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Cancer battle forces fair manager to step down

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

Minnesota's top county fair will be without a manager beginning next week.

On Friday, Jim Gleason, who has been battling an aggressive form of brain cancer since October, turned in his resignation to the Steele County Free Fair effective Jan. 1. He began as assistant manager in 2011 under former manager Elmer Reseland before taking over the reigns as manager in 2012.

"It's not something he wants to do, but because of the current state of his health, he can't perform the duties of the position," said

Natalie Gleason, Jim's daughter. "It's tough for him. He was pretty emotional about it when we put together the (resignation) letter."

Leaving behind the top spot in what is widely known as the best county fair in the state was a difficult decision for Jim, Natalie said. "He basically fought this decision, but came to the realization that it needed to be done," she added.

Known for his gift to gab, Jim began having trouble communicating while working in October and soon found out after that he had an incurable brain tumor. He had surgery in which doctors removed about 90 percent of the tumor. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation.

The resignation did not come as a complete

surprise to fair officials. "We're very sad it has come to this, but we realize he needs to do it," said Dan Deml, fair president. "He needs to focus on his family and health."

Deml said Jim has done "an outstanding job in moving the fair forward" over the past several years. "We appreciate all he has done. We had hoped he would continue for many more years," Deml said.

Natalie told the Times that even after the surgery and treatment, her father continues to have trouble reading and short-term memory issues. She said his communication difficulties

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Area Habitat director taking on international role

The area's executive director for Habitat for Humanity is exchanging the local flavor for international flavor.

Pat Heydon, director for Steele-Waseca Habitat for Humanity, will step down Friday as she has accepted a new position with Habitat for Humanity International.

Heydon remarked, "While I consider myself very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with an organization that makes such a profound impact in the lives of families and this community, I look forward to the opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity International and with affiliates across the country."

She will join the Operational Excellence Department with Habitat International in January.

Since joining this affiliate, Heydon has led the completion of four new home constructions, implemented new programs, and developed a larger presence in the communities served by this affiliate. She is planning to continue supporting this affiliate in a volunteer role.

The board of directors will be seeking a new executive director. Interested candidates can learn more about the position or submit a cover letter and resume to executivedirector@habitatwsa.org.

Ellen Heydon, community engagement coordinator, will be the primary contact for the affiliate in the interim and can be reached at 507-446-0112 or email info@habitatwsa.org.

BIG AND LITTLE

Adults share friendships with children through Big Brothers Big Sisters program

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

They're constants in each other's lives, which has proven to become mutually beneficial for both of them.

Lora Isackson of Owatonna and her little, Diamond Bavardo, enjoy hanging out together through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Isackson feels that the program is "amazing" and that it does really important work. She said that she had wanted to do it for a few years and saw it as a goal for herself to volunteer. She explained that the timing had to be right and that at first she was a little nervous yet hopeful that Diamond would respond well but that now they're more than happy to hang out together whenever they can.

"We're both twins" Isackson exclaims, clarifying that both her and Diamond belong to sets of fraternal twins, one of the many similarities they've found between each other. She says that she would recommend volunteering in the program for anyone who's interested, and feels that it's a "cool way to make an impact" and that the result is very gratifying.

According to Isackson, it's more of a friendship-type relationship rather than anything too formal. In addition, she said that she feels Diamond can count on her and vice versa.

Some of the activities they like to do together include biking, going to the movies, hanging out, and baking cookies. There are also a wide variety of events planned and orchestrated through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and both Lora and Diamond enjoy these as well.

Isackson jokes, "I think Diamond knows everyone there." She said that it's also fun for her to connect with other volunteers like her as well as the many people involved in the program.

Prior to her volunteer work at Big Brothers Big Sisters, Isackson had been a full-time teacher, as well as a substitute. She is still employed as a full-time substitute for the school district, and thinks that being a parent and a teacher has allowed her to see the need many kids have for the program. "It feels good to make a difference in a small way," she said, adding it's fun on top of everything else.

Isackson said that Diamond and her have met each other's families, and get along well with them. She explains that



STAFF PHOTO: CHRIS BALDWIN

Big and Little: Lora Isackson of Owatonna with her Little, Diamond Bavardo. Last week they exchanged gifts for Christmas with matching shirts and matching smiles. The Big Brothers and Big Sisters program is looking for additional volunteers to mentorship children of all ages.

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"being a Big doesn't have to cost you anything, you can choose to spend some money on activities or other things, but it's not a requirement."

Last week, her and Diamond both spent a little extra on each other, and exchanged gifts for the holiday season. They also made matching shirts with their favorite colors, purple and pink. Diamond says that she loves Christmas and that she enjoyed the event Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota put on for the season in partnership with the Elks Club.

Diamond, with a beaming smile, notes that "Lora's really nice" and says that she also likes Lora's husband and their family dog. Lora and Diamond have been paired up for over

SEE **BIG, A8**

Huskies running back star stays close to home, commits to Gophers

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

It didn't take long for Owatonna standout Jason Williamson to commit to Minnesota head coach PJ Fleck after being offered a full athletic scholarship on Thursday morning.

After all, Williamson has been a lifelong Gophers fan.

Williamson posted to Twitter,

"First I want to thank God, without him I wouldn't be blessed with this opportunity. I want to thank my family, coaches and friends for allowing me be in the position that allows me to play the game that I have loved my entire life. With that said, I have decided to commit fully to the University of Minnesota!!!"

Williamson rushed for 2,316 yards and 38 touchdowns and

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FILE PHOTO

Though he's only a junior, Owatonna Huskies star running back Jason Williamson (No. 22) has already committed to joining the Minnesota Gophers football team in 2019.

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OUR VIEW



Santa Claus (aka Chief Greg Skillestad) had a police escort, Officer Dan Peach, to spread a little Christmas cheer around Blooming Prairie just in time for the big holiday. Santa parked his sleigh in a quiet area in town and motored around to various houses.

Area law enforcement strives to build relationships

There is a softer side to law enforcement than the hard-core image we’re most often accustomed to seeing. That was plainly evident over the past few weeks in Steele County in preparation for the holiday season. On Dec. 12, the Blooming Prairie Police Department threw open its doors by welcoming more than 200 people into the police station for a Christmas party for children. Officers were dressed in different uniforms than normal—those resembling Santa Claus (aka Chief Greg Skillestad) and his trusty old elf (aka Officer Dan Peach). It wasn’t tickets noting mischief that was being handed out, but rather candy canes, Christmas cards and other baked goodies. Then just a day later a Christmas miracle took place at the Target Store in Owatonna for 16 area families. Uniformed officers from Owatonna Police, the State Patrol and Steele County Sheriff’s Office volunteered their time to be with the children for the Shop with a Cop program. The children received \$2,000 of presents for themselves, as well as their families, compliments of Target. It was a heart melting moment that produced a few tears to see law enforcement officers wheeling around the store with shopping carts with small children at their sides. The children were given the opportunity to fulfill their Christmas dreams and enjoy the holiday season with visions of nice police officers dancing in their heads. The smiles on the faces of the children that this event produced were priceless.

Such events like the kids Christmas party in Blooming Prairie or the Shop with the Cop in Owatonna help build trusting relationships between police and community members. It’s important for people to not be afraid of the police. Law enforcement has taken quite a beating on the national front over the past few years. It’s reassuring and refreshing to see that we don’t have such problems in our area. The recent holiday events involving our local police agencies are a good sign that police want to build relationships with the communities they serve and not rip them apart. A big thank you to area law enforcement officers for making the holidays special for our communities. It goes a long way in showing everyone that there is a human side to you as well.

YOUR VIEW

Heartwarming stories not found in other papers

To-the-Editor:
Thanks to the editor of the Steele County Times for the encouragement and welcome to the column, “Letters to the Editor.” The Tuesday, Dec. 12 edition covers some heartwarming stories that one doesn’t usually find in the metro papers. Reading about the dedication of farmer Lowell Trom as he continues managing a farm at 88 years of age should make your readers feel like “hanging in there” no matter what comes. The house warming and dedication for another Habitat for Humanity home in Owatonna for the Chambers family is so appropriate during this season of sharing and giving. As I read the entire article at the on-going commitment that the Catholic Daughters have in reaching out to make family life better in our community. Considering the fact that grants of \$10,000 have been made annually towards a home somewhere in Minnesota for 12 years showed explanation why support is needed each October when the gummy bear project is covered out in communities where Catholic Daughters courts exist. Locally that included courts in Waseca, Medford and Owatonna. Catholic women are encouraged and welcomed to join any of these local courts and take part in their numerous activities. On a completely different note is the report of the break-in at Lansing Corners. I can’t imagine the stress and disappointment that the intrusion caused for the ambitious couple, Ward and Tammy Jenö, who have worked so hard putting their dream into action. Hopefully there will be a happy ending as a climax to that situation. There are other enlightening stories, and I trust there will be more in future editions.

Luella Heim
Medford



It’s just a number (a big one, I might add)

I don’t know how many times I’ve heard the phrase, “It’s just a number,” over the past few weeks. The unthinkable happened to me a week ago. I turned 50 years old on Dec. 12. As my family and friends celebrated the grand occasion with me, they kept reminding me that I shouldn’t worry about turning 50 because, well, “it’s just a number.” All the while I kept thinking, “But, it’s such a big one.” It just seems crazy to me that I have been alive for half a century already. I also don’t like the thought that I’ve already most likely lived more than half my life. But nevertheless I’m reminded it’s only a number. And I’ve come to the conclusion that it’s probably the best way to live out my life from this point on. I am forever blessed to have wonderful children. They surprised me with a big party with about 75 close friends, employees and family members in attendance. There, of course, were balloons, birthday cake, banners and a newsletter with a phrase affectionately named after my interest in newspapers, “Over the Hill Times.” Besides this newspaper, I own the Dodge

County Independent. I love parties and gatherings, especially planning them for other people. I will admit it just melted my heart to have the tables turned once and something so spectacular planned for me. It was heartwarming to have friends from near and far gather together for some great friendship and fellowship. And, of course, a few jabs here and there about turning 50. To me, there is nothing better than spending time with family and friends. One thing I have noticed over my years is how family gatherings have changed. It seems like it has become harder to get together than it used to be. It doesn’t help when people end up being spread out all over the country. I received a card that outlined several important and memorable moments from 1967. I was



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

GUEST COLUMN

It’s been a busy holiday rush

I wanted to send a quick update to wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year. It’s been a busy holiday time here at home, but I’ve been enjoying it greatly! **Wells Rifle and Pistol Club Christmas Dinner**
I’ve enjoyed getting around to the communities in our area during the holiday festivities. I had a wonderful time with the members of the Wells Rifle and Pistol Club at the club’s annual Christmas party in Wells recently (I am a member of this club). I always look forward to joining them – such great people to be around – and they serve a mouthwatering steak dinner, too! **A Visit With Kids College**
Colter and I went to visit Kids College earlier this week, an after-school program in downtown Albert Lea. I love this program. Whenever I stop by, the kids are always actively engaged and having a blast exploring their creativity. The program allows kids to explore the arts, from writing, to painting, to beadwork, and more. Check them out sometime here. It’s a great way for kids to spend their after-school time. Colter thinks it’s a pretty cool place too and loves to cuddle with the kids! **DNR Dredging Permit Approved**
On Dec. 19, we received notice that the Shell Rock River Watershed District Board received their

permit from the DNR to dredge Fountain Lake. It was a pleasure for me to have had the opportunity to work with both the DNR and our Watershed District to help get this permit approved and finalized. This process was a challenge and I want to thank both the DNR and the Watershed District for sticking this out and working together to get this permit completed. It’s a nice Christmas present for our area! **Merry Christmas!**
One of my favorite parts of the Christmas season is to be able to drive around and see all of the beautiful lights on the homes and attend the fun hometown events when I’m able. My most favorite, though, is the time I get to spend with good friends and family. Nothing can beat that! I hope you have a wonderful holiday season. My three furry friends, Colter, Kelchi, and Mingo, and I wish you a very merry Christmas and a blessed new year! *Peggy Bennett is the state representative for District 27A, which includes Freeborn County and the City of Blooming Prairie.*



PEGGY BENNETT

YOUR VIEW

Forum set on end-of-life decisions

To-the-Editor:
Physician-assisted suicide (active euthanasia) is an emotionally-charged topic. Advocates say that choosing when one dies is a fundamental right, while opponents feel it is an over-extension of the law. On Tuesday, Jan. 9, Joseph Wilson, M.D., a respected local psychiatrist, will offer his insightful perspective on this difficult subject at the Owatonna Public Library Gainey Room from 7-8:30 p.m. He will suggest options for end-of-life decisions, as well as

give his views on medical care that can be provided to dying patients. This event is the third forum in a series of four entitled, “Shining the Light on Culture.” It is free and open to the public. The Conservative Coalition of Owatonna is sponsoring this question and answer series and cordially invites you to attend.

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Bittersweet moment

For BP band director Reishus at holiday concert

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

It was a bittersweet moment for Blooming Prairie High School band director Ross Reishus as he directed his band in a holiday concert in the BPHS gymnasium Thursday night, Dec. 21.

Just 10 days earlier, Reishus directed the Hayfield High School band at a holiday concert, picking up the reins from fellow band director Dennis Conroy who died suddenly just days earlier.

While introducing some of his band's selections Thursday

night, Reishus paid tribute to his fellow band director by saying he was his mentor.

Following the concluding number, Principal John Worke praised Reishus for helping a neighboring school at a time of sadness.

Reishus' Blooming Prairie band rose to the occasion playing some spirited selections.

The Jazz Band was up first doing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Up on the Housetop," "Silent Night" and a jazzed up rendition of "We Three Kings."

The junior high band was next with "Winter Reflections," "The Chipmunk Song," "Two Spanish Carols" and "Here Comes Santa Claus (Right Down Santa Claus Lane.)"

After a 15-minute intermission, the senior high band performed

various selections including "Carol of the Bells," "A Christmas Overture," "Glorious Christmas," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" "Snowbells" and "Appalachian Snowfall."

The BP Music Boosters sold cookies and had fudge samples to promote its fundraising campaign. Fudge can be ordered from any band member.

The Senior and junior high bands came together for the finale, playing "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

Jazz band members included D.J. Stender, Bradley Simon, Allison Krohnberg, Shayne Jorgenson, Jon Herron, Kiya Thompson, Virdiana Villareal, Maggie Bruns, Sam Michaud, Sam Pirkel and Greta Sunde.



Left: Seventh grade flute player Natalie Scheper was decked out in holiday colors at the Blooming Prairie High School Band Concert on Thursday night, Dec. 21 in the BPHS gymnasium.

Center: Eighth graders Lauren Schammel and Alexis Ripka and seventh grader Clare Rennie, played as a trio during intermission of Thursday night's Blooming Prairie High School band concert at Blooming Prairie High School.

Right: Blooming Prairie High School sophomore D.J. Stender performs with his alto saxophone at the Thursday night holiday concert in the BPHS gym.



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

The sounds of the Season



STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Left: There have been sounds of the season filling the air throughout the area this month, including the holiday concert at Blooming Prairie Elementary School on Dec. 1. The elementary choir presented two selections during the concert in the elementary gym. The little voices performed "Snowfall Lullaby" and "Christmas...in About 3 minutes. The choir was directed by Kari Bottin.

Above: Kindergarten kids taught by Mrs. Bruns, Ms. Henslin and Mrs. Ostrander presented two numbers at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School Holiday Concert on Dec. 1. The kindergartners sang "I'm a Little Snowflake"

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ELIMINATE TRIP AND SLIP HAZARDS

Since falls are the leading cause of home injury among seniors, a good place to start is by arranging or moving your mom's furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through. Position any electrical or phone cords along the wall so they won't be a tripping hazard. If she has throw rugs, remove them or use carpet tacks or double-sided tape to secure them. And pick up items on the floor that could cause her to trip like papers, shoes or clothes.

In the bathroom, buy some non-skid rugs for the floors, and a rubber mat or adhesive nonslip strips for the floor of the tub or shower to prevent slipping, and have a carpenter install grab bars in and around the tub/shower and near the toilet for support.

IMPROVE LIGHTING

Good lighting is very important for safe aging-in-place, so check the wattage ratings on your mom's lamps and light fixtures, and install the brightest bulbs allowed. Purchase some nightlights for the bathroom and in the hallways that are used after dark. And consider adding under-cabinet task lighting in the kitchen, and motion sensor lights outside the front and back doors and in the driveway.

HAND HELPERS

If your mom has hand arthritis or problems gripping, install lever-style door handles (or doorknob lever adapters), which are easier to use than doorknobs. The same goes for twist knob kitchen or bathroom faucets, which you can replace with a single lever, touch or sensor-style faucet. And consider replacing knobs on cabinets and drawers with easier-to-grip D-shaped handles.

Simple Home Modifications That Can Help Seniors Age in Place

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you recommend to help make a home safer for aging-in-place? My 76-year-old mother wants to stay living in her own home for as long as possible, but she doesn't have the money for any big renovations.

Concerned Son

EASIER LIVING

To help make your mom's kitchen easier to use, organize her cabinets so the things she uses most often are within easy reach without a lot of stooping or using a step stool. Also, consider installing pullout shelves beneath the counter and Lazy Susans in corner cabinets for easier access. And get her a kitchen stool so she can sit down while she's working.

In the bathroom for easier and safer bathing, consider purchasing a shower chair and install a hand-held shower so your mom can bathe from a seated position if need be.

ACCESSIBILITY SOLUTIONS

If your mom uses a walker or wheelchair, you can adapt her house by installing ramps on entrance steps, and mini-ramps to go over high thresholds. You can also install "swing-away" or "swing-clear" hinges on her doors to add two inches of width for easier access.

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

To keep your mom safe, set her hot water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or below to prevent scalds. If she has stairs, put handrails on both sides. Also, install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on all levels of her house, and place a lightweight, easy-to-use ABC-rated fire extinguisher in an easily accessible location in the kitchen.

For more tips, get a copy of AARP's "HomeFit Guide" that's filled with dozens of aging-in-place recommendations. You can access it at AARP.org/homefit, or call 888-687-2277 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

Also note that all the previously mentioned products can be purchased either in local retail stores, home improvement stores, pharmacies or medical supply stores, or online at Amazon.com.

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

History from the News Archives

10 Years Ago
Dec. 25, 2007

Dan Evans, Publisher

Homes that won the BP Chamber of Commerce's Lighting Contest were named this past Friday night by area judges. Winning the "Brilliant Award" was the Jeff Gwilt home located on 3rd Street. The Junior Swenson home won the "Creative Award" on 423 Street. The Ernie Betlach home won the "Religious Award" with the lighted nativity scene on 1st Ave. SE.

"We are so fortunate to have him here!" were the words that came from the front office of the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club just days after the hiring of Ralph Diaz. Diaz is known to these parts, as he once was a part owner of the Cue Company and also owned the Geneva Liquor store for over five years and just recently sold it. He will serve as the new manager at the Servicemen's Club.

20 Years Ago
Dec. 23, 1997

Elsie Slinger, Publisher

Last year's student council members raised funds from the school carnival to purchase new lettering for the front of BPES. Members included Luke Nelson, Kraig Olson, Steven Busho, LeAnna Kruckeberg, Kjersten Mathsen and Angela Noble.

In an effort to save money and still say close to an even technology keel, the local school board voted to purchase 42 new computers at its Dec. 15 meeting.

50 Years Ago
Dec. 28, 1967

Victor, Vernon & Vryle Krejci, Publishers

Fires which destroyed two farm homes in the Blooming Prairie area last week are being investigated by authorities for possible arson, Fire Chief Kermit Peterson reported to the Times Tuesday afternoon. Totally destroyed by flames in the two separate fires were the two-story frame house on the Ille Brothers farm, two miles southwest of Blooming Prairie, and the vacant two-story frame house on the Helmer Peterson farm, two miles south of Blooming Prairie on Highway 218. Fire Chief Peterson stated that evidence obtained at both sites strongly indicate that arson is involved. The loss of the Ille home was estimated at \$14,000 with \$4,000 of personal belongings. The loss of the Peterson house was estimated at \$7,000 and \$200 in contents.

75 Years Ago
Dec. 24, 1942

Frank Krejci, Publisher

Mrs. J.E. Price, Mrs. George Upcraft, Mrs. George Neib, Mrs. Charles Elinger and Mrs. H.L. Wheeler have received honor pins in recognition of having worked 150 hours in Red Cross work. These ladies are now striving for the 300-hour production pin. Workers who have 75 hours to their credit have their names inscribed on the honor roll.

A disastrous fire at the C.F. Anderson farm home 2 ½ miles west of Bixby Sunday morning, destroyed the residence with practically all its contents. The fire spread rapidly and had gained such head way that the Blooming Prairie fire department confined its efforts in preventing the blaze from spreading to other nearby buildings. The loss is estimated at \$3,000 with only \$1,000 insurance carried on the house. The residence was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and their daughter, Ella.

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Kids of Christmas Campaign through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota.



Although she might be shy at first, Sara is a fun and talkative 10 year-old. She loves dance class, music, playing outside, Spongebob, and she wants to learn how to do fun science projects. Sara wants to know what her future Big does for work and for fun. She would love to go bowling or do arts and crafts with her future Big. The best Big for Sara would be a warm and positive outlet for her.

Breezy is a 9-year-old athletic hard-worker. She loves board games, crafts, watching movies, and sports—especially gymnastics. Breezy wants to go to college and maybe be a professional gymnast one day. She hopes that her future Big has a pet. The best Big for Breezy would also be athletic and competitive in a positive way.

For additional information on how to be a mentor to one of these kids or any others, contact Megan Horton at 507-451-5922. More info can also be found at www.bbbsouthernmn.org.

Cast announced for upcoming Little Theatre play

Little Theatre of Owatonna has announced the cast for the upcoming winter production of Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize winning drama "A Streetcar Named Desire."

The play is regarded as among the finest of the 20th century and considered one of Williams' greatest achievements. It is presented by Little Theatre of Owatonna through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

The play tells the story of Blanche DuBois, a former school teacher and fading Southern belle from Laurel, Mississippi, who shows up at the doorstep of the apartment that her younger sister Stella shares with her husband, the brutish Stanley Kowalski. Because of the way in which she looks down on Stanley and the neighborhood into which he has brought her sister to live, Blanche earns the instant dislike of Stanley. The presence of Blanche, who is penniless and more than willing to live off of Stella and Stanley, causes problems for the couple, who already have a volatile relationship.

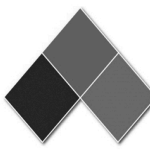
The play also features Mitch, who works in the same plant in which Stanley is employed and is a poker and bowling buddy of Stanley. Mitch, who is a kinder and gentler man than Stanley, initially falls for Blanche until Stanley tells Mitch some of sordid history that he has discovered about Blanche.

The cast includes: Heather Burke as Blanche DuBois; Patrick McColley as Stanley Kowalski; Courtney Kryzer as Stella Kowalski; Cody Jensen as Harold "Mitch" Mitchell; Gail Zollner as Eunice Hubbell; Kevin Ideker as Steve Hubbell; Curt Jorgensen as Pablo Gonzalez; Caleb Wagner as Young Collector; Theresa Scheidt as Woman 1; Alicia Frarck as Woman 2; Daren Strobel as Doctor; and Shari Strobel as Nurse.

Jeffrey Jackson will direct the performance with technical direction from Kristi Westergaard.

Performances of "A Streetcar Named Desire" will be 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 16, 17, 23, 24, with 2 p.m. matinees on Feb. 18 and 25. Tickets are available at LittleTheatreOfOwatonna.org.

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OBITUARIES

Sandra Hoffmaster, 78,
Hosford, Florida



Sandra Aleen Hoffmaster, 78, of Hosford, Fla., passed away in her sleep on Dec. 15, 2017.

Sandra was born on Aug. 11, 1936 in Horse Cave, Ky. to Samuel and Nellie Vaughn. She graduated from South Broward High School in Hollywood, Fla. Sandra married Joseph Ricketts Sr. of Florida and they had two children. They were later divorced.

On Sept. 11, 1964, Sandra married Marvin Hoffmaster in Fayetteville, Tenn. Sandra and Marvin also had two children from their union. Marvin brought three children with him to the union and Sandra and Marvin had a beautiful blended family of seven.

Sandra spent the next 35 years working with Marvin on the Link Shows out of Montgomery, Ala. They traveled nine months of the year with the Link Shows. They spent the winters in Coldwater, Mich., while raising their family.

After leaving the show, Sandra moved to Blountstown, Fla., to care for her aging father. She then later relocated to Hosford, Fla., with her son Joseph.

Sandra is survived by her children James Ricketts, Blountstown, Fla.; Joseph (Dianna) Ricketts Jr, Hosford, Fla.; Rodney (Norma) Hoffmaster, Owatonna; Scott (Holly) Hoffmaster, Carrollton, Ga; and stepchildren Dean (Patricia) Hoffmaster, Paris, Texas; Peggy (Tom) Sigley, Geneva, Ohio; Anne (Mark) Boehme, Sumner, Texas. Grandchildren Joseph (Amanda) Ricketts III, Newnan, Ga; Nellie Ricketts, Paris, Texas; Ashley (Adam) Williams, Ellendale; Michelle Hoffmaster, Mankato; Christian Hoffmaster, Carrollton, Ga; step-grandchildren Steve (Kathy) Hoffmaster, Paris, Texas; Michael (Myliissa) Hoffmaster, Paris, Texas; Tommy (Tabitha) Davis, Geneva, Ohio; and great-grandchildren Brandin, Brayden, Nevaeh, and Farrah Ricketts, Paris, Texas; Josalyn and Lacey Hoffmaster, Ellendale; step great-grandchildren Shelby, Logan, Christopher, Heather Hoffmaster, all of Paris, Texas, Jennifer (Daniel) Holladay, Paris Texas; Hope, Cam & Mac Davis, Geneva, Ohio; and step great-great grandchildren Reagan and Abigail Holladay, Paris, Texas and baby Anthony Davis due Dec. 29, Geneva, Ohio.

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents, husband Marvin in 2006, daughter-in-law Grace Ricketts of Paris, Texas, grandson Gregory Ricketts of Paris, Texas, and step grandson Danny Davis of Geneva Ohio.

The family will be holding a private interment service.

DEATH NOTICE

Marian E. Christiansen, 83,
Blooming Prairie

Marian E. Christiansen, 83, of Blooming Prairie died Saturday afternoon, Dec. 16, 2017, at Prairie Manor Nursing Home in Blooming Prairie.

Marian requested that no formal services be held. A Private Family Graveside service will be held at a later date at the Blooming Prairie Cemetery.

A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

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Cancer Corner

BP CANCER GROUP TO SPONSOR
BREAKFAST ON JAN. 14

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

The first major Blooming Prairie Cancer Group event of 2018 starts Saturday, Jan. 13 with the Eagles Telethon in Rochester.

Members of the Cancer Group will present a check at that time to the Eagles Telethon. Last year, the Cancer Group presented a \$64,000 check. This year's donation has not been revealed as of yet.

The next day on Sunday, Jan. 14, the BP Cancer Group will sponsor a breakfast at

the Pizza Cellar in Blooming Prairie.

Those attending the breakfast not only get a delicious breakfast but they also can register for prizes. A donation jar will also be available. Some youngsters brought their piggy banks and donated the contents last year.

"The generosity of our area residents is truly appreciated," said Cheri Krejci, BP Cancer Group treasurer.

More plans for the upcoming year will be announced early in 2018.



Staff file photo by Howard Lestrud

A \$64,000 check from the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group was presented last January to the Eagles Cancer Telethon of Rochester. Another check will be presented on Jan. 13. Presenting last year's check were Cancer Group members Phil Milton, Jennifer Milton and Cheri Krejci.

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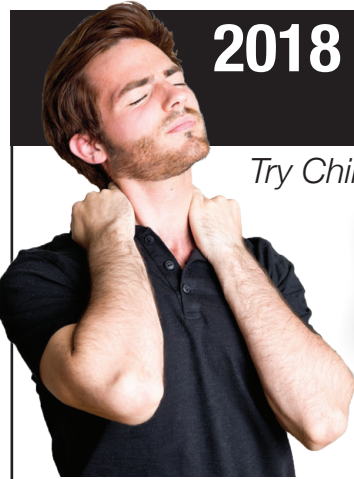
SEMCAC Senior Menu

- Wednesday, Dec. 27**
Pork Loin Medley, Asparagus, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Shortcake
- Thursday, Dec. 28**
Porcupine Meatball, Buttrd Mashed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Fresh Fruit
- Friday, Dec. 29**
Baked Chicken, Mashd Potatoes/Gravy, Seasoned Peas/Celery, Mixed Fruit cup
- Monday, Jan. 1**
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- Tuesday, Jan. 2**
Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Stewed Tomatoes, Banana

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Dec. 27
Tara Gimbel
Carsten Ingvalson
Jeffry Zimmerman
Macy Lembke
Lydia Brown
Mason Brown
Dec. 28
Thomas Braaten
Madeline Sorenson
Jakson Vermilyea
Joel Burr

Benji Bishop
Carter Bishop
Maya Lembke
Tyler Watkins
Allison Thoen
Seth Peterson
Jon Butler
Jack Bruns
Dec. 29
Jeff Severson
Daniel Rivera-Escandon
Mary Master
Ryan McCabe
Kayla McCabe
Dec. 31
Joshua Shaw
Jan. 1
Jeremy Simon
Elijah Skillestad

Jan. 2
Allen D. Johnson
Joan Severson
Connie Lembke
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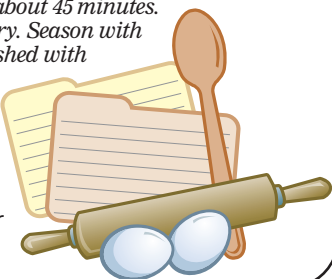
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 carrots, finely diced
- 2 leeks, white and light green parts, finely diced
- 2 celery stalks, finely diced
- 14 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 quarts Chicken Broth
- 3/4 cup wild rice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 3/4 cup heavy cream, hot
- 3 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1/4 cup minced chives
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley

Heat the butter in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the carrots, leeks and celery. Cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to low, add the flour, and stir well. Cook gently, about 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add the broth gradually, whisking well with each addition to eliminate flour lumps. Bring to a simmer. Add the wild rice and salt. Continue to simmer until the rice is tender but still somewhat chewy, about 45 minutes. Stir in the heated cream and sherry. Season with salt. Serve in heated bowls, garnished with chives and parsley.

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Paying forward God's love with love



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Eight-year-old Myles Eckert found a \$20 bill in a Cracker Barrel Parking Lot and decided to give it and a handwritten note to a soldier that he spotted nearby. His note said: “Dear Soldier — my dad was a soldier. He’s in heaven now. I found this \$20 in the parking lot when we got here. We like to pay it forward in my family. It’s your lucky day! Thank you for your service. Myles Eckert, a gold star kid.”

The soldier, Frank Daily, was so grateful that his story went viral, and shared over half a million times. He was then invited to appear on Ellen, and with former president George W. Bush at his presidential library. From there his family spearheaded with the goal of raising a foundation to give to charities

and families in need. It all started with just a \$20 bill but then really took off with a response of thanks, paying the compassion forward to others!

We just experienced Thanksgiving a month ago and this week Christmas. When I think of all we should be thankful for from God and how we should respond, I think of being thankful by paying it forward to others. I know we should always be thankful. Confession: I’m not. I try to be, and I know I have so much to be thankful for, but I fall short so often at expressing it. I forget to say thanks or write that thank you note. On occasion a relative asks me sometime after Christmas or my birthday, “So did you get that gift? Never heard anything back.” How about

you? How thankful are you and how do you express it?

We have so much to be thankful for, yet is there anything worthier of expressing thanks to God for, than for His love, and the greatest expression of that, the gift of His son? Yet, how should we express thanks to Him? We certainly could never repay him, for what He has done. I love how Martin Luther put it: “When God in his sheer mercy without any merit of mine, has given me such unspeakable riches, shall I not then freely, joyously, wholeheartedly, unprompted, do everything that I know will please him? I will give myself as a sort of Christ to my neighbor as Christ gave himself for me...We do this not out of grievous and legalistic duty or out of

hope to earn his favor, but out of sheer gratitude for the favor we already have”. The way I put it is: God loves us, and He gave us His son.

We express thanks to Him by loving Him back (“Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment” ...Matthew 22:37,38), by doing what He says.

We also express more thanks to Him by loving others (“And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.”- (Matthew 22:39)!

How can we express thanks back to God for His love? It’s simple. Paying it forward with love: love him and love others!

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BIG: Adults sharing friendship

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a year, and are still finding ways to have fun. Isackson says that she feels that she “gets a lot back from her Little” and hopes to continue with the program, saying “I want to be her Big as long as she wants me to.”

Isackson said that it took about a month, along with some minor steps, to get approved, but once the approval cleared that it was a quick process to get connected with Diamond. She explains that there are multiple ways to go about volunteering, including meeting with the kids during school hours, but that she wanted to be a “community Big,” meaning that they get to spend time together whenever they want. “We like to do our own thing,” she said.

Diamond’s father works full time, and appreciates the program as well as the time Lora spends with his daughter. Diamond says that her twin sister is also in the program, as are two of her other siblings. The program offers children from a wide range of backgrounds the ability to connect with an adult in a meaningful way. Once signed up, volunteers are asked to participate for at least a year, and from there decide if they wish to continue.

When she was ready to volunteer, Isackson says that she went online, but that you can also call or contact the Southern Minnesota chapter if that’s more convenient. She said that the people involved with the program are very nice and friendly, and that they are all there because “they really do care about providing kids with good mentorship.”

The program, Isackson said, is always in need of volunteers, especially males. She said that there’s different ways to do it, and that sometimes couples or families will act together as a Big for their assigned Little.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has become an important social program within the American fold. The program originally got its start in New York City over a hundred years ago, and now operates across the nation, as well as internationally, in countries such as Canada, Australia, and Russia. As an organization, it seeks to match kids of differing ages with volunteers who wish to give some time and friendship.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota provides Steele, Dodge, Rice, and Waseca counties with the opportunity to

both volunteer, as well as become the junior part of a Big-Little relationship.

Andrew Carlson, marketing coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters, proudly notes that the Southern Minnesota chapter of the program was able to serve 529 children in 2016 and has already surpassed that number this year.

He says that the program is “pretty significant in our little corner” and feels that “mentorship is important for any child, even ones not facing adversity.” Carlson explains that one of the main goals of the program is to make mentor relationships successful for the kids.

According to Carlson, volunteers for the program have been increasing, and the Southern Minnesota subdivision of the organization saw a 12 percent growth from 2016 to 2017, which, in his words “is pretty big for a non-profit.” He says that a lot of the mentors eventually find themselves becoming a constant in the child’s life, something which can be mutually beneficial.

Carlson says that the first steps to volunteering shouldn’t be hard at all, and that the website has a volunteer page which can steer potential participants from there.

When discussing the program, he admits that “I think there’s a misconception that it takes a lot of time or is a big commitment, but it’s not.” He feels that “it only takes a little bit of time to change someone’s life.” Carlson is more than happy to explain that the program offers volunteers “meaningful work” that is also fun and enjoyable.

A Philadelphia based research organization, Public/Private Ventures, found in a study conducted between 1994 and 1995, that children enrolled in the program were 46 percent less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 27 percent less likely to begin using alcohol, 52 percent less likely to skip school, and are more confident in their school performance, as well as able to develop stronger relationships with their peers and families.

Volunteering at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota is a great way for people who wish to give back to do so. Those who wish to volunteer should visit the website at: bbbsosouthernmn.org.

Just as Isackson has for Little Diamond, it’s possible to make a difference in the lives of other children.

CANCER: Fair manager to step down

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would have made it nearly impossible for him to continue as manager of the fair.

“He still wants to be involved as much as possible as a consultant,” Natalie said, “But right now he needs to take a back seat to relax and lower his stress level.”

According to Natalie, Jim began radiation treatment in Albert Lea last week. He is also taking a chemotherapy pill. “He hasn’t had many side effects, and his spirits are up,” Natalie said. “He has so much energy that he’ll be normal,” she added.

Even though Jim has been with the fair staff for only seven years, he had been involved with the fair for “most of his adult life,” Natalie said. For years, he worked at KRFO Radio in Owatonna and helped out at the KRFO stage during the fair. She said he has always had a big heart for the fair.

The fair’s personnel committee will be meeting Wednesday to discuss options in moving forward,

according to Deml. He said the plan right now is to begin advertising for a new manager in early January with hopes of having someone hired by spring.

“The sooner the better,” Deml said in finding a replacement. “But we’re not in a critical situation of needing someone within days or weeks,” he said.

Deml expects the new manager to have strong skills with marketing and public relations. “We need strong communication skills to promote the fair,” he said. He added the manager must be strong at working with various boards and organizations throughout the county as well as the entire region.

“This is a county fair, and not a city fair,” Deml said. “We need to have good working relationship with area boards.”

The fair, Deml said, is working with the family to set up a benefit for Jim in early March. More details will be released at a later time.

GOPHER: Huskies running back commits

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help lead Owatonna to a Class 5A State Championship.

“[Coach Fleck] asked if I wanted to commit this morning and we had been talking for a while before,” he said. “I decided that I want to. So it just kind of happened.

“I like what coach Fleck brings to the table and what he’s doing with the program up there,” Williamson continued. “He’s bringing in a really good 2018 Class and he’s determined to bring in an even better 2019 Class. That really intrigued me.”

Minnesota’s Gatorade Player of the Year said it was dream come true to sign with Gophers.

Williamson was just the second junior to ever win the prestigious award.

“Growing up here and everyone in my family always being Minnesota fans,” he said. “It’s always been my dream to play here.”

The 6-foot-1-inch, 205-pound

prospect also drew from Iowa, North Dakota State and South Dakota State.

Williamson said he was excited to make the announcement and fully focus on the current basketball and his upcoming senior football seasons.

Minnesota is recruiting Williamson as an athlete. He could potentially play a number of different positions for the Gophers including running back, wide receiver, defensive back or linebacker.

“I just want to play and help the team wherever I can,” he said.

Williamson will be the second player to play at Minnesota in the past five seasons, following defensive lineman Andrew Stelter.

Williamson joins Eden Prairie quarterback Cole Kramer as the Gophers’ first two commits from the Class of 2019.

The Owatonna star is the third-ranked Minnesota player in the Class of 2019, according to 247Sports. Kramer is ranked fourth.

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Officer Neil Johnson Shot To Death By Tom Underwood

Tributes From Village Officials

JAMES E. OLSEN

The tragic death of Neil Johnson has left an aftermath of sorrow over our entire community and very definitely over the Village Council. His death was a great shock to me, but at the same time I am genuinely proud that I had the opportunity of knowing and working with a man who obviously accepted his responsibilities as a peace officer without reservation. He made the supreme sacrifice to protect others and to uphold an oath made to society. I feel the entire community should be proud to know they had in their employ a public servant who did not hesitate to perform his duty when called although coupled with risk and danger, and I want them to realize that they will forever be indebted to him as his sacrifice probably spared others in our community from mortal danger.

FRANK A. BETLACH

During my term as trustee for the Village of Blooming Prairie I had the opportunity of working with Mr. Johnson since he assumed his duties with our Village. His untimely death, although tragic, is typical of the manner in which he served the council and the public. His duties were many and were always efficiently performed even though often times unpleasant and dangerous, and a target of public opinion and criticism. As sewer commissioner I know that we will all miss the pleasant attitude he assumed in performing those duties, which were unpleasant and yet essential and important to the welfare of our community.

K. D. WOLD

About the worst shock I have ever experienced was when I was notified that Neil had just been killed by gun fire. It was hard to believe, as Neil was always so courteous and reasonable in making his arrests. He will be missed for some time to come as he served our village so well in his dual capacity of street maintenance man and officer of the law.

FRANK RESSLER, JR.

Although I have only served as trustee for one year, I had frequent contact with Mr. Johnson while

OBITUARY

Neil R. Johnson was 48 years, 1 month and 16 days when he met death at the hands of a murderer in Blooming Prairie Saturday, Dec 22, at one p. m.

Mr. Johnson was born the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson, near Steele Center, Minn., on Nov. 6, 1902.

On Sept. 18, 1929, at Ellendale, Minn., he was united in marriage to Miss Luella Lageson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Lageson. To this union were born three sons, Gordon P., 21, student at Augsburg College, Minneapolis; Dale E., 12, Blooming Prairie. One son, Donald, died in 1937 at the age of four years. Besides his wife and two sons, he leaves to mourn one sister, Mrs. Christian Schultz, Ellendale, and two brothers, Raymond, Owatonna, and Stanley, of Ellendale. Three brothers, Louis, Alvin and Silver preceded him in death.

Mr. Johnson operated a farm near Ellendale until 1938, after which he moved to Ellendale where he was a service station attendant for a time, later taking over supervision of the water and sewer system and becoming Ellendale's marshal. In 1948 he accepted a similar position in Blooming Prairie. He was loyal to his trust and no employee of the town devoted more time and carried out his duties better than Neil Johnson.

He was known by nearly everybody in this area, and we can state without reservation that no public official had a larger circle of friends than he. The writer has often thought of him as having a heart too large for his own good and safety. It was this unselfish trait in placing too much confidence in others that he came to an untimely death. We can hardly realize that Neil Johnson, the "big hearted cop", is no more, but it is true. We stood by the open casket banked with many beautiful floral tributes in the Blooming Prairie funeral home Monday and heard Rev. Alf Romstad speak comforting words to the bereaved family and those who filled the chapel room to capacity as they came to pay their final respects to one whose devotion to his responsibilities and duty caused him to give his own life.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 24, 1951, at 1 p. m., in Blooming Prairie funeral



Officer Johnson lays dead on floor of Ditlevson home after Underwood had shot him while he was helpless to use his gun. The gun cocked for the third shot that was never fired.
—Special picture for Times taken by Photographer Ebeling

were held at the First Lutheran church in Ellendale at 2 p. m.

As a mark of respect Blooming Prairie business places closed during the funeral services here as did several Ellendale establishments during the church services in his former town. The chapel here was not large enough to accommodate those who sought to show their last respects to Mr. Johnson. At Ellendale the spacious auditorium was filled and a large crowd assembled in the church basement to hear the services by loud speaker system. Rev. Alf Romstad officiated at the chapel services here. Melvin Johnson sang two beautiful solos, accompanied by Mrs. Palmer Peterson as organist. Following services here the funeral cortege preceded to Ellendale where Rev. B. L. Schroder, pastor of First Lutheran church officiated.

The active pallbearers were village officials who had worked with Mr. Johnson: Mayor James E. Olsen; K. D. Wold, recorder; Frank Betlach, Frank Reßler, Jr., trustees; Roy Young, marshal, and John Marcott, assistant to Mr. Johnson in his work with the village duties.

Honorary pallbearers were law enforcement officers and close friends of the deceased: John Simon, Rice county sheriff; Ed O'Brien, Chief of Police, Fari-bault; Highway patrolmen Norman Prepho, Dan Long and H. C. Ochs, Owatonna; Don M. Christenson, sheriff Steele county; J. W. Stark, Chief of Police, Owatonna; Deputy sheriff, Bud J. Coufal, Owatonna.

Interment was made in First Lutheran cemetery, near Ellendale.

Start Fund Drive To Help Neil Johnson Family

Ellsworth Hall, president of the Blooming Prairie commercial club, has taken the initiative step in a fund drive for the family of Marshal Neil Johnson, slain Saturday by Thomas Underwood

them. We appeal to Times readers to help this worthy family.

Donations started pouring in without solicitation even before petitions for aid were drawn. The

Slayer Caught Near Rochester An Hour After Brutal Killing

Blooming Prairie citizens were stunned when it became generally known Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, shortly after one o'clock that Marshal Neil Johnson was shot to death by Thomas G. Underwood, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Underwood, Blooming Prairie. The tragedy, Blooming Prairie's first murder, took place in the Edward Ditlevson home in the northwest part of town.

Underwood Drifts In Friday

Underwood came to Blooming Prairie some time Friday night from Climax, Colo., where he had been working in a mine. It is alleged he did not go to parental home but registered for a room in the West hotel. Of a shiftless, roving nature, Underwood never attempted to settle down and make a home for his wife and two small children.

Invades Ditlevson Home

The killer had purchased a 9-shot automatic target pistol in Albert Lea. He ignored a court order which prohibited him from molesting or visiting his wife and children, who had an apartment on the second floor of the Ditlevson home. He entered the house brandishing the pistol and demanded to see his family. While Mr. Ditlevson endeavored to talk Underwood out of the gun, promising him he would grant him use of a downstairs room for a conference with his estranged wife, the Ditlevson daughter, Marion, telephoned for the police. Officer Johnson responded immediately. Upon entering the house from the front, he made no attempt to draw his gun, instead he started to talk Underwood into surrendering the weapon. As he approached the killer, Underwood made the remark to the officer, "if you reach for your gun I will shoot it out of your hand."

Threat Does Not Stop Johnson

Officer Johnson did not heed the killer's warning but edged in all probabilities to grasp or knock the revolver out of Underwood's hand.

Six Slugs Hit Officer

Without further warning the assassin fired in rapid succession. Six of the shots found their mark, the seventh slug ricocheted off

Edward Ditlevson, who was in the room with Officer Johnson, was struck through the pantleg by a stray bullet that did not touch him. The shooting of Officer Johnson was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ditlevson.

Rick L. Bussler
Publisher

Special history pages come to an end

With this week's history page featuring a front page of the Blooming Prairie Times from Dec. 27, 1951, our year-long special coverage marking Blooming Prairie's 150th anniversary comes to an end.

It has been a fun adventure for us to highlight the community's history throughout the year. Our staff members have worked hard throughout 2017 to provide history and news clippings culled from the archives of the Times, which has been in existence

for 124 of the town's 150 years.

We have had phenomenal response from our readers with the old front pages we printed each month during 2017. It has been interesting for us to see the excitement generated by the old pages as people recognize friends and relatives of years gone by.

In addition to the history, we also produced feature stories, photos, columns and editorials on some of the interesting folks who have been

instrumental in making Blooming Prairie what it is today.

We have enjoyed engaging our readers in a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. It truly has been a memorable year in Blooming Prairie, and we are fortunate to have been a part of it all.

Happy New Year!



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Medford's Bryce McCarthy finishes strong at the basket in the the Tigers' 50-48 home victory over the the Kenyon-Wanamingo Knights on Thursday.

STAFF PHOTO: DENNIS MARSHALL

Tigers edge Knights, end losing streak

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
SPORTS EDITOR

The streak is over. The Medford boys basketball team ended a 29-game losing streak at home with a 60-58 victory over Kenyon-Wanamingo (1-10) on Thursday.

Previous to Thursday, The Tigers' (1-4) last win was Feb. 16, 2016 against Kenyon-Wanamingo.

"It's just nice to get that monkey off our back," Medford coach Todd Schneider said. "Now we can move on and not have [the losing streak] lingering in the back of minds."

The game started out at a slower pace than what the Tigers are accustom too because the Knights' zone defense did a good job of slowing down Medford's fast breaks.

"That's how be scored most of our points this year," Schneider said. "They ran a good zone and they got back into quickly, but we started figuring it out."

The Tigers received a boost from the return of their leading scorer Alex Gengler. The senior had missed some action due to an ankle injury.

Gengler wasted no time in making a impact. He scored nine of his 13 points in the

first half.

Senior Cole Volkmann said just having Gengler on the court gives the team a morale boost.

"We know he's going to do his job," he said. "He carried a lot of the load for us in the first half tonight."

Medford mounted an early 17-10 lead, but Kenyon-Wanamingo charged back on a 13-0 run to take a 23-17 advantage near the end of the first half.

However, the Tigers settled in and finished the half on a 5-0 run to narrow the Knights' lead to 23-22.

"That's was really important," Schneider said. "We have not performed well at the end of the first half a number of times this year. To make a run and get it within a one-point game changed everything."

The Knights extended their lead to as much as eight points in the second half.

Medford senior Bryce McCarthy and junior Noah PirkI made play after play to chip away at Kenyon-Wanamingo's lead and the keep the Tigers in the game. McCarthy scored 11 of his 16 points after halftime.

"[McCarthy] an animal," Volkmann said. "He gets buckets when you need them all the time."

Schneider said McCarthy has been

fantastic for the Tiger's all year.

"He's just been amazing," he said "His ability to force turnovers and get to the rim has been great."

McCarthy said the win goes a long way in building the Tiger's confidence as a team.

"We got that first win out the way," he said. "It's just going to continue on from here and we are going to get better."

PirkI scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half. He hit a huge 3-pointer to give the Tigers a 45-42 lead with 2:08 remaining in the game.

Schneider said PirkI gave the Tigers the push they needed late in the game.

"We all see [PirkI] is practice every day and we know what he can do," he said. "He can shoot as good as anybody from just about any distance on the court."

Good ball handling and a clutch free-throw sooting sealed the victory for Medford down the stretch.

McCarthy said he was confident the Tigers would come away with a victory.

"Things got a little iffy about midway through the game," he said. "But we didn't give up. We kept our heads and hearts in it, and we came back and won it fair and square."

BP girls race past JWP

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

For the third game in a row, the Awesome Blossom girls held the opposition under 30 points, as they won another dominating contest. The team held JWP to just 5 points in the second half and defeated the Bulldogs 65-19 on the home court Tuesday, Dec 19. The win upped the team record to 6-1 overall, 4-0 in the Gopher Conference and was their fourth victory in a row.

After an early 6-6 tie, the Blossoms went to work and finished the first half on a 35-8 run and a 41-14 halftime lead. The second half pressure continued the roll and allowed all the players to get time on the court. All the girls played in the game and scored. Sam Wurst led the Blossom scoring with 20 points, and freshman Megan Oswald chipped in 16.

"We had another outstanding offensive outing again tonight," BP coach John Bruns said. "After a close first few minutes, the girls really took over the game and held the Bulldogs to just 12 percent shooting for the contest. Senior Sam Wurst and freshman Megan Oswald dominated the interior all night on both ends of the floor, and it was a great win for the team."

JWP's JV team defeated the Blossoms 34-28 in the prelim, after the Bulldogs had taken a 13-10 edge at the half. BP went down by16 points at one time, but the girls came back to make the game close. Maggie Bruns, Allison Krohnberg and Bobbie Bruns counted eight, seven and six points for the home team.

JWP upends BP boys

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

In a game that included an almost unheard of statistic in modern-day basketball, JWP used home court advantage to outlast the Awesome Blossom boys 61-48 on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Despite the BP intent to pound the ball inside, the Blossoms were outshot at the free-throw line by a 25-2 margin.

JWP took a 28-19 lead at the half, largely due to four 3-pointers. The Bulldogs then scored 33 second half points to pull away. Fans can draw their own conclusions as to the free throw disparity. There were three Bulldogs who scored eight points each to extend the home team's halftime advantage. Andrew Fisel and Koby Weimert each made a pair of 3-pointers and Sam Eustice made two 3-pointers and was 2-of-2 from the free-throw line.

"We were trying to pound the ball inside on offense," BP coach Nate Piller said.

"But we got to the free throw line only twice in the whole game. Draw your own conclusions. We worked on beating the 1-3-1 zone in practice, but got into the game and didn't do what we practiced. We are close to playing pretty good ball, but we just need to execute the details with a little more consistency."

Fisel led all scorers with 26 points, including five 3-pointers and 7-of-8 free-throw shooting for the Bulldogs. Wiemert counted 18 points, including four from behind the arc and was 6-of-8 from the charity stripe and Eustice added 11. Cameron Kubista had 14 points for the Blossoms, including four 3-pointers. Jake Ressler scored 13, and Kaden Thomas and Karson Vigeland added 10 and 9, respectively.

Rebounds were fairly close in the game, but BP had too many turnovers to be real effective. The game was played quite evenly, except for the disparity in foul shots. The loss dropped the team to a 3-4 record.

WRESTLING

Westfield wrestlers spend weekend at Christmas tourney

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

The Westfield wrestling team had a good showing at the Minnesota Christmas Tournament on Jan. 15 and 16 with three of the Razorbacks placing in the giant meet that was hyped as one of the most competitive holiday tournaments in the Midwest.

Colton Krell took fourth at 170-pound weight class, and Morgan Moreno and Mitchell Oswald finished seventh at and heavyweight, respectively. There was a total of eight Westfield wrestlers who competed in the tourney.

Krell won five of his seven bouts. He lost by

a fall to Lincoln Shinn of Willmar in the third place bout. He began his competition with three straight wins, trouncing Parker Westphal of Owatonna 18-4, winning by decision over Wyatt Lidberg of St. Michael-Albertville 8-5 and edging Tyson Davids of Forest Lake 9-7.

He won his fourth bout in a row with a 6-4 verdict over Luke Clark of St. Croix Falls, but then lost 10-4 to Kenny O'Neil of Prior Lake. He fought back from that loss to pin Kalyn Jahn of Holman. His 5-2 record in the tourney marked quite an accomplishment.

Moreno won four bouts and lost two to gain a seventh place finish. He won his first two bouts by decision and fall, lost a decision in his third bout, came back for a fall in the next match and then lost an 8-7 verdict to Richie Hammonds of

Anoka in the sixth place bout.

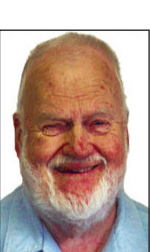
Oswald also went 4-2 in the tourney. He began the meet with two falls, but then lost his next bout 11-4. He fought back for a 13-2 verdict over Noah Carter of Mayo, and another win, but then dropped the sixth place bout to Nick Pierce of St. Francis.

Ethan Arett won his first match, but then lost the next two and did not place. Keegan Bronson, Joey Meyer and Seth Peterson all lost their two bouts and did not place. Peterson's second bout ended in an overtime loss to Caleb Jungling of Anoka. Bronson and Meyer both suffered two straight falls. The three Razorbacks who placed all wrestled well against very stiff competition over the two-day meet.

Time to be thankful

Because of an early deadline, the end of the week contests could not be reported until the next issue. However in the Tuesday games, the Blossom girls continued to impress fans with their fine play and the balanced attack they have managed so far in the season.

Although senior Sam Wurst has been the high scorer in most games, she is getting great help from several other girls, including some underclassmen. Freshman Megan Oswald and eighth-grader grader Maggie Bruns have each reached double figures in scoring.



Outside the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

Maybe the biggest factor in the girls' success is the tenacious defense BP has mounted. The past three opponents have been held under 30 points. That is quite an accomplishment for any team. The Blossoms deserve a tip of the hat for their play so far in compiling a 6-1 record following Tuesday's contest.

The boys dropped their second game in a row at JWP Tuesday in a game that allowed the blossoms just two free throws the entire game. That is almost impossible in today's basketball, but it happened. Both teams will take some time off for the holidays. The wrestling team is also off until after the holiday vacation.

ANOTHER HOLIDAY

Now that another Christmas is history, folks are gearing up to celebrate the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018. Many different emotions will follow from 2017 into the new year. For some, 2017 can't leave quickly enough for a variety of reasons: poor health, family losses, a bad business year or other personal problems leading to deteriorating relationships. All may have been symptomatic of the past year

For others, a good year makes some wish that 2017 would hang around for a time yet. Whichever is the case for you, all will recognize the celebration of a changing year. Personally, it will not be a time of celebration for me, as I have a follow-up appointment at the Mayo Clinic for my recent bout with lymphoma on Jan. 2. I guess that means no wild celebration for me on New Year's Eve, which is fine, as that celebration has always been a relatively quiet one for my family and me.

As we close out 2017, I can only wish that 2018 is a good year for you and yours. We hope the sports teams are successful, and that life in general is favorable to all the readers. Happy New Year!

BASKETBALL

Panthers split pair

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

A night after losing a tough game to Tri-City United, the NRHEG girls dominated in a bounce back win over Triton on their home court Tuesday, Dec. 19. The Panthers raced to a 74-54 victory to improve the season record to 5-2.

"It was great to see the girls come out strong after the tough loss to the Titans," NRHEG coach Onika Peterson said.

The team's next action will be Thursday, Dec. 28, against Alden-Conger in the New Richland Holiday Tournament.

Betsy Schoenrock poured in 21 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead the Panthers. Olivia Christopherson added 15 points and five assists and Sophie Stork contributed 10 points and four assists. Kelly Harden added eight rebounds and two assists.

TCU GETS COMEBACK WIN

A great first half for the NRHEG girls turned sour in the second half and TCU came back to edge the Panthers 67-64 Monday, Dec. 18. The Panthers took an 11-point lead into the break on their home floor, but the Titans press flustered the locals in the second half. NRHEG led 36-25 at the half.

"We had a great first half," Peterson said. "But we really fell apart in the second half. We struggled breaking their press and making good decisions passing the ball. We have had rough starts the last couple of games, but have finished well. This time we couldn't quite do it."

Schoenrock had another monster game, accounting for a triple-double with 31 points, 18 rebounds and 12 blocks. Christopherson had 14 points and Sophie Stork added 10 points. Harden pulled down seven rebounds, dished out seven assists and had four steals in the game.

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ELLENDALE/GENEVA/HOPE

DEC. 28
7:30 p.m. – Ellendale
City Council Meeting,
Community Building

JAN. 3
1 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Red
Cross Blood Donation
Drive, Ellendale Community
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DEC. 28
6:30 p.m. – Karate,
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dec. 29, Mayo Clinic Health System

Albert Lea – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dec. 29, North Bridge Mall

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 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Dec. 28, Mayo Clinic Health System

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

Owatonna – 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Dec. 27, United Methodist Church

Owatonna – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dec. 28, Famous Dave's

Owatonna – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dec. 29, St. John Lutheran Church

SEARCH KICKS OFF FOR MISS TEEN STEELE COUNTY

If you are female, single, never been married between the ages of 13 to 18 years, applications are being accepted for the title of 2018 Miss Teen Steele County.

Miss Teen Steele County will represent her county at the Miss Teen Minnesota pageant, which will be held at the Wellstone Center, April 28, 2018 in St. Paul.

The young lady chosen as Miss Teen Steele County will become an ambassador from the Steele County area and will receive an official title and sash.

The young lady chosen as Miss Teen Minnesota will receive a prize package and College scholarship totaling \$30,000 and the chance to represent Minnesota at the 2018 Miss Teen International pageant in Charleston, W. Va. in July.

The American Heart Association's Go for Red for Women is the official Charity of the Miss Teen Minnesota Pageant.

Teens will compete in personal interview, fitness wear, fun fashion wear and evening gown. There is no talent or swimsuit competition. Young teen ladies living in Steele County interested in applying should write for bio-form to: Miss Teen Minnesota International Pageant, P. O. Box 240537, Apple Valley, MN, 55124-0537. Information can also be obtained by calling 952-432-6758 or email at pagun-ltd@frontiernet.net.

The current reigning 2017 Miss Teen Minnesota is Devika Narayan of Plymouth. As Miss Teen Minnesota, Devika speaks out on "Hope in Memories: Alzheimer's Find Hope & Find a Cure!"

Entry deadline is Dec. 31.

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.

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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.

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



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 24, 2006
MORTGAGOR: Robert D. Hagen and Erin L. Hagen, husband and wife.
MORTGAGEE: J P - Morgan Chase Bank, N.A..
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Filed March 31, 2006, Steele County Registrar of Titles, Document No. T000059768 on Certificate of Title No. 16861.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC. Dated February 20, 2009 Filed March 2, 2009 , as Document No. T000064051.
Said Mortgage being upon Registered Land.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 523 15th Street Northeast, Owatonna, MN 55060
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 172020115
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot Fifteen (15), Northern Height's Addition to the City of Owatonna. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$160,548.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$171,397.34
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 12, 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 12, 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 20, 2017
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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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:
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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
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Dated: November 14, 2017
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Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
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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: June 9, 2000
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$99,250.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Aaron M. Lindekugel and Cathy A. Lindekugel husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Timberland Mortgage Services, Inc.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Timberland Mortgage Services, Inc.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 12, 2000, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number 282930
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The East Half of Lots 1 and 2, in Block 3, in Dattt's Addition to the City of Owatonna
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 510 Vine St E, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-122-0301
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$76,559.85
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 18, 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 18, 2018, or the next business day if July 18, 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 21, 2017
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgagee
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
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
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

12/5, 12/12, 12/19
12/26, 1/2, 1/9

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: January 31, 2013
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,935.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Joshua L. Devore, a married man
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc., a Minnesota corporation
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 4, 2013 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 18287 as Document Number T000069878; as modified or record by document recorded on July 11, 2017 as Document Number T000075064 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on February 12, 2015 as Document Number T000072247 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Four in Block Three in Naefke Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota.
REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 749 SOUTH STREET, 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: \$99,750.80
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc., a Minnesota corporation
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-188-0304
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100867100522686755
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: January 16, 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 twelve (12) 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 January 16, 2019.

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: November 21, 2017

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

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11/28, 12/5, 12/12
12/19, 12/26, 1/2

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.

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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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1/16, 1/26, 1/30

BP SCHOOL

SPECIAL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
BLOOMING PRAIRIE,
MINNESOTA
November 16, 2017

A special school board meeting was held in conjunction with the regular school board work session at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017, in the Board Room at the High School.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. ROLL CALL - CLERK
Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Jenny Thurnau, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, School Patron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Vigeland, Jon Sunde

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

IV. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

Canvass of November 7, 2017.
General/Special Election Results
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a resolution canvassing returns of votes cast of the school district general/special election with results as follows:
Kelly Braaten 491
Rodney Krell 479
Pam Hameister 480
Dean Meshke 475
Write-In Votes 63

Candidate Kelly Braaten, Candidate Pam Hameister, Candidate Rodney Krell, and Candidate Dean Meshke having received the highest number of votes and are elected to four year terms beginning the first Monday in January 2018.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
QUESTION 1
REVOKING EXISTING
REFERENDUM
AUTHORIZATION; APPROVING
NEW AUTHORIZATION

Yes 394
No 208

The ballot question, having received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared to have carried.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
QUESTION 2
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL
REFERENDUM AUTHORIZATION
TECHNOLOGY

Yes 364
No 236

The ballot question, having received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared to have carried.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
QUESTION 3
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL
REFERENDUM AUTHORIZATION
CLASS SIZES AND AVAILABLE
PROGRAMS

Yes 364
No 236

The ballot question, having received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared to have carried.

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the November 20, 2017, regular school board meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Kelly Braaten to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 a.m. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

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

12/26

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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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 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 RECORD-ING: 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
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

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12/12, 12/19, 12/26
1/2, 1/9, 1/16

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 RECORD-ING: 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 Jan-

uary 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
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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/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File Number: 74-PR-17-2231

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

Estate of William J. Cervenka, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 5, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Steele County Courthouse, 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, July 8, 2017, ("Will"), and for the appointment of LaVonne M. Cervenka, whose address is 110 6th Street SE, Medford, MN 55049 and Edward W. Cervenka, whose address is 110 6th Street SE, Medford, MN 55049 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court
12.12.2017

Robin Hoelsley
12.12.2017
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner
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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number: 74-CV-17-2159
Case Type: Harassment

Notice of Issuance of Harassment Order For Relief by Publication

Angela Johnson
On Behalf of Minor Child

Petitioner

vs.
Beneigh Macpherson

Respondent(s)

To Respondent named above:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Harassment Order For Relief has been issued in the above matter. You may request a hearing on this matter if you file a Request For Hearing with the Court within 45 days of issuance of the Harassment Order For Relief. You may obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief from the court administrator's office at the following address: 111 East Main St. Owatonna, MN 55060
Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

December 21, 2017

Janet Spencer 12.21.2017
Court Administrator/Deputy

NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
November 20, 2017

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

OPEN FORUM – No comments.

I. CALL TO ORDER –CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools, Elementary School Principal, High School Principal, Associate Principal, Members of the BPTA; Member of the Press

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

V. ZED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director of ZED presented a report.

VI. PRINCIPAL REPORTS
Reports given by Mr. Staloch, Mr. Worke, and Ms. Mach.

VII. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

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

B. Employment
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve the employment of Kendall Osborn as a long-term substitute teacher replacing an elementary school teacher during her maternity leave. Placement on BA, step 0 of the prevailing Master Contract. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Amy Simon as a part-time preschool paraprofessional effective November 6, 2017. Placement on step 3 of the current para grid working approximately 6 hours/3 days per week. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Steve Ille and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the employment of Karl Steckelberg as assistant wrestling coach. Placement on step 0 of the prevailing Extra-Curricular Schedule. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the employment of Andrew Hardecopf as assistant golf coach. Placement on step 0 of the prevailing Extra-Curricular Schedule. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Health Insurance Bids for 2018
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the health insurance bid from Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN who is our current carrier and reflects a five percent decrease from 2017. Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye- Braaten, Hameister, Vigeland, Thurnau, Sunde, Ille, and Krell/0 Nay. Motion carried.

Three other quotes were also received.

D. Dental Insurance
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve offering dental insurance as a "voluntary" option for employees to be in effect January 1, 2018. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

E. SASS Contract
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve a one year contract with SASS for fiscal year 2019. The contract will remain the same as it currently. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

F. LED Lighting Project
Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a LED lighting project bid from Eagan Company (dba Kestner Electric). Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye-Braaten, Hameister, Vigeland, Thurnau, Sunde, Ille, and Krell /0 Nay. Motion carried.

Another bid was also received from The Retrofit Companies, Inc.

G. Admission Fees to Athletic Events
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve free admission for persons 65 years or older to receive free admission to athletic events starting with the current winter season. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

VIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

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

B. Enrollment Data
Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year as of November 15, 2017, is 420 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 308 at the high school (grades 7-12) (298 attending BPHS and 10 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 5 seniors and 5 juniors with attendance being full-time.

C. Dates to Note
The Board noted dates of importance.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
1. School Board meeting in December will begin with the Open Forum at 5:00 p.m. along with a budget/levy discussion at 6:00 p.m. (Truth-in-Taxation), and a Board Open House at 7:00 p.m.
2. Andrea Meshke, newly-elected Board Member, will be attending the MSBA Conference in January.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, December 18, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 5:00 p.m.).

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

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



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PUBLIC NOTICES

POSTPONEMENT

17-107494

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: July 10, 2013
 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$105,738.00
 MORTGAGOR(S): Danielle Kay Strommer and Stephan Charles Strommer, wife and husband
 MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 MIN#: 100603713070078628
 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
 SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
 DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 12, 2013, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000392396
 ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
 Lots 15,16 and South 14 feet of Lot 14, all being in Block 29 in Johnson and Company's Addition to Medford (said Block 29, being located in North part of SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 9-108-20)
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 211 1st Ave NE, Medford, MN 55049
 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 16-101-2915
 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
 THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$103,204.26
 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
 PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
 DATE AND TIME OF SALE: October 19, 2017, 10:00am
 PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
 to pay the debt secured by said

mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
 TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2018, or the next business day if April 19, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
 "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: August 25, 2017

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
 Assignee of Mortgagee

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for October 19, 2017, at 10:00 A.M., has been postponed to November 21, 2017, at 10:00 A.M., and will be held at sheriffs main address Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by May 21, 2018. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: October 16, 2017.

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Dated: November 15, 2017

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Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by July 23, 2018. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: December 19, 2017

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**Public Notice
NOTICE OF FILING
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Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Westfield Township that affidavits of candidacy may be filed with John Fouarge Township Clerk at his home starting January 2nd 2018 and Closing January 16th at 5pm for the office one Supervisor for a three year term and one Clerk for a two year term.

John Fouarge (Clerk)
 Westfield Township
 C/O 75020 118th Ave
 Blooming Prairie , MN 55917

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2018 MINNESOTA CITY SUMMARY BUDGET DATA						
The detail of the City budget is on file in the City Administrator's Office at the City Center 138 Hwy 218 South, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, and may be reviewed during normal business hours.						
City of Blooming Prairie Budget Summary Statement						
			2017 Budget		2018 Budget	
2018 Budgeted Governmental Funds						
Revenues						
Property Taxes			\$ 689,675.00		\$ 713,925.00	
Delinquent Property Taxes			\$ 7,000.00		\$ 8,000.00	
Tax Increments			\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	
All Other Taxes(franchise fee)			\$ 8,600.00		\$ 8,000.00	
Special Assessments			\$ 39,392.00		\$ 36,609.00	
Licenses & Permits			\$ 10,400.00		\$ 10,400.00	
State General Purpose Aid(LGA)			\$ 704,960.00		\$ 715,803.00	
State Categorical Aids			\$ 68,700.00		\$ 69,700.00	
County Aids			\$ 12,200.00		\$ 21,600.00	
Charges for Services			\$ 105,650.00		\$ 107,370.00	
Ambulance Building Lease			\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00	
Fines & Forfeits			\$ 7,600.00		\$ 11,200.00	
Interest on Investments			\$ 6,150.00		\$ 7,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues			\$ 15,650.00		\$ 20,500.00	
Lieu of Taxes			\$ 58,670.00		\$ 58,670.00	
Transfers from Other Funds			\$ 227,834.00		\$ 203,148.00	
TOTAL REVENUES			\$2,017,481.00		\$2,046,925.00	
Expenditures						
General Government			\$ 335,570.00		\$ 338,690.00	
Public Safety			\$ 558,545.00		\$ 591,825.00	
Streets & Highways			\$ 242,500.00		\$ 267,700.00	
Culture & Recreation			\$ 240,335.00		\$ 241,970.00	
Economic Development			\$ 39,710.00		\$ 39,900.00	
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures			\$ 14,650.00		\$ 7,550.00	
Debt Service - Principal			\$ 375,000.00		\$ 260,000.00	
Debt Service - Interest & Fiscal Charges			\$ 68,861.00		\$ 86,914.00	
Capital Outlay			\$ 90,000.00		\$ 85,000.00	
Tax Increments			\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,000.00	
Transfers to Other Funds			\$ 124,000.00		\$ 119,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$2,103,171.00		\$2,052,549.00	
Fund Balance						
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance - Budgeted Governmental Funds			\$ (85,690.00)		\$ (5,624.00)	
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