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U.S. Department of Justice becomes involved in ACLU's Nobles County suit

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WORTHINGTON — The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued a statement of interest in a civil lawsuit filed last month by the American Civil Liberties Union against Nobles County and its sheriff, Kent Wilkening.

In its motion filed Friday afternoon, the DOJ requests the court

deny the plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order, which, as of Tuesday afternoon, was scheduled to be considered Friday in Blue Earth County District Court in Mankato.

In its supporting argument for denial, the motion — which includes U.S. DOJ Civil Division Assistant Attorney Gen. Joseph H. Hunt as counsel — claims the Nobles County Jail's prac-

tice of holding inmates at the request of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was and is lawful, contrary to what the ACLU alleged as Wilkening overstepping his legal authority. The ACLU lawsuit was filed Aug. 16.

In its 38-page motion, the counsel identifies the four named plaintiffs in the lawsuit as "foreign nationals who are subject to ICE detainers and administrative

warrants." They include Rodrigo Esparza, Maria de Jesus de Pineda, Timoteo Martin-Morales and Oscar Basavez Consecro.

A detainer, the motion explains, asks local law enforcement to assist federal immigration enforcement efforts in two ways. The first is to notify ICE prior to releasing an individual for whom there is probable cause to believe they are

removable from the country, and by briefly maintaining custody of that person. The motion describes "briefly" as up to 48 hours beyond when the alien would otherwise be released. This practice is to allow ICE to take custody in a safe and orderly way, the U.S. DOJ's motion states.

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KING TURKEY DAY 2018



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Worthington race team members Chad Nixon, Wade Roesner and Jaime Salinas try to catch up with Paycheck during the Great Gobbler Gallop.

BIRD BLOWOUT!

Paycheck easily outpaces Ruby Begonia in first leg of poultry performance

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Worthington

Paycheck left everyone in the dust Saturday during the first leg of the Great Gobbler Gallop, including his own race team handlers and especially his opponent Ruby Begonia.

Worthington's own racing bird was comfortable in front of the home crowd. As soon as the race began, Paycheck sprinted down the 10th Street

race track, wings extended, on his way to a blazingly fast finishing time of 40.71 seconds.

Continuing recent King Turkey Day tradition, Ruby Begonia chose a different strategy, making a beeline for the crowd and running most of the race on the sidewalk. The Cuero, Texas, bird finished with seven five-second penalties for a total time of four minutes, 3.77 seconds.

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Cuero race team members James Rath, Kenneth Schley, Laura Patek and Kristie Tiekens try to keep Ruby Begonia out of the crowd.

See pages A9 and A10 for more King Turkey Day photos

A spark for local community

Lien remembered as a Worthington business pillar

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WORTHINGTON — Longtime Worthington resident Orville Lien passed away last Wednesday at the age of 98, but his legacy as a great businessman and community leader — and an even greater man — will live on.

Lien is commonly described as an exceptionally kind and sincere man, who always took time out of his day to help others. For more than six decades, he carried that mindset with him as owner of Lien Electric.

"He believed in service, taking care of his customers, and he certainly enjoyed what he did," said Marv Spomer of Spomer Classics, who worked with Lien as a customer and at the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce. "Orville was Orville, and he was committed to what he was doing. He loved it, and it showed, because he was just a super businessman. It was a joy to be in business with someone like that and to see how he handled customers."

"He just had such a big heart for the community and he always went out of his way, in my eyes, to help people. If he didn't have something, an electrical part, he would go get it."

Lien built up his reputation by being there whenever his customers needed him and developing a positive relationship with those he worked with.

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Lon Lien (left) and his father, Orville, are pictured in this undated photo.

Nobles County sets levy at 8.46 percent increase

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WORTHINGTON — With a Sept. 30 deadline looming for counties to set their not-to-exceed levy for 2019, Nobles

County commissioners acted in unison Tuesday in setting a preliminary levy increase of 8.46 percent. This is reflected in the county's preliminary budget of \$14,763,231.

The board now has approx-

imately three months to try and whittle the 8.46 percent increase down to a more acceptable level.

During Tuesday's meeting, Nobles County Administrator Tom Johnson highlight-

ed some of the 2019 budget details, noting 3 percent of the levy increase is due strictly to county staff salaries and health insurance. Another 1.8 percent of the increase is due to the proposed capital outlay in the

public works budget, and the board's vote to join PrimeWest will cost \$935,743 in each of the next two years, adding another 2 percent to the levy increase.

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