Minnesota's largest county fair. Once fairgoers arrived, they were treated to his booming voice over the fair's public address system.

At 78 years old, Hale has decided to hang it up and turn over his duties to someone younger. "It was time," Hale told me last week. "Since the fair ended (last month), I gave it lots of thought. It's been 27 years and that's enough."

Over his 27-year career with the fair, Hale has been responsible for lining up all the free entertainment on the grounds. He has been known for providing a cross section of musical entertainment, including old-time music. He said working with the entertainers is something he will miss dearly.

Hale said it's a safe bet that some changes will be coming with the entertainment. "The board has indicated they want to update the entertainment and that's hard for me," he said.

Fair icon hales to retirement

"Some modernizing and tweaking will be going on."

His job has always been part-time. But Hale is quick to point out, "It doesn't turn out to be that way," especially during the summer months and the weeks leading up to the fair.

Being involved so closely with the fair has been an honor for Hale, most notably in the fair circles. "Our peers are aware of what kind of fair Steele County puts on," he said. "They almost look at you with envy that we're able to put this on so well. When you say you're from Steele County Free Fair, everybody recognizes how good you are."

He said there never has been a time when he hasn't been proud of his involvement with the fair.

One of the reasons the fair remains so successful is keeping it as a free fair, Hale said. "There are no fences and no gates. It doesn't cost anything to get into the fair," he said.

Hale also complimented the board for running a "quality and honest" fair. "The board has high quality and good standards," he said. "They are also very sensitive to the complaints and concerns on the grounds. We work together to bring a show that people want to come back to," he added.

As Hale's days with the fair come to an end, he credits one person for his success over all

these years—former manager Elmer Reseland. "Elmer and I were very close friends outside of the fair and our friendship got closer when he came to the fair," Hale said. "He was a real public relations expert. I modeled my procedures after him as he had a wealth of knowledge."

Hale said it was always Reseland's belief that "getting the message out to the public was an important part to the success of the fair."

And Hale never strayed away from pumping out the happenings of the fair through the local media. He wrote columns promoting the fair months ahead, sent out press releases to the media and developed advertising promotions about the fair. If there was anything in print or on the local airwaves, it's a good bet Hale was behind it.

When Hale leaves the fair office Friday afternoon, it won't be the same any longer. "It will be hard to not come in here every day," he said. "I'll dearly miss all the activities I've been in. It's been a good experience."

Hale hopes to hang onto the tradition of being the "voice of the fair," as he describes it. At this point the fair plans to keep Hale doing the pre-recorded messages that run on the fair's public address system. "I would be happy to do that," he said.

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Guest Column

Interesting State Fair poll results

By **DAN SPARKS**

On the heels of this year's Great Minnesota Get-Together, the Senate is busy reviewing results from the annual state fair poll conducted at the Minnesota Senate booth. It is an informal and non-partisan survey of the issues discussed in prior legislative sessions and potential topics for 2018. I always find the results interesting and informative. Even though the poll is not scientific, it captures a broad range of views – there were more than 5,300 Minnesotans who answered the questions this year.

Transportation, congestion, and how to pay for fixing our roads and bridges is always a hot topic. This year, the Senate survey asked respondents whether they would favor including toll roads in the Department of Transportation's long-term strategy to reduce congestion and raise revenue for transportation. With the highest percent-

age of participants, more than 71 percent believe Minnesota should not consider toll roads as a solution to our transportation problems.

Ditch mowing was another issue that polled high. Lawmakers passed a one-year moratorium on enforcement of a permit that landowners would otherwise be required to obtain to mow or bale hay in ditches along state trunk highways. More than 57 percent of the respondents' primary concern about mowing ditches in rural areas was the protection of habitat for pollinators and nesting birds. This result raised my eyebrows, because that is not necessarily what I am hearing from my constituents in rural Minnesota. Last session, I voted for the moratorium to provide more time to study this issue.

In 2017, Minnesota lawmakers approved a one-year, \$327 million health insurance premium reduction package to help Minnesotans facing dispro-

portionately high premiums in the individual health insurance market. More than 46 percent of participants said Minnesota should continue to provide funding to help lower individual health insurance premiums. In addition, another 31 percent said we should continue to provide subsidies, but with income limitations. This will definitely be a topic of discussion in 2018 because the premium problem is not going away, but the state also cannot continue investing that kind of money without a longer-term solution to our health care challenges.

This year, fairgoers also were asked to rank the best use of state dollars to meet future workforce. The results were: 36 percent support increasing spending for high-school and dual-enrollment career and technical education; 29 percent support providing full or partial scholarships for high school graduates pursuing an associ-

ate's degree or professional certificate; and more than 20 percent support providing incentives to private employers that offer apprenticeships.

For me, the biggest takeaway from this year's survey was that 44 percent of respondents were from the suburbs, 36 percent from the cities, and just 17 percent from rural Minnesota. That's understandable, since the fair is held in the Twin Cities, but I also think it is a good reminder that those of us in rural Minnesota need to speak up.

I certainly understand people's reluctance to participate in politics, but participating in democracy is different. This survey really drives home how important it is for all of us to make our voices heard so metro priorities don't end up swaying decisions made at the Capitol. You can always call or email me, attend one of my town meetings, or set up a personal meeting. That's true whether you agree

with what I'm doing or not; it's important to hear all sides of the story from people I represent.

My contact information is sen.dan.sparks@senate.mn or 651-296-9248. You also can keep track of what the legislature is doing on the website, www.senate.mn, where you can sign up to follow committees of interest or receive other notifications. There, you will also find a full summary of the State Fair Poll results via a link located under "Information and Publications" near the bottom of the webpage.

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Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Larceny: On Sept. 13 at 8:55 a.m., deputies received a larceny report that a subject stole multiple bags of apples from Hanson’s Apple Farm in Dodge Center.

CRIME BRIEF

Man accused of stuffing his pants with meat

What the real intentions of an Owatonna man were may never be known, but Owatonna Police think they have found a candidate for the sausage races at Miller Park in Milwaukee.

Police responded to Hy-Vee Foods on a recent Wednesday evening for a shoplifter who had just left the store. A witness saw him stuffing his pants with sausages.

A short time later officers found Terrence D. Edwards, 33, walking behind the Oakdale Motel. Besides matching the description provided to police, Edwards allegedly had packages of meat hanging out of his



Terrence D. Edwards

front and back pockets. Edwards was issued a citation for the theft and jailed for violating his condition of release from a previous arrest.

It’s still unknown if Edwards is going to venture over to Miller Park for the sixth inning sausage races.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

**Blooming Prairie Police
Sept. 17**
Restraining Order: At 2:49 p.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 200 block of Mill Ave. NE.

Sept. 20
Restraining Order: Officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 200 block of Mill Ave. NE at 12:39 a.m.

**Owatonna Police
Sept. 15**
Criminal Sexual Conduct: At 10:37 a.m., police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 500 block of 15th St. NE.

Weapons: Officers responded to a weapons-related incident in the 1000 block of 22nd St. NE at 11:14 a.m.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 200 block of 2nd St. NW at 1:13 p.m. and the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 9:40 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 3:31 p.m., police issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 200 block of Northview St. SW at 6:29 p.m.

Arrest: Police arrested a subject in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 6:37 p.m.

Sept. 16
Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 1200 block of Frontage Road W. at 8:47 a.m.

Trespassing: Officers responded to a trespassing incident in the 2200 block of 46th St. NW. at 10:42 a.m. and the 400 block of Larch Ave. NE at 6:26 p.m.

Theft: Police arrested a subject for theft in the 1200 of 2nd Ave. NW at 4:09 p.m.

Assault: At 6:17 p.m., police received a complaint of an assault in the 100 block of Main St. E.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Alexander Dr. SW at 8:45 p.m.

Sept. 17
Suspicion: At 11:17 a.m., police responded to suspicious activity in the 400 block of State Ave. NW.

Domestic: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Cedardale Dr. SE at 6:38 p.m.

Burglary: Police began a burglary investigation in the 500 block of Vine St. E. at 7:16 p.m.

Solicitation: Officers arrested a subject for solicitation in the 500 block of Hazel Lane NE at 8:54 p.m.

Arrest: At 9:43 p.m., officers assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 300 block of School St. W.

Sept. 18
Assault: Police responded to an assault in the 700 block of Willowbrook Dr. NE at 4:50 p.m.

Warrants: Officers made warrant arrests in the 600 block of Glendale St. NW at 6:20 p.m. and the 1100 block of Frontage Road W. at 10:40 p.m.

Disturbance: At 10:53 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Sept. 19
Crash: Police assisted the State Patrol with motor vehicle accidents with injuries on Cedar Ave. S. at 9:59 a.m. and at Oak Ave. S. and Main St. W. at 7:47 p.m.

Fight: Officers responded to a fight in the 300 block of School St. E. at 1:20 p.m.

Thefts: Police took theft reports in the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 3:29 p.m. the 500 block of 11th St. NE at 8:30 p.m.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 300 block of Rose St. E. at 5:05 p.m.

Arrest: At 8:51 p.m., police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 500 block of State Ave. NW.

Sept. 20
Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 300 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 8:04 a.m.

Identity Theft: At 4:36 p.m., a citizen reported identity theft in the 2500 block of Stony Creek Dr. NE.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 4:53 p.m.

Assault: Police responded to an assault in the 200 block of Beech Ave. NE at 7:15 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 7:38 p.m., officer arrested a subject for shoplifting in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Sept. 21
Suspicion: Police responded to suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Sunnydale Place SE at 12:29 a.m. and at Hoffman Dr. NW and Interstate 35 northbound at 11:33 p.m.

Domestic: At 3:42 a.m., officers arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Broadway St. E.

Forgery: Police received information regarding counterfeit money in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 11:04 a.m.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:56 a.m.

Warrant: At 3:36 p.m., police made a warrant arrest in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

**Steele County Sheriff
Sept. 15**
Restraining Order: Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in Deerfield Township at

9:30 a.m.

Child Abuse: Deputies received a child protection report in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. in Owatonna at 11:25 a.m.

Accident: At 8:48 p.m., deputies responded to an accident between a car and deer at Cedar Ave. S. and Highway 14 E. in Owatonna Township. They issued a citation to the driver.

Sept. 16
Arrest: At 10:31 p.m., deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 2000 block of 28th St. SW in Owatonna Township.

Suspicion: Deputies responded to suspicious activity in Somerset Township at 11:01 p.m. They issued a citation at the scene.

Sept. 17
Juvenile: Deputies received a juvenile complaint from the 8000 block of 11th St. SE in Havana Township at 6:16 p.m.

Sept. 18
Fraud: Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in Medford Township at 3:33 p.m.

Arrest: At 11:34 p.m., deputies arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 8000 block of Crane Creek Road in Meriden Township.

Sept. 19
Warrant: Deputy made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 4:32 a.m.

Sept. 20
Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 9500 block of 76th St. NW in Deerfield Township at 8:19 p.m.

Sept. 21
Ordinance: At 9:16 a.m., deputies responded to an ordinance violation in Havana Township.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 11 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

Alexander J. Brown, 22, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana and misdemeanor DWI. Brown was sentenced to \$131, 75 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain and maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training and 5 years of supervised probation.

Zamir Granados, 20, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. The defendant was sentenced to \$581, 180 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no contact with victim, attend sex offender program, individual therapy, submit to polygraph examinations as directed, no contact with minors, no possession of pornography, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, no possession of firearms, predatory offender registration and 10 years of supervised probation.

Kia Lee, 27, Shakopee, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of firearm. Lee was sentenced to \$131 and 60 months in Shakopee State Prison.

Adam W. Lopez, 34, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to \$131, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation and 4 years of supervised probation.

Cody H. Skow, 31, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of cocaine or methamphetamine. Skow was sentenced to \$131, 20 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no

alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 11 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Michael S. Lehnertz, 29, St. Cloud, previously appeared and was convicted of felony fleeing in a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to \$1,081 and 17 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Travis L. Tritle, 19, Mankato, previously appeared and was convicted of felony offering a forged check. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,614.78, 34 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim and 4 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Sept. 11 – 15:

Blooming Prairie Police Department
Rodney A. Bramstedt, 48, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Sabrina M. D’Ostilio, 20, Austin, speeding and no insurance, \$481; Nicholas M. Douglas, 19, Houston, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Mark T. Fielding, 46, Owatonna, DWI, \$581, 5 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 200 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Jennifer L. Hilton, 37, Blooming Prairie, suspended license and no insurance, \$481.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources
Nicholas T. Weed, 28, Owatonna, take fish without a license, \$181.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Zackary G. Aboud, 29, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$100; Joshua M. Arnett, 24, Winnebago, weaving over lane lines, \$131; Gabriel S. Barry, 26, Waterloo, IA, unsafe lane usage, \$131; Adeline D. Beascochea, 76, Owatonna, speeding, \$131;

James A. Clairmont, 22, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$121; Lori A. Cole, 51, Ellendale, failure to stop for red light, \$131; Melissa D. Eigner, 40, Lakeville, speeding, \$121; Shelby J. Franko, 19, Dodge Center, speeding, \$141; Ward A. Halvorson, 69, Austin, speeding, \$131; Andrew P. Jorgenson, 25, Webster, window tint violation, \$131;

Matthew T. Kleve, 32, Janesville, speeding, \$121; Owen J. Koslosky, 17, Medford, speeding, \$141; Teresa M. Koslosky, 50, Medford, speeding and following too closely, \$181; Eduardo Ortiz, 38, Anderson, MO, no license, \$181; Kayla E. Robinson, 31, Owatonna, speeding, \$121;

Bethany R. Rowbal, 20, Austin, speeding, \$141; Amina A. Sabriye, 23, Owatonna, failure to keep to the right, \$131; Josue P. Salazar, 61, Oregon, OH, speeding, \$121; Jon W. Scheinost, 33, Omaha, NE, seat belt, \$106; Luis J. Teletor, 24, Faribault, no insurance, \$281; Jose G. Vargas-Olalde, 44, Texarkana, TX, no license, \$181; Joel F. Willaert, 36, Owatonna, speeding, \$121.

Owatonna Police Department
Paul L. Barto, 38, Waseca, theft, \$81, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Ryan M. Berg, 24, Faribault, tampering with motor vehicle and controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$81, 20 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state and 2

years of supervised probation;

Alexander J. Brown, 22, Rosemount, theft, \$183.94; Edward J. Climer, 36, Faribault, possession of controlled substance, stay of adjudication, \$81, 141 days in county jail, obtain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, no possession of firearms and 4 years of supervised probation; Terrell D. Conner, 17, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Jonah M. Deml, 20, Owatonna, theft, \$112.99 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Darrick F. Diggins, 42, Owatonna, speeding, \$121;

Larry P. Drache, 46, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Brady L. Fischer, 22, Kenyon, theft, \$381 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Aana E. Garner, 31, Owatonna, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$81, diversion program and 2 years of supervised probation; Ryan G. Good, 16, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Kathy J. Hruska, 40, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Abdi Y. Isse, 35, Minneapolis, stopping on highway, \$121; Cibriana E. Jaurez, 21, Blue Earth, theft, \$106;

Michael S. Lehnertz, 29, St. Cloud, false name to police, \$131 and 91 days in county jail; Heather R. Lindberg, 30, Albert Lea, theft, \$81 and 16 days in county jail; Connie J. Nelson, 56, Waseca, seat belt, \$106;

Jeffrey S. Nelson, 26, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$381, 14 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, psychological evaluation, no contact with victim, complete treatment and 1 year of supervised probation; Margaret Smolik, 65, Osage, IA, speeding, \$131; Matthew A. Techau, 39, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$381, 4 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, cognitive skill training, anger management, domestic abuse evaluation, obtain employment and 1 year of supervised probation; Shawn J. Turner, 22, Claremont, no insurance and no license, \$381;

Beau P. Wanner, 30, Owatonna, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$131, 185 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation and 3 years of supervised probation; Jason J. White, 35, Owatonna, speeding, \$131.

Steele County Sheriff’s Office

Randy D. Anderson, 55, Glenville, possession of marijuana, \$131 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Courtney J. Bremer, 20, Claremont, speeding, \$306; Connie L. Brophy, 54, Byron, speeding, \$221; Michaela A. Christenson, 26, no insurance, \$281; Jonathan-Thomas G. Clark, 22, Gilbert, AZ, speeding, \$131; Shane L. Frisk, 49, Meriden, manufacture liquor without license, diversion program and 1 year of supervised probation; Jose C. Gutierrez Hernandez, 43, Medford, no license, \$181;

Kenneth H. Lines, 59, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Carl A. Murray, 31, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Mark J. Percival, 33, Medford, expired license, \$181; Luis D. Pliego, 34, Apple Valley, speeding, \$121; Jordan A. Roloff, 17, Faribault, speeding, \$141; Juan D. Sanchez, 66, Owatonna, leaking load, \$141; Bradley S. Schmidt, 51, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Derrick D. Waldner, 26, homeless, no license and expired tabs, \$211.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office handled 188 complaints during the week of Sept. 13 – 19. Some of them include:

Sept. 13
Fleeing: At 1:17 a.m., deputies attempted to stop an ATV in the 200 block of 3rd Place in Claremont, however the driver fled.

Trespassing: Deputies responded to a trespassing incident in the 300 block of 4th St. NW in Dodge Center at 10:46 a.m.

Sept. 14
Intoxication: Deputies responded to an intoxicated individual by the bowling alley in the 100 block of 1st Ave. NE in Hayfield at 2:52 a.m.

Assault: At 3:58 a.m., deputies responded to an out of control male who was intoxicated in the 100 block of 1st Ave. NE in Hayfield.

Larceny: A Dodge Center citizen reported at 5:22 p.m. that a woman walked off with a free-will donation jar from a yard sale in the 300 block of 1st Ave. NE.

Harassment: Deputies responded to a harassment incident in the 100 block of Front St. E. in Claremont at 6:43 p.m.

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

The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

- Angela Jellum – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Brandon Jenö – card fraud – no bail
- Darrel Jensen – revoked license - \$6,000 bail
- Jose Jimenez Jr. – domestic assault – no bail
- David Johnson – dishonored check - \$1,000 bail
- Joshua Johnson – card fraud - \$10,000 bail
- Katie Johnson – warrant – no bail
- Nathan Johnson – hit and run - \$1,000 bail
- Candyce Jones – false name - \$500 bail
- Brandi Junak – DWI - \$12,000 bail

- Shawn Kadlec – domestic assault – no bail
- Jake Karow – receiving stolen property – no bail
- Marie Kinard – DWI – no bail
- Georgia Kingswan – DUI – no bail
- Larry Kittelson – DWI – no bail
- Katrina Kiolek – speeding - \$500 bail
- Vern Klostrich – DWI - \$12,000 bail
- Jacob Knutson – disorderly conduct - \$500 bail
- William Knutson – DWI - \$3,000 bail
- Timothy Koger – DWI - \$12,000 bail

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Finding Help for Seniors Addicted to Opioids

Dear Savvy Senior,
I'm worried about my 72-year-old mother who has been taking the opioid medication Vicodin for her hip and back pain for more than a year. I fear she's becoming addicted to the drug but I don't know what to do.
Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,
The opioid epidemic is a national problem that is hitting people of all ages, including millions of older Americans. Here's what you should know and do to help your mother.

The Cause
The main reason opioid addiction has become such a problem for people over age 50 is because over the past two decades, opioids have become a commonly prescribed (and often overprescribed) medication by doctors for all different types of pain like arthritis, cancer, neurological diseases and other illnesses that become more common in later life.

Nearly one-third of all Medicare patients – almost 12 million people – were prescribed opioid painkillers by their physicians in 2015. That same year, 2.7 million Americans over age 50 abused painkillers.

Taken as directed, opioids can manage pain effectively when used for a short amount of time. But with long-term use, people need to be screened and monitored because around 5 percent of those treated will develop an addiction disorder and abuse the drugs.

Signs of Addiction
Your mother may be addicted to opioids if she can't stop herself from taking the drug, and her tolerance continues to go up. She may also be addicted if she keeps using opioids without her doctor's consent, even if it's causing her problems with her health, money, family or friends. If you think your mom's ad-

dicted, ask her to see a doctor for an evaluation. Go to the family or prescribing physician, or find a specialist through the American Society of Addiction Medicine (see ASAM.org) or the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP.org). It's also important to be positive and encouraging. Addiction is a medical matter, not a character flaw. Repeated use of opioids actually changes the brain.

Treatments
Treatment for opioid addiction is different for each person, but the main goal is to help your mom stop using the drug and avoid using it again in the future.

To help her stop using the drug, her doctor can prescribe certain medicines to help relieve her withdrawal symptoms and control her cravings. These medicines include methadone (often used to treat heroin addiction), buprenorphine, and naltrexone.

After detox, behavioral treatments such as individual counseling, group or family counseling, and cognitive therapy can help her learn how to manage depression, avoid the drug, deal with cravings, and heal damaged relationships.

For assistance, call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration confidential help line at 800-662-4357, or see SAMHSA.gov. They can connect you with treatment services in your state that can help your mom.

Also, if you find that your mom has a doctor who prescribes opioids in excess or without legitimate reason, you should report him or her to your state medical board, which licenses physicians. For contact information visit FSMB.org.

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.

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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Sept. 25, 2007
Dan Evans, Publisher

The VFW, American Legion and Auxiliaries hosted their annual membership dinner Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 at the Bloomington Prairie Servicemen's Club. Following dinner, the program was presented by Courtney Severtson, the Youth Conference Delegate, and Courtney Driessen and Beth Hillson, the Girl's State Representatives.

The Bloomington Prairie Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007, at the Servicemen's Club with former Congressman Tim Penny addressing the group following dinner.

20 Years Ago
Sept. 23, 1997
Elsie Slinger, Publisher

Bloomington Prairie reached a Lottery milestone last month. The city's total Lottery ticket sales topped \$2 million since the Lottery began in April 1990.

Almost 33 percent of the Minnesota cities that have Lottery retailers (224 of 681) have crossed that sales mark. August Lottery sales in Bloomington Prairie totaled \$22,831.

The Bloomington Prairie City Council OK'd a property tax levy hike of \$346,000 at the Sept. 15 meeting, which is 9.1 percent higher than last year's levy.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 28, 1967
Victor, Vernon & Vryle Krejci, Publishers

Thomas J. Walters, Branch Manager for the Production Credit Association of Bloomington Prairie, has just returned from a two-week farm credit training school, according to Warren L. Iversen, PCA manager.

The Bloomington Prairie Fire Department was called to the Mrs. Alvin Lea farm, located on Route 3, southwest of town, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday of this week to extinguish a grass blaze.

The Minnesota Chapter of the Arthri-

tis Foundation today named Mrs. Roger Braaten to head its 1967 campaign for funds in Bloomington Prairie.

75 Years Ago
Sept. 24, 1942
Walter K. Mickelson, Publisher

Although it had been generally known that C.A. Peterson was critically ill with no hope entertained for his recovery, the news of his death last Thursday morning at 9:15 o'clock saddened the entire community. "C.A." as he was affectionately called by his associates and fellow-townsmen was a leading figure in the business circle of Bloomington Prairie for many years.

Jimmy Peterson, son of George Peterson, and Roger Bibus, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Bibus, have been accepted for entrance into the U.S. Navy. Jimmy was inducted at St. Paul last Friday, and Roger's father conveyed him to the capitol city Monday of this week. Both boys are now received their preliminary training at naval stations.

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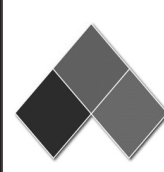
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Marking a special milestone

The Blooming Prairie High School Class of 1947 celebrated a major milestone in achieving its 70th class reunion on Aug. 12 at the Pizza Cellar in Blooming Prairie. The group consisted of 19 of the original 52 members. Those attending included: back row (Left to right): Bob Hansen, Dean Lindquist, John Peterson, Don Blackhus, Roger Erickson and Dean Conrad; front row: Ardis Elinger Krejci, Marlys Anderson Loew, Delores Johnson Morrison, Eileen Hunter Lindquist, Arlene Holm Helleck, Diane Osby Peterson, June Ebenhoh Dahl and Marian Lewis Hensrud. Helleck reports that her classmates had a great time marking this special occasion.

Library great resource for school work

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As the new school year begins, we would like teachers, students, and parents to be aware of the resources available through the Blooming Prairie Branch Library.

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We want the library to be partners with teachers by providing specific items, collections on selected topics, and multiple copies of requested items. We also are happy to provide tours of the library or come to your classroom for special projects or presentations.

For students, the library can be a place to work on assignments with others, find new resources, and get be introduced to various online databases that can help with homework. Many of the databases available through the State of Minnesota are accessible from any online computer.

Finally, parents, remember the library as a resource when your child has an assignment that has to be completed immediately or when they need just one more source for a project. Help is just a phone call 507-583-7750 or email bpbl@selco.info away for all your back to school assignments.

SEMCAC senior menu

Sept. 27
Pork Loin Medley
Asparagus, Dinner Roll
Strawberry Shortcake

Sept. 28
Porcupine Meat Balls
Buttered Mashed Potato
Italian Breen Beans
Fresh Fruit

Sept. 29
Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Peas/Celery
Mixed Fruit Cup

Oct. 2
Chicken ala King
Over Biscuit
Peas & Carrots
Citrus Fruit Cup
Pudding

Oct. 3
Vegetable Soup
Crackers
BBQ Beef on Bun
Coleslaw, Apple Pie

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Sept. 26
Soren Peterson
Joanne Sorenson
Sandy Jones, Kayla Brown
Grace Olivia Nelson
Mike Trom, Wayne Njos

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

Sept. 28
Kathryn Weiss
Craig Ingvalson
Kurt Underwood
Nicole Weiss
Layla Wollenburg
Kelli Jo Wallace
Rhonda Toquam
Kevin Mans
Valerie Braaten
Amy Trotman
Jayden Wagner
Lori Burkhart
Katie (Derek) Ingvalson

Sept. 29
Brenna Rask, Blake Arett
Bradley Nelson
Amanda Steinberg

Sept. 30
Les Shawback
Julie Halla
Phyllis Peterson

Oct. 1
Tim Wurst
Dianne Hannenberger
Brianna Hensrud
Melissa Weiss Trihus
Alexis Steckelberg
Jacob Bumgarner
Kristi Fiebigler

Oct. 2
Ken Jensen

Anniversaries

Sept. 26
Joe and Ashley Hjelman
Steve and Holly Ille
John and Karen Fouarge
Larry and Anette Lindquist

Sept. 27
Adam and Kristin Bishop
Larry and Sue Schmeling

Sept. 28
Nels and Yvonne Lee

Sept. 29
Donna and Dave Maixner
Kim and Mark Symes
Terry and Ana Trom

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Judy and Howard Lestrud
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Oct. 1
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Fluff Pie

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- 1 regular size container of sugar free or lite cool whip
- 2 containers of light yogurt (any flavor)
- 1/4 cup water

Boil in microwave 1/4 cup of water (I usually do this in a big enough glass bowl to add everything else) stir in package of jello until completely dissolved stir in cool whip and yogurt pour into graham cracker pie crust cover and refrigerate for half an hour...then enjoy!

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Two years after moving into my home, I have finally painted. I began with a good deal of YouTube videos and Googling. As I washed the walls and started the prep work required, suddenly I became aware of all the wall’s abnormalities. I saw every stain, paint drip and hole once covered. Soon that was all I could see. I had hoped that with a bit of scrubbing, patch work and a new coat of paint I could hide all those faults. Now with nice gray walls and an accent wall to draw one’s attention, I don’t see those marks from the past nearly as clearly. Still there’s a part

of me that knows they are there and when I look closely I can still see their presence. I have even added to the walls’ collection of features with an uneven line here or a drip there. It is fascinating how a house can possess the history of those who have lived there. Being the home of different families it carries with it the marks made upon it as people lived in and cared for the home. In many ways, I think we can be like those walls. We carry the blemishes and stains from that which has happened to us. Some can be washed away or patched up but the effects of those events have left a mark. We may

be left with a lack of trust or a more jaded perspective of the world. It can also grant us strength and a greater confidence in ourselves and our ability to survive that which comes our way. Through it all, God our creator is the one who formed us and continues to remake us. It is our God who accepts us and our God who tries to heal the scars that remain on our faith and on our spirit. We don’t need to hide our blemishes from God. Instead, we can give them to God for healing, peace and perhaps purpose. As the Psalmist wrote “For you [God] created my inmost being; you

knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:13-14). Dear one, please remember these words, let them sink in and become the lens from which you examine your scars, blemishes and character flaws. You are a precious being, amazingly made.

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- Thursday, Oct. 5 - Homecoming volleyball game against Goodhue
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Blossoms will be tested against Goodhue

This week comes the biggest test yet for the Awesome Blossom football team when it travels to Goodhue in a showdown of unbeaten. The Blossoms upped their season record to 4-0 with an easy victory over Winona Cotter, and the Wildcats also stand at 4-0. It won't be a do or die situation come playoff time, but it certainly will affect the seeding process when the time comes.

The win over Cotter again gives much credit to the line play, both on offense and defense. The offensive line, especially, did a fine job of opening holes for the backs to run through and protecting Seth Peterson from having to take any sacks. That marked great play by the blockers.

The defense also did its part, and the boys finished making four tackles in the Rambler backfield for sacks. The best thing I have seen with this team is the balance displayed by everyone in carrying out the game plan for each contest. A midseason tip of the hat goes to the Blossom contingent.

The volleyball team had another three-match schedule, and they finished the week with an 11-7 record. For the week, the girls earned two sweeps, but they also were swept in three games at Medford. The team has just one match this week, a Thursday contest at home with visiting WEM. The Bucs have a strong contingent for the second straight year, and it will be a real test for the Blossoms against a high caliber team.

The cross-country teams had a single meet this week, and both teams finished third in the 9-team NRHEG Invitational. Alec Ille took second individual and continues to run the curses in just over 17 minutes. For the girls Bobbie Bruns keeps marking good times and finishing in the top ten runners in several meets. The teams competed in the Milaca mega-meet over the weekend and will run in the JWP Invitational on Thursday this week.

Let's end this week on a lighter note. The Blossom football team is unbeaten, and homecoming is just around the corner. Coronation is next Monday night, and a new royalty will be crowned to rule over the week's festivities. Enjoy the coming of fall, and we'll talk again.

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HUNGRY HUSKIES



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Rochester John Marshall quarterback Aaron Limberg (7) tries to elude pressure from Owatonna defensive lineman Chris Lewis (75) during the second half of the Huskies' 42-6 win over the Rockets. The Huskies defense forced five turnovers and allowed just over 100 yards of total offense.

Owatonna defense forces three fumbles, five total turnovers in stellar performance

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

ROCHESTER — Midway through the first quarter, the Owatonna High School football team looked to be in a dogfight with winless Rochester John Marshall as the Huskies held a slim 7-0 lead.

Then Owatonna's defense flexed its muscles in a big way.

Forcing five total turnovers — three of those consecutive — the No.2 ranked Huskies (4-0) steamrolled the Rockets 42-6 at John Drews Field at John Marshall High School Friday night in Big Southeast-Red Division action.

"I thought our kids rallied well," commented Huskies Head Coach Jeff Williams. "First-team defense pitched a shutout, second-team D gave up six points to their starters, I thought we played very, very well and have a lot to be proud of."

It was a completely different defensive unit for the Huskies. Last week against Austin, broken plays and key conversions

were able to keep the Packers in the contest through the midway point of the contest. However, against John Marshall, it was a sound defensive performance for Defensive Coordinator Mark Aetherkirch.

"This is a great performance tonight," he added. "At halftime I told the guys, 'you're to face good athletes, good teams and good schemes and they're going to get some stuff; we regrouped as a defense and shut the door.'"

In the first half the Huskies defense surrendered only 57 yards rushing on the ground and between two Rockets' quarterbacks, allowed two completions for -3 yards. An even more impressive stat is that in 22 snaps in the first half, the Rockets had one play over 10 yards. In the final half of play, the Rockets recorded four plays over 10 yards against the second-team defense. Senior linebacker Zach Mensink was a key in shutting down the Rockets' option attack, recording a game-high 18 tackles.

On their opening possession, the Rockets instrument-

ed a 7-play drive to get into Owatonna territory before a fumble on the option killed the drive. Outside linebacker Mitch Wiese recovered the ball. On the ensuing drive, the Rockets needed just one play after recovering an Abe Havelka fumble in the end zone before Ben Zappa recorded the second fumble of the half.

After finally marching it into Owatonna territory for the second time in its last three drives, John Marshall quarterback Aaron Limberg tried to thread the needle between two Huskies' defenders and would be intercepted by Tucker Alstead. The senior defensive back would haul in his second interception in the second half.

"I thought our defense pursued well, swarmed well," Coach Williams added. "We're still going to show up Monday and work to get better."

Offensively, it was about as good as you could hope for the Huskies. Looking to assert themselves in the trenches early, running back Jason Williamson carried the ball seven times of

the 12-play drive that ended with Havelka finding Dalton Kubista in the middle of the end zone for the opening score. Aside from marching the field to turn the ball over at the one on the ensuing offensive possession, the Huskies scored on each of their final three possessions of the half to take at 28-0 lead into the half.

After Williamson's one-yard touchdown gave Owatonna a 14-0 lead, Havelka started to air the ball out. On an 8-play, 85-yard drive, Havelka's favorite target was fellow senior Noah Budach, as the shifty gadget player caught two balls for 39 yards. 27 those 39 yards came on one play, catching a 27-yard touchdown pass up the right hash to give the Huskies a 21-0 lead. Budach would also haul in a 3-yard score in the second half to give Owatonna a 35-0 lead. It was another good night for the senior signal caller as he completed 17-of-23 for 201 yards and three scores. Much of the offensive success, Williams noted should be credited to the offensive line's performance.

"They (John Marshall) presented a different front to us than what we really prepared for and they adjusted very, very well," he added.

In his second and final series of the half, Williamson scampered 20 yards to give Owatonna a commanding 42-0 lead. For the fourth-straight game, the highly-touted junior topped the 100-yard mark, rushing for 162 yards on 20 carries. Possibly an unhidden note to the offense was the point-after-attempt. After struggling the first three weeks of the season with the extra-point, the Huskies were a perfect 6-for-6 Friday night.

"We have been kind of working with David Keller, a kid on the soccer team," noted Coach Williams. "He kind of expressed an interest in kicking and he's been practicing all season and we thought we'd give him a shot."

The undefeated Huskies will host Mankato East Friday.



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Blossoms win fourth-straight



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Top: Blossoms running back Max Romeo (2) runs upfield during the first half of Blooming Prairie's 40-6 blowout win over Winona-Cotter Friday at McFarlin Field. BP rushed for 310 yards in the win. Bottom left: Blossom receiver Colin Lerum (13) runs upfield. Bottom right: Blossoms quarterback Seth Peterson looks for a receiver to break open.

BP records 310 rushing yards in blowout

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

It marked another good night for the lines, as the Awesome blossom football team dominated Winona Cotter 40-6 at McFarlin field on Friday Sept. 22. Although no verification of this fact, the 90 degree temperature probably set a record for the hottest conditions under which to play a football game.

BP pitched a shutout until the last two minutes of the game, when Austin Griffin led the Ramblers to a touchdown. Charley Reilley rushed the last 2 yards against Blossom reserves. Before that, the action belonged to the locals.

In the second possession of the game, a five-play drive culminated in a pass from quarterback Seth Peterson to Gabe Hagen for 4 yards and a touchdown. Brad Staska kicked the extra point at 3:42 of the quarter, and BP led 7-0. Later in the period Peterson found Alex Baldwin down the side for 31 yards and a 13-0 lead at the first break. The try for extra point went wide after a penalty nullified the first attempt. Only score of the second quarter on a 1-yard burst by Max Romeo came after he had made two good runs to take the ball to that point.

Any suspense in the game disappeared on the first plays of the third quarter. Taking over on the 50 after a short kickoff, Peterson

rambled 27 yards on a keeper, and Romeo navigated the last 14 yards for a touchdown just less than a minute into the half. With just under seven minutes left, BP struck again, this time on a 31-yard sprint from Matthew Pryor, and Peterson ended the scoring with a toss of 13 yards to Tim Wolf (Peterson's third touchdown pass of the game).

"The offensive line played well again", commented Coach Chad Gimbel, "but I was a little disappointed in the defense the first half. We left some gaps in which Cotter's Austin Griffin could make some big runs. Other than that, it was a satisfying performance."

That defense stepped up in the second half to stymie the Ram-

blers and sack the quarterback three times. The offensive line, on the other hand, played an almost flawless game, opening some big holes to run through and protecting Peterson in the pocket for most of the game. Romeo led the defense with 11 tackles, and Mitchell Oswald added 7.

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BP RUSHING 310 yards- Peterson 4 for 78 yards, Romeo 10 for 93, Pryor 3 for 42.
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Blossoms JV undefeated

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

In their second game of the week, the Blossom JV boys continued their fine play to defeat Bethlehem Academy 32-7 on the home field Thursday, Sept. 21. After a scoreless first quarter the BP offense got rolling to lead 14-0 at the halftime break and never looked back. to remain unbeaten at 4-0.

Early in the second quarter quarterback Kaden Thomas found Matthew Pryor for a 25-yard score. Later in the quarter Ian Wayne ramblled 10 yards on a sweep, and Thomas' run for the two-point conversion left the locals up 14-0 at the break.

Pryor took much of the suspense out of the game, when he returned the second half kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown. The Blossoms scored once more before the end of the quarter on a screen pass from Thomas to Pryor, after two consecutive holding penalties had knocked them back to the 45-yard line.

The Cardinals put a good drive together in the fourth quarter on a strong running attack, but the locals finished the scoring on a good running attack of their own, culminating with a run of 10 yards from Mitchell Fiebiger.

"It was a demanding day for the team", remarked Coach Nate Piller. "Heat, humidity, and a previous varsity practice shoved adversity at the boys, and only two reserves made iron man service for most of the team necessary. It is a tribute to the boys that they overcame those obstacles."

BP GOES 3-0 IN SEASON
A soggy field didn't keep the Awesome Blossom JV football team from earning the third victory in a row for the locals. They defeated Wabasha-Kellogg 42-18 at home Monday, Sept. 18, after holding a slim 22-18 margin at the half.

The field dried out a little n the second half, and the Bloss-

som defense tightened up considerably, holding the Falcons scoreless the rest of the way. BP tallied two touchdowns in the second half, one in each quarter to extend the lead. After holding WK on the first drive of the second half, it didn't take long to strike. Quarterback Thomas rolled to his right and lobbed a pass to Karson Vigeland for 60 yards and the score.

The Blossoms ended the scoring with a fourth quarter touchdown late in the game. Things opened up on the line, and Pryor weaved his way 28 yards and his third touchdown of the game. A Thomas pass to Cole Christian-son made the final score 42-18.

"We play these game with a real lack of depth", commented Coach Nate Piller, "and we get tired late, but I thought our conditioning and will to win were instrumental in this game. The line played really well, and the offensive players also performed at a high level. Even though outsized, we won the battle in the trenches, and the margin of victory was no accident."

After WK had scored on its second possession of the game on a good running attack, Alex Baldwin received the kickoff on the 30 and raced 70 yards for the tying touchdown. A Kaden Thomas pass to Karson Vigeland counted the two-point conversion. Before the quarter ended, Thomas struck again on a 25-yard pass to Vigeland, and BP led 14-6 after one quarter.

The Falcons counted two touchdowns in the second quarter on a strong running attack, but Pryor kept the Blossoms ahead with a 20-yard run and a two-point conversion from Thomas to Vigeland. BP took a 22-18 margin to the break. The two second half touchdowns ensured a 3-0 record after three weeks of the season. The next game for the JV team was Thursday against Bethlehem Academy.



Prep Preview



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Owatonna quarterback Abe Havelka.

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Rushford-Peterson	4-0-0	4-0-0
Goodhue	3-0-0	4-0-0
Fillmore Central	2-2-0	2-2-0
Southland	1-2-0	2-2-0
Winona-Cotter	1-2-0	2-2-0
Wabasha-Kellogg	1-3-0	1-3-0
Kingsland	0-3-0	0-4-0
Hayfield	0-4-0	0-4-0

Mid Southwest-West

	Div.	Overall
Mayer Lutheran	4-0-0	4-0-0
Kenyon-Wanamingo	3-0-0	3-1-0
Lester Prairie/ Holy Trinity	3-1-0	3-1-0
St. Clair	2-1-0	3-1-0
Bethlehem Academy	2-2-0	2-2-0
United South Central	2-2-0	2-2-0
Medford	0-3-0	0-4-0
Minnesota Valley Lutheran	0-3-0	0-4-0
J-W-P	0-4-0	0-4-0

South Central-Blue

	Div.	Overall
Sibley East	3-0-0	4-0-0
Maple River	2-1-0	3-1-0
Norwood Young America	2-1-0	3-1-0
NRHEG	2-1-0	2-2-0
W-E-M	2-1-0	2-2-0
LeSueur-Henderson	1-2-0	2-2-0
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop	0-3-0	0-4-0
Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial	0-3-0	0-4-0

Big Southeast-Red

	Div.	Overall
Northfield	2-0-0	4-0-0
Owatonna	2-0-0	4-0-0
Rochester Century	1-1-0	2-2-0
Rochester Mayo	1-1-0	1-3-0
Rochester John Marshall	0-2-0	1-3-0
New Prague	0-2-0	0-4-0

Football State Rankings

Class 1A	Class 2A	Class 5A
1. BOLD	1. Caledonia	1. Owatonna
2. Wabasso	2. Barnesville	2. Elk River
3. Goodhue	3. Minneapolis North	3. Mankato West
4. Minneota	4. Hawley	4. Robbinsdale
5. Mayer Lutheran	5. Triton	Copper
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*Receiving votes: Rushford- Peterson, Ada- Borup/NCW	*Receiving votes: Pipestone Area, Redwood Valley	*Receiving votes: Chaska, Moorhead, Mankato West
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*Source: Northstarfootball.com

Steele County Football Schedule

Blooming Prairie Sept. 1... at Southland W 37-14 Sept. 9... vs. Fillmore Central W 18-12 Sept. 15... at Wabasha-Kellogg W 40-14 Sept. 22... vs. Winona-Cotter W 40-6 Sept. 29... at Goodhue Oct. 6... vs. Hayfield Oct. 18... at Rushford-Peterson	Medford Sept. 2... at Winona-Cotter L 31-22 Sept. 8... vs. Kenyon Wanamingo L 27-26 Sept. 15...vs. Bethlehem Academy L 0-32 Sept. 22... vs. Mayer Lutheran L 42-8 Sept. 29... vs. Lester Prairie/ Holy Trinity Oct. 6... at St. Clair Oct. 13... vs. Minn. Valley Lutheran	Oct. 18... vs. United South Central NRHEG Sept. 1... at Pipestone Area L 14-7 Sept. 8... vs. Sibley East L 28-13 Sept. 15... vs. Norwood Young America W 14-12 Sept. 22... vs. G-F-W W 45-36 Sept. 29... at WEM Oct. 6... vs. Maple River Oct. 13... at LeSueur-Henderson Oct. 18... vs. Lake Crystal-WM	Owatonna Sept. 1... vs. Faribault W 61-0 Sept. 8... vs. Rochester Mayo W 46-7 Sept. 15... at Austin W 70-36 Sept. 22... at Rochester JM W 42-6 Sept. 29... vs. Mankato East Oct. 6... Rochester Century Oct. 13... at Northfield Oct. 18... at New Prague
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Tigers fall 42-8



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Medford running back Brayden Beede (16) runs upfield during the second half of the Tigers' 42-8 loss to state-ranked Mayer Lutheran. Medford rushed for 80 yards in the contest.

Tigers allow 15 points in fourth quarter

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

MEDFORD -For the second-straight game, the Medford High School football team managed to hang with a tough opponent through three quarters.

However, with the extreme heat wave that scorched much of southern Minnesota Friday evening, the Tigers started to wither away.

Allowing 15 points in the fourth quarter, Medford fell in its fourth-straight contest 42-8 to state-ranked Mayer Lutheran at Medford Public School.

"I think we are relying on carrying the momentum," commented Head Coach Jerome Johannes. "How we finished should set us on the right track."

Johannes noted that defensively, they have a slow start to

the contest. Facing an early 14-0 deficit, the Tigers needed someone to provide a spark. On the ensuing kickoff, they received just that.

Catching the ball from the one-yard line, sophomore wide receiver Willie VonRuden raced 99 yards to not only cut the lead to 14-8, but provided a much-needed spark to the Tigers' defense. Johannes noted that after VonRuden's touchdown, the defense started to settle in, allowing just one score for the rest of the first half.

"It certainly gave us some new energy," he added. "We were excited."

Johannes also added that in their first three games of the season, the coaching staff was wondering why teams were not kicking off to them, noting that teams often squib-kicked it to start the possession.

"We were asking ourselves 'do they know something we don't?'" Johannes stated. "It was good to get a kick return."

While the return may have sparked the defense, the offense continued to struggle. Noting that there was a point of emphasis to control the line of scrimmage, Johannes stated that Mayer Lutheran simply dominated the line of scrimmage. And it showed. There was nothing going for the Tigers on the ground, recording a season-low 80 yards rushing while Javis VonRuden went 7-for-16 on his drop backs for only 52 yards. Mayer Lutheran Cover-1 scheme was something that really overpowered the Tigers up front.

"We would keep five in to block and they would send six," added Johannes. "Their aggressive style of defense makes teams have to worry about that."

As the game wore on, the Tigers started to have players succumb to the heat, dealing with multiple players who were fighting through cramps. By having to adjust the rotations, the Crusaders were able to score 22 points in the second half.

However, Johannes noted that the success in the kicking game forced Mayer Lutheran to generate long drives.

On six punts, Javis VonRuden recorded 253 yards, pinning the Crusaders deep into their own territory. His long was 61 yards in the third quarter and averaged nearly 43 yards a punt.

"He boomed them quite a bit," Johannes added. "Forcing them into long drives certainly gives us an opportunity."

Medford will host Lester Prairie Friday night.

NRHEG wins second-straight

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

NEW RICHLAND - A week after narrowly defeating Norwood Young America 14-12, the NRHEG High School football team played host to Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop for homecoming.

It was a complete team showing.

Amassing 359 yards of total offense, 206 coming from the legs of standout running back Perry Peterson, the Panthers held on for a 45-36 win Friday night.

"I was very happy with our effort tonight," commented Head Coach Dan Stork. "We had a great week of practice that trans-

ferred over to the game."

After allowing the first points of the game, NRHEG scored on four-straight possessions. Senior Cole Staloch scored from seven yards out to give the Panthers a slim 7-6 lead. Back-to-back runs by Peterson would give NRHEG a commanding 19-6 lead midway through the second quarter. Peterson would top the 100-yard mark for the second time in three weeks, rushing for 206 yards on 24 carries. He averaged 8.1 yards a carry to go along with his three rushing touchdowns for the day.

Staloch's second touchdown run from nine yards out with 1:45 left in the first half would give the Panthers a 25-6 lead just before the half. After a minor injury held out Staloch for

one of NRHEG's games earlier this season, the senior recorded five carries for 62 yards and two scores. He also added one reception for 13 yards.

However, G-F-W's Miguel Munoz's 26-yard touchdown run with 26 seconds left would cut the lead to 25-12 at the half.

To open the second half, the Panthers started to attack the G-F-W defense through the air. In three-second half scoring drives, quarterback Jake Stork threw a pair of touchdowns to Brady Agrimson. Agrimson's first score from 12 yards out gave the Panthers a 31-12 lead.

After Peterson's third rushing touchdown of the contest, Agrimson would give NRHEG a 45-12 lead early in the fourth quarter. Stork threw for just 47

yards, but 2 of his 5 completions went to Agrimson for touchdowns. Stork noted that it was great to be able to give everyone snaps.

"We were able to play almost everyone on the sideline tonight," he added. "It's so much fun to see the sophomores and freshmen get some time under the lights on a Friday night! Our kids played with a lot of class tonight and I am very proud of them for that."

G-F-W managed to roar back to make it a close contest late in the fourth quarter, scoring 24 points in the fourth quarter with Dominic Henrichs' 44-yard run with 24 seconds left being the final score.

NRHEG (2-2) will travel to WEM Friday.



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1. Maple River at Norwood-Young America
2. Bethlehem Academy at Hayfield

3. Medford at Lester Prairie
4. Blooming Prairie at Goodhue

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Owatonna rolls in win



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Owatonna attacker Juan Maya (10) attempts to dribble past a Rochester John Marshall defender in the second half of the Huskies' 7-1 win over the Rockets. Maya scored late in the second half.

OHS has seven different scorers in 7-1 win

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

OWATONNA – After falling to Section 1AA opponent Lakeville South 3-2 on Sept. 16, the Owatonna boys soccer team was back in action on its home turf to play host to Big Nine Conference foe Rochester John Marshall.

It didn't take long for the Huskies to feel right at home.

Scoring a trio of first half goals, the Huskies (4-

4-2) pounced on the Rockets for a 7-1 win in Big Nine Conference action.

"We got everyone in, and we got some guys scoring goals that haven't really scored before," commented Head Coach Bob Waypa. "It was a good night, so I'm pleased with how we played."

Unlike their performance against Lakeville South where the offense struggled for much of the first half, the Huskies were on the attack from the opening whistle. In fact, it took Owatonna five minutes to set the tone for the contest.

After slashing past a pair of Rockets' defenders, Owatonna senior Nick Smith fired a tight angled shot that blazed right past JM's keeper to give the Huskies an early 1-0 lead. Smith appeared to be feeling it early, nearly missing on his second shot attempt after making another play in which he split a pair of defenders. Waypa noted that some shuffling around with the lineup has opened the door for Smith.

"He's just too big, strong and fast for most outside defenders," he added. "When you have him

out wide, it's a mismatch and we're going to exploit that."

Not wanting to be outdone by his brother, fellow Owatonna senior Nate Smith managed to get a head in on the action. On a corner kick attempt by senior Ryley Glynn, Smith was able to throw a header to the top-right of the Rockets' goal to extend the Huskies lead to 2-0. Smith would also

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After brief hiatus, cheerleading returns to Blooming Prairie

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Something new is in the BPHS activity schedule this year. Or should it be something restored. A cheerleading squad under the direction of Ashley Marquardt and Lexi La Montagne is leading Blossom fight yells from the sidelines of football games, and the crowds are giving the girls enthusiastic support.

Many fans decried the absence of cheerleaders along the sidelines a year ago, and with the support of the two advisors, the 9 girls took it upon themselves to do their part in raising and keeping Blossom spirit alive at home contests.

The group has 2 juniors, 4 sophomores, and 3 freshmen, and they all say that cheering for the team and leading the crowd in various chants is a rewarding thing for all of them.

Members of the team include Emily Krampitz, McKenzie Jensen, Gemini Johnson, Emily Kubicek, Kiya Thompson, Greta Sunde, Jillian Wigham, Baylee Sorenson, and Cassandra Green. The group has added a lot of jump and spirit at games in support of the Awesome Blossom football team.



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Blooming Prairie cheerleading squad poses for a photo during a recent Blossom' football home game.

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Owatonna forward, Jordan Whalen, fights for position during the first half of the Huskies big zero win over Rochester Mayo on Thursday.

Lady Huskies win five-straight

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

OWATONNA - The Owatonna Soccer Complex is the ideal location for the Owatonna girls soccer team this season. In 11 games this season, the Huskies have walked off the pitch victorious in five games. Five is also the length the Huskies are hoping to extend the win streak to. Thursday, the Huskies looked to make extend that mark to six. They did just that. Jordan Whalen’s hat trick guided the Huskies (9-3) to a shutout Rochester Mayo 6-0 on a humid September night. “It was fun tonight to watch us finish goals,” commented Roddy. “We’ve picked up some nice wins the last few games, but left chances on the table. Tonight it felt like when we got our chances we were

putting them away.” The early goings of the contest shows signs of a tight game rather than a shutout. Both teams struggled to establish any offensive momentum, getting a few good runs but quickly being eaten up by an opposing defender. Roddy noted that it was a slow start for his squad. Just prior to Kenna West firing wide off a feed from Grace Wolfe, the Huskies started to establish a bit of a presence in the offensive zone in large part to their passing. The communication between Owatonna players may have been the best display this season. They seemingly knew where each other was going to be. “For a little while, we’ve been connecting passes pretty well, what was nice tonight is we’re finding that killer pass,” Roddy added. “A few of our goals were set up by beautiful

through balls.” In the 21st minute, the Huskies managed to draw first blood after Wolfe managed to dribble between a pair of Spartans defenders to fire a shot past Mayo keeper Greta Van Loon. Just minutes later, Whalen was able to be in the right place at the right time, cleaning up a deflected header from Bria Wachowiak that bounced off the post to give Owatonna the 2-0 lead. Whalen would complete the hat trick in the second half with a pair of goals. “She’s been playing great,” Roddy stated. “Tonight kind of culminated to what she was building to.” Just seven minutes later, Sophie Amundson extended the lead to 3-0 in the 37th minute. Owatonna was simply dominant in all phases of the game. If it was a 50-50 ball, Owatonna seemed to corral it. If defenders swarmed on a Huskies’ attacker, teammates were somewhere in the vicinity uncovered. If somehow the Huskies were unable to win a jump ball, the Huskies defense dug in. In 80 minutes of play, the Huskies defense allowed two shots on goal, the first coming in the 15th minute of the first half. From then on, it was all Owatonna. Much of the credit as Roddy noted should go to Hannah Gebur and Syd Kretlow. Kretlow, who prior to a string of injuries never played defense, was simply a mismatch on the backend of the defense. Her blend of size and speed essiently erased any opportunity for an offensive possession. “She’s doing awesome,” Roddy added. “She’s been playing phenenmal.” The Huskies will play Red Wing on Tuesday.

Area runners compete in NRHEG invite

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

In a warmup meet before the teams travel north this weekend, both the boys and girls finished third a very competitive 9-team meet at New Richland on Tuesday, Sept. 19. NRHEG boys placed sixth, while the Panther girls recorded an incomplete score. Loyola/Cleveland and TCU ran one and two for the boys, while TCU and WEM/JWP took first and second for the girls. Coach John Bruns indicated that the course was a tough one. “Even at that, we had a lot of

strong performances in the meet,” he remarked. “Alec Ille ran second for the boys, with Cameron Kubista placing 13th with a nice race. Bobbie Bruns and Abby Smith both had strong top ten finishes for the girls.” Ille ran the course in 17:10, and Kubista timed an 18:42. Isaac Ille and Jesse Schewe followed with 20:19 and 20:43 respectively. Ethan Grant, Alex Miller, and Adam Larson had times of 20:55, 20:58, and 21:47. Brian Jimenez and Colton Krell both finished under 22 minutes, and Dylan Johnson timed a 25:33. Bruns ended her run at 21:55, good for 8th place individual, and

Smith placed 10th in 23:26. Emily Anderson and Asha Lightizer timed 25; 25 and 25:30 respectively, and Abby Braaten and Rose Michaud both finished under 27 minutes at 26:39 and 26:43. Olivia Johnson Jerrin Jax, and Jackie Hyland rounded out the BP runners. In junior high competition Sam Skillestad placed 8th with an 8:17 time, and Hosea Baker and Elliott Swenson ran under 9 minutes at 8:35 and 8:42. Host Panthers sixth Ben Lewer finished 10th individual for the Panther boys with an 18:34 time. Daniel Nydegger

timed a 19:37 and Kollin Reese ran the course in 20:51. Agro Gushwa and Gavin Anderson ran under 23 minutes at 21:16, and 22:47, a Tylar Malakowsky also ran for NRHEG. Madisyn Buetel placed 15th for the girls in 24:09, Jade Mely timed a 25:26, and Mia Williams came in at 29:03. “Lewer had a good race to finish in the top ten and run his personal best”, commented Coach Mike Weber. “It was a great home meet with lots of fans coming out to support the runners.”

Area briefs

Panthers swept by WEM

Head coach Onika Peterson noted that coming into Thursday’s contest, they knew that WEM was going to be extremely tough. Despite knowing, they simply couldn’t overcome the talent. In a three-game sweep, WEM rolled over NRHEG in a Gopher Conference match. “I look at tonight’s game as a moral victory that we need to keep building off of,” Peterson added.

Hannah Budach tied with Olivia Christopherson for a team-high 16 digs. Christopherson also tied with two others for a team-high four digs.

Tigers extend winning streak to four

Despite starting out flat, the Medford High School volleyball team was able to extend its winning streak to four-straight with a

sweep over Tri City- United. After trailing 18-11 in Game 1, the Tigers were able to force extra an overtime situation before coming out on top 29-27. In the final two games of the match, the Tigers offense was able to roll, winning 25-15 in Game 2 and 25-17 in Game 3. Madi Krenske led the team with a team-high 27 digs and Emma Kniefel led the team with 13 kills.

Medford survives against Pine Island

Rolling to a quick 2-0 lead over Pine Island, the Tigers started to slip a bit, dropping the next two games. In the final game of the night, the Tigers offense managed to have just enough to make it close to edge the visitors 15-13. Madi Krenske recorded a team-high 63 digs while Kiley Nihart and Morgan Langslag added 23 and 22 respectively. Offensively, Kniefel and Amanda Honsey paced the Tigers with 11 and 12 kills respectively.

Blossoms pick up two wins

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Following a sweep over Southland and getting swept at Medford earlier in the week, the Blossom volleyball team ended the week on a high note, sweeping Maple River at Mapleton on Thursday, Sept. 21. The first two games stayed fairly close, but BP won game three easily. The Blossoms took game one 25-19, captured game two 25-19, and then coasted to a 25-12 victory in the third game. The win upped the season record to 11-7. As Coach Ranell Kittelson commented, “It was a nice win tonight, coming off a tough loss to Medford. “The girls were able to turn things around and play up to their ability. We blocked, passed, and remained aggressive throughout the match.” Sam Wurst had a great night with 12 kills and 4 blocks, and Ju-

lia Worke pounded down 11 kills, had three blocks, and added 4 ace serves. She served 12 points in the game one victory and 11 points straight in game three. McKenna Hein and Aryen Ingvalson had 6 and 5 kills respectively. Linnea-Byers Sunde scrambled for 18 digs, and Heather Pirkel handed out 25 assists

Tigers sweep BP

Although the Blossoms had a chance in game two, Medford’s one-two punch of Emma Kniefel and Rachael Luebke proved too much for the locals in a Tiger sweep at Medford Tuesday Sept. 19. The Tigers won game ne 25-19, squeaked out a 25-22 win in game two and then closed out the match 25-18. Medford kept the Blossoms off balance most of the night, as the play at the net favored the Tigers on every point. Some good serves by

Worke in the second game gave BP a chance, but the home team scored the last three points after a 22-22 tie. Wurst and Heln had consecutive kills in game three to trail by just three points 19-16, but that was the last gasp for the locals, as Medford counted the last 6 points in the match. Ingvalson and Wurst had 5 kills each, Hein and Rachel Oswald each had 4, and Julia Worke had 3 kills and 15 digs. Linnea Sunde roamed the court for 16 digs, and Heather Pirkel assisted on 18 points.

BP sweeps Southland

The first two games were close, but the Awesome Blossom volleyball team won both games and then dominated game three in a sweep over visiting Southland. BP won on Monday, Sept. 18, by scores of 25-21, 25-20, and 25-16, and upped the overall record to 10-6. The Rebels stayed close in each

of the first two games, but the Blossoms had a little more staying power and managed to end out both games with late points and some god kills and blocks at the net. Oswald led the way in game one with 7 points, including 6 of the last 9. The second game saw the locals get a balanced scoring attack emerge, and setter Pirkel helped the cause in game three with 5 points. “This was a great three-game win”, remarked Coach Ranell Kittelson. “The girls did a god job of rallying and pulling the offense together late in the games. They stayed aggressive and stayed in control most of the match” Hein led the way with 11 kills, and Wurst and Worke each added 8. Wurst also had 4 blocks in the match. Sunde scrambled for 11 digs, as did Worke, and Pirkel finished her night with 28 assists. Ingvalson helped the cause with 5 kills, and Oswald served 3 aces and had 2 big blocks.



Submitted photo
Medford's volleyball team went 3-2 at the St. James invite Saturday.

Huskies win in lopsided contest

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record a pair of assists in the contest late into the second half. Owatonna continued to lay the offensive pressure on the Rockets, recording seven shots on goal in the first half. If not for a pair of near misses off of bobbled saves, the Huskies’ lead prior to the end of the half could have easily been greater. However, they say good things come in threes and late into the first half, Late into the first half, the third bobbled save wouldn’t result in a near miss. After the Rockets’ keeper bobbled a Nick Smith shot, Seth Bungum was able to add to the Huskies’ lead in the 37th minute. Waypa noted that attacking the net may have caused the keeper to become agitated. “We just said put everything on net because you never know,” he added. John Marshall opened the second half with new life. After struggling with generating any sort of offensive in the first half, the Rockets were able to give on the board after Rual Hernandez’s penalty kick. However, that new life was short ended as the Rockets were never able to establish their momentum despite cut-

ting the lead to 3-1. In the 46th minute, Zach Williams made a sharp stop before ripping a shot that sailed just over the glove of the Rock-

ets’ keeper to extend the lead to 4-1. After a few attempts sailed high, Zach Kraus tallied a goal after his lazy floater sailed through the hands of the

JM keeper. In fact, in a span of 10 minutes, the Huskies three goals with Juan Maya and Brandon Guenther netting goals just three minutes apart.

STARS OF STEELE

This week’s Athlete of the Week goes to Owatonna junior Jordan Whalen. In the Huskies’ 6-0 shutout win over Rochester Mayo, Whalen led the team in scoring with three goals. She recorded the first of her three goals in the first half to give the Huskies a 2-0 lead. Whalen would record her second and third goals of the game minutes apart in the second half.

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GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS

FINAL		
1	Strunk, Farr, Koster	98.5
2	Bartsch, Lewer, Kartes	94.5
3	Hinzmann, Wurst, Hueman	91.5
4	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	90.5
5	Behnken, Peterson, Peterson	88.5
6	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	83.5
7	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	81.5
8	Braaten, Pirkel, Ressler	80.5
9	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	79
10	D Glynn, C Glynn, Esplan	76.5
11	Moti, Meyer, Lembke	76.5
12	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	75.5
13	Pfiefer, Wanous, Hardecopf	74
14	R.Skala, J.Skala, Theile	73
15	Johnson, Kvaltson, Bolver	72.5
16	Gruncklee, Evans, Possehl	72.5
17	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	67
18	White, Lysne, Johnson	66
18	Lea, Hansen, D.Johnson	66
18	Clark, Blome, Skala	66
21	Morgon, Olson, Olson	60
22	Glynn, Gorman, Malo	56
23	Stangle, Stangle, Flemming	54
24	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	53.5
25	Klemmensen, J. Klemmensen, R. Anderson	51
TOP SCORES		
A	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	32
A	Braaten, Pirkel, Resler	32
A	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	32
A	Lea, Hansen, D. Johnson	32
B	Lembke, Benson, Johnson	31
C	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	35
D	Bartsch, Lewer, Kartes	38
D	Clark, Blome, Skala	38

Combine up in flames



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Just as the harvest season kicked off last week with combining soybeans, a Blooming Prairie area farmer offered a huge loss when his John Deere combine went up in flames. Blooming Prairie Fire responded to the Doug Bruggeman farm south of Blooming Prairie Thursday afternoon. Bruggeman had just started harvesting a soybean field. According to fire chief Dean Naatz, the fire started under the cab and was likely due to an electrical malfunction. Naatz said the combine was totaled and no one was injured. He hasn't seen a combine fire in the area for at least four years. The Mower County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

Penny: It's all about smaller towns

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

"We are doing our best to support existing community funds," Tim Penny, president of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, told the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce.

Penny, who has been affiliated with SMIF for 10 years, was the guest speaker at a regular monthly meeting of the Chamber held at the Lansing Corners Supper Club.

"It's all about smaller towns in our region," Penny remarked.

In detailing the three major targets of SMIF, Penny said a major role of the foundation is to help small towns create community funds. He said SMIF has 27 community funds.

Most recently, SMIF donated a \$10,000 grant to Ellendale. Obligation of the Ellendale Community Fund was to raise \$2,500, which it quickly did to earn the \$10,000 grant. The monies were dedicated to refurbishing the El-



Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce member Darrell Hansen gets ready to attack a huge hamburger at a Chamber supper held at Lansing Corners on Wednesday night, Sept. 20. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)



Former Congressman Tim Penny, now president of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) spoke to the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce membership at a recent meeting. The meeting was held at Lansing Corners. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

lendale Community Center.

The foundation has over \$30 million in endowments for community funds. Penny, a former U.S. congressman, emphasized that farms can be donated to SMIF.

Penny praised the southern Minnesota area for its indigenous leadership. "I am a small town guy and am glad to say that the foundation has a connection with small town," Penny said.

SMIF is dedicated to serving the 20-county region. Penny said he remembered having some "painful conversations" with farmers during the Farm Crisis 30 years ago. He said a farmers restructuring act helped the situation.

Penny's foundation is one of six rural foundations in the state and it involves 80 non-metro counties. He said SMIF has the most population centers of any foundation in the state with 12.

Penny paid credit to Ken Trom, local resident, for his help in starting the foundation.

Two other categories Penny detailed included early childhood and entrepreneurial

support.

He said 30 to 40 percent of the SMIF funds go to Early Childhood. He praised AmeriCorps for its involvement in Early Childhood. Penny also mentioned that SMIF's Early Childhood program gives away 50,000 books every year.

In regard to the entrepreneurial program, SMIF provides a small enterprise loan program.

Penny praised the BP Chamber and its executive director, Becky Noble, for its leadership in Blooming Prairie's growth.

Penny said he is often asked: "Are you Tim Penny?" He said his common response is "I used to be." He carved out 12 years in Congress and also was a Minnesota state senator.

Chamber president Greg Johnson of B to Z Hardware presided over a brief business meeting. He informed the membership about upcoming events: Manufacturers luncheon on Oct. 4; wine tasting Nov. 2 and next chamber meeting on Oct. 18 at The Bakery.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

United Way Executive Director Kim Schaufenbuel, left, presents its Blooming Prairie award to Jennifer Wayne, an active volunteer in the county. The award was presented during halftime of the Blooming Prairie-Winona Cotter football game Friday night.

United Way winner finds volunteering contagious

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Volunteering is contagious. Just ask Jennifer Wayne of Blooming Prairie.

She was recently recognized as the Steele County United Way award recipient in Blooming Prairie.

The award was presented to Wayne at halftime of the Blooming Prairie-Winona Cotter football game in Blooming Prairie Friday night.

Kim Schaufenbuel, United Way Executive Director for Steele County, presented the award to signal the kickoff of the United Way campaign.

County United Way recipients are said to embody the LIVE UNITED philosophy in Steele County. Schaufenbuel said, "Award recipients are exemplary in their charitable giving; are strong advocates for projects, programs or initiatives that change lives and they are people who demonstrate an above average amount of volunteer time with a diversity of community organizations and with the United Way."

Flanked by her family as she walked the McFarlin Football Field, Wayne waved to the crowd and offered thanks for the recognition.

"It's really a nice honor for being recognized for volunteering," said Wayne, who has been an active volunteer for the United Way workplace campaign for years.

She also has participated in the Dolly Parton Imagination fundraiser auction to raise money for children in Steele County. Free books are donated every month to Steele County kids under five.

Wayne is a deacon on the First Lutheran Church Council and also serves on the Westfield Cemetery Committee. Her other volunteerism is directed toward the Steele County Parks and Recreation Board and to the local BP Music Boosters. She is chair of this group.

"Volunteerism is really strong in Blooming Prairie and I am proud to be a part of it," she said. She saluted the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, Education Foundation and the BP Youth Club as being strong supporters of the community.

Wayne said, "You always hear people saying that the same people volunteer so I encourage others who have not volunteered previously, to step forward."

Volunteering was contagious for Wayne, catching the bug from her parents Leonard and Sue Sonnek of Delavan. The Sonneks still volunteer in many community activities in the Blue Earth County area. Her father is commander of the Wells VFW and commander of the Delavan American Legion.

Her mother is active in church functions and also serves on the local library board.

She and her husband Paul have two children, Abby, a student at Mankato State University and Ian, a junior at Blooming Prairie High School. Jennifer Wayne is originally from Delavan, population 150. She graduated from Blue Earth Area High School.

While in high school, Wayne played volleyball and she continues to love the sport. She is a ninth grade coach for the volleyball squad and assistant coach for the varsity. She also has played in women's league volleyball in Owatonna.

Wayne has three siblings, a brother in Delano and two sisters, one in Delavan and the other in Minneapolis.

Paul Wayne served as chief of police in BP from 1996 to 2014. They moved to Blooming Prairie in 1997. He is retired and works part time for Enterprise Rental in Owatonna.

"More hands make light work," says Jennifer Wayne as she encourages more people to volunteer. "People are really willing to pitch in here in Blooming Prairie," she said.

Wayne has loved to follow her kids' sporting events and she enjoys spending time with family. "I watch TV a little bit, especially the Minnesota Twins," she confesses.

Nothing more important than family

By **LeMAR NELSON**
Staff Writer

Twelve years ago, a cousin mentioned that it would be fun to hold a reunion like a lot of other families do. The idea bore fruit, and the weekend of Aug. 4-6 thus found the South Dakota clan of Adolph Nelson gathering for the fourth reunion, this time at my home right here in Blooming Prairie.

Although the founder of the clan, my grandfather, has been dead for over 55 years, we have honored his memory with a reunion every three years for the past dozen, and approximately three dozen managed to break away from their normal hectic lives to attend the event this time.

At this occasion relatives from Monmouth

and The Dalles, Oregon; Vancouver, Canada; Bradenton Florida, Milbank, South Dakota; and several locations here in Minnesota gathered to reminisce and relive experiences of days long gone. We ultimately decided that because of the advancing age of many family members (I am now the patriarch at 84 years of age), we should probably meet every two years. Thus, we will convene in 2019 at my sister's home in Oregon.

During the three-day weekend in Blooming Prairie, a group of relatives visited the Faribault woolen mills, several went to the Reptile Zoo in Owatonna, and almost two dozen spent time at the Spam Museum in Austin. Several wool blankets were purchased at the woolen mills, my great granddaughter sat docile, if a little uncomfortably while a boa constrictor

wound itself around her neck, at the zoo, and quite a few cans of Spam left the museum following the visit there. All in all the visits proved entertaining and sometimes even exciting to the relatives

The Friday pizza meal from the local Pizza Cellar and subsequent bonfire, the catered Saturday night dinner and another bonfire, and Sunday breakfast and brief memorial worship service conducted by my retired pastor brother provided a fitting climax to the festivities.

We have decided that every family should find the time occasionally to get together as a family and relive favorite memories of events, both good and bad. There is nothing so important or memorable as a family, and the opportunity to gather as such should be cherished.

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WHAT IS A COVER CROP?

Cover crops are the small grain or legume

“green” crops that are seeded in early fall to protect and improve water quality during the “brown” winter months. This extended period between harvest and planting without living plants on the ground can leave soil, water and nutrients exposed and unprotected from erosion and leaching.

WHY IS IT A GOOD IDEA FOR FARMERS TO PLANT COVER CROPS?

Farmers are seeing the value of having a

cover crop and more are incorporating them into their row-crop systems because they offer a way to improve soil quality, combat compaction, eliminate erosion and maximize soil nutrients. They may also increase crop production. By improving soil quality and the rooting of the corn or soybean crop, you get more consistent yields, rather than having large swings from one year to the next.

Putting more “green” plants into the “brown” months will help maintain natural cycles for water, carbon, nutrients and soil organisms now and in the future.

Even with these potential benefits to the soil and water, many farmers are hesitant to add cover crops to their farming system, but with good management, cover crops can help offset feed costs for cattle, hold precious nitrogen in place and add important organic matter to soils, increasing their ability to soak up water during heavy rains. The potential uses of cover crops are many, and new momentum for this practice has increased dramatically.

In natural ecosystems, most of the time the ground is not frozen

and there are plants growing, recycling water and nutrients, and fixing carbon – at the very least, covering the soil. Research explains the benefits of using cover crops in annual cropping systems:

- Plants and plant litter protect soil from erosion by intercepting raindrops, slowing surface water flow, increasing infiltration, and holding soil with roots.

- Plants moderate soil and air temperatures by intercepting radiation, shading or mulching the soil surface, and transpiring water.

- Lastly, plants maintain soil productivity by preventing soil nutrient loss, increasing soil carbon, improving water holding capacity, and maintaining soil structure.

In addition to holding soil in place and capturing nutrients, cover crops are also an “in-field” practice, an investment account

200 acres of certified organic cropland for a farming family in southeast Iowa. The 200 acres helps feed a 150-head certified organic dairy herd.

POSITIVE EFFECT ON WATER QUALITY

A Michigan State University Extension Team worked together to assess the amount of sediment and phosphorus that cover crops can reduce to improve Michigan water quality, finding that on average, cover crops will reduce sediment 1,840 pounds/acre from wind erosion and will decrease sediment 340 pounds/acre from water erosion. Cover crops are estimated to reduce phosphorus by 0.30 pounds/acre from wind erosion and 0.04 pounds/acre from water erosion.

Based on surveys and other resource materials, it is estimated that 1.1 million acres were planted in cover crops in 2011 when including wheat. About

cover crop a longer growth period.

Cover crop options such as clovers or brassicas are expanded when they are planted after mid-summer harvest of small grains such as oats or wheat. Small grain cereal crops like oats or winter-hardy rye, wheat and triticale can be planted in early September after corn harvest.

COVER CROPS BOOST FERTILITY

While cover crops incorporated into a continuous no-till field crop rotation can produce enough nitrogen to complement or replace corn nitrogen fertilizer applications, they can also improve the health of the soil by sustaining soil microbes, earthworms and other organisms, says Rafiq Islam, who holds joint appointments with Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

“Cover crops improve the soil structure, support microbial efficiency and diversity, facilitate drainage, reduce soil erosion and nutrient leaching, store carbon, and suppress weeds and pathogens,” Islam says. “They also break up soil compaction.”

Another benefit is the increase in earthworm populations, which can be doubled through the use of cover crops, Islam said. Earthworms, which are a good indicator of soil health, enhance soil health through recycling nutrients and encouraging soil aeration, porosity and percolation.



for the farmer, as opposed to “out-of-field” practices such as wetlands, buffers, etc., which require a subsidy from the farmer. They also extend the grazing season and reduce the need for stored forages, or free up pastures to increase rest periods or make more hay.

Additionally, cover crops allow crop roots to go deeper, and can be grown in any farming system.

INTRO TO COVER CROP USES AND BENEFITS

Cover crop benefits reach far and wide – from soil erosion protection to returning nutrients, they offer ways to improve your bottom line.

ORGANIC WEED CONTROL

A major issue with growing row crops organically is weed invasion. Without herbicides, how do you control weeds? That is where the cover crops help.

For example, an aerial-applied seeding of a wheat and red clover cover crop mixture is helping to suppress weeds on

400,000 acres of cover crops were planted excluding wheat. Seed dealer comments have indicated at least a doubling of cover crop seed sales over the last year.

WHAT CROPPING SYSTEMS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH COVER CROPS?

Cover crops can be added to any farming system, but fit well with no-till, strip-till, or spring tillage-only systems. They fit best here because they give the

Ways to prevent soil compaction during harvest

ON THE FARM



Claire LaCanne

Ways to prevent soil compaction during harvest

Maintaining healthy soil is important. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture asserts that “protecting soil is critical to protecting our ecosystems and our ability to raise crops or maintain a backyard garden.” One threat to the health and function of agricultural soils is compaction.

Soil compaction is an especially important issue because it has compounding effects. Even if an agricultural soil has sufficient nutrients, plants will grow poorly if they cannot reach nutrients, water, and air. As a result, yields are lower and input costs may be higher.

We often think of avoiding compaction in our wet soils during planting. However, soil compaction is not just a spring issue. Minnesota often has wet soil conditions during harvest, and there are three major ways to prevent compaction while harvesting. You can manage axle loads, properly inflate field equipment tires, and control field traffic.

The weight of our field equipment can increase the severity of compaction in wet soils. Heavy axle loads lead to deeper compaction in the soil profile. As loads increase beyond 10 tons per axle, the potential to compact the soil past the tillage layer increases. Full combines, slurry tankers, and grain carts can weigh between 18 and 40 tons per axle and can create compaction 2 to 3 feet deep. Equipping machinery with tracks or duals can help cause less compaction

due to increased flotation. Additionally, combines should be unloaded more frequently to decrease the weight of the combine.

Before using any equipment in the field, check tire pressure. Proper inflation helps reduce soil compaction and improves tractor efficiency. Studies have shown that tire inflation (psi) will determine the depth and severity of compaction even when axle loads are held constant. Producers should check with their tire manufacturer or search the web for proper tire size and inflation rate for their equipment.

The reasoning behind controlled traffic is that the majority of soil compaction (about 80 percent) occurs on the first pass through the field. As far as equipment goes, the grain cart has the greatest potential to compact the soil due to its large carrying capacity (>1,500 bushels) and its single axle on which to carry that weight.

Jodi Dejong-Hughes, soils educator, has compiled these tips to follow when using a grain cart:

1. Try to use the same paths across the field.
2. Use the combine’s previous wheel tracks when unloading the combine.
3. After loading the grain cart, follow those tracks down the field and take the headlands back to the semi or field entrance.
4. Never diagonally cross the field. This will create multiple wheel track patterns at 80 percent compaction.
5. If semis cannot be parked on the road, they should be kept on the headlands. Semis and gravity wagons may have a lower axle load, but the tire inflation is quite high.

Preventing soil compaction will enhance water infiltration and storage capacity, decrease plant root stress, and should help with efficiency and timeliness of operations in the spring.

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

Minnesota Crop Report



Northwest Minnesota received substantial rainfall while other of parts of the state remained dry enough to begin soybean harvest during the week ending September 24, 2017, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were **4.4 days suitable for fieldwork**. Harvest continued for corn silage, dry beans, potatoes, sugarbeets and alfalfa hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus.

Ninety-three percent of the **corn** for grain crop reached the dent stage, 6 days behind the 5-year average. Thirty-three percent had reached maturity, 9 days behind average. There were scattered reports of corn for grain being harvested in southeast Minnesota. Corn harvested for silage was 60 percent complete, one week behind average. Corn condition was unchanged at 81 percent good to excellent. Ninety-three percent of the **soybean** crop was turning color with 64 percent dropping leaves. Soybeans were 7 percent harvested. Soybean condition declined slightly to 71 percent good to excellent.

The **dry edible bean** crop harvest advanced to 69 percent complete, surpassing the average of 64 percent but remaining behind last year’s pace of 81 percent. **Sunflower** condition was 85 percent good to excellent. Potato harvest was 58 percent complete. **Sugarbeets** were 10 percent lifted, 5 days behind average. Sugarbeet condition was unchanged at 89 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 89 percent complete. **Pasture** condition declined to 53 percent good to excellent.

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Tuesday 7-8:30 p.m. at J & H
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November 2: Holiday Dazzle
Wine and Beer Tasting
November-May dates available later.
Sunday Off-Sale: "Plan Ahead"
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Flu vaccine clinics coming to county

Did you know that influenza is the most frequent cause of death from a vaccine-preventable disease in the United States? Have you received your annual flu vaccination this fall?

During the month of October there will be several opportunities for you and your family members to receive your flu vaccinations.

Steele County Public Health will be administering influenza vaccinations at four public clinics to persons 18 years and older. Public Health will have both the quadrivalent and the high dose vaccine available at these clinics.

- Medford**
Tuesday, Oct. 3
9-10:30 a.m.
Medford Manor
216 1st Street SE
Medford

Ellendale
Wednesday, Oct. 4
12-1:30 p.m.
Ellendale Community Center
507 2nd Street
Ellendale

Owatonna
Thursday, Oct. 5
9:30 -11 a.m.
Owatonna Senior Place
500 Dunnell Drive
Owatonna

Blooming Prairie
Friday, Oct. 6
12-2 p.m.
Blooming Prairie Senior Dining
134 3rd Street SE
Blooming Prairie

Public Health accepts Medicare, South Country Health Alliance, Medical Assistance, Humana, BCBS, UCare, Health Partners, Medica, and Unicare. Please bring all insurance cards with you to the clinic. If you want to pay cash the cost of the vaccination will be \$35 for the Quadrivalent and \$70 for the High Dose. A person needs to be 65 years of age to receive the High Dose vaccination. Call Steele County Public Health if you have any questions at 507-444-7650.

Homeland Health Specialists will be administering flu vaccinations to persons ages 6 months and older at the following school located clinics:

- Medford Public Schools**
Wednesday, Oct. 4
3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Blooming Prairie Public Schools
Monday, Oct. 23
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

NRHEG Schools – Ellendale
Tuesday, Oct. 24
4:00 to 7 p.m.

Roosevelt School in Owatonna
Saturday, Nov. 4
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Homeland Health is a network provider for Medica, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Partners, Preferred One, UCare, America's PPO, Prime West, South Country Alliance and Medicare. If you are not covered by one of these health plans, you may purchase a vaccination by cash or check on the day of the clinic. The cost of the vaccination will be \$35. Homeland Health is a Minnesota Vaccines for Children Provider and will offer flu vaccine to uninsured children 6 months to 18 years for \$20. Please remember to bring your Medicare and supplemental insurance cards to the clinic.

If you do not have medical insurance or your medical insurance does not pay for a flu shot, please call public health. You can receive a flu shot at our

office located at 635 Florence Ave. in Owatonna. An Immunization Clinic is also held on the third Thursday of each month from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Flu vaccinations are also available at many pharmacies and local medical clinics.

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months or older who do not have a contraindication to the vaccine. The Center for Disease Control emphasizes that immunization is especially important for people who are at higher risk for flu complications, such as children under 4 years of age, pregnant women, adults 50 years and older, and people with underlying medical conditions such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, and heart disease. It is also important for persons who care for or live with these persons to receive influenza vaccinations. Because these targeted risk groups make up at least 85 percent of the U.S. population it is very likely that you or a family member fall into one of these groups.

Vaccination is the principal means of preventing influenza and its complications. Here are some additional steps that may help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses like influenza:

1. Cover your nose and mouth with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If you are not near water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
3. If you get influenza, stay home from work or school for at least 24 hours after the fever has ended.
4. Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs often spread this way.

Public health officials suggest protecting yourself and those you love by getting a flu vaccination this year.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

- Sept. 27
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library

Sept. 28
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Steele County Veterans Service Officer, Servicemen's Club

Sept. 30
Blooming Prairie Education Foundation Banquet, Servicemen's Club

Oct. 2
7:30 p.m., Homecoming Coronation, BPHS Gymnasium

Oct. 3
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library

Oct. 4
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library

Oct. 6
12 – 2 p.m. – Flu Vaccine Clinic, BP Senior Dining
4:15 p.m.—Homecoming Parade



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ELLENDALE/GENEVA/HOPE

- Sept. 28
11 – 11:30 a.m. – Steele County Veterans Service Officer, Ellendale Community Building

Oct. 2
6 p.m. – NRHEG Band Boosters Meeting

Oct. 3
6:15 – 7:30 p.m. – NRHEG ECCE Adventures in Parenting Class, Ellendale Preschool Room
6:30 – 8 p.m. – NRHEG Karate, Ellendale Elementary Gym North

Oct. 4
12 – 1:30 p.m. – Flu Vaccine Clinic, Ellendale Community Building
5:30 – 7 p.m. – Spaghetti Supper, First Lutheran Church in Ellendale.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Spaghetti dinner coming to Ellendale

First Lutheran Church in Ellendale invites the public to come to a spaghetti supper on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The dinner is hosted and served by the FLC Youth Group and Youth Ministry. A free will offering will be accepted.

OWATONNA/MEDFORD

- Sept. 27
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – 50+ Fit and Flex Workshop, Sollid Yoga

Sept. 28
2 p.m. – Movie at the Library, Owatonna Library
6:30 p.m. – Family Fun Night, Owatonna Library
7 – 8:30 p.m. – WWI Roundtable, Steele County History Center
7 p.m. – Movie at the Library, Owatonna Library

Sept. 29
4 p.m. – Owatonna Public Utilities Commission Meeting, Morehouse Meeting Room

Sept. 30
7 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Owatonna Farmers' Market, Central Park

Oct. 3
9 – 10:30 a.m. – Flu Vaccine Clinic, Medford Manor
9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Storytime, Owatonna Library

Oct. 4
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – 50+ Fit and Flex Workshop, Sollid Yoga

Oct. 5
9 – 10 a.m. – Jr. History Detectives, Steele County History Center
9:30 – 11 a.m. – Flu Vaccine Clinic, Owatonna Senior Place
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – History Detectives, Steele County History Center
6:30 p.m. – Family Storytime, Owatonna Library

Oct. 7
7 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Owatonna Farmers' Market, Central Park
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Oak View Nursery Pumpkin Patch
5:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Harvest for History, Steele County History Center

Oct. 8
9 – 10 a.m. – Fling Golf, Brooktree Golf Course
10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Beers & Bogeys, Brooktree Golf Course
12 – 6 p.m. – Oak View Nursery Pumpkin Patch
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Steele Tap eyes

2018 completion

BY RICK BUSSLER

Publisher

A first of its kind cooperatively-owned restaurant, bar and craft beer brewery in southeastern Minnesota is in the works for Steele County.

A dedicated, grassroots team of about 30 people is actively involved in organizing a local brewpub for Owatonna. It will be called Steele Tap and is targeted to open in the downtown area next fall.

“What excites me about this is redeveloping an area of downtown and making it vibrant,” said Roger Warehime, chair of Steele Tap. “We’re trying to pull the community together and doing it as a grassroots effort.

Warehime is not a brewer himself, but he admits he enjoys craft brews. He brings a mechanical engineering background to the group. He also has a master’s degree in business administration.

In his professional career,

Warehime serves as director of field operations for Owatonna Public Utilities. He moved to the area from the Twin Cities in 2004.

He has been a member of Owatonna Forward, a group dedicated to looking at what the community will look like over the next 10-20 years. The concept of a brewpub is something that came up time after time, Warehime said.

“I’ve always liked the idea of entrepreneurship,” he said.

For Warehime, part of the lure of Steele Tap is that it is a cooperative venture. “It is owned by the consumers and not one person putting their life savings into it,” he said. “The risk is diminished because the customers are the owners.”

Even if craft brewing did not work out down the road, Warehime said there are other elements in the project that will make it sustainable.

Steele Tap will provide guests with an upscale, casual, beer-centric dining experience featuring locally-

produced craft beers paired with fresh, gourmet pub food using locally sourced ingredients.

There are currently only two other brewpubs in Minnesota, according to Warehime. Both of them are located in northeast Minneapolis. A third one is in the works, but not open yet, in Granite Falls. He estimates there are about 20 across the country.

The concept started in Austin, Texas with the Black Star Co-op about 10 years ago. Black Star is the world’s first cooperatively-owned and worker self-managed brewpub. More than 3,000 individuals and organizations own Black Star.

Steele Tap is attempting to find a spot for the brewpub. The cooperative is looking at the vacant Bubba’s Building at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Pearl Street. Members hope to make a decision on a building by Nov. 1.

Warehime said Steele Tap will be a restaurant that has a license to brew beer on site, but it won’t be allowed to distribute to other bars. It’s still too early to tell how many beers will be brewed, but he said it could be as many as 24 varieties.

The organizational committee for the cooperative recently named an interim board of directors to guide the project through its business development process. They include: Warehime as chair; John Deraneck, vice chair; Molly

Kerr, records officer; Sue Tuma, financial officer and Terrence Flynn, Reid Stransky and Chris Harrison, directors.

In the coming months, the board will oversee responsibilities in the areas of incorporation, licensing, raising capital, development of the business plan, investment offerings, marketing, building/site and operations.

The cooperative, Warehime said, is not taking memberships yet, but that will likely come in the next few months. Anyone interested in becoming involved can contact the cooperative by email at steeletap@gmail.com.

While there are many hurdles to get past before the brewpub becomes a reality, Warehime is convinced it will be a go. “In my mind, I can vision this. There are a lot of us that want to do it,” he said. “We have the perseverance to do this,” he added.

He looks at his involvement with Steele Tap as “another contribution to the community.”



The Steele Tap Cooperative has named an interim board of directors to guide the project through its business development process. The board includes: (left to right) John Deraneck, Roger Warehime, Reid Stransky, Sue Tuma, Chris Harrison, Molly Kerr and Terrence Flynn.

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United Prairie

team adds

financial expert

United Prairie in Owatonna recently welcomed the addition of Gary Hughes, a 29-year financial industry veteran.

Hughes joins current Investment Representative, Eric Thronson, and Financial Assistant, Jessica Durand, to round out the United Prairie Financial Network group at the Rose Street office.

“I am excited to join the team at United Prairie and am looking forward to meeting new people in the Owatonna area,” said Hughes, who has been a resident of Rochester for the past 30 years. He most recently worked with Ameriprise as an advisor.

Added Hughes, “Retirement and estate planning are two areas that I’ve grown to really enjoy and specialize in throughout my years in this industry.”

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Full slate of activities set for Owatonna Foundation Week

The week celebrates all that has been accomplished in the past 59 years through the generosity of the Owatonna community and their support of the Owatonna Foundation whose mission is: “to improve the quality of life for present and future generations by supporting Owatonna projects that focus on community, arts, recreation, and education.” This year will also be the official beginning of the Foundation’s fundraising campaign called “10 in 10.” This campaign’s goal is to raise enough funds so that the Foundation will have assets of \$10 million within 10 years. The Foundation is already over half-way to that goal, with current assets of over \$5 million. By reaching this goal, the Foundation, as directed by its spending policy, will be able to award \$450,000 dollars a year for worthy Owatonna projects and scholarships.

“We are excited to embark on this new fundraising campaign. The idea for this campaign came out of our recent strategic planning session and will allow us to greatly impact our community for the future. As new capital projects and community initiatives come forth we will be able partner with, and support, Owatonna non-profits. Owatonna has always been a very philanthropic community and embraced projects for the betterment of the quality of life for all our citizens,” said Betsy Lindgren, Foundation president.

Established in 1957, the Owatonna Foundation has enhanced the community with a focus on capital projects. Some of the projects financially supported by the Foundation have included: the Central Park Bandstand, the Parks and Trail System, Soccer Complex, Softball Diamonds, Steele County Fair, Hospitality House, Owatonna Public Library, ISD #761, Homestead Hospice House, River Springs Water Park, the Steele County History Center, Steele County Food Shelf, and Steele County Clothesline, among others. Since its beginning, over 260 projects, and \$11.75 million has been given back to the community.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Foundation will host its Legacy Luncheon to honor those donors who have included the Owatonna Foundation as part of their estate plan or made a contribution through the “Living Legacy” program. The keynote speaker will be Diane Amundson, a motivational speaker who has worked with General Mills, Pepsi, and Express Employment Professionals.

In 2009 Amundson started her own training company serving clients throughout the Midwest in leadership development, conflict resolution, strategic planning and team building. She has a passion for giving back to her community and was featured on the front page of her local newspaper The Winona Daily News as the July 2017 volunteer of the

month. She has served as member or President of the local Rotary Club, Winona Community Foundation, Bluffview Montessori School Board, Ruskin Study Club, WSU Business College Advisory Board and United Way to name a few.

The lunch will also feature the annual presentation of the “Spirit of the Community Award” which will this year be presented to Jerry and Carol Deetz for their service to the community. The Legacy Luncheon is an invitation only event.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, the Foundation will host a “Breakfast for Professionals” at the Owatonna Arts Center. The short program will feature several speaker testimonials as to the importance and impact that the Foundation has made to them both as donors and as grant recipients. The speakers will include: Legacy Society members, Otto and Joanne Havelka and Jolayne Mohs. Grant recipients, Rod Mauer and Sam Davidson representing the “20” Rifle and Pistol Club and Marilee Pfarr of Wee Pals will also briefly speak. This event is by invitation only, but if you are a professional in the areas of insurance, banking, law, or financial planning and would like to attend, please call our office at 507-455-2995 to reserve your place.

Also on Oct. 5, the public is invited to attend a special Foundation Week tradition at our Wine and Beer Tasting Event, which this year will feature over 100 different beverages to sample. This fundraiser is graciously co-sponsored by Cash Wise Liquor and the Holiday Inn. The

evening will feature wines, Minnesota breweries, and wonderful food. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and may be purchased at the Foundation Office at 108 West Park Square, Cashwise Liquor, from a Board Trustee, Kottke Jewelers, or by going to our website: www.owatonnafoundation.org. The event takes place at the Holiday Inn & Suites and begins at 6:30 p.m.

A live auction featuring several wine and food themed gift baskets from Cashwise Liquor and Foods, two wine tasting “road trips,” one of which features a Romance Package from the St. James Hotel will also be auctioned, and new this year, will be a dinner for 8 prepared by Betsy Lindgren and Laura Resler of the Owatonna Foundation and held at the historic Stephens and Sis Lange home. All proceeds go to the Owatonna Foundation to support its grant and scholarship programs.

On Friday, Oct. 6, the Foundation will watch the Huskies “kick-off” at the OHS football game between Owatonna and Rochester Century. The OHS cheerleaders will be tossing out t-shirts courtesy of Court Sports and More during the halftime activities. Show some hometown spirit and take your chance at catching a t-shirt!

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the Owatonna Foundation office will be open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at 108 West Park Square across from Central Park. Stop in and enjoy coffee from Central Park Coffee and cookies from Old Town Bagels. Back by popular demand is a “Mystery Picture” photo contest! This is your

chance to win an amazing “Experience Owatonna” package that includes an overnight stay at the Holiday Inn and Suites and 5 water park passes, value \$250, \$50 in Chamber Bucks from Dufresne Wayne and Associates, a family membership to Steele County Historical Society: value \$45, an Owatonna Arts Center membership: value \$100, An Owatonna County Club Experience package: value \$200, a DeWalt shopvac: value \$110 from Alexander Lumber, a Kottke Jewelry gift card, a Fareway Foods gift card, a Hy-Vee gift card and more.

Total value of this grand prize package is over \$1,000! There will be other prizes for second and third place with prizes from Park and Rec, Plaza Morena, Elwood Star Cleaners, Chamber Bucks and much more. Over \$2,000 will be given away! To enter you must fill out the photo contest form and identify 8 of the 16 mystery pictures that feature Foundation sponsored projects in Owatonna. Completed forms need to be dropped off at the Foundation office at 108 West Park Square on Satur-

day, Oct. 7 between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Forms are available at Kottke Jewelers, Tri M Graphics, the Foundation office and on our website at www.owatonnafoundation.org. The first 50 contestants that enter will receive a value basket coupon from Culvers.

“We invite everyone to join us for this great week of activities that celebrates the Owatonna Foundation-your Community

Foundation. I am proud and humbled to be a part of this amazing legacy.”

The Owatonna Foundation was established with the goal of improving the quality of life for present and future generations of Owatonna residents. For more information, visit the Owatonna Foundation web page at www.owatonnafoundation.org or call 507-455-2995.

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BP Cancer Group donates often to Eagles Cancer Telethon



Teresa Chapman, left, executive director of the Eagles Cancer Telethon in Rochester, visited the Blossoming Prairie Cancer Group's auction on Sept. 9. Cheri Krejci, right, introduced her to the audience. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Each year in recent memory, the Blossoming Prairie Cancer Group has donated generously to the Eagles Fifth District Cancer Telethon in Rochester.

Last year, the BP Cancer Group gave the Eagles telethon a donation of \$63,000. The year previous, the BP Cancer Group gave a \$73,000 check.

It is expected that next January, the Cancer Group will again give a sizable donation.

With \$1 million in income, Eagles Fifth District Cancer Telethon is larger than the average Cancer Research Organization in the United States (where

median income is \$224,590).

The average Cancer Research Organization brought in 2.38 percent more income in 2014 than it raised in 2013. This organization, similarly, saw a 1.79 percent increase in income in 2014.

The Eagles Fifth District Cancer Telethon is a registered tax -exempt organization with the Internal Revenue Service.

The BP Cancer Group raised over \$60,000 in this year's Paint Blossoming Prairie Pink. The auctions brought in \$42,000 of that total.

On the second night of the auction, Teresa Chapman, executive director of the Eagles Cancer Telethon in Rochester, thanked the bidders for their generous donations to this year's BP Cancer Group actions.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 10, 2013 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,738.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Danielle Kay Strommer and Stephan Charles Strommer, wife and husband MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 100603713070078628 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 12, 2013, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000392396 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 15,16 and South 14 feet of Lot 14, all being in Block 29 in Johnson and Company's Addition to Medford (said Block 29, being located in North part of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 9-108-20) PROPERTY ADDRESS: 211 1st Ave NE, Medford, MN 55049 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16-101-2915 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$103,204.26 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 19, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2018, or the next business day if April 19, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 15, 2008 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,300.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jacqueline J. Robinson, a single person MORTGAGEE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage

Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 16, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000358537 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Thereafter assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 15 to 26, both inclusive in Block 3, Clarke's Addition to the Village (now City) of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota That part of the South Half of 7th Street NE (Pope Street) which lies S of Lot 1, Block 4, Clarke's Addition, North of Lot 20, Block 3, Clarke's Addition East of the East line of Center Avenue (Pine Street) and West of the Westerly right of way line of State Highways 218 and 30 in the village (now City) of Blooming Prairie (now Vacated) PROPERTY ADDRESS: 801 Center Ave N, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-109-0315 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$72,905.11 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 27, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on April 27, 2018, or the next business day if April 27, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Carole M. Dittrich, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 13, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, April 27, 1995, and ("Will"), and for the appointment of Shelly M. Dittrich Starman and Steven M. Dittrich whose addresses are 2724 SE 138th Street, Blooming Prairie, MN, 55917 and 9879 County Road 3, Owatonna, MN 55060, respectively as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court
9/12/2017

Sonia Holder
Court Administrator
9/12/2017

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1635

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Marlene June Quaintance, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 13, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, August 4, 2015, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Bonnie Christensen, whose address is P.O. Box 654, Hill City, SD, 57745 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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9/12/2017

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NAMEHOLDER(S): **Cody Lee Hendrickson**
Address: 203 2nd St. NW, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 USA

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SIGNED BY:
Cody Lee Hendrickson

MAILING ADDRESS:
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constitutioncody@gmail.com

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2010 MORTGAGOR: Ronald G Dagit and Shirley A Pichner as trustees of the Pichner/Dagit Family Trust Dated 10-17-2005. MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 7, 2010 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000375225. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Bank of America, N.A. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A. MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 315 Academy Street, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17-010-3217 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Four (4) rods of Sub-Lot Ten (10) in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 on Section 10, Township 107, Range 20 West COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$48,000.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$45,812.20 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on March 15, 2018 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: July 12, 2017

Bank of America, N.A.
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until October 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: September 20, 2017.

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Foreclosure

17-107230

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 7, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$69,900.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Marcia K. Prestegard, single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1002489-0000001611-4 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. DBA Mortgage Depot SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 3, 2010, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000369179 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.; Thereafter assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC; thereafter assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3 in Block 2 in Pointview Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 314 Southview St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-134-0203 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$65,408.19 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 17, 2017, 10:00am PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2018, or the next business day if May 17, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: September 18, 2017

J.P. Morgan Mortgage
Acquisition Corp.
Assignee of Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 3, 2015 MORTGAGOR: Earl Eugene Butenhoff and Linda Eileen Butenhoff, husband and wife as joint tenants. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc. its successors and assigns. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 4, 2015 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000403975. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Ditech Financial LLC. Dated August 22, 2017 Recorded August 25, 2017, as Document No. A000414480. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100969901641507013 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Ditech Financial LLC MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2455 Fox Hollow Lane, Owatonna, MN 55060 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17-582-0403 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3, Block 4, North Country Addition No. 2, Steele County, Minnesota COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$272,253.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$282,042.55 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2018 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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Dated: September 20, 2017

Ditech Financial LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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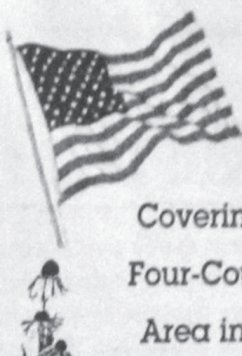


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Nation's terrorist attacks have local tie; community shows its support as it grieves

By ELSIE SLINGER
TIMES NEWS EDITOR

It's been a week since the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, and still America looks to heal.

Last Friday in an ecumenical prayer service, held at 12 noon at First Lutheran Church, about 100 people showed up with small flags, heavy hearts and open ears as they came to share their grief and pray for those who needed comfort.

And in at least instance locally, the tragedy hit a note here, as a former Blooming Prairie graduate was to be in the area of Manhattan when the planes hit the twin towers, but for some reason chose not to go into that area Tuesday morning.

Downtown Blooming Prairie had many displays of patriotism, with flags waving and showing up in business windows. The flags at the banks and schools hung half mass in remembrance of the victims. The word on the street was consistently about what was happening out east, and ultimately how it would affect Main Street America now, and in the future.

For Jeremy Isenor, a senior at BPHS, and his mother, there was a moment of horror as they thought about the possibility Jamey, Jeremy's brother and Anita's son, may have been caught in the carnage. Jamey is a 1993 graduate and has lived near a Lincoln Tunnel in New Jersey while working part-time jobs as he sought work as an actor.

"He actually worked at the World Trade Center this summer," said Jeremy. "He's there almost everyday, in the vicinity of Broadway in Manhattan."

Anita called Jeremy at school last Tuesday to tell him she received word that Jamey was all right. But it didn't end there: Jamey's girlfriend held a temporary job in the World Trade Center.

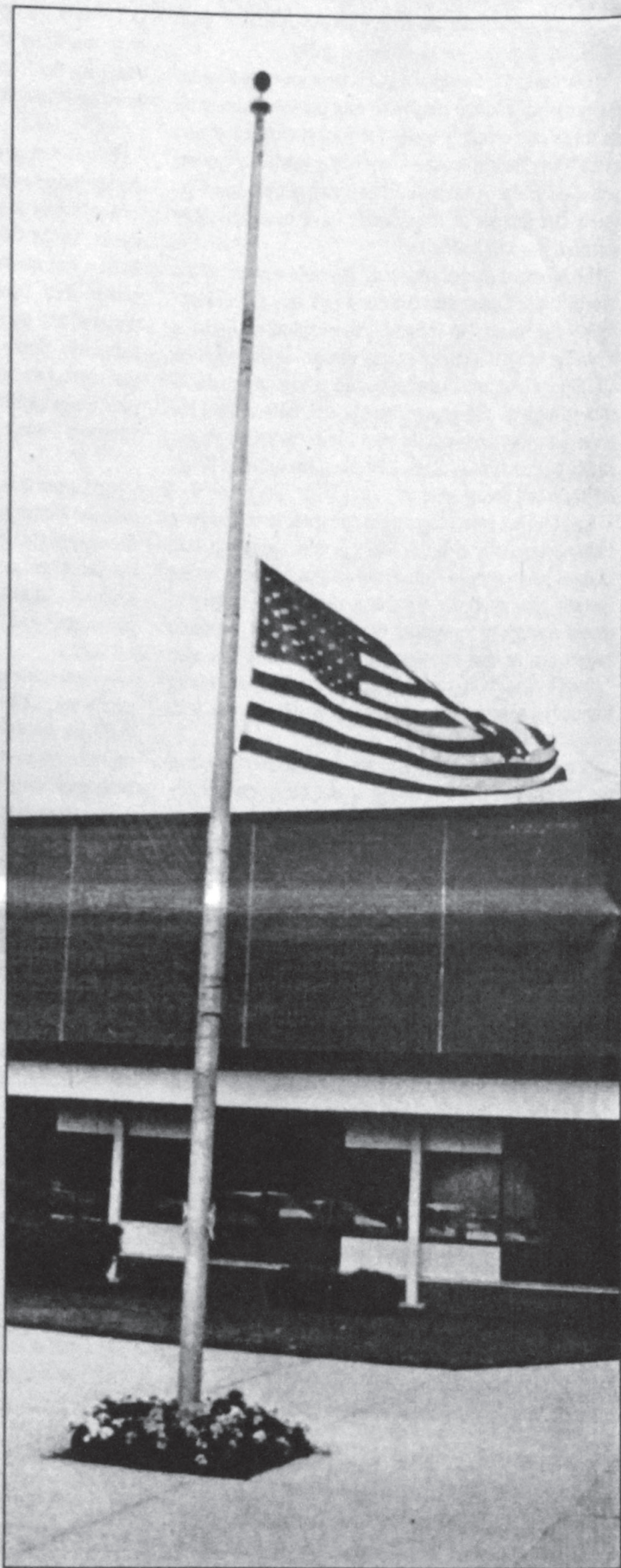
The Isenors found out she was all right when Kathryn called and said she was moved to another site to work - leaving the World Trade Center and the 63rd floor behind.

Jeremy found out about the WTC crashes from Andrea Miller, a junior, who came to tell him and others about the horrific crashes. Most of Tuesday, students watched the action unfold on school television. Just as adults around the world, local students watched in horror as the towers collapsed and word came the Pentagon was hit.

"It was a shock, watching the second plane hit the second tower," said Jeremy. "Kids here hope we don't jump into a fight, but avoid one if we can. But we want them to capture those responsible."

Jeremy called his brother to wish him happy birthday, Thursday, September 13, glad he was alive to celebrate it.

"I think I saw it (the tragedy) different than everyone else, because I knew someone who could have been on there," said Jeremy. "It's scary. Kids my age wonder if we'll get



The flag at the high school waved at half mast in honor of those lost in the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. Above right, three fire-fighters in New York raise a flag on a post found at the scene of the World Trade Center site, with the rubble of the buildings behind them.

drafted (to fight a war)."

At the prayer service, Pastors Richard Hegal and Heidi Heimgartner from First Lutheran Church and Pastor Bruce Falksen of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. And to show a different face, the ministers invited Mohammad and Marilyn Kazemi, who are practicing Muslims, to talk to the crowd.

The service started with singing the Star Spangled Banner - all four verses, setting the tone for the get-together.

Pastor Bruce spoke about the fierce loyalty of fire-fighters and rescue workers as they went up to save more

people and as they dig through the rubble looking for survivors. Once a fire-fighter himself, as well as a fire department chaplain, he very well knows about their desire to serve.

"They don't think of themselves," he said about the fire-fighters, "it's in their blood to save people." He remembers hearing the story of the fire-fighters asked to go in the Oklahoma City bombed federal building and how they "felt" the evil. "Every rescue unit had a chaplain go in ahead of them because of that evil. And these (New York fire-fighters) were no different." Over 200 fire-fighters were lost in the WTC tragedy.



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Pastor Heimgartner read from Lamentations in the Bible and was brought to tears with the passage and the emotions of the event. She said the tragedy is worse than Titanic, Pearl Harbor and the worst airplane disaster combined, as more than 5,000 people are missing.

"What can we do in this time of grief?" she asked the group. "We can

pour out our hearts like the water in Lamentations... and the Lord promises to be there. All emotions are understandable, but these (negative) sentiments should not be tolerated (reports of Moslems being attacked). Terrorism will win out if we abandon our best principles."

Pastor Hegal introduced Marilyn Kazemi and told her she and her family are welcome here. Marilyn thanked the group and said they have had nothing but support from Blooming Prairie people as they called to expressed concern about their safety.

"I have friends in the Twin Cities who have not been so lucky," she said. "There is an Islamic school that has parental guards outside because of the threats made."

"We are all suffering as a member of America, as is many people around the world," she added. "Islam is a religion of peace: true Islam does not support violence or terrorism, just like Christianity. We share your shock and we grieve and fear retaliation. Let's pray to our god for guidance in this time."

Pastor Hegal shared a letter from Nadar Abedrabbo, a Palestinian Christian who stayed with the Hegals last winter. He is a student at Michigan State University and wanted to tell them of his grief.

"He conveys his deepest sorrow and is shocked and horrified at the sights," said Pastor Hegal. "He feels the pain as any American: it's just not America's pain but all human beings. Whoever did this does not qualify as a human being. The few Palestinians you saw cheering on television are very much a minority."

"How could God let this happen? We can't comprehend why. But I extend my prayers to you and those who lost loved ones. Human life is precious and should be protected at all costs."

Pastor Hegal's parting words were, "when we leave here we will be more than conquerors - God will work it out." As the congregation lit candles and sang a hymn, he reminded them, "You will carry the light of the hope back that terrorists will not have the last word."

City approves levy increase; sewer decisions also made

By ELSIE SLINGER
TIMES NEWS EDITOR

A five percent levy was approved by the Blooming Prairie City Council at the September 10 meeting.

That levy increase will mean a 3.5 percent actual rate hike in local property taxes. The proposed budget OKed by the council showed a surplus of \$46,976.

The total referendum cost will be \$471,095. The budget includes all the needed items to operate the city in 2002, but does not have a lot of fat to it.

Sewer decisions and extensions took up much of the meeting:

*Because of a demand for more twin homes, Warren Iverson approached the city asking if it was possible to provide service and rough road to the first two lots of the new development area, or Memorial Drive South. The last of the twin homes are under construction.

The council wanted to see if the water flow problem in that area could be fixed before extending any more sewer service lines. Earlier this month, the planning and zoning board denied Iverson a request to change zoning for a couple other lots on Fourth Street SW.

This year, the twin homes have been the only new construction in Blooming Prairie.

*The council is waiting a response from the Steele County Commissioners about the possibility of the county paying for part of the proposed extension of Memorial Drive north to Hwy. 30.

An estimate of \$121,000 was given to the council for just installing curb and gutter between Seventh and

Eighth Street NW. The council felt that was too high a price for the block area and will wait to see if the county will help out with a full extension of the road.

*A report was given on the improvements of the south sanitary and storm sewer trunk line by Fourth Street SE to Fifth Street SE.

The council wants a report with information about the scope of the project and the possibility of a 'ghost' plat in that area instead of going through the property of current land-owners to expand.

*The council approved an amendment to the sewer use and service charge ordinance.

The amendment adds an inspection requirement for houses sold within the boundary of the community. It was tabled until an estimate of costs of such inspections and the cost to disconnect illegal hookups.

Since then, a company was located that will purchase the camera equipment needed to inspect the residential sewer lines, with an estimated cost of inspections of lines at \$200.

The estimated cost to disconnect illegal hookups is harder to establish because every house could present a different problem. The council heard that the average cost to disconnect could go as high as \$2,500 per house.

In the future, under the amendment, contractors will have to have sewers inspected to make sure no illegal hookups are there. Illegal hookups are considered to be roof downspouts, foundation drains, areaway drains, sump pump connections or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which is connected

directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Any property owner not complying will be assessed \$50 a month until inspection has been completed.

In other city news, the city is looking for a replacement pickup for the sewer department. It would replace the 1990 Chevrolet pickup already used.

The city is looking for the best rebate program on a late model 2001 or 2002 Ford.

The council also asked for more information from Semcac on their request to contribute \$500 towards the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). This organization coordinates the meals on wheels locally.

The city currently provides support to Semcac by use of the Senior Center, which will need some improvements in the near future.

Council members asked for more numbers from Semcac, on local participation of the RSVP program before making a final decision.

The city also:

*Approved payment at \$6,751.69 to Crane Creek Construction for the 4th Street SE and Second Avenue SE project.

This project was within \$500 of the estimated project costs. The total project was \$256,769.50

*Heard that the pool did well this year, drawing more people this year than last. Specific numbers weren't available, but with the hot weather and good college help, the pool was busy. There were few complaints and employees there had good suggestions about improvements for next year.

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Meshke saves best performance 'til last

BY ELSIE SLINGER
TIMES EDITOR

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She saved the best 'til last. It took six years to do it, but Lisa Meskhe finally reached the pinnacle of her golfing career on the final hole of golf at the Minnesota State High School Girls Golf Championship Tuesday, June 6, when she putted in a short shot for the Class A title. She won by one stroke over Jackie Beste of Sauk Center, who trailed by three strokes after the first round of play Monday.

The course had become familiar to Meshke, who first golfed the St. Cloud Country Club during her first appearance in 1995. Just a seventh grader then, she was just glad to be there. Lisa finished fifth with a 3 score.

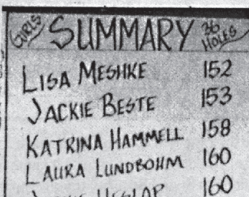
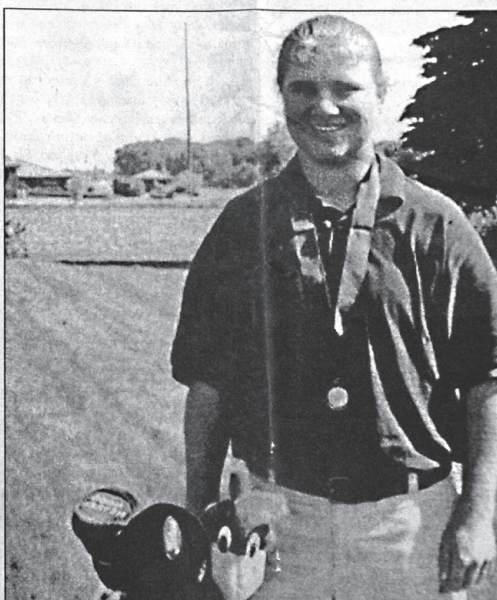
returning for her eighth grade season, Meshke almost won but finished runner-up at 158. Then as a freshman, she stumbled somewhat and took seventh at 171. Maybe as a sophomore? But it was no cigar as she finished second at 156. Even as a senior she didn't quite get over the taking second again at 158.

Katrina Hammel of Caledonia finished third individually with a 158 (82-76) and Jackie Heslop of Pequot Lakes and Laura Lundbohm of Roseau tied for fourth as both carded 160s. Roseau won the team title with Section 1A winner Caledonia-Spring Grove third.

"For awhile it didn't look like she was going to do it," said Blooming Prairie Coach H. Peterson. "But on the back nine it looked like she decided, 'I might as well win this.'"

"I struggled on the first nine (holes) with a 41 and 37 on the back nine," said Lisa. "For some reason, I just don't do as good on the front nine there. The first three to six holes give me trouble."

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 22, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$238,555.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Phillip E. Daley and Carol S. Daley, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on May 30, 2012 as Document Number A000384891 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 1, South Prairie Park Addition, Steele County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1915 LEMOND PLACE, OWATONNA, MN 55060

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$198,769.80

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-516-0101

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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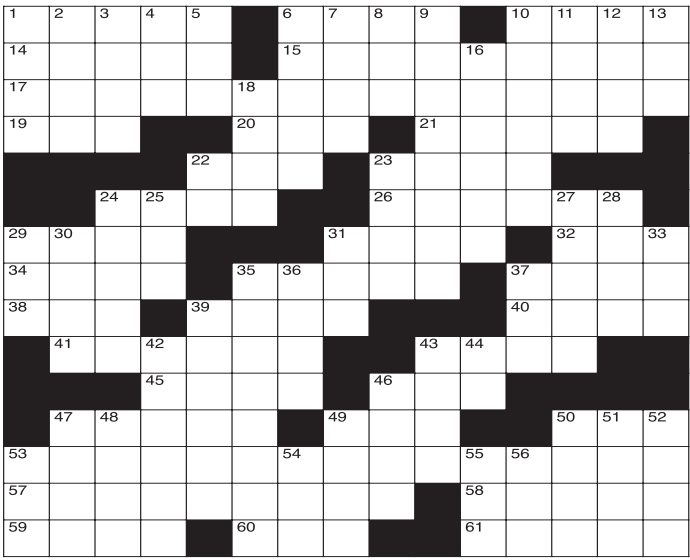
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21. Harangues
22. 6th Hebrew letter
23. Well informed
24. Turfs
26. In a way, obeyed
29. Lawyers group
31. Increases motor speed
32. Political action committee
34. Light pokes
35. Struck down
37. Central Philippine Island
38. Japanese sash
39. Afresh
40. Bluish green
41. Inspire with love
43. Without (French)
45. Counterbalance container to obtain net weight
46. Express pleasure
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CLUES DOWN

1. Cry
2. Wings
3. Baseball play
4. Flower petals
5. Drive against
6. Velikaya River city
7. A single unit in a collection
8. Stray
9. Bring back
10. Repented
11. Receipt (abbr.)
12. Expresses pleasure
13. Not wet
16. In a way, takes off
18. Macaws genus
22. "Fast Five" star's initials
23. Sharpen a knife
24. Oral polio vaccine developer
49. Signing
50. ___ compilation, compiling computer language
53. Have surgery
57. Being trompe-l'oeil
58. Extremely mad
59. Day
60. Small coin (French)
61. Snatched



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29. Bustle
30. Minor
31. Propel a boat
33. Passage with access only at one end
35. Underwater airways

36. Small, slight
37. Box (abbr.)
39. ___ Blake, actress
42. Repents
43. Merchandising
44. Exclamation of surprise
46. With fireplace residue
47. A small lake
48. Bait
49. Tip of Aleutian Islands
50. K ___: watercraft (alt. sp.)
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The championship ring tour highlighted 33 Super Bowl rings that have been created by Minnesota-based Jostens, which has facilities in Owatonna, among others. Fans got to admire the rings in large show cases, along with a recap of the winning team and scores of the games.

Katie Zipse of Blooming Prairie, who has worked in the warranty department at Jostens for 15 years, brought her children to see the ring display. Zipse found herself in awe of the rings. "It's the artwork that goes into the rings," she said. "Each ring tells a story and the stories are all different. It's amazing," she added.

Zipse's favorite ring was the 2017 one featuring the world champion New England Patriots. Crafted in 10-karat white gold, the ring has a carat weight of 5.1 and features a stone count of more than 280 diamonds, including five marquise-cut diamonds representing the franchise's five Vince Lombardi trophies. It is the largest Super Bowl ring ever created.

"You can't beat that one," Zipse said. "It's awfully pretty."

Travis Litke of Owatonna enjoyed bringing his family to the ring display. "I think this is awesome," he said as he looked at various ring displays. "I was pretty stoked in coming here," he added.

Though Litke works at Jostens, he doesn't have anything to do directly with the rings. But that doesn't matter to him.

"It's neat that small town Minnesota can have such a big company, but with a small town feel," Litke said. "I'm proud to work there and to be a part of people's happiest times in their life."

Litke's only complaint was that he wasn't able to look at a Minnesota Vikings ring. The Vikings have never won the Super Bowl. "Maybe we'll get lucky once," he said.

There are 485 Jostens employees working at three locations in Owatonna, according to Jennie Favro, human resources manager. She helped coordinate the special showing of the rings for workers on Sept. 19. This year is Jostens' 120th anniversary of being a trusted partner in the academic and achievement channel.

Favro said the tooling for the rings is done at Jostens' plant in Eagan. The rings are actually made in Denton, Texas as well as Montreal. She noted some of the front-end work is done in



Owatonna to help get everything set up for manufacturing.

It takes about four months to design and manufacture the rings, Favre said. "Every ring here has a story to tell that's important to that team," she said.

As for the value of the rings, Favre said, "We can't put a price on it. They're priceless to the players."

She noted it's up to each individual team as to how many rings it wants manufactured. She said some teams expand out to cover family members and office staff. "We will make rings for whoever they want to give them to," Favre said.

"We just have great pride to share the craftsmanship that our employees have," Favre said. "Jostens likes to think of itself as a storyteller of champions."



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Items on the auction include: large glass display cabinet, 10 foot glass display case with curved sides, dining room table, leaves & 5 chairs, upright Victrola floor model record player, trunks, Murphy bed, numerous dressers, small desks, old wood-

en chicken incubator, oak coat rack, sword collection, cane collection, huge lot of brass vases, candlesticks, brass pelican, bells.

Kasson souvenirs & old postcards, numerous old pictures, skeleton keys, padlocks, letter opener collection, clown collection, numerous lamps, DeLaval & Rockford Watches, tip trays, pipe collection, banks, door stops, book ends, postcards, Valentines, mantle clocks.

Large Oriental vases, Bakelite French Briar pipe & case, cigarette lighter collection, razors, glass candy containers, ashtrays, embossed metal mirror/coat rack w/battleship Olympia, advertising items, 1894 lap writing desk, framed condolence letter from 1864, (possible Lincoln signature?), dishes, glassware, old advertising tins, glass butter chums, primitives, beer opener collection, Masonic bookends, Avon, pheasant mount, metal windup toys.

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