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# Mission complete

CentraCare meets fundraising goal with \$100,000 donation from Dan's Prize. See Page 4A for more.



## American Heritage opens new branch

New branch location in Clearwater opened for business Dec. 14

#### By Jason C. Brown, **Publisher/Editor**

American Heritage Bank, opened a new branch in Clearwater at the end of 2015. The official first day of operation for the bank was Dec. 14.

"We had been looking at a couple different places within our footprint," explained CEO Jay Johnston.

"This one started about a year ago."

The opening of the Clearwater branch now brings the number of branch locations to five with offices in Long Prairie, Browerville, and two in St.

Catholic

Cloud.

The Clearwater branch currently employs five staff along with some rotating officers. "We're interested in grow-

ing," Johnston said. "And we'll continue to grow. With growth you can continue to provide more opportunities for your employees and provide more opportunities for the communities you serve.'

American Heritage National Bank, has it's roots dug deeply in Long Prairie.

The bank was originally started in Long Prairie with the

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This artist's rendering shows the new branch office in Clearwater located next to Nelson Brother's.





## School's Week to start

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School will celebrate Catholic Schools' Week Jan. 22-Feb. 6.

The week of activities will begin on Friday, Jan. 22 with a school field trip to Arrowwood Water Park for Student Appreciation Day.

The parish as a whole will celebrate Saturday and Sunday with a family mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. A meal of sloppy joes, potato salad, chips, pickles, milk and coffee will be served after mass. A Scholastic book fair will also be held at that time.

Sunday will have coffee and rolls served after the 8:30 a.m. mass. A book fair will follow mass as well.

Monday is teacher appreciation day with an in-service for the teachers and no school for the students.

Tuesday is family appreciation day and pajama day for the students. It is also reading day and guest readers will come into the schools.

Wednesday is volunteer appreciation day and dress up day for the students. A volunteer brunch will be held following the 8:30 a.m. mass.

Thursday will be business/ professionals appreciation day. There will be a business breakfast running from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the church basement.

Week / 4A

Long Prairie Chamber of Commerce Manager LuAnn Thomas-Brunkhorst, Deb Lambrecht, Holly Merten and Chamber members Denita Wisniewski and Henry Rodriguez welcomed Up-Sa Daisy.

## **Up-Sa Daisy is** open for business

Deb Lambrecht of Deb's Floral and Gifts recently sold the business to Holly Merten. There is also a new business name, Up-Sa Daisy Floral. The business location will remain the same at 14 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. in Long Prairie.

Mertern currently lives in West Union with her husband and family. She has pervious business experience and is looking forward to owning her own business.

Merten said she has always enjoyed the creative aspect of floral arrangement and has done some wedding arrangements in the past. Completing her floral design certification with the Stratford Career Institute is also on the agenda.

The interior of the business has a new look and product lines will be expanded in the near future.

## continues to look at utility project

Council makes no decision to move forward as potential project costs have *yet to be determined* 

### By Jason C. Brown, Publisher/Editor

The Grey Eagle City Council is continuing to examine whether the city should go ahead with updating the city's existing water and sewer lines.

The city has already televised the 50-year-old lines and is now in the position of determining whether or not they should move forward with a project to replace the existing lines and how they can be paid for

Jeff Scholten from the Rural Development office of Alexandria and representatives from the engineering firm of Widseth, Smith & Nolting were on hand to provide some information for the council to consider regarding funding for a potential project.

They explained that there is funding available for projects like this from the Rural Development Fund, Small Cities Development Program, and

the Waste Water Infrastructure Fund.

The council did not make a decision on whether or not to move forward with the project as final costs for a potential project have yet to be determined.

#### Water/Waste Water

It was reported to the council that a resident had flushed a pair of long john's down the toilet, which had become lodged and caused damage to one of the system's pumps. The city staff is currently seeking replacement parts. If parts or a replacement pump can't be found, the city will need to revamp its lift station for a new pump

#### Mayor's Report

Grey Eagle Mayor Jim Gohman informed the council that the Race on Trace snowmobile race would take place Feb. 20 with registration in the morning and the race in the af-

Council / 6A



Don't miss an issue, it's time to renew!



# News

### **Court News**

The following cases were heard before Judge Daniel A. Benson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 11.

Mario Ambriz Ramirez, Long Prairie. Theft. Sentenced. Local Confinement (30 Days, Stay 30 Days for 1 year. Probation to the Court, 1 year. \$200 fine. \$90 fees.

Amanda Lynn Scherping, Swanville. Theft. Local Confinement (90 Days. Credit for time served: 50 Days.) Serve As: Work release (if eligible), Sentence to Serve (if eligible) Comment: concurrent with 77-CR-15-1180 Ct 1. \$50 fine. \$90

Darrin Wendall Harris, Jr. Ortonville, MI. Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 not small amount Marijuana. Stay of Imposition Pursuant to M.S. 609.135. Local Confinement (30 Days. Credit for time served: 16 Days.) Comment: file may be closed once jail served. Probation to the Court, 5 years. \$250 fine. \$90 fees

William Thomas Benjamin, II, Minneapolis. Damage to Property. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections - Adult (MN Correctional Facility – St. Cloud, 21 months.) Condition - Adult (Restitution reserved. Supply DNA sample.) \$50 fine. \$165 fees.

George Henry Buzie, Long Prairie. Disorderly Conduct. Dismissed, Conditions met or expired.

Dustin Lee Crider, Bertha. Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount Marijuana. Statutory Stay of Adjudication. Supervised probation, 5 years. Local Confinement (20 Days.) Serve As: Home Detention/ Electronic Monitoring. Comment: May work STS/Work Release if approved by sheriff. Condition – Adult (No possession of alcohol or drugs. No alcohol/controlled substance use. Random testing. No same or similar. Remain law-abiding. Complete Chemical Assessment. Follow all State and Federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives.

\$500 fine. \$165 fees. Jacob Michael Crowe-Kasper, Long Prairie. Felon in possession of firearm. Condition - Adult (No same or similar. Remain law-abiding. Follow all State and Federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives.) Supervised probation, 5 years. Local Confinement (15 Days. Credit for time served: 3 Days.) Comment: May serve on work release/STS as approved by Sheriff. \$300 fine.

Stacey Lynn Kircher, Browerville. Speed, 110/60. Sentenced. Condition - Adult (No same or similar for 1 year.) Local Confinement (30 Days. Stay 28 Days for 1 year.) Comment: 2 days jail or 16 hours CWS completed within 30 days. Service - Adult (Community work service. 16 hours for indeterminate.) Service - Adult (Community work service for indeterminate.) \$150 fine. \$90 fees.

\$165 fees.

Roseanne Albertine Morisch, Brainerd. Obstruct legal process. Sentenced. Condition -Adult (No same or similar. Remain lawabiding. Complete Chemical Deevaluation/treatment, pendency complete within 30 days. Follow all State and Federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. Restitution reserved, open 60 days. Local Confinement (180 Days. Stay 161 Days for 2 year. Credit for time served: 19 Days.) Supervised probation, 2 years. \$200 fine. \$165 fees

Amanda Lynn Scherping, Swanville. Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 not small amount Marijuana. Sentenced. Commit to Commissioner of Corrections - Adult (MN Correctional Facility - Shakopee, 12 months, 1 Days, Stay for 10 years.) Local Confinement (180 Days. Credit for time served: 50 Days.) Serve As: Sentence to Serve (if eligible) Follow all State and Federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Give a DNA sample when directed. Do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or

explosives. Do not register to vote or vote until discharged from probation and your civil rights are fully restored. No same or similar. No alcohol/controlled substance use. No alcohol violations. No alcohol use. No alcohol related offenses. Random testing at won expense. Complete Chemical Assessment. Remain law-abiding.) Supervised probation, 10 years. \$500 fine. \$90 fees.

The following cases were heard before Judge Sally Ireland Robertson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 9.

Ronald James Chapin, Long Prairie. Felon in possession of firearm. Dismissed, Conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Ann L. Carrott in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 7.

Guillermo Guadalu Cortez-morelos, Long Prairie. Disorderly conduct. Dismissed, Conditions met or expired.

The following cases were heard before Judge Douglas P. Anderson in Seventh District Court in Todd County January 7.

Jordan Greg Haglin, Staples. Fail to stop for Stop sign. Continued for Dismissal. Condition - Adult (No same or similar, for 6 months.) Service - Adult (Community work service, 8 hours for indeterminate.) Unsupervised monitoring without Adjudication, 6 months.

Duke Dashane Weekley, Staples. Receiving stolen property. Dismissed, Conditions met or expired.

Cody James Bartkowicz, Sauk Centre. Furnish/Give liquor to under 21 year old. Local Confinement (90 Days, Stay 60 Days for 2 years. Credit for time served: 1 Day.) Comment: May be served as STS/ Electronic Home Monitoring at own expense. Supervised probation, 2 years. Condition - Adult (Pay restitution. No same or similar, 2 years.) \$50 fine. \$90 fees. Domestic assault. Sentenced. Condition - Adult (Follow all State and Federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. No same or similar, for two years. Complete Chemical Assessment and follow recommendations made. Random testing at own expense. No alcohol/controlled substance use unless prescribed by licensed physician. Domestic abuse counseling/treatment at own expense. Local Confinement (90 Days, Stay 60 Days for 2 years. Credit for time served: 1 Days.) Serve As: Home Detention/Electronic Monitoring. Comment: at own expense, concurrent to 77-CR-14-905. Supervised probation, 2 years. \$200 fine. \$165 fees.

## American Heritage opens new branch

Bank / From 1A

Lee Bank in 1881. Leadership in the bank has been passed down through four generations of the same family with Henry Schroeder and Roland Schroeder then through Rodger Johnston and current CEO Jay Johnston.

For many years the bank operated as the First National Bank of Long Prairie, but changed its name in 1995 to represent its family tradition and commitment to customers.

acquired in 1985.

into the St. Cloud market with

building in the city's west side. A second St. Cloud location would be built in 2000 on the east side of the city near Highway 10.

Though the bank has branched out from its Long Prairie roots, it has maintained its connection and hometown feel. Even today, in its two St.

Cloud locations, they employee six employees who have come from either the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School District or the Browerville School District.

And, the bank continues to hold its annual stockholders meetings in Long Prairie



as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. Supervised probation, 2 years. Local Confinement (365 Days, Stay 335 Days for 2 years. Comment: Can work STS/CSW/Work release. \$300 fine. \$165 fees.

Nancy Janet Feldewerd, Freeport. B Card Violation. Sentenced. Condition - Adult (Follow all State and Federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number. Cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property and things as directed by your probation officer. Sign releases of information as directed. Do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives. Complete Chemical Assessment. Follow all treatment recommendations. Attend MADD Impact Panel. No same or similar, 6 years.) Supervised probation, 6 years. Local Confinement (365 Days. Stay 335 Days for 6 years.) Comment: May serve 28 days on alcohol sensitive monitoring by 0'00 p.m. on 1/25/16. \$50 fine. \$165 fees. DUI. Sentenced. Chemical Dependency Assessment (State Share) \$25.

Betty Jean Geise, Swanville. Possess Schedule 1,2,3,4 - Not small amount Marijuana. Statutory Stay of Adjudication. Condition -Adult (No possession of alcohol or drugs. No alcohol/controlled substance use. Random testing. No drug paraphernalia. Remain lawabiding. No same or similar. Follow all State and Federal criminal laws. Contact your probation officer as directed. Tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact



### **Community Education** Winter/Spring 2016

The Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Community Education Winter/Spring 2016 brochure is in this week's Leader B Section. This is a complete listing of course offerings and activities for all ages and interests.

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# Long Prairie Chamber Welcomes New Members for 2016

Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our NEW 2016 members for joining the Chamber. We appreciate your support of the community, and your involvement in the local area. If there are any members of the community who would like to know more about the Chamber of Commerce, please feel free to contact Luan Thomas-Brunkhorst at 732-2514 or chamber@longprairie.org. Thank you for your support.





Up-Sa Daisy Floral (formerly Deb's Floral): Holly Merten



STEP Inc. Service Teaching Empowering People: Tiffany Foote, Nancy Leasman, Pam Baltes, Cory Lawrence & Kayla Lawrence





Plus Services: Diane Brandes Not Pictured

VFW Post 1140 Long Prairie: Bret Wold, Chris Senger, Jim Kingston, Justin Erwin, Pete Berscheid, Dave Berscheid

