

POLICE BEAT

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ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Kyle A. Van Blaircom, 20, St. Paul, for five warrants and for underage drinking-2nd offense last week Monday night at 821 State St. Police were called to that apartment address because of a complaint for an unwanted person.

Van Blaircom was found passed out on the front porch and allegedly smelling of alcohol. He was awakened but unable or unwilling to take a breath test to measure his alcohol level.

Van Blaircom was wanted for three St. Croix County warrants, a Pierce County warrant and a state Department of Corrections warrant.

Described as uncooperative, Van Blaircom was taken to county jail in Ellsworth and also given a \$303 fine.

At the jail he first failed the booking process and was moved to a holding cell. He asked for a second chance and was booked through soon after.

Donovan J. Nilan, 22, 215 1/2 S. Second St., for domestic disorderly conduct at that address at 5:15 p.m. Sunday. Police were sent there to deal with an out-of-control, intoxicated tenant. Roommates had called for help.

Nilan was found outside with bloody knuckles. He allegedly had punched a wall at the house, punched the ground outside and thrown a lighter at a roommate. His agitated behavior was blamed on excessive drinking.

Nilan was taken to county jail in Ellsworth.

Kiya M. Landry, 19, and **Sophia L. Guth**, 18, both UW-RF students, and **Jake R. DeMarais**, 18, Woodbury, Minn., all three for drug paraphernalia and marijuana possession last week Monday just before midnight at Glen Park (after park hours).

The three were in an idling car with its headlights on in the west parking lot by the park tennis courts. An officer came upon the car and checked on its occupants and why they were in Glen Park after it had closed.

The officer claimed to smell a strong odor of burned marijuana. A search of the Landry, Guth, DeMarais and the car allegedly turned up some pot, a few pot pipes with marijuana residue and a measuring scale. These were taken as evidence.

The three were booked at the police station. Each was given fines totaling \$344.

Debele K. Balcha, 19, Coon Rapids, Minn., for disorderly conduct in the 2400 block of Golf View Drive at 12:55 p.m. Friday. Balcha was allegedly seen by a neighborhood resident on the back deck of someone's house looking in and trying to slide open a door.

The resident kept watching and then saw Balcha lay down between two houses on the grass. When asked what he was doing, Balcha said he was looking for someone, but was vague about who.

He then walked off, and the resident told him to pull up his pants because they were coming off.

Police later picked up Balcha at the hospital. There, he claimed to have been assaulted by his sister-in-law — punched several times in the face — when she had dropped him off in River Falls. The two had come from Minnesota.

For the earlier trespassing incident on Golf View Drive, Balcha was given a \$177 fine.

Alyssa A. Miller, 19, Hudson, for driving while suspended because of unpaid parking tickets and for failing to obey a no-turn traffic sign on Hwy. 35N last week Thursday morning. Miller allegedly pulled out from County Road U, crossed the highway and then turned south, making an illegal left-hand turn from that median.

Miller was pulled over by an officer, questioned and then given fines totaling just over \$177. Miller was told she could have her license plates back when she pays for her parking violations.

Duane R. Smith Jr., 22, 415 Lewis St., for driving while suspended-4th violation, at Division and Second streets at 3:50 p.m. Sunday. Smith was stopped for having a large windshield crack obscuring his vision. His suspended driving status was discovered, and he was given a

\$114 fine.

Dustin M. Evaska, 19, a UW-RF student from Hammond, for driving while suspended at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Evaska was allegedly stopped for going through an intersection at Main and Foster streets while the traffic light was still red.

It was then found that Evaska was driving outside the hours allowed by his occupational driver's license. He was given a \$114 fine.

Gina M. Rice, 20, 620 S. Third St., for unlawful U-turn downtown at 2:50 a.m. Saturday. Rice was stopped for making a U-turn at Maple and Main streets. Rice, who said she didn't know that a U-turn there was illegal, was given a \$114 fine.

Buck A. Loden, 29, 8034 920th St. #8, for a St. Croix County warrant at 3 a.m. Friday. Loden came to the police station, allegedly intoxicated, and asked what his options for getting a ride home. He claimed to have no money for a taxi.

While police were checking, it was learned about his arrest warrant. Loden was given a ride, but not home. He was taken instead to county jail in Hudson.

David M. Kraft and **Tony J. Maurer**, two UW-RF students, for underage drinking at an apartment at 1073 E. Cascade Ave. #2 at 12:35 a.m. Friday. Police were called there for a loud-noise party complaint. Officers had difficulty getting inside the apartment. Once they did, Kraft and Maurer were tested for alcohol use and given \$177 fines.

Benjamin W. Beaudoin, 24, a UW-RF student living at 455 N. Fourth St., for public urination at 1:25 a.m. Friday in the 100 block of East Locust Street. Beaudoin was allegedly seen urinating in front of a parked car. He was given a \$114 fine.

Mayah R. Meadows, 17, 128 Emory Drive #3, for habitual truancy at the high school. Meadows has allegedly been truant five times since Feb. 17. She was given a \$114 fine.

THEFT

■ From a broken into 2007 VW Jetta while parked in the 1100 block of Bartosh Lane early last week. The 27-year-old owner believed her car was locked but there were no signs of forced entry. A GPS unit, cell phone charger, sunglasses, and a CD visor with various CDs were stolen. Loss, \$230.

■ From an unlocked 2003 Ford Windstar while parked in the 400 block of Griffey Street sometime last week. The 30-year-old female owner said a GPS unit, Delphi XM Sirius radio and a three-pronged power cord were stolen. Loss, \$480.

VANDALISM

■ To a car last week Monday that was parked at the high school and also at 1450 S. Wasson Lane before damage was noticed to the front and rear doors in the form of scratches from a sharp object. The 49-year-old male owner said his daughter had been using the car. Damage estimate, \$200.

■ To the front lawn of Rocky Branch Elementary School over the weekend. Tire tracks that left deep ruts were found on the grass. Damage estimate, \$200.

Police believe that two city of River Falls boys, ages 14 and 15, were responsible. They are suspected of stealing a 1998 Chevy truck from a driveway in the 300 block of Church Street and going for a joyride sometime after midnight Sunday.

The keys had been left in the unlocked truck. The case is still under investigation. The truck was recovered. The boys were later cited for being out after curfew.

A reminder to our readers that arrests and citations are only allegations. Most cases in Police Beat are heard in Municipal Court. More serious cases are handled in county circuit court. These decisions appear regularly in the Journal.

ST. CROIX COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS

TRAFFIC COURT

Jeffrey Sipe, 29, River Falls, OWI-second, 10 days jail, license revoked 12 months, \$916.

Mark Nelson, 27, River Falls, OWI-second, 10 days jail, license revoked 6 months, ignition interlock, 12 months, \$1,246.

Brent Kolve, 22, River Falls, OWI-second, five days jail, license revoked 12 months, \$916.

Jenny Elred, 51, River Falls, speeding, \$175.30.

Dillon Holm, 17, Roberts, speeding, \$175.30

Joann Krueger, 46, River Falls, speeding, \$175.30.

David W. Olson, 40, River Falls, speeding, \$175.30.

Sarah Langer, 42, River Falls, speeding, \$200.50

Jennifer Schueller, 23, River

Falls, speeding, \$175.30.

LAND TRANSFERS

TROY

Ann Cavin to Daniel and Traci Takkunen, 312 Cove Road N., \$275,000.

Alexander Cole Group Inc. to Beacon Bank, 306 Lindsay Road, \$598,485.

William Leo Tilton Revocable Trust to William Tilton, 278 W. Grove Road, \$903,100.

Stephen Tary to Charles and Lori Barnard, 515 Trillium Lane, \$390,000.

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The Kraemer Company LLC to TKC Real Estate Holdings LLC, Quarry Rd, \$0 recorded.

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Worship With Us

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

896 Hwy. 65N
P.O. Box 335
River Falls
425-9564
Web page: www.abundantlifeonline.org
Senior Pastor, Kevin Humphrey
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Melvin Thacker
116 E. Walnut St.
River Falls
425-7651, 426-1439
Sunday worship: 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

214 N. Third St.
Stillwater, Minn.
651-439-2609
Website: www.ae-church.org
Rev. Dr. Jerry Doherty, Rector
Rev. Michele Morgan, Assistant Rector
Rev. Mary Jo Feely, Deacon
Mindy Boynton, Christian Education/Youth Director
Nancy Whipkey, Music Director
Sunday worship: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

BETH IMMANUEL SABBATH FELLOWSHIP

828 Third St.
Hudson
386-0106
E-mail: contact@bethimmanuel.org
Website: www.bethimmanuel.org
Saturday liturgical service: 10 a.m.
Saturday contemporary service: 11:30 a.m.

BETHEL COVENANT CHURCH

W8405 County Road KK
Ellsworth
792-2397
E-mail: bethelc@redwing.net
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1410 County Road A
New Richmond
246-9570
E-mail: nrcoc@christianemail.com
Sunday worship: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

545 Stage Line Road
Hudson
386-1830
Website: www.lds.org
John Squire, Bishop
Sunday sacrament meeting: 9 a.m.
Young single adults
386-9335
Sunday sacrament meeting: 12:30 p.m.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN (AN ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)

Historic Woodsie Place
County Road N
Baldwin
715-222-1723
K. M. Kuhfuss, Pastor
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

1246 County Road TT
Roberts
715-749-3551
www.robertscrosslutheran.com
Dean Simpson, Pastor
Sunday worship: 8:30 and 11 a.m.

EZEKIEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

202 S. Second St.
River Falls
425-8294, Fax 425-8274
Website: www.ezekiellutheran.org
Pastor Mark E. Hall, Senior Pastor
E-mail: mhall@ezekiellutheran.org
John Henning, Visitation Pastor
Shari Francisco, Youth Director and Christian Education Director
E-mail: sfrancisco@ezekiellutheran.org
Kim Suhr, Diaconal Minister
E-mail: ksuhr@ezekiellutheran.org
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m.

Traditional; 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS)

545 N. Apollo Road
River Falls
425-6598; fax: same
E-mail: faith@justifiedbyfaith.net
Website: www.justifiedbyfaith.net
Clayton G. Welch, Pastor
Beth Schmeling, Preschool
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m. summer services; 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

814 S. Wasson Lane
River Falls
Email: Baptist@presenter.com
Rev. Phillip M. Bushy, Pastor
Office: 425-5220
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

110 N. Third St.
River Falls
425-2052
Website: www.firstchurchrf.org
Rev. Chris Myers, Pastor
E-mail: chris@firstchurchrf.org
Sunday worship: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH (AN EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH)

1374 N. Main St.
River Falls
425-2640
E-mail: office@rfcov.org
Rev. Todd Ertsgaard, Lead Pastor
Leah Gunderson, youth director
Brian Majerus, director of Christian formation and family ministries
Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

FIVE OAKS CHURCH (AN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH WITH HUDSON CAMPUS)

4416 Radio Drive
Woodbury, Minn.
338-7703
Website: www.fiveoakschurch.org
E-mail: office@fiveoakschurch.org
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m. at the Hudson 12 Theater
Stageline Road

GRACE MISSION CHURCH NONDENOMINATIONAL

Office: 214 N. Main St.
425-0031
Website: www.gracemissionrf.org
Jim Grothe, Pastor
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m. at the Crossings Inn and Suites
1525 Commerce Court

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

P. O. Box 287
River Falls
Rev. Mark Hendrickson, Interim Pastor
425-9750
Office: 117 E. Maple St., Suite C
Website: www.hopelutheran-riverfalls.org
E-mail: hopelutheranchurch@presenter.com
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sundays at The Newman Center Chapel, 423 Cascade Ave.

HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1401 Laurel Ave.
Hudson
386-3821
E-mail: hudsonumc@sbcglobal.net
Worship: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

JESUS FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

440 W. Nelson St.
Ellsworth
715-505-0557
Jason Haugley, Pastor
Website: www.jesusfellowshipofbelievers.com/ellsworth/
E-mail: piercecounytjfb@sbcglobal.net
Worship: Thursday 7 p.m.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

420 S. Fourth St.
River Falls
425-2675, 425-2699
Rev. Michael Scholz, Pastor
E-mail: luthmem@ameritech.net
Website: www.luthmemorial.net
Sunday worship: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Chad Schuermann, Youth Director

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

N6450 530th
Beldenville
273-4570, fax 273-4593
John Sutherland, Pastor
Sheryl Mercord, youth and family minister
Rhoda Foley, volunteer/coordinator
Joan Lantz, parish nurse
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRAIRIEVIEW COVENANT CHURCH OF NEW RICHMOND

1396 210th Ave.
New Richmond
715-246-0600
Rudy King, Pastor
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

1097 County Road A
Burkhardt
386-7749
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

RIVER FALLS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

605 Valley View Drive
River Falls
425-6336
Michael Bechtold, Pastor
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1001 Birch St.
Roberts
715-749-3225
E-mail: prayers@robertsucc.org
Website: www.robertsucc.org
Interim Pastor Rev. Delbert Permann
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.

ROCK HOUSE CHURCH

1310 Canter St., Prescott
262-0059
Website: www.rockhouse4u.org.
Pastor Marty Hanson
Saturday worship: 6:30 p.m.

RUSH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

N8623 County Road Y
River Falls
684-3701
E-mail: rrluth@badwin-telecom.net
Rev. Gerd J. Bents, Pastor
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

SERVANT OF THE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

103 N. Fourth St., River Falls
425-2288
Website: www.servantoftheshepherdchurch.org
Frank Lukasiwicz, Pastor
Joel Hanson, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

14107 Hudson Road S.
Afton, Minn.
651-436-8248
E-mail: office@shepherd-

lutheran.org
Website: www.shepherd-lutheran.org
Saturday worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday worship: 8:45, 10 a.m., 11 a.m.

SPRING VALLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

W217 S. Third St.
P. O. Box 416
Spring Valley
715-778-4333
E-mail: cchurch@svtel.net
Website: www.svcongregational.org
Jeff Holton, senior pastor
Joan Tyvoll, youth pastor
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.

ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH

211 E. Division St.
P. O. Box 86
River Falls
425-1870, 425-1879, fax 425-1871
E-mail: saintb@stbparish.com
Website: www.saintbridgets.org
Fr. Gerald Harris, Pastor
Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Hwy. 61 and Seventh Street
Hastings, Minn. 55033
651-437-9855
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Website: www.stlukesmn.org

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

W10137 570th Ave.
River Falls
425-5806
Rev. William Matzek
Saturday Mass: 6 p.m. (winter); 7 p.m. (summer)
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8435 St. Croix Trail S. (County Road 21)
town of Denmark (near Prescott)
55033
651-436-1872
Fr. Larry Crockett
Web site: www.stmaryschurch.us
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. (traditional); 11 a.m. (contemporary)

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHAPEL AND NEWMAN CENTER

423 E. Cascade Ave. and Fifth Street
River Falls
425-7234
Sunday Mass: 8 p.m.; no masses during summer months.

THE RIVER CHURCH CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Office: 215 N. Second St., Suite 103
River Falls
426-9987
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Ron Weller, Lead Pastor
E-mail: pastorrn@theriverrf.org
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Worship service: 10 a.m. at Meyer Middle School,
230 N. Ninth St., River Falls

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River Falls
425-5115
www.pressenter.com/~uusrf
E-mail: revted9@earthlink.net
Rev. Ted Tollefson
715-577-2267
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

127 S. Second St.
River Falls
Rev. Janet Ellinger
425-6233
rffoffice@wisconsinumc.org
www.riverfallsumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



SUCCESSFUL SOCK DRIVE

From left to right are Aiyana Deal, Mary Joan Sutton, the director of Our Neighbors' Place, and Grace Firth. They display 366 pairs of donated socks that were gathered by the Greenwood Elementary School Student Council during the school's recent Sock Hop. Deal and Firth are both Greenwood students. The socks were accepted by Sutton on behalf of ONP and will be distributed to homeless families.

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