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Petersons plead not guilty in shooting

Jury trial scheduled to begin March 25

BY BRETT BOESE
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Two rural Mower County residents charged with shooting a 30-year-old woman in the face entered provisional not guilty pleas Monday morning before

Judge Fred Wellman in Mower County District Court.

Attorneys for Daniel Peterson, 62, and his son, Joseph Peterson, 27, have 60 and 45 days, respectively, to file new or additional motions for their



D. Peterson



J. Peterson

have been set for March 15, with a jury trial scheduled to

clients, who face a combined nine felony charges from a Nov. 8 shooting near Lansing.

The next pretrial hearings for both men

begin March 25. The father and son were arraigned Nov. 9 and are being held in Mower County Jail with bail set at \$500,000.

The elder Peterson has been charged with five felonies, including second-degree attempted murder. The younger faces four felony charges, including three counts of second-degree assault with a deadly weapon.

The victim of the shooting and the woman who drove

her to the hospital attended Monday's hearing. Joseph Peterson made prolonged eye contact with the victim as he exited the court room.

The Nov. 8 shooting occurred on the Peterson's property at about 12:30 p.m. The court complaints state the women were visiting Joseph but fled when his father began acting strangely and then started shooting at them. Joseph has said the women were trespassing on

their property. After being shot in the face, the victim was taken to Mayo Clinic Health System in Austin for care. However, the whereabouts of her assailants were unknown, prompting the hospital to go on lockdown for about 30 minutes. She eventually was airlifted to St. Marys Hospital in Rochester and released last week.

The Petersons were arrested at their home.



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Director of Educational Services John Alberts talks about growing mustaches to raise money for the Hormel Institute Friday at Austin High School.

Austin school administrators join Movember movement

Effort raises whiskers, cancer awareness

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Make way for the Mo Bros of Austin Public Schools.

Six men in the district's administrative staff decided to participate in Movember this year: Superintendent David Krenz, Educational Services Director John Alberts, Austin High School principal Brad Bergstrom, Special Education supervisor Brian Schoen, Ellis Middle School principal Jason Senne and Gifted and Talented coordinator David Wolff.

Movember is a global campaign where men grow their mo's during the month of November and raise awareness for men's health issues, specifically for prostate and testicular cancer. "Mo Bros," as they're known, start Nov. 1

clean shaven and then grow their 'staches throughout the month. They seek out sponsorship from "Mo Sistas," the women in their lives, to raise funds for their efforts.

The Movember efforts started in 2003 in Melbourne, Australia. Since then, it's grown around the world to more than 854,000 Mo Bros and Mo Sistas raising \$126.3 million last year.

Alberts heard about Movember on the radio, so he looked at the Movember website and got the Austin Mo's in motion from there.

"It was just one of those happenstance things," Alberts said. "It'd just be something fun to do."

When participants sign up



Bergstrom



Senne

through the website, the money raised generally goes to national organizations such as the Prostate Cancer Foundation and LIVES-TRONG Foundation.

"Why go that route if we've got a major entity in town?" Alberts said. "We're just collecting on our own. We just want to see how much we can get together in general."

The Austin administrators plan to donate all the money they raise to the Hormel Institute.

Krenz has had friends and relatives who've gone through battles with either testicular or prostate cancer, but luckily, it was caught early. He also referenced an old saying.

"As a man if you live long

enough, you're going to get prostate cancer," Krenz said. "If you don't make people aware of it ... all of a sudden, it might be too late."

On the fun side, there's been quite a bit of joking around with the mo's already at Austin Public Schools. People are beginning to notice, and Alberts has encouraged the administrators rally some building support for the efforts. He's also sent out updates through the various stages of growing the mo.

"We've had a lot of kidding going around," Krenz said. "Some people are moving it from their head to their lip."

Alberts said he's never had just a mustache before, and he won't continue with it after Nov. 30 comes and goes, signaling the end of Movember.

"It's definitely not a look for everyone," he said.

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For emails to each participant

Hormel Foods reports 4Q earnings increase

BY MIKE KLEIN
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Hormel Foods Corp.'s fourth-quarter net earnings increased 13 percent to \$132.6 million, led by core brands such as Hormel chili and Spam as well as a new Mexican food venture.

Sales were \$2.2 billion, up 3 percent from the fourth quarter a year earlier, the Austin-based company announced this morning. The company's fourth quarter ended Oct. 28.

Grocery products led the way with a 21 percent increase in sales, with much of that due to the addition of Don Miguel products, a maker of frozen and fresh Mexican-flavored snacks.

"We achieved solid results in the quarter with earnings per share and sales up 14 percent and 3 percent, respectively," said Jeffrey M. Ettinger, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer.

The earnings were in line with Wall Street's expectations, according to a research report by Janney Capital Markets.

The company generated both profit and sales increases in four out of five segments, with refrigerated foods the only exception.

"We continue to enjoy sales and volume growth in many of our value-added franchises, demonstrating that our growth strategies are working," Ettinger said.

For the year ending Oct. 28, net earnings were up 5 percent from the year earlier to \$500.1 million, and sales were up 4 percent to \$8.2 billion.

Hormel finished in the upper half of its guidance range, Ettinger said.

"We enhanced our support of our key Hormel and Jennie-O Turkey Store brands in fiscal 2012 with effective advertising campaigns, and ran a new advertising campaign celebrating the 75th anniversary of our iconic Spam brand," Ettinger said. "Finally, we met our goal of \$2 billion in sales of new products in 2012."

The company announced an 8 cents per share increase to the annual dividend, to 68

Hormel highlights

FOURTH QUARTER
 Sales up **3.3 percent** to **\$2.2 billion**
 Net earnings up **13 percent** to **\$132.6 billion**

FISCAL YEAR
 Sales up **4 percent** to **\$8.2 billion**
 Net earnings up **5 percent** to **\$500.1 million**

Source: Hormel Foods Corp.

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cents per share, marking the 47th straight year in which it has increased its dividend.

Highlights of Hormel's segments included:

- Grocery products saw its profit increase 22 percent and sales increase 21 percent, led by sales of Spam and Hormel chili, and by the MegaMex Foods joint venture, which includes Don Miguel products.
- Refrigerated foods profit fell 12 percent, partly due to lower pork operating margins and losses in live hog operations. Sales were down 3 percent due to lower commodity meat prices.
- Jennie-O Turkey Store saw its profit and sales increase 5 percent, led by sales of fresh tray packs, turkey bacon and turkey burgers.
- Specialty foods profits increased 8 percent and sales increased 7 percent, led by higher sales of private label canned meats.
- All other segment, which consists mostly of Hormel Foods International, had a 2 percent increase in profits and 1 percent increase in sales. Strong export sales to Canada and improved margins contributed.

Looking ahead, Ettinger said he expects sales and earnings growth in fiscal 2013, particularly from refrigerated foods, grocery products, specialty foods and all other.

The company plans to make more cuts to its turkey and pork harvest levels to reduce its exposure to volatile commodity markets, he said.

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