

# FAITH & FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007 **8**

## County RSVP to bring in guest speaker on vision

■ Two sessions are planned, in Windom and Westbrook, and are open to the public.

Ed Lecher from State Service for the Blind will provide an overview of services and discuss common eye conditions during special presentations Monday morning and afternoon.

Lecher will speak at Sogge Memorial of Good Samaritan Society-Windom at 9:30 a.m. Then, at 2 p.m., Lecher will speak at Peterson Estates in Westbrook.

Both sessions are open to the public.

In addition to his discussion, Lecher also will have brochures available and will be able to address questions guests may have.

One of the diseases Lecher will discuss is macular degeneration, which afflicts about one in four persons over age 65 in Minnesota. The condition, although problematic, does not make one completely blind. It does make activities, such as reading, cooking, playing cards or reading a medicine bottle, more difficult to do.

Lecher will explain how the Minnesota State Services for the Blind (SSB) can help at no cost. SSB has a unit dedicated to helping persons 55 and older by providing audio reading materials, low-vision skills training, aids and devices, and counseling.

Don't allow the "blind" label to be misleading. Seniors are eligible for free services should they feel that is difficult to read regular-sized newsprint even with corrective lenses. This service is easy to use and does not require a disclosure of personal information.

When someone chooses to use SSB, a senior counselor



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## Conspiracy in JFK assassination? Jones says 'No'

A 2003 ABC poll revealed that 70% of the American people "suspect a plot" behind President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963.

David Jones of Minneapolis would be one of the minority.

Jones, a brother of Windom kindergarten teacher Karen Wojahn, visited Steve Kurtz's freshmen U.S. History classes at Windom Area High School last week to share his knowledge of the assassination. While Jones has delved into and closely looked at the conspiracy theories behind the assassination, he remains convinced that there wasn't a plot to kill the president or a cover-up afterwards. Still, he admits that there are some historical facts about Kennedy's death that are hard to explain and that the public probably will never know.

Jones developed a special interest in the Kennedy assassination and has become something of an expert on the subject. He owns about 235 books on the subject and continues to research the topic. He speaks to high school history classes and senior citizen groups about 15 times a year, while working at Thrivent Financial's headquarters in Minneapolis.

Among the pictures he flashed on an overhead screen during his 1½-hour presentation, were a variety of pictures of Kennedy on that fateful day in November 1963. Here, Kennedy and his wife, Jackie, were greeted by members of the Democratic Party upon his arrival at the airport in Dallas.

But the most interesting digital artifact he showed students and a few staff who popped in to hear Jones' presentation was the historic Abraham Zapruder film, which shows the shot that killed Kennedy. Freshmen who were seeing the film clip for the first time, gasped when the shot struck Kennedy in the head.

Jones also provided several websites for students to learn more about the assassination. They include: [www.jfk.org](http://www.jfk.org) and [www.jfkiancer.com](http://www.jfkiancer.com).

## Legion Auxiliary to distribute poppies May 17-19

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