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Jason House has taken over as general manager of House Chevrolet in Owatonna. His parents, Julie and Greg House, purchased the business last February. Until joining the family business, the younger House had a corporate job with Hendrick Automotive in Virginia.

BUILT FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

House trades corporate gig for family auto business

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Sometimes misfortunes have a way of producing life-changing experiences for people.

Jason House, who took over as executive general manager of his family's business, House Chevrolet Buick Cadillac in Owatonna, in December, found that out earlier last year.

House's parents, Julie and Greg, purchased the GM dealership along Interstate 35 in Owatonna last February. The younger House had no intentions of joining the family business at this point in his life until misfortune came about with his wife last May.

House's wife broke her foot. During her recovery time, House got a crash course in taking care of the house and his family, which includes five kids. And all the time he also kept up with his own full time job.

"It made me realize I wasn't spending enough time with my wife and kids," House said. "I wasn't involved enough with the family."

Keeping up with a full time corporate job with Hendrick Automotive Group, the largest privately held automotive company in the nation, on the east coast for 12 years proved to be quite demanding for House. He worked for nine years in North Carolina and the past three years in Virginia. He was working 70 plus hours a week. "This business has a big sacrifice when raising a family," House said.

> "I only know one speed. That's 100 mph."
>
> **Jason House**
> House Chevy GM

Realizing it was time to put family first, House decided to leave his corporate gig and come back to southern Minnesota to help his parents run the Owatonna dealership. His parents also operate a dealership in Stewartville.

"I wouldn't be here if my wife hadn't broken her foot," House admits. "This will give me a more balanced life with my wife and kids. I'm so glad I figured it out at 36 versus 50," he said.

His decision raised a few eyebrows at Hendrick Automotive Group when House announced he was leaving to come back to Minnesota. He also brought a service director along with him. "I shocked a lot of people. Very few people thought I would leave," he said, adding he knew right away it was the right decision.

In Steele County, House hopes to shed the corporate image that he has grown accustomed to in recent years. "I want to have the personal touch with people and not be corporate," he said. "I don't want that corporate feel."

One of House's first priorities will be taking care of the 20 employees he has working for him. House said employees need to be treated as a person and not as a number because they are the number one asset of a business.

"I prided myself on having relationships with my people," House said, adding he focused on taking care of his people.

House enjoys the automotive business, something that started at a young age

SEE **ROAD, A3**



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Owatonna cheerleaders Faith Hanson, Emmi Edel and Lily Redman put the finishing touches on one of the many gifts, that will be donated to families in need on Christmas.

Owatonna cheerleaders spread cheer, continue wonderful holiday tradition

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Owatonna cheerleading team brightened the holidays for some area families by continuing a nearly 20-year-old tradition.

The team provided gifts to 10 children and their families through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota this holiday season.

Senior captain Angela Wishy said it's a rewarding feeling to know you helped someone during the holidays.

"Sometimes people can't afford Christmas," Wishy said.

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Man faces attempted murder charges in Christmas machete attack

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER



Bauer

An alleged attack on a girlfriend with a machete on Christmas Day morning has resulted in serious felony charges, including attempted murder, against an Owatonna man. The attack also involved an officer getting injured.

Jeremiah Joel Bauer, 31, has been charged with second-degree attempted murder, kidnapping, attempted first-degree assault involving great bodily harm and second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon.

Owatonna Police responded to a physical domestic in the 500 block of Academy Street East around 1:47 a.m. on Christmas Day. The caller told police that there is a history of violence between Bauer and his girlfriend.

When the officer arrived, he heard a woman inside screaming and could not get anyone to come to the door. Officers eventually made contact and discovered that Bauer was allegedly armed with a machete, which was tied to his right hand, according to the criminal complaint.

During the encounter,

SEE **MACHETE, A3**



FILE PHOTO

Our top 10 news stories of 2017

It proved to be a busy year for those who work and live in Steele County.

There was plenty of news to cover for staff members of the Steele County Times throughout 2017.

As we head into 2018, the Times staff takes a look back at what happened in 2017. We put together what we felt was the top 10 news stories of the year. It was a difficult task because there was so much happening in Steele County and the surrounding counties.

We also put together a more comprehensive list of the year in review elsewhere in this edition.

Enjoy our look back at 2017.

#10- MEATING THE NEEDS AT STEVE'S MEATS

Steve's Meat Market of Ellendale has found an innovative way to meet the needs of meat lovers any time of the day or night. Steve's is the first meat market in Minnesota to introduce a meat vending machine featuring many varieties of meat products outside of its store on Main Street. The new motto at Steve's is "We 'Meat' your needs 24/7."

Owner Donnavon Eaker is making 35 meat products available in the vending machine, which was imported from Germany. A German worker installed the machine in early October.

"It's a big investment for us," Eaker said. "But it's a convenience for our customers."

#9- MAN BEAT THE ODDS IN PLANE CRASH

A family counted its blessings as Daniel Bass walked away after a harrowing experience when he crashed his small plane into a Steele County farm field Feb. 2. Bass was seriously injured in the crash, but he was able to walk to a residence near the crash site by Beaver Lake outside of Ellendale.

It's believed that Bass suffered carbon monoxide poisoning in the cock pit during his flight from Duluth to Winona. A family member said it's likely that the plane developed mechanical problems with the heater in the engine area.

Said Sheriff Lon Thiele: "He's a very, very lucky guy."

#8- A RECORD YEAR FOR BP CANCER

It was a record year for the Paint Blooming Prairie Pink event in 2017. With a sea of pink around town and various weekend activities in early September, the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group cracked a new record of more than $60,000.

The crown was placed on all of the cancer group's benefit auctions bringing in $42,000.

"I am just amazed at the support given our community in our efforts to find a cure for cancer," said Cheri Krejci, a cancer survivor and member of the local cancer group.

#7- FORMER TOP OFFICIAL FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST COUNTY

Former Steele County administrator

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OUR VIEW

Gleason did outstanding job of managing Steele fair

It certainly didn't come as a surprise, but it was still the news no one was ready for.

Just before Christmas, Jim Gleason announced he was stepping down as the manager for the Steele County Free Fair this week. Gleason has been fighting a brain tumor for the past couple months. For obvious reasons, his health is now the main focus of Gleason's life.

In Gleason's words, "though the time has come to turn over my official job duties, I hope to be a part of the fair in whatever capacity I am able for as long as I am able."

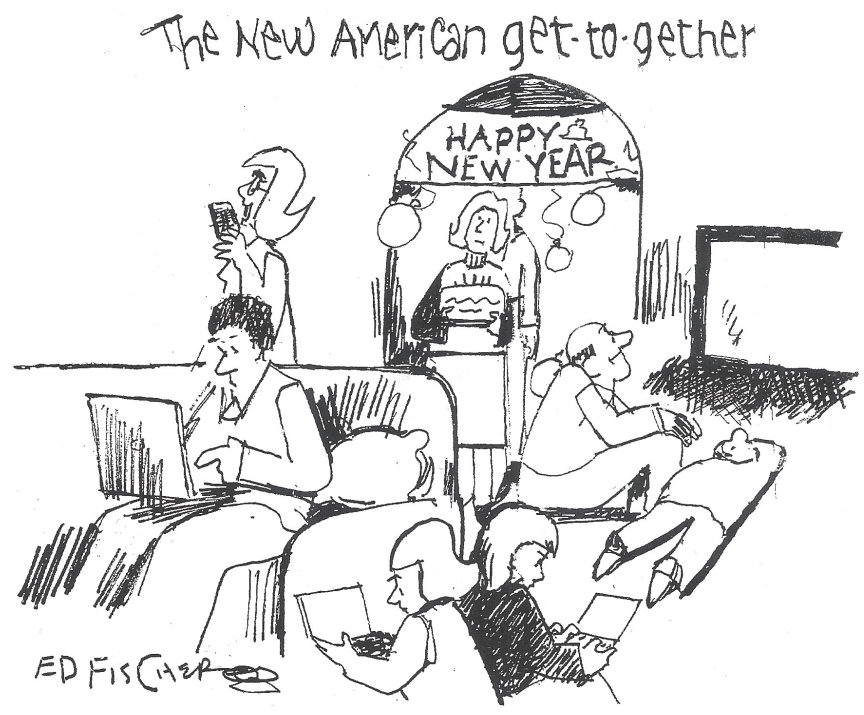
Stepping in to fill some big shoes from former manager Elmer Reseland five years ago, Gleason has done a commendable job leading Minnesota's largest county fair. Despite some less than desirable years of weather during fair week, the fair has pretty much run flawlessly under Gleason's leadership.

Widely known for his gift of gab, Gleason has done a remarkable job of marketing the fair on the local and regional levels. With a smile and positive tone, he always made himself available to promote the fair. Nothing excited him more than what was going on at the fair.

As the fair board begins its search for a new manager, our wish is that it will be someone comparable to the qualities Gleason brought to the job. The fair manager needs to have strong public relations and marketing skills like Gleason possessed. The manager also needs strong abilities at working with various groups and organizations throughout the region, just as Gleason provided.

County fairs are more than just a yearly carnival. The electric atmosphere of the county fair stimulates cultivation of a vibrant community. They're a chance for community building and leadership development opportunities. The county fair tradition is woven into the fabric of nearly every American community. The true impact of the county fair is enormous and lasts for a lifetime.

We want to extend a huge thank you to Gleason for continuing this rich tradition in Steele County for the past several years. And we wish him the best as he faces the biggest battle and challenge yet of his life.



Visions of studying abroad dance through my head



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

Sugarplums aren't the only things dancing in my head this holiday season. As I gear up for another round of adventures with my college-aged children, visions of studying abroad and terroristic attacks are dancing through my head.

Last Saturday my son, Caleb, left for a four-month study abroad trip to London. While I'm thrilled for my son to have such an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity like this, I must admit it comes with some apprehension as well. Okay, lots of apprehension.

I guess I should be used to this by now. Just two years ago, my oldest daughter took off for Belgium for four months. Things got a little dicey about two months into the trip when three coordinated suicide bombings occurred in Brussels killing about three dozen people and injuring more than 300 others. Though she wasn't far away from the mayhem, she survived and came out just fine.

I got up enough courage to travel for the first time overseas to be with my daughter in Belgium. We traveled around Europe for a couple weeks.

The civil unrest, however, hasn't really eased up any since then. Terrorist attacks continue to wreak havoc around the world. And London is no exception. In March, a man drove a car into pedestrians on a pavement along Westminster Bridge in London, killing four people. The perpetrator stabbed a police officer to death before being shot dead by the police.

Two months later, a suicide bomber killed 22 people at a concert in Manchester. In early June, eight people were killed on the London Bridge. The list goes on and on. I hope the new year will bring a sense of calmness to people all over the world.

A semester abroad will no doubt be one of the best experiences of my son's life. It could also play a significant role in his future. There are some remarkable findings related to study abroad and careers.

Findings show 97 percent of study abroad students found employment within 12 months of graduation (true for my daughter), when only 49 percent college graduates found jobs in the same period. Study abroad students are likely to find higher starting salaries, earning 25 percent more than those college graduates who do not study abroad.

Studying abroad is something that I wished I would've done many years ago, but it seems like studying internationally wasn't as big of a deal then as it is today. Instead I opted for a Twin Cities television station as my study playing field during college. I worked overnights at KARE-TV in Minneapolis.

Caleb will be taking a full slate of classes in London as he works towards his degree in business administration. What an amazing experience this will be for her.

We are a country, and a world, living in fear—fear of what will be the next attack and then. But we can't let that fear overtake our lives.

My prayers will be for peace, happiness and safety throughout the entire world this new year so that people like my son will be able to travel around Europe and enjoy life.

Who knows, just maybe another trip overseas will come calling later this spring for me to go in hot pursuit of seeing life in the most populous city of England and the United Kingdom.

YOUR VIEW

YOUR OPINIONS MATTER *in the Steele County Times*

Throughout 2017, the Times received letters from 36 readers that were published on this page. Even though we have had higher totals in other years, we are still thankful to those readers who decided to let their voices be heard.

The Times encourages readers to write letters on a regular basis. Sometimes people write to share an experience while other times folks want to express their opinions about an issue. Whatever the case may be, we want our readers to know the opportunity to write a letter is available.

As we look back on 2017, we found a sampling of two letters that had impact on our readers and makes the overall quality of living stronger in our community.

Greater police coverage needed in Blooming Prairie

Dear Editor,

I am writing you today to let you know that many people including myself and my husband want more police protection including 24/7-365 day coverage.

To get that, our Blooming Prairie Police Department is in need of a fourth full-time officer.

My husband and I fully support our Blooming Prairie Police Department including having our property taxes increase to fund a fourth full-time officer.

With 802 households in Blooming Prairie as of the 2010 census and over 50 businesses in town who pay property taxes -- the added costs to homeowners and businesses would be less that $0.50 extra per day in added costs.

Less than a can of pop to have a fourth full-time officer who would be able to quickly respond to any call for service rather than having to jump our of bed after the last officer has gone home, often at 2 a.m., leaving a city not protected.

When seconds matter, having an officer on at all times can mean life or death as the officer is often the first responder to arrive on the scene.

The neighbor directly to the north of my home on Second Street Northwest across the alley from my home had their motor home driver's window smashed out within the last few weeks as have numerous other vehicles in town.

The couple who owns this motor home is an elderly couple and I'm sure this is a big inconvenience for them. Sad as well that there are people who get thrills from smashing people's windows.

Although I am well aware that crimes can and do happen even when there is 24/7 coverage; I feel that our town would be better protected if there was a fourth full-time officer. The fourth full-time officer would allow the Blooming Prairie Police Department to have a swing shift to cover those times when there isn't an officer normally on duty.

The fourth full-time officer could also help cover vacations and/or sick time when another officer is gone.

Having an understaffed department can burn out the great officers we currently have. Our Blooming Prairie Police Department has some of the best officers around and we need to protect them as assets to our community.

Most law enforcement agencies around the country have one full-time officer per 500 people. The FBI says that there should be one full-time officer per 588 people. For comparison, the city of Crosby, Minn., in 2011 had a population of 2,404 and had seven full-time officers.

In this case, Crosby was staffing at levels of one full-time officer for every 343 residents.

The city of Hoyt Lakes was staffing at levels of one full-time officer for every 406.6 residents.

While the amount of the population plays a role in determining staffing level, it often cannot be used as the only determining factor. The calls for service in our community has increased in the last few years as the demographics of our community are ever changing.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the average number of full-time sworn officers in populations of 1000=2499, there were 2.3 full-time sworn officers per every 1,000 people. With a population in Blooming Prairie close to 2000, our department is currently understaffed.

Supporting our police department with 24-hour coverage would help our officers be able to respond to calls for service including property damage, medicals and traffic incidents in a timelier manner.

Lee and Karen Peterson
Blooming Prairie
May 23, 2017

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Blooming Prairie City Council a few weeks later approved the addition of another part-time officer to help solve the coverage void.

Thanks to public employee who helped me out

Dear Editor,

I have had the need for some minor things to be done around the yard and house and do you think I can find anyone in this town to do some "handyman" projects?

I have posted online, put up notes, talked to relatives and anyone who I get talking to trying to find a person who can do some of the things I cannot. We are on a WalMart and Social Security disability income, so we can pay; just not the hundreds or thousands of dollars some think they are worth.

I was on social media and saw one of Blooming Prairie's public employees, and I asked them since they probably knew everyone in town, if they knew of a handyman who could do some power washing on my deck and house.

They said they would come and help. I said I had in mind a retired person or responsible student who needed something to do, but they insisted on helping my wife and me.

You would not find that in Arizona, I can tell you. I guess I just wanted to inform the public that you do have some great employees here, friendly and so very helpful, especially to someone in need.

I used to be a big strong tough guy, and a surgeon and hospital's mistake took care of that. I was not looking for a handout, just a little hand up, as the commercial goes, and I got it from the last place I expected.

You know who you are, and I know you read the paper, so again, thank you.

Who am I talking about, you ask? I'm not telling, but open your eyes and you'll see them doing their job and helping others when their shift is over.

I was once one of those public employees, and those jobs never do receive enough thanks, and they don't do it for thanks or money. It is their way of life. You should try it some time.

Dave Klug
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Visit a tree farm—made of gingerbread

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Creativity at its best was on display this past week in the commons area of the Blooming Prairie High School.

Some new houses popped up within the school. The houses, small in nature, were actually gingerbread houses created by students of Jennifer Flemming's creative foods class, which includes students in grades 10-12.

For the past three weeks class students have been busy planning designs for their gingerbread creation.

Staff at the high school including teachers and administrators voted for their favorite gingerbread house. Only a first place was selected, thus the other four entries were runners up.

The best of the best was the GAKK Tree Farm built by Gracie Rudlong, Alec Ille, Kaden Thomas and Kassidy Borten (first initials used for the name of the tree farm).

The winning team was Kitchen #1 and all team members will receive a Games People Play gift certificate from Austin and they will also receive assorted candy in a gift pack.

Gracie Rudlong was the master designer for the winning entry. Team member Kaden thomas rolled out the dough with Alec Ille and Kassidy Borten helped with the general construction.

"These kids really did an outstanding job," said Flemming.

Added principal John Worke,"It was tough to select just one winner."

Other entries were:

- Santa's Beach House -- Kitchen #2 consisted of Lucas Noble, Brenda Weinberger, Brandon Jiminez, Trent Swenson and Ryan Pena.
- Santa's Village -- Kitchen #3 included Brad Staska, Gemini Johnson, Jayde Wacek, Heather Pirkl and Kory Rafdal.
- Grandpa's House -- Kitchen #4 was made up of Zachary Haberman, Baylee Sorensen, Emily Krampitz, Slava Kritzer and Marti Snider.
- Candy Cane Palace -- Part of this kitchen were team members Brett Motl, Amy Peterson, Matthew Wurst, Austin Behne and Isaac Ille.

What happened to the gingerbread houses? No one seems to know. They disappeared into the night.

Santa's Village actually was a rebuild of a design that malfunctioned. The roof collapsed on the house because of too much snow (frosting) on the roof. Flemming encouraged Kitchen #3 to use some dough she had in the refrigerator. They did and the end product turned out amazingly well, team members believed.

What's next for the creative foods class? Stay tuned. Report has it that food trucks will be the next project, patterned after the reality television show, Food Truck Face Off.

The gingerbread project marked the third straight year it had been done.



STAFF PHOTO: HOWARD LESTRUD

These happy house builders smile widely after winning first place in the Gingerbread Contest as part of the Creative Foods class at Blooming Prairie High School. Pictured above are (left to right): Kaden Thomas, Alec Ille and Gracie Rudlong. Kassidy Borten is not pictured.

CHEER: *Holiday tradition*

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"Knowing that you helped spread some Christmas cheer to kids gives you a sense of accomplishment.

"It gives me so much joy and happiness to know that I did something," she continued. "Just being able to help someone out is so rewarding."

Coach Mara Oien said the team members spent approximately $600 of their own money buying and wrapping the gifts.

"They get really excited about it," she said. "They purchase the gifts themselves. They wrap the gifts. They come up with all the money for gifts, so it's pretty exciting to see."

Executive Director at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota Michelle Redman said the gifts go to families they hand-select, and they don't usually want the parents to bring the children when they pick up the gifts because they want the parents to be able to present the gifts to the children the way they want.

"These could be the only presents that those families are going to get," she said. "So it makes a huge impact on the children who get these presents There have been many parents to leave our office crying and saying that they didn't know what was going to happen this Christmas if it wasn't for these gifts.

"Every kid wants Santa to show up," Redman continued. "For some of these kids Santa might not have been there without this is a wonderful tradition."

Oien said while the families may never know who specifically the gifts came from, it's important to do things you don't always get acknowledged for, especially at this time of the year.

"I believe it helps them become good leaders," Oien said. "It gives them an opportunity to give back to their community. It's a good lesson for them to learn. That it's important to be giving and caring to your community."

Overall, the experience is mutually beneficial for the individuals receiving the gifts and the team.

"Yeah, we are helping these families," Wishy said. "But we are also bonding as team and getting the satisfaction of helping our own community."

Senior captain Olivia Ahlberg said she enjoyed getting to shop with her teammates, and it helped them get to know each other.

"I get excited for it every year," Alhberg said. "It's one of my favorite parts of the season. I like to give back, so it's cool to be able to do it through the sport I love."



STAFF PHOTO: DENNIS MARSHALL

The Owatonna cheerleaders on Wednesday, Dec. 20 after wrapping presents to be donated to children in need this Christmas.

MACHETE: *Man faces attempted murder charges*

FROM PAGE A1

officers deployed the taser. When a sergeant came on scene, he found that Bauer was pinned up against a doorframe and had numerous taser probe wires hanging off his front side.

The sergeant took out his pocket knife and cut off the cord connected to the machete. One of the officers was unable to handcuff Bauer because his right hand had been cut and blood was running down his palm area.

Police found the victim in the middle of the living room of the house crying. She had blood all over her face and running down from her nose and mouth. She also had blood on both of her hands.

The victim told officers that while Bauer stabbed her with the machete, he told her he wanted to kill her, court records show. The victim indicated that Bauer had been drinking for the past two days straight.

Because of Bauer's behavior the victim kept her kids at her mother's place. She went to the residence to put out some Christmas presents for the kids when Bauer appeared. During this time, she remained on the phone with her mother because she was fearful something bad was going to happen. The mother called police.

When the victim asked Bauer if he was going to his mother's place, he allegedly responded, "No. I want you to die." He grabbed a knife and would not let the victim leave.

The victim began screaming, but Bauer told her nobody would come to help. Court documents said he again told her, "This time you are going to die." The victim told police Bauer was trying to stick the machete in her stomach and had it by her throat.

As the struggle continued in the residence, police arrived on the scene. The victim said Bauer was trying to keep her quiet and make it appear she fell down.

Bauer faces a minimum of at least one year on all the charges. The maximum ranges from 7 to 40 years on the various counts with the kidnapping charge facing the most time of 40 years.

He is currently being held in the Steele County Detention Center on bail of $250,000 with conditions and $500,000 without conditions. He is set to be back in court on Jan. 9.

ROAD: *House trades corporate gig*

FROM PAGE A1

for him. The Stewartville dealership is in its third generation of his family. His great grandpa started the dealership in 1923. His grandpa, who is 81 years old, still works every day at the Stewartville location.

House recalls helping his dad at 12 years old when he came in and washed a few cars. He also did a variety of other jobs, including clearing snow off cars, mowing grass and later automotive technician.

After graduating from high school, his father gave him one key piece of advice that House holds dearly today. He was told to go out and get experience on his own before even considering coming back home. He left home to attend automotive business school in Michigan and then headed out on the east coast.

"I have gained a lot more respect doing it on my own for 12 years," House said, noting that never once did his family push him to come back home.

House loves the situation he's walking into at the Owatonna location. "It's beautiful. Very clean and a great location," he said. "We have lots of space for growth," he said, noting many dealerships often face space constraints.

The facility is surrounded by 10 acres. "There's room for 300 more cars," House said. "We have the space to grow expeditiously."

And growth is definitely on House's mind. "The level of performance we are at now will not be the level of performance we will be doing," he said. "Everything is going to grow."

He is extremely committed to building a solid reputation throughout the region. "It takes time to build a reputation, but it takes no time to destroy one," House said. "I want to be up front, honest and transparent with people."

House said the key to running a successful operation is "surrounding yourself with people as good as you or better." He said it's important to find the right staff, or else the business won't grow and run smoothly. The current employees are already a great asset and foundation to the company, and they will be vital to the growth in the near future, he said.

"If you surround yourself with Super Bowl talent, you're going to get Super Bowl results," House said.

Some other advice he received over the years came from his grandfather. "He always told me you have to outwork people," House said. "I just outworked people," he added.

House said successful business people need street smarts and common sense. "You need a mix of everything," he said. "You can not be afraid to fail."

While House describes himself as "very intense, results driven and competitive," he knows where to draw the line. "I never let it get in the way of customers and employees," he said. "I only know one speed. That's 100 mph."

As for the corporate life he left behind, House quickly says that's in the past.

"I will not miss the corporate world," he said. "I'm looking forward to making this a big business."

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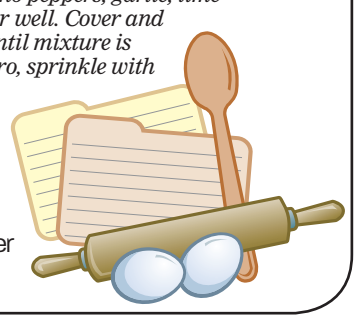
Recipe Corner

Warm Black Bean Salsa

Makes about 3 cups

- 2 cups cooked black beans, drained, rinsed and mashed (see tip 1 below)
- 1 cup diced tomatoes (see tip 2 below)
- 4 green onions, finely chopped
- 2 roasted peppers (poblano or sweet), peeled and diced
- 1 roasted jalapeño, seeded and diced, or 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
- 1 teaspoon puréed garlic (see tip 3 below)
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lime zest
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 2 cups shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro leaves
- Finely chopped green onions

In slow cooker stoneware, combine beans, tomatoes, green onions, poblano, jalapeño peppers, garlic, lime zest and juice, and cheese. Stir well. Cover and cook on high for 1.5 hours, until mixture is hot and bubbly. Stir in cilantro, sprinkle with green onions, if using, and serve.



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BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

Larceny: On Dec. 20 at 3:44 p.m. a woman reported the theft of a box of Christmas presents out of her mailbox in the 17600 block of 625th St. in Dodge Center. The box was found, however the contents were removed.

A pair of high-risk offenders moving into Owatonna

Community meeting planned for Thursday

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Two high-risk predatory offenders are moving into Owatonna next week.

According to police detective Christian Berg, who is the department's predatory offender coordinator, William Marcus Daniel Edwards and Sean Patrick McKee will move to Owatonna on or about Jan. 8. Berg said both have served their sentences, and they are presently transitioning into the community.

Both Edwards and McKee plan to live in the vicinity of East Rose Street and North Elm Avenue, police said.

In an effort to notify the community, Owatonna Police are planning a community notification meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. It will be held at the police department at 204 E. Pearl St.

During the notification, representatives from Owatonna Police and the Minnesota Department of Corrections will be presenting information on the state's Predatory Offender Program and answering questions or addressing concerns that the public may have.


Edwards


McKee

Edwards, 27, engaged in sexual contact with two girls ages 12 and 13 on separate occasions. He gained access to one victim by "meeting" her online and then arranging to meet in person. The other victim was approached in public and invited to Edwards' residence. The incidents took place in the Mankato area.

McKee, 32, engaged in sexual contact with a girl, who was 14 at the time and known to McKee. The incident happened in Owatonna.

They will join three other Level 3 offenders in Owatonna. They include Phillip Louis Davis, Curtis Lavern Enzenhauer and Benny Ledesma.

Convicted sexual and predatory offenders have always been released to live into communities. With the passage of the Community Notification Act, police agencies may now share information about many of the offenders with the public.

CRIME BRIEFS

Woman arrested for driving violations

A Northfield woman faces charges for not having a driver's license.

An Owatonna officer stopped Tisha Whitcomb, 36, for a turn signal violation on Dec. 20 on the southeast side of town. She wasn't able to provide a driver's license or insurance information.

The officer used a web-based driver's license search and found Whitcomb was revoked for no insurance violations stemming from two separate convictions in Goodhue and Freeborn counties.


Tisha Whitcomb

She was held in jail and charged with driving after revocation and no insurance, which is a gross misdemeanor.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of Dec. 18 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Angela N. Berg, 39, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault – victim under four and misdemeanor assault. She was sentenced to $131, 30 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, cognitive skill training, 224 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Ryan A. Close, 30, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. The defendant was sentenced to $131 and 15 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Dec. 18 – 22:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ibaneri A. Figueroa, 48, Austin, suspended license, $281; Gatluak K. Jerweng, 36, Austin, no insurance, $281; Troy A. Meyer, 51, Austin, revoked license, $281.

MN STATE PATROL GOLDEN VALLEY

Luis A. Juarez-Rosaldo, 36, Jacksonville, AR, no license, $181.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Ferdosa Abubaker-Hajiali, 38, Goodland, KS, speeding, $131; Brandon M. Aguirre, 23, Eau Claire, WI, no license, $181; Antonio Ambriz-Quiroz, 52, Owatonna, speeding, $131; Fabian Becerra, 30, Oklahoma City, OK, speeding and no license, $231; William A. Bonderson, 25, Hastings, speeding, $121; Maria Deleon, 51, Albert Lea, no license, $181; My H. Do, 45, Bloomington, speeding, $141; Bryan A. Eaker, 27, Mankato, expired registration, $111; Ivan O. Garcia, 28, Albert Lea, no license, $181; Holly J. Hohenstein, 33, St. James, seat belt, $106; Christopher M. Hope, 61, Chester Springs, PA, speeding, $141; Zelalem H. Keleta, 18, St. Paul, speeding, $131; Kona J. Kollie, 23, Plymouth, speeding, $131; Anthony M. Lance, 28, Claremont, seat belt, $106; Larry G. Landmark, 66, White, SD, seat belt, $106; Mark R. Montoya, 45, East Grand Fork, suspended license, $281; Cassidy C. Nolan, 19, Plymouth, speeding, $141; Ojulu O. Oboya, 38, Austin, speeding, $141; Charlissa R. Robbins, 33, Waseca, speeding, $131; Michael R. Sirek, 34, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Byron F. Tapia Letuma, 23, Urbandale, IA, speeding and no license, $321; Jackson K. Weatherly, 16, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Andrew J. Weiss, 29, Owatonna, speeding, $141.

OWATONNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kendall K. Brazier-Collins, 24, St. Paul, restraining order violation and possession of pistol without permit, $381, 21 days in county jail, domestic abuse diagnostic assessment, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, obtain permission to leave the state and 1 year of supervised probation; Jonathan L. Dabney, 28, Cedar Falls, IA, DWI and careless driving, stay of adjudication, $381, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; Bridgett A. Donkers, 26, Owatonna, possession of drugs by fraud or deceit, stay of adjudication, $81, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 224 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Micah B. Eagle, 21, Owatonna, no insurance, $281; Michael J. Endres, 29, St. Paul, DWI, $1,081, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; David A. Garcia, 19, Waseca, no license, $181; Lisa Y. Garcia, 34, Faribault, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Dustin L. Gerholdt, 31, Owatonna, theft, $81 and 47 days in county jail; Alonso Hernandez, 63, Owatonna, cancelled license, $281; Brittany S. Larson, 18, Medford, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, $181; Kuany W. Machar, 50, Owatonna, cancelled license, $381, 1 day in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Shawn P. McDowell, 39, Owatonna, no license, $181; Joshua B. Meillier, 43, Owatonna, DWI, $381, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Trennette L. Myles, 36, Owatonna, DWI, $406, 3 days in county jail, attend MADD impact panel, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Tiffany A. Sanchez, 28, Waseca, improper information on license, suspended license and stop sign, $351; Brandon D. Wencl, 22, Owatonna, DWI, $381, no alcohol or controlled substance use, alcohol monitor and 1 year of supervised probation; Justin T. Zahl, 20, Nova Scotia, Canada, speeding, $121.

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Christopher P. Anderson, 46, Norwood Young America, revoked license, $281; Damian A. Bure, 44, Albert Lea, failure to keep to the right, $131; Joseph M. Coffey, 34, Wanamingo, speeding, $121; Jenna L. Dahl, 30, Morristown, speeding, $221; Matthew R. Deml, 30, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Teresa K. Haberman, 53, Blooming Prairie, suspended license, no insurance and speeding, $531; Troy C. Hagen, 46, Ellendale, DWI, $406, attend MADD impact panel, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Samuel J. Leunig, 21, Eden Prairie, speeding, $141; Daren J. Lundeen, 42, Waseca, improper information on license, $101; Brianna M. Maland, 20, Faribault, speeding, $221; Lina M. Matejcek, 38, Owatonna, stop sign, $131; Courtney K. Olson, 24, Medford, DWI, $406, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 2 years of supervised probation; Donald C. Peterson, 76, Stillwater, speeding, $121; Juan C. Reyna, 39, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Rheindie C. Richemond, 31, Eagle Lake, suspended license, $281; Kim D. Sandhofer, 61, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Matthew M. Seykora, 36, Owatonna, DWI, $406, no alcohol or controlled substance use, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 2 years of supervised probation; Chrystal M. Simek, 49, Warsaw, speeding, $121; Jeffery L. Skerritt, 34, Mundelein, IL, speeding, $141; Jesse R. Stechmann, 28, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Kathleen E. Stenzel, 33, Owatonna, DWI, $381, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; James V. Wagner, 37, West Concord, no license, $181; Eric P. Wandersee, 46, Owatonna, speeding, $121; John G. Weber, 46, Claremont, speeding, $121; Shawn R. Welch, 24, Waseca, speeding, $121; Garrett S. White, 22, Waseca, DWI, $381 and 1 year of supervised probation.

ARREST
Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

De'Ontavious Deontae Walker, 24, arrested at 4:02 a.m. Dec. 23, order for protection violation and domestic assault/assault, held for court.

Vanessa Cloves Rias, 29, arrested at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 24, tax evasion, no license and no insurance, held for court.

Jeremiah Joel Bauer, 31, arrested at 1:53 a.m. Dec. 25, felony attempted murder, assault, false imprisonment, domestic assault and terroristic threats, held for court.

Doendrea Harm Williams, 25, arrested at 8:10 a.m. Dec. 25, felony domestic assault by strangulation and domestic assault/assault, held for court.

Julie Ann Flicek, 45, arrested at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 25, felony probation violation warrant arrest, body only.

Jennifer Dawn Ohm, 32, arrested at 12:15 p.m. Dec. 26, theft warrant arrest, $20,000 bail.

Brandon Lee Stevermer, 23, arrested at 6:42 p.m. Dec. 27, felony violation of supervision order, held for court.

Daniel Lee Berry, 57, arrested at 2:19 a.m. Dec. 28, felony fleeing in motor vehicle and failure to signal lane change, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff Kathryn Michelle Lundstrom, 36, arrested at 6:13 a.m. Dec. 22, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.

Joseph Allen Stenbakken, 31, arrested at 6:12 a.m. Dec. 22, warrant arrest, $500 bail.

Yennifer Serban, 42, arrested at 9:27 a.m. Dec. 22, warrant arrest, $5,000 bail.

POLICE BLOTTER
Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

Dec. 21

Hit and Run: At 8:12 a.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10:01 p.m.

Dec. 22

Burglary: Police began a burglary investigation in the 500 block of Oak Ave. S. at 9:50 a.m.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 1:12 p.m.

Crash: Police issued a citation following a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:15 p.m.

Accident: At 1:56 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle resulting in property damage at Cedar Ave. N. and Rose St. W. They issued a citation to one of the drivers.

Shoplifting: Shoplifting incidents occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 8:45 p.m. and the 400 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 10 p.m.

Hit and Run: At 9:51 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 700 block of Vine St. E.

Dec. 23

Disturbance: Officers assisted with a disturbance in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 8:23 p.m.

Shoplifting: Police responded to a shoplifting incident in the 200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 9:25 p.m.

Dec. 24

Juvenile: Police received a juvenile complaint from the 500 block of Havana Road SE at 1:22 a.m.

Arrest: Officer arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 1200 block of 21st Ave. NW at 10:29 a.m.

Domestic: At 12:56 p.m., police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1900 block of Rosewood Dr. NW.

Dec. 25

Fire: Police assisted with a fire call in the 200 block of Phelps St. E. at 9:31 a.m.

Warrant: At 12:28 p.m., officer made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Clark Dr. NW.

Dec. 26

Crash: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at Cedar Ave. N. and 17th St. NE at 7:31 a.m. They issued a citation to one of the drivers.

Burglary: At 8:26 a.m., police responded to a burglary in the 100 block of Landmark Dr. NE.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 500 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:51 a.m.

Death: Police began a death investigation in the 300 block of Cedardale Dr. SE at 1:41 p.m.

Drugs: At 3:03 p.m., police received information regarding drug activity at Cedar Ave. N. and Fremont St. W.

Dec. 27

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 500 block of Kim Lane SW at 4:59 p.m.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF

Dec. 21

Crashes: Deputies responded to motor vehicle accidents resulting in property damage at Rose St. and 94th Ave. NE in Havana Township at 4:30 p.m. and at Hoffman Dr. NW and Interstate 35 southbound in Owatonna at 7:45 p.m.

Intoxication: At 5:45 p.m., deputies responded to an intoxicated subject in the 300 block of Main St. S. in Medford.

Dec. 22

Arrest: Deputies arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in the 71000 block of Hwy. 14 E. in Havana Township at 7:52 p.m.

Dec. 24

Mental Health: Deputies responded to a mental health incident at Rose St. E. and Chestnut Ave. NE in Owatonna at 7:50 p.m.

Dec. 27

Warrant: Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of Main St. E. in Owatonna at 2:54 p.m.

COURT NEWS
Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Dec. 11 – 18:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Emily A. Blanchard, 23, Kasson, DWI, $505, chemical assessment and 1 year of supervised probation; Jennifer J. Bramstedt, 41, Hayfield, speeding, $140; Donald A. Emanuel, 40, Byron, DWI, $380 and 1 year of supervised probation; Ashley E. Kolar, 32, Lakeville, cancelled license, $500 and 2 days in county jail; Autumn R. Kraudy, 21, Holmen, WI, speeding, $140; Jonathon L. Landry, 31, Austin, indecent exposure, $180; Ashton C. Lee, 25, Claremont, theft, $180; Justin L. Long, 31, Oronoco, suspended license, no plates and alter/deface registration, 90 days in county jail; Brennan C. Millhouse, 18, Rochester, permit violation, $130; Jeffrey C. Podolske, 51, Rochester, suspended license, $280; Jade L. Posey, 19, Claremont, DWI, $505, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, community service and 1 year of supervised probation; Jerry A. Reis, 59, Sargeant, financial exploitation of vulnerable adult, stay of adjudication, $125, mental health evaluation, have no fiduciary responsibility, obtain financial planning and budgeting education and 20 years of supervised probation; Feysal Saney Omar, 32, Rochester, passing parked emergency vehicle, $130; Ethan B. Scanlan, 18, Lewiston, seat belt, $105; Wade B. Schroeder, 41, Mantorville, speeding, $140; Brandon R. Schwirtz, 35, Rochester, DWI, $505, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment and 2 years of supervised probation; Brian E. Trygstad, 46, Kasson, penalty for not complying with peace officer and careless driving, $480 and 1 year of probation; Brandon R. Utech, 20, Dodge Center, registration violation, $180; Dillon M. Wright, 26, Dodge Center, speeding, $140.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jessica J. Garness, 28, Dodge Center, driving wrong way on one street and suspended license, $380; Alexandria J. Heuer, 28, Rochester, possession of marijuana, $980, 20 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Randi L. Johnson, 33, Kasson, failure to stop for school bus, $580; Seth P. Klinger, 19, Kasson, seat belt, $105; Jacy A. Mlenar, 25, Dodge Center, speeding, $280; Blake J. Randall, 22, Dodge Center, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, $280; Noe Ricardez-Carrasco, 51, Kasson, stop sign, $130; John T. Thomforde, 38, Stewartville, suspended license, $280.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Jerome Adams, 48, Rochester, speeding, $120; Frances A. Bell, 81, Dodge Center, school bus inspection violation – pre-trip report not in possession, $130; Bethany R. Degner, 23, Owatonna, speeding, $120; Corey M. Freitag, 38, Fairmont, expired registration, $110; Theodore K. Hartgers, 58, Wanamingo, speeding, $120; Seth J. Johnson, 21, Dodge Center, window tint violation, $130; Flabio Olmos, 19, Byron, speeding, $120.

WEST CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Randall J. Doyal, 62, Owatonna, speeding, $120; Cody C. Fitzgerald, 24, West Concord, DWI, $1,005, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation; Ethan B. Scanlan, 18, Lewiston, revoked license, $280.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Dec. 18 – 25:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Terry L. Dahl, 37, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, $281; Terry L. Dahl, 37, Hayfield, revoked license and speeding, $420; Justin D. Demeules, 32, New Ulm, revoked license, $280; Rhoda A. Ehler, 69, Hayfield, speeding, $280; Robert D. Esser, 30, Waseca, speeding, $140; Thomas L. Fritts, 75, Northbrook, IL, speeding, $220; Vanesa M. Kneeskern, 43, Kasson, speeding, $130; Sally A. Matson, 22, Rochester, suspended license, $280; Jocelyn R. Sanvick, 22, Hayfield, speeding, $140; Jared K. Willette, 21, Dodge Center, stop sign, $130.

KASSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alek I. Bernard, 21, Mantorville, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, $280; Faith E. Briggs, 19, Kasson, minor consumption, $180; Gary M. Mount, 39, Kasson, invalid license, $180; Jerid A. Myers, 23, Kasson, speeding, $140; Logan J. Onken, 25, Dodge Center, suspended license, $280.

MN STATE PATROL ROCHESTER

Mark D. Anderson, 59, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, $105; Eric A. Banicki, 37, Winona, suspended license, $280; Earlene L. Duranceau, 53, Hayfield, speeding, $130; Wendy J. Johnson, 41, Byron, speeding, $120; Autumn R. Maring, 37, Burnsville, speeding, $130; Myles L. Moreno, 24, Hayfield, revoked license, $280; Ryan C. Nappin, 32, Owatonna, speeding, $130; Wyatt W. Page, 18, Rochester, speeding, $140; Tyler J. Ranvek, 33, Kasson, speeding, $220; Travis A. Schleusner, 26, Dodge Center, speeding, $140; Elijah N. Terry, 20, Rochester, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, $975, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 90 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Eric G. Thiemann, 36, Owatonna, speeding, $120.

WEST CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Edward R. Justin, 46, West Concord, DWI, 90 days in county jail.

POLICE BLOTTER
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 155 complaints during the week of Dec. 20 – 26. Some of them include:

Dec. 20

Suspicion: At 1:35 p.m., a Claremont resident called deputies to report that someone drove into their back yard and across the sidewalk in the 400 block of Front St. E.

Larceny: Deputy took a larceny report in the 73800 block of 110th Ave. in Blooming Prairie at 2:50 p.m.

Dec. 21

Theft: A vehicle was stolen from a residence on Airport Rd. S. in Dodge Center at 6:31 a.m.

Juvenile: Deputies received a complaint of a 13-year-old male taking off from the 500 block of Front St. E. in Claremont at 6:27 p.m.

Dec. 22

Animal Neglect: At 4:30 p.m., deputies received a report of animal neglect from the 62400 block of 190th Ave. in Dodge Center.

Juvenile: Deputies received a juvenile complaint from 2nd St. SE in Hayfield at 7:03 p.m.

Missing: At 5:05 p.m., deputies received a report of a missing female from the 100 block of 1st Ave. NE in Hayfield. On Dec. 26, deputies arrested the female for a COR violation.

Dec. 24

Property Damage: Deputy took a report of property damage on Airport Rd. N. in Dodge Center at 11:08 a.m.

Animal Neglect: Deputies received a report of animal neglect in the 100 block of 5th St. SE in Hayfield at 7:58 p.m.

Dec. 25

Assault: At 2:38 p.m., deputies responded to an assault in the 100 block of 6th Ave. NW in Dodge Center.



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FILE PHOTO

Steele County Sheriff's posse member Mary Delzer (left) and her Arabian horse partner, Desi, took part in a search and rescue training just a few months before the horse died in a pool of blood on the day after Christmas 2016.

JAN. 3

It was a Christmas present Mary Delzer never envisioned getting. Her companion of nearly 20 years died in a pool of blood on the day after Christmas, leaving the Steele County Sheriff's posse emotionally distraught and without a horse that had faithfully served three counties over the past several years. Delzer had most recently utilized her Arabian horse, Desi, in a search and rescue training exercise outside of Medford in October.



FILE PHOTO

Investigators with the Federal Aviation Administration and Steele County Sheriff's Office surveyed the wreckage of a single-engine plane that crashed in a farm field north of Beaver Lake near Ellendale Feb. 2.

JAN. 10

Little Brody Lang, 2 1/2 , has a baby brother and it just so happens that his baby brother was born on Jan. 2, 2017 to become the First Baby of the Year as recognized by the Mayo Health Systems Hospital in Austin and by the Steele County Times. Asked how it feels to be a big brother, Brody replied, "real good." Weston Patrick Lang was born at 1:27 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 2, the proud parents being Kelly and Mark Lang.

Just two months removed from the 22-car derailment on Nov. 11 in Ellendale, Union Pacific Railroad found the cause. According to the initial investigation that was conducted, a rail defect was the cause of the incident. A report, which stated the Union's findings, was filed with the Federal Railroad Administration on Dec. 30.

JAN. 17

Cold weather can be a majestic sight to see. However, that majestic look can often blind onlookers of the destruction that can be conducted. Employees of the Steele County Courthouse had a first-hand altercation with that devastation Tuesday. A pipe burst on the third floor of the county courthouse Jan. 10 causing water to rain down throughout the building and soaking the interior infrastructure. The burst occurred slightly before 1:30 p.m., leaving areas of the historic facility with standing water. Employees and the public were immediately evacuated.

The husband and wife team of Jake and Alecia Peterson will step front and center on Thursday night when they are presented the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award. The Petersons are well known in Blooming Prairie and in the surrounding area for their involvement with the Stix of Fury drum corps. In addition to his involvement with the Stix of Fury, Jake is a full-time Blooming Prairie police officer, holding the rank of corporal. Peterson also is a volunteer member of the BP Ambulance Service and a member of the BP Fire Department.

Jan. 24

Every Christmas season for the past 30 years, St. Columbanus Catholic Church members Dale Underwood and Wally Wilkie have carried on a nativity scene tradition in front of the church on Main Street of Blooming Prairie. Underwood and Wilkie took down the nativity display this week and have turned over the annual project to Jared Brown of Blooming Prairie. Brown will put up the display next December.

JAN. 31

An educator from Owatonna has been named a finalist for Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Scott Noet, a social studies teacher at Owatonna Junior High School, is one in a field of 132 candidates for the top honor, Education Minnesota announced Tuesday. Noet was named Owatonna Teacher of the Year last May. He has been teaching in Owatonna since 1997. He teaches several U.S. history courses each day.

Henefield Law Office in Blooming Prairie is undergoing some internal changes in 2017. The law firm owned solely by Frank Henefield for 45 years has changed to a partnership this year. Long time Blooming Prairie native, Jason Iacovino, is a 2006 graduate of the University of Minnesota and has come home to become the majority shareholder with the firm.

FEB. 7

"He beat the odds for sure." That's how a plane crash survivor's wife described the harrowing experience her husband went through Feb. 2 when his plane crashed into a Steele County farm field. Deanna Bass of Winona was counting her blessings from a hospital room at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester Saturday as her husband, Daniel Bass, 39, recovered from the injuries he sustained in the crash. Daniel Bass is an experienced pilot who has been flying for many years, according to his wife. He was piloting a single-engine Mooney M20M aircraft that had taken off from Duluth and traveling back home to Winona. During the flight, the plane veered off course and disappeared from radar around 8 p.m. The Federal Aviation Administration reported the aircraft missing at about 8:15 p.m. to the Rice-Steele Dispatch Center, according to Sheriff Lon Thiele. The sheriff's office received a 911 call reporting the plane crash just north of Beaver Lake outside of Ellendale around 9:10 p.m. after Bass walked to a residence seeking help.

Last fall's train derailment outside of Ellendale caused nearly $1.4 million in damages, mostly to equipment, a railroad report shows. In Union Pacific's report to the FRA, the railroad noted $1,378,253 in equipment damages from the Nov. 11 early morning derailment about a half-mile south of Ellendale. Besides equipment, there also was $14,632 in damages to the tracks, the report said.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton has been invited to attend a special 150th birthday celebration of Blooming Prairie on Sunday, July 2. That news was related at a Blooming Prairie Sesquicentennial Committee meeting held Thursday, Jan. 26 at the BP City Center.

FEB. 14

Every step forward begins with knowing where you're going, and that's the goal of Owatonna's latest citizen driven initiative, Owatonna Forward. Owatonna Forward is a grassroots effort to devise a plan for where Owatonna should be headed in the next few decades. The effort is run by volunteers known as Community Stewards, ordinary citizens who want to help build Owatonna's plan for the future.

One dollar, now two, now two, will you give me two? It's a simple chant that rings familiar with many people who have attended auctions over the years. But it's also a chant that has gained a local auctioneer statewide notoriety. Dave Thompson of Lansing has been chosen as the champion auctioneer after winning the statewide competition through the Minnesota State Auctioneer's Association Jan. 19 in the Twin Cities. The title now qualifies him for the nationals.

A Blooming Prairie area outdoor company is expanding into the Twin Cities metro area. Miners Outdoor & Rec is opening a retail store and showroom in Airlake Industrial Park in Lakeville beginning March 1. Owners Doug and Kristi Miner will be teaming up with Doug's sister, Tammy Gruidl, on the new store, which will open MOR Golf and Utility. Gruidl will operate the Lakeville store.

FEB. 21

It may have taken nearly two decades, but a fallen Hayfield police chief has finally received recognition for suffering a life altering, career ending injury that ultimately led to his death. On Thursday, Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman presented the family of Doug Claassen with a proclamation signed by Gov. Mark Dayton for what he did in the line of duty in 1977 while trying to arrest a violent suspect. Dohman made the presentation at the Dodge County Government Services Building in Mantorville in front of a roomful of family, friends and other law enforcement officers.

When the ServiceMaster catastrophe response trailer rolled up to deluged Steele County Courthouse last month, a high quality product located inside the trailer and manufactured in Owatonna came to the rescue. The trailers contained a desiccant dehumidifier made by Climate by Design, a company started by an Owatonna husband wife duo 26 years ago in their home. Tom and Sue Peterson have been operating the company that has grown to more than 100 employees.



FILE PHOTO

Owatonna Police detective Joel Hunt (left) was named the Officer of the Year at a banquet in May. Chief Keith Hiller commended Hunt for his work, especially in regards to keeping children in the community safe from internet crimes.

MARCH 7

From among five nominees, Owatonna Business Women awarded Cheri Krejci the honor of the 2017 Women of Achievement at their annual fundraiser. Krejci, from Blooming Prairie, is well-known for her efforts in the fight against cancer. As an active member of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, Krejci has been tireless in her efforts to raise funds for a cure. She also champions education as a founding board member of the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation.

A proposed feedlot that would house nearly 50,000 turkeys in western Steele County is drawing a stink with at least one neighbor who would be in the direct path of potential smells from the operation. Jim Lageson lives on a 15-acre farm site just west of Ellendale. Though he did not grow up there, he is the fifth generation of his family to live on the farm. "It's like a dream. As a child, I thought it would be cool to live there," he said. But Lageson is beginning to have second thoughts. Less than a mile from his place, a hog feedlot has been operating for nearly a decade. Members of the Holland family, owners of the hog operation, are now seeking approval from Steele County officials to build four turkey barns in close proximity to their hog feedlot. A second operation would house two barns of 23,000 turkeys near the Berlin Cemetery north of Ellendale.

"The Muni is on the market," said Ellendale council member, Stephanie Kibler. A long-standing Ellendale business is officially for sale, and residents are hoping that it doesn't mean a closing of the doors, but simply a change in ownership.

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Captain America was one of the Super Heroes visiting Blooming Prairie's National Night Out in August. The captain enjoyed the evening festivities with Justin, Hailey and Natalie Schumacher.

MARCH 14

The National Weather Service made it official early Tuesday ruling that considerable property damage in Clarks Grove Monday night, March 6 was caused by an F-1 tornado. The tornado struck this small city of 687 at about 5:45 p.m. Skies darkened and the winds ripped through Clarks Grove, causing damage to residences, downtown businesses and the Clarks Grove Fire Department station. Authorities said the tornado covered a 12-mile area.

A former business manager for the Steele County Times faces a felony charge after allegedly embezzling funds from the company last year. Kimberly Kay Hammer, 53, of Clarks Grove has been charged with a single count of theft in Steele County District Court. She has been issued a complaint summons to appear in court. If convicted of the charge, she faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a $20,000 fine.

MARCH 28

"It's just plain amazing," said Julie Noble, president of the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation, when reflecting on the 14th annual BP Ed auction held March 25. Noble and Sue Zwiener, founder of the auction idea, reported funds raised from a silent auction and a live auction at about $70,000. Last year's total of $80,000 stands as a record for the annual BP Ed Foundation event.

Small towns are not foreign to Jeff Sandgren, new interim senior pastor at First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie. Coming to Blooming Prairie as an interim pastor, Sandgren, 56, now recognizes more of a populous dominated by Norwegians. He started his new pastoral assignment with wife Lisa on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

APRIL 4

Headaches for motorists are about to set in once again as a major road construction project begins along Interstate 35 through southern Steele County. Beginning this week, motorists traveling south of Owatonna on I-35 will encounter alternating lane closures as preparations begin to replace three southbound bridges.

APRIL 11

Rich Dahman is resigning as Medford School's superintendent. He has been hired to take over as superintendent in Winona School District and will be starting there after he finishes out his year with Medford at the end of June. He is currently completing his fourth year with Medford.

APRIL 18

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has thrown out the Dodge County hog feedlot issue based on a legal technicality and issued no decision on the merits raised in the appeal. The court issued a ruling that the district court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to hear the appeal and therefore cannot reach the merits of the appeal brought forward by Lowell and Evelyn Trom of rural Blooming Prairie.

Steele County Commissioners voted to reorganize the structure of the county highway department effective May 31. Two positions—maintenance manager and maintenance supervisor—will be terminated and one new consolidated position will be created.

Four Steele County Dairy princesses were crowned at the dairy banquet in Owatonna. They are Becca Zollner, Amerlia Manderfeld, Leah Rieck and Lacey Nelson.

APRIL 28

Mark Ristau, elementary school principal, has been named superintendent of Medford Schools. He replaces Rich Dahman, who left for a similar position in Winona.

The top administrator for Steele County resigned after being placed on administrative leave just days before. During a special county board meeting, commissioners accepted the resignation of Laura Elvebak, who had been administrator for two years.

Kim Purscell, executive director of the Steele County Historical Society, has left her position held for the past two years.

A Blooming Prairie young woman was part of a winning dance duo in the Seventh Annual Dancing with Our Steele County Stars competition held in Medford. Kara Kubista, a 2013 graduate of BP, and a friend, Nate Chesney of Owatonna, teamed up to win two of the four awards given at the contest, including the Judges' Award based on performance. Patty and John Kark were the overall winners.

MAY 9

After three years of planning, fundraising and construction, the Medford Veterans Memorial was completed with installation of the last two memorial slabs.

Dan Boeke sold Harland's Tire and Auto to Trent and Gina Larson of Inver Grove Heights. Boeke owned Harland's for 25 years when he purchased it from his father-in-law.

MAY 16

Owatonna police detective Joel Hunt was named officer of the year by the Moonlighter's Exchange Club of Owatonna. Police Chief Keith Hiller commended Hunt for his work, especially in regards to keeping children in the community safe from internet crimes.

MAY 23

One of America's best principals is coming back to Owatonna School District as the second in command. Michelle Krell of Blooming Prairie was named director of teaching for Owatonna. She begins July 1.

A push arose to provide more police coverage in Blooming Prairie. Karen Peterson requested the city council to add another full time officer to its force so that there would be 24/7 coverage in the community.

MAY 30

In the wake of former county administrator Laura Elvebak resigning, Jan Fransen was named interim county administrator by the county board.

JUNE 20

The Blooming Prairie City Council unanimously passed a motion to allow the police commission to hire another part-time officer in response to community concern over the city's lack of police coverage.

A talented voice lifted a small town antique shop to stardom. Molly Kate Kestner, an American pop singer and songwriter from Austin, videotaped scenes for an upcoming video at Ebeling Antiques in Blooming Prairie.

JUNE 27

The chairman of the Steele County Board has been accused of improprieties involving his personal business and a county road project. James Allen Brady faces a gross misdemeanor charge of officials not to be interested in contracts.

JULY 4

A bitter three-year fight over hog feedlots in Dodge County finally came to an end with the Minnesota Supreme Court refusing to hear the case. The Supreme Court denied a petition from Lowell and Evelyn Trom of rural Blooming Prairie to review the case.

The Owatonna Bus Company has been approved by Medford City Council to move forward with building a bus garage in Medford Township.

JULY 11

For the first time since the start of Prohibition, alcohol sales at liquor stores across Minnesota are legal on Sundays. On July 1, Minnesota joined 38 other states and the District of Columbia that now allow some form of Sunday retail liquor sales. In Blooming Prairie, 218 Liquor and J&H Liquor offered liquor sales on the first Sunday allowed under law.

An estimated 25,000 people flocked to Blooming Prairie over the July 4 weekend to celebrate the community's Sesquicentennial. Celebrations were held throughout the city marking the 150th anniversary.

JULY 25

A severe thunderstorm rolled through the area on July 19, damaging two large turkey barns near Claremont. Kent Schmidt was doing chores in one of the barns when the storm hit. The storm ripped off a portion of the roofs on both of his turkey barns.

The Blooming Prairie Police Commission recommended the hiring of Dan Peach to take the permanent part-time position on the Blooming Prairie Police Department.

The efforts of a local prosecutor in battling drunk driving in Steele County have captured Laura Isenor the honor of being named a DWI All-Star. She is an assistant county attorney. She was recognized at a Minnesota Twins game, along with another attorney and 19 police officers from across the state.

AUG. 8

About 300 people attended National Night Out festivities in Blooming Prairie. It had been several years since BP had been part of the festival. Police Chief Greg Skillestad and officer Dan Peach coordinated the local efforts.

AUG. 22

After a couple gloomy and rainy days in the middle of fair week, Mother Nature showered fair officials with a gorgeous weekend to help boost attendance over the 300,000 mark. Fair officials estimated this year's attendance at 300,717, a 7 percent increase over 2016.

AUG. 29

A high-speed chase through Steele County with several area law agencies ended in the driver committing suicide outside of Blooming Prairie. Dwayne Gary Paulson, 39, of rural Blooming Prairie, was identified as the driver. He died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to authorities.

It was a scene to remember at Blooming Prairie's Central Park on Aug. 21 with both kids and adults using special cardboard glasses to get a glimpse at the solar eclipse. This was the first coast-to-coast full eclipse since 1918.

SEPT. 5

An estimated 125 people attended the 100th anniversary celebration of Westfield Lutheran Church Aug. 27. The church was built in 1917 with Ed Trom as the architect.

SEPT. 12

It was a record year for the Paint Blooming Prairie Pink event. With a sea of pink around town and various weekend activities, the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group cracked a new record of more than $60,000.

SEPT. 19

The county's former administrator is alleging the county board has created a "boys' club" culture in which state laws are being openly violated. Laura Elvebak made various claims in a civil lawsuit filed against the Steele County Board of Commissioners.

The historic courthouse in Owatonna partially reopened after being shut down for nine months. The courthouse opened a second floor courtroom to accommodate the high-profile murder trial of Cyrus Trevino.

SEPT. 26

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. He held the publicity and entertainment position since 1990.

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. Cyrus Noel Trevino, 22, and Gerald Blevins, 38, entered guilty pleas.

Visitors at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna found out just how super sized the rings are for Super Bowl champions. A traveling display came to the history center showcasing all the Super Bowl rings, 33 of which have been made by Jostens of Owatonna.

Mitchell Oswald was crowned king and Rachel Pirkl queen at Blooming Prairie Homecoming festivities.



FILE PHOTO

Little Charlie Romeo got a good view at the solar eclipse during a viewing party on Aug. 21.

OCT. 10

Worlein Funeral Home of Blooming Prairie and Austin vows to remember departed vets by unveiling The Empty Chair. The chair will be placed at funeral services to honor departed vets.

A first place and a pair of third place national awards of excellence have found their way to the Steele County Times. The newspaper earned the trio of awards from the National Newspaper Association.

OCT. 17

A batch of bad gas made its way into Blooming Prairie over the weekend. Casey's in Blooming Prairie was one of 44 stations throughout southeastern Minnesota, as well as Iowa and Wisconsin, that received diesel-tainted gasoline.

Huffing Dust-off isn't enough for DWI. That's at least what the Minnesota Supreme Court decided in overturning a series of Steele County DWI cases involving the same driver with Dust-off.

After the top candidate declined to take the position, the new county administrator

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT



STAFF PHOTO: HOWARD LESTRUD

Birthday guests at Blooming Prairie's 150th birthday party at Central Park on Sunday, July 2 had an opportunity to have their photo taken by Jay Iverson, BP fireman. He took the photo from the city fire truck.

It was a Happy 150th birthday bash in BP

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It was a 150th (sesquicentennial) birthday bash that was celebrated all year in 2017 with a bushel basket full of activities.

The celebration highlight came on Saturday, July 2, just two days before the gigantic Blooming Prairie Fourth of July observance.

Many of the Saturday activities took place at the Blooming Prairie Central Park. A noon kiddie parade featured an estimated 200 youngsters either on their bicycles, strollers or on foot.

Bloominng Prairie Police Officer Shane St. John and 150th committee member Nola Wradislavsky led the kiddie parade near Central Park. It is likely that the kiddie parade will return next year during the city 4th of July celebration.

Following the kiddie parade, local ministers said a blessing for the Blooming Prairie sesquicentennial events. A group photo was taken on the west end of the park with fireman/photographer Jay Iverson taking the photo from the city's ladder truck. Kids then released 150 balloons with messages inside.

Cake and ice cream was served and some food stands were prominent in the park.

The Walter's Wheelhouse band performed during the Saturday afternoon slate of events.

The gigantic Sesquicentennial Fourth of July parade was on the Fourth as usual. The parade drew an estimated 30,000 people to town.

Planning for the 150th actually started in late 2016 and ramped up in early 2017. LeMar Nelson worked on a history book, chronicling the last 25 years. He was assisted by Nancy Vaillancourt.

Several souvenir items were also crafted and sold during the year. They included beer mugs, sun catchers and cake pans.

A speakeasy event in March was very well received with participants visiting three different speakeasy locations. This activity is planned again next spring.

A 150-mile walk began in May and went until Sept. 1. A cemetery tour was also held in May and likely will be scheduled again next summer.

Becky Noble, Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, was the leader of a work committee that met regularly during the 150th year.

Others on the committee were: Nancy Valliancourt, Carol Iverson, Linda Klemmensen, Holli Naatz, Mary Kittelson, Sarah Esplan, Leanne Hanson, Nola Wradislavsky, Rachel Klemmensen, Karen Fourage, Greg Johnson, Dan Peach and Howard Lestrud.

"It was a birthday that was celebrated all year long and will be remembered by all those who participated in 150th events," said Noble.

Banners were displayed on both ends of Blooming Prairie to constantly remind people of Blooming Prairie's heritage.

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will be someone within the county. The county board hired Scott Golberg, who previously served as the county's environmental services director for the past 36 years. Golberg replaces Laura Elvebak.

OCT. 24

Hundreds of friends of Steele County Food Shelf general manager Alonso Hernandez attended a fundraiser for him in Owatonna. He has been awaiting a kidney transplant, and the fundraiser was organized by his friends and family to help with extra expenses. More than $3,000 was raised.

OCT. 31

Minnesota's best ambassadors, including several from Steele County, have been chosen to volunteer for the upcoming Super Bowl in Minneapolis. Among the 10,000 volunteers accepted to Crew 52 are Owatonna mayor Tom Kuntz, Medford mayor Lois Nelson and Blooming Prairie chamber director Becky Noble.

The Blooming Prairie School Board ratified a new two-year contract for teachers in BP. The new contract represents a 6.44 percent increase for two years.

NOV. 7

Shock set in for both family and friends of the fair when they found out Steele County Free Fair manager Jim Gleason was diagnosed with a high-grade glioma tumor located on his brain. He has taken a leave from the fair.



FILE PHOTO

Kevin Walsh of rural Ellendale grew three giant pumpkins in 2017 with the top two weighing in at 1,480 and 1,440 pounds. He earned honors at two contests in Iowa and Stillwater.

Owatonna and Austin were named finalists for Top Minnesota Town.

NOV. 14

Emergency personnel in Steele County will soon have an extra eye to aide in protecting the safety of area residents. The Owatonna Police Department is in the process of launching a drone to assist officers and firefighters with search and rescue missions, as well as other emergency situations in which time is crucial.

Blooming Prairie School District voters convincingly pushed three operating levy referendum questions to victory on Nov. 7. Voters also returned three board members to the school board and added a new board member. Re-elected were Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister and Rodney Krell. The new board member is Dean Meshke. All ran unopposed.

Two men will be spending considerable time behind bars for their involvement in the 2016 drug-related homicide in Steele County. Judge Joseph Bueltel sentenced Cyrus Trevion to more than 32 years in prison and Gerald Blevins to 12 years for killing Richard Jurgensen of Medford in June 2016.

NOV. 21

The Rev. Heidi Heimgartner, associate pastor at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie for the past 16 years, has a new calling. She officially began her duties on Nov. 15 as the new senior pastor at First Lutheran. She replaced Rev. Charlie Leonard, who took a new call to a Rochester church.

NOV. 28

The man responsible for killing another man after a day of heavy drinking has received jail time. Judge Joseph Buetel sentenced Peter Escobar, 25, of Albert Lea to at least 120 days in jail. He pleaded guilty in April to criminal vehicular homicide in the death of Herman Hernandez, 64, of Albert Lea. Hernandez was found in a burned vehicle in a soybean field outside of Owatonna in October 2016.

DEC. 5

After a nearly two-year battle with cancer, Tyler Mundy of Kasson, and a former Blooming Prairie businessman, died Nov. 28 at the age of 44. Mundy was the owner of Heavy Metal in BP.

DEC. 12

Habitat for Humanity turned over a new home in Owatonna to the Calvin and Dessa Chambers family just in time for the holidays. Construction on the home began in June. The Chambers have four children.

A feedlot controversy is brewing once again in Dodge County. This time it involves a feedlot in Ripley Township. Tim Langdon of Cannon Falls wants to build a feedlot on his 5-acre farm.

The Mower County Sheriff's Office is investigating a break-in at the Lansing Corners Supper Club located south of Blooming Prairie. A small amount of cash was taken plus two computers containing the business records were taken.

People seeking help from 911 can now text their emergencies to the dispatch center. Minnesota began Text-to-911 as an alternative to calling in an emergency when it may be unsafe for someone to speak.

DEC. 19

Sixteen families are going to have a more joyous holiday season thanks to multiple organizations that paired police officers with small children at the Target Store in Owatonna Dec. 13.

The Blooming Prairie Police Department hosted a holiday party for area children on Dec. 12. More than 200 people attended the party in which Santa Claus and his trusty elf made an appearance.

DEC. 26

Steele County Free Fair manager Jim Gleason announced he is stepping down beginning Jan. 1 because of health reasons. He has been battling an aggressive form of brain cancer since October.



FILE PHOTO

Volunteers donated their time to help with a Habitat for Humanity House in Owatonna. Calvin Chambers and his family moved into the house on Glendale Street just before Christmas.

In memoriam: Remembering those who left us in 2017

The following area residents died during the last part of 2016 and 2017 and had obituaries published in the Times:

DECEMBER 2016

Mary Kathleen Oswald, 93, Blooming Prairie
Marian Jean Ingvaldson, 85, Ellendale
Gail Jeanne Larson, 66, rural Claremont
Bonnie Jean (Gillis) Scaife, 81, formerly of Blooming Prairie

JANUARY 2017

Lorilei E. 'Charlie' Robinson, 62, Blooming Prairie
Ellen Polzin Niski, 85, Austin
Berniece Grace (Duken) Nelson, 83, Blooming Prairie
Georgia Jane Joachim, 68, Owatonna

FEBRUARY 2017

Constance 'Connie' Haberman, 73, Blooming Prairie
Dale Hensrud, 63, Owatonna
Linda Mast, 68, Blooming Prairie
Phyllis K. Wencl, 66, Owatonna
Irene May (Brown) Wiesjhan, 96, Owatonna
Signe V. Pelinka, 99, formerly of Blooming Prairie
Dale L. Hofius, 75, Blooming Prairie
Jill H. Haubenschild, 45, Blooming Prairie
Gordon Howard Diesch, 95, Maple Grove
Shirley I. Wanous, 98, Blooming Prairie
Sharon L. Eastman, 78, Hollandale
Anna M. Lamecker, 55, Blooming Prairie
Marlys O. Spinler, 83 Austin
Shirley R. Winter, 68, Ellendale

MARCH 2017

Magdalen A. Wencl, 89, Blooming Prairie
Roger D. Amundson, 76, Blooming Prairie
Richard Andrew Christy, 48, Hayfield
Eileen P. Janning, 92, Blooming Prairie
Darlene D. Linge, 83, Ham Lake
Margery L. Wencl, 96, Blooming Prairie
Gail Marie Demmer, 62, Ellendale
Mary 'Merky' Standke, 88, Owatonna
Clinton LaVerne Christianson, 96, Blooming Prairie
Michael Albert Liverseed, 58, Medford
Alfred 'Alfie' Wondra, 69, Blooming Prairie
Irma D. Mueller, 94, Austin
Richard D. Kubista, 90, Blooming Prairie
Richard E. Miller, 80, Austin
Sandra Lea Wagman, 74, Blooming Prairie

APRIL 2017

Lynn Rodney Christianson, 69, Burnsville
Charli Wetzel, 57, Owatonna
Vernon Carl Earnest Mueller, 95, Austin
Arnold F. Wiese, 91, Blooming Prairie
Albert G. Flor, 96, New Richland
John William Glynn, 73, Ellendale
Luella "Lou" Benson, 100, Blooming Prairie

MAY 2017

Karen K. Schneider, 59, formerly of Blooming Prairie
James William Gwilt, 77, Blooming Prairie
Mathilda "Tillie" Minto, 78, Austin
Lorraine A. Butler, 92, Blooming Prairie
Gary A. "Cricket' Christianson, 68, Blooming Prairie
Dr. Stanley L. Diesch, 91, formerly of Blooming Prairie
Beverly J. Hoium, 80, and Sterling E. Hoium, 82, Austin
Marian W. Becker, 92, Blooming Prairie
Leo M. Rendahl, 100, Blooming Prairie
Howard LaVerne Busho, 89, Owatonna
Teresa R. Ferrington, 85, Blooming Prairie
Adeline C. Christianson, 95, Blooming Prairie
Gary Seedorf, 75, formerly of Albert Lea

JUNE 2017

Darrell Reuben Ebeling, 89, Owatonna
Barbara A. Eddy, 77, formerly of Blooming Prairie
Stephen H. Thorson, 74, formerly of Blooming Prairie
Danny Howard Schember, 66, Ellendale
Matthew Michael House, 39, Orlando, Florida
Charles Edward "Chuck" Wead, 74, Blooming Prairie
Carole Magdelena Dittrich, 83, Owatonna
Gloria Louise Kubalsky, 92, Medford
Lorna Marie Schmeling, 73, Owatonna
V. Henry Peterson, 89, Ellendale

JULY 2017

Phyllis Langer, 93, Northfield
Florence Gwendolyn Roberts Norman, 92, Dodge Center

AUGUST 2017

Eugene L. Deml, 90, Owatonna
Marcia Jean Camerer, 73, Owatonna
Daniel Joseph Stinehart, 66, Lake Mills, Iowa
Yvonne Elaine McDaniel, 67, Blooming Prairie
Leslie R. Shawback Sr., 79, Blooming Prairie
Betty L. Stoen, 86, Claremont
Dwayne G. Paulson, 39, Blooming Prairie

SEPTEMBER 2017

Helen Melum, 78, formerly of Blooming Prairie
Dorothy Jane Johnson, 93, Blooming Prairie
Marilyn I. Thoreson, 91, Blooming Prairie
Marjorie R. Trihus, 73, Blooming Prairie
Margaret A. Whiting, 90, Blooming Prairie
Gloria J. Jacobson, 93, Austin
George Tashima, 80, Blooming Prairie
Terry G. Wiese, 74, Owatonna
Bernard Underwood, 85, formerly of Blooming Prairie

OCTOBER 2017

Owen Nagel, 75, Medford
Joseph Wurst, 80, Blooming Prairie
Frank Russell Mayzlik, 72, Hayfield
Richard "Dick" Dean Magnuson, 75, rural Austin
Mary Ann Copp, 80, Owatonna
Dale A. Hanson, 83, Blooming Prairie
Zenobia Jane Haberman, 90, Blooming Prairie
Artemis Jack Riffe, 6 months, Owatonna
Theresa M. Zipse, 97, Owatonna
Bernice Arlyne Schlinger, 95, Blooming Prairie

NOVEMBER 2017

Ethel Marie Christianson, 94, Blooming Prairie
Edward J. Simon, 85, Owatonna
Victor A. Richardson, 73, Owatonna
Judy K. Brown, 77, Blooming Prairie
Darrell Robert Reese, 64, Blooming Prairie
John Earl Sheedy, 77, Austin
Cheryl L. Kruckeberg, 64, Blooming Prairie
Franklin "Bud" E. Prokopec, 83, Blooming Prairie
Tyler Thomas Mundy, 44, Kasson

DECEMBER 2017

Cecil Luverne Friesner, 82, Blooming Prairie
Patricia F. Wickler, 86, Blooming Prairie
Marian E. Christiansen, 83, Blooming Prairie
Sandra Hoffmaster, 78, Hosford, Florida
Maylon Lloyd Heinz, 87, Blooming Prairie
Charles Hobart Mollenhauer, 97, Claremont
Jon Harlan Carlson, 42, Blooming Prairie

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OBITUARIES

Maylon Lloyd Heinz, 87, Blooming Prairie



Maylon Lloyd Heinz, 87, of Blooming Prairie, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 at his home of natural causes.

He was born June 4, 1930 in rural Henderson, Minnesota, the son of Nicholas and Anna (Brandt) Heinz. Following his 1948 graduation from Henderson High School, Maylon enlisted in the U.S. Army and took basic training at Fort Riley, Kan. From there he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regiment, a ceremonial unit stationed in Washington D.C., and served there for 2 ½ years. Maylon's next assignment was to a signal corps unit stationed in Alaska. After serving in Alaska for eight months, he received his honorable discharge and returned to civilian life in 1952.

On June 13, 1953, Maylon was united in marriage to Marilyn Kroehler in Henderson. Maylon entered college at Mankato State University under the G.I. Bill, majoring in Social Studies, History, and Industrial Arts. He graduated in December 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree. His first job took him to Saginaw, Mich., where he was a teacher. It was there that he earned his Master's Degree from the University of Michigan.

The couple moved to Blooming Prairie in 1962, where Maylon began a 29-year career as the guidance counselor and community education director for Blooming Prairie Public Schools, retiring in 1991. Maylon enjoyed his family and the activities of his grandchildren very much. His favorite recreation over the years was golfing. He loved to design and build many projects in his basement shop for his family. He also enjoyed traveling, writing, and singing. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie, where he taught Sunday school and served as congregation president.

Maylon's other affiliations included Secretary of the Lion's Club, Commander of the American Legion Post 52, President of the Blooming Prairie Country Club, and a Boy Scout leader. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

Maylon is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marilyn Heinz, Blooming Prairie; his children Steve (Deanna) Heinz, West Fargo, N.D., Nancy (Gary) Noble, Owatonna, Jeff (Joan) Heinz, Chanhassen, Amy (Rod) Baker, Owatonna, and 11 grandchildren Jen (Matt), Greg (Katie), Danny (Jenna), Holly (Flash), Cody (Jess), Ben, Carson, Payton, Landyn, Nolan, and Erin. He was preceded in death by his parents Nicholas and Anna Heinz, his brothers Wilmar, Harold, Robert, Nicholas, Marvin and John, his sister Carolyn, and infant children Lon Allen and Pamela Kay.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner officiating. Military rites by the Blooming Prairie Honor Guard.

Private interment will be in Brown Cemetery at Henderson at a later date. Memorials can be directed to First Lutheran Church, the Blooming Prairie Education Foundation, or recipient of donor's choice. Services prearranged and performed by Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Jon Harlan Carlson, 42, Blooming Prairie



Jon Harlan Carlson, 42, of Blooming Prairie passed away Saturday morning, Dec. 23, 2017, at Mayo Clinic Health System–Mankato.

Jon Harlan was born March 11, 1975 in Morrisville, Pa., to Gary and Diana (Gilbert) Carlson. At a young age Jon's family moved to the Blooming Prairie area where he attended elementary school and graduated from Blooming Prairie High School with the class of 1993.

After high school Jon worked in the construction industry. In 1997 he started Jon Carlson Construction. In 2006 Jon began working for RWP Design Build in Geneva. In 2013 Jon and his business partner, Tait Ingvaldson, purchased RWP and renamed it Geneva Lumber Company. Jon was very proud of his business and was a perfectionist when it came to his trade. However, at the center of his life was his family. Jon was a devoted husband and father, and his wife and kids meant the world to him.

He was united in marriage to Angela Mae Jones on Sept. 20, 2008. Jon was Angie's best friend, comforter, comedic audience, her soul, her everything. He was very active in his kid's lives whether he was coaching their 4-H softball teams, watching the kid's sporting events or going on family camping trips.

Jon served as past president of the Matmen Wrestling Organization in Blooming Prairie. He also had a very close relationship with his nieces and nephews. Jon was an avid hunter and fisherman, and always looked forward to Deer Camp and his annual fishing trip with family to Canada. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie where he had served as past president of the youth board. Jon was able to give the gift of life through organ donation.

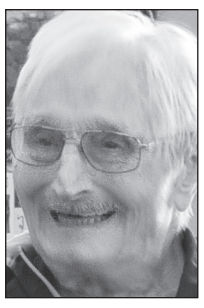
Jon is survived by his wife Angie and children Brody and Lila of Blooming Prairie; parents Gary and Diana Carlson of Blooming Prairie; siblings Steve (Kristi) Carlson of Story City, Iowa, Jeff (Michelle) Carlson of New Richland, and Cathy O'Brien of Blooming Prairie; father-in-law and mother-in-law Mike and Sandy Jones of Blooming Prairie; brother-in-law Josh (Ellie) Jones of Austin, sister-in-law Hilary Boehnke-Jones of Blooming Prairie and Pat Jones (Hilary Bottema) of Rochester and by his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Harlan and Mary Carlson and Arthur and Annabelle Gilbert, and his uncle David Carlson.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 29, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with Pastor Heidi Heimgartner officiating. Interment followed in the Blooming Prairie Cemetery.

Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family, and condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Charles Hobart Mollenhauer, 97, Claremont



Charles Hobart Mollenhauer, 97, of Claremont, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 at Prairie Manor Care Center, Blooming Prairie.

He was born Feb. 29, 1920 in Medford Township the son of Jesse and Leila (Frank) Mollenhauer. Charlie graduated from Medford High School in 1938. He farmed with his family for several years and loved working with their Belgian work horses.

On May 11, 1947, he married Elnora Villwock in St. Paul. The couple continued farming with Charlie's family until moving to the Claremont area where he worked as a farm hand. Charlie started hauling milk and driving dump truck. He later operated his own bulk milk hauling route until his retirement in the early 1980s. In his retirement, he worked for the Owatonna Canning Company and Greenway Co-op.

Charlie was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. In his younger years, he participated in 4-H and golden gloves boxing. He also enjoyed polka music, dancing, hunting, fishing, woodworking, cutting and splitting fire wood and his dogs.

He is survived by his daughters, Jacqualyn Phelps of Owatonna, Cheryl (and Thomas) Olson of Claremont, Sandie (and Ethan) Reed of Claremont; grandchildren, Micah (and Cindy) Olson, Joshua (and Jen) Stark, Thomas Olson, Jr., Nicholas (and Erin) Olson, Ashley (and Joe) Hjelmen, Rebeca Phelps; 13 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elnora; sister, Alice; brothers, Harvey, Grant, Vic, Leonard.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017 at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna with Pastor Richard Hegal officiating. Interment was at the Meadow Ridge Cemetery in Faribault.

Robert J. McAllen, 87, Blooming Prairie



Robert J. McAllen, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great, great grandfather, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at his home in Blooming Prairie.

Robert was born on March 25, 1930 in Milwaukee. At age 17, Robert left home and joined the Army. He was sent overseas to participate in the Korean conflict. While stationed in Japan, he met and married Yoshie Tago.

Robert returned to the U.S. with his wife and daughter in 1952, and eventually moved back to Wisconsin. While never graduating from high school, Robert, or Bob as he liked to be called, was a lifelong studier.

While supporting his family as a welder, he finally earned the title of manufacturing engineer. Bob liked to call himself a "sheet metal guru." He moved back to Blooming Prairie after the death of his wife, Yoshie. He was very active in the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club, enjoyed visiting the senior center and playing poker. He recently enjoyed breakfasts with the "Coffee Cowboys" of Grace Baptist Church of Owatonna. Bob received Christ as his Savior 11 days before passing when presented with the Gospel by Pastor Levy of Grace Baptist Church.

He is survived by his daughter Manami (Everett) Holmes, his four grandchildren, Jeff (Sandy) Holmes, Brenda (Brad) Vaught, Jay (Dana) Holmes, Beth (Jason) Webster, and his 16 great grandchildren, and one great, great granddaughter.

A memorial is being planned for Bob on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church at 265 26th St. NE in Owatonna.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 3
Vicki Johnson
Eunice Doocy
Doug Naatz
Kaila Burkhart
Kristi Miner
Chelsey Symes
Dan Trom
McKenzie Wangen
Zach Weber

Jan. 4
Colby Johnson
Lauren Koster
Lindsey Carlson

Jan. 5
Kassie Ann Lueth
Deb Brown
Lori Pirkl
Quentin Weedman

Jan. 6
Randi Long
Andy Weiss
Marv Amundson
Kyle Williamson
Adam Bumgarner

Jan. 7
Christine Wencl
Leah Jenzen
Analeigh Houillion

Jan. 8
Dick Kruckeberg
Rick DeYoung

Jan. 9
Shawn Kadlee
Chris Schaefer
April Konz
Kory Rafdal
Kate Borchert

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Jan. 7
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Jan. 8
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Jan. 9
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Thursday, Jan. 4
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Fresh Squash, Beet Pickles, Pears in Caramel Sauce

Friday, Jan. 5
Vegetable Soup, Crackers, BBQ Beef on Bun, Coleslaw, Apple Pie

Monday, Jan. 8
Teriyaki Chicken, Fresh Red Potatoes, Broccoli, Cranberry Sauce, Pineapple Slices

Tuesday, Jan. 9
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NANCY VAILLANCOURT

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On Thursday, Jan. 4, join us at 6:30 p.m. at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library for time to spend together with your family in your own fort.

Bring your own blankets, tarps, tablecloths, and sheets to construct your family's hiding place in the library. We will have some supplies here. Once you have constructed your fort, be sure to name it, and then hunker down inside with some of our great children's books. Flashlights, pillows, lovies, plastic clips, and tape might be helpful too. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! We will have treats, games, and FUN in the dark!

For all our other friends, that evening our computers and iPads will be turned off at 6:25 p.m. Sorry - just find a game to play in your own fort!

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OBITUARIES

Merlyn LeRoy Sjodin, 82



Merlyn LeRoy Sjodin, 82, passed away Dec. 24, 2017 at home.

He was born March 13, 1935 to parents Clarence and Alice (Gibelyou) Sjodin in Onamia, Minn. Merlyn graduated from St. Croix Falls High School in Wisconsin. He served in the Army from 1953-56. Merlyn then married Hope Hochstetler on Jan. 31, 1959 and raised three children.

Merlyn worked for Otis Elevators as an electrician and lived in Inver Grove Heights until 1969. The family then moved to Grantsburg, Wis., where he was a dairy farmer. In 1991, he moved to Faribault and worked for Jerome Foods as a farm manager until his retirement in 1999.

He was an avid Vikings fan. He enjoyed watching golf, soccer and especially NCIS. Merlyn also enjoyed going to Mystic Lake and Little 6. He loved time with his family, especially watching the little great grandchildren.

Merlyn is survived by his wife, Hope; children, Annette (Dale) Motl, Blooming Prairie, Laurie (Rick) Ernste, Elko, and Ralph (Jody), Sjodin, Owatonna; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; brothers, Clarence, Spring Lake Park, Roland, Big Fork; sister, Donna Keding, Eau Claire; brother-in-law, Tom Taylor, Eau Claire; as well as step grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leon; sister, Linda Taylor; and brother-in-law, Don Keding.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lakeville.

Memorials are preferred to Hospice or donors choice.

Marian Christiansen, 83, Blooming Prairie

Marian Christiansen, 83, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed peacefully Dec. 16, 2017 at Prairie Manor Care Center in Blooming Prairie.

She was born on April 22, 1934 to Edward and Frances Ditlevson of Blooming Prairie. Marian married Einer Christiansen in 1953 and to this union two sons were born, Kenneth and Lee Christiansen.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Kenneth, sisters Delnora and Connie, brother Lynwood and grandson Wade. She is survived by her son Lee (Lori), daughter-in-law Sheree, her sisters Joyce (Carl), Nola (Roger), grandchildren, Ryan, Staci (David), Angela (Bob), Matthew, and her greatest joy, seven great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service is scheduled for a later date. Marian continues to be a beautiful angel in our lives.

Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

AREA WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LUTHERAN

AURORA LUTHERAN
6329 SE 28th St., Owatonna
Pastor Stephanie Wood
507-676-5696
Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN – ELCA
106 Third St. SE., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
507-256-4288
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.

FIRST LUTHERAN – AFLC
503 Radel Ct., Ellendale
Pastor Richard Sliper
507-684-2451
Saturday: 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Confirmation
Tues.: 7 p.m. Call to Prayer, open to all churches
Wed.: 9:30 a.m. BibleStudy; 3:30 – 5 p.m. Jesus and Me; 6 p.m.
Call to Prayer; 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group
Christmas Eve Service: 5 p.m. Dec. 24

FIRST LUTHERAN – ELCA
434 First St. SW.,
Blooming Prairie
Rev. Heidi Heimgartner,
507-583-6621
firstlutheranbp.com
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sundays
Education Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sun.

FIRST LUTHERAN – LCMC
8953 SW 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
507-451-3854
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School, Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m. Sun.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN – LCMS
2500 7th Ave. NE., Owatonna
Rev. Mark Rosenau,
Senior Pastor
Rev. Greg Schlicker,
Associate Pastor
507-451-4125
www.goodshepherd owatonna.com
Worship: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

MOLAND LUTHERAN – ELCA
7618 NE 84th Ave., Kenyon
Pastor Nancy Edwardson
507-789-6661
Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN – ELCA
9651 SW 75th St., Ellendale
Pastor Mike Walerius
507-465-8366
Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sun.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN – LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Kirk Griebel
507-451-2720
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Education Hour:
10:15 a.m. Sun.

RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN – ELCA
30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
Pastor Lindsay Stolen
507-583-2038 or 507-437-3000
www.roglutheran.org
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School
(Sept. – May): 10:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN – LCMS
4532 SE 84th Ave., Claremont
Pastor Alan Broadwell
507-528-2404
Worship: 6 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN – LCMS
28959 630th Ave., Sargeant
Pastor Collin Duling
507-251-5568
Worship: 10:15 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN – ELCA
30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Pastor Dwight DoBell
507-567-2474
Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
507-567-2272
Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN – ELCA
2781 SW 92nd Ave., Meriden
Pastor Cheryl D. Indehar
507-451-2165
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
5881 SE 118th St.,
Blooming Prairie
Pastor Stephanie Wood
507-676-5696
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
(First Sunday of the month)

TRINITY LUTHERAN – ELCA
609 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna
Rev. Todd Buegler, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dean Smith,
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Rev. Amanda Weinkauf,
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507-451-4520
www.tlcowatonna.org
Worship: Saturday: 5 p.m.; Sun.: 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Sunday School:
8:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN – ELCA
104 First St. SE., Hayfield
Pastor Paul Hauschild
507-477-2248
www.trinityhayfield.org
Worship: 8 a.m.
& 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN – LCMS
108 Third Ave. SW., Medford
Pastor Mark Biebighauser
507-451-0447
Worship: 8 a.m. & 10:30 Sun.
Education Hour:
9:15-10:15 a.m. Sun.

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57043 300th St., Waltham
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Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN – ELCA
7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale
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507-451-2165
Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sun.

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203 Second Ave. NW., Medford
507-451-6353
Father Kevin Connolly
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Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Monday Mass: 9 a.m.

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307 SW First St., New Richland
Father Raul Silva
Fr. Adam McMillan,
Parochial Vicar
507-465-8217
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday

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9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
Father John Sauer
Fr. Jose Morales, Weekend Presider
507-451-1588
www.litomysl.webs.com
Reconciliation: 8:45 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church for Preschool – 1st Grade began Sept. 24
Faith Formation for Kindergarten – Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Adult Study: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St., Hayfield
Father Thomas Niehaus
507-477-2256
Mass: 8 a.m. Sun.
& 8:30 a.m. Thursday
Reconciliation: 7:30 a.m. Sun.

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810 S. Cedar Ave., Owatonna
Father John Sauer
Fr. Jose Morales, Parochial Vicar
507-451-1588
www.sacredheartowatonna.org
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday;
8:30 a.m. &10 a.m. Sun.
Spanish Mass: 11:45 a.m. Sun.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Sat.
Adoration:
8 a.m. – 10 p.m. Thurs.

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
Father Thomas Niehaus
507-583-2784
www.stcolumbanuschurch.com
Mass: 10 a.m. Sun.
& 8:30 a.m. Friday
Reconciliation: 9 a.m.
First Friday & Saturday

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512 S. Elm Ave., Owatonna
Father Kevin Connolly
Deacon Patrick Fagan
507-451-4845
Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 8 & 10 a.m.
Reconciliation:
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Sunday Connections: 10:15 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

FIRST UNITED PENTECOASTAL
230 Locust Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Eliazar Talamantes
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Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.;
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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200 Sixth St. NW., Ellendale
Pastor Randy Cirksena
507-684-2731
www.ellendaleumc.org
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Loren Olson, Pastor
Linda Boorman, Associate Pastor
Joyce Parker, Associate Pastor
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www.owatonnaumc.org
Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.
Contemporary Worship: 10:45 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School/Adult Classes: 10 a.m.
Wednesday night service at 6:30 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

BRIDGES OF HOPE COMMUNITY
130 W. Bridge St., Owatonna
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Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.
Biblestudy: 9 a.m. Sun.
Reformers Unanimous Meetings:
7 p.m. Friday

CEDAR CREEK
30 E. Main St., Hayfield
Pastor Aaron de Neui
507-477-2255
www.cedarcreekchurch.org
Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.

DESTINY CHRISTIAN
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422 North St., Owatonna
Pastors Tyler & Jessica Braucht
507-254-8514
www.destinycc.org
Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.

ELEVATION NORTH
2002 Austin Road, Owatonna
Pastor Doug Jones
507-363-3099
www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com
Worship (English): 10 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Worship (Spanish): 2 p.m. Sun.
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
Spanish Evangelism & Prayer: 7 p.m. Friday

NEW BEGINNINGS
332 14th St. NE., Owatonna
Pastors Scott & Joan Peterson
507-721-1366
Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.
Gateway Connection:
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507-451-5661
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wednesday

MENNONITE

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13638 750th St., Blooming Prairie
Bishop Dennis Martin
507-583-7532
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting:
7:30 p.m. Wed.

MORMON

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404 31st St. NW, Austin
Bishop Rick Bremner
507-433-9042
Worship: 9 a.m. Sun.

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www.associatedchurch.org
office@associatedchurch.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
(Fellowship, Church School, and Adult Discussions follow)
Wednesday Activities: Sept – May (see website for schedule)

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109 E. Main St., Hayfield
Pastor Kirk Johnston
507-477-2631
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sun.

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2373 Seventh Ave. NE,
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507-340-7143
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sat.
Bible Study: 11 a.m. Sat.

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211 S. Main St., Medford
Pastor Louise Bender
507-451-4596
Worship: 10 a.m. Sun.
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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702 Third St. S., Ellendale
Pastor Patrick Stitt
507-684-3421
www.vibrantlifeag.com
Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sun.
Kids Church: 10:30 a.m. Sun.

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104 First Ave. NE,
Blooming Prairie
Pastor Matt Fennell
507-583-2673
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Bible Study: 11:30 a.m. Sun.

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Cancer Corner

2017: It was a good year for the BP Cancer Group

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER



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Who is that Spider Man? It is none other than John Kraling who picked up a new look while working at Cut for a Cure on Sept. 9 at a tent on Highway 218. Arianna Olson and Samantha Laures were the artists who gave Kraling a fashionable appearance.

The Blooming Prairie Cancer Group enjoyed a very successful year with the highlight coming with a pair of record-setting auctions on Sept. 8-9.

An auction Friday night and one on Saturday night, together, brought in $42,000, a record total since the auctions have been held. The 2017 auction was the 17th annual.

"I am just amazed at the support given our community in our efforts to find a cure for cancer," said Cheri Krejci, a cancer survivor herself.

The auctions, of course, were the highlights of the Paint BP weekend. A walk/run drew about 70 participants on Saturday and many people came to the tent near the Field of Flags to have their hair cut and nails done. Barb Kraling organized these activities, promoted as Cut for a Cure. She reported donations of $1,205.

Krejci said that all Paint BP activities including auctions, flags, family bingo, 50-50 raffle, Cut for a Cure and the Prihoda raffle accounted for more than $60,000, a record. In 2016, the auctions earned $32,000 and all Paint BP Pink activities garnered $50,000.

More than 140 items were auctioned on Friday night, Sept. 8 and another 150 items on Saturday night, Sept. 9, the biggest auction night. The Big Tent located just west of The Cue Company was crowded with bidders and workers.

Some energetic and professional auctioneers led bidders to buying some outstanding items that were donated by many from the community.

At the Friday night auction, auctioneers cleverly made an appeal to help the BP Cancer Group Community Fund. Thirty bidders flashed their bidding numbers to donate $40 each or $1,200 total for parking passes for those taking treatments for cancer.

On Saturday night, auctioneers challenged bidders to donate $50 gas cards. Forty-five were donated bringing in $2,250.

"It takes a whole committee and a caring community to pull off something like this and we did it," Krejci said.

The BP Cancer Group was busy the last three months of the year with a successful Turkey Bingo in November and a Jingle Bingo in December.

The BP Cancer Group plans to donate a huge check to the Eagles Telethon in Rochester on Saturday, Jan. 13. The following day, the BP Cancer Group will sponsor a celebration breakfast at the Pizza Cellar.

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FROM PAGE A1

Laura Elvebak filed a civil lawsuit against the county alleging the board has created a "boys' club" culture in which state laws are being openly violated.

In her lawsuit, Elvebak accuses board members of sexual discrimination, violations of Minnesota's Open Meeting Laws and violation of Minnesota Whistleblower Act.

She is seeking in excess of $50,000 for damages she suffered at the hands of county board members.

Elvebak resigned in April after learning the board was in the process of terminating her.

#6- SUPREME COURT REJECTS FEEDLOT ISSUE

A bitter three- year fight over hog feedlots in Dodge County has finally come to an end with the Minnesota Supreme Court refusing to hear the case. On June 28, the Supreme Court issued a three-line order denying a petition by Lowell and Evelyn Trom of rural Blooming Prairie to review the case, which has drawn national attention over the past few years.

"It's a dead issue. It's finally done," said Paul Reuvers, attorney for Dodge County. "It's not surprising that the Supreme Court rejected this case," he said, noting that the court takes less than 10 percent of civil cases.

The Troms live by multiple feedlots in Westfield Township.

#5- BIG BASH IN BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Blooming Prairie celebrated its 150th anniversary throughout 2017. The highlight of the celebration was the annual Fourth of July festival. More than 25,000 people attended the festivities.

The Times marked the occasion each month by reprinting old front pages and other stories and photographs from previous years.

A special 150th committee did a superb job of planning various activities throughout the year, especially during the summer months.



FILE PHOTO

#4- STEELE COUNTY KILLERS SENT OFF TO PRISON

The guilty pleas and subsequent sentencing of two men brought an end to a Steele County drug-related killing that took place in June 2016. In November, Judge Joseph Bueltel sentenced Cyrus Trevino to more than 32 years in prison and Gerald Blevins to 12 years for killing Richard Jurgensen of Medford in a remote area of the county.

Both had been scheduled to go on trial in September, but they entered surprise guilty pleas to reduced charges just as the trial for Trevino got underway.

Authorities called this the first meth-relayed homicide in the county's history.

#3- CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT COUNTY OFFICES

After 36 years of working in one area of county government, Scott Golberg is ready for a new challenge. He has taken on the top role at the county responsible for all departments.

Golberg became county administrator on Oct. 30. He replaced Laura Elvebak, who resigned under a cloud of controversy in April. Since Elvebak's departure, Jan Fransen had been running the county as interim administrator.

"This offered me an opportunity to grow professionally and be a part of an organization," Golberg said of his new job. "I want to be a part of something good."

#2- HUSKIES SNAG STATE FOOTBALL TITLE

It proved to be a case of sweet revenge for the Owatonna Huskies Nov. 23 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. After being knocked out of the state tournament in 2016 by Elk River, the Huskies (12-1) came back in dramatic fashion to dominate the Elks 63-26 and capture the State 5A football title.

For Owatonna, it was the second time in five years that it has snagged the championship crown. The last time was in 2013 when the Huskies shut out Brainerd 24-0.

A few weeks after the championship title, star running back Jason Williamson announced he is committing to the Minnesota Gophers in 2019. Williamson is a junior.



FILE PHOTO

#1- HISTORIC COURTHOUSE FLOODS AS PIPE BURSTS

A pipe burst on the third floor of the Steele County Courthouse in Owatonna Jan. 10, causing water to rain down throughout the building and soaking the interior infrastructure. The courthouse was closed indefinitely while officials dealt with the water crisis and restored the building to its original shape.

For several months, court hearings and trials were moved across the street to the Owatonna Fire Station as well as the courtroom in the Steele County Detention Center.

The courthouse partially reopened in September to accommodate the high-profile murder trial of Cyrus Trevino. The courthouse is expected to the fully functional until early 2018, more than one year after the pipe burst.

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American Legion Post 52 and its Auxiliary presented two $500 scholarships to a pair of Blooming Prairie High School graduates, Delaney Nelson and Lucas Zellmer. Nelson is shown receiving the award from Legion Commander Karl Luiken and Doreen Blome of the Legion Auxiliary. Zellmer is not pictured.

BP Legion awards two scholarships

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Blooming Prairie American Legion Post 52 and its auxiliary each donated $500 scholarships to two Blooming Prairie High School graduates, Delaney Nelson and Lucas Zellmer.

The 2017 scholarships mark the 23rd year scholarships have been given to Blooming Prairie graduates.

Legion Commander Karl Luiken and Doreen Blome of the Auxiliary presented the checks to Nelson and Zellmer. Legionnaire Ken Trom is administrator for the Legion Scholarship Committee. Jaclyn Schlichter is president of the Auxiliary and on the committee.

Nelson is in her senior year at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. She will graduate in May.

A 2014 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School, Nelson is majoring in legal studies and hopes to enter pre-law and law school. She has a double major in political science/legal studies and Spanish. She has a double minor in teaching English as a foreign language and Latin American Studies.

"This scholarship means a lot to me; every penny counts," said Nelson.

She is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society and is charter president of the UEC Optimist Club. She is also active in the Spanish Club and the Reading Partners Program.

Nelson has been part of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northwestern, Wis., and she has been an educational intern in Pueblo, Mexico and a member of the Steele County Youth Safe and Drug Free Coalition.

Her work experience includes Youth Development Specialist for the Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley; teaching assistant at Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley and peer advisor for the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Center for International Education.

"My dream is becoming a human rights lawyer fighting for social, economic and political equality for all people," Nelson remarked.

She is the daughter of Sue and Don Nelson of Blooming Prairie.

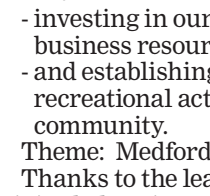
Zellmer, a 2012 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School, began medical school at the University of Minnesota this past fall. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

He was on the Dean's List 2012-16; member of the UW-River Falls Pre-Health Society; was part of the Eta Phi Alpha Honors Society at UW-LaCrosse; was recipient of the CRC Top General Chemistry Student Award; was a personal tutor in organic chemistry and general biology; member of the UW-LaCrosse Pre-Med Club and a pre-medicine mentor at University of Minnesota Medical School.

On the community level, Zellmer was involved in Angels in ER, St. Joe's Hospital; Place of Grace Catholic Worker; member of LaCrosse Homeless Bill of Rights Committee; volunteer for St. Clare Health Mission; member of LaCrosse

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New development specialist coming to town



Medford Mayor's Lines
LOIS M. NELSON

Happy New Year to all! We are starting off the new year in Medford with some new opportunities.

The first is that the Economic Development Authority (EDA) researched, discussed and recommended to the council earlier this year about funding and supporting a contract with Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) to hire a community and business development specialist to work two days a month on our behalf with emphasis on business expansion and retention and exploring new businesses to our area. Donna Mack will be that specialist working here starting on Jan. 18 and 30.

If you are considering expansion or starting a new business in Medford, she would welcome your call. Just contact City Hall, 507-455-2866, and leave a message with Andy or Elizabeth asking Donna to contact you.

The second is the Community Growth Initiative (CGI) Leadership team met in early December for training in asset mapping and their roles in helping define proposed projects with community residents and the $20,000 grant awarded to the city this fall by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF).

A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25, starting at 5:30 p.m. with food, at the UltraOutlets-suite 441-next to Dress Barn on the north side. (RSVPs are encouraged through the face book page Medford Bright Ideas Workshop or call: 507-200-9131. This will be a four-hour workshop concentrating on Medford's various assets in the areas of: physical, financial, social, associations, institutions, and individual assets; and identifying projects that the group will research and present six weeks later for some of the awarded grant monies. Follow-up sessions will be scheduled by the participants as the projects are implemented; and this fall; a celebration for the community will be planned as they are completed.

The leadership team encourages area residents, businesses and high school juniors and seniors to participate as the data collected and projects identified will benefit this community for years to come.

The vision statement and theme initiated by the team and to be built upon are:

Vision: To promote greater pride and vitality in the Medford community by:

- creating initiatives that showcase our quality of life
- investing in our entrepreneurial strengths and business resources
- and establishing a means to encourage recreational activities within our own community.

Theme: Medford - Come Grow With US!

Thanks to the leadership team for its time in the original planning of the CGI: Christina Wetmore is the lead and has responsibility of communication, energy and enthusiasm for the over all project. Other team members include: Mary Cronin, Annette Duncan, Chris Ditlevson, Karol Milbrath, Marianne Vandereide, Kevin and Denise Edel, and Dennis Luebbe. Thanks to each of them for sharing both their time and talents with this process.

"Bright Ideas" for the New Year and beyond… please consider sharing your ideas and building on the assets of Medford for 2018 and in the future!

Mayor Lois Nelson has just completed her fifth year as mayor in Medford. She writes monthly in the Times.

Appreciate your families this holiday season



Steele Talkin'
TRACY IGNASZEWSKI

The holiday season is here! Along with it come all the wonderful memories we shared with family during the holidays. It was wonderful to sit around the dining room table sharing with each other all the good times we had together. We filled Mom and Dad in on all those cow pie fights which frequently occurred on Sunday afternoons and the calf riding episodes complete with "bucking" straps. And all those other great events which took place over 25 years ago.

Many of us don't appreciate how very fortunate we are to have family. Often, we do not treat them properly or we expect too much of them. We expect mom to be there to pick us up after ball practice. We expect homework done by 8:00 with all A's. We expect a clean house with a cheerful heart. We expect gas in the car with the oil changed. We expect Grandma to baby-sit while we shop. We expect the garbage will be taken out and the dogs will be watered. And, of course, we expect to be remembered on "our" special days. Expectations, expectations, expectations!

Naturally, as family there are certain expectations. We all have a responsibility to help make the family function as a unit, without over-burdening any particular member. It really isn't fair to expect mom to always clear the table and do the dishes. It isn't appropriate that dad always has to do the shoveling or that junior always has to take the garbage out or mow the lawn.

Certainly some people are more suited to particular tasks then others and scheduling may play a significant role, but "get real", a person doesn't function well if they feel like they are always at the bottom of the heap...the gopher, the grunt, for the rest of the family and remember folks we all get these feelings— mom, dad, brother, sister, wife, husband, grandma and grandpa.

I can get pretty ornery when I feel like other people are taking advantage of me. As adults, we all sometimes feel this way, so naturally kids probably share these feeling as well. We all need to feel important, needed and a part of the family unit. When we don't, we tend to tell the others to "take a hike" or we take the hike.

How often do we let each other know that we appreciate them and that we're glad and proud to have them as a part of our family? Yes, many of us don't appreciate how fortunate we are to have families. If you haven't told your family, make a special effort to tell your family about how good you feel about them and how much you care about them. Tell them NOW! Don't wait until you're sitting around the dining room table 25 years from now!

Tracy Ignaszewski is the 4-H program coordinator in Steele County. Steele Talkin' is a regular column written by various authors representing groups and organizations throughout Steele County.

Change a child's life in the new year

Mentoring opportunity available through Big Brothers organization

This month, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota is celebrating National Mentoring Month with a challenge—30 Bigs in 30 Days.

Between Jan. 2 and Jan. 31, the agency is striving to recruit 30 new adult volunteers to be matched with 30 of our 180 local children currently waiting for a Big.

"Becoming a Big Brother or Sister is an easy way to change a child's life and make a difference in our community," said Megan Horton, recruitment coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters. "With the New Year, National Mentoring Month, and our 30 Bigs in 30 Days challenge, now is the perfect time to become a Big."

Research shows that mentors, like Bigs, play a powerful role in providing young people with the tools to make responsible choices, attend and engage in school, and reduce or avoid risky behavior like drug use. In turn, these young people are:

55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college.

81 percent more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.

78 percent more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.

More than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team.

Unfortunately, that same research shows that only one in three young people in our country will grow up without a mentor in their life. Today, there are about 180 local kids who are waiting to be matched with a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters in southern Minnesota.

National Mentoring Month is the time of year where engagement from community members interested in becoming a mentor is highest. This year, with the support of the mentoring community, we are encouraging the public to go beyond just digital engagement – and become involved in real life.



"We tend to overthink becoming a Big because 'mentor' can be a scary word. But we aren't asking you to change your life. Just do what you already do, like running errands or walking your dog, and add a child to it," said Michelle Redman, executive director at Big Brothers Big Sisters. "As a Big, I've watched my own life change for the better, not just my Little's."

Become a Big today. To learn more about getting involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters, or if you want to be one of the 30 Bigs in 30 Days, visit www.bbbsofsouthernmn.org or call 507-451-5922. Help change the lives of local children. The life you change just might be your own.



STAFF PHOTO: RICK BUSSLER

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

Top 10 sports moments during 2017

#10-BLOSSOMS' ILLE CAPTURES BEST EVER TIME AT STATE

Senior Alec Ille set a personal and a Blooming Prairie school record at the Minnesota State Cross Country Meet with a time of 16 minutes and 59 seconds at St. Olaf College in Northfield. It was Ille's third consecutive year qualifying to the state meet. He finished 72nd and 90th the two years prior. Ille hopes to become an All-American in either track or cross country at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

"It's nuts, you've got to be crazy to do this," he told the Steele County Times.

#9- OWATONNA'S STELTER SLASHES IN FINAL SPRING GAME AS A GOLDEN GOPHER

While the Minnesota Spring Game on April 15 was the first of new head coach PJ Fleck's career, it was the final one for former Owatonna standout Andrew Stelter.

The two-time Academic All-Big 10 Selection was rated the No. 4 recruit in the state of Minnesota by ESPN in 2013 after he finished his career at Owatonna as the Huskies' single-season and career sack leader. Stelter played with the first-team defense for much of the scrimmage, often splitting double-teams and holding his ground long enough to free up the linebackers behind him to make a play.

"It hasn't really hit me yet," Stelter said. "I knew coming in, this could be the last one, so I just wanted to go out, make the most of it, just take everything in, the fans; we had a great turnout for the fans. They were awesome today."

#8- UNUSUAL FOOTBALL PLAYERS: GIRLS MAKE HISTORY AT NRHEG

NRHEG senior Jamie McShane, junior Haley Westrum and freshman Claire Arndt are attempting to break the stigma that girls can't play football. All three players noted that ultimately, the decision to join the football team was due to having it around their respective households while growing up. The trio of Panthers became a part of nearly 2,000 high schools girls that play football across the country. All three players recalled moments when they felt like there were a few eyebrows raised.

"I have had a whole team where not a single player accepted my handshake," Arndt said. "They either moved their hand out the way or give like a fist bump."

Not all of their opponents are that subjective to the idea of a female playing football.

Westrum noted that after the WEM game she had a moment with an opposing player that was a like a shot of confidence.

"He grabbed my hand, looked me in the eyes and told me 'nice kicking,'" she said. "It's nice to have a guy on the opposing team support the fact that I'm a girl playing football."

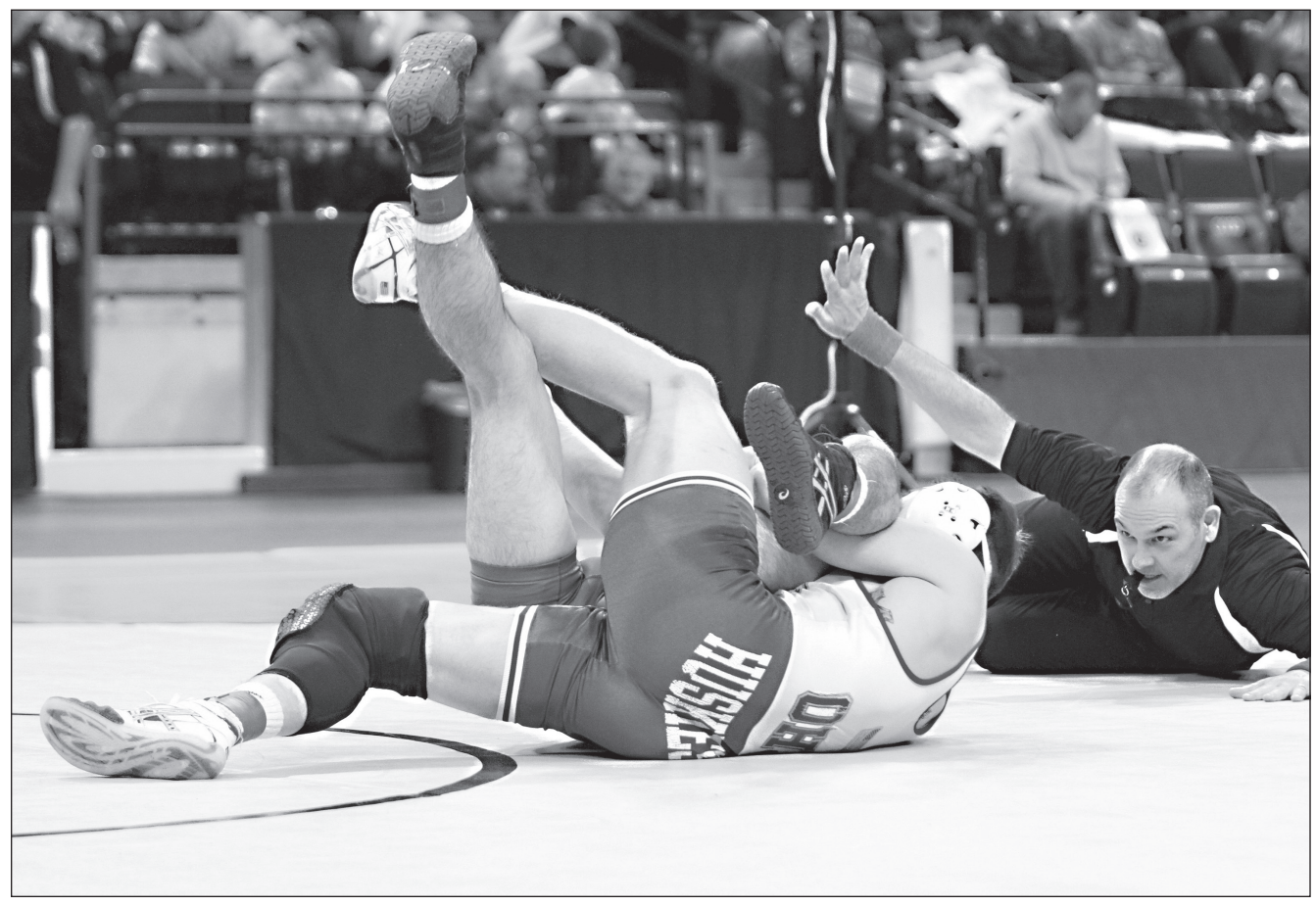
#7- OUTSTANDING SEASONS FOR NRHEG BASKETBALL TEAMS

NRHEG's Oakley Baker reaches career milestone, drops 40 as Panthers finish first state berth with a fifth place finish while the girls win two straight to take fifth at state.

NRHEG boys and girls basketball teams finished their seasons with victories in the fifth place game at their respective Class A state tournaments at the Gangelhoff Center on the campus of Concordia University. The boys defeated Lake City 77-66 on Friday, March 24. NHREG finished the season with a record of 30-3.

The Panthers' Oakley Baker was the game's leading scorer and surpassed 2,000 career points by scoring 40 points.

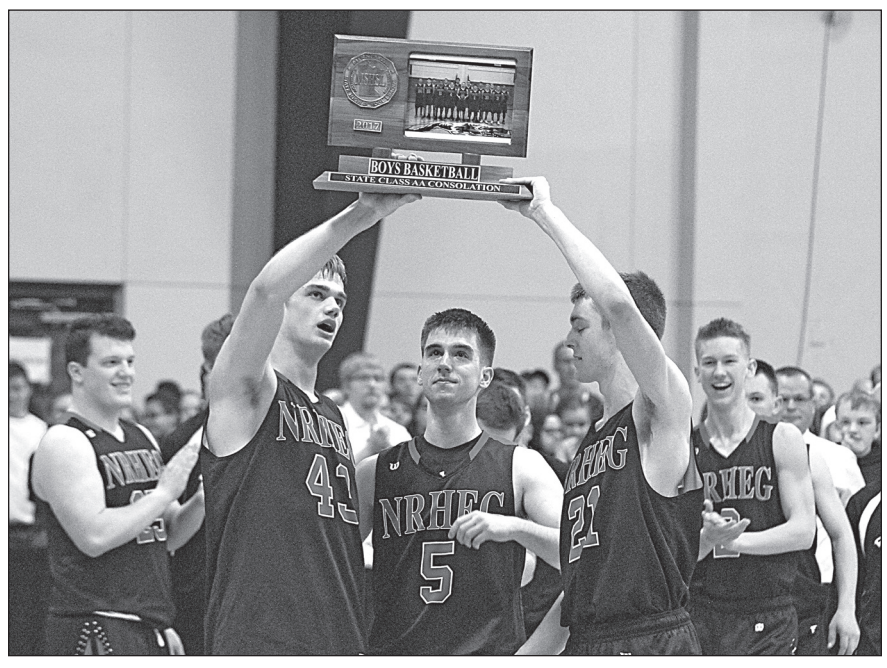
"I've been very fortunate to be around these guys," Panther head coach Pat Churchill told the Steele County Times. "They worked their butts off and accomplished something that they wanted. I was just along for the ride."



FILE PHOTO: JOSH ZIMMER

Moen attempts to pin Hastings' Trey Rogers in the first period of the Class AAA 182-pound state champioship match.

The girls team defeated Rochester Lourdes 73-57 on Friday, March 17. The Panthers had four players score in double digits. Betsey Schoenrock scored 20 points, Marnie Wagner finished with 15, Kayley Camerer had 12 and Rachel Collins added 11.



FILE PHOTO: JOSH ZIMMER

NRHEG seniors' Tyler Raimann (43), Chad Agrimson (5) and Oakley Baker (21) hold up the fifth place trophy to the fans after the Panthers defeated Lake City 77-66 in the Class AA state consolation championship game at Gangelhoff Center Friday. Baker scored a game-high 40 points and reached 2,000 for his career in the win.

"I can't say enough about this group," NRHEG head coach Onika Peterson told the Steele County Times. "They work extremely hard, they have a great attitude and they play with a lot of heart."

The Panthers finished the season with a record of 27-6.

#6- EXTREME TALENT

It was an event that was nearly seven years in the making, and despite a strong presence of precipitation earlier in the day, the grounds crew for Steele County Free Fair were able to resurface the track just enough so the high-flying ATV Big Air Tour could put on a much-anticipated show.

"We're always trying to be the crew that doesn't crash," event MC Bart Engelstad said. "We're always trying to be the most professional out there and with the majority of us being from Minnesota, we always wanted to perform at the biggest Minnesota County Fair.

#5- SACK CANCER NIGHT HITS HOME FOR MEMBERS OF OHS FOOTBALL PROGRAM

During the week that led to Owatonna's 46-7 win over Rochester Century, the school and the program held numerous fundraisers in support of the high school's annual "Sack Cancer Night." The event hit close to home as the Owatonna varsity offensive line coach Marc Wiese, whose sons Mitch and Zach both compete for the Huskies, lost his father Terry on Sep. 11 to Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

"I feel blessed," Marc told the Steele County Times. "The community that we live in, when something bad happens everybody rises up and is there."

Senior quarterback and captain, Abe Havelka noted the team really embraced the "rally up" mentality with support for their teammate.

"When one brother has to go through something like that, we're all there for him," Havelka said. "We know that he would have our backs if the same things was going the opposite way."

#4- 'IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE': BLOOMING PRAIRIE'S TOMMY BRAATEN WIN CLASS A STATE GOLF TITLE

It was a storybook ending for Blooming Prairie's Tommy Braaten on Wednesday, June 14 at Pine Creek Gold Course.

On the final hole of the second day of competition at the Class A

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BASKETBALL

Huskies continue to progress, build team chemistry during holidays

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR



STAFF PHOTO: DENNIS MARSHALL
Owatonna's Jason Williamson attempts a layup after getting out in transition against Minnetonka on Wedneday, Dec. 27. The Skippers defeated the Huskies 68-64.

While many boys basketball teams from around the state are taking time off during the holiday break, Owatonna chose to make up for lost time.

The Huskies (3-3) hosted the Federated Insurance Holiday Classic on Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28.

"It was imperative for us to have these games over the holiday break," Owatonna coach Josh Williams said. "it's tough to take a week or 10 days off. You get out of shape. We got such a late start anyway that we are just now finally getting our guys back into shape.'

Williams said the Huskies are progressing well after a late start to the season and in addition to the two games, the team got in valuable practice time during the break.

"We just wanted to keep the ball in our hands," he said. "We also helped keep our legs in shape coming out of break and stay on top of game."

Minnetonka (7-2) defeated Owatonna 68-64 on Wednesday.

Williams said despite the loss, the Huskies played their best game of the season up until that point.

Nolan Malo and Dalton Kubista each scored 18 points for the Huskies. Andrew Jackson had 12, Jason Williamson chipped in seven, Alex Racihle finished with six and Abe Havelka added three.

"We were in a position to win the game, but we just didn't make enough offensive plays," he said.

On Thursday, the offense finally clicked as the Huskies clobbered the Chisago Lakes Wildcats (2-5) by the score of 78-41.

"We have been getting better and better and tonight was definitely our best game of the season," Williams said. "We shoot it so well tonight. We've been waiting all season to have a game like this where we finally see the ball go in the bucket consistently."

Kubista scored a game-high 28 points. He said the offensive outbreak started on the defensive end.

"We got some stops and we were able to run and get some open looks in transition and we were knocking them down," Kubista said. "We shared the ball well. Everyone had opportunities to shoot and they were knocking them down."

The Huskies had a season-high 19 assists with six players recording at least two,

"The defense led to transition," Williams said. "The transition created open opportunities and our guys did a good job of willingly sharing the ball and finding the open guy to knock down shots."

Steven Eckard hit four 3-pointers to score 12.

"It was good to see the ball go in the basket," Eckard said. "The ball was just coming off my hand perfect. Seeing it go through the hoop was a big confidence booster for things to come."

Malo scored 15, Jared Fett had 11, Jackson contributed nine, Havelka finished with six, and Raichle had five.

Kubista said the games helped build team chemistry and the team is feeling confident heading into conference play after playing it two best games of the season.

"We just have to keep working hard, getting better defensively and making shots," he said. "We played two really good games that helped us gain some momentum and I'm excited for conference play."



STAFF PHOTO: DENNIS MARSHALL
The Huskies' Nolan Malo drives towards a Chisago Lakes defender during Owatonna's 88-49 victory on Thursday, Dec. 29.

Blossom girls fall just short

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

A last second shot attempt rimed out and the Awesome Blossom girls dropped their first conference game of the season. Maple River edged BP 51-49 on Friday, Dec. 22, at Mapleton to remain undefeated, while the Blossoms dropped to 4-1 in league play.

"We had a great game tonight," remarked Coach John Bruns. "We led the eagles for most of the game, but we had trouble own the stretch in keeping their 6-foot-1-inch post player Payton Berkner and leading scorer Madi Schirmer off the boards. We gave up some big offensive rebounds that cost us in the end."

BP led at the half but the late surge for Maple River turned the game into a victory for the home team. Sam Wurst counted 12 points, McKenna Hein 10 points and Julia Worke and Megan Oswald contributed eight points each. Maggie Bruns added seven points. MR's Schirmer led all scorers in the game. The Blossoms shot only 29 percent for the game and had 28 rebounds. Oswald pulled down 10 and dished out two assists. Hein had an assist and four steals and Wurst had seven rebounds and two steals for the game.

'We did get a shot at the buzzer that rimmed out and would have given us the win," concluded Bruns. "But in spite of that, there was a lot to learn from this game. The girls played extremely hard and I am proud of their effort in this one."

BP is now 6-2 for the season and 4-1 in the conference. The team next plays Southland at home Friday, Jan. 5.

The JV team trailed big at the half in the prelim and lost 34-29 to Maple River. The girls made a nice comeback in the second half, but a recurring theme of going long stretches of not being able to score did them in.

Maren Forystek and Riauna Bishop each counted seven points, Baylee Sorenson had six and Allison Krohnberg added five. The team evened its record at 4-4.

SPORTS: *Top ten*

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state boys golf tournament, the Blossoms' senior was just over 100 yards from the pin. With a gentle, yet decisive swing, he managed to drop his shot sithin five feet of the pin for a birdie attempt. The rest became history. With a smooth stroke on his putt, Braaten birdied the final hole of the course to solidify not just his first state title, but the school's first individual boys state golf title.

"It's a dream come true," Braaten's father Jay said. "He started golfing when he was three and this was one of his goals. To see any of your children achieve their goal, you're as proud as can be and I'm sure it's just the beginning for him. He has a bright future."

#3- TWICE AS NICE!: MOEN WINS SECOND STRAIGHT STATE TITLE IN DOMINATING FASHION

Owatonna senior Brandon Moen locked in a cradle and pinned Hastings' Trey Rogers just 40 seconds into the championship match of Minnesota state tournament on Saturday, March 4.

Moen dominated in all three of previous matches and won his second consecutive state title.

"I just tried something different this sections and this state tournament," Moen told the Steele County Times. "I've usually been conservative and I just tried to go all out, go 500 percent. My coaches told me that no one could stop me. I just went out there and attacked, attacked, attacked."

#2- MEDFORD'S LUKE JOHNSTON CAPTURES TWO CLASS A STATE TITLES

Medford's Luke Johnston won two Minnesota Class A state championships while competing in the wheelchair shot put and discus.

"He threw outstanding today," Medford coach Jerome Johannes said. "All week he just kept getting better, He did a great job today."

#1- HUSKIES CLAIM STATE 5A TITLE BY KNOCKING OFF DEFENDING CHAMP ELK RIVER

It was a dominant ending to a historic season for the 2017 Owatonna Huskies, defeating Elk River 63-26 in the Class 5A State Championship game on Saturday, Nov. 25 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Huskies' offense exploded for 42 unanswered points after trailing 14-7 early in the second quarter.

Owatonna earned some redemption after falling to Elks, 19-7, in the state semifinals the season before.

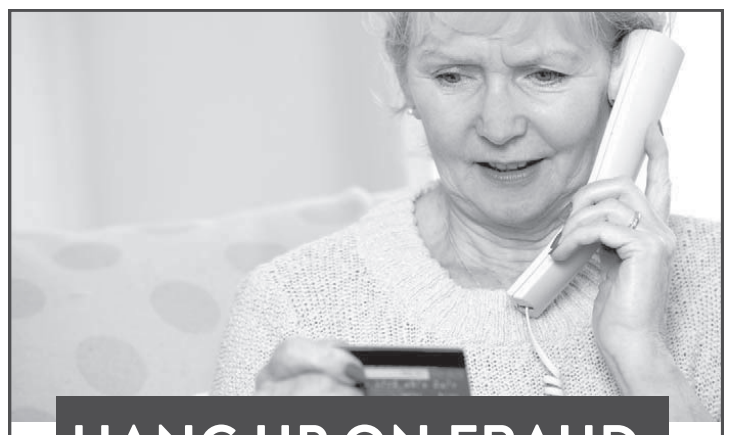
Minnesota commit-Jason Williamson carried the 23 times for 213 yards and five touchdowns. He also had three receptions for 54 yards and a 67-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Williamson's six touchdowns tied a state title game record.

"We played exceedingly well," Owatonna coach Jeff Williams told the Steele County Times. "They're a great bunch of kids to work with. I'm really happy for them and what they have been able to accomplish. They have an awful lot to be proud of."



FILE PHOTO: JOSH ZIMMER
Medford's Luke Johnston practices throwing the discus Wednesday morning at Medford High School. In his first year in the wheelchair division, the sophomore qualified for the shot put and discus after winning Section 1-A titles.


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BASKETBALL



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NRHEG's; Benji Lundberg goes up for a layup over a WEM defender in the Panthers 60-53 victory over the Buccaneers on Friday, Dec. 22.

NRHEG saves its best till last against WEM

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The New Richland-Heartland-Ellendale-Geneva boys basketball team dominated the final five minutes to defeat Waterville-Elysian-Morristown on Friday.

The 60-47 victory was the Panthers' first on the Buccaneers' home court in eleven years.

"They are always tough team and playing [at WEM] is one of hardest places to play," Benji Lundberg said. "We haven't won here in over 10 years and it's the first time we have beat them while coach Churchill has been our head coach."

The Panthers outscored the Buccaneers 16-6 after trailing 47-44 with five minutes left in the game.

Lundberg said the Panthers didn't come out totally focused.

"But when it truly mattered," he said. "We executed on offensive and defensive. We played them tough and definitely made it hard for them to score."

NRHEG coach Pat Churchill said he told his players not to panic after WEM made the shot to go up a three.

"I thought we had a really good possession where we swung ball, had about a 30 or 40 second possession and [Jacob] Schuller got a drive to the hoop and got fouled," he said. "He missed the free throw. but I thought that just calmed us down a little bit so that we could finish the game strong."

The Panthers' Brady Agrimson came away with steals on back-to-back Buccaneer possessions to put NRHEG back ahead, 48-47 with 3:19 remaining in the game.

"He's a pretty athletic kid," Churchill said. "He got a good read on it. That was a big play."

Lundberg said when Agrimson is playing his hardest defense "it's a sight to see."

"He can defend almost anybody on the floor big or small," Lundberg said. "I'm surprised he didn't go up and dunk it on the break away, but I'm happy he made the layup for us."

Lundberg nailed a 3-pointer on the Panthers' next possession.

"That was huge and completely changed the momentum of the game," Agrimson said. "It gave us the spark we needed to finish the game the way we did."

Agrimson grabbed a pass in transition and finished that the rim to increase the Panthers' lead to five points with just over two minutes remaining and NRHEG coasted to a victory.

Lundberg said the Buccaneers shot the ball extremely well.

"They have some good shooters and some good scorers," he said. "In the first half we kind of let them get loose, we did a much better job of slowing them down in the second half."

The Panthers improved to 5-0 this season while playing five new starters. The Buccaneers dropped to 2-5.

"That shows some maturity out of our young guys," Churchill said. "They are starting to figure things out and they're doing the things it takes at the end of games to win."

Lundberg was the game's leading scorer with 27 points.

He said he just tried to take advantage of what was open.

"We executed ball screens very well tonight," Lundberg said. "Most games we try to run our motion offense, but tonight we ran ball screens. I just came out and tried to be aggressive and try to hit the shots I know I can make."

Agrimson added 11, Jerret Utpadel scored eight, Schuller and Peyton Castle had six and Perry Peterson chipped in two.

Agrimson said it was great feeling for the Panthers to defeat their biggest rival.

NRHEG also competed in the Bethany Holiday Tournament at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Panthers (6-1) suffered their first loss of the season to Saint Croix Lutheran Academy (6-1) on Wednesday, 70-52, but bounced back to rout Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial (0-8) by the score of 72-24 on Thursday.

BP junior high girls continue to improve

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

After a losing streak to start the season, the junior high girls finished the pre-holiday schedule with a 5-8 record, splitting a double header in the past two contests. On Friday, Dec. 22, both the seventh and eighth grade teams defeated Maple River.

Playing great pressure defense and spreading the offense well, BP held the Eagles to just six points for the game in a 32-6 victory. The eighth grade had too many turnovers early in that game and still led by three points at the half. The girls took better care of the ball in the second half and got defensive stops to pull out a 39-26 win. Emily Miller had 15 points and Melanie Winzenburg added 10 for the locals.

JWP took a pair of games from the Blossoms on Tuesday, Dec. 19. The seventh grade team had a tough time keeping up with a fast and athletic Bulldog team and lost 51-12. The eighth grade game went back and forth, as BP took a lead with 19 seconds left in the game.

JWP passed the ball underneath, however, and counted a layup with three seconds on the clock to win the game 37-36. It was a disappointing loss, although the girls played very well. Lauren Schammel and Anna Pauly had 14 and 12 points, respectively.

GIRLS WIN FIRST GAME

After six straight losses, the junior high girls broke into the win column against United South Central on Tuesday, Dec.12. Both the seventh and eighth grade teams won their games over the Rebels by big margins.

The seventh grade team held USC scoreless in the first half of its game and led 21-0 at the break. The girls had a good passing game and scored several fast break baskets in a 46-5 victory. Sierra Larson counted 13 points to lead the Blossom scoring and Abby Smith was right behind with 12 points.

An aggressive offense for the eighth grade team gave the girls good shots at the basket, and Emily Miller had several good assists to the post. Schammel led the scoring with 14 points and Miller counted 13 in the 40-8 victory.

In a single combined contest on Friday, Dec.15, the junior high girls defeated Bethlehem Academy 36-25. The Blossoms had a slow start in this one, but the defense really stepped up and BP led the 21-11 at the half. Larson made some spectacular shots and finished the game with 14 points and Schammel added eight points for the winners.

Blooming Prairie boys win thriller

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

Jake Ressler's 3-pointer with three seconds left on the clock gave the Awesome Blossom boys a thrilling 62-61 victory over Maple River on Friday, Dec. 22. The conference win on their home court evened the Blossom record at 4-4, and finished the pre-holiday part of the schedule.

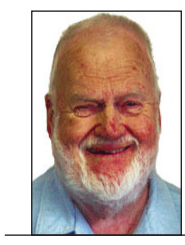
"This was a great game," commented coach Nate Piller. "The contest went back and forth most of the way, but we were trailing by two, when Ressler launched his winning basket. I give the boys a ton of credit for fighting through some more adversity, with which the team has had to deal."

With reigning All-Area player Gabe Hagen still out, and a second half injury to Kaden Thomas that put him out, Cameron Kubista picked up the scoring slack with 22 points, including 8-of-11 from the free throw line. Ressler finished with 14 points, including three 3-point baskets. Thomas had 13 points before he left the contest. Mason Sohre matched Kubista with 22 points for the Eagles. Ethan Sindler had 12 points and Sam Bennett added 10 for the visitors. Both teams picked up the scoring after being tied 26-26 points at the half.

"The subs played really well tonight," concluded Piller. "Max Romeo did a yeoman's work on defense. He worked his tail off on defense and in rebounding. This was the best the boys have performed by far this season. The team is doing remarkably well, considering the adversity under which they have had to play."

Following the holiday break the team will spring into action on Jan. 5, when they will travel to Adams for a non-conference tilt against Southland.

A few notes to help jumpstart the new year



Outside the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

All of the high school sports teams have been idle now for over a week. Practices have continued as usual, but all of them will get back into action this week. The wrestling team is doing well. The girls basketball team is surprising many fans and the boys have held their own, while they have dealt with a lot of adversity up to now. Hopefully that will change over the second part of the season.

Personally, I have been especially impressed with the basketball girls. A concern going into the season had to be how to find scoring, but that concern seems to have disappeared. Senior Sam Wurst, we knew, could be counted on for double-digit scoring almost every time out, but some other girls have stepped up and the team is exceeding expectations in that phase of the game.

Senior teammate McKenna Hein, sophomore Julia Worke, freshman Megan Oswald and eighth-grader Maggie Bruns have all aided the offense. A sticky defense has transposed into a 6-2-season record so far. It will be interesting to see if that could continue into the post-holiday schedule.

A few individual Westfield wrestlers also are having good seasons, but Colton Krell and Mitchell Oswald, especially, go into the rest the season with outstanding dual wins. Krell recently finished fourth in the giant RCTC Christmas tournament, and Oswald lost only two bouts in placing seventh. It should be noted, also, that Oswald served as one of the captains at the All-Star football game in December and was the only 1A player in the entire area to earn All-State honors. A well done to all the athletes having good years in their sport.

A NEW YEAR

Now that all the celebrations for the holidays have ended, and we have ushered in a new year, now comes that time of year in which many people have trouble coping with the weather and the relatively long stretch of time before a next holiday break. The extremely cold temps of the past couple of weeks certainly don't help one's disposition.

For me, the time after he holidays gives me an opportunity to sit back, reflect on the year just passed, and take stock in what's ahead in the future. 2017 won't go down in my memory book as a particularly good year. A second bout with lymphoma necessitating four cycles of chemotherapy and an extended bout with serious injury occupied almost the first six months of the year.

Fortunately, I was ale to recover from both incidents, although my physical strength and my sense of balance both suffered some deterioration. I consider it a small price to pay for the ability to still move around and still do most of the things I want to do.

On the plus side, I hosted a family reunion of approximately 30 relatives the first weekend in August, I had the good fortune of several close family gatherings, including everyone at Christmas, and several Broadway musicals entertained me greatly. And those were just the highlights.

On the sports scene, the Minnesota Twins surprised almost everyone with a playoff game earned, and the football Vikings won the division title and are poised to make waves in the playoffs. Even the Timberwolves win and are near the top of their division. Those are all somewhat surprising.

On the local scene, Tommy Braaten win the state individual state golf championship and the team placed fourth, Taylor Christianson earned yet another individual trip to the state tournament, and the Blossom football team again marched all the way to the section finals, losing a tough contest to Goodhue. Those were all accomplishments of which to be proud.

As for the new year, my goals and ambitions are simple. I hope to continue the things I have done for these many years- write articles for the local paper, attend several more musicals at the theater, and be fortunate enough to be a part of several family get-togethers.

If I could add the hope that loyal readers continue to read and enjoy my sometimes-rambling conversations, I will consider it yet another year of success and accomplishments. I guess time will be the ultimate judge of that, and it is not under any control on my part. I wish readers a happy and fulfilling 2018.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Almost two dozen favorite entertainment personalities died in 2017, including playboy founder Hugh Hefner, but four of my personal ones also left us. Everybody's girl next door Mary Tyler Moore passed away, and she starred in a couple of my favorite sitcoms. A favorite singer of mine Glen Campbell, succumbed to Alzheimer's disease, but left after singing a last concert while in the advancing stage of that malady.

I remember many Labor Day telethons watching with a friend's family, Don Narveson, a day of snacks, games and conversations, along with watching Jerry Lewis coax and cajole hundreds of thousands of dollars for his favorite Muscular Dystrophy charity. That and his hilarious comedy routines with Dean Martin will be forever remembered.

The only comedian that made a comfortable living making fun of other people had to be Don Rickles. Yet he was universally liked and admired. He worked right up to his death, and he will be forever noted for that deprecating humor. I am sure readers will recall some of their favorites, but those four that I mentioned remain a few of mine. They will all be remembered.

As we begin this new year, let's be excited about winter, high school sports and the expectations of a new season in just three short months. We'll talk again.

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To stay safe, you should always talk to your doctor or pharmacist to learn the ins and outs of your prescriptions, along with what foods and beverages to avoid while you're on it. In the meantime, here are some foods you should stay away from for some commonly prescribed drugs.

Cholesterol Medications: If you take a certain statin drug to control high cholesterol like Liptor, Zocor, Altoprev, Mevacor, or generics atorvastatin, simvastatin or lovastatin, you should avoid grapefruit and grapefruit juice. Grapefruit can raise the level of the drug in your bloodstream and increase the risk of side effects, especially leg pain.

Blood Pressure Medicine: If you take an ACE inhibitor drug like Capoten, Vasotec, Monopril, Zestril and others to lower your blood pressure, you should limit food that contain potassium like bananas, oranges, tomatoes, spinach and other leafy greens, sweet potatoes, and salt substitutes that contain potassium. ACE inhibitors raise the body's potassium levels. Eating too many potassium rich-foods while taking an ACE inhibitor can cause an irregular heartbeat and heart palpitations.

Blood Thinning Medications: If you are taking Coumadin, Jantoven, or the generic warfarin, you should limit kale and other greens, including broccoli, cabbage, spinach, and brussels sprouts that contain vitamin K. These foods can block the effects of these blood-thinning medications putting you at risk for developing blood clots. You also need to watch out for garlic, ginger, vitamin E and fish oil supplements because they can increase these medications blood-thinning abilities putting you at risk for excessive bleeding.

Antidepressants: If you take a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) antidepressant like Marplan, Nardil, Emsam, Parnate, or generic isocarboxazid, phenelzine, selegiline or tranylcypromine, avoid aged cheeses, chocolate, cured meats and alcoholic drinks. These contain tyramine, which can raise blood pressure. Normally, the body controls tyramine levels with an enzyme called monoamine oxidase, but the MAOI antidepressant block that enzyme.

Thyroid Medications: If you take a medication for hypothyroidism like Synthroid, Levoxyl, Levothroid or generic levothyroxine, you should avoid eating tofu and walnuts, and drinking soymilk. All these can prevent your body from absorbing this medicine.

Anti-Anxiety Medications: If you take medication for anxiety like Xanax, Klonopin, Valium, Ativan, or generic alprazolam, clonazepam, diazepam or lorazepam, you should avoid alcohol. These medications act as sedatives, binding with the brain's natural tranquilizers to calm you down. But when you mix these drugs with alcohol, the side effects intensify, and can cause you to feel lightheaded, sleepy and forgetful.

Antibiotics: If you're taking an antibiotic like Sumycin, Dynacin, Monodox, or generic tetracycline, doxycycline or minocycline, you should avoid dairy – milk, yogurt, and cheese, and calcium supplements and fortified foods – for a couple hours before and after taking the medicine. Calcium in dairy products binds to the antibiotic and prevents your body from absorbing it, making it ineffective.

To find more dietary guidance on the drugs you take, see reliable health sites like MedlinePlus.gov or MayoClinic.org, or consider the excellent new AARP book "Don't Eat This If You're Taking That: The Hidden Risks of Mixing Food and Medicine" available at Amazon.com and BN.com for $13.

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History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago
Jan. 1, 2008

Dan Evans, Publisher

Chad and Audra Hein were expecting that their soon-to-be seventh grader, Chad Hein Junior "CJ" would soon begin his junior high years as expected, with a fall/winter/spring sports schedule; but with the news of an irregularity in his heartbeat, came days and weeks of testing and meeting with doctors and specialists. This past June, he was diagnosed with hypertropic cardiomyopathy. Just days before Christmas, the Heins received a phone call that the money had been raised from within the Owatonna Hospital and its Allina's Heart Safe Communities program for an AED, which CJ can keep with him.

20 Years Ago
Dec. 30, 1997

Elsie Slinger, Publisher

Blooming Prairie Center, Inc. has recently been informed by the Mardag Foundation that it has been awarded a grant of $12,725. The grant will provide part of the funding for its Alliance for Building Community Project Outreach for 1998.

Tandem Products in BP recently named Nhat Doung Quality Employee of the Year. His production supervisor, Jay Archer, nominated Doung. Doung was chosen by management to receive this award because as a machine operator he demonstrated the flexibility and determination to consistently produce a high quality product in a safe manner.

Freeborn County Farm Bureau young farmer Alex Pirkl of Ellendale made it to the final four in Minnesota Farm Bureau's Young Farmer & Rancher Discussion Meet Contest during the MFBF annual meeting in Bloomington. For his excellent discussion skills, Pirkl will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. in March.

50 Years Ago
Jan. 4, 1968

Victor, Vernon & Vryle Krejci, Publishers

Fire Chief Kermit Peterson reported to the Times Wednesday morning that two Blooming Prairie teenagers have admitted arson at the Ille Brothers farm and at the Helmer Peterson farm, and that they have implicated a third Blooming Prairie teenager in the setting of fires, which destroyed the houses at both sites.

75 Years Ago
Dec. 31, 1942

Frank Krejci, Publisher

Burglars forced their way into the T.H. Skagen Webb Oil Station on Monday night, gaining entrance by breaking the glass in the front door. The prowlers took 25 gallons of gasoline, broke the center pump and broke three locks on another pump. Mr. Skagen is insured against burglary and holdup.

Dr. H.J. Kurtin, physician and surgeon, announced this week that he has leased offices in the postoffice building, formerly occupied by Dr. V.W. Carlson. Dr. Kurtin will move his equipment from the First National Bank building and will be in his new quarters by Jan. 1.

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THINK OUTSIDE THE GIFT BOX: DONATE BLOOD AND GIVE MORE LIFE

The best gifts can't be bought in a store. The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give more life by giving blood this December.

In December, donations decline but the needs of patients remain steady. During the holiday season, set aside an hour to give the most important gift – give blood and give more life. To encourage donations, all those who come to give blood or platelets Dec. 21, 2017, through Jan. 7, 2018, will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Make an appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

There are several upcoming blood donation opportunities around the area:

Albert Lea – Noon – 6 p.m. Jan. 4, Salem Lutheran Church

Albert Lea – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Jan. 5, Salem Lutheran Church

Austin – 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Jan. 4, Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Ellendale – 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Jan. 3, Ellendale Community Center

Hayfield – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Jan. 5, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

JAN. 3

10:30 a.m. – Storytime, BP Library

JAN. 8

7 p.m. – City Council Meeting

JAN. 9

4:30 p.m. – Fire Commission Meeting

7 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

JAN. 10

4:30 p.m. – Economic Development Authority Meeting

JAN. 11

4 p.m. – Police Commission Meeting

JAN. 16

2:30 p.m. – BPPU Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Ambulance Commission Meeting



ELLENDALE/GENEVA/HOPE

JAN. 3

1 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Red Cross Blood Donation Drive, Ellendale Community Center

JAN. 4

3:15 – 4:30 p.m. – After School Adventures: 4-H, Ellendale Cafeteria

JAN. 6

8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Sno-Blazers' Snowmobile Safety Training Class, Trail Association Clubhouse in Hope

JAN. 8

6 p.m. – Band Boosters Meeting

6 p.m. – Com Ed (Water Color Painting with Judy Tweeten) Class, NRHEG HS Art Room

7 p.m. – Berlin Township Meeting

JAN. 9

6:30 p.m. – Karate, Ellendale Elementary Gym North

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JAN. 4

9 a.m. – Jr. History Detectives, History Center

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JAN. 8

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Community Expo – Get Connected, HR Lounge of Federated Insurance

7 p.m. – Owatonna City Council Meeting, City Admin Building

JAN. 9

1 p.m. – So Many Books... So Little Time Book Club, Owatonna Library

7 p.m. – Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Owatonna

7 p.m. – Poetry Writers Group, Owatonna Library



Lighting up the night



STAFF PHOTO: HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming Prairie Mayor H. Peterson said he believes this holiday season has been especially bright because of all the homeowners who have put up Christmas lights. Here is just a sample of some of the lighting displays.

SNO-BLAZERS HOSTING SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TRAINING

The Steele County Sno-Blazers is hosting a snowmobile safety training class on Saturday Jan. 6 at the Trail Association Clubhouse in Hope.

Weather permitting, the class will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the driving test to follow. Pre-registration is available at Sette Sports Center in Owatonna and at the event starting at 7:30 a.m.

100% PANCAKE AND FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST COMING TO WEST CONCORD

Yep that's right: a 100% Pancake and French Toast Breakfast!

What's that you ask? One hundred percent of the money we receive at the West Concord American Legion and Auxiliary Pancake and French Toast Breakfast and Bake Sale goes to the Rochester Eagles Cancer Telethon! One hundred percent of your money! No expenses are taken out of the money received that day.

So, if you were planning on making a donation to the Eagles Cancer Telethon – well come on over to West Concord. For a $7 adult suggested donation and $5 for children suggested donation you can have breakfast on us. A win-win for everyone.

It will be held Sunday, Jan. 7 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Concord American Legion Hall.

The menu consists of delicious hot off the griddle pancakes and French toast. Also featured are Concord Store and Locker sausages, Callister farm scrambled eggs and a delicious dessert bar that is sure to delight your taste buds.

A bake sale will also be available so you can take home some delicious treats. Good food and fellowship is always served at the West Concord Legion.

Remember -- **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** of the money donated that day will go to the Rochester Eagles Cancer Telethon.

Start your year off right, and support the Rochester Eagles Cancer Telethon!

THE NORTHFIELD ARTS GUILD HOSTS AUDITIONS FOR THE KING'S NEW CLOTHES

Purple Door Youth Theater, an educational branch of the Northfield Arts Guild, hosts auditions for the Kevin Holmstrom Bradshaw comedy, The Kings New Clothes, on Wednesday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Feb. 4 between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Auditions for this all-student touring production take place at the Northfield Arts Guild Theater, 411 Third Street West, Northfield.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The King's New Clothes is a delightful, funny re-telling of the Hans Christian Andersen story of The Emperor's New Clothes. The King has a splendid new suit — the Queen and all their subjects agree. The problem is that not even the King can see it. This play is a funny and fast-paced parable about pride, delusion and human nature, appropriate for the entire family.

After-school rehearsals begin on March 12. The Kings New Clothes touring performances are April 20-22, 2018 and Guild Theater performances are April 27-29, 2018.

Students in grades 2 through 12 are encouraged to try out for the many acting roles. To sign up for a 30-minute audition slot, call 507-645-8877 or visit northfieldartsguild.org/theater/auditions. More information and audition tips are available by visiting the Education page at NorthfieldArtsGuild.org.

The Kings New Clothes is a Project Purple Door production. Project Purple Door (PPD) is an extension of the educational Purple Door Youth Theater program; PPD focuses on ensemble-based storytelling: building productions through imaginative theatricality and minimal stagecraft. Additionally, The King's New Clothes will tour to several Northfield locations- engaging students with fun and increased responsibilities and community-building experiences.

Through hands-on-theater experiences, students will be involved with every aspect of producing the show under the direction and instruction of Rachel Haider. Student tuition for The King's New Clothes is $112.50 for Guild members and $125 for non-members. Scholarships may be available.

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- **BAR BINGO:** Monday, 6:30 p.m.
- **BLOOMIN' GRAPEVINE WINE CLUB:** Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 30, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 8: Season Finalē

HOLIDAY EVENTS!

- **HARVEY'S HOLIDAY CHEER:** Dec. 16, 3-7 p.m. Drink specials, munchies and meat raffles
- **VIKINGS VS. PACKERS:** Dec. 23, 7-10 p.m. Munchies and meat raffles
- **EUCHRE:** January 13, 1 p.m.

PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR HOLIDAY REFRESHMENTS

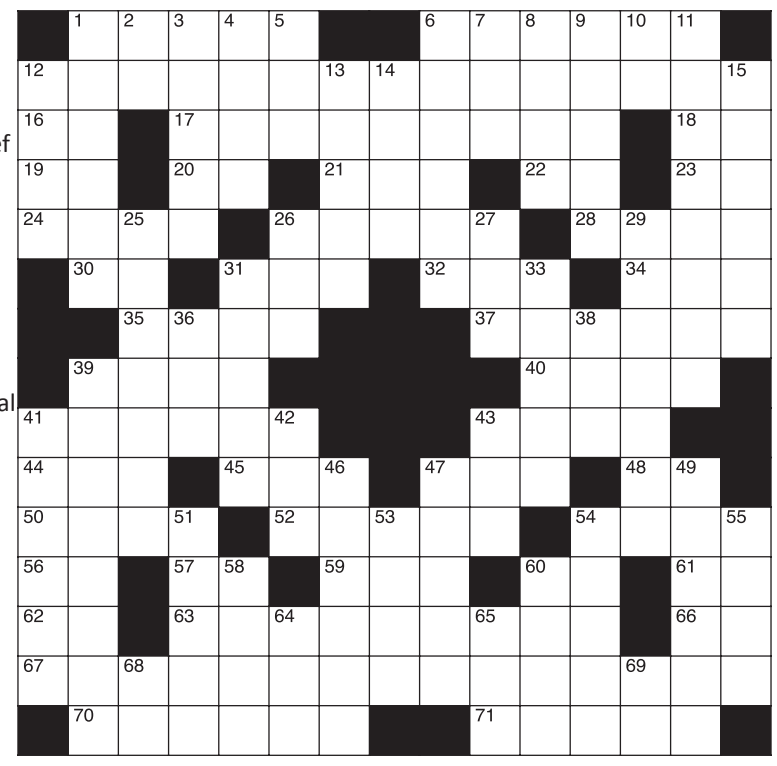
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Put within
6. Learned person
12. Resistance
16. Female title
17. Logical basis for a belief
18. Of I
19. Indicates position
20. Article
21. Insignificant organizational member
22. __ route
23. Expression of disapproval
24. Microelectromechanical systems
26. Ponds
28. Satisfy
30. Dad
31. Spanish soldier "El __"
32. Pouch-like structure
34. Obscure unit of measurement
35. Okinawa prefecture capital
37. Platforms
39. Jazz singer Irene
40. Benefits
41. Hellenistic governors
43. Brownish-green fruit
44. Needed to see
45. Political action committee
47. Fast plane
48. Bahrain dinar
50. Urgent request
52. Raccoon genus
54. Millisecond
56. Atlanta rapper
57. Rural delivery
59. Intrauterine device
60. The Wolverine State
61. Free agent
62. For instance
63. Reduces
66. Lincoln's state
67. Quit
70. Midsections
71. Bullfighting maneuvers

CLUES DOWN

1. The arch of the foot
2. Canadian peninsula
3. Koran chapters
4. Abba __, Israeli politician
5. Youngster
6. Burns
7. Comedienne Gasteyer
8. Valley
9. Belongs to sun god
10. Nickel
11. Great in salads
12. Leader
13. Forced through a sieve
14. Entryway
15. Support pillars
25. Aquatic mammal
26. __ Farrow, actress
27. Unhappy
29. Holds molecules
31. Thrifty
33. French dynasty
36. Scottish port
38. Irish militant organization
39. Dawn
41. Musical group of seven
42. Used to fry things
43. Carrot's companion
46. Rough stone landmarks
47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah
49. Goes against
51. Passion
53. Hard white animal fat
54. Soybean pastes
55. Beckon
58. Mountain and morning are two
60. Self-referential
64. Data executive
65. Retirement plan
68. Star Trek character Laren
69. You and I

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 9, 2013
MORTGAGOR: John J. Devoe and Skye R. Devoe, husband and wife.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 10, 2013 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000393391.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated July 16, 2014 Recorded July 29, 2014, as Document No. A000398052.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1002489-0000006986-5
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage Inc., dba Mortgage Depot
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5248 Kenyon Road, Owatonna, MN 55060
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 100191201
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
EXHIBIT "A"
Commencing at a point in the center of the Public Highway, Forty-two (42) rods North of the quarter section stake between Sections Nineteen and Twenty (19&20), in Township One Hundred Eight (108) North, of Range Nineteen (19) West, running thence West Fifteen (15) rods; thence North Sixteen (16) rods; thence East Fifteen (15) rods to the center of said Highway; thence South along the center of said Highway Sixteen (16) rods to point of beginning.
(Being in the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 19-108-19).
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $146,938.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $157,747.38
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: January 19, 2018 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 July 19, 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: November 14, 2017

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

13-093719

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: August 7, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $109,200.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Sharon L. Van Esch, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100103210000209774
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Prime Mortgage Corporation
SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed August 13, 2007, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000351664, Thereafter modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on August 24, 2009 as Document Number A000366198
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc.; Thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lots 3 and 4 in Block 23 in Johnson and Company's Addition to the Village of Medford
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 410 1st Ave SW, Medford, MN 55049
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16.101.2303
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $122,127.03
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 25, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on July 25, 2018, or the next business day if July 25, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: November 27, 2017

Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae")
Assignee of Mortgagee

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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: September 8, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $99,170.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Cindy K. Rogness, a married person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 9, 2014 as Document Number A000398644 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Three (3), Block One (1), in Stormo Addition to City of Owatonna, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1314 N CEDAR AVENUE, 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: $96,964.55
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-157-0103
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100031200012152291
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on August 13, 2018.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: December 19, 2017

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

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FORECLOSURE

17-106617

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
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $131,400.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Ronald G. Dagit and Shirley A. Pichner, husband and wife and their Successors, as Trustees of the Pichner/Dagit Family Trust, the same bring dated 10/17/2005
MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Bank of America, N.A.
SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 19, 2011, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000067268
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 9, Block 1, La Casa Estates
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2025 La Casa Lane SE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-436-0109 COT# 16750
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $132,166.69
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 25, 2018, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on July 25, 2018, or the next business day if July 25, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: November 27, 2017

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Mortgagee

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 3, 2008
MORTGAGOR: Mary Jean Patterson, single woman.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Advisors Mortgage, LLC its successors and assigns.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Filed October 9, 2008, Steele County Registrar of Titles, Document No. T000063549 on Certificate of Title No. 15636.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association. Dated September 19, 2017 Filed September 25, 2017 , as Document No. T000075332.
Said Mortgage being upon Registered Land.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100199600000155495
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Advisors Mortgage, LLC
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 455 Kriesel Place Northeast, Owatonna, MN 55060
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 173360112
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 12, Block 1, Heers Addition No. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $144,281.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $125,640.08
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: February 2, 2018 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 August 2, 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: November 28, 2017

U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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LEGION: *Two scholarships awarded*

FROM PAGE B1

Collaborative to End Homelessness; president and founder of Wheels for All, UA; Jefferson Award Winner; Oppulation Health Underground; Great Rivers United Way member; Serving the Common Good speaker; Hamilton Elementary School Mentorship Program; Great Rivers Hub Community Advisory Board; Minnesota Medical Association member and Franciscan CORE retreat speaker.


Zellmer

Work experience includes: research assistant for Howard Hughes Medical Institute at UW-River Falls; SURE intern for Transitional Cancer Research for the Hormel Institute; Disability Services Support Specialist; Residential Coordinator for Creative Community Living Services, Inc.; Resident Care Associate at Bethany Lutheran Homes; Project Coordinator St. Claire Health Mission; AVID Program Tutor at LaCrosse Central High School; Research Assistant for Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota.

Upon completing medical school, Zellmer will receive a Doctor of Medicine (MD) and be able to enter residence to specialize in a specific field of medicine.

Zellmer's goal is to combine his love for both community level health and biochemical level pathophysiology throughout his career.

"Being awarded the BP American Legion scholarship has eased the financial burden of medical school," Zellmer said.

He is the son of Randy and Kay Zellmer of Blooming Prairie.

BP SCHOOL

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE,
MINNESOTA 55917
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA
CENTER**

**PROPOSED TENTATIVE
AGENDA**

**6:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 11, 2018
Regular School Board Work
Session –High School Board
Room
5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Open Public Forum–High
School Media Center
5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Regular School Board
Meeting–High School Media
Center**

Any person may raise a question to the School Board. The Board will not act on any item presented to them, which is not on the agenda, until the following Board meeting. Also, the Board would like persons to limit themselves to five minutes, with a maximum of 15 minutes per topic. These limitations are needed for us to run a timely and orderly Board meeting. Persons are requested to identify themselves prior to speaking.

**I. CALL TO ORDER –
CHAIRPERSON**

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL – CLERK

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

**VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD
ACTION IS REQUESTED**

A. Installation of New School Board Members
B. Rotation of Officers
C. School Board Committee Assignments
D. Consent Agenda
- Minutes
- Bills
- Treasurer's Report
- Resignation
- Donations

E. Employment
F. Volunteer Coaches
G. Designation of Local Depositories, Newspaper, and School Attorney
H. Promulgation of Seniority Lists for the Teaching Staff
I. Snow Dance DJ

**VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION
AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY**

A. Rotation of School Board Officers
B. Committee Reports
C. Enrollment Data
D. Dates to Note

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR
BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes

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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 conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 23, 2013
MORTGAGOR: Francis L. Pete and Louise Pete who acquired title as Louise M. Barker, husband and wife, as joint tenants.
MORTGAGEE:
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Citibank, N.A..
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Filed December 3, 2013, Steele County Registrar of Titles, Document No. T000071027 on Certificate of Title No. 17106.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc.. Dated January 5, 2016 Filed January 19, 2016 , as Document No. T000073389. And thereafter assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage d/b/a Mr. Cooper. Dated November 17, 2017 Filed November 27, 2017 , as Document No. T000075625.
Said Mortgage being upon Registered Land.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100011511237743902
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Citibank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1419 North Cedar Avenue , Owatonna, MN 55060
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17-156-0209
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot Nine (9); and Lot Ten (10), Except the South 70 feet of Lot 10, in Block Two (2) in Ochs' Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota, County of Steele.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $156,500.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $161,662.64
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: February 16, 2018 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 August 16, 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:
December 11, 2017

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
d/b/a Mr. Cooper
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
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Assignee of Mortgagee
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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: September 30, 2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $163,920.00
MORTGAGOR(S): John Devetter and Colleen Devetter, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Timberland Mortgage Services, Inc., a Minnesota corporation
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on October 1, 2004 as Document Number A000326156 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on July 11, 2011 as Document Number A000378974 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to GCAT Management Services 2015-13 LLC by assignment recorded on August 25, 2015 as Document Number A000403768 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by assignment recorded on October 18, 2017 as Document Number A000415351 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, thence running East 1545.7 feet which point is the true point of beginning, thence running North 340 feet, thence running East 384.3 feet, thence running South 340 feet; thence running west to the point of beginning, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 5348 48TH STREET SOUTHWEST, 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: $160,595.30
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Timberland Mortgage Services, Inc., a Minnesota corporation
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-035-2204
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100321500021405989
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM.
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota.
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on August 13, 2018.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: Colleen Devetter a/k/a Colleen Ahern

Dated: December 15, 2017
MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.
Mortgagee
THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

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BP CITY

**Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
City Council Meeting Agenda
January 8, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

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

Committee/Commission Reports
1. B.P. Public Utilities
2. E.D.A. Commission
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission
5. B.P. Ambulance Commission

Business
1. Official Appointments, Official Depository and Official Newspaper
2. Review Expenses Reimbursement and Mileage Rate
3. Police Impound Fee
4. Dog License Fee
5. Review Fee Schedule
6. Summary of Closed Session
7. Vacate Street
8. Mayor & Council Members Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage
9. 2018 Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting Date
10. Pay Request No. 3 – Ulland Bros. Inc.

City Administrator's Report
1. EDA Purchase of Tax Forfeited Property
2. WWTP Job Applications
3. Three-year Revenue Average

City Attorney's Report

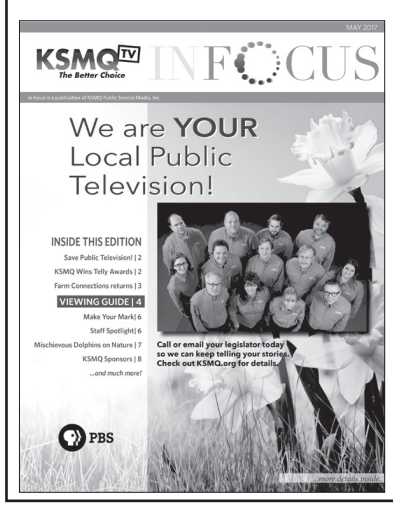
Council Members' Reports

Adjourn

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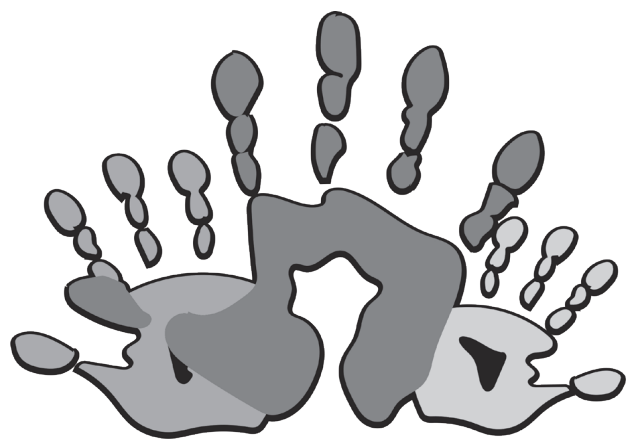
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Saturday, June 23
Lucas Oil Raceway
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Saturday, July 7
Lake Erie Speedway
North East, PA

Saturday, July 14
Salem Speedway
Salem, IN

Saturday, July 28
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La Crosse, WI

Saturday, August 11
Toledo Speedway
Toledo, OH

Saturday, August 25
Elko Speedway
Elko, MN

Saturday, September 15
Anderson Speedway
Williamston, SC

Saturday, October 6
Lucas Oil Raceway
Indianapolis, IN

**Race dates and locations subject to change.*

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