



Wife charged in theft from murdered husband

U.S. Marshal Service joins in manhunt for Lois Riess suspected in killing

BY RICK BUSSLER
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As the manhunt continues for the wife of a man murdered outside Blooming Prairie, a nationwide warrant has been issued for the woman who is accused of cleaning out her dead husband's bank account.

On March 27, Judge Jodi Williamson in Dodge County District Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Lois Ann Riess, 56, of Blooming Prairie. She has been charged with a single felony count of theft. The warrant may be executed nationwide.

"Investigators believe that after David Riess was murdered, Lois Riess transferred nearly \$10,000 from her

husband's business account into his personal account," Sheriff Scott Rose said. "Lois Riess then forged his signature on three checks written from her personal account to herself totaling \$11,000. Lois does not have check-writing authority for either account."

As state and local authorities search for Lois Riess, at least one federal agency is now involved in the investigation. The U.S. Marshal's Office has joined in the hunt for Riess, according to Rose. The Marshal's Service is the federal government's primary agency for fugitive investigations and provides assistance to state and local agencies in locating and



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'Tiny dancers' make their moves to Steele County Stars

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"We are the tiny dancers of Blooming Prairie," says the Rev. Heidi Heimgartner when talking about her latest adventure with husband Paul.

Pastor Heidi, senior pastor at First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie, and her husband Paul will be one of 10 couples competing in Dancing with Our Steele County Stars on Saturday, April 24.

Hinting at support from the community, Paul said, "I welcome all the prayers I can get."

This year's contest will be the eighth annual dancing spectacle. It will be held in the Medford High School auditorium. Tickets are \$30 each and seating is limited.

The Heimgartners have been recruited as contestants as long as four years ago. Pastor Heidi points to Lou Ann Fairbaern of Healthy Seniors of Steele County as the motivating force to enter the dancing competition.

"It's a good time to do it now with our boys (Luke and Jonathan) at an older age," said Pastor Heidi.

In addition to being an entertaining event, the dance competition helps Healthy Seniors make a difference in the lives of Steele County seniors.

"We want to do our best and are surprised at how much of a commitment it is," remarked Pastor Heidi. "It's fun and rewarding," Paul interjected.

"We care for the seniors of our community and believe this is a very worthy cause," said Heidi.

"It's one of the most challenging experiences I've had in such a short period of time,"

SEE TINY DANCERS, A10



Staff photos by Rick Bussler

Carson DeKam, portraying a Roman soldier, leads his brother, Eathan DeKam, who portrays Jesus Christ, to the cross to be crucified during the Children's Good Friday Journey at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna Friday. Trinity has been putting on the Good Friday service for more than 20 years.

Hope abounds during Good Friday service

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

It's a message of hope.

For more than two decades Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna has been sharing the journey of Jesus Christ being crucified through a special children's service on Good Friday and providing hope to the community.

About 60 volunteers, including 30 actors, took part in the annual performance for several hundred people. The service is geared for children, but folks of all ages take in the important message of Jesus dying on the cross and rising again from the dead.

Some of the scenes depicted in the program by Trinity's youth included Jesus being baptized, Jesus calling the first disciples, Jesus feeding the 5,000, entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus being nailed to the cross and the



Palm branches greeted Jesus as he rode in on a donkey during the Good Friday service at Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna. Sisters Evie Terres, left, and Olivia watch the performance intently as they waved their palm branches.

empty tomb on Easter.

"It's a sense of hope and a sense of community," said Rev. Amanda Weinkauff, one of the pastors at Trinity Lutheran. "We're bombarded with headlines that break our hearts every day. Death doesn't get the final word. God's love

and God's mercy through community win. We can't hear that message enough."

The message, Weinkauff said, is broad enough even for those whose faith goes beyond Christianity.

SEE GOOD FRIDAY, A10

Making a difference

Public Health educator retires after 17 years of helping create a healthier community

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

For nearly two decades, Jane Nyquist helped oversee initiatives aimed at curbing tobacco prevalence and promoting health eating.

Nyquist retired last week as a health educator with Steele County Public Health.

When she was younger Nyquist can recall going out on home visits with her mother, who served as director of Steele County Public Health. "It's in my blood," she said of her work.

"My mother built up the agency from being a very small one, and I'm very proud of her for this."

To Nyquist, Steele County Public Health is like a family. "I've made many great friends from my time there," she explained. Although education is only a facet of the overall approach, Nyquist feels it's imperative.

"It's critical," she says of tobacco awareness education. "We can give people a foundation of knowledge, and going into classrooms to teach young people this is helpful."

But it isn't all about education.

Nyquist sees policy as the more important avenue. "I think policy work is having a stronger impact and effect on people. If we change the environment, we can change the culture. It's a two pronged approach."

The State of Minnesota went smoke free in 2007, and in 2016 Steele County adopted clean indoor air ordinances. Since then they've also taken a step further, with ordinances that restrict e-cigarette use. "Ordinance and policy work really do seem to be the most effective," Nyquist said. "There's been more with e-cigarettes in later years."

She reports that although cigarette use is down, the use of e-cigarettes has gone up. E-cigarettes are sometimes falsely seen as a safe alternative to conventional tobacco products, but Nyquist feels they are just as bad.

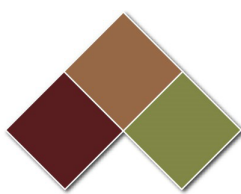
"There's no combustible tobacco, but they still have nicotine and are dangerous to developing adolescent mind. And they are appealing to youth," she said.

"They may be safer, but not safe," Nyquist said.



Nyquist

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OUR VIEW

Tariffs will hurt us, and our readers

The newspaper industry seems to be headed to war—fighting tariffs that could further erode an industry that has faced many challenges in recent years.

The U.S. government has piled huge tariffs onto the imports of newsprint from Canada. Next to payroll, newsprint and printing are the largest expenses of running a newspaper.

We hope you will agree newspapers are important to community life and democracy. Newspapers are the lifeline to a free society. If that lifeline is fractured or compromised in any way, who knows what will happen.

Everyone relies on a newspaper to cover community news, tell the local stories, advertise sales and promotions, get pictures of a sporting championship and be the cheerleader for the community.

Newsprint is one of the grades of paper in a category called Uncoated Groundwood paper or UGW.

A paper mill in Washington State proposed the tariffs. North Pacific Paper Company or NORPAC began the battle by claiming Canadian producers were violating trade laws in two ways. First, they were allegedly receiving government subsidies through such channels as government loan assistance and permission to harvest trees on government land. Second, they were selling paper in the U.S. too cheaply compared to prices for other nations. NORPAC claims its paper mill was injured by these practices.

The U.S. Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission are investigating these claims. During this period, the tariffs are being collected at the U.S./Canadian border and will remain in escrow until final findings are complete. Newsprint producers are already escalating their prices to U.S. newspapers.

The greatest harm will be done to U.S. daily newspapers. They have been forced to cut back, merge, close or drop publication days. This has already taken place at several daily operations across southern Minnesota in the past few years.

For community weekly newspapers like the Times, the demand for paper has fallen less dramatically as print remains more of a core business. However, these newsprint buyers' requirements have always been much less than those of dailies because they print less frequently.

A study in the 1990s by the National Newspaper Association indicated weekly newspapers formed only a sliver of what was then a 16 million metric ton newsprint market. Today the U.S. is about a 4 million ton market. Community newspapers alone cannot create enough demand to stimulate a U.S. newsprint market.

Many may think newsprint is no longer necessary. But that's not the case at all, at least with small weekly newspapers. Publishers at small newspapers cannot support digital versions of their newspapers without a printed newspaper. The hard copy advertising and readership provides more than 90 percent of the revenue that enables the digital newspaper to exist. Simply put: without print, there would be no online news for readers to access.

This newspaper is printed in Rochester by the Post Bulletin Company, which also prints its daily newspaper and several other weekly newspapers and publications. Like most of the newsprint used in U.S. newspapers, the Post Bulletin's newsprint is manufactured in Canada. It has been for many years.

The Post Bulletin uses about 1,600 metric tons of newspaper each year, according to Jeff Lansing, operations manager. He said the cost has gone up about 25 percent with the new tariff being imposed. As a result, the price will jump from \$600 to \$800 for every ton. At the Post Bulletin, the increases amount to around \$320,000.

"We're fighting like hell to keep newspapers going and now this," Lansing said.

If you believe that newspapers do important work, we would be grateful for your support. We encourage readers to contact members of Congress. Their contact information is listed on the right side of this page. We beg you to let representatives and senators know that these reckless tariffs must be repealed.

After all, it's not just the newspapers that will lose in this battle. The tariffs will also damage the readers and communities served by the newspapers.



I Can Only Imagine

There are times when I love to see conflict and hardcore drama in movies, but one movie offering right now at theatres offers something a bit different. It provides an inspirational uplift and hope.

The movie is "I Can Only Imagine," and it shares the story of a popular Christian band, MercyMe, which by the way will be performing in the Twin Cities next week.

As for the movie, it's all about inspiration and forgiveness. It is a powerful, tear-jerker story of redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

A new movie release tells the backstory of how a song came to exist. It's not just any song, but the best-selling Christian contemporary song of all time. The song, which is based on a main piano track, was inspired by the death of Bart's father and considers what it would be like in Heaven and to be standing before God.

With 2.5 million copies sold, it is the best-selling Christian single of all time, having been certified 3x platinum by the RIAA. As of this year, it is the only Christian song to reach that milestone.

Growing up in Texas, Bart Millard suffers extensive physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father Arthur. One day Bart's mother decides she can't take the abuse anymore and leaves both of them. Bart openly described his father as a monster and someone he hated.

When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. His father is dying from cancer, which Bart only finds out by stumbling across some paperwork, and Arthur has found the Lord.

Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his father inspires him to write the hit song, "I Can Only Imagine" as singer with the Christian band MercyMe.

Even though Bart loved music, Arthur made

every attempt to persuade his son from chasing after his dreams. "Dreams don't pay the bills," Arthur tells his son.

What impressed me the most with the movie is how it promotes the theme of forgiveness, redemption and repentance that can be found in Jesus Christ. For me, it proved to be most appropriate to attend on Good Friday.

The Christian music producer sees potential in MercyMe before anyone else does, but success didn't come right away for Bart. "Let your pain become your inspiration, and then you'll have something people can believe in," the producer told Bart.

Through Bart's song, it gives Christians the words to express a love they find more powerful than any earthly romance: the anticipation they feel for the day when they will get the meet their heavenly father.



Hot Pursuit
RICK BUSSLER

The song originated when Bart began writing the words "I can only imagine" on items when he was thinking about his father. Interestingly, it took him only 10 minutes to write the lyrics. But as someone pointed out to Bart in the movie, "You didn't write this song in 10 minutes. It took a lifetime."

"I Can Only Imagine" brings ultimate hope to many people, and it is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness.

In the broken world we live in, finding something filled with hope is a dose of reality we can all go in hot pursuit of bringing into our lives.

YOUR VIEW

Are you keeping tabs on our legislators?

To-the-Editor:

House members Rod Hamilton and Jim Knoblach, as well as Senator Jim Abeler, are under the impression that Minnesota taxpayers should fund a \$500,000 grant for Africans with disabilities (HF2190, SF1959).

Looking back on 2016, there was a total of \$80,623,568 spent for people with disabilities in the state of Minnesota, which is an average of \$1,893 per person with a disability (Case Management Program Statistics 2016).

Why do Minnesota legislators believe that

Michele Even
Prior Lake

GUEST COLUMNS

Lawmakers push to improve school safety

By PEGGY BENNETT

Republicans in the House have announced a series of bills we'll push to pass this session related to school safety. Some of these bills include:

- School resource officers, student support personnel, and other school security programs funded through increased Safe Schools revenue, including a



BENNETT

floor level of funding for small schools.

- School building security upgrades, and expanded use of Long-Term Facility Maintenance revenue for security projects, including emergency communications systems.
- School-linked mental health programming to ensure better outcomes for all kids.
- Physical security audit grants to provide state assistance to review facility security and crisis

management policies.

- Suicide prevention training for teachers to help educators learn how to engage and assist students experiencing mental distress.
- School-based threat assessment teams established to assess, intervene, and report threats facing students, teachers, and staff.

As a former teacher, I want everyone in our schools to feel safe while they learn or teach. It's so incredibly heartbreaking to see tragedies like those in Parkland, Fla.,

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DAVID RIESS MURDER INVESTIGATION

Murder suspect has \$100K judgment, court documents show

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The woman wanted in the death of her husband has experienced steep financial difficulties, including a judgment of more than \$100,000, according to court records.

In March 2017, a judge awarded Alternative Resolutions, Inc. of Owatonna a \$100,533 judgment against Lois Riess. The judgment came after the courts suspended Riess’ guardianship of her older sister in September 2015.

Court documents outline how Riess allegedly took tens of thousands of dollars from Kimberly Sanchez, who suffers from bi-polar disorder and is clinically depressed. She suffered a mental breakdown in October

2010. Sanchez, 61, now lives with the cognitive level of a 10 year old, and she is unable to accomplish activities of daily living, court records show.

Sanchez is incapacitated and impaired to the extent of lacking sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning personal needs of medical care, nutrition, clothing, shelter or safety, according to court records.

A judge appointed Riess as guardian in April 2012, and she remained in that role until October 2015. During that time, Riess was required to file documentation showing fiduciary obligations in taking care of Sanchez, including household expenses, travel, room and board, gifts and personal property.

In an affidavit filed with the court in 2015, a protection worker with Minnesota

Prairie County Alliance indicated she was investigating a financial exploitation case of a vulnerable adult. The worker said Lois Riess transferred funds from the guardianship account for Sanchez to Riess’ own personal account.

The worker highlighted several times where Riess spent large amounts of money in 2015 at Diamond Jo’s Casino in Northwood, Iowa, court documents say. On one occasion in April 2015, Riess spent \$3,087 at Diamond Jo’s.

During the murder investigation of David Riess, authorities have said Lois Riess frequents casinos, though no specific ones have been identified.

In another instance, Riess transferred \$20,000 from Sanchez’s account into her own personal account and then issued a check for \$20,000 payable to a person believed to be

Riess’ son.

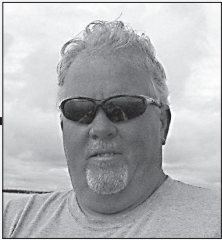
“I am of the opinion that it is in Ms. Sanchez’s best interest to have an alternate person be her guardian,” the worker wrote in her affidavit to the court.

During this time, Sanchez inherited \$200,000 from her father, who is deceased. Alternative Resolutions was named as Sanchez’s guardian in an emergency court order in September 2015.

No evidence was ever provided to the court of fair market values of the alleged services provided by Riess to her sister. There were also no court orders showing funds could be borrowed to other people.

In addition to Sanchez, Riess has another sister in Byron and two brothers in Rochester.

TIMELINE OF DAVID RIESS MURDER INVESTIGATION



March 21

March 23



March 25

March 26



March 26

March 27

March 21- Authorities believe David Riess was murdered in his home. (The date was not disclosed until March 27.)

March 23- The body of David Riess was found in his home after police do a welfare check.

March 25- Manhunt begins for Lois Riess, the wife suspected of killing David. His bank card is used over the weekend.

March 26- Dodge County bank contacts police about fraudulent transactions made by Lois Riess with David’s business and personal accounts.

March 26- Autopsy conducted by Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner’s Office. Sheriff Scott Rose reveals David Riess was shot multiple times.

March 27- Warrant issued in Dodge County District Court for Lois Riess. She is accused of stealing money from her dead husband.

Riess family moved to BP in 2005

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

The shocking crime of a man being shot to death in his home outside of Blooming Prairie has created a lot of buzz throughout the community over the past 10 days.

Many people have shared stories about how they knew the Riess family, though most of them have been reluctant to go public.

“I’m in pain for the loss of my friend and his family,” said one of David’s business associates. He indicated he has had trouble coming to grips with what has happened.

A local business owner shared a story of going on a recent fishing trip when David reached out to supply the party with a package of wax worms. The owner said that was the type of person David seemed to be.

David and Lois Riess are believed to have moved to the area around 2005, according to previously published newspaper stories. Since then, David has operated a farm where wax worms are hatched and grown. Lois has operated a daycare operation in the past.

Online records indicate Prairie Wax Worm Farms was founded in 2005. The business

operated next to Riess’ house located about one mile south of Blooming Prairie.

According to court records, Lois Riess may have also played a role in the worm business. Court documents filed in her sister’s guardianship case in 2015 show she was self employed at the business, and “Ms. Riess works from home.”

David Riess has also previously owned a bait shop in Rochester, although it’s uncertain the exact time period.

The Riess house was destroyed by fire in February 2006. While battling high winds and low temperatures, it took the Blooming Prairie Fire Department almost three hours to extinguish the blaze.

After the fire, community members in Blooming Prairie led a support effort to help the family as everything had been destroyed in the blaze. Jars were placed around town, and churches were contacted to take collections for the family. The American Red Cross had also assisted at the time.

The family rebuilt the house and lived in it until David was shot to death multiple times on March 21.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

David and Lois Riess lived in this house south of Blooming Prairie since 2005 after it had been rebuilt following a fire in February 2005. David was found shot to death inside the home on March 23. Police have identified his wife, Lois, as a suspect in his killing. She is currently on the run as police are looking for her in connection with the murder and a theft warrant issued last week.

“I’m in pain for the loss of my friend and his family.”

~ Business associate of David Riess

THE LATEST:
DAVID RIESS
MURDER
INVESTIGATION



- Theft warrant issued for Lois Riess for taking dead husband’s money
- Authorities determine death took place on March 21
- U.S. Marshal Service joins in manhunt for Riess
- Dodge County Sheriff’s Office and Minnesota BCA continue investigation

WIFE CHARGED: *Murder Investigation*

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According to the complaint, Dodge County Sheriff’s investigator Ben Bohle received information from an undisclosed Dodge County bank on March 26 regarding possible unauthorized transactions on the account of David Riess. He had been found murdered just three days earlier in his home and business just south of Blooming Prairie.

For the first time, authorities revealed in the complaint that Riess was most likely killed sometime on March 21, two days before his body was found shot to death multiple times.

David Riess had both a business account for Prairie Wax Worm Farms LLC as well as a personal bank account with the Dodge County bank. Investigators learned that Lois Riess had brought in payment checks made out to the business over the previous week prior to the discovery of her husband. Riess deposited the checks into the David Riess’ personal account.

Bank officials told investigators the maneuver done by Lois Riess should never have happened, but because both David Riess’ accounts were through them, they did not stop the deposits.

The checks were in the amounts of \$8,684 and \$1,209. Through pictures provided by the investigator, the bank employee verified that it was Lois Riess who deposited the checks.

“Investigators believe that after David Riess was murdered, Lois Riess transferred nearly \$10,000 from her husband’s business account into his personal account. Lois then forged his signature on three checks written from his personal account to herself totaling \$11,000.”

~ Sheriff Scott Rose
Dodge County

Further investigation revealed that Lois Riess had brought in three checks written out to her from David’s personal account. The checks amounted to \$2,500, \$7,500 and \$1,000. Riess cashed the last two checks on March 23, the day David’s body was discovered.

The bank told investigators that after reviewing the checks, they believed there might be an inconsistency with the victim’s signature on the five checks from these transactions as compared to the victim’s signature card on file. Bank employees again verified it was Lois Riess who cashed the checks.

The complaint noted that the bank informed investigators that Lois Riess was not authorized to write checks on either of the victim’s accounts.

Bank records show Riess deposited close to \$10,000 of Prairie Wax Worm money into the personal accounts, and then in a short period of time had checks made out to her in the amount of \$11,000 taken from the personal account.

The victim’s debit card had been used over the weekend of March 23, according to the complaint.

The theft charge is punishable by a prison term of 10 years and a \$20,000 fine.

While Lois Riess remains on the run, the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office is working with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to investigate the murder and find Riess.

Throughout the past week, Sheriff Rose has released several photos of Lois Riess depicting different hair styles she has used over the years. Rose said Riess is likely driving a white 2005 Cadillac Escalade with Minnesota license plate 864-LAE.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Riess or her vehicle, they are asked to call 911.

“Do not approach her as investigators believe she may be armed,” Rose said, adding she is known to frequent casinos.

Police responded to the Riess residence south of Blooming Prairie on March 23 after receiving a call for a welfare check on David Riess. At that time, officers discovered his body in the house.

The Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner’s Office determined that David Riess died of homicide to multiple gunshot wounds.

The sheriff has released no further details about the crime scene.

BLOTTER SPOTLIGHT

Blotter Spotlight: Murder: On March 23, deputies conducted a welfare check and found a dead body in the 75800 block of U.S. Hwy. 218 in Blooming Prairie at 5:32 p.m. The victim was later determined to have been murdered.

CRIME BRIEF

Police arrest 2 men in domestic assault cases

Suspected domestic violence has led to the arrests of two men from separate cases in Owatonna.

In the first case, Anthony Wadley, 25, of Owatonna has been charged with two felony counts of domestic assault.

Police responded to a residence in the 700 block of S. Cedar Avenue on March 23. Officers learned the victim was in Wadley's



Wadley

apartment when an argument ensued over a breakup. As the woman began to leave, he took fighting stance and allegedly hit her in the head with a closed fist, police said.

The victim told officers that Wadley has a history of domestic violence that included

threats with knives and a hammer, choking to unconsciousness and threats to kill her, according to police.

In the second case, police went to a 911 hang-up call in the 1100 block of E. School Street. During the 911 call, dispatchers heard yelling and screaming on the phone.

Officers found out a dispute took place after a birthday party. Police said the victim

was grabbed around the neck. When the victim went to call 911, he allegedly slapped her cell phone out of her hand.

Shawn McDowell, 39, of Owatonna has been charged with two counts of domestic assault and interfering with a 911 call.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 19 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Charles L. Adams, 17, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct – penetration or contact under 13 – victim mentally impaired and felony attempted criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to \$986.21 and 108 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Donald E. Black, 44, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. Black was sentenced to \$1,081, 90 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, do not enter liquor establishments, predatory offender registration, no possession of pornography, submit to polygraph examinations as directed, no access of Internet without approval, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

Cody L. Luchi, 21, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aid and abet theft. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,081, 3 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state, enter and complete Drug Court and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 19 – 23:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cody H. Borwege, 23, Medford, speeding, \$131; Jaime R. De Leon, 32, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, \$281; Corrisa M. Sandridge, 42, Shakopee, revoked license, no insurance and expired tabs, \$511.

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Jeremy M. Avelsgard, 30, West Concord, revoked license and seat belt, \$306; Shane M. Baldus, 43, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Alfredo C. Briones, 37, Minneapolis, speeding, \$141; Connor M. Brown, 19, Plymouth, speeding, \$141; James F. Bulver, 80, Owatonna, driving wrong way on one way street, \$181; Eh H. Doe, 25, St. Paul, speeding, \$221; Amy J. Garza, 36, Owatonna, no license and revoked license, \$381; Jessica R. Holt, 25, Waterloo, IA, speeding, \$121; Isaiah R. Jensen, 19, Mora, no insurance, \$281; Florence F. Kotiso, 39, Columbia Heights, speeding, \$221; Paul T. Kulang, 40, Austin, failure to use designated lane, \$131; Don C. Macy, 60, White Bird, ID, speeding, \$121; Angela K. Meilander, 42, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Justin W. Mourray, 30, Westminster, CO, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$200, 3 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 216 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation; Brian L. Nelson, 59, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; Heather L. Petersen, 42, Austin, speeding, \$141; Tyler A. Poegel, 23, Faribault, possession of marijuana and no insurance, \$331; Erica L. Rainone, 29, Waseca, no license and suspended license, \$381; Gary A. Robinson Jr., 26, Clive, IA, no license, \$181; Fresi Thoo, 21, St. Paul, seat belt, \$106;

Michael R. Tippet, 64, St. Paul, speeding, \$141; Amanda M. Voss, 28, Elgin, IL, speeding, \$121; Samuel B. Wareham, 23, West St. Paul, speeding, \$131; Katie J. Williamson, 38, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia, \$131.

OWATONNA POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Brenda L. Bergstrom, 51, Claremont, revoked license, \$281; Maria H. Dominguez Mendez, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Joy L. English, 42, Owatonna, theft, \$281 and 2 days in county jail; Adam C. Eull, 39, Lakeville, theft, \$391, 1 day in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Gregg C. Finch, 31, Owatonna, DWI, \$381, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, attend MADD impact panel, obtain permission to leave the state, 224 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Lindsay S. Hachfeld, 33, Owatonna, theft, \$181 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Katelyn D. Hanneman, 22, Ellendale, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Michelle A. Henderson, 43, Owatonna, stop sign, \$91; Bryan G. Hughes, 43, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Emily A. Jenkins, 29, Medford, suspended license, \$281; Ann-Marie P. Kirkhus, 48, Owatonna, revoked license, \$181, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Mason S. Oland, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Joshua W. Papinski, 25, Waseca, suspended license, \$281; Natalie M. Perez, 22, Waseca, no license and failure to yield, \$231; Pearl E. Rendon, 41, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Sadie B. Roehrick, 18, Faribault, failure to stop for traffic control signal and no insurance, \$331; Alexis R. Sautterer, 18, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Brady J. Schmah, 18, Waseca, speeding, \$131; David L. Skiba, 19, Pierz, speeding, \$121; Jayme J. Underwood, 36, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Matthew M. Wyse, 25, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Brenda A. Bauer, 29, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Falconer R. Bellefy, 22, Owatonna, possession of firearm – user of controlled substance, \$1,081, 1 year in county jail; Christopher K. Brandvold, 29, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Tony N. Casio, 44, Medford, stop sign, \$131; Domingo D. Deluna, 16, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$381; Ronald V. Fleming, 27, Austin, revoked license and speeding, \$341; Kullin J. Ginter, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Matthew R. Hager, 28, New Richland, revoked license, no insurance and speeding, \$531; Katelyn J. Hanneman, 22, Ellendale, domestic assault, \$181, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, no possession of firearms, mental health evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state and 1 year of supervised probation; Robyn M. Hawkins, 40, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Christopher S. Holmes, 30, Austin, speeding, \$221; Mohamed A. Hussein, 48, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Michael L. Johnson, 42, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Refugio U. Lopez, 43, Austin, no license, \$181; Beneigh B. MacPherson, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Allison M. Mullenburg, 36, Hollandale, expired tabs, \$111; Scott K. Peterson, 60, Austin, speeding, \$121; Kelly M. Roehrick, 50, Faribault, stop sign, \$131; Michael A. Sloane, 51, Pine Island, expired tabs, \$111; Oni A. Weberg, 17, Claremont,

speeding, \$121; William R. Wheeler, 30, Waseca, expired tabs and revoked license, \$311.

POLICE BLOTTER
Steele County

OWATONNA POLICE

March 23 Suspicion: At 12:49 a.m., police responded to suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. They arrested a subject at the scene. **Premise:** Police conducted a premise check in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:46 a.m. They made an arrest at the scene. **Truancy:** Police received a report of a truancy violation in the 300 block of School St. E. at 9:53 a.m. **Hit and Run:** At 4:28 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1000 block of 22nd St. NE.

Warrant: Officer made a warrant arrest in the 300 block of School St. W. at 4:46 p.m. **Domestic:** Police took subjects into custody following domestic disturbances in the 1100 block of School St. E. at 9:38 p.m. and the 700 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 11:38 p.m.

March 24 DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at Oak Ave. S. and Northview St. SW at 1:30 a.m. **Fraud:** Officers took a report of a fraud incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 5:27 a.m. **Trespassing:** At 2:56 p.m., police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW. **Child Protection:** Police received a child protection report from the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 10:47 p.m.

March 25 Warrant: At 10:19 a.m., officer made a warrant arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. **Theft:** Officers arrested a juvenile for theft in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 12:32 p.m.

March 26 Hit and Run: At 12:38 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 100 block of Rose St. E. **Forgery:** Police received a report of counterfeit money in the 1200 block of 12th Ave. NW at 1:38 p.m. **Theft:** A theft occurred in the 100 block of Lewis Dr. NW at 2:36 p.m.

March 27 Thefts: Police took theft reports in the 700 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 6:51 a.m. and 8:54 a.m. and the 500 block of Mound St. SW at 2:25 p.m. **Warrant:** Officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Vine St. E. at 2:21 p.m.

March 28 Intoxication: At 7:32 a.m., officers responded to an intoxicated subject in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. **Shoplifting:** Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:34 p.m. **Probation:** Police arrested a subject for violating probation in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 4:46 p.m.

March 29 Arrest: Police arrested motorists during traffic stops in the 300 block of School St. W. at 9:55 a.m. and the 700 block of 12th St. NE at 5:21 p.m. **Warrant:** Officer made a warrant arrest in the 600 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:56 p.m.

STEELE COUNTY SHERIFF
March 23

Animal: At 10:27 p.m., deputies responded to an animal call in the 79000 block of County Road 45 S. in Somerset Township.

March 24 DWI: Deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at 39th Ave. SW

and U.S. Highway 14 W. in Owatonna Township at 4:08 p.m.

March 25 Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 3600 block of Kenyon Road in Merton Township at 10:54 a.m. **DWI:** At 8:30 p.m., deputy made a DWI arrest at Crane Creek Road and 92nd Ave. NW in Meriden Township.

March 26 Assault: Deputies responded to an assault in the 600 block of School St. in Ellendale at 4:04 p.m.

March 29 Crash: Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Crane Creek Road and 92nd Ave. NW in Meriden Township at 9:02 p.m.

COURT NEWS
Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of March 19 – 26:

Charles L. Adams, 17, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct – penetration or contact under 13 – victim mentally impaired and felony attempted criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to \$986.21 and 108 months in St. Cloud State Prison. **Donald E. Black**, 44, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. Black was sentenced to \$1,081, 90 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, do not enter liquor establishments, predatory offender registration, no possession of pornography, submit to polygraph examinations as directed, no access of Internet without approval, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation. **Cody L. Luchi**, 21, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aid and abet theft. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,081, 3 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state, enter and complete Drug Court and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 19 – 23:

Justin P. Grobe, 35, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony terroristic threats, felony possession of ammo/firearm and gross misdemeanor obstruction of legal process. Grobe was sentenced to 60 months in St. Cloud State Prison and 1 year in county jail.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of March 19 – 23:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Dalvin D. Bennett, 25, Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Joshua M. Danielson, 34, Brownsdale, speeding, \$220; Andrew D. Garness, 33, Sergeant, speeding, \$140; Nicholas R. Garson, 37, Austin, revoked license, \$280; Jerri L. Holets, 47, Kasson, possession of marijuana, \$130; Tony W. Hopkins, 62, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Paul D. Klancher, 49, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Lynette M. Pew, 54, Hayfield, parking violation, \$32; Nathan D. Register, 38, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Dean C. Swenson, 53, Dodge Center, parking violation, \$32; Aaron T. Westlund, 34, Rochester,

speeding, \$140.

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Russell J. Hodge, 42, Hayfield, stop sign, \$130; Phearoum Hoes, 29, Rochester, revoked license, \$280, Oscar M. Perez Garcia, 33, Rochester, parking violation, \$32; Dustin H. Reggin, 25, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Martin A. Rodriguez, 54, Rochester, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$200, 2 days in county jail, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation.

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Kyle M. Cady, 33, Rochester, no child passenger restraint system, \$130; Raul Cruz, 45, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Dhuol C. Dhuol, 25, Rochester, permit violation, \$130; Daniel S. Lanes, 44, Golden Valley, speeding, \$120; Christopher J. Mancini, 43, Eden Prairie, seat belt, \$105; Lisa M. Scherer, 50, Belle Plaine, speeding, \$130.

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Kyle M. Cady, 33, Rochester, no child passenger restraint system, \$130; Raul Cruz, 45, Rochester, speeding, \$130; Dhuol C. Dhuol, 25, Rochester, permit violation, \$130; Daniel S. Lanes, 44, Golden Valley, speeding, \$120; Christopher J. Mancini, 43, Eden Prairie, seat belt, \$105; Lisa M. Scherer, 50, Belle Plaine, speeding, \$130.

POLICE BLOTTER
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 174 complaints during the week of March 21 – 27. Some of them include

March 21 Burglary: At 2:36 a.m., deputies found suspicious activity which ended up being a burglary in the 60300 block of 132nd Ave. in Claremont. **Attempted Burglary:** At 5:56 a.m., a citizen reported an attempted burglary involving a subject moving a camera on his property in the 13100 block of 585th St. in Claremont. **Tampering:** A Claremont citizen reported his van had been broken into in the 15200 block of 585th St. at 7:59 a.m. **Environment:** Deputies found an environmental dumping incident in the 17600 block of 585th St. in Dodge Center at 9:08 a.m. **Harassment:** Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 100 block of 3rd St. in Claremont at 12:26 p.m.

March 22 Juvenile: Deputies received juvenile complaints from the 200 block of 1st St. NE in Dodge Center at 7:52 a.m. and the 100 block of 2nd St. SE in Dodge Center at 5:16 p.m. **Fraud:** Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 20600 block of County Hwy. 34 in Dodge Center at 12:23 p.m. **Fraud:** At 2:19 p.m., a Claremont citizen reported that her identity had been stolen. **Assault:** Deputies responded to an assault in the 800 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center at 3:09 p.m. **Disorderly Conduct:** At 4:03 p.m., deputies found disorderly conduct in the 800 block of Hwy. St. W. in Dodge Center.

March 23 Disturbance: Deputies responded to a disturbance involving people crying and yelling in the 200 block of Oak St. N. in Claremont at 1:46 p.m. **Restraining Order:** At 7:35 p.m., deputies received a report of a restraining order violation in the 200 block of Front St. W. in Claremont. **March 25 Suspicion:** At 12:11 a.m., a Dodge Center resident reported a suspicious person pounding on her door and ringing the doorbell in the 200 block of 4th Ave. SE in Dodge

Center. **Gas Leak:** Deputies responded to a report of a strong odor of natural gas in a stand alone garage in the 500 block of Meadow Lark Lane in Dodge Center at 5:20 p.m.

Burglary: Deputies began a burglary investigation in the 200 block of 10th Ave. NW in Dodge Center at 7:02 p.m.

March 26 Disturbance: At 12:41 p.m., a Hayfield woman called deputies when her son's intoxicated friend was refusing to leave her home in the 73500 block of 230th Ave.

Harassment: Deputies responded to a harassment incident in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 4:32 p.m.

Narcotics: At 5:08 p.m., deputies responded to a report of narcotics in the 500 block of 5th St. NE in Hayfield.

Fraud: At 8:12 p.m., deputies received a report of check fraud in the 25800 block of U.S. Hwy. 218 in Blooming Prairie

Harassment: A Dodge Center male reported receiving harassment from a family member at 8:13 p.m.

March 27 Larceny: At 10:50 a.m., a Fairview Nursing Home employee reported money was stolen from them in the 700 block of 10th Ave. NW in Dodge Center.

Disturbance: Deputies found a couple arguing at Main St. and Central Ave. in Dodge Center at 11:07 a.m.

ARRESTS

Steele County

Owatonna Police

Jeffrey James Herzog, 58, arrested at 5 p.m. March 23, warrant arrest, body only. **Cody James Parkos**, 21, arrested at 1:01 a.m. March 23, felony drug court violation apprehension and detention, held for court. **Anthony Eugene Wadley Jr.**, 25, arrested at 11:56 p.m. March 23, domestic assault/assault, held for court. **Shawn Phillip McDowell**, 39, arrested at 10:18 p.m. March 23, domestic assault and interference with 911, held for court. **Brady Lee Edwards Jr.**, 28, arrested at 10:46 a.m. March 25, drug court warrants arrest, body only. **Ryan Steven Theissen**, 35, arrested at 4:55 p.m. March 28, felony probation violation apprehension and detention, held for court. **Derek Paul Denelsbeck**, 36, arrested at 5:45 p.m. March 29, revoked license and possession of marijuana, held for court. **Keith Douglas Haskell**, 55, arrested at 12:23 a.m. March 30, warrant arrest, \$5,000 bail.

Steele County Sheriff

Thomas John Kraus, 59, arrested at 8:48 p.m. March 25, DWI, held for court. **Timothy John Grubish**, 56, arrested at 4:30 p.m. March 24, DWI, held for court. **Jacob Ross Knutson**, 42, arrested at 8:10 a.m. March 25, warrant arrest, \$1,000 bail. **Anthony Montgomery Jr.**, 22, arrested at 10:56 a.m. March 25, probation violation warrant arrest, body only. **Lamoine Allen Busse**, 55, arrested at 2:20 p.m. March 29, probation violation warrant arrest, body only. **Jeffrey Letray Jones**, 30, arrested at 2:20 p.m. March 29, probation violation warrant arrest, body only. **Tanner John Heaney**, 25, arrested at 1 a.m. March 30, DWI, held for court.



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What to Know About the New Medicare Cards

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about the new Medicare cards? I've heard there are a lot of scams associated with these new cards and I want to make sure I protect myself.
Leery Senior

Dear Leery,
The government will soon be sending out brand new Medicare cards to 59 million Medicare beneficiaries. Here's what you should know about your new card along with some tips to help you guard against potential scams.

New Medicare Cards
Starting this month (April 2018), Medicare will be removing Social Security numbers from their new Medicare cards, and begin mailing them out to everyone who gets Medicare benefits. The reason for this change is to help protect your identity and reduce medical and financial fraud. The new cards will have a randomly generated 11-character Medicare Number. This will happen automatically. You don't need to do anything or pay anyone to get your new card.

Medicare will mail your card, at no cost, to the address you have on file with the Social Security Administration. If you need to update your official mailing address, visit your online Social Security account at SSA.gov/myaccount, or call 800-772-1213. When you get your new card, your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.

If you have a relative or friend who lives in another state and gets their card before you, don't fret. The cards will be mailed in waves, to various parts of the country over a 12-month period starting in April 2018, and ending next April 2019. Medicare beneficiaries in Alaska, California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia will be the first to receive the mailings, between April and June.

The last wave of states will be Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee, along with Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

When you get your new Medicare card, don't throw your old one in the trash. Instead, put it through a shredder or cut it up with a pair of scissors and make sure the part showing your Social Security number is destroyed.

If you have a separate Medicare Advantage card, keep it because you'll still need it for treatment.

Watch Out For Scams
As the new Medicare cards start being mailed, be on the lookout for Medicare scams. Here are some tips:

- Don't pay for your new card. It's yours for free. If anyone calls and says you need to pay for it, that's a scam.
- Don't give personal information to get your card. If someone calls claiming to be from Medicare, asking for your Social Security number or bank information, that's a scam. Hang up. Medicare will never ask you to give personal information to get your new number and card.
- Guard your card. When you get your new card, safeguard it like you would any other health insurance or credit card. While removing the Social Security number cuts down on many types of identity theft, you'll still want to protect your new card because identity



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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

APRIL 1, 2008

DAN EVANS, PUBLISHER

It's a once in a lifetime achievement to sink one "hole in one" as a golfer, but to hit two in a row? That's nearly impossible. Jim Fiebig of Bloomington, however, did the impossible and sank two back-to-back holes-in-one while golfing in Maui, Hawaii, a few weekends back. April Fools!

Mark Noble of Bloomington is going to the "Big Show," and he's not looking back. A race driver's dream took place when Noble announced that he will be driving a car in NASCAR competition during a dramatic turn of events this week. April Fools!

Beginning April 1 (no April Fools), the Bloomington Times begins its online version. Publisher Dan Evans said he is excited to get the newspaper on the Web where it can be offered to the entire world.

The Best Party of the Year was held last Saturday night at the Pizza Cellar in Bloomington. The party was the annual BP Education Foundation Auction, which raised more than \$40,000 for the community's education.

20 Years Ago

MARCH 31, 1998

ELSIE SLINGER, PUBLISHER

Prairie Manor and Heather Haus are settling into new management over the past few months. Mark Robinson is the new administrator of Prairie Manor while Deb Brown is the new manager of Heather Haus.

The Turkey Store Company recently recognized Jim Kittelson of Bloomington with the Wallace H. Jerome Award, "Making the Best Better." Kittelson was selected for the award as he's shown strong leadership in emergency situations.

City Center on March 26 as part of the Hot Reads for Cold Nights program at the Bloomington Prairie Library

50 Years Ago

MARCH 28, 1968

VICTOR, VERNON & VRYLE KREJCI, PUBLISHERS

A fire at the George Mueller farm, nine miles southwest of Bloomington, last Friday night destroyed the house and contents before the blaze was brought under control. Bloomington Fire responded to the blaze at 9 p.m. and remained on the scene until 2:30 a.m. The cause has not been determined.

Announcement was made this week of Ray Seaton as manager of the Central Co-op Oil Association in Bloomington. He will assume duties on April 1. Seaton has lived on a farm southwest of town since 1950 and is well-known throughout the community.

Representatives from a number of creameries met in the Community Building in Bloomington on March 19 to determine whether or not there was any interest in getting the facilities of the Bloomington Prairie Co-op Creamery Association into operation again.

75 Years Ago

APRIL 1, 1943

FRANK KREJCI, PUBLISHER

Government orders: Newspapers must cut their consumption of print paper by 10 percent. The government has issued the following rules: Cut down on exchange or free copies, cut off all dead ones on your list and if your subscribers do not pay up, take them off the list.

The Red Cross War Fund Drive for Bloomington and BP Township has now been completed. According to Dr. J.E. Price, treasurer of the local chapter, a grand total of \$1,620 has been turned over to him by various Red Cross solicitors.

Darrell Rasmussen, Richard Tucker, Eddie Ruzek and Neil Zweiner returned Wednesday of this week from Fort Snelling, where they had passed their physical examinations and were sworn into the U.S. Army.



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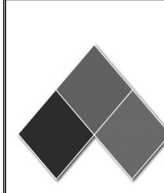


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BP School eliminates community expert position

BY DENNIS MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Blooming Prairie School Board voted to eliminate the school's "community expert" position at its monthly meeting on Monday, March 19. The non-licensed Community Expert Variance allows school districts and charter schools to hire a person with a expertise to teach a particular course or subject area for which licensed teachers are unavailable. Olson said Blooming Prairie's community expert position was eliminated because the current person did not have the proper licensure and was not able to obtain it. "The position is still there and is open," Olson said. "We just have to hire someone for that position, but that

person needs a license." In other action, the board:

- Approved the resignation of Ranell Kittelson as the junior high boys' basketball coach and John Bruns as the junior high softball coach.
- Approved Jenna Krell as the new junior high softball coach and John Bruns as the new junior varsity softball coach effective for the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved a required transfer of unspent funds from a bonded project to Debt Service Fund in order to reduce outstanding debt. This transfer relates to a recent HVAC project at the elementary school. "The project came in under-cost, in order to follow the law, we had to transfer that back into debt service so it pays down the debt," Olson said. "Basically the taxpayers are getting money back. They won't actually get the money back, but their debt service will be less."

- Approved the district entering into an agreement with Oak View Weddings and Events to host prom at its venue on May 5. Due to auditing requirements, the Student Activity Fund is not allowed to enter into a contract; therefore, the district needed to enter the agreement and make the payments. "That's the state law," Olson said. "The district signs the contract and the student activity account reimbursed them."
- Approved the "Joint Powers Agreement" With Region V Computer services. "That's just our accounting system that we have used forever," Olson said. "They changed a few things in the joint powers, and we just had to agree to the changes. Nothing major, it was just the process of approving that contract."

LAWMAKERS: Push to improve school

FROM LAWMAKERS, A2

which is why we're taking these active measures to increase the safety of our schools. By addressing areas like mental health, physical safety improvements to schools, and increasing school officers, we can create a safer environment for students, teachers, and staff.

Foster Care Bill Hearing
Last Tuesday, I presented my bill, HF3626, to the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee. The bipartisan legislation would create guidelines to help keep foster youth connected with their siblings. It does so by promoting close connections for foster siblings (when it is in the best interest of each sibling), including visits, phone calls, and taking part in important celebrations like birthdays. This bill seeks to help those children who are among the most vulnerable in our society – our foster kids. We all know how important our siblings are to each of us, and foster kids are no different. Children in foster care already face difficulties that are tough to imagine, and I think this bill can help ease these hardships and promote healthy growth by assisting these kids in staying

connected to their siblings as much as possible. I was joined by two advocates who, while living in foster care, faced difficulties maintaining a connection to a sibling living in the care of different foster parents. Sasha and Vivianna were so brave to come to St. Paul to tell their story and to advocate for this bill. Their testimony helped drive home how important this legislation is in helping our young people in foster care maintain the important family relationships with their siblings. With the help of their testimony, this bill passed the committee and is one step closer to becoming law. As always, please feel free to reach out via phone or email if you ever need anything. I'm here to help and would love for you to contact me!

Peggy Bennett is a state representative for District 27A, which includes most of Freeborn County, the city of Blooming Prairie and parts of southern Dodge County. She resides in Albert Lea.

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Cancer Corner



Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

STAFF PHOTO BY HOWARD LESTRUD

Spring is near. One sure sign of spring is represented by daffodil sales. Cheri Krejci, left, treasurer of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, accepts a \$900 donation for the sale of daffodils from Leanne Hanson of A Touch of Charm.



Daffodil sales benefit BP Cancer Group

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

"They're all gone," said a happy Leanne Hanson of A Touch of Charm in Blooming Prairie. She was talking about the 120 bunches of bright daffodils that were sold during the past two weeks to benefit the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. Hanson turned over \$900 to Cheri Krejci, treasurer of the BP Cancer Group. "We are so thankful for those who bought the daffodils," said Hanson. Hanson sold the daffodils at Ham Bingo on March 15, at A Touch of Charm and at First Lutheran Church.

The funds go directly to the BP Cancer Group's Community Fund, reported Krejci. The BP Cancer Group Community Fund designates money for parking passes, gas cards and transportation. The sale of daffodils was formerly a project of the American Cancer Society. Many organizations sold the flowers to benefit the Cancer Society. Since the American Cancer Society discontinued its project, Hanson thought she would continue the project on a local level. She said the participation by the public has been much better since the funds are directed solely to the local cancer group. Hanson said she admires the efforts of the BP Cancer Group and wanted to help in any way she could. Daffodils are hardy perennials that grow in most areas of North America, except southern Florida. Daffodil bulbs can be planted in the fall and will bloom in late winter or early spring.



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NANCY VAILLANCOURT

Have these gloomy, cool days gotten you down? It seems that spring should have sprung by now! (Hopefully by the time this is printed, it will be 70 degrees and sunny.) But, if you still need something to lift your spirits, try music available through the newly updated Freegal program. The only thing you need to access millions of songs is a library card from the Blooming Prairie Branch Library. Using the link at www.owatonna.info you can stream music or download five of your favorite songs each week. There is no

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OBITUARY

John "Jack" Shaw, 93, Blooming Prairie

John "Jack" Shaw, 93, of Blooming Prairie passed away peacefully at his daughter's home in Olympia, Wash., on March 28, 2018. Jack was born on Sept. 15, 1924, in Anoka, Minnesota, the son of John and Anne Shaw. He was raised in Anoka and Blooming Prairie. He attended Blooming Prairie High School with the Class of 1944 before leaving before graduation in 1943 to join the U.S. Army/Air Force, training to be a hydraulic specialist. He then served as a flight crew chief/jump master, dropping supplies to troops in North Africa and Sicily. Following his honorable discharge in November 1945, he returned to Blooming Prairie and graduated from high school with the class of 1946. Jack met Jean E. Hein while working at John Shaw Drug Store. They were married Aug. 14, 1951, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. The couple moved to Anoka and Jack attended barber school in Minneapolis. In 1955, Jack opened Shaw Barber Shop in Blooming Prairie and continued as the town barber for 54 years. Jack was a member of the First Lutheran Church and

American Legion. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed bowling and visiting with his friends at The Bakery. He will be dearly missed by his many friends and family. Jack is survived by his wife, Jean Shaw of Olympia, Wash.; his children, Sandy (Brian) Kerrigan of Olympia, and Marty (Robin) of Lafayette, Colo.; five grandchildren, Rosalie, Katherine, Jason, Joshua and Jennifer; nine great-grandchildren; siblings, William Shaw of Anoka and David (Joanne) Shaw of Castro Valley, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, James; and sister, Joanne O'Brien. There will be a private family gathering. Please leave condolences for the family or share memories at www.FuneralAlternatives.org.



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- 2 pounds trimmed stewing beef, cut into 1-inch cubes and patted dry
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin (see note 2 below)
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 12 teaspoon cracked black peppercorns
- 1 cup beef stock
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1 14-ounce can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, including juice
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 roasted red bell peppers, thinly sliced, then cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup sliced pitted green olives
- 1/2 cup finely chopped parsley leaves

- In a skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add beef, in batches, and cook, stirring, adding more oil as necessary, until browned, about 4 minutes per batch. Transfer to slow cooker stoneware as completed.
- Reduce heat to medium. Add onions and garlic to pan and cook, stirring, until onions are softened, about 3 minutes. Add cumin, thyme, lemon zest, if using, salt, and peppercorns and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add beef stock, wine, tomatoes with juice, and bay leaves and bring to a boil. Add to slow cooker and stir well.
- Cover and cook on low for 6 hours or on high for 3 hours, until mixture is bubbly and beef is tender. Stir in roasted peppers, olives and parsley. Cover and cook on high for 15 minutes, until peppers are heated through. Discard bay leaves.

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I've been to the Holy Land three times. When I think of Easter, a very meaningful place comes to mind that I visited there each time. One might think it would be the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the traditional location of the empty tomb of Jesus. Or perhaps it would be the Garden Tomb Park, another spot historians believe Jesus rose from the dead.

Even though these are inspiring places to visit, for me the most meaningful Easter message is at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. It is a very emotional place memorializing the 5 million Jews killed by Nazi Germany in WWII. One

particular room is called the "Children's Memorial" that remembers the 1.5 million young, innocent lives that were snuffed out by evil.

How can this place bring an Easter message to me, you may ask? I'll tell you. The devil and his evil powers think that they can take the hope and joy out of humanity and replace them with dark, eternal sadness and death. But I believe Jesus has conquered the power of evil and death through his innocent suffering and death on the cross, followed by his incredible resurrection. "Death has been swallowed up victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" says the Apostle Paul.

A story comes out of the Holocaust Museum. When Liberation Forces came in at the close of the war, they went into the concentration camps and witnessed the dungeons, the gas chambers, and underground prison areas. They were horrified! They also saw something quite amazing. In one underground prison barracks, there were children's carvings and drawings on the walls. Not drawings of death, but drawings of life and hope! The soldiers saw drawings of stick figured children playing, smiling faces, flying birds, animals, and even butterflies.

Here, in these death-holding chambers, were drawings of butterflies!

These children, who could not see the light of day and who had heard rumors of impending death, were drawing symbols of hope and life. No doubt they trusted in the love of family and God to get them through each day. This is an Easter message to me!

For those of us who believe in Jesus, we are Easter People! Although there is death and struggle around us, we live in hope and joy. Let's draw our butterflies and trust in the one who gives us new life each day.

Butterflies on the wall

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EDUCATOR RETIRES: *Making a difference*

FROM PAGE A1

Nyquist wonders if the tobacco companies are attempting to utilize different products such as e-cigarettes as a way of trying to make up for the loss of conventional tobacco users.

“There’s something like 7,000 flavors out there, and they mask the harshness, which makes them enticing for kids.”

She said that, “in tobacco work, the tobacco industry and lobbyists are always working against public health and they have the money to do it.” Nyquist also added, “While working on tobacco policies and ordinances was some of my most challenging work, it was also the most rewarding.”

Her work for Public Health also centered on promoting healthy eating habits and easier access to healthy foods. She feels that everyone should have easier and more affordable access to healthy foods.

“Part of my job was to look at different ways of getting easier access to healthier foods,” Nyquist said. “A good way to introduce kids to healthy habits is to garden with them.”

As an educator, Nyquist knows that early awareness can go a long way. “Prevention is key to many of our country’s health issues,” she said.

“By getting to kids while they’re young with key messages, involving them in the messaging and providing them with tools to use as adults, we can prevent serious health problems,” Nyquist said.

Of her work with Public Health, Nyquist said, “By changing policies, systems and the environment, we can make it easier for people to make the healthy choice the easy choice.”

With so many friends and connections made in her time at Public Health, Nyquist says, “I will miss my friends at Public Health the most, and

I will also miss the work.”

She describes tobacco prevention as her biggest passion, “I’ve worked on tobacco use reduction and reducing exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke for around 20 years.” She hopes to still be involved with public health as her time permits.

Nyquist sees Steele County as a relatively healthy county. “I think it is,” she said, “and Minnesota in general is a healthier state, but you’re going to have pockets of less healthy areas in there.”

When asked how she plans on spending her retirement, Nyquist has a bevy of choices. “In retirement I plan to do a lot of babysitting of my grandchildren, go fishing more often up north, and travel the United States and internationally with my husband, as well as help out my parents and work on my hobbies.”

TINY DANCERS: *Steele County Stars*

FROM PAGE A1

Paul explained. “It’s nice to see people try to keep people out of health care and able to live safely and independently in their own homes,” he added.

Edna Ringhofer, executive director of Healthy Seniors, chairs the event once again and says Healthy Seniors are “honored” to have dance couples under the instruction of Brian and Lynette Dawley, Bessie Peterson and Steve and JoAnn Caron.

The other nine dance couples include: Sara and Kelly Markham, Tasheena and Jared Cooke, Ross and Kyle Ackerman, Chelsea and Dan Soller, Jessica and Brent Hawkins, Katelyn and Trinity Emery, Brandi and Ryan Evers, Janell Tufte and Steve Dittrich and Laurie and Jason Matejcek.

Blooming Prairie has had outstanding representation in Dancing with Our Steele County Stars. Craig and Janie Bishop and Greg and Allyson Skillestad are winning couples of the past. Kara Kubista has also represented BP.

This year’s dancers began their practice regimen on Feb. 11. They have lessons once a week with the Dawleys and practice in between.

“I can’t say enough for the time Brian and Lynette put into the choreography for the dancers,” said Paul. Each couple is given a DVD that allows the dancers time to follow instructions.

Heidi and Paul will be doing a night club two-step dance. “We’re not revealing the title of the song, keeping it as a secret for our supporters,” Heidi said.

All dance couples participated in a group practice last Thursday. The Heimgartners have been practicing almost every night of the week and have converted a garage into a studio. Paul has cranked up the LP tank heater for more comfort.

Heidi and Paul have found that the best time for practice is after the kids are in bed; however, Luke and Jonathan sometimes sit in on the practices and provide critique.

“Luke is a tough judge but Jonathan is more lenient,” Heidi laughs.

HOPE ABOUNDS: *Good Friday service*

FROM PAGE A1

“We’re in this thing called life together,” she says.

“We’re his hands and feet of kindness in the world. The Easter message of hope is for everyone,” she said.

For Weinkauf, the favorite part of the program is watching the excitement through the eyes of all the children. She also enjoys seeing how members of the community react. “For some this might be their Easter service,” she said. “This might be their only way of hearing the good news,” she added.

Through the various scenes, Trinity members are intentional in delivering the message. Sheri Berg, director of elementary ministry, said Trinity focuses on offering a hands-on experience for kids. “That’s how they learn,” she said.

Children, for example, are allowed to pet live animals in an attempt to help them fully understand the message.

Berg enjoys watching the delight on the faces of those in attendance. “I enjoy seeing all the little kids and their families experience it as a family,” she said.

Added Rev. Weinkauf, “We touch on all different ways of learning and touch on all senses. We want to make sure the word is written on their hearts and bodies.”

As director of high school ministry, Kate Verlautz directs about 30 actors and readers for the performance. She noted many of the kids have been involved in the show for many years. “I love that I get to see them sharing love and compassion to their neighbors,” Verlautz said. “It’s a community event to see the story of Christ.”

Verlautz hopes people come away with the idea that Jesus, along with his love and grace, is for all people. “When you experience Jesus, you are experiencing servicing your neighbor,” she said.

Weinkauf said many families make Trinity’s Good Friday service a part of their Easter family tradition.

With 4,000 members, Trinity is the largest Lutheran church in Steele County. Weinkauf said the church is deeply rooted in service. She also finds Trinity to be vibrant with many opportunities for all ages.

For Weinkauf, who came to the church a few years ago after living in other areas of the country, Trinity is the “best place in the world to be.”

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IRS encourages ‘Paycheck Checkup’ for taxpayers to check their withholding

Following recent tax changes and the approach of the April tax deadline, the IRS is launching a special week beginning Monday, March 26 to encourage taxpayers to do a “paycheck checkup” to ensure they are having the right amount of taxes withheld at work.

The week-long campaign will show taxpayers how a “paycheck checkup” can help them prevent

having too much or too little tax withheld from their paychecks. These steps can help avoid an unexpected tax bill or potential penalty at tax time in 2019. And with the average refund topping \$2,800, some may prefer to get more money in their paychecks now.

The campaign will also show taxpayers how the Withholding Calculator tool on IRS.gov can help them accomplish a “paycheck checkup” and decide if they need to change their withholding with their employer. Several categories of taxpayers will be especially encouraged to review their tax withholding.

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A chilly hunt

Hundreds search for Easter eggs in BP park



BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Brrrrrrrrr!

It was cold and freezing, but these weather conditions didn't stop nearly 300 kids from hunting for 3,300 Easter eggs in Blooming Prairie's Central Park, on Saturday morning.

With wind chills in the high teens, the Women of Today and volunteers scattered eggs around the park awaiting some eager hunters who were dressed in winter gear.

A tarp and a heater were provided for hunters and their families in one of the shelters at the park.

Saturday's hunt was the 10th annual in Blooming, sponsored by the Women of Today. To salute this milestone, the Women of Today gave away two bicycles.

Winners of the bicycles were Lucy Anderson and Brinley Hoffman. They picked up their bikes at B to Z Hardware in Blooming Prairie.

Mandy Doocy and Karen Peterson chaired the Easter egg hunt.

Every youngster participating in the hunt was allowed to pick up six eggs and then bring them to a redemption center where the lucky hunters picked up prizes. Each hunter received a prize.

The Women of Today gave away 250 goodie bags to young hunters. Thirty large Easter baskets were also given as prizes. Prize sponsors of the hunt were: Blooming Prairie Dairy Queen, Pizza Cellar, The Bakery, Confections by Karen, Hy-Vee, Vandal's, Wal-mart, Casey's, Sportstitch and B to Z Hardware.



Staff photos by
HOWARD LESTRUD

Above: With help from her dad, Lucas, little Paislee Berndt gives the Easter bunny a "high five" at an Easter Egg Hunt at Blooming Prairie's Central Park on Saturday, March 31.

Upper Right: Bristol Boyd and her mom collected a goodie basket at the Women of Today Easter Egg Hunt in Blooming Prairie .

Lower Right: The Easter Bunny was surrounded by some young friends eat a special Women of Today's 10th annual hunt. Pictured with the bunny are Jasper Doocy, Henry Sundine, Wyatt Hemann and Alex Hemann.

Sen. Jasinski: Slowpokes move over

BY RICK BUSSLER
PUBLISHER

In his travels from Faribault to the State Capitol in St. Paul, state Sen. John Jasinski has had plenty of time to watch traffic patterns and ponder a burning question that likely many motorists wonder.

Why don't some motorists get over and not clog up the passing lane?

Jasinski thinks he has a solution to avoid slowpokes

in the passing lane. He has proposed a "slowpoke bill" that increases the punishment for drivers who clog up the left lane of highway traffic.

The senator views it as a low-cost way to improve highway congestion. "I've been watching traffic and seeing how we can elevate some of the traffic traveling at or below the speed limit and won't move over," Jasinski said.

SEE **SLOWPOKES, B2**

BP Chamber student ambassadors share about a local business

BY HOWARD LESTRUD
STAFF WRITER

Three Blooming Prairie High School students put on their Chamber Student Ambassadors hats at a recent meeting with BP Area Chamber of Commerce members.

Ayren Ingvalson, Samantha Wurst and Max Romeo are the 2017-18 Chamber Student Ambassadors.

The Student Ambassadors program was stated three years ago by past Chamber president Luke Swenson.

Ingvalson, Wurst and Romeo gave a Power Point presentation on cottage food industries, mainly focusing on Confections by Karen, a

cottage industry business owned and operated by Karen Peterson of Blooming Prairie.

The Cottage Food Law allows for individuals to make and sell certain non-potentially hazardous food and canned goods in Minnesota without a license. The law went into effect in 2015.

All cottage food producers, including Confections by Karen, must register with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The student ambassadors recently interviewed Peterson and brought their findings to the Wednesday, March 21 meeting of the BP Area

SEE **AMBASSADORS, B2**

Reliving the Civil War

The Steele County Historical Society will be releasing a new publication, Steele County in the Civil War, on May 3.

The author, Barry D. Adams, will be available for a signing at 6 p.m. and will offer a 45 minute presentation at 7 p.m. The book will be available for purchase at the Steele County Historical Society.

More than 700 soldiers who served in the American Civil War called Steele County "home."

Most were young, some too young to volunteer at age 15, and a few were older, in their 40s. They held every rank, from private to general. Some were wounded in battle, some were captured, more than four dozen died in uniform, and nearly all of them spent



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some time in army hospitals suffering from camp diseases.

Unlike soldiers from Pennsylvania or Georgia, many of the Steele County soldiers also fought in Minnesota's own civil war, the US-Dakota Conflict of 1862.

In the extensive account of their experiences, the reader will feel an intimate relationship with the Steele Countians—both soldiers and their loved ones—who experienced America's worst self-inflicted crisis and who had a very real impact on the war's outcome. From touching love letters to humorous stories to sad recollections of surgeons and

SEE **CIVIAL WAR, B3**

MAKING MEDFORD GREAT AGAIN

New signage project spells improvement for the city

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

The last time Medford upgraded its signs was 1997. But this year, after connecting up and proposing the idea a few months ago, a group of Medford citizens are on their way to helping the city replace the signs along its borders.

Calling themselves the Make Medford Great Again Committee, the group aims to improve the community's aesthetics by introducing the new signage at four locations around the city. Co-chairs Michelle Jones and Erin Sammon led the project, with committee members John Anhorn, Darren and Madi Hagen, Skye Devoe, Jess Johannes and Lisa Ernste rounding out their group.

According to Sammon, the

group met at January's Bright Ideas Workshop meeting and immediately got to work on its project. She sees their strengths as meshing well, and feels that this has contributed to the group's cohesion. "I think we all have different talents, and we came together and made it happen," she said.

Sammon was born and raised in Medford, and credits her mother's civic involvement for her own drive. Although she says she tries to stay active in the community as much as she can, Sammon didn't originally know what she was getting herself into.

"I thought I was just going to a meeting to give ideas," she joked. "But with something so cool and permanent, who wouldn't want to be a part of it?"

Although Sammon and Michelle

Jones took the lead on the project, Sammon admits she couldn't do it without her fellow committee members, each of whom chipped in and helped bring the project along. "Once we broke into our group, we went with the strengths of our members," Sammon said.

The design of the signs was accomplished through a working cooperation with Kari LaCanne and Signtastic. Sammon said two of the group members, Skye Devoe and Jess Johannes, have graphic design experience, and so the group left it up to them on how to approach the look and feel of the designs.

SEE **GREAT AGAIN, B2**



An artist's rendition of the proposed signage currently in development. The signs are to be placed at the four major entrances into the city, and will display additional information within the bottom section.

SEN. JASINSKI: *Slowpokes move over*

FROM SLOWPOKES, B1

Impeding traffic in the left lane is already a petty misdemeanor, punishable with a citation. Jasinski's proposal would make it a crime.

Ever since Jasinski revealed his proposal a few weeks ago, he has receive "a ton of positive feedback," he said. "I'm not trying to promote speeding," Jasinski says. "I just want to keep the lane open for passing."

Part of his proposal calls for a public awareness campaign through state traffic safety officials. Jasinski said the biggest part of what he's trying to do is just raise awareness to this issue and get slower motorists to stay in right lane.

"If slower people stay to



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the right, it will improve traffic flow," Jasinski said. "It helps promote less congestion."

The slowpoke bill unanimously cleared the transportation committee. It also has passed the judiciary committee where it received two no votes.

Jasinski assured his colleagues that state troopers would use their discretion and wouldn't be locking up slow drivers. "It's just a tool for law enforcement for those blatantly abusing this," he said.

Several other states already have similar laws.

BP CHAMBERS: *local business*

FROM AMBASSADORS, B1



Staff photos by HOWARD LESTRUD

Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce student ambassadors produced a Power Point presentation about the cottage food industry and shared it with Chamber members at a regular monthly chamber meeting hosted at the BP City Center on Wednesday, March 21. Chamber president Greg Johnson is shown with ambassadors Max Romeo, Ayren Ingvalson and Samantha Wurst.

Chamber at a noon luncheon catered by Subway at the BP City Center.

It was ironic that Peterson was not in attendance at the chamber meeting. She was lobbying with District 27 Sen. Dan Sparks, D-Austin, and District 27A Rep. Peggy Bennett, R-Albert Lea, for cottage industries at a Minnesota State Legislature committee meeting.

Cottage industries are businesses that operate out of one's home.

Peterson started her business in July of 2015, the student ambassadors reported. She makes cakes, cupcakes, lefse, French macarons and cookies from scratch.

Many local residents have already tasted

Peterson's products. She supplied cookies for the National Night Out event in BP last August. She has also provided wedding couples with designer cupcakes.

"She has her own personal touch and is always trying new things," said Wurst in describing Peterson's business acumen.

The ambassadors said they asked Peterson to identify her largest order. It was an order of 800 cookies, they said.

Romeo outlined regulations that cottage industries face.

Look for the BP Area Chamber ambassadors to bring more interesting business and manufacturing stories to the attention of other chamber members.

GREAT AGAIN: *New signage project*

FROM GREAT AGAIN, B1

"We wanted a historic feel, something with a river, and also something to let everyone know that we're the oldest city in Steele County," Sammon said in relation to the sign's design work.

The Make Medford Great Again Committee states as its mission that, "the New Signage Project is to provide the City of Medford and its visitors a showcase of what we have to offer from our history to our population to our community events."

Some of the features of the proposed signs include a population count that is able to be altered, vinyl lettering that can also be reworked if needed, and eyelets to be used by Medford groups and organizations to advertise on the bottom of the sign. Events mentioned by the group that could be showcased include Medford School sporting events, and Straight River Days, amongst others.

The signs will be placed in the four cardinal directions around town, with two on County Road 45, both north and south, and one east along 2nd Avenue NE near the school, and lastly another placed west near the Frontage Road by the pool. Sammon said that these locations may change slightly, as they will need to work closely with those in the community to determine the specific designations.

Currently Medford only has three signs, all dating back to 1997 when they were first put up. Some of the signs have been surpassed by the

current city limits, which, according to Sammon, lets her and the committee see how the community has grown.

Some of the benefits the committee hopes the new signs will bring include: giving a "face" to Medford, drawing traffic further into town, boosting business downtown, and bringing awareness to local events.

The sign initiative was approved at last week's City Council meeting. Committee member John Anhorn explained the proposed locations to the council by saying, "We're just trying to hit the edge of town, and we'll work with positions as we go."

During the meeting, council members spoke of their appreciation and eagerness for the project. "We are really lacking in signs," City Council Member Marie Sexton said. "It's just commendable, thank you for getting this project done."

She was one of many on the council who feel the project is a good one for the city. The estimated total expense of the project will be around \$35,646, and with over \$16,000 in donations, the committee has asked for a grant of just over \$19,000 from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Fund.

City Administrator Andy Welti also foresees the possibility of additional costs due to determining the locations. He reminded the council in a memorandum written March 21 that, "the city may be asked to contribute to the sign project." He added the council may want to consider paying for the cost of drafting easements or surveying if it is necessary.

"The response from the community has been mostly fantastic," Sammon said. "I'd say a majority of people are really going to like it, and it will give people a good sense of our community."

Currently proposed to be placed at the four main entrances into the city, the new signage promises to deliver immediate visual and informational appeal to the community. The timeline is to have the project completed within six months, although the committee can ask for some leeway on timing.

Sammon and her committee members are all proud of the work they did in improving their community, something she says was actually a lot of fun. "We were just eight strangers that came together and had a great time."



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This week's Panther of the Week is Jovey Knudson. Jovey resides in the country by Beaver Lake near Ellendale with her parents Kevin and Katie Knudson. She is in Mrs. Ihrke's second grade class.

Jovey is an absolute joy to have in class! She is so positive, eager to learn, and works hard every day. Jovey is kind to others and is willing to help anyone at any time. She is a leader and a great example of what Panther Pride looks like at our school.

Jovey enjoys gymnastics, playing Uno, and reading. She also enjoys travelling up North to her grandparent's cabin and playing with her little brother, Rafe.

Keep up the great work Jovey!

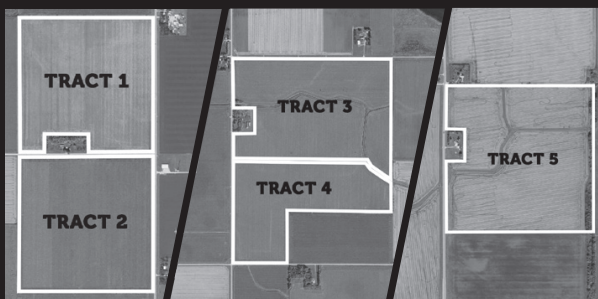
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MEDFORD TO STATE LAWMAKERS: ‘We need this’



Lois M. Nelson

The League of Minnesota Cities annually sponsors a day at the capitol. The most recent was Thursday, March 22, and Medford Councilmember Marie Sexton and I were in attendance.

The morning consisted of panel presentations on local government issues. Key leaders from both parties were in attendance to share their thoughts on a variety of topics from franchise fees, pensions, infrastructure, local government aid and then fielded questions on a variety of other concerns.

The big, hot topic of the morning is the size of this year's bonding bill. Governor Dayton submitted his proposed \$1.5 billion of projects largely around the requests of Minnesota State institutions and infrastructure-water, wastewater, roads and bridges around the state. The total bonding requests submitted are over \$3 billion in project work. This list includes Medford's Municipal Complex. During the past two years both the Senate and the House Capitol Resource Committees have visited Medford. Senator Jasinski asked us to make another presentation while the committee was in Faribault on Feb. 12. He wrote a bill-SF2553 and our Representative Brian Daniels submitted HF2844 for our municipal complex.

Additionally, Senator Jasinski and Senator Dan Sparks and Representatives Peggy Bennett and Jeanne Poppe sit on the respective Capitol Resource Committees. When visiting at the Capitol and our elected officials, Councilmember Sexton's message to those who we visited "We need this!"

This column has shared our building situation in other columns: 1. We have an old, undersized public works facility that does not house our current inventory of trucks so either equipment is



Medford's Main Street was the initial location of the fire hall and city offices back in 1937. Medford city officials are pushing state lawmakers for financing to help build a new Medford Municipal Complex. "We need this," city officials say.

sitting outside or in the case of our jetter truck, paying \$300 monthly to have it stored in a heated garage. 2. Since the dismantling of the Chalet in Straight River Park due to extensive water damage from flooding, we no longer have a place for meetings and a social place for graduations, birthdays and anniversary celebrations. 3. The fire hall no longer accommodates the inventory of equipment with a truck now stored off site with little space designated for training.

Since the city's incorporation and very beginning back in 1937, the City Hall/Council Chambers have been side-by-side with the Fire Department. The photo shows the first set-up on Main Street—the fire hall—now, where Glitzy Fashions is located and city hall—really where meetings and longtime City Clerk Olive Bredlow at Bredlow's were located on the corner. Later, there was a move of city offices to a part of the muni, meetings often were held at Pike's Grocery Store (more recently CJ's) and the fire department had two buildings for the trucks right next to the muni. Since the early 1970s City Hall, Council Chambers and the Fire Department share space on the east end of Second Street Southeast.

The Public Works Department would move and occupy the current City/Fire Hall and have

everything under one roof, a designated area where vehicles could be worked on and employee office space. With the municipal complex, the community building committee reaffirmed the staying together and that is what our bonding request includes. Both the City and Fire Department are building funds towards the project. Discussion will continue on the actual building design and scope.

Right now, we will continue to supply our legislators with information for sharing with the other members and hope that the bonding bill this year includes our Medford Municipal Complex. "We need this!"

Mayor Lois Nelson is serving her sixth year as mayor of Medford. She writes a monthly column for this newspaper.

Medford council fills Public Works vacancy, bumps up pay for another worker

BY CHRIS BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

The hiring of a new worker in the Public Works department and a pay raise for another worker captured the most interest at the March 26 Medford City Council meeting.

Pending required HR checks, Scott Mittelstaedt will be hired for the position of Public Works Worker at \$17.75 an hour.

However, with summer looming and the city still lacking a proper Public Works supervisor, the issue of employment was still on everybody's mind.

To remedy this situation, Public Works employee Scott Prestegard has taken on more responsibilities, and at last week's meeting the council opted to approve a compensation adjustment of Prestegard's pay.

The HR Work Group and City Administrator Andy Welti proposed that the council increase Prestegard's pay from \$19.06 to \$21.06 an hour, effective upon the next pay period. Because the increase in pay is out of class, Welti explained that a new class or position will be developed during a Compensation Study that will reflect his new responsibilities.

"He's taking all the calls, and taking on a lot of responsibility, and I expect him to continue those responsibilities after a supervisor is found," Welti said of Prestegard's larger role.

This move corresponded with a proposal for a new classification and compensation study. The proposed study would be conducted by an independent firm, David Drown & Associates, to determine

and recommend changes to the current compensation plans. The council approved spending \$6,750 for the study.

"We're definitely overdue for a compensation study," Welti explained to the council. The study's recommendations will be considered and if agreed upon may be added into the 2019 preliminary budget. Classification and compensation studies are generally slated to be conducted about every five to seven years for a given community.

The Public Works Supervisor vacancy was also addressed. Welti again advised that the council consider hiring an additional Public Works Worker if there are no desirable candidates for the supervisor position by April 13. "We need three people in the department for the coming season," he said.

Council member Keith Maas, who suggested that the city bump up another employee's hours to help out with the spring and summer seasons, cautioned his fellow council members on any rash decisions over the vacancy. "Let's not pull the panic button here. We don't want to be stuck with three workers and no lead."

Although no definitive decision was made concerning the possibility of being deprived of a Public Works Supervisor during the spring and summer seasons, Chad Merritt said that, "if we have to have a special meeting over the matter, call it."

With the theme of attracting potential employees continuing, the council also approved raising the wages of the city's pool staff. With only seven lifeguards, the bare minimum, the city is looking to entice prospective guards from other communities nearby with competitive

wages. The council chose to go with the second and more expensive of two options, increasing the pay at an additional cost of \$1,800. "With a minor increase in compensation, hopefully we will attract more guards," Welti said.

During the meeting the council also approved Resolution 2018-09 A Resolution Adopting A Five-Year Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mike Johnson, emergency management director for Steele County, was on hand to take questions from the council.

The new plan is being pushed by FEMA and focuses on flooding, but also includes management for other disasters such as tornadoes and snow. Nine of the 11 FEMA disaster declarations in Steele County have included flooding.

Medford was the last city within Steele County to approve the measure. "Please note we are the last government unit to pass this, but we are doing it enthusiastically," Mayor Lois Nelson stated to Johnson during the meeting.

Other items on the agenda included: a Municipal Liquor Store rooftop HVAC replacement at the cost of \$11,790, a report on the General Capital Projects Fund Balance, a comparison of Lawn Mowing services with current, in-house costs, a Pictometry cost increase that will allow for better and more accurate imagery for planning and zoning, and a request for council consideration for retiring Public Works Supervisor Fernando Gonzales' EIB payment.

The City Council holds its next regular meeting on Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

RELIVING: the Civil War

FROM CIVIL WAR, B1

chaplains, Steele County in the Civil War brings their story home and makes it personal.

Author Barry D. Adams was a long-time educator in Eastern Pennsylvania before he embarked on a second career as a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. With his wife Joy, he moved to Minnesota in 2008 and lives in Owatonna.

Admission to the lecture is free to SCHS members, \$5 for nonmembers. Copies of Steele County

in the Civil War will be presented to all middle schools in Steele County.

SCHS has supplemental information posted online at steelehistorymuseum.org/civil-war including an extensive database listing the civil war veterans of Steele County.

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Stephanie Kibler is the meetings and events manager at the Steele County History Center in Owatonna. Steele Talkin' is a weekly column featuring authors representing various groups and organizations throughout Steele County.

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CLUES ACROSS

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8. Female parent
12. Succulent plants
14. OJ's judge
15. Czech river
16. Embarrassing predicament
18. NHL legend Bobby
19. Sunfish
20. One who acclaims
21. On the __: running away
22. Oklahoma's "Wheat Capital"
23. The Golden State
26. Merrymake
30. Siberian nomads
31. Pock-marked
32. Baleen whale
33. Leaf-footed bug genus
34. Treasure
39. Tanzanian shilling
42. Changed
44. Intestinal pouches
46. Walked in a celebratory way
47. South American mountain chain
49. Jai __, sport
50. Consumed
51. Firm
56. Pubs
57. Leafy drink

CLUES DOWN

1. Crush
2. Razorbill genus
3. "Full House" actress Loughlin
4. Bluish green
5. Garlic mayonnaise
6. Attacks repeatedly
7. Secretion
8. Special instance

9. A handsome youth loved by Aphrodite
10. Tree genus in the mahogany family
11. Israeli city
13. Formed a theory
17. Remove
24. Type of light
25. Repeats
26. Certified public accountant
27. River in eastern France
28. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
29. Special __: military group
35. Ribonucleic acid
36. Not even
37. Power transmission belt
38. Doctor of Education
40. Type of nerve
41. Types of tops
42. Large primate
43. Flooded, low-lying land
44. Gritty
45. Gets up
47. Stake
48. Not the most
49. Swedish rock group
52. Expresses pleasure
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April 5
3:15 p.m. – 4-H After
School Adventures, Ellendale
Cafeteria
April 9
3:30 p.m. – Community Ed
(Spring Gym Games), NRHEG
HS Wrestling Room
6 p.m. – NRHEG Band
Boosters Meeting
6 p.m. – NRHEG Preschool
Open House, Ellendale

Preschool Room **April 10**
6 p.m. – Community Ed
(Schoology, Google & JMC in
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6:30 p.m. – Karate,
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April 5
9 a.m. – Jr. History
Detectives – Cars & Gas
Stations, History Center
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6:30 p.m. – Steele County
Free Fair Board Meeting,
Mother's Rest
7 p.m. – Driver Meets the
Road, History Center
April 6
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Red Cross
Blood Donation Drive, Hy-Vee
April 7
9 a.m. – Gopher State
Archeology Show, History
Center
1 p.m. – Hops for Habitat,
Four Seasons Centre
April 8
1 p.m. – Paintings by Dana
Hanson, Owatonna Art Center
2 p.m. – Owatonna Junior
High Orchestra and Jazz Band
Concert, Owatonna Art Center

April 9
1 p.m. – Senior Place Inc.
Board Meeting, Senior Place
April 10
9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – It's
Tale Time, Owatonna Library
11 a.m. – Illumination Room
Show, Corporate Recognition
Noon – Genealogy Club,
History Center
1 p.m. – So Many Books...
So Little Time, Owatonna
Library
5 p.m. – Steele County
Board Meeting, County Admin
Building
5:30 p.m. – Owatonna
Planning Commission Meeting,
City Admin Building
5:30 p.m. – Owatonna
Human Rights Commission
Meeting, City Admin Building
7 p.m. – Veterans Open
Roundtable, Good Shepard
Lutheran
7 p.m. – Poetry Writers
Group, Owatonna Library

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Workshop set to help family caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a free group workshop designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home, you will benefit from the tools presented in this program.

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The Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workshop is an evidence-based education program offering a unique combination of elements.

The six-session workshop curriculum has been shown to improve management of emotions, increased confidence in coping with caregiver demands, and use of community resources and local services.

An informational meeting with an opportunity to register will be held 9 a.m. Monday, April 9 at KODA Living Community in Chapel-C. Refreshments will be available.

Workshop sessions begin Monday, April 16 and will take place at KODA Living Community in Chapel-C from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each Monday for six weeks. Care is available for a loved one if needed.

For additional information, questions, or to register, you may call Michael Maas at 507-450-1518.

Scholarships available through Owatonna Foundation

Are you graduating from high school in spring 2018? Do you plan to attend a technical or community college? If you answered yes, apply for an Owatonna Foundation traditional scholarship.

April 10 is the deadline for traditional Owatonna Foundation scholarship applications. The Owatonna Foundation has \$15,000 available to assist students who will be attending non-four year programs at technical/community colleges to prepare themselves for a technical career.

An applicant must be a June 2018 graduate of Owatonna High School, Owatonna Alternative School, Eagle Academy, Owatonna Christian School, Choice Technical Academy, or Pillsbury College Prep. The parent or guardian of applicant must be a resident of Steele County.

Previous award recipients have pursued training in the following areas: accounting, business and office technology, agriculture services and management, carpentry/cabinet making, child development, civil engineering technician, construction electrician, cosmetology, culinary arts/chef, drafting, electronics, interior design and sales, jewelry and gemology, machining/tool and die, microcomputer support technician, paramedic/EMT, and sales and marketing.

Applications must be submitted no later than April 10. Applications are available at the Foundation's website at <http://www.owatonnafoundation.org/Grants/Scholarships>, and Apply for a Scholarship; from Jill Holmes at 507-455-3059, and at the Foundation's office at 108 West Park Square, Owatonna.

Folk and jazz on the WCO program Thursday

The Woman's Club of Owatonna will hear a folk and jazz artist at its meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday at the St. John Lutheran Church social hall, 1301 Lincoln Ave.

Performing will be Claudia Schmidt, a professional songwriter and musician. She plays the guitar, the Appalachian dulcimer and sings. She appeared many times on the radio program, A Prairie Home Companion. Originally from New Baltimore, Mich., she started performing in the late 1970's. She now lives in Traverse City, Mich., and has recorded 19 albums. Her work will be available in the narthex of the church after her performance.

In her early days, she was a fixture of the folk/acoustic music scene. She is still known as that but branched off into jazz in 2001 She has scored music for several musicals and recorded a soundtrack for a documentary. She also starred in the musical telling of the Edmund Fitzgerald tragedy, "The Gales of November."

She will be introduced by Judy Srsen of the WCO program committee. Greeters on Thursday will be Joyce Hansel and Diane Wilson. The tea committee is being chaired by Marlene Camilli and Janet Dirks with committee members Jane Bangs,



Bonnie Crosbie, Kathy Flint, Barb Klein, Nancy Fichten Rucks, and Joyce Wicks.

Tickets for the May 3 spring luncheon will be sold before the Thursday meeting starting at 12:15 p.m. The price is \$10 and must be purchased by April 23. The number is limited.

The speaker on May 3 will be Miriam "Duchess" Harris, author and professor whose topic is "Hidden

Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA." The May luncheon committee will meet following the program on Thursday to finalize the details.

Women who are not yet members are invited to attend the program. Those with questions about membership may call Kay Oberle, 507-451-9476, membership chair, or Sandy Muir, assistant chair, 507-319-3092

Fair searching for top senior citizens

Nomination forms are now available for the 2018 Steele County Citizen of the Year.

The award is sponsored by the Steele County Exchange Club in Cooperation with the Steele County Free Fair. A Steele County male and female senior citizen aged 70 and over will be selected and honored on Senior Day at the 2018 Steele County Free Fair.

Nomination forms are available at Senior Place in Owatonna, the SCFF office and from Bruce Kubicek at 507-451-6616 or on line at mnstatefair.org/recognition programs.

Deadline for nominations is July 1.

The award recognizes outstanding male and female senior citizens who have contributed time and talent to benefit their community and its citizens after reaching the age of 65. Nominees must be 70 by June 1.

The recognition program at the SCFF will take place in Fair Square Park on Senior Day, Thursday, Aug. 16 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Steele County winners will also be honored at the Minnesota State Fair.

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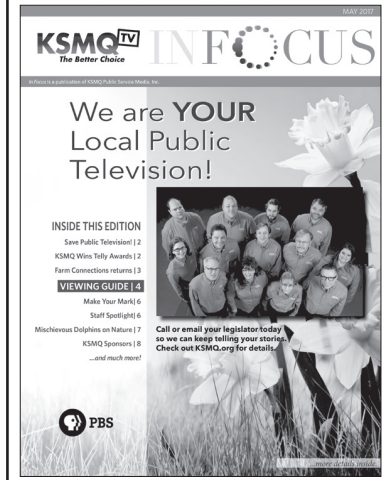
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BASKETBALL

BP girls end successful season



Above: Blooming Prairie's McKenna Hein dribbles past a defender earlier this season. Below: Blooming Prairie's Sam Wurst goes up for a shot over a defender in a game earlier this season.w

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BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

A winning record highlighted the 2017-18 Blooming Prairie girls' basketball season, culminating with a second place in the Gopher Conference and a double-overtime loss to state ranked Hayfield in the sub-section semifinals. The team finished 17-9 overall and 9-3 in conference play. The team made big improvement over the record of a year ago. Some season statistics showed some impressive marks both individually and as a team.

BP had fourteen girls earned letters and standouts McKenna Hein, Megan Oswald and Sam Wurst were named to the Gopher All-Conference Team. Ayren Ingvalson earned an honor mention. Wurst earned an Academic All-State honor and shared the Awesome Blossoms' team MVP honors with Hein. The team had 17 squad members who made the Academic All-Conference team.

Oswald finished her season second in rebounding at 264, Hein was second in steals with 100, Wurst finished third in

rebounding at 251, Hein placed fourth in assists at 95 and Ingvalson was fifth in assists with 92. Wurst also finished third in career rebounds with 600 and fifth in career points at 826.

Worke received a Conference Sportsmanship Award.

Wurst earned the Ms. Offense honor, Hein the Ms. Defense honor and Ingvalson the Fire Within Award. Wurst led the team in scoring with 13.9 points per game. Oswald averaged 12.5 ppg. Oswald led the rebounders with 10.2 per game. Wurst averaged 9.7 rpg. Hein had almost four assists and four steals per game.

As Coach John Bruns remarked, "We had some achievements that surprised us at the conclusion of the season. We will miss the three seniors, and no seniors will report for the team next year That will put more pressure on the underclassmen, but the experience the girls gained this last season has probably prepared them for that responsibility. It was a very good season, and the girls demonstrated what teamwork could accomplish. They were a good group of girls with whom to work."



TRACK

Panthers boys first, girls second at Gopher Meet

BY LEMAR NELSON
STAFF WRITER

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva boys' track team raced to a first place finish at the season opener Gopher Conference Indoor Meet at Minnesota State-Mankato. The Panthers finished with 151 points and outscored second place Maple River by 65 points to run away with the meet on Monday, March 26. Blooming Prairie finished fourth and Medford was seventh in the boys' division.

NRHEG's boys claimed five first with Brady Agrimson notching three individual titles. He won both the high and low hurdle races with times of 8.9 seconds and 8.12, respectively. He leaped 5 feet, 10 inches to take the high jump as well. Both the Panthers' 1,600-meter relay and 3,200 relay team took first with times of three minutes and 54.4 seconds and 9:14.

The Panther boys also picked up five second place finished. Lonnie Wilson timed a 25.59 for second in the 200, John Hoelshur took second in the 800 (2:19.6) and Alex Buckmurer threw the shot 43' 11.5". Ryan Hanengrefs leaped 41'2.5" in the triple jump and 5'10" in the high jump, all good for second.

BP boys finished the meet with two individual champions and two runners-up.

Sophomore Zach Weber won the 400 in 58.36 and senior Alec Ille continued his illustrious career by taking the 1,600 run in 4:44. Another sophomore, Gabe Hagen, trailed Weber in the 400 by just two seconds to take second. The 800 relay team finished just behind WEM for runner-up.

Coach Chelsea Van Roekel commented after the meet, "We didn't bring our full team to this meet, but we still had some impressive performances. Alec Ille continued his fine running, Sam Wurst ran well n the 400 and had a good leap in the high jump, and several young athletes gave notice that we will have some competitive results in the coming weeks. It was a good opening meet for the students."

Medford's Brett Johnson won the pole vault event with a jump of 11 feet.

Maple River won the girls division with 103 points. NRHEG was second with 93.5, Medford was fourth with 56 and BP was sixth with 49.

The NRHEG girls earned two firsts and three seconds for their efforts. Caitlin Goette won the 200 dash in 29.41 and Natalie Johnson won the hurdles in 10.3. Maggie Maloney took runnerup in the high hurdles in 5.77 and

SEE GOPHER MEET, B6

HOCKEY

Blades Send Another to Framingham State University



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NICK ADAMEK

Steele County Blades defenseman Justin Movalli skates during a game earlier this season.

The Steele County Blades are proud to announce that Justin Movalli has committed to play NCAA hockey at the Framingham State University in the fall. Justin has played defense for two seasons for the Blades.

The Gloucester, MA native played in 74 total games for the Blades over the last two seasons. He scored 2 goals and assisted on 21 others for a total of 23 points from the blue line.

Head Coach Nick Adamek had this to say about Justin's choice. "We are very happy for Mo. He came here with the goal of becoming a college athlete and withstood immense pressure to get to where he is today. Justin is a fierce competitor that carries a team first mentality every time he steps on the ice. The Rams are getting a fiery player that will work hard in the corners and in front of his own net to get the job done. Justin's hard work in the classroom, in the gym, and in the rink have provided him this great opportunity. We know he will earn his success at the collegiate level as well."

Framingham State University Head Coach Guy Angers added, "Justin is a big solid defensive defenseman that will block shots and pay the price. He is someone we really needed at our school"

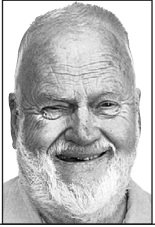
"I'm excited to continue my athletic career and education so close to home, and with former teammates. I couldn't be happier

with my choice to go to Framingham State University," said Movalli. "I'd like to thank Coaches Adamek, Mory, and Solarì for helping me with this opportunity. I'd also like to thank the City of Owatonna and it's great people for welcoming me and creating a second home during my two seasons there. I wish the Blades continued success. I am excited to see what the future holds for both the Blades and myself."

Framingham State University is located in Framingham, Massachusetts about 20 miles from Boston. The Rams compete in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) at the NCAA Division III level. The Rams are coached by Guy Angers who is back for his second stint as head coach. In 7 total years in charge of the hockey program, Angers in 72-94-7 for a win percentage of .436. The Rams had former Blades Erik and Soren Colstrup as freshmen in the program last season.

Movalli joins Blades Kyle Wadden (Morrisville St. College, NCAA Div. III) and Tristan Klewsaat (Waldorf University, NAIA) in committing to a school. The Blades will have more announcements of where their players will be headed shortly.

NO GAMES IN SIGHT



Outside the Lines
LEMAR NELSON

Spring in Minnesota is never very conducive to ideal conditions for high school contests and this spring now looks to be even more difficult than usual. Besides the usual slow-starting spring, this week's cool temps signal an even greater delay. That is all right for the reason that the paper's spring sports tab will be released on April 10. Although most coaches were very cooperative, it did cause a little scrambling on our part to get the articles and pictures to the printer under deadline. I can say that was accomplished.

That special tab will be in the paper next week, and we hope readers will enjoy the labors of getting area schools previews published. It should give some indication as to how area coaches approach this new season, and what fans can expect from their favorite teams. Enjoy.

The only sports action so far was an indoor conference indoor track meet at Minnesota State-Mankato, and it looks as if neighboring NRHEG will be a force to reckon with in the conference, especially the boys. It bodes for a very active and interesting season for the conference teams, which is good.

VIOLENCE STRIKES AREA

Area residents were reminded again two weeks ago that violence could strike any community, no matter the size or the population. It has been almost 29 years exactly since Blooming Prairie saw its last murder, and this last incident is just the third murder in the community in almost seventy years.

This latest murder is especially troubling, as it still is an ongoing investigation, with no closure still in sight. Authorities are still scrambling to capture a suspect in the crime, and the ultimate solution may still be days and weeks away. We will have to wait and hope the case can be brought to fruition soon.

Residents in our rather ordinary community consider that we live in a relatively safe place, but every once in awhile we are reminded about the violent world in which we live. I am sure most are uncomfortable with the recent events, but it is a reality that all face in today's society and that is too bad.

TWO RECOGNIZED

Two local citizens have been prominently included in the latest edition of "Portraits of Steele County" and both represent the good people in our little community. Greg and Kathy Johnson of B to Z Hardware, and Collette Lea of the Pizza Cellar earned some in-depth coverage for their businesses, community charity and volunteerism, and

both deserved every inch of the reportage.

Greg had no intention of moving to Blooming Prairie but when the opportunity arose to take over the local hardware store, he decided to take the chance.

"It was the best move I ever made," Greg said. "I fell in love with the community almost right away. It has stayed that way."

He and his wife do a great deal for various groups in the community, including the BP Youth Club, the Education Foundation, the Cancer Group and the local Chamber of Commerce. The local business has built a loyal clientele that can compete with any of the big box stores in the area. B to Z will be here for many years to come. That is good.

One of the more popular places in town is the Pizza Cellar and Cue Company, and one of the big reasons for that is thanks to owners Collette and Tony Lea. Collette is also featured in the publication where we can read about all the work and activities in which she is involved, it is easy to understand her impact on the community.

She, like hardware man Greg Johnson, never imagined the restaurant business would be her career but thanks to urging from an aunt and uncle the Pizza Cellar became her livelihood. Although best noted for hosting the annual Ed Foundation auction in March, Collette and her staff contribute heavily to community projects and host several other charity functions.

It is because of people like Johnson and Lea that the community of Blooming Prairie has become noted near and far as one of the most giving and caring communities around. From youth activities to cancer support to education, community residents are always quick to respond to needs in the community. Hats off to Johnson and Lea and the entire village we love.

HE IS RISEN

Most residents participated in services and activities celebrating the death and the risen Christ. Whether it was the sunrise service at First Lutheran Church, mass at the local Catholic congregation, or some other local recognition of the occasion, this most important day in the religious calendar of the community drew worshippers several times over the weekend

Personally, I found the Maundy Thursday service at first Lutheran Church especially moving, and watching the altar being stripped bare in anticipation of Good Friday and the crucifixion of Jesus touched me greatly. I hope that everyone had a very blessed Easter, and that Mother Nature smiles on us when we'll talk again.

Wagner competes on national stage



STAFF REPORT

Minnesota senior guard and former New Richland standout Carlie Wagner fell short of winning the 30th annual State Farm Women's College 3-Point Championship on Thursday in San Antonio, the site of the 2018 men's final four. The event took place at Bill Greehey Arena on the Campus of Saint Mary's University and aired lived on ESPN2.

Wagner was a huge threat from 3-point range this past season for Gopher. She was 101-of-245 from beyond the arc this year, good for a .412 percentage. She currently ranks 19th in the country in 3-pointers made, 20th in 3-pointers made per game (3.06), 31st in 3-point shooting percentage and 36th in 3-pointers attempted.

Her 3-point total this year was the second highest in program history, while the amount

of attempts ranked third. For her career, Wagner finished second in the Minnesota record book for 3-pointers made (307) and attempted (880).

In addition to being named an All-Region Nominee for the 2018 Women's Basketball Coaches Association NCAA Division I Coaches' All-America Team, Wagner was also chosen as a First Team All-Big Ten honoree and was named to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team.

She finished second on the team this year with 18.7 points per game, while also averaging 4.6 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.4 steals per contest.

Wagner became just the second Minnesota player to ever compete in the event. She was hoping to follow in the footsteps of former Gopher Rachel Banham, who won the 3-point contest in 2016.



GOPHER MEET: Panther boys first

Maloney took runnerup in the high hurdles in 5.77 and Darian Pearson threw the shot put 30'5" for second. Journey Utpadel earned the other second for the Panthers with a time of 2:44.6 in the 800.

Medford's Jenna McCarthy won the pole vault with a jump of eight feet and Brooke Purrier finished second in the 200 with a time of 30.36. The Tigers' 1,600 and 3,200 relay teams each finished second with times of 4:53.9 and 11:54.6.

The BP girls earned a first for Sam Wurst in the 400 with a time of 67.0, and she picked up second in the high jump at 5'0" Gemini Johnson placed second in the pole vault with a jump of 7'6".

The Blossoms' 800 relay team also finished second with a time of 2:01.

Complete NRHEG, Blooming Prairie and Medford Results

Boys

Team Results: NRHEG 151, Maple River 86, WEM 79, Blooming Prairie 62, USC/AC 27, Medford 24.5.

55-meter dash: 4, Wilson (NRHEG) 7.02. **200:** 2, Wilson (NRHEG) 25.59; 3, Fiebiger (BP) 25.64. **400:** 1, Webber (BP) 58.36; 2, Hagan (BP) 58.38; 4, Gushwa (NRHEG) 59.21; 5, Pryer (BP) 60.16. **800:** 2, Hoelshur (NRHEG) 2:19.6; 3, Schewe (BP) 2:29.2; 4, Tyler Buck (Medford) 2:35.5; 5, Larson (BP) 2:38.9. **1,600:** Ihle (BP) 4:44; 3, Nydigger (NRHEG) 5:23. **55 high hurdles:** 1, Agrimson (NRHEG) 8.94; 4, Ferber (NRHEG) 9.79; 5, Rennie (BP) 9.99. **55 inter. hurdles:** 1, Agrimson (NRHEG) 8.12; 3, Ferber (NRHEG) 9.21; 4, Pennie (BP) 9.83. **Shot put:** 2, Buckmueller (NRHEG) 43'11.5"; 3, Techua 43'4"; 4, Haegen (BP) 43'. **Triple jump:** 2, Hunniguets (NRHEG) 41'2.5"; 3, Agrimson (NRHEG) 40'7.75"; 4, Greg Larson (Medford) 38'6". **Long jump:** 3, Hennegraphs (NRHEG) 18'4.75"; 4, Wilson (NRHEG) 17'7.75".

High jump: 1, Agrimson (NRHEG) 5'10"; 2, Hennegraphs (NRHEG) 5'10"; 3, Schuller (NRHEG) 5'8". **Pole vault:** 1, Brett Johnson (Medford) 11'; 4, Gushwa (NRHEG) 9'6". **800 relay:** 2, Blooming Prairie 1:44.1; 3, NRHEG 1:44.2. **1,600 relay:** 1, NRHEG 3:54.4; 5, Medford 4:08.5. **3,200 relay:** 1, NRHEG 9:14; 4, Medford 10:02.

Girls

Team Results: Maple River 103, NRHEG 93.5, USC/AC 58.5, Medford 56, Bethlehem Academy 54, Blooming Prairie 49, WEM 44.

55-meter dash: 4, Jalene Chavis (Medford) 7.2; t-5, Webschettl (NRHEG) 8.08. **200:** Goette (NRHEG) 29.41; 2, Brooke Purrier (Medford) 30.36; 3, Fisher (NRHEG) 30.54; 4, Rachel Luebbe (Medford) 30.75; 6, Ingvalson (BP) 31.34. **400:** , 1, Wurst (BP) 67.0. **800:** 2, Uptadol (NRHEG) 2:44.6. **1,600:** 3, Vaale (NRHEG) 6:22; 4, Bueltel (NRHEG) 6:23.2; 6, Payton Ristua (Medford) 6:46. **55 high hurdles:** 1, Radatz (BP) 9.75; 2, Malory (NRHEG) 9.77; 4, Johnson (NRHEG) 9.81. **55 low hurdles:** 1, Johnson (NRHEG) 10.03; 2, Christopher (NRHEG) 10.21; 5, Malory (NRHEG) 10.8; 6, Jenna McCarthy (Medford) 10.98. **Shot put:** 2, Paarson (NRHEG) 30'5"; 4, Crabtree (NRHEG) 28'9"; 6, Herrmann (NRHEG) 28'2". **Triple jump:** 3, Johnson (BP) 28'.25"; 6, Bailey Purrier (Medford) 27'3.25". **Long jump:** 3, Johnson (BP) 14'2.5"; 6, Bella Steffen (Medford) 13'6". **High jump:** 2, Wurst (BP) 5'; 3, Rachell Luebbe (Medford) 4'10"; t-5, Christopher (NRHEG) 4'6"; t-5, Esen (Medford) 4'6". **Pole vault:** 1, Jenna McCarthy (Medford) 8'; 2, Johnson (BP) 7'6"; 6, Mackenzie Kellen (Medford) 6'6". **800 relay:** 2, Blooming Prairie 2:01; 5, NRHEG 2:13; 6, Medford 2:13. **1,690 relay:** 2, Medford 4:53.9; 4, NRHEG 5:06.1; 5, Blooming Prairie 5:12.6. **3,200 relay:** 2, Medford 11:54; 3, NRHEG 12:17.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

RESULTS WEEK TWENTY-FIVE APRIL 3, 2018

Team Standings	Won	Lost
1. Kosters' Kar Corner	37.5	10.5
2. F & M Bank	31	17
3. Bunkie's Lanes & Grill	25	23
4. B to Z Hardware	18.5	29.5
5. J & H/Dairy Queen	16	32
6.Epic Contracting	16	32
High Team Game –Scratch		
F & M Bank	616	
High Team Game- Handicap		
Epic Contracting	595	
High Team Series- Scratch		
F & M Bank	1697	
High team Series- Handicap		
Epic Contracting	1708	
High Game Individual		
1. Terry Zwiener	171	
2. Kathi Peterson	165	
High Series Individual		
1. JoAnn Nielson	450	
2. Carol Heimerman	449	

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: August 31, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$176,912.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Ronald D. Mead and Michelle J. Mead a/k/a Michelle J. Zolnosky, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 3, 2010 as Document Number A000373333 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 105, Range 21, Steele County, Minnesota, running thence North 89 degrees 53' East (assumed bearing) along the North line of the Northeast Quarter 318.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 00' West 548.0 feet, thence South 89 degrees 53' West 318.0 feet to the West line of Northeast Quarter, thence North 0 degrees 00' East along West line 548.0 feet to the point of beginning.
Containing 4.0 acres more or less
Subject to existing public road rights of way on the North.
Assessor's Parcel Number: 03-001-1401.
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 4683 108TH ST SW, ELENDALE, MN 56026-2015
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$111,406.41
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 03-001-1401
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 10, 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 April 10, 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: February 14, 2018

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

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3/20, 3/27, 4/3

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 18-108674

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 8, 2013
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$96,850.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Judith A. Fonner, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100397202862153187
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 20, 2013, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000070390
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot One, (Except the West 70 Feet), in Block Two in Heger Addition to the City of Owatonna, and that part of Sixth Avenue Southeast as vacated, lying immediately East of the above described Lot and being a Parcel thirty three Feet East and West and 88 Feet North and South, all being in Block Two in Heger Addition to the City of Owatonna.
AND
The North Half of Lot Sixteen (16), Except the West Seventy (70) Feet, Block Two (2), Heger Addition to the City of Owatonna, and also that Portion of Sixth Avenue S.E. lying immediately East of the North Half of said Lot 16 as vacated, the Portion of the Vacated Street herein conveyed being 33 Feet East and West and 44 Feet North and South.

REGISTERED PROPERTY PROPERTY ADDRESS: 553 11th St SE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-174-0200 COT# 17109
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$92,506.19
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 24, 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 October 24, 2018, or the next business day if October 24, 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: February 23, 2018

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a

Mr. Cooper Assignee of Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 17-108330

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 23, 2006
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,000.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Nicole J. Livingston, a single person, Brian L. Livingston, a single person, Shauna M. Livingston, a single person and Michael J. Livingston, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1001752-0000290554-8
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: MILA, Inc.
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 15, 2006, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000339706
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC3
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North 48 feet of: All of Lot 9 and East 1/4 of Lot 8, in Block 12 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, Minnesota
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 110 N Grove Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-1211
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$79,182.06
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: May 1, 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.

THE NORTH 48 FEET OF: All of Lot 9 and East 1/4 of Lot 8, in Block 12 of the Original Town (now City) of Owatonna, Minnesota
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PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-100-1211
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$79,182.06
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: May 1, 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 November 1, 2018, or the next business day if November 1, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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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: March 9, 2018

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC3 Assignee of Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 18-108743

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 22, 2011
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$65,301.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Derek Denelsbeck, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 30, 2011, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000067413
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Eleven (11), in Block Two (2), in Northrop's Sunrise Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota

REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 730 NE 12th St, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-175-0211 COT# 17932
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$60,622.03
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: May 1, 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 November 1, 2018, or the next business day if November 1, 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: March 12, 2018

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY

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4/10, 4/17, 4/24

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: 07/21/2016
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$169,665.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Kristina K. Kloczek, a single woman
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 07/22/2016 as T000073918 CERT # 19127 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles, Steele County, Minnesota
The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Assignment dated: 08/30/2017
Assignment recorded: 09/07/2017
Assignment recording information: T000075272 CERT # 19127
All in the records of the County Registrar of Titles in and for Steele County, Minnesota.
TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 17-336-0210
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 10, Block 2, Heers Addition No. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota.
Torrens Certificate No.19127
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1709 Greenwood Place, Owatonna, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE: \$179,716.82 AS OF 03/30/2018.
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 05/22/2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, 204 E. Pearl, Owatonna, MN 55060 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) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on November 22, 2018, or the next business day if November 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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 MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Publication to begin the week of: 04/02/2018 - 04/06/2018
Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
The Sayer Law Group, P.C., By Brian G. Sayer, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 14-097891

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 25, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$158,494.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Adam M. Ramseth and Christina M. Ramseth, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100749500730077917
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 11, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065519
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.; Dated: December 28, 2011 filed: February 21, 2012, recorded as document number T000068278; Thereafter assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated June 13, 2013 recorded November 19, 2013 as document number T000070968.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 11, Block 2, Mathews Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1805 6th Ave NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-242-0211 COT# 17436
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$203,546.84
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: May 17, 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 November 17, 2018, or the next business day if November 17, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: March 19, 2018
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignee of Mortgagee
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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
18-108914

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: April 30, 2008

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$147,073.00

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

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 7, 2008, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000357058, As modified of record by document recorded on May 18, 2017 as Document Number A000413006 in the office of the Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 812 Harriet Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-015-4212

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$116,118.06

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: May 8, 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 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 8, 2018, or the next business day if November 8, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: March 19, 2018

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Mortgagee

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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
14-097891

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ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$158,494.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Adam M. Ramseth and Christina M. Ramseth, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100749500730077917

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.

SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 11, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065519

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.; Dated: December 28, 2011 filed: February 21, 2012, recorded as document number T000068278; Thereafter assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated June 13, 2013 recorded November 19, 2013 as document number T000070968.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 11, Block 2, Mathews Addition, Owatonna, Minnesota

REGISTERED PROPERTY

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1805 6th Ave NE, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-242-0211 COT# 17436

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$203,546.84

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: May 17, 2018, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060

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Dated: March 19, 2018

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National Association
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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
18-108886

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: February 9, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$111,600.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Billie J. Douglass and Tonia S. Douglass, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100397204013507311

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 31, 2015, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000401474

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, Block 9, Original Townsite of the Village of Blooming Prairie, except the North 80 Feet thereof.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 206 E Main St, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 14-100-0911

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$108,647.69

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: May 22, 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.

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Dated: March 27, 2018

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Assignee of Mortgagee

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BY

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NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF STEELE
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number:
74-JV-18-518

SUMMONS
Child In Need of Protection or Services Petition

IVAN QUIJANO
415 WESTERN AVENUE #135
FARIBAULT MN 55021

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Jamie Holey (Mother) and Ivan Quijano (Father)

Please take notice that on March 14, 2018, a Petition was filed with the above named court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) are in need of protection or services.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT at the following date, time, and place where a hearing regard-

ing the Petition and the best interests of the child(ren) will be held:
April 18, 2018; April 23, 2018
9:15 AM; 8:30 AM
Pre-trial; Court Trial
District Court Judge Karen A. Duncan N.

Steele County District Court 111
East Main Street Owatonna MN 55060
507-444-7701.

YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS because, pursuant to statute or court rule:

- You are a parent to the child(ren) named in the petition; or
- You are a party to this proceeding pursuant to Juvenile Protection Rule 21.01 or an attorney for a party, or
- You have legal custody of the child who is the subject of the Petition; or
- You are a person whose presence the court believes is important to a determination concerning the best interests of the child(ren) who are the subject of the Petition.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING:

- The court may conduct the hearing without you; and
- The court may find that the factual allegations and statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved; and
- The court may enter an order granting the relief requested in the Petition, which may include:
 - o removing the child(ren) from the home of the parent or legal custodian and placing the child(ren) in foster care,
 - o permanently severing the parent's rights to the child(ren) pursuant to a termination of parental rights petition,
 - o permanently transferring the child(ren)'s legal and physical custody to a relative, or
 - o an order for other permanent placement of the child(ren).

A STATEMENT OF YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IS AVAILABLE, including the right to be represented by an attorney as authorized under the statutes and court rules. It is your responsibility to immediately notify the Court Administrator if your address changes.

Dated: March 28, 2018

Robin Hoesley
Court Administrator

4/3,4/10,4/17

NOTICE

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

6:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 12, 2018
Regular School Board Work Session –High School Board Room 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 16, 2018 Open Public Forum–High School Media Center 7:15 p.m.
Monday, April 16, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting–High School Media Center

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALLCLERK

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Consent Agenda Minutes
Bills
Treasurer's Report
Resignations
Donations
B. Employment
C. Volunteer Coaches
D. Student Insurance Program
E. MSHSL Membership Resolution
F. Title I Resolution
G. Staff Development Allocation

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Committee Reports
B. Enrollment Data
C. Dates to Note

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes 4/3

NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
February 20, 2018

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 5:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 5:00 p.m.).

OPEN FORUM – Kraus-Anderson Construction Company presented the district with a \$500.00 “Student Learning Grant”. These dollars will be used by the Robotics Team.

I. CALL TO ORDER –CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, Elementary School Principal, High School Principal, Associate Principal, Members of the BPTA MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Pam Hameister approve the agenda with the addition of the payroll amount and an additional resignation. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal reports given by Mr. Staloch, Mr. Worke, and Ms. Mach.

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Resignations, Donations

Motion by Pam Hameister seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the minutes, bills, treasurer's report, resignations, and donations received. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

B. FMLA Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve FMLA for a staff member effective January 3, 2018 with a return date yet to be determined. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Employment Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Kayla Harvey and Diane Anderson as co-advisors of the Science Club/ Fair. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve Cory Hendrickson as an assistant track coach. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve FMLA for a staff member with a time period of approximately May 16, 2018 throughout the remainder of the school year. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Employment Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the employment of Kayla Harvey and Diane Anderson as co-advisors of the Science Club/ Fair. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve Cory Hendrickson as an assistant track coach. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve Justin Kiehne as a junior high baseball coach. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve Kendall Osborn as an elementary teacher from January 25, 2018 through the remainder of the school year which is June 1, 2018. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Volunteer Coaches No volunteer coaches requiring School Board approval per Ms. Mach.

E. Final Seniority Lists for Teachers

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve “final” seniority listings for the teaching staff. There were not any chang-

es from the original listing. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by John Sunde to approve a resolution discontinuing and reducing education programs and positions, if necessary. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Weighted Grading Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Steve Ille to approve weighted grading for Anatomy. This course will now carry a 1.2 weighting and be our sixth weighted course. The district has eight college level courses. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Substitute Teachers Discussion relating to the shortage of substitute teachers along with receiving informational data from area districts. No action taken.

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Committee Reports A report update was given on the following committees: Education Foundation and ZED.

B. Enrollment Data Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year as of February 14, 2018, is 421 at the elementary school (grades K-6) and 310 at the high school (grades 7-12) (300 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.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

1. Robotics Team will participate at Duluth and La Crosse. Transportation issues to La Crosse have been resolved.

2. Door security includes card readers.

3. Lighting project is nearing completed.

4. Preparation is underway for closing of the current school year and getting ready for the next.

5. School Board Recognition Week – Thank you to the School Board.

6. Thanked Mr. Driessen for his thirty-three years of service to our school district.

7. National walk-out issues.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018, 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, March 19, 2018, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 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

NOTICE

BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
February 15, 2018

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools

DISCUSSION ITEMS: General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the February 20, 2018, regular school board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hameister
Clerk of the School Board
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Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

Notice of Public Hearing on Solar Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota will meet at the City Center in the City of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on April 16, 2018 to consider the adoption of a proposed Solar Ordinance.

The City Council proposes an Ordinance that will permit, as an accessory use, solar energy systems, while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the city residents. Also, to prevent conditions that might adversely affect the safety, general welfare and health of nearby property owners.

The Ordinance set standards as to the height, location, setbacks, coverage, feeder lines, compliance with building, electrical & plumbing codes and solar glare.

Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed ordinance will be heard at this meeting. Written or oral objections and comments will be considered. Written objections and comments should be addressed to the City Administrator and must be received on or before the hearing date to be considered.

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Big crime stories impact small communities



Eunice Kronholm and her husband Gunnar Kronholm, owner of the Drovers State Bank of South St. Paul appear at a news conference following her release by two kidnappers.

Nyquist wonders if the tobacco companies are attempting to utilize different products such as e-cigarettes as a way of trying to make up for the loss of conventional tobacco users.

“There’s something like 7,000 flavors out there, and they mask the harshness, which makes them enticing for kids.”

She said that, “in tobacco work, the tobacco industry and lobbyists are always working against public health and they have the money to do

it.” Nyquist also added, “While working on tobacco policies and ordinances was some of my most challenging work, it was also the most rewarding.”

Her work for Public Health also centered on promoting healthy eating habits and easier access to healthy foods. She feels that everyone should have easier and more affordable access to healthy foods.

“Part of my job was to look at different ways of getting easier access to healthier foods,” Nyquist said. “A good way to introduce kids to healthy habits is to garden with them.”

As an educator, Nyquist knows that early awareness

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can go a long way. “Prevention is key to many of our country’s health issues,” she said.

“By getting to kids while they’re young with key

messages, involving them in the messaging and providing them with tools to use as adults, we can prevent serious health problems,” Nyquist said.

Of her work with Public Health, Nyquist said, “By changing policies, systems and the environment, we can make it easier for people to make the healthy choice the easy choice.”

With so many friends and connections made in her time at Public Health, Nyquist says, “I will miss my friends at Public Health the most, and I will also miss the work.”

She describes tobacco prevention as her biggest passion, “I’ve worked on tobacco use reduction and reducing exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke for

around 20 years.” She hopes to still be involved with public health as her time permits.

Nyquist sees Steele County as a relatively healthy county. “I think it is,” she said, “and Minnesota in general is a healthier state, but you’re going to have pockets of less healthy areas in there.”

When asked how she plans on spending her retirement, Nyquist has a bevy of choices. “In retirement I plan to do a lot of babysitting of my grandchildren, go fishing more often up north, and travel the United States and internationally with my husband, as well as help out my parents and work on my hobbies.”

Lisa Reese Benefit

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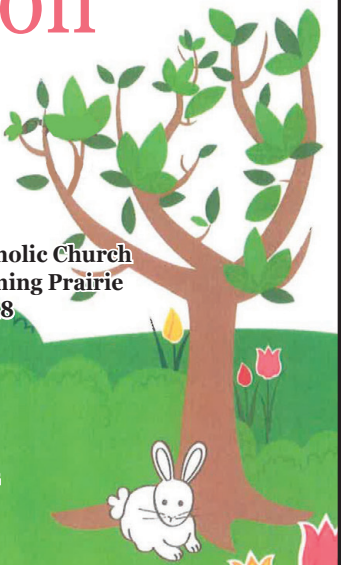
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