



Hero's tribute along Interstate 35

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

A perfect and proper tribute during a motorcade trip down Interstate 35 on Thursday, May 25 was given to a sailor from Emmons, Minnesota.

Glaydon Iverson, 24, was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 during World War II.

His remains were not positively identified until just recently. Iverson was on board the USS Oklahoma when it was capsized in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Many of the ship's 400 casualties



Submitted photo

Glaydon Iverson frames a salute while a soldier in the United States Navy. He was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Seventy-five years later, his remains have been identified.

remained unidentified until just recently.

Iverson's remains were identified with the assistance of a certified genealogist who used DNA samples to identify Iverson's remains. Nephew Gary Iverson was notified last December that his uncle's remains had been unofficially identified. Official word came to the family this past March.

Iverson and other family members were part of a huge motorcade that motored down Interstate 35 from Minneapolis to the Mittlestadt Funeral Home in Lake Mills, Iowa.

"It's remarkable that we were able to find closure with my uncle's death," said Gary Iverson as he stopped with the motorcade at the I-35 entrance ramp going south. Iverson was driving a vehicle directly behind the hearse carrying his uncle's remains.

The Minnesota State Patrol led the entourage as it left Minneapolis. Many small towns along the way dispatched their fire departments, law enforcement agencies and veterans with flags in hand to freeway exits and to highway bridges.

Fire departments at Medford and Owatonna paid tribute the passing procession on I-35.

At Ellendale, its local fire department hoisted an American flag atop its fire truck as it was parked at Casey's near Interstate 35.

The Blooming Prairie Fire Department brought its ladder truck to the bridge on I-35 at Ellendale and

extended it 65 feet to display a 20 by 38 foot American flag.

Representing the BP Fire Department were: Jeremy Wangen, Josh Toquam, Israel Wacek, Lee Peterson, Justin Krell and Wade Johnson. Logan Busho and Tyler McGowan were in their fire gear for the Ellendale Fire Department.

"It's quite an honor to help salute and show respect to an American veteran," said Krell, an assistant fire marshal for the BP Fire Department. "We were proud to show our gratitude for the sacrifices made by Mr. Iverson," Krell added.

Krell said the BP Fire Department has displayed its huge American flag on the anniversaries of 911, at department open houses and at the Deer Creek Speedway in Racine.

Krell was especially touched by the opportunity to participate in the honors display for Iverson since he had grandfathers who served during war time.

A grandfather served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and his great grandfather, Nels Sorenson was the last living World War I vet in Blooming Prairie, dying at age 103.

Ninety motorcycles joined the motorcade at Ellendale and headed south I-35 toward Iowa. Over 150 riders joined the honors motorcade along the way.

Many different motorcycle groups

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

A 20 by 38 foot American flag in honor of Glaydon Iverson of Emmons, Minnesota was displayed by the Blooming Prairie Fire Department on the freeway bridge near Ellendale on Thursday, May 25. The flag waved in the wind as a motorcade brought Iverson's remains home 75 years after he was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor. BP firefighters are: Jeremy Wangen, Josh Toquam, Israel Wacek, Lee Peterson, Justin Krell and Wade Johnson. At right, Logan Busho and Tyler McGowan were in their fire gear for the Ellendale Fire Department.

Owatonna in flames for 'Smokin' in Steele'

"I can say that we are prepared for anything, with the exception of a late season blizzard."

-Jon "Blueshammer" Hammer
Owner Blue Monday
Monthly Tabloid

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

"Smokin' in Steele," a decade of blues to raise money for deserving groups is promising to raise the bar again this year with the best show ever. The Knights of Columbus Council 945 has been holding this fundraiser in Owatonna for 10 years and is excited to see how much can be accomplished for the main beneficiary this year, which is, The Special Olympics.

Billed not just as a "fundraiser" but a "fun-raiser," John "Blueshammer" Hammer said, "The 10th Annual Smokin' in Steele will definitely and rightfully take its place as the best ever."

If travel back to last year's festivities, you would have seen many famous legends in the Blues industry perform, including Tullie Brae, Dave Lambert, Donna Dahl and Shaun Murphy, a member of Bob Seeger's E-Street band.

This year's lineup goes above and beyond as some

SMOKIN'

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Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Shaun Murphy, formerly of Bob Seeger's E-Street Band performed last year in Owatonna for Smokin' in Steele. She was such a crowd favorite, that she has returned this year with her band for the 10th annual Smokin' in Steele fundraiser. The event is set to take place this weekend at the Steele County Fairgrounds.

New interim county administrator appointed

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

As of last Tuesday, Jan Fransen has been hired as the new interim county administrator for Steele County. She's been hired as a private contractor by the county for four months with the option of extending her contract come September.

After the departure of Laura Elvebak last month from the position, Director of Human Resources Julie Johnson reached out to Fransen. Fransen was then interviewed by Commissioner Krueger and recommended by him to the rest of the county board.

Krueger was impressed by Fransen's experience. This January she finished a turn as Swift County's interim administrator that began in October. Prior to that, she worked for Jackson County's administration for years before retiring in 2015 and becoming a self-employed consultant.

Fransen took the job with Steele County, because she was excited by the commissioners' ideas. "There's a lot of things they're doing and want to do," she said.

As part of her work, Fransen will also be tasked with helping Steele County find a new permanent county administrator. She said the prospect of finding someone in four month was "doable" provided the county started right away.

Fransen isn't a native to Minnesota. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, she moved to Minnesota in high school and then stayed in state to attend junior college at Metropolitan State for public administration.

Only a week into her new role, Fransen is still getting her bearings, but she's eager to get to work. Offering an outside perspective, Fransen says, she'll "look if there's any inefficiencies I can spot." Working with the different departments, she hopes to be brought up to speed soon, so that collaboration can begin on making the county more cost-effective.

This isn't the first time Fransen has been tasked with helping cut costs. "It's always something we were trying to do in Jackson," she said.

During her time in Jackson, the county partnered with Cottonwood County's Human Services to save money. Jackson County also partnered with Jackson City to manage law enforcement. Jackson County now provides the policing force to Jackson City, saving the city a lot of money. "It's not just about the county," Fransen said, acknowledging that whether it's through city or county costs, it's saving the same taxpayers' money.

Fransen wanted to reassure Steele County residents; "I'm here to help Steele County in between the old administrator leaving and the new one coming in."



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Our view

Memorial Day love

Due to the nature and scope of the social media giant, Facebook, we are linked nationally and internationally in ways and with speeds that has shocked the world. In 13 years, more than 1 billion people have become a part of this thriving community.

On Monday, the community joined the world in honoring our country's heroes at cemeteries and legion halls and city parks all over the United States. In America, it was a day that was originally known as "Decoration Day," officially inception in 1868 three years after the Civil War, but has been a worldwide custom since wars were fought and people were honored.

In 1868, the head of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) designated that a day should be set aside to place flowers on the graves of those who fought in the war. It was Major General John Logan who set a designation that May 30 be set aside as flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

It wasn't until 1971 that Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday.

It is still debated as to which city first celebrated Memorial Day, but suffice to say, anyone who has ever buried a soldier or a casualty of war has participated in the sentiment.

As twitter boards were on fire, Instagram was lighting up, Snapchat was all chatty and Facebook was in full bloom, one by one, from all over the country, the pictures, stories, tributes and traditions began to fill cyberspace.

It bloomed on Memorial Day as a fresh bouquet on the grave of the American heroes.

And not only the memorials for the departed, but also for those who carried the scars of battle, the memories of the infamy and the lives they lived afterward. They were there too in cyberspace, creating one great legacy to honor and valor and sacrifice.

We all joined hands in The Cloud. The pictures revealed that we cried, we laughed, we sang, we remembered and we prayed. To that same God America was praying to through each conflict. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds" – The Apostle Paul

And we gathered, young and old, rich and poor in the community celebrations. A celebration of lives, thankfulness for dedication and a pride in knowing that almost every one of us were born to that breed of Americans who knew what it was like to put life on the line for family, friends and country.

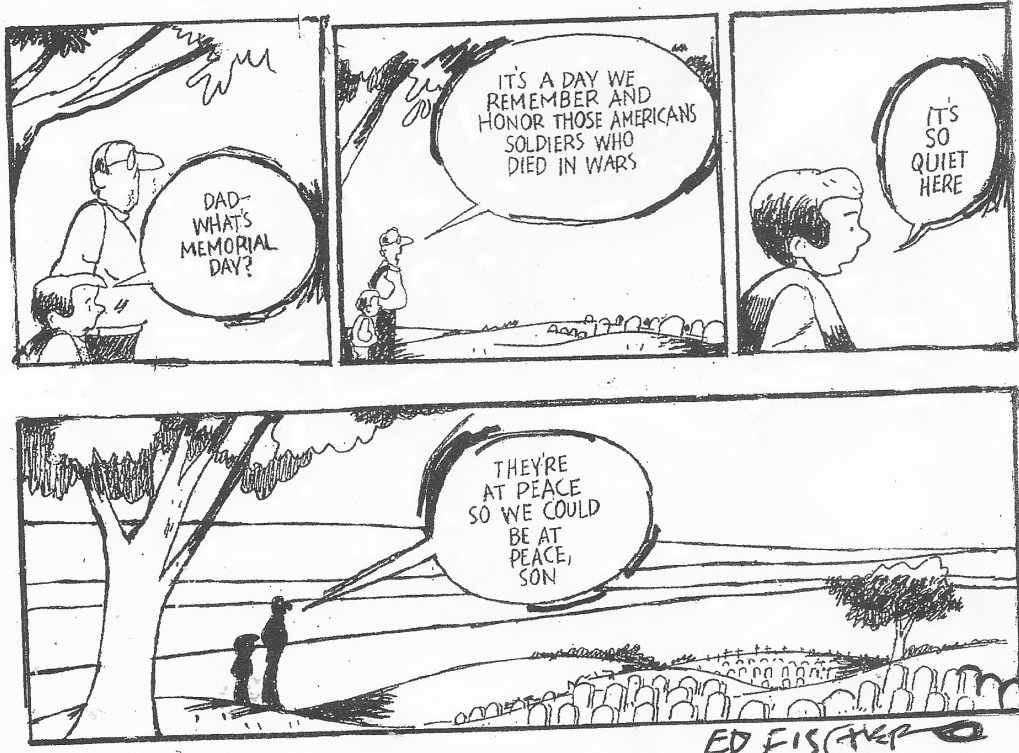
And the Vets who came home from their wars, came forward on Monday. In bergs and hollows and city parks all over America, they came. Their images posted. Some maimed, some crippled, some still sombered by the memories of battle.

With courage, they marched off to war, and now in later life, they had the courage to stand proud in the midst of a country that is in turmoil, some Americans not wanting to embrace their sacrifice.

The day was summed up by a World War II veteran from New York, when asked about those who would not stand or salute or honor America today, he said simply, "We fought and many died for them too. They don't have to love us, but we sure as hell loved them."

And the silence after his statement was deafening as the voices from the grave echoed their own silent "Amen."

The majority of the community in the cloud spoke the ancient script loudly Monday. "No greater love has a man than this... that he lay his life down for his friends. But even greater is a generation of soldiers that would lay their lives down for those who couldn't care less.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

While many head to the lakes for the official kick off to summer, there is a more serious side to Memorial Day. It is the time set aside to honor those who lost their lives in service to their country.

The day is commemorated not by boats and lakes, but rather ceremonies at memorials and cemeteries to remember the sacrifices made by those who died while in the military.

As I covered Memorial Day services around the area, I had the distinct honor of meeting George Lally of Kasson. For this veteran who served during World War II, Memorial Day is a time of reflection and remembrance. He hasn't missed a Memorial Day service for 68 years. He served in the U.S. Army as a medic in Munich, Germany.

Far removed from the war zones of the 1940s, Lally now marches with the Kasson VFW to honor the fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Lally considers himself among the lucky ones. He's lucky because he did not get

WWII veteran hopes we never forget

thrown onto the front line battles. But that shouldn't diminish his importance in helping serve his country.

As a medic stationed in a German hospital, Lally saw the worst of the worst. Mangled bodies ended up in Lally's care. The worst part for him was seeing soldiers coming to his rescue without limbs attached to them. "I saw a little of everything," he recalled.

Lally admits he still has some flashbacks of those days when he was treating critically injured soldiers.

Though some of his friends never returned home, the 95-year-old doesn't regret serving his country. "It was an honor to serve," Lally said.

For Lally, Memorial Day services highlight a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.

"It brings back memories," Lally said, "some good and some bad."

Despite having to deal with all the carnage, Lally doesn't regret one bit of his service. "I'm thankful for all of it," he said.

We owe our deepest gratitude to veterans like Lally

and so many of those who weren't as fortunate to come back home as he did. They have all sacrificed so much for our country. Words cannot measure the depth of their devotion.

For those who died in military service, it's impossible to measure the purity of their love or the totality of their courage.

Lally hopes younger generations won't forget the sacrifices made by fallen heroes and those who are still alive.

"I hope they realize they wouldn't have it like they do without veterans," Lally told me. "The country would not be free as it is (without their service)."

As Memorial Day fades into memory for another year, Lally has one wish.

"I want to see more younger people get involved," Lally said, adding the support means a lot to families and comrades.

We can all go in hot pursuit of showing veterans like Lally that Memorial Day has not lost its meaning. It's the least we can do to show our appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy every day in this country.

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A View
FROM THE HILL

John Jasinski

Before I was elected to the Senate I served as the mayor of Faribault. It was a great experience; I learned a lot about local government and how to work together with people you don't always see eye to eye with. It's the only way we get anything done.

The more I worked with legislators in St. Paul about issues that impacted our area, the more I became frustrated with the constant gridlock. I thought they could learn a thing or two from us about working through differences.

As I ran for Senate, I talked to people about my desire to change that mindset. I believed a fresh perspective could lead to breakthroughs on past failures, like highway 14 funding, tax relief, and soaring health care premiums.

You trusted me to try this new approach in St. Paul. After my first session, I can report that it led to a historically productive legislative session.

If you have contacted my office, met me around town, or read any of my previous columns, you'll know that finishing Highway 14 is my top priority. Thanks to a boost to Corridors of Commerce funding in our transportation bill, and a bill I authored to bring more transparency and fairness to the MnDOT project selection process, Highway 14 should be much closer to getting completed – just like a lot of other crumbling and unsafe roads and bridges across Minnesota. It's the biggest investment in transportation since 2008.

Our tax relief bill was the biggest in nearly two decades. It has tax relief for working families

and families with small children. It has relief for seniors who are living on Social Security income. It has relief for students paying down high college loan debt. It has relief for farmers paying exorbitant amounts for school levies and property taxes. There's something for everyone in our tax relief bill, and I'm proud of the bipartisan work that went into it.

We addressed the health care premium crisis with emergency health care aid and a new reinsurance plan. We even checked off some unfinished business that has frustrated Minnesotans for years: Sunday Sales and REAL ID.

I am also proud to say I delivered funding for

three important projects in our area: Rice County and Waseca County have been working hard on veterans' memorials at their respective county courthouses, and Waseca has been working for funding to rebuild the Tink Larson Field grandstand that was destroyed in last year's fire. I am proud to say we secured full funding for the Rice County Veterans Memorial and Tink Larson Field, as well as a significant contribution toward the Waseca Memorial.

The bonding bill also included \$328,000 for the Mill Towns Trail project in Faribault, and over \$2 million for Minnesota Academies for asset

preservation.

Republicans started the year by making big promises and setting high expectations for ourselves, and we met them. The 2017 session was a strong one – there will be a lot of new reforms, and a lot of relief, for Minnesotans to be happy about.

As much as I enjoyed getting to know and work with people on both sides of the aisle, I can't wait to get back home to see my family. I'm planning to be at a lot of events around the district this summer, so if you see me, please stop me and introduce yourself and let me know what's on your mind. It's a privilege to be your state senator.

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Remnants of the bootlegging days in Blooming Prairie are still evident in markings on the building downtown, currently the business home of B to Z Hardware. Back in the day, it was the location of the Coggins Bar.

It was all out in the open

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce members received a special treat following their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, May 17 at Bunkie’s Grill & Lanes.

The treat was a history lesson given by Blooming Prairie resident Steve Wencil, said to be one of most reputable historians on the Prohibition Era in Blooming Prairie.

Wencil actually was making his second visit to a chamber meeting, having spoken on prohibition to the Chamber last September.

With lots of newspaper clippings and self-designed maps of the bootlegging trail, Wencil outlined activities from 1919 to 1937.

It all started with the New Year’s Eve raid on Blooming Prairie in 1929.

Federal prohibition agents were very busy in the last half of 1929 in the Blooming Prairie vicinity. Several raids were conducted and many arrests made, ending with the New Year’s Eve raid in Blooming Prairie.

On Jan. 3, 1930 in St. Paul, Agent M. L. Harney gave a stern warning to the group of individuals arrested in the New Year’s raid. He said, “It has taken a long time to get

you fellows. And if any of you return to bootlegging, the charges will be severe, for your town is going to be drier than the Sahara Desert.”

Wencil mentioned the involvement by Albert Wanous. Wencil said Wanous was treated poorly later in life by many in town who benefited from the alcohol business and from loans, etc.

“It was all done in the open and a lot of people benefited with what went on in our community,” Wencil said.

Wencil painted history by pointing out that the alley directly behind Bunkie’s was the focus of sales. Houses on First Street came back on line as did many others in Blooming Prairie, he said.

Wencil said trucks came to BP at night and were reloaded with alcohol for trips to Baraboo, WI and other destinations.

It was no secret, Wencil said that cars used to transport alcohol were worked on “right in Blooming Prairie.” Wencil said the cars had no back seats. The seats were removed to make room for alcohol containers. The cars also had over-load springs installed on them, as well as higher speed axles.

“Cars were jacked up and ran night and day” in an area not far from Bunkie’s. Many cars required maintenance and a garage, thus BP residents rented

their garages for this purpose.

When the cars got too many miles on them and had to be replaced, local people could buy them after they reconverted back to normal use, Wencil said.

Relating a humorous anecdote, Wencil said there were so many sellers willing to help out customers forcing them to wear a special button on their coats or shirts to indicate they were not to be selling to sellers.

For those coming to BP by train to pick up alcohol, they simply looked for the hotel (West Hotel), were told to go down the alley and they would get what they wanted. People came empty handed and left with suitcases, Wencil said.

People not only came by train for personal purchases, but also came by car or truck to buy more alcohol in larger quantities for resale. “Money was short so they would trade diamond engagement rings for various size loads.

Sugar came to Blooming Prairie twice a week by truck from St. Paul. The trucks were broke down and hauled out to the still area and put in granaries and sheds for the still crew to pick up. Wencil said teenagers helped deliver the sugar.

Wencil emphasized that Blooming Prairie people did not work at the still located west of BP.

Wencil told of a greedy federal agent being beaten up

after he beat up a truck driver.

The fake raid on the Big Still on Dec. 5, 1932, was reported by Wencil during his talk to chamber members. Federal agents did not have to find anything on this raid because they had been paid for almost three years to stay away from the still and told to leave trucks alone.

Forty-Five men faced indictments from five states for their role in bootlegging,

conspiring to violate the national prohibition act. Three of the 45 were from Blooming Prairie: Albert Wanous, Stub Jacobson (John H. Anderson) and Albert Cole. Cole was later killed in a car accident.

Wencil said many of those indicted did not receive any serious sentences. The indictments were settled by plea bargains and deals, starting in February of 1933 with fines ranging from \$1,250 down to

\$200, suspended sentences and probation for activity from 1928 to 1932.

In “Minnesota 13” by Elaine Davis, it is written: “The biggest operators paid bribes and avoided arrest and prison. Syndicates from Chicago and the Twin Cities operated heavily in Winona County, paid protection money and were seldom raided by federal agents until very late in prohibition.”



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie area historian Steve Wencil spoke again on prohibition to the BP Area Chamber of Commerce at a recent membership meeting at Bunkie’s. He shows some documents that record the history of the time.



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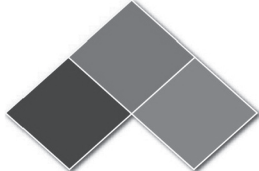
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Freedom bell rings in Blooming Prairie

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The freedom bell rang loudly and clearly in Blooming Prairie on Memorial Day 2017 (May 29).
“Freedom isn’t free; someone paid the price for our liberty,” remarked The Rev. Jeff Sandgren of First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie as he addressed over 300 attending a Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 29 at the Blooming Prairie City Cemetery.
Joe Wacek, commander of VFW Post 878, was emcee for the cemetery program. He opened with a Pledge of Allegiance led by Hailey Schlichter, 7, at his side. Melissa Stoen also led the crowd in singing of “God Bless America.”
Blooming Prairie’s Memorial Day program came in two parts:
• Local veterans and service organization members marched to the Blooming Prairie City Cemetery to participate in a special Memorial Day program. The service organizations included American Legion Post 52 and VFW Post 878 and their auxiliaries and the Sons of the American Legion. The Blooming Prairie High School band also marched to the cemetery and performed.
• A special Memorial Day lunch was served to 240 at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club, followed by a program to recognize Voice of Democracy and Patriotic Art winner Marissa Larson and to salute 17 veterans by awarding them with Quilts of Valor. Blooming Prairie service organizations, since 2014 have now given out

96 Quilts of Valor.
These special Memorial Day activities speaks highly of the Blooming Prairie community’s devotion to its veterans, past and present.
“We shouldn’t take this day or the freedom we enjoy for granted,” Pastor Sandgren emphasized.
“What does freedom mean to you?” Pastor Sandgren asked those in attendance. “Most of you might consider the remarkable freedoms you have as a citizen of these United States of America,” Sandgren said, answering the rhetorical question.
Just to name a few freedoms, Rev. Sandgren said Americans have the freedom to speak out for what you stand for and believe in, and they also have the freedom to assemble as we are doing even now and we have the freedom from tyranny that so many in our world face every day. That’s just to name a few.
“People like you and me, citizens of this land, look to historical documents, like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, to gain the perspective on the freedoms we enjoy in the U.S.”
“As subjects in the Kingdom of God, many of us here today, look to the Holy Scripture to better understand what freedom means. The Bible tells us that freedom is a gift from God, given to God’s people...”
Pastor Sandgren spoke of his father sharing experiences of serving during the Korean War. He did not share those experiences until later in life. “We talked about those who died in that war...in his war. He had some tears...which he almost never did.”
Sandgren told of visiting

the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Sandgren said the Korean War Memorial is made up of amazingly lifelike statues of soldiers, perhaps a platoon, walking as if on patrol.
Freedoms are often tested, said Sandgren “and one of our greatest challenges” is our freedom, Sandgren pointed out.
Freedoms are not without a price, said Sandgren.
“You are free to be compassionate, the cost your cold heartedness; you are free to be generous, the cost your greediness; you are free to be forgiving, the price your foul-temper; you are free to advice for the poor and the needy, the cost your apathy; you are free to be self-sacrificing, the cost your self centeredness; you are free to share the justice we claim as a God-given right in the land, the cost your silence and you are free to find true meaning in life, the cost the trivialities of life.”
Memorial Day is worth remembering because “you are free,” Pastor Sandgren concluded.
Following Pastor Sandgren’s address, Bev Hoveland, VFW chaplain, said a closing prayer. “Lord, we realize that as a country we are not perfect, and we ask your guidance in our decisions as a nation. Help us forever to be, one nation under God.”
Regrouping at the Servicemen’s Club following the program at the City Cemetery, veterans and families enjoyed a pork sandwich and paid tribute to the many veterans of the area by giving Quilts of Valor.
Seventeen Quilts of Valor were given. Joyce Johns, president of the VFW Auxiliary

presided at the Quilts of Valor ceremony. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, she said is to cover service members touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor.
Each quilt has three layers.
First, the top, which is made of many pieces, colors and shapes. That represents the many communities that we are.
Second, the filling, which gives warmth and hope that this quilt will comfort you and keep you warm.
Third, the backing that is the strength that supports the layers as you are the strength as well as the family and community that support you.
Finally, the stitching that holds the layers together that represents the love and

gratitude that we have for you.
Receiving Quilts of Valor on Monday were: Terry Hughes, Donald N. Peterson, Jason Peterson, Jay Rasmussen, Cletus Glynn, Jack Noble, Glenn Kruckeberg, Maynard Johnson, Gary Hansen, Jerome Loew, LeRoy Thoreson, Robert Vaith, Franklin (Bud) Prokopec, Lee Folkens, William (Bill) Underwood, Robert Wolf and George Wacek.
Family members presented the Quilts of Valor to the recipients. Creators of the quilts were: Chris Butler, Bev Hoveland, Bev Wacek, Tiffany Boecker, Mary Dallman, Judy Bishop, Marty Walters, Kathy Lightly, Cheri Krejci, Pine Needles of Rochester, the Calico Hutch and Quilters of Northern Minnesota.

“May this quilt keep you from harm,” Johns said. “May it be your good luck charm and what you hold in your arms is a quilter’s embrace,” she continued.
In other activity at the Servicemen’s Club, Marilyn Meshke, creator of a quilt serving as a first prize on a raffle, announced that Pamela Hameister won the quilt. Second place of \$100 wen to Ardis Krejci and third place of \$50 was given to Nels Lee. Meshke said 445 tickets were sold.
Tom Peterson, adjutant for the Sons of the American Legion and chair of the BP Memorial Committee, reported that 153 pavers have been sold and \$96,916.12 (38 percent of goal) has been raised.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Terry Hughes of Blooming Prairie was one of 17 veterans receiving a Quilt of Valor from BP service groups. His quilt was pieced by Bev Hoveland and quilted by Bev Wacek. He is shown with his two daughters, Tanya Hughes, left and Nikki Hughes, right and with Dorothy Trom, far right.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Sergeant First Class of the US Army and VFW member, Gail Kaplan, reads the Memorial Day Address at the Ellendale cemetery.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

At the Owatonna Memorial Day ceremony, Marshall of the Day Harold Kerkvliet, a retired army soldier who fought in Korea, laid the memorial wreath to commemorate US soldiers who have passed away. Earlier that morning, a parade processed down Elm Avenue that included more than 40 organizations that turned out to mark the day.

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Area Church Spotlight

Trinity Luthern Church, Hayfield, MN

Pastor’s corner: ‘Real Friends’

A teenage boy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had cancer and was in the hospital for several weeks to undergo radiation treatments and chemotherapy. During that time, he lost all of his hair. On the way home from the hospital, he was worried – not about the cancer, but about the embarrassment of going back to school with a bald head. He had already decided not to wear a wig or hat.

When he arrived home, he walked in the front door and turned on the lights. To his surprise, about fifty of his friends jumped up and shouted, Wel-

come home!” The boy looked around the room and could hardly believe his eyes – all fifty of his friends had shaved their heads!

Wouldn’t we all like to have caring friends who were so sensitive and committed to us that they would sacrifice their hair for us if that’s what it took to make us feel affirmed, included, and loved? Friends like that are hard to find in today’s world.

But isn’t the Church supposed to be that community for us, where we feel included and accepted and where we grow in faith. Yet it is easy for people to

drift away from the church. It’s not as if they drift away from their faith, however. God is always bigger than the church and people who have become inactive at church still have a vital faith in Jesus. But they sure are missed, aren’t they!

When you see friends that haven’t been in church for quite some time, please have the courage to say, “We miss you at church!” That’s all that needs to be said. It is always good to hear that we are genuinely missed.

Real friends are hard to find... but let the church be that place!



Pastor Paul Hauschild
Trinity Lutheran Church
Hayfield

Area Church Schedule

Lutheran

AURORA LUTHERAN
6329 SE 38th St., Owatonna
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696
Sundays at 9:00 am

Sunday School at 10:15 am
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5881 S.E. 118th St., Blooming Prairie
Pastor Stephanie Wood
(507) 676-5696
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 am

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
Jeff Sandgren, Interim Pastor
Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
(507) 583-6621
firstlutheranbp.com
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
8953 S.W. 37th Ave., Hope
Pastor Sandy Miller
(507) 451-3854
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday School,
Adult Ed: 10:15 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN—LCMS
2500 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
The Rev. Mark Rosenau,
the Rev. Gregory Schlicker
(507) 451-4125
www.goodshephardowatonna.com

Services: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. &
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

PONTOPPIDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
9651 SW 75th Street Ellendale
(507)465-8366
Family Choir 9:00-9:15 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Education
9:15 a.m. Sunday, Worship 10:15 a.m.

ST. MICHAEL’S LUTHERAN—ELCA
30450 570th Ave., Waltham
Minister Dwight DoBell
(507) 567-2474
Service: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

RED OAK GROVE LUTHERAN—ELCA
30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
Pastor Lindsay Stolen
(507) 583-2038 or (507) 437-3000
www.roglutheran.org
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
Pastor Kirk Griebel
(507) 451-2720
www.redeemerowatonna.org

Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH —LCMS
4532 S.E. 84th Ave., Claremont
The Rev. Alan Broadwell
(507) 528-2404
sjlcoffice@frontiernet.net
Weekly Church Services:
Saturday Evening at 6 p.m. with Holy
Communion, Sunday Morning at
10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion
offered during the 2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month. Sunday School 9:00
a.m. - 10:15 a.m. (Sept. - June)

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28959 630th Ave., Sergeant
Pastor Collin Duling
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
104 First St. S.E., Hayfield
The Rev. Paul Hauschild
(507) 477-2248
www.trinityhayfield.org
Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN—LCMS
57403 300th St., Waltham
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272
Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN—LCMS
202 E. Park Ave., Hollandale
Pastor Jesse Krusemark
(507) 567-2272
Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
106 Third St. S.E., Geneva
Pastor Kristen Venne
(507) 256-4288
Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
7126 SW 98th St., Ellendale
Interim Pastor Cheryl D. Indehar
(507) 451-2165
Worship 8:30 AM



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
108 Third Ave S.W., Medford
Pastor Mark Biebighauser
(507) 451-0447
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Education hour: 10 a.m.

ST PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2781 S.W. 92nd Ave., Meriden
Interim Pastor Cheryl D. Indehar
(507) 451-2165
Worship 10:30 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA
609 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna
Todd Buegler, Senior Pastor
Dean Smith, Associate Pastor
(507) 451-4520 www.tlcowatonna.org
Worship Services: Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 & 9:30 a.m.
Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Contemporary
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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, AFLC
Ellendale, Minnesota
Pastor Richard Sliper
Saturday - 8 a.m. Men’s
Bible Study Sunday - 9 a.m.
Worship: 10:10 Sunday School;
10:15 Coffee and Fellowship
Tuesday - 6 a.m. Call to Prayer, open
to all Churches; 7 p.m. Call to Prayer
Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study;
6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:15 Hands
of Praise; 6:30 Confirmation;
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

MOLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
7618 NE 84 Ave, Kenyon
Pastor Nancy Edwardson
(507) 789-6666
(Sept. - May) 10:45 a.m. Worship
(June - Aug.) 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Catholic

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St. Hayfield
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 477-2256
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Reconciliation: Before Mass
Adoration: Thursdays 9 to noon

ST. COLUMBANUS CATHOLIC PARISH
114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
(507) 583-2784
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Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. Sunday.
Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
307 First St. SW., New Richland
The Rev. Raul Silva, Pastor
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(507) 465-8217
Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LITOMYSL
9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
The Rev. John Sauer, Pastor
Fr. Jose Morales,
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(507) 451-1588
www.litomysl.webs.com
Reconciliation: after Mass 1st Sunday
Eucharistic Adoration; 6:45 p.m.
Stations of the cross,
Memorial Day May 29th, At the
Litomysl Cemetery - Military Services
@ 8:15 a.m. by Ellendale American
Legion & VFW; @ 8:30 a.m. (note
Time) Mass with Father Sauer (Bring
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810 S. Cedar Ave., Owatonna
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Sunday Mass: Vigil 5 p.m. Saturday,
8:30 a.m., & 10 a.m.
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Sat. Mass: 4 p.m.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING
205 NW Second Ave., Medford
(507) 451-6353
Fr. Kevin Connolly, Pastor
Deacon Patrick Fagan
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Monday Mass: 9 a.m.

Christian

CHRIST COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
540 18th St. SE, Owatonna
Dr. V. Brent Carlson, Pastor
507-451-1032
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Connections 10:15 a.m.

DESTINY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Sundat Service: 10am

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43089 180th St., Medford
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Pastor Cindy Kennedy
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Service: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

ELLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Sixth St. N.W., Ellendale
Pastor Randy Cirksema
(507) 684-2731
www.ellendaleumc.org
Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Free home style meal on the first
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Loren Olson, Pastor
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Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. Sunday
Contemporary Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Church School/Adult Classes: 10 a.m.
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CEDAR CREEK CHURCH
30 E. Main St. P.O. Box 224,
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Pastor Aaron de Neui
(507) 477-2255
www.cedarcreekchurch.org
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

ELEVATION NORTH CHURCH
2002 Austin Rd.
Pastor Doug Jones
(507) 363-3099
www.elevationnorth.blogspot.com
Sun 10 a.m. English Service
10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone
2 p.m. Spanish Service
Wed. 7:00 Bible Study
Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH
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Pastor Scott Peterson
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
Gateway Connection: 6 p.m. Sunday

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and 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Mormon

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
404 31st St. N.W., Austin
Bishop Rick Bremner
(507) 433-9042
Service: 9 a.m.-10:10 a.m.

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
109 E. Main St., Hayfield
Pastor Steven Robertson
(507) 477-2631
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

Seventh-Day Adventist

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
2373 Seventh Ave. N.E., Owatonna
Pastor Robert Brauer
(507) 340-7143
Service: 11 a.m. Saturday
Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

UCC

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
211 Main St. S., Medford
Pastor Louise Bender
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Confirmation: 9 a.m. Sunday
Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday

Assembly of God

VIBRANT LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
702 Third St. S., Ellendale
Pastor Patrick Stitt
(507) 684-3421
Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
vibrantlifeag.com

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Legal Notices

Foreclosure

15-101690

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 21, 2005
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$229,050.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Amado Mendez Solis and Lorna E. Mendez, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Town and Country Credit Corp.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Town and Country Credit Corp.
SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 7, 2005, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000337562
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Ameriquest Mortgage Company;
Dated: December 2, 2005 filed: December 26, 2007, recorded as document number A000354323; ; thereafter assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated December 2, 2005, recorded December 26, 2007 as Document No. A000354324; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset Backed-Certificates, Series 2006-HE2 dated March 19, 2012 recorded April 9, 2012 as document number A000383927; and dated November 1, 2012, recorded November 13, 2012 as Document No. A000387911; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I Trust 2006-HE2, Asset Backed-Certificates, Series 2006-HE2 by a Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated December 1, 2016.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 6, Block 3, Radel's Francis Addition
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1283 Bellflower Lane NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-437-0306
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$411,521.23
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 11, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 11, 2018, or the next business day if January 11, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 15, 2017

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I Trust 2006-HE2, Asset Backed-Certificates, Series 2006-HE2
Assignee of Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

5/23, 5/30, 6/6
6/13, 6/20, 6/27

Notice

IN PROCEEDINGS SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL REGISTRATION OF LAND

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE (10) TORRENS

Court File Number: 74-CV-17-737

In the Matter of the Petition of Federal National Mortgage Association

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

for a New Certificate of Title After Mortgage Foreclosure

TO: BRIAN BLADINE, BOBBIE RANDELIN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RANDY BLANDINE

5/30, 6/6

Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 05/09/2017
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve the agenda.
• Approve the Minutes of April 21, 2017 and April 25, 2017.
• Approve the Bills.
• Approve Personnel Report.
• Approve the out of State travel for Community Services Director/ Public Health Director to attend the NACCHO Annual Conference July 11-13, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA.
• Approve the Interpreter Agreement with Leyla Habib Abdulle to conduct Somali language interpretation services from 4/10/17 to 12/31/17.
• Accept Community Services Minutes.
• Accept Internal Central Services Minutes.
• Accept Planning Commission Minutes.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve the Tobacco licenses from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 for Finch's Pub, Medford Muni, Casey's General Store in Ellendale and Medford. Ayes all.
• Krueger/Gnemi to approve the following Memorial Day appropriations: Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club \$125, American Legion in Ellendale \$125, American Legion in Owatonna \$1,375. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Abbe offered a Resolution to accept Bundles of Love from Bundles of Love of Oronoco, MN. Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Glynn/Krueger offered a Resolution to support Dakota County's request for 7.5 million in bond funding for improvements to the Byllesby Dam. Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Krueger/Gnemi to accept and send the Board of Commissioner Letter to Employees. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve Interim Use Permit #2017-01 for Innovative Power Systems to construct and operate a 1 MW community solar garden on approximately 8 acres of land owned by RJC Farms LLC located in Section 30-108-20 of Clinton Falls Township with conditions per the Planning Commission and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Krueger to approve Interim Use Permit #2017-02 for Innovative Power Systems to construct and operate a 1 MW community solar garden on approximately 8 acres of land owned by RJC Farms LLC located in Section 29-108-20 of Clinton Falls Township with conditions per the Planning Commission and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to amend Interim Use Permit #2010-01 to add storage and processing of concrete and/or bituminous material located the NE ¼ of the SE 1/4, Section 3-107-19 in Havana Township with conditions per the Planning Commission and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Abbe to approve the review of CUP #199 for Witte Brothers for the mining of sand and gravel, crushing, screening, stockpiling of aggregate material and the stockpiling of recyclable aggregate material located the N ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 15-106-21 in Lemond Township with conditions per the Planning Commission

Upon receiving and filing the Report of Examiner of Titles in the above entitled matter, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that you and all persons interested, appear before this Court on the 18th day of July, 2017, at 10:15 a.m. , at the Steele County Courthouse, 107 West Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, and then, or as soon as thereafter as said matter can be heard, show cause, if any there may be, why this Court should not entered an Order as follows:

That the Registrar of Titles, upon the filing with him of a certified copy of this Order cancel Certificate of Title No. 17848 and enter a new Certificate of Title for Lot Six (6) and the North (5) feet of Lot Five (5), all in Block One (1), of Naeffe Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota in favor of Federal National Mortgage Association free of the memorial of the following documents:
#T000066774; #T000015321;
#T000066775; #T000067149;
#T000071844; #T000073770;
#T000073591; #T000073591;
#T000073793; and #T000073947;
and free of the memorial of this Order, but subject to all other memorials and recitals appearing on Certificate of Title No. 17848.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order be served:
(a) at least 10 days prior to such hearing upon above named parties residing in this State in the manner provided by law for the service of Summons in a civil action;
(b) it shall be served at least 14 days prior to such hearing upon any of the above named non-residents by sending a copy of this Order to such non-residents their post office address, by registered or certified, with a return receipt requested;
(c)it shall be served upon any party who cannot be found by two weeks published notice and by sending a copy of this Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing by first class mail to their address as stated on the Certificate of Title if an address is so stated.
(d) upon a dissolved, withdrawn or revoked business entity governed by Minn. Stat., Chp. 302A, 303, 317A, 322A, 322B, or 323 in the manner provided by Minn. Stat. 5.25. (Note: return date on the Order to Show Cause must be least 30 days after the date of mailing by the Secretary of State).

YOU NEED NOT APPEAR IF YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

BY THE COURT,

Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court
5/22/2017

Attorney for Petitioner:

The Academy Law Group
Rebecca F. Schiller
The Academy Professional Building
25 North Dale Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Approved as to form:
By David L. Einhaus, Examiner of Titles

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and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to maintain the 5/31/17 elimination date and continue staff in the highway department on administrative leave. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• Gnemi/Krueger to approve Human Resources Director Julie Johnson and Public Works Director Anita Benson to develop a couple of options for the Highway Foreman position. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• Glynn/Gnemi to table the Front Information Desk Position until the next Board meeting. Ayes all.
• Abbe/Gnemi to approve adding the clause into the County's Accounting Policies and Procedures that Real Estate tax amounts under \$5.00 will not be refunded for real estate tax payments. Any overages over \$5.00 will be applied to either the next tax payment or a refund check will be issued, depending on taxpayer's preference. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve an eight-week unpaid leave of absence request from Sergeant Justin Hebel. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to deny a six-month unpaid leave of absence request from Nancy Borchardt due to department needs and limited accounting staff in the Public Health Department.
• Gnemi/Krueger to implement a "Steele Spotlight" program once a month to recognize an employee or program for their outstanding and/or innovative service. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Krueger to approve a one-year renewal Lease of Commercial space commencing 01/01/17 with Minnesota Prairie County Alliance in the amount of \$160,755. Ayes all.
• Krueger/Gnemi to award the bid to Icon Construction in the amount of \$424,582.60 for SAP 74-599-031 replace Bridge 74516 in Clinton Falls Township in 2017. Ayes all.
• Krueger/Gnemi to award the bid to Ulland Brothers. in the amount of \$648,156.87 for SAP 74-017-005 2017 Bituminous Maintenance Overly Contract. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• Glynn/Gnemi to accept the bid from Willie's Painting in the amount of \$27,000 for priming and painting the walls of the Courthouse. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Abbe to approve the cabinetry for the Court Administration work station not to exceed \$4,500. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Krueger to move forward with the concept design as provided by the Architect for the Public Works Complex, that it be a pre-cast design with in floor heating in the Mechanics area, and a flat roof with the possibility of a cold storage Lean-to on the North side. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Krueger to negotiate a contract between Jan Fransen and Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Krueger, Human Resources Julie Johnson and Steele County Attorney Dan McIntosh. Contract to be brought back to the next Board meeting. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Krueger to go into a closed session at 6:24 p.m. per Minn. Stat. §13D.03 to discuss labor negotiations.
• Gnemi/Krueger to re-open the Board Meeting at 6:41 p.m.
• Abbe/Krueger to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS 05/09/17	
3D Specialties	2,849.42
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	8,434.49
American Solutions for Business	10,581.91
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	4,389.00
Dennis Distad	3,622.50
Henefield and Iacovino Law Office LLC	2,078.13
Integra Telecom	2,821.80
L & M Boiler Systems Corporation	4,767.25
Local Government Information Systems	30,167.00
Magtech Ammunition	8,240.28
MVTL Laboratories Inc	6,151.30
Owatonna Public Utilities	25,969.85
Rocon Incorporated	3,500.00
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc	190,971.13
Skold Specialty Contracting LLC	9,300.00
Southern MN construction Co Inc	2,304.98
Steele County Highway Dept	2,526.07
Steele County Treasurer	16,136.62
Summit food Service Management	9,028.22
Thomson Reuters – West	2,889.56
Wold Architects and Engineers	8,998.75
145 Warrants under \$2,000	43,519.61
Total:	
\$399,247.87	

Motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:43 p.m. Ayes all.

Steele County Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that Steele County will receive sealed proposals for Group Short and Long Term Disability Insurance according to written specifications and conditions. Proposals shall be submitted in the form and manner contained in the specifications. Proposals must be received in the Human Resources Office no later than Wednesday, June 21 at 3:00 p.m. A sealed copy of all quotations should also be sent to Ochs, Inc., agent of record. No formal opening of proposals will occur. The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to make an award which is deemed most favorable and advantageous to the employees and the County regardless of whether or not such quotation is lowest. Proposal specifications may be obtained from Ochs, Inc. by emailing a request to ochs@ochsinc.com or calling (651) 665-3789.

February Public Record

Steele County Births February 2017

Nicolas Elliott Rodriguez, Parents: Anna and Remigo, Feb. 1.
Anas Mohamed Aden, Parents: Sahro Ashkir and Mohamed Awale, Feb. 1.
Elianna Marie Ramon, Parent: Maria De La Rosa, Feb. 1.
John Mark Tindal, Parents: Ashley and Michael, Feb. 2.
Jude Christian Barrett, Parent: Jessica Bruessel, Feb. 3.
Landon William Thomez, Parent: Meredith Sidla, Feb. 3.

Ethan Charles Selvik, Parents: Meghan and Todd, Feb. 5.
Penelope Dee Hellman, Parents: Dana and Jeffrey, Feb. 5.
Gabriel John Ellis, Parents: Elizabeth and Kevin, Feb. 5.
Jackson Henry Loeffler, Parents: Nicole and Jonathon, Feb. 6.
Jack Robert Schiller, Parents: Kira and Gregory, Feb. 7.
Maajid Abdirizak Ali, Parents: Ifrah Abdirahman and Abdirizak Ahmed, Feb. 8.
Ezekiel Kenneth Valdez, Parents: Caitlin and Abraham, Feb. 10.

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Ryker Richard Barnett, Parents: Kayla and Tyler, Feb. 11.
Kaylee Mae Lewis, Parents: KC Zeller and Brandon Lewis, Feb. 14.
Johnathan James Alm, Parents: Jennifer and Joshua, Feb. 14.

Mubarak Ibrahim Kero, Parents: Bushra Ali and Ibrahim Abdi, Feb. 14.
Pieper Lucille Jimenez, Parents: Melinda Johnson and Wesley Jimenez, Feb. 15.
Akram Hanad Abdi, Parent: Leyla Abdulle, Feb. 15.
Caleb Albert Swenson, Parents: Katrina and Kyle, Feb. 17.
Paul Joseph Croke, Parents: Sarah and Andrew, Feb. 17.
Wyatt Axel Kline, Parents: Katie and Andrew, Feb. 19.
Aubrey Anne Timmerman, Parents: Danielle and Michael, Feb. 20.
Maddison Althea Rey Wade, Parents: Alyssa and Brandon, Feb. 20.
Max Joseph Gibbs, Parents: Heather English and John Gibbs, Feb. 20.
Milo McLain Schiltz, Parents: Jana and Bradley, Feb. 22.
Asher William Hansen, Parents: Chelsea and Joel, Feb. 24.
Paul Angelo Introne, Parents: Amy and David, Feb. 25.
Gavin Glen Proehlabott, Parents: Shannon and Eric, Feb. 26.
Astyn Todd Haessig, Parents: Desiree and Zachary, Feb. 26.
Rosalie Grace Escoto, Parents: Dusty and Andrew, Feb. 28.

Steele County Deaths February 2017
Evelyn Mae Urch, 90, West Concord, Feb. 1.
Jacqueline Lucille Payne, 90, Dodge Center, Feb. 1.
Constance Ann Haberman, 73, Blooming Prairie, Feb. 3.
Cynthia Langer, 64, Faribault, Feb. 3.
Jacqueline Rae Jensen, 63, Owatonna, Feb. 4.
Clara Margaret Risberg, 93, Owatonna, Feb. 4.
Syvilla Marie Stenzel, 74, Freeborn Township, Feb. 4.
John Alexander Buse, 91, Owatonna, Feb. 5.
Dale Eugene Hensrud, 63, Owatonna, Feb. 6.
Irene May Wiesjhan, 96, Owatonna, Feb. 8.
Phyllis Kathleen Wencil, 66, Owatonna, Feb. 8.
Evelyn Marie Malone, 95, Owatonna, Feb. 8.
Peter Andrew Kalan, 57, Owatonna, Feb. 9.
Thomas George Effertz, 77, Owatonna, Feb. 9.
Richard Joseph Fedder, 63, Owatonna, Feb. 9.
Mary Costas Boosalis, 79, Owatonna, Feb. 12.
Karl-Heinz Nilsson, 87, Owatonna, Feb. 14.
Artys Viola Cole, 98, Ellendale, Feb. 14.
Carol Jean Fitterer, 77, Owatonna, Feb. 14.
Brandon Wayne Beman, 17, Owatonna, Feb. 16.
Warren Hugo Schley, 71, Owatonna, Feb. 16.
Patricia Marie Luedtke, 90, Owatonna, Feb. 17.
Shirley Ida Wanous, 98, Blooming Prairie, Feb. 21.

City of Blooming Prairie 2016 Drinking Water Report

The City of Blooming Prairie is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2016. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers’ understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

Source of Water

The City of Blooming Prairie provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 220 to 223 feet deep, that draw water from the Maquoketa-Galena aquifer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has made a determination as to how vulnerable our systems' source(s) of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Call 507-583-6683 if you have questions about the City of Blooming Prairie drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2016. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Key to abbreviations:
MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile Level This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.)
Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

pCi/l PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

ppm Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

N/A Not Applicable (does not apply).

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2016)	Average /Result*	
Alpha Emitters (pCi/l) (03/12/2013)	0	15.4	N/A	3.9	Erosion of natural deposits.
Benzene (ppb) (01/29/2015)	0	5	N/A	.5	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills.
Combined Radium (pCi/l) (03/12/2013)	0	5.4	N/A	1.8	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.54-.63	.86	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (06/16/2014)	1.3	1.3	.09	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (06/16/2014)	0	15	1.2	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Blooming Prairie is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturallyoccurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturallyoccurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturallyoccurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 18004264791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 18004264791.

Veterans gather to honor returning brother

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were represented including the Patriot Guard, Legion Riders, Christian Riders, Leathernecks and various hog chapters.

Ellendale resident Larry Otto, whose brother Dale was killed in the Vietnam War, watched the arrival of the motorcade near the I-35 south entrance ramp, while holding onto a large American flag.

Just prior to the motorcade’s arrival, Orlo and Kay Toquam of Blooming Prairie arrived to wave their Americana flag brought to the spontaneous event.

Local veterans coordinated a special honors night on Thursday, May 25 in Emmons.

Visitation was May 26 at Mittlestadt Funeral Home. Iverson’s memorial service was held at Emmons Lutheran Church on May 27. A burial with military honors followed at Oak Lawn Cemetery.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Gary Iverson, nephew of Glaydon Iverson, was part of a motorcade that brought his uncle’s remains back home to Emmons, Minnesota. Glaydon, a U.S. Navy soldier was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. His remains were just recently identified.

B.A.C.A. brings message to Exchange Club of Steele County



Submitted photo

The local Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) group were the guest speakers at the Exchange Club of Steele County meeting, May 26, at Valleyview in Owatonna. B.A.C.A. members arrive as a group on their motorcycles to introduce themselves to the abused child and remain in close contact to provide support for each abused child based on the needs of the child and the needs of the family. The Exchange Club of Steele County board of directors were so impressed with the work B.A.C.A. provides to the Steele County area that they authorized a \$500 donation to the group since their mission compliments the National Exchange Club’s National Project, the prevention of child abuse. Among the B.A.C.A. members in attendance (from left to right and identified by their biker name) were: Rouge, L, Mouse, Tigger, Chaupa, Wolf and Muck.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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7th Annual “A Rib and Wing Thing” Ribfest!

Saturday, July 1, 2017

BP Servicemen’s Club

3-7 PM Whole family • 7-11 PM 21+

The “kick-off” event for Blooming Prairie’s 150th Anniversary and 4th of July Celebration!

FOOD • DRINKS • GAMES • LIVE MUSIC

BBQ Rib Competition
BBQ Wing Competition
Steak Cook-off Competition
Hog Roast • Beef Raffle

LIVE MUSIC from
3 PM - 11 PM!

Kid’s Hamburger Cook-off
Bounce House • Dunk Tank
and many other games for kids!



Everyone is invited to join the fun while supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Blooming Prairie!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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Wristbands on sale for \$25:
Vandal’s • B to Z Hardware • BP Servicemen’s Club
US Bank • F & M Bank • Dean’s Smokeshack
or \$30 at the gate on event day
Kids 10 & under are free!





Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

After receiving their diplomas and being presented as the graduating class of 2017, the seniors threw their caps into the air in celebration. This year's class included 52 graduates.

Congratulation to 2017 graduates

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

This weekend the 102nd graduating class of Medford High School received their diplomas and celebrated their graduation. 52 seniors graduated this year. This is the first class to spend their entire career in the current school building.

Joshua Schauer gave the welcoming address. He looked back on the class's first day of kindergarten back on Sept. 6

2004 and how the journey they took together. Graduation, then, seemed so far off.

"We entered high school and became a part of something much, much bigger," said Schauer, "That magical 2017 number has finally caught up with us."

English teacher Kim Goblirsch, herself a Medford graduate, was selected by the class to give the commencement address. She spoke about the lessons they had learned from all the books

they had read: Green Eggs and Ham, Charlotte's Web, The Giver, To Kill a Mockingbird. She knows they are ready for whatever comes next.

"This evening marks a symbolic evening in your lives," Goblirsch said.

Jacob Pleschourt was the last of the selected speakers. Taking the stage to give the farewell address, he thanked all of the teachers and coaches who had supported him and his classmates. "These are the people who taught us how to

fly," he said.

Looking to the future, Pleschourt spoke with hope about all he believed his class could accomplish.

"Give us a cape and we can do anything," he said, "We are going to be incredible."

The ceremony marked another historic first. Medford High School announced its first round of inductees to its newly established hall of fame. The hall of fame inductees are: Carmen Bonde (Kuntz), John Gross, Leah Kaplan (Steinbauer), Terry

Keller, Mitch Kuhlman, Carrie Robb (Redman), Jerry Roberts, Jim Slifka, Kevin Steinbauer, and Orville Young.

To be inducted into the hall of fame, an alum must have graduated at least 10 years earlier, or be a now retired employee of the school. Inductees are announced at graduation and inducted during Homecoming the following fall. This year they'll be inducted at 5 p.m. on October 7 at the Owatonna VFW.

Sgt. Pepper turns 50 years old

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Any Beatles fans out there? Happy Birthday Sgt. Pepper! The 50th anniversary of one of the most popular record albums in history was observed on May 26. The album is entitled Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

The Beatles are my favorite musical group of all time and I'll tell you why. It's because I love their rock music and because the Beatles helped we Americans deal with the loss of our president (John F. Kennedy) in 1963.

The Beatles invaded America in 1964 and rode a wave of popularity until they switched directions with their style of music. Enter Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

On May 26 2017, the album was reissued for the album's 50th anniversary in four different formats: a single CD, a double CD set, a double vinyl set and a six-disc super deluxe edition.

The first CD contains a new stereo remix of the album produced by Giles Martin. Created using modern and vintage technology, the 2017 mix retains more of the idiosyncrasies that were unique to the original mono version of Sgt. Pepper's.

Unlike the original album, first-generation tapes were used rather than their subsequent mixdowns, resulting in a clearer and more spacious sound.

The other discs contain alternative mixes and previously unreleased session tapes. The six-disc box set includes four CDs as well as a documentary and 5.1 surround sound mixes of the album in both DVD and Blu-Ray form.

Beatle Paul McCartney was

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BP FFA kids bring tractors to school



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Main Street in Blooming Prairie was clogged with tractors Friday morning, May 26, as BP Future Farmers of America chapter members participated in Tractor Day. They were invited to drive their favorite tractor to school. Waiting for the parade of tractors to begin are, from left to right: Elizabeth Bramstedt, Kaiden Finley, Kyle Bramstedt, Haley Ryks, Levi Ryks and Colton Ivere.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

"What's going on?" a little youngster asked as he watched 15 tractors parade west down Main Street in Blooming Prairie early Friday morning, May 26.

Well, young man, it's members of the Blooming Prairie Future Farmers of America chapter participating in the sixth annual Tractor Day at Blooming Prairie High School.

There were all colors and shapes of tractors, red, orange and green in color and small size to huge size.

FFA advisor Bill Rinkenberger munched on a donut from The Bakery as he watched the kids line up their tractors on Main Street near The Bakery. The BP students met at 7:15 and began their

trek to school at 7:30.

Prior to hitting the high school parking lot, the kids took a detour past the Prairie Manor Care Center.

Rinkenberger said the tractor ride to school has become an annual ritual after it was started by John Kraling, Jared Grunklee, Blake Arett and Isaiah Toquam. Rinkenberger said all kids are welcome with all sizes of tractors including lawn tractors.

Rinkenberger led the entourage in his pickup truck down Main Street and north past the city water tower.

Haley Ryks was one of the repeat drivers from last year. She said she is more experienced this year. "I jumped the curb last year and almost ended up in the bar (J & H Liquors)," Haley recalled.

Cory Wagamann, a junior, positioned two American flags

on his 1953 IH Super MTA. Tim Wolf piloted his giant sized John Deere tractor down the parade route.

As the tractors traversed toward the high school, residents stepped onto their lawns to take a look at the unusual traffic congestion.

One of the tractors decided to quit the ride as it approached the school parking lot.

Kaiden Finley had the answer to Kyle Bramstedt's problem of moving forward with his tractor. Kaiden pulled out a long log chain, attached it to Kyle's tractor and pulled him safely to a parking spot.

Getting safely to the parking lot, Haley Ryks said it was a fun day to see all kinds of tractors. "We also had a chance to see more neighborhood faces," she added.

Festival of Tables celebrated by Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

"I've not seen anything quite like this," said Clyde Doepner, curator of the Minnesota Twins, as he spoke before an Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary fundraiser, "Festival of Tables."

Doepner brought some Minnesota Twins memorabilia to the men's table, which was part of the 24 tables on display at the Owatonna Country Club on Tuesday, May 23.

More than 210 persons attended this gala event, chaired by Mary Greene for the sixth straight year. She will be stepping down from the chairmanship, advancing to other volunteer positions of the Hospital Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has 200 members.

The festival showcased tables decorated in a variety of themes by individuals who then invite guests to sit at their table for the fundraising luncheon. This year's event

featured 24 tables.

Greene decorated one of the tables with her Scrabble theme. "Remember when you don't know what to do, it never hurts to play Scrabble," Greene said.

During the six-year history of the Festival of Tables, most of the tables are decorated by women. The men started displaying a table three years ago with a John Deere theme. Last year, it was a Minimizer theme promoting a successful manufacturer in Blooming Prairie.

This year, curator Doepner was invited to share his stories about his extensive Minnesota Twins collection which has been merged with that of the Twins.

He brought authentic jerseys of Joe Mauer, Tony Oliva, Billy Martin, Adam Everett and others. The Everett jersey featured a traveling jersey with Minnesota spelled wrong on its front.

Doepner also offered to give a personal Target Field tour to

Festival attendees before any home game.

Each year, the Hospital Auxiliary asks for suggestions as to where the Festival of Tables funds will be channeled. This year, Festival of Tables profits will be going to the Auxiliary Scholarship Program for the Owatonna Hospital.

This year, the Auxiliary gave 16 scholarships totaling \$17,000.

Greene says the Auxiliary is always looking for ways to raise money to help the Owatonna Hospital cover unbudgeted expenses.

Greene told those in attendance that the Hospital Auxiliary has helped distribute \$400,000 in scholarships to Steele County residents since 1960.

Greene's planning committee included Deb Albrecht, Ronda Christenson, Dave Kenow, Gloria Kenow, Bernice Jensen,

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Joanne Sorenson of Blooming Prairie has decorated a table at each of the six events held in Owatonna. She is shown with her Deutschland table and her guests, from left, Margaret Noble, Kay Noble, Betty Behnken, Suzie Pechacek, Joanne Sorenson, Shirley Hinzmann, Sylvia Myre, Jean Peterson and Joanne Nahlovsky.

Blooming Prairie Living



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Left: Blooming Prairie VFW Commander Joe Wacek, left, and American Legion member Tom Walters, right, showed BP Elementary School third graders on Monday, May 22 how to formally fold the American flag when paying tribute to a departed veteran. Each fold has a special designation. Right: Representatives of the Blooming Prairie American Legion Post 52 and Auxiliary and VFW Post 878 and Auxiliary presented prizes to winners of a patriotic coloring contest. All winners were third graders. Shown from left are: Allison Blume, first; Sadie Jensen, second and Natalee Sauter, third.

Third graders learn more about American flag

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie Elementary School third graders exchanged salutes with Vietnam veteran Joe Wacek on a special day last week to learn more about the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wacek, commander of VFW Post 878, and U.S. Air Force veteran Tom Walters joined VFW and American Legion auxiliary members for time in the classroom.

All third graders, 59 of them,

gathered in the classroom of Angie Avery. Ms. Avery, Stephanie Murphy and Chelsea Van Roekel teach third grade at BP Elementary.

Purpose of the visit was to explain some known and unknown facts about flag etiquette and about the Pledge of Allegiance.

The veterans organization representatives also presented awards to the winners of the Patriotic Coloring Contest. All third graders entered. All artwork will be on display at the elementary office.

Representing the local Legion, VFW and their auxiliaries were: Marilyn Witzel, VFW Auxiliary youth chair; Joyce Johns, VFW Auxiliary president; Gerry Berg, Legion Americanism chair; Susie Thorson, American Legion Auxiliary; Doris Rasmussen, American Legion; Tom Walters, American Legion and Joe Wacek, VFW commander.

Witzel, a former teacher, presented a thorough outline of the meaning of the American flag and she also explained the

words found in the Pledge of Allegiance.

She told students about the early flag displaying 13 stripes to represent the 13 colonies. She mentioned the meaning of the flag colors: red, bravery; white, purity and goodness and blue, justice.

Walters and Wacek went through the procedure of folding a flag at a funeral or memorial service.

Upon finishing the folding of the flag, Walters said he would present the flag to a loved one. To further illustrate the flag

ceremony, Walters handed the folded flag to third grader Lance Lembke.

Third graders stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance very eloquently. “Wow, that was really loud,” quipped Cora Loverink, four-year-old granddaughter of Witzel. She accompanied her grandmother to the third grade class event.

Coloring contest winners were announced and presented with special prizes including a monetary award and a certificate of participation.

First place winner was

Allison Blume. She received \$10.

Second place winner was Sadie Jensen. She received \$6.

Third place winner was Natalee Sauter. She received \$4.

Judges for the coloring contest were: Evelyn Kubista, Marilyn Meshke and Kari Bottin.

Following the presentation of coloring contest awards, veterans organization representatives distributed small American flags (Legion Auxiliary), rulers (VFW Auxiliary) and bookmarks.

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**NANCY
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As we prepare for the 150th anniversary of the founding of Blooming Prairie, the Blooming Prairie Branch Library invites you to bring items of memorabilia to the library. The items will be placed in a secure display case where others in the community can enjoy them.

At the present time we have two dresses that were worn during the 1967 Centennial of Blooming Prairie. They were made by Evelyn Trom and worn by her daughters Sonja and Peggy Trom for the parade. In the case, we also have a 1939 silhouette advertising picture from Afdem’s Cash Market which was located on the northwest corner of Main and now-Highway 218.

If you have some items from Blooming Prairie’s history that you would be willing to share, please call or stop in at the library.

There’s more history that will be shared this year - watch for the past 25 years of Blooming Prairie history written by LeMar Nelson. The book will also include statements and drawings from local students and residents.

Please share your own stories and memories during this special year.

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BP High school choirs earn applause

By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Writer

Just a week after the BPHS band entertained a large audience with a display by talented students, the high school choirs duplicated that occasion with a rousing pos concert before an enthusiastic and attentive audience. To have approximately 100 students in grades seven through twelve present such a wide variety of styles and numbers is a tribute to Director Kari Bottin and the choir members.

To note all the selections and the performances would take a book, but some examples of the music are appropriate. The 7th grade choir impressed the audience with their opening number, “Count on me”, but the “Colors of the Wind” showed a lot of range and good harmony for the group. At even the young age of the singers, the ability to sing parts shone through.

The 8th grade’s spirited rendition of “Monday, Monday” began their performance and “Blackbird” proved harmonious for this group too. The medley performed by Victoria Conklin and Layla Lujan was melodious and interesting but unfortunately proved to be less than audible. A microphone would have helped the singers a great deal.

“I lived” displayed a quieter mood for the opening of the senior choir, but “Budapest” quickly woke up the audience. “And wherever You Go” evinced good harmony, and provided an appropriate and fitting climax to the choir’s presentation.

A pop concert would not be complete without some dance routines, and the three groups saw to that after intermission. The 7th grade danced to “So You Think You Can Dance” with appropriate gusto as did the 8th grade

with its “Get on your Feet”, and the evening climaxed with the senior choir’s rousing choreography of the very familiar music from “Mamma Mia”

It is continually impressive to hear and see the considerable talents these high school students possess. A great deal of credit for the success of the singing groups rests with director Bottin, and the accompanying of Amelia Harthan. From the all-school musical in the fall and the winter concert at the local church to this popconcert in May, appreciative audiences get deep enjoyment from the performances. The local community is fortunate to have such talent in its midst.



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

The Blooming Prairie spring choir concert had everything from dance to improv to beautiful songs. Pictured above is senior Brian Fristedt giving BP choir director, Kari Bottin, a final hug of his choir career. Bottin was overcome with emotion as she reflected that she had worked with these graduating seniors since kindergarten.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Be part of a historic BP photo

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Planning continues in earnest for Blooming Prairie’s special 150th birthday celebration scheduled for Sunday, July 2 at Central Park.

The Blooming Prairie Sesquicentennial Committee, a part of the BP Area Chamber of Commerce, met on Thursday, May 25 to update activities for the special day.

Be a part of a historic Blooming Prairie photo at 1:15 p.m. Everyone at the park at this time will have the opportunity to put on their best smile for a photo to be placed in the history books.

Activities in the park begin at 12 noon with a kiddie parade traveling from

Central Park to the Prairie Manor Care Center and back to the park.

The birthday party begins eat 12:30. Hot dogs will be provided by F & M State Bank with a free will offering asked. Cake and ice cream will be served at 1:30 with a release of 150 balloons to follow.

Blooming Prairie businesses and service organizations will have tables set up to promote their products and services.

Live music will be provided near the Beer Garden.

Nancy Vaillancourt reported that the Cemetery Walk scheduled for May 20 was postponed due to bad weather.

The walk will be rescheduled for Saturday,

July 1 at the BP City Cemetery and St. Columbanus Cemetery from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Guides will be present to relate history of BP area citizens.

Vaillancourt also reported that work is nearly finished on the 150th souvenir booklet being assembled by LeMar Nelson, Becky Noble and Vaillancourt.

Forty individuals have singed up for the 150th walk. Ron Fisher has already completed the mileage.

Linda Klemmensen reported that 150th anniversary t-shirts are now available for sale at \$10 each at Sportstitch. Choice of blue or red is available.

The next meeting of the Sesquicentennial committee will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 8 at the City Center.

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May 30th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
May 31th:
3:20pm Medford teachers retirement, Medford school
June 1st:
1pm - 1:35pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
2pm - 3pm OPL Independent & World Films
6pm Medford Kindergarten Graduation, Medford school
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time
June 5th:
2pm Owatonna High School Graduation, Four Seasons Arena
June 5th:
1pm - 2pm Owatonna, Womans Club bridge group, Senior Place
1pm - 1:35pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
June 6th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
5pm - 6pm Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
7pm - 8pm Hope City Council Mtg, Hope City Hall, Council Chambers
7pm - 8pm Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
June 7th:
7pm - 8pm Medford Park Board (1st Wed even months)

Event Spotlight: Cultural Diversity Network Annual Meeting

The Cultural Diversity Network will be conducting their annual meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 3:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Owatonna Foundation office at 108 West Park Square, Owatonna. The Cultural Diversity Network meets monthly and is responsible for organizing the annual CulturFest event held each September. The mission of the Cultural Diversity Network is to promote understanding and respect, keeping Steele County peaceful, trusting, and respectful in a time of rapid social change and an increasingly diverse population. The public is invited to attend.

This year, CulturFest is slated for Saturday, September 23rd from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm at Wilson Elementary School, 325 Meadow Lane, Owatonna. CulturFest is a free event that is fun for everyone and is an incredible day of music and dance talents, ethnic foods, authentic merchandise and activities for all ages to enrich its visitors with a multi-cultural experience

To enhance the day, the festival invites food vendors to sell their tantalizing ethnic cuisine from around the world. For more information, please visit the CulturFest website at: www.culturfest.org

Event Spotlight: LTO's 'Funny Girl' Musical

Little Theatre of Owatonna is pleased to announce the summer Musical "Funny Girl" opening June 16th. Tickets will be available on LittleTheatreofOwatonna.org on June 10th; the LTO Box Office, 560 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna opens June 12th at 4 PM.

The musical, which is semi biographical, is set in and around New York City just prior to and following World War I. Ziegfeld Follies star Fanny Brice, awaiting the return of her husband, Nicky Arnstein, from prison, reflects on their life together, and their story is told as a flashback. The story is told with comedy, drama, romance and plenty of music including, "People" and "Don't Rain On My Parade."

Artistic Director is Linda Karnauskas, Musical Director Larry Ostermeier, Technical Director Brenda Hager, Orchestra Leader Ray Lacina, and Choreographer Katie Gillespie.

Performances of 'Funny Girl' will be 7:30 p.m. on June 16th, 17th, 22rd, 23rd and 24th. Matinee performances will be 2 p.m. on June 18th and 25th.

'Funny Girl' is presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc., 560 Lexington Ave. New York. New York 10072. Music by Jule Styne, Lyric by Bob Merrill; Book by Isobel Lennart



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May 30th:
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June 1st:
5:30pm - 6:40pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
June 5th:
6:20pm - 7:40pm NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl
June 6th:
All day Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Av
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl
June 7th:
All day 1st Responders Meeting

HAPPENING NOW Geneva Meatball Dinner



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Nearly 200 persons were served what the Community Lutheran Church of Geneva calls the best meat balls around. The dinner was served on May 21. A quilt made by Jan Bartsch was won by Judy Lestrud.

LAST YEAR



Archived Staff photo by Mark DeLap

The Owatonna Marching Band came up over the hill on Elm Street and ushered in the unofficial start to Summer. The band marched to the Four Seasons Centre where they played for the Memorial Day program.



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May 30th:
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June 6th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
June 7th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Story time

Event Spotlight: Panther Pride Community Wide Picnic Lunch

On June 5, a picnic will be held in the back parking lot at the elementary school.

Purchase tickets from May 1-May 31 at the NRHEG Elementary School Office. Adults: \$4.00 Yellow—Child \$2.50 Blue. Students may use their lunch accounts.

Student lunch hours are: Bridges & Kindergarten: 10:45, 2nd Grd: 11:10, 1st Grd: 11:30, 4th Grd: 11:50, 3rd Grd: 12:10, 5th Grd: 12:30

At 1:00 p.m. our new Buddy Benches will be installed on the playground!

Event Spotlight: All employee reunion planned in Owatonna

Employees of National Hydro-Ax, National Tree Expert, Omark, Blount and Caterpillar are invited to gather for the reunion on Aug. 12 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the Izaak Walton Building south of Owatonna.

Everyone is asked to bring their own beverage and a dish to pass. Water will be provided.

Come join the group for an afternoon of reuniting, tell some stories or lies or just hang out with some old friends.

All employees, spouses or significant others are welcome.

Event Spotlight: RideAbility Annual Fundraiser & Barn Dance

The RideAbility Annual Fundraiser & Barn Dance is Saturday, June 3rd from 3-9PM!

RideAbility is a local non-profit providing equine assisted therapy and horseback riding for persons with special needs.

The day schedule includes:
3:00PM – 5:00PM Assisted Horse rides and wagon rides (bring your children & camera!)
3:00PM – 7:00PM Silent Auction

At 6:00PM we will begin the square dance! Local fiddlers will bring us barn dance music while Avin Honecker Sherman will provide Square Dance Calling!!! So much fun!

There will also be Food all day: Hot Dogs, dessert, food to share, lemonade ...

Wear sturdy shoes for dancing in the dirt (the dance floor is our riding arena). Free Admission – but suggested donations for rides and food.

The RideAbility annual Spring fundraiser will be held at the RideAbility therapeutic riding center at Promised Meadows located on County Road 5 just 9 miles north of Byron or 4 miles south of Pine Island.

For questions call Jeanie at 507-271-8908.

Event Spotlight: Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival will take place at Red Oak Lutheran Church in Austin on Tuesday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On the menu is Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Chips, Fresh Strawberries with shortcake, angel food, baked beans, hot dogs, ice cream, assorted beverages.

There will be greeting cards for sale as well as a bake and quilt sale.

It is deemed that goers will be able to eat-in or take out.

For More information, call 507-437-3000 or 507-583-2038.

Location of event: 30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin.



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‘A stress-free sanctuary’

The Annadine brings calm, good times to downtown Dodge Center

By **RICHARD JOHNSON**
Managing Editor

Nadine Langworthy had taught piano lessons in Dodge Center for many years when she heard about an old, empty building downtown.

“And a girlfriend said, ‘Let’s go look at it.’ It was like, immediately, I could see that side as a piano studio,” Langworthy said. “It had room for a group classroom on the other side there, and then this for a wine-and-piano coffee shop - a place for people to come and listen to live music. That was in the vision right from the beginning.

“It was like a destiny that I couldn’t get away from,” she said. “I couldn’t pull myself away. It was just in my cards to do this building.”

Six years and lots of sweat and elbow grease later, she is the proud owner of The Annadine, a place to sip coffee, wine and beer and listen to live music on Friday nights.

Langworthy searched the Internet for a word that might pair her name with Anna, the name of a young woman who helped restore the building at 16 W. Main St.

The Internet replied with, “Do you mean ‘Anodyne’?”

The word is defined as “An analgesic that calms you, that takes away your stress, relieves your pain. Something that comforts you.”

“That’s exactly what I wanted this place to be,” Langworthy said. “And to top that all off, this was built in 1880 as a drugstore. It was a drugstore for 100 years, until 1980. That was really cool, that that matched up. So that’s what we decided to call it.

“People do say that they come in and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and the calm,” she said. “It’s a stress-free sanctuary, away from the world.”

Indeed, the business, launched last Aug. 1, offers an old-world parlor atmosphere with a comfortable, eclectic feel, topped by the original pressed-tin ceiling, which Langworthy repainted in metallic gold.

Knick-knacks abound. Two pump organs were placed back-to-back to make a booth. The table top is the lid of a grand piano.

Pretty much all that’s missing is a dance floor.

“I kind of dance up and down the aisles when I’m delivering the wine sometimes,” Langworthy said with a smile.

A STEADY STREAM of customers arrives to enjoy pastries, fresh-brewed coffee, lattes, hot drinks, smoothies and frozen crèmes, frappes, iced tea, craft and domestic beer, red and white wines, wine spritzers and non-alcoholic drinks.

You can also find summer drinks such as lemonade, and raspberry tea.

The Annadine hosts music from 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays, and occasionally on Saturday mornings.

“It’s a very nice place,” said Beth Hanggi, who operates the New York Life office down the street with her father, Jerry Fahning. “Nice atmosphere, friendly – great coffee.”

It took a while to reach this point.

The building had to be rewired. Three new furnaces were installed, along with new air-conditioning and plumbing.

Nadine’s Piano Studio took shape on the other side of the old building.

“We had to do everything new,” Langworthy said. “It was in a shambles and it had been sitting empty for a long time. It was a mess. It was filthy. I don’t think there’s an inch on this place that I haven’t touched. Both sides.

“I bought this building in the fall of 2011. In just six years, it’s all done,” she said. “It is surreal. The first time I sat down at that piano, it was almost unbelievable. This is exactly, pretty much what I was looking for. I felt like I should have felt more elation, but what they say is really true: the joy is in the journey. The anticipation and the planning and the working towards it. The sweat, the changing your

ideas. Looking forward again, anticipation. I’m glad it’s done now, because ... Whew! It was a huge project. It is really fun to go through the journey. The journey is really the thing.”

She said she was drawn like a



magnet to fixing the old place up and preserving history.

The finished product, Langworthy said, is a kind of gift to her city.

“I’ve seen photographs of other beautiful two and three-story buildings that have been torn down over the years,” she said. “This building needs to be here for posterity, for the future, because it’s part of this town. I just feel I am a steward of it. It just pulled me. I could not pull myself away from it. I was destined to take care of this building, bring it back up so now it can stand for another 100 years.”

Langworthy said she wanted a spot in Dodge Center where folks can gather and have conversation “in a peaceful place and a lovely place that brings them joy, and have the live music.”

“I do enjoy that people come in and they love it: ‘I love coming here, I love being here, I love the atmosphere,’” she said. “I guess that’s rewarding. People do like it. They enjoy coming here.”

“It’s a nice addition to Dodge Center’s Main Street,” Hanggi said.



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New pizza and two bands weekly at Berne pizza

June 7 marks the kick-off to the six season of wood-fired Wednesdays in the village of Berne, Minn. The popular Berne

Wood-Fired Pizza events draws hundreds of pizza and music lovers from across southeastern Minnesota weekly.

This summer promises a double dose of entertainment each evening, as two bands will now perform nightly at 5:15 p.m and 6:30 p.m. With nearly three hours of continuous music, guests will be entertained by some of the area’s best musicians as they wait for their wood-fired pizzas.

What else is new in Berne this summer? The grounds now have a new pizza shelter that volunteers are excited to showcase. Pizza lovers will be excited to hear that their request for a new pizza was received. The month of June will also mark a new specialty pizza: the bacon cheeseburger.

Berne is branching out to

provide other new experiences for guests this year. Aug. 2 will bring the first Artisan Market Night to Berne. Area artists and craftsmen will have their artwork on display and for sale throughout the grounds. Other special events are also planned and will be unveiled over the course of the summer.

Berne Wood-Fired Pizza operates every Wednesday in June, July, and August from 5-8 PM as an extension of the Zwingli United Church of Christ in Berne, MN. All workers and entertainers volunteer their time to help raise funds to support other non-profits. For directions or to learn more about Berne Wood-Fired Pizza, check out their website or find them on Facebook.



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STEELE-DODGE BUSINESS

Building a better mousetrap



By **MARK DELAP**
Managing Editor

It's been the struggle for the ages. Man vs pest. Man conquers pest. Rest of pest's family returns and conquers man.

There's nothing as unsavory as unwanted ants to the picnic, mosquitoes disrupting your romantic sunset or your early morning trip to the pantry to find that a rodent has been chowing down on your Lucky Charms.

There is a made in America company that hits even closer to home in the war against pests. Your next "better mousetrap" could be designed and built right here in Ellendale.

Woodstream Corporation of Ellendale has a 60,000-square foot building that uses 40,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 20,000 square feet of warehouse space. With 58 full time people and an additional 50 or so seasonal workers, this facility runs at a fervent hum all year long.

The workforce runs 24/7 for about five months out of the year and this time of year, the plant is jumping, getting orders out for the spring rush as warmer weather brings not only a new crop of pests, but a larger demand to fill the big box store demands.

The Ellendale plant is one of nine plants/distribution centers that brandish the Woodstream name with

other operations set up in Shenzhen in China, Rutland in the UK, Brampton in Ontario, Canada, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, St. Joseph, Missouri, Knoxville, Tennessee, Denton, Texas, and corporate headquarters in Lititz, Pennsylvania.

The local operation sends out about 40 percent of product to the final distribution centers in St. Joe and Mechanicsburg, while the other 60 percent are components made at the Ellendale facility. Most of the components are shipped to the Knoxville or Lititz plant for assembly and shipping.

The building, which has seen plastic injections operations for several years was purchased from Zareba and North Central Plastics in 2010. Woodstream still maintains the product line for Zareba as well as manufacturing for other well-known pet care and pest control companies such as Victor, Fi-Shock, Perky-Pet, Terro, Rutland electric fencing, Red Snap'r, Sweeneys, Havahart, ElectroBraid fencing, Dr. T's, and Mosquito Magnet.

At present, the plant runs 22 molding, 2 extrusion lines and 10 assembly lines. The man at the pulse of the entire operation is Sr. Director of Molding Operations, Bryan Haugen, who has been with the company since 2011. Haugen, a central Minnesota native now living with his family in

Waseca, is no stranger to extrusion and injection molding plants and comes with 28 years of experience.

Back in 1989 he got his start at Schwann's, molding ice cream containers in Marshall, Minnesota. From there he managed plant operations for various companies in Fremont, Indiana, (Letica) and Kohler, Wisconsin, (Spartech.) and Mankato, (Spartech, now Poly One Corp.).

A feature of Woodstream is its vision to take new products off the drawing board and into production.

"All new items are usually developed at our corporate headquarters in Lititz," said Haugen. "We put a lot into research and development and can usually take a new product to production in six months or less."

To keep up with industry standards and new technology, the company is always looking to stay ahead of the hoard of evolving pests and in addition to inventing a better mousetrap, they are also on the cutting edge of protecting the pets we domesticate, creating better boundaries for the animals who need to run, and secure housing and feeding for the birds.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Diaper Drive drop off locatoins

The Steele County Diaper Bank, founded by Owatonna Hospital Foundation in 2013, provides a short-term, limited supply of free diapers for needy infants and young children living in Steele County. The Foundation, in partnership with Owatonna Hospital, part of Allina Health, is hosting a community Diaper Drive on Saturday, June 3 in Owatonna.

"We're accepting donations of new, disposable diapers from preemie to children's size 7, preferably in complete unopened packages," said Natalie Ginter, director of the Owatonna Hospital Foundation. "Financial donations are also welcomed as we can purchase diapers in bulk at discounted prices, so your gift can have an even greater local impact."

"Diapers may seem like something most people can afford but there are no government subsidies or programs for diapers, and they are actually quite expen-

sive," said Elizabeth Keck, social worker and health-care coordinator at Owatonna Hospital. "I've seen many parents try to extend the life of a diaper because they didn't have the resources to buy more until their next paycheck – that is where the Steele County Diaper Bank can help."

Drop off your diaper donations at this location:

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All proceeds from the lunch wagon benefit the Steele County Diaper Bank.

"This is always a fun event for a worthy cause," said Keck. "I know all of the families who use the Diaper Bank are appreciative. This is definitely a community initiative, so we appreciate the support."

For more information, visit allinahealth.org/owatonna.

Sobrack takes award

Lakes & Prairies District Exchange Division 4 Director Randy Sobrack, and immediate past president of the Exchange Club of Steele County, shared words of appreciation after being awarded "Exchange of the Year," during the district's convention awards banquet, May 20, at the

Best Western Holiday Lodge in Clear Lake, Iowa.

The award is presented to an individual who has excelled in Exchange during the 2016-17 award year. It includes efforts in membership, leadership, volunteerism and active participation in Exchange activities.

The Exchange Club of Owatonna's Kathy Schroeder, who was unable to attend, received an "Exchange Hall of Fame" award.

This is given to an individual who has been a member of Exchange for a minimum of 25 years.

It is based on the contributions of the individual throughout the 25-plus years and includes all aspects of Exchange (club, district and national).

The Lakes & Prairies District consists of 22 clubs located in Minnesota, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska.



Randy Sobrack

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53 kids participate in BP Bike Rodeo

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Young bikers of all sizes and ages became participants in the Second Annual Blooming Prairie Bike Rodeo Saturday, May 27 at the Minimizer Corporate Office.

With a large parking lot at their disposal, kids were able to participate in four different stations. The kids were challenged to learn hand signals, negotiate sharp turns and to learn how to stop quickly.

Fifty-three kids participated in the rodeo.

They were all eligible to get a free bike helmet, courtesy of Minimizer. The helmets are ordered through B to Z Hardware. B to Z owner Greg Johnson said many kids came into his store to be measured before the day was out.

The police department registered 57 bikes. The registration helps locate owners of bikes that may have been abandoned or stolen, says Police Chief Greg Skillestad.

Safety is the number one reason for having a Bike Rodeo, Chief Skillestad explained.

Twenty gift cards from the Blooming Prairie Dairy Queen were also given as prizes.

A drawing was held later in the day for free bicycles from Minimizer. Winners were: Claudia Miller, Karly Reinke, Skylar Valek, Hailey Schumacher, Sophia Explan, Olivia Anderson, Henry Sundine, Bradley Boyd, Jackson Vermiljea and Carter Sorenson. Bikes can be picked up at B to Z Hardware.

Sponsors of the rodeo include Minimizer, KIK Graphics, the BP Boys and Girls Club and the BP Police Department.

One of the courses had the kids riding their bikes and

delivering a newspaper on the go.

Saturday’s rodeo was a rain date after the May 20 rodeo was postponed due to bad weather. “We lucked out with good weather on this date and we were especially pleased with the turnout considering it was Memorial Weekend,” said Chief Skillestad.

Six BP police officers helped with the rodeo. Working with the kids were: Chief Skillestad, Corporal Jake Peterson, Sgt. Mark Lang, Officer Shane St. John, Officer Matt Miller and Officer Dan Peach.

Sgt. Lang said the Bike Rodeo provides an opportunity for law enforcement and kids to interact. “It helps kids get a positive image of the police and is much better than seeing me pull up with a scary police car,” Lang said.

Brad Kubat of KOWZ Radio did a remote broadcast during the Bike Rodeo.

Safety Manuals were given to each rodeo participant.

The safety manual was provided as a public service by the following businesses and organizations: First Lutheran Church; Keith Johnson Construction, Inc.; Metal Services; Mayo Clinic Health Systems of BP; BP Funeral Home; BP Servicemen’s Club; Extreme Custom Powder Coating; Farmers & Merchants State Bank; Hansen Trucking; Main Street Dental Clinics; J & H Liquors; Bishop Excavating; Holman Agency; Steven G. Vaith Construction; Blooming Prairie Veterinary Clinic; Vandal’s; Darrick’s Preferred Auto; Sportstitch, Inc.; Steele County Times; Hometown Insurance; Krejci Ford; St. Columbanus Catholic Church and O’Connor-Stebbins Tax & Accounting.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad said 57 bicycles were registered at a Bike Rodeo held at Minimizer’s Corporate Office on Saturday, May 27. Here, Chief Skillestad registers his son Levi’s bike.

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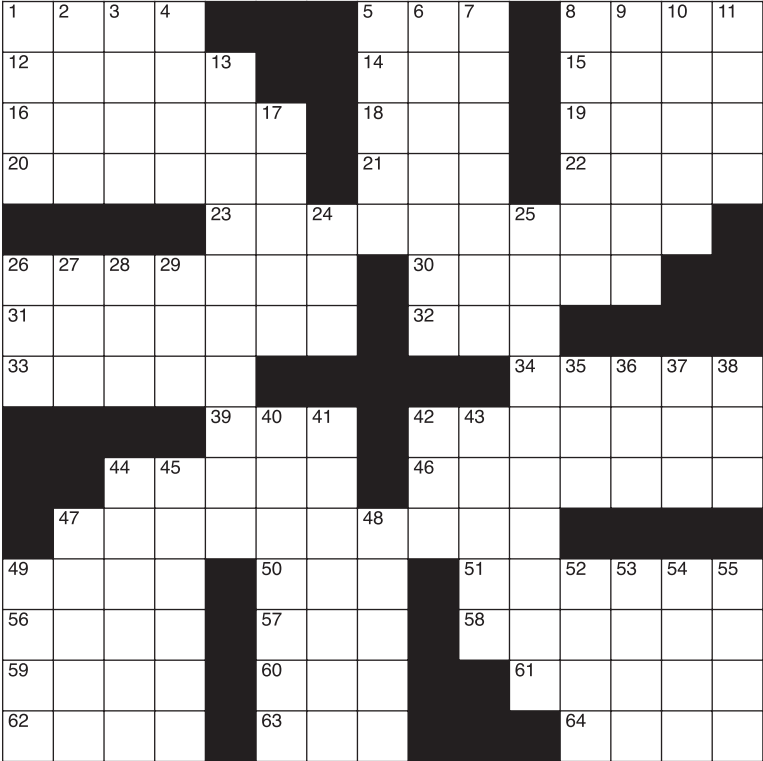
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Baby’s first words
- 5. Expression of creative skill
- 8. Reddish-brown coating
- 12. Spanish province
- 14. Stinging insect
- 15. Greek temple pillars
- 16. Refurbish
- 18. Cave-dwelling amphibian
- 19. Millisecond
- 20. Removes something
- 21. Trendy
- 22. The Buckeye State
- 23. “Taken” actor
- 26. Of the skull
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Malignant tumor
- 32. Not night
- 33. German heavyweight boxer
- 34. Indicates weight
- 39. Businessman
- 42. Charged negatively
- 44. Indian instrument
- 46. Helps you know where you’re going
- 47. Written works
- 49. Kate and Rooney’s last name
- 50. Fast, flightless Aussie bird
- 51. Jerry, George, Kramer and ___
- 56. Dodger great Hershiser
- 57. Where wine ferments (abbr.)



- 58. Supreme Allied Cmdr. Europe
- 59. Vedic god of fire
- 60. Not well
- 61. They grow into plants
- 62. Variety of pear
- 63. Where golfers start
- 64. Posterior

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Challenge
- 2. Assert
- 3. A female operatic star
- 4. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 5. Resistance unit

- 6. Attached a new backing canvas
- 7. Method painting
- 8. Branched
- 9. Barefooted
- 10. Beer mug
- 11. Beloved Mexican dish
- 13. Make better
- 17. One-time king of Troy
- 24. Pie ___ mode
- 25. St. Anthony’s fire
- 26. Reciprocal of a sine
- 27. ___-rah skirt
- 28. Notre Dame coach Parseghian
- 29. Computer hardware company
- 35. Policeman
- 36. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Popular basketball player Jeremy
- 38. Electrocardiogram
- 40. Cheese dish
- 41. Prickly shrub
- 42. Atomic mass unit
- 43. Nostrils
- 44. Enchantresses
- 45. Emphatic typeface
- 47. One of the Florida Keys
- 48. Soft, fine material
- 49. Moutainous tract in Jordan
- 52. Breezes through
- 53. Professional assn. for tech pros
- 54. Class of comb jellies
- 55. Formerly (archaic)

Sgt. Pepper won four Grammy’s

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the actual founder of the Sgt. Pepper concept. McCartney suggested that the Beatles should record an entire album that would represent a performance by the fictional band.

This alter ego group would give the Beatles the freedom to experiment musically. McCartney explained: “I thought, let’s not be ourselves. Let’s develop alter egos.”

McCartney talks about the development of Sgt. Pepper: “Sergeant Pepper” itself didn’t appear until halfway through making the album. It was Paul’s song, just an ordinary rock number ... but when we had finished it, Paul said, “Why don’t we make the album as though the Pepper band really existed, as though Sergeant Pepper was making the record? We’ll dub in effects and things.”

McCartney loved the idea, and from that moment on it was as though Pepper had a life of its own.

Let’s take a look at the songs on the album:

SIDE ONE

- 1. “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band”
- 2. “With a Little Help from

My Friends”

- 3. “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds”
- 4. “Getting Better”
- 5. “Fixing a Hole”
- 6. “She’s Leaving Home”
- 7. “Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite!”

SIDE TWO

- 1. “Within You Without You”
 - 2. “When I’m Sixty-Four”
 - 3. “Lovely Rita”
 - 4. “Good Morning Good Morning”
 - 5. “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band (Reprise)”
 - 6. “A Day in the Life”
- The Beatles’ Sgt. Pepper album won four Grammy Awards in 1968 and has been called the most popular album ever. It garnered 27 weeks at the top of the United Kingdom charts and 15 weeks as number one in the U.S.

As of 2011, Sgt. Pepper has sold more than 32 million copies worldwide, making it one of the best-selling albums in history.

If you don’t have a copy of the Sgt. Pepper album already, make sure you get a 50th anniversary copy. Enjoy!

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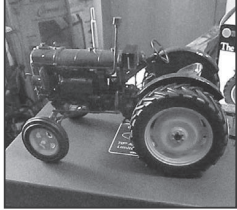


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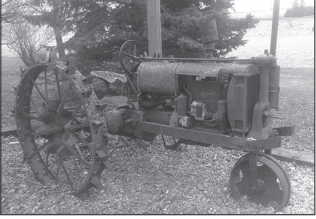


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Judy Weinke, Judith Peterson and Kathy Ihlenfeld.

“I, too, am amazed with the creative ideas that are displayed at these tables,” said chairwoman Greene.

Let’s take a look at the 24 tables”

Table 1: “When I am old, I shall wear purple.” Hosted by Mary McDermott and Gloria Kenow.

Table 2: “My German Heritage.” Hosted by Deb Albrecht.

Table 3: “Scrabble.” Hosted by Mary Greene.

Table 4: “Sunny, spring table.” Hosted by Owatonna Hospital Gift Shop Day-chairs.

Table 5: “Wild Divas.” Hosted by Amy Schumacher.

Table 6: “Spring Has Sprung.” Hosted by Betty Quiring and Crystal Quiring.

Table 7: “Japanese Zen.” Hosted by Shirley Schultz and C.J. Brase.

Table 8: “A Christmas Carol.” Hosted by Lois Cobban, Cheryl Erdman, Marty Feters, JoAnne Kent, Kim Ramsey, Joan Rodde and Janine Szymanski.

Table 9: “A Welcome Spring Tea Party.” Hosted by the Steele County Historical Society.

Table 10: “Construction.” Hosted by Custom Building Components, Inc.

Table 11: “All Things Spring.” Hosted by Bernice Jensen.

Table 12: “Because My Mama Said Sew!” Hosted by Ruth Anderson.

Table 13: “Currier and Ives.” Hosted by Mary Schenk.

Table 14: “Black and

Blue.” Hosted by Nancy Westphal.

Table 15: “Mexican Fiesta.” Hosted by Barb Heerema and Evie Olsen.

Table 16: “Rustique Chique.” Hosted by Tami Krogman and Karen Schulz.

Table 17 “Snowflakes, Winter Fun, Cheer, Friendship.” Hosted by Candace Fischer, Gloria Thompson and Shirley Nelson.

Table 18: “Mexican Memories.” Hosted by Bev Burmeister.

Table 19: “Walk the Purple Carpet.” Hosted by the Alzheimer’s Association of southern Minnesota.

Table 20: “An Afternoon in Paris.” Hosted by Cory Peters.

Table 21: “Fiesta.” Hosted by Mary Conley.

Table 22: “Deutschland.” Hosted by JoAnne Sorenson.

Table 23: “Buenos Dias (Good Morning).” Hosted by Ronda Christenson, Sandy Finley and Theresa Langley.

Table 24: “Minnesota Twins.” Hosted by The Guys.

Guests were served a chicken salad croissant or a pork commercial.

Chairwoman Greene expressed sincere thanks to Auxiliary volunteer helpers, to Costas Candies & Restaurant, to table hostesses, to the Owatonna Country Club staff and servers, to Fareway Foods, to greeters and to table sponsors.

If interested in hosting a table in 2018, or would like to be put on a waiting list for a table, contact Mary Greene at NanaMary.Greene@gmail.com.



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Minnesota Twins curator Clyde Doepner brought several authentic jerseys of the Twins to the Festival of Tables event on May 23. He is holding a softball jersey worn by Harmon Killebrew.

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Upcoming Events

- May 30:** Little League Baseball kickoff at the Four Seasons
- May 31:** T-ball and Squirt Coaches meeting
- June 2:** River Springs Water Park Opening Day
- June 4:** Schools out Bash at River Springs Water Park
- June 6:** Nation Women’s Golf Day at Brooktree Golf Course
- June 8:** Therapeutic Rec Leisure Swim begins
- June 8-9:** Steele County Safety Camp
- June 10:** Owatonna Free Style Series-skateboard/BMX freestyle competition
- June 12:** Summer Track begins
- June 13:** Learn to skate begins
- June 14:** Flag Day-Veteran’s Special at Brooktree Golf Course
- June 16:** Movie in Central Park

June 17: Brooktree Young Life Tournament

June 18: Father’s Day Special at Brooktree Golf Course

June 25: River Springs Ducky Dash

June 30: Two-Four-Fun at Brooktree Golf Course

July 8: Ken Bey Football Tournament at Brooktree Golf Course

July 10: Junior Golf Begins

July 14: Owatonna’s Weekend Out-Camp out and a Movie-Brown Park

July 14: Owatonna’s Weekend Out-Tennis in the Park-Brown Park

July 15: Owatonna’s Weekend Out- Farmer’s Market Family Fun Day Central Park

July 15: Owatonna’s Weekend Out-Diaper Dash/Toddler Trot/Kids K Trail Run-Dartts Park

July 15: Owatonna’s Weekend Out-Rec-on-the-go Manthey Park

July 15: Owatonna’s Weekend Out-Family Adventure Race-Central Park

July 15: Owatonna’s Weekend Out-Backyard Game-TBD

July 16: Owatonna’s Weekend Out-Family Sunday Funday rates at Brooktree Golf Course - available ALL DAY!

July 30: Mother’s Day special at River Springs Water Park

August 6-7: Owatonna Tennis Association 4th Annual Tennis Tournament

August 6: Family Special Day at River Springs Water Park

August 7: Farm Camp Minnesota

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Southland ends season for Blossoms baseball

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Adams - Southland made Blooming Prairie's tenure in sub-section baseball a short one, as the Rebels pitched a shutout over the Blossoms 7-0 Thursday, May 25.

Third-seeded Southland nine ended the Blossoms' season with the victory, leaving them with a 4-16 record for the year.

The Rebels took control early in this game, scoring three times in the first inning. They added single runs in the fourth and fifth and ended the scoring with two more in the sixth.

Southland hurler Chris Matthews pitched effectively, limiting the Blossoms to just three hits over six innings. Chris Webber pitched the seventh inning.

"It's kind of been the story of the season," commented coach Matt Kttelson. "We just couldn't get anything going offensively, and some untimely errors didn't help ether. It was a tough way to end a rather tough season."

Ethan Arett had two of the three hits that Matthews allowed, and he also pitched the first inning. Jack Abbe took the mound for the next five innings, giving up six hits, four walks, and two earned runs. Arett allowed four hits and two earned runs in his one inning of work. Carl Mueller and Parker Brigham both had three hits and two RBIs for Southland.

Mueller had two doubles and Brigham stroked a triple among his three hits.

Southland had seven runs on 12 hits and an error; Blooming Prairie had no runs on three hits and four errors.

Medford stifles Blooming Prairie 6-1

In a game to highlight cancer awareness postponed from a previous date, Medford ended the regular season on a winning note.

The Tigers defeated BP 6-1 at Blooming Prairie on Monday, May 22, by scoring five runs in the last two innings.

Blooming Prairie trailed 4-1 after Medford plated three runs in the fifth, and the Tigers added two insurance runs in the sixth.

The Blossoms got their first hit of the game in the fourth inning on a Seth Peterson single, and he eventually scored the run on Brad Staska's base hit.

Peterson later stroked another single for the Blossoms, the only hits Medford pitcher Willie Von Ruden gave up in the game.

Medford's runs in the sixth came on one hit, a walk, and three Blossom errors, and the seventh inning insurance runs also scored on fielding miscues by Blooming Prairie.

Medford had just three hits in the contest. Ian Wayne had his first varsity stint on the mound for the Blossoms and gave up the six runs, only one of which was an earned run.

He walked two and hit a pair Tiger hitters, with recorded a strikeout.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Landon Thurnau (16) spins off a check from Northfield's Lane Dombusch (19) in the fourth quarter of the Huskies' 11-9 loss in the Section 1 tournament at OHS Stadium on Tuesday. Thurnau recorded a hat trick and tallied an assist in the loss.

Comeback falls just short for Owatonna in Sectionn 1 loss to Northfield

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Heading into the half with an 8-2 deficit in the opening round of the Section 1 tournament, Huskies head coach Scott Seykora challenged his team.

They responded admirably. There just wasn't enough time left on the clock.

Despite Landon Thurnau and Josh Nelson each registering a hat trick, the Huskies were unable to recover from their first half struggles as they fell to Northfield 11-9 Tuesday night at OHS Stadium.

"I definitely proud, came back and got within one; the kids believed," commented Seykora. "That's the biggest thing about

coaching is to make the kids believe and that's my job."

Nothing seemed to go the way of the Huskies in the first half or even the first quarter for that matter. Struggling with trying to find a soft spot in the Raiders' aggressive defense, the Huskies found themselves down a pair of goals midway through the contest. The first came from the

stick of Chase Marlenee just under three minutes into the contest before Chase Foster fired a rocket from the high slot two minutes later. If it couldn't get any worse, while attempting to flee pressure and move the ball upfield, Huskies' goaltender Ryan Johnson was smothered by a pair of defenders, losing the ball and essentially giving

Northfield's Dawson Foster a wide open net with 1.2 seconds left in the first quarter.

"They came after us," Seykora added. "They were high pressure, they were doubling the ball a lot and they kept the ball out of

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Huskies out of postseason



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Tiana Blazek of Owatonna, swings at a pitch during the Huskies' 3-0 loss in the opening round of the Section 1-AAAA tournament to Farmington Tuesday in Farmington.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Farmington - What a difference two weeks can make.

Just three games removed from an 8-3 loss at the hands of Farmington High School on May 12, the Owatonna girls softball team was in the thick of the battle for much of the contest.

However, the fifth-ranked team in the state proved why they were awarded the No.2 seed in the Section 1-AAAA tournament.

Collecting seven hits, the Tigers (18-3) managed to record just enough run support to top the Huskies (6-14) 3-0 on a drizzling Tuesday afternoon in the opening round of the Section 1-AAAA tournament.

"I challenged them to a new season," commented Huskies head coach Brian Pilcher. "I knew it would be tough coming up here. Overall, I was happy with how they played and I thought our defense stepped up."

Through three innings, the Huskies and Tigers were deadlocked in a scoreless ballgame

that boasted just five hits. In fact, Owatonna held a slim advantage with three hits to Farmington's two. Two of those hits nearly allowed the Huskies to put immense pressure on the fifth-ranked team in Class AAAA.

Ellie Rohman registered a single after hitting a chopper to right field with one out in the top of the second inning. After a wild pitch allowed the senior second baseman to easily take second, Owatonna catcher Kenzie Karsten chopped a hard ground ball, but would be thrown out at first as Rohman to advance to third. She would ultimately be stranded at third as Tori Buck grounded out to end the inning. Rohman was strong for the Huskies at the plate, going 3-for-3.

In the following inning, Jamie Davison's double again had Owatonna in prime position to take the first lead of the game. The threat was quickly eliminated as the junior third baseman was tagged out at third on Jenna VonRuden's fielder's choice.

While Owatonna was generating a little pressure on Farmington at the plate, starting pitcher

Alexa Sommers was seemingly in the zone. Despite allowing a pair of two-out singles in the first two frames, the junior was unfazed. She needed just five pitches to retire the Tigers in the bottom of the third inning. In six innings of work, she allowed three runs on seven hits and struck out one.

"She pitched a great game," commented Pilcher. "I thought she was enough to keep them (Farmington hitters) on their front foot."

With two outs, the Tigers recorded a hit in the bottom of the fourth inning. And this time, the Huskies felt the sting.

On a routine fly ball, Owatonna's Erin Peterson appeared the lose the ball, just nicking it with her glove before it dropped as Elly Rust started to burn a path on the soggy base paths to score a pair of runs. The two-out mishap would be the third time in the game that the Tigers managed to extend the inning. For the game, they recorded five two-out hits.

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Blossoms plucked by Cardinals

Blooming Prairie falls to Bethlehem Academy in second meeting of 1A Sub-Section tournament

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Austin - A seventh inning rally fell just short, as Bethlehem Academy defeated the Awesome Blossoms 7-6 at Todd Park in Austin on Saturday. Blooming Prairie scored 3 runs in the seventh and had a runner on when B.A. pitcher Delaney Donahue coaxed a pop up to third and end the Blossom chances.

Freshman Riauna Bishop started on the mound for Blooming Prairie, and she pitched creditably without much luck at all. The Blossoms had trouble keeping the Cardinals off the board, as they plated runs in every inning but the fifth and had the leadoff batter reach base every inning but one, as well.

B.A. took a 3-1 lead in the third on a single a sacrifice, and a groundout. The Cardinals had only two hits to generate their three runs. The Blossoms had plated a run in the second on Bria Baldwin's double and a later groundout.

Blooming Prairie tied the score in the fourth, when Baldwin stroked her second hit of the game, and McKenna Hein followed one out later with a home run over the left field fence. The tie wouldn't last long, as the Cardinals scored twice in the bottom of the fourth. They added two runs in the fifth and sixth to set up the exciting seventh.

Bishop's single with one out started the rally, and Lila Carlson also singled. A B.A. error loaded the bases, and Jasmine

Anderson shot a ball all the way to the fence, unloading the bases, but she was stranded on first after the pop fly. It was a tough loss for the Blossoms and ended their season with a 15-9 record

Hayfield thumps BP

Austin - Six unearned runs in the first inning gave Hayfield an 8-0 lead, and the Vikings continued to score in a 16-1 four-inning victory. The win at Todd Park in Austin on Friday gave No. 1 seed Hayfield the sub-section championship and advanced them to the Section 1A tournament.

The loss pushed the Blossoms into a second place game against Bethlehem Academy for the fourth time in the season.

In the Hayfield contest, Blooming Prairie had a chance to get out of the first inning just two runs down, but a wild pitch on a third out strikeout allowed the runner to reach first, and the Vikings went on to score six more runs in the inning.

The Vikings added four more runs in the second on a walk and four hits, and closed out the win with another 4 runs in the fourth on two doubles, a hit batter, fielder's choice and a base hit.

In the meantime, pitcher Caitlyn Hendrickson limited BP to just 3 hits. Lila Carlson doubled in the third inning and later scored on a fielder's choice groundout. Hayfield pounded out 15 hits against BP hurler Elly Strunk, including the home run and 4 doubles.

BP tops B.A.

Faribault - Trailing 1-0 going into the sixth inning of the sub-section semi-final game at Faribault on Wednesday, May 24, the Awesome Blossom softball team strung four hits together to score three runs and take a 3-1 lead. They added two insurance runs in the seventh and came home with a 5-2 victory.

B.A. took a 1-0 lead in the third inning of the semi-final game on the only Blossom error of the game. A stolen base and a groundout plated the run, one that would stand until the eruption by the winners in the sixth. It looked dark for the Blossoms after the fifth inning when they put runners on second and third with no outs on a walk and Marti Snider's base hit. But Delaney Donahue then struck out the side without a run scoring to preserve the narrow lead. BP had no hits until Emma Christianson doubled off the fence in the third inning.

Pitcher Elly Strunk opened that victorious sixth with a single up the middle, and Bria Baldwin followed with a double. Julia Worke's base hit scored 1 run, a groundout drove the second run home, and Emma Christianson drove in one more with her second double of the game. Linnea Sunde and Maya Lembke opened the seventh with singles, and Baldwin's sacrifice fly plated one run. Worke earned her second RBI with a single, and BP led 5-1.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Elly Strunk throws a pitch to a Vikings batter during the Blossoms 16-0 loss to Hayfield in the Sub-Section 1A championship game Friday at Todd Park in Austin. Strunk allowed 15 hits, to include a three-run home run in the loss.

Four Blossoms qualify for Section 1A meet



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Ethan Grant of Blooming Prairie runs in the preliminaries of the 100-meter dash during the Sub-Section 1A meet in Triton. Grant finished with a time of 13.58.

Sub-Section 1A meet Dodge Center (Triton HS)

Team Scores: Stewartville 206, Triton 117, Rochester Home School 85, Grand Meadow 84, Hayfield 80, **Blooming Prairie 47**, Lyle 40

Boys finals results

400-meter dash: *1. Elijah Baker, 53.32. **800-meter dash:** 5. Cameron Kubista, 2:11.88. **1600-meter run:** *2. Alec Ille, 4:40.91. **3200-meter run:** *2. Ille, 10:25.40. **4x100-meter relay:** 4. Blooming Prairie, 55.27. **4x200-meter relay:** 5. Blooming Prairie, 1:43.89. **4x400-meter relay:** 5. Blooming Prairie, 3:49.42. **4x800-meter relay:** 5. Blooming Prairie, 10:01.61. **Pole Vault:** 5. Jesse Schewe, 9-01. **Long Jump:** 6. Matthew Pryor, 17-03.5.

Team Scores: Grand Meadow 189.5, Stewartville 169.5, Triton 79.5, Rochester Home School 77, Hayfield 71, **Blooming Prairie 45.5**, Lyle 37

Girls finals results

200-meter dash: 8. Abby Braaten, 29.58. **400-meter dash:** 8. Sam Wurst, 1:06.36. **1600-meter run:** 7. Alison Pryor, 6:04.73. **100-meter hurdles:** 7. Greta Sunde, 19.38. **4x100-meter relay:** 6. Blooming Prairie, 55.91. **4x200-meter relay:** 4. Blooming Prairie, 2:01.30. **4x800-meter relay:** 4. Blooming Prairie, 11:26.22. **High Jump:** *3. Wurst, 4-10. **Pole Vault:** *3. Leah Schiefert, 8-04, 4. Gemini Johnson, 7-10. **Long Jump:** 4. Johnson, 14-08.75, 7. Ashleigh Alwes, 13-11. **Shot Put:** 4. Leah Inwards, 28-01.5. **Discus:** 7. Inwards, 85-04.

**denotes Section 1A meet qualification*

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Dodge Center - The Blooming Prairie track and field teams were at Triton High School in hopes of making it out of a talented Sub-Section for Tuesday's Section meet in Eyota.

For four Blossoms, the hopes turned to reality. Alec Ille, Elijah Baker, Leah Schiefert and Samantha Wurst were the lone Blossoms to qualify for the Section 1A meet where they hope to continue the postseason success.

"It went pretty well overall," boys head coach Ryan Slack noted. "We're always happy to advance somebody and that was a good last chance meet for everybody else."

Ille, who has been fairly dominant all season long in the distance races continued his strong season with a pair of qualifications. In a packed field of 14 runners - to include a pair of teammates - the junior recorded a top three finish in the 1600-meter run. His

time of 4:40.91 was just five seconds off Grand Meadow's Peter Torkelson, who won the event. Despite not having to fight through a sea of traffic in the 3200-meter run, Ille again finished second to Torkelson with a time of 10:25.40. Head coach Ryan Slack noted that his competition is going to be tougher come Tuesday.

"The tough thing about Class A is that when you get somebody who's that high quality of an athlete, a lot of their season is spent kind of alone and racing the clock," he added. "In the mile or two mile, there's probably six guys in each that be in the top two for each race. So, its going to be very tight."

Baker continues to show that he is the one to be at the top for the boys 400-meter dash, claiming to top spot in the Sub-Section with a time of 53.32. Cameron Kubista was just shy of qualifying for the 800-meter race, missing out on third place by just four seconds. He would take fourth. Slack also noted that this is

the first year in quite some time they haven't qualified a relay team.

"We were in the mix probably for the boys 4x400 and 4x200, but it didn't quite pan out," he added. "It would have been a long shot, but would've been nice."

For the girls, Wurst nearly qualified for two events. After posting a mark of 4-10 in the high jump, the junior was just four seconds off third place in the 400-meter dash. She would finish eighth. Schiefert qualified for just the second field event for the Blossoms after posting a mark of 8-04 in the pole vault, which would tie two other competitors for the lead.

Blooming Prairie will now compete in the two-day Section 1A meet in Eyota Tuesday and Thursday. Slack noted that in order to qualify for state, they must place within the top two.

STARS OF STEELE

Josh Nelson



In the Huskies season finale against John Marshall, the recently named All-Big Nine attacker did just that.

Next to Tyler Wencil's five goals, Josh Nelson scored four goals and added an assist in the 17-2 win.

Elly Strunk



Despite being batter by Hayfield - something that most pitchers in the Sub-Section have felt this year - Strunk was one of the reasons the Blossoms made it that far recording six strikeouts and allowing two runs.

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Huskies go 0-2 in Section play

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Rochester - In their first matchup this season, Rochester Mayo High School made quick work of the Owatonna baseball team, cruising to a 12-0 win in four innings at Darts Park in Owatonna.

Saturday, Mayo served as host for the opening round of the Section 1AAAA tournament and Owatonna had senior Kodey Kiel on the mound.

That didn't seem to even faze the Spartans.

Scoring five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, the fourth-seeded Spartans (12-9) pulled away from the Huskies (9-11) for a 6-2 victory Saturday at Mayo Field.

"We played a good game. It was a game we definitely could've got," commented skipper Tate Cummings. "It didn't work out, we'll keep our heads up and look for Monday."

The momentum shifted to Owatonna early as both Kodey Kiel and Tucker Alstead were awarded to first base after being hit by pitches from Ethan Sawallisch. Four batters later, Zach Mensink's RBI down the left field line scored Alstead to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead. The inning would end with a Brady Schuster ground ball to the third basemen.

Despite facing five Spartans in the first inning, Kiel managed to give up a pair of hits in the innings. He would however retire the final two of the inning. The senior hurler appeared to have his stuff working early, allowing just one run on four hits the first three innings, but demoralizing the Spartans after they left three runners on base, two of which were in scoring position.

Owatonna managed to regain the lead in the top of the fourth inning after Dawson Leer's RBI single to left-centerfield scored Abe Havelka. In fact, Havelka and Mensink started the inning with back-to-back hits, and Schuster managed to give Leer a bases loaded opportunity. Unfortunately for the Huskies, the struggle of leaving runners in scoring position was prevalent. In the only two innings Owatonna scored runs, the Huskies left runners on second and third twice. For the game, the only other opportunity for Owatonna to have a runner in scoring position was in the top of the sixth.

"We had our chances early to get up early," noted Cummings. "We had the bases juiced and few others innings where he had runners on first and second,

In the bottom of the fourth, the momentum slanted back toward Mayo.

It would ultimately stay there.

After a leadoff double by Jason Martin, the Spartans would load the bases after a pair of walks by Kiel. Sawallisch would tie the game at 2-2 with an RBI double, keeping the bases loaded. The turning point of the inning was a throwing error by Schuster at home, allowing a pair of runs to score, increasing the lead to 4-2. The final blow was delivered by Thomas Krause's bases clearing double, which would end Kiel's day on the mound.

The senior went 3 1/3 innings and allowed six runs on seven hits. Havelka would come on in relief to end the inning with a fly ball to centerfield. The junior's performance was strong, allowing just three hits in his final 2 2/3 innings of work.

Owatonna attempted to make a rally late after Kiel reached on error. However, when trying to steal third on a passed ball - despite appearing to be safe - Kiel was called out, sealing the fate of the Huskies.

"I didn't even get into it with him," Cummings added. "It wasn't worth it at that point; first time I've seen it called."

Owatonna will play Lakeville South on Monday at 11 a.m. at Lakeville North High School.

**Editor's note: Owatonna dropped its elimination game Monday to Lakeville South 8-2. Final stats were not reported prior to press.*



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna's Tucker Alstead applies the tag on Mayo's Austin Thompson during the Huskies' 6-2 loss to the Spartans Saturday at Mayo Field in Rochester.

Huskies run into tough competition at section meet



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna Lincoln Maher returns a serve during his straight-set sweep of Austin's Chris Kirchgatter during the opening round of the Sub-Section 1-AA tournament in Rochester. Maher fell to Jake Bauer of Farmington in the quarterfinals.

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Rochester - Every team in attendance at Friday's 1-AA Sub-Section tournament knew that in order to have a player qualify for the Section finals on Tuesday, the road would ultimately go through Rochester Century and Rochester Mayo.

Boasting an entirely different lineup that what Owatonna fans have seen all season, the Huskies made a strong opening round.

Unfortunately, the competition was stronger.

"Great competition," commented head coach Curt Matejcek. "You had to play at state tournament level to advance out of the doubles draw; deepest field I have seen."

No.1 and No.2 singles players Eden Mrozek and Derek Thada

opted to forgo playing in the singles bracket, instead combining forces to play as Owatonna's No.1 doubles pair.

After a receiving a bye thanks to being awarded the No.2 seed, the pair made quick work of Rochester John Marshall's Maxwell Milbrandt and Glen Erickson, winning in straight sets 6-0, 6-1. The lone Owatonna team to make the semifinals, the top pair for the Huskies ran into the Christiansen brothers, Joshua and Matthew, of Rochester Century.

Despite managing to win four games in the first set, the Panthers duo simply was too much for Owatonna, winning in straight sets 6-4, 6-2. No.2 doubles pair had an early exit from the tournament after running into the stiff competition of Nicholas Stan and Simon Kenel of Mayo. The Spartans pair

won the matchup with a handily 6-1, 6-2 sweep.

In singles action, both Evan Huemoeller and Lincoln Maher recorded first round wins over their opponents. Huemoeller was too much for Austin's Luke Goodew. With a strong blend of smooth serves and a nice backhand, the freshman swept Goodew 6-1,6-0. Maher also swept his Austin opponent Chris Kirchgatter despite nearly dropping the first set after a string of balls into the net. He would ultimately win 6-4, 6-2.

Both players would be swept in their second round matches. Maher was no match for No.2 seed Jake Bauer of Farmington, falling 6-0,6-0 while Huemoeller dropped his decision to Alec Sergeant of Rochester Century 6-1, 6-0.

Huskies fall in Section 1 opener

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their defensive zone."

Owatonna attempted the rectify its early miscues as the first Landon Thurnau's three goals came 15 seconds into the second quarter.

Rather than rattle the Raiders, it seemed to refocus them as Griffin Loecher and Foster extended the lead to 5-1 with goals a mere minute apart. In fact, in a span of three minutes, Northfield managed to pour it on Johnson, extending the lead to 6-1 after Loecher recorded his second goal of the contest.

In that span of time, Owatonna's only solid shot on goal was a shot by Nelson that was went off the pipe at the 7:12-mark of the period. Thurnau would net the Huskies second goal after Nelson - who assisted on the first goal - picked up his second assist with a nice pass in front of the net.

After a pair of man-up goals - one coming with just 3.2 seconds left in the half - the Huskies faced a demoralizing 8-2 deficit at the half.

Then came the challenge.

"I challenged them to make it a game," Seykora added. "Last game of the season, you're at home, you can either lay down and let them walk away with it or you can chal-

lenge them and show them what kind of team we are."

After struggling to find a soft spot in the offensive zone for much of the first half, Owatonna's Tyler Wencil sparked a surge with his patented tight angled shot at the 6:31-mark of the third period to cut the lead to 9-3. Roughly 40 seconds later, Thurnau return the favor for Josh Nelson, feeding the freshly-named All-Big Nine attacker with a nice pass before firing it home. After a pair of goals from Wencil and Nelson, the Huskies were right back in the thick of the fight, trailing 9-6 heading into the fourth quarter. Seykora noted that behind the net play was key for the drastic improvement in the offensive zone.

"Josh Nelson and Landon Thurnau both played behind the net and gave us some good games," he added. "We couldn't get the ball back there in the first half. Their defense was so high pressure we could barely get it inside our attack zone."

Northfield seemingly had the dagger in before Owatonna fought it off. In the final quarter of play, they attempted to seal it, scoring just 18 seconds into the quarter. However, the

Huskies were toeing the line.

A pair of goals from Thurnau and Tyler Johnson in a span of roughly four minutes cut the lead to 10-8 with just over seven minutes left. Nelson's hat-trick goal at the 5:28-mark of the period made it a one-goal game.

Joining Thurnau and Nelson, was another player who recorded a hat-trick.

Except, it wasn't the one Owatonna fans would have wanted.

Finding just enough room at the point, Loecher fired home the dagger, giving Northfield a 11-9 lead with three minutes left.

With time winding down, the Huskies - led by Nelson - attempted to fight until the buzzer with Nelson's shot clanking off the pipe with two seconds left.

Owatonna finishes the season with a 10-4 record.

**Editor's note: To read the recap from Friday's win over Rochester John Marshall, go to www.steeledodgenews.com*

Big Nine Conference Championships (Mankato West)

Final boys results

Team Scores: Rochester Century 222, Mankato West 207, Mankato East 166, Rochester John Marshall 150, **Owatonna 145**, Austin 108, Winona 106, Rochester Mayo 100, Northfield 93.5, Red Wing 76.5, Faribault 75, Albert Lea 6

Individual results

100-meter dash: 7. Jason Williamson, 11.40. **400-meter dash:** 5. Jaden Dowhaniuk, 52.51. **1600-meter run:** 7. Ross Stevenson, 4:39.64. **110-meter hurdles:** 6. Andrew Jackson, 15.80. **4x100-meter relay:** 7. Owatonna (Alex Raichle, Brandon Schmidt, Jayden Gunderson, Williamson), 45.66. **4x200-meter relay:** 3. Owatonna (Raichle, Dalton Kubista, Schmidt, Williamson), 1:32.73. **4x400-meter relay:** 2. Owatonna (Dowhaniuk, Schmidt, Zach Barrett, Owen Koslosky), 3:30.80. **4x800-meter relay:** 3. Owatonna (Stevenson, Bretton Ruiter, Jaden Rosacker, Braydon Kubat), 8:26.23. **Triple Jump:** *1. Kubista, 43.06.25. **Shot Put:** *1. Darik Elstad, 53-07. 3. Andy Jensen, 49-04, 4. Ethan DeKam, 49-00. **Discus:** 4. Elstad, 143-02.

Final girls results

Team scores: Mankato West 210, Northfield 200.5, Rochester Century 196, Red Wing 178.5, Austin 135, Mankato East 122.5, **Owatonna 117**, Rochester Mayo 98, Faribault 75.5, Winona 44, Rochester John Marshall 39, Albert Lea 37

Individual results

100-meter dash: 7. Sydney Schultz, 12.83. **200-meter dash:** 5. Margo Achterkirch, 26.59. **400-meter dash:** 8. Nyakhor Godoar, 1:02.77. **800-meter dash:** *1. Syd Kretlow, 2:19.96. **110-meter hurdles:** 5. Josie Sullivan, 16.77. **4x100-meter relay:** *1. Owatonna (Sullivan, Karissa Gregory, Schultz, Achterkirch), 50.66. **4x200-meter relay:** *1. Owatonna (Sara Anderson, Gregory, Schultz, Achterkirch), 1:44.56. **4x400-meter relay:** 3. Owatonna (Anderson, Godoar, Kretlow, Grace Wolfe), 4:07.10. **4x800-meter relay:** 3. Owatonna (Wolfe, Kaia Elstad, Kretlow, Emily Rahricks), 9:53.64. **Pole Vault:** 8. Erica Svenby, 9-00. **Long Jump:** 8. S. Anderson, 16-00.

**denotes Conference champion*

Huskies go 0-2 in section tournament

SOFTBALL: from page 1C

“I’m a firm believer that it’s hard to pull a pitcher when there not overwhelmed,” Pilcher added. “I had Liv Larson ready to go, but it’s one of those that it can look pretty bad if you pull the pitcher when you’re still in the game. It’s a judgement call.” In the sixth inning, Emma Frost displayed her power, hitting a tape measure shot to deep right-centerfield to extend the lead to 3-0. Rohman’s standup double to start the seventh inning seemed like it would be the potential fire starter that the Huskies needed, but would again be stranded to end the game. Owatonna will play the winner of Rochester Century and

Rochester Mayo Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at Todd Park in Austin. With a win, the Huskies would play again that evening. Box Score OHS 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 1 FHS 0 0 0 2 0 1 x 3 7 0 LP: Sommers - 6 IP, 3R (1ER), 7H, K, Owatonna hitters: VonRuden 1-3, Hager 0-3, Blazek 1-3, Peterson 0-3, Rohman 3-3, Karsten 0-3, Buck 0-3, Johnson 0-2, Davison 1-2.

Century ends Huskies’ season

Austin - After falling to Farmington 3-0 on Tuesday, the

Owatonna softball team had its back against the wall. A win would keep the Huskies in the hunt and end the Panthers’ season. A loss would send them wondering could’ve been. Century’s Erin Ziebarth was destined to not have her team see the season end early. Recording 15 strikeouts, Ziebarth threw a three-hitter as the Panthers toppled the Huskies 6-0 Thursday afternoon at Todd Park in Austin. Owatonna simply couldn’t figure out the Panthers’ hurler. In 25 plate appearances, the Huskies recorded just three hits while Ziebarth threw 97 pitches in which she did not allow a

walk. Jenna VonRuden, Erin Steffenson, and Samantha Hager were the lone hits for Owatonna. Century meanwhile, managed to hit Huskies’ starting pitcher Liv Larson early, creating a big 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. However, the freshman would quickly regain composure to throw five scoreless innings. She would give up another three-run inning in the bottom of the sixth as the Panthers built a commanding 6-0 lead. Larson received the loss, going six innings while allowing six runs on six hits and striking out three. Owatonna finishes the season 6-14.

8. Jacob Gasner, 100-05. 9. Kael Hermanstofer, 100-05. 1. Luke Johnston, 38-04. **Long Jump:** 5. PirkI, 18-05.25, 11. Chavis, 16-11.25, 17. List, 15-07.00. **Triple Jump:** 10. Greg Larson, 37-05.00, 14. Barbeau, 37-09.00, 22. PirkI, FOUL. **Shot Put:** 8. Jacob Gasner, 35-06.75. 9. Kael Hermanstofer, 33-04.50. 1. Luke Johnston, 16-11.50. **Discus:** 8. Gasner, 100-05. 9. Hermanstofer, 100-05. 1. Johnston, 38-04.

Final girls results (Medford)

100-meter dash: 14. Brooke Purrier, 14.91, 20. Kirsta Esch, DNS. **400-meter dash:** 9. Bella Steffen, 1:08.29, 14. Clara Kneifel, 1:11.71. **800-meter dash:** 13. Kneifel, 2:56.89. **300-meter hurdles:** 3. Payton Powers, 51.93, 12. Mackenzie Kellen, 55.59. **4x100-meter relay:** 5. Medford (Br. Purrier, Steffen, Kirsta Esch, Lubbe), 56.60. **4x200-meter relay:** 6. Medford (Powers, Br. Purrier, Bailey Purrier, Lubbe, 2:03.31. **4x400-meter relay:** 6. Medford (Powers, Ba. Purrier, Steffen, Kneifel), 4:57.46. **High Jump:** 3. Lubbe, 4-08.00, 7. Esch, 4-04.00. **Pole Vault:** 10. Jenna McCarthy, 7-04.00, 12. Meredith Gillis, NH. **Long Jump:** 14. Steffen, 13-01.50. **Triple Jump:** 14. M. Kellen, 27-10.00, 17. Ba. Purrier, 26-11.00. **Shot Put:** 4. Ashley Gilbertson, 35-01.50, Amber Sobrack, 33-09.50. **Discus:** 1. Gilbertson, 110-07, 10. Sobrack, 82.02, 12.

Chateau Raceway recap

By MATTHEW GRAGE
Racing Correspondant

Memorial Day weekend is considered the official start of summer.

At Chateau Raceway for the

last 20 years its also been the weekend for the Mike Guttormson Memorial. Guttormson won multiple Championships and Features over the years at Lansing, his last feature came 20 years ago this month.



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of May 26

Results

Outlaw Mini-Mods	Austin; 11. (DNF) Jacob Bennett-Austin; 12. (DNF) Stacy Krohnberg-Walters
USRA B Mod	A Feature 1: 1.Kadden Kath-Owatonna; 2. Jayden Larson-Mankato; 3. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak-Blooming Prairie; 4. Scott Demmer-Ellendale; 5. Nate Chodur-Lake Mills IA; 6. Kylie Kath-Owatonna; 7. Jett Sorensen-Rochester; 8. Channing Warner-Owatonna; 9. Matthew Brooks-Austin; 10. Tom Kaiser-Waseca; 11. (DNF) Derek Clement-Spring Valley; 12. (DNF) Nick Wagner-Osage IA; 13. (DNF) Tim Gerbe-Austin; 14. (DNF) Anton Nelson-Hayfield; 15. (DNF) Jerry Young-Blooming Prairie; 16. (DNF) Raey Hastings IV-Austin Heat 1: 1. Jayden Larson; 2. 88-Nate Chodur; 3. Kadden Kath; 4. Jerry Young; 5. Kylie Kath; 6. Nick Wagner; 7. Matthew Brooks; 8. Tom Kaiser Heat 2: 1. Scott Demmer; 2. Derek Clement; 3. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak; 4. Jett Sorensen; 5. Channing Warner; 6. Raey Hastings IV; 7. Anton Nelson; 8. Tim Gerber
USRA A Mod	A Feature: 1. Jason Cummins-New Richland; 2.Keith Tourville-Webster WI; 3. Steve Wetzstein-West Concord; 4.Greg Pfeifer Jr.-Austin; 5. Levi Nielsen-Evansdale IA; 6. Greg Jensen-Albert Lea; 7. Darwin Karau-Kasson; 8.Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie; 9. Ken Wytaske-Lansing; 10. Cale Slawson-Chatfield; 11. (DNF) Joe Horgdal-Kasson; 12. (DNF) Alan Wagner-Orchard IA; 13. (DNF) Kevin Stoa-Albert Lea; 14. (DNF) Dagan Heim-Rosemount; 15. (DNF) Tammy Soma Clark-Rochester.
Hornet	A Feature: 1. Brian Adams-Shakopee; 2. Marissa Wolff-Waseca; 3. Todd Tacheny-Mankato; 4. Cody Hyatt-Waseca; 5. Blake Dorweiler-Montgomery; 6. Pat Wells-Faribault; 7. 1Daniel KnishKilkenny; 8. Caylie Blowers-Waseca; 9. 00-Jeremy LaBawWaconia; 10. Alan Schmidt-Hayward; 11. Ryan Timm-Austin; 12. Dallas Burris-Altura; (DNS) George Schrumpt-Rochester

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A Feature: 1. Kory Adams-Stacyville IA; 2. Jason Newkirk-Austin; 3. Ken Adams-Stacyville IA, 4. Blake Adams-McIntire IA; 5. Mike Blowers-Waseca; 6. 15-Zach Elward-Hayfield; 7. Bobby Blowers-Waseca; 8. Brent Holland-Glenville; 9. Cody Hyatt-Waseca; 10. Noah Grinstead-

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Huskies round up

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Huskies top Mankato in Section 1 play

Mankato - Tuesday evening the Owatonna Girls Lacrosse team squared off in a Section 1 playoff match against Mankato High School. Owatonna was able to pull off a 2-1 win in a game that could have easily gone either way. The Huskies collected goals from both Sophie Amundson and Lyric Broton. Although they were able to produce offensively, their stifling defense was the deciding factor as their goalie, Maddie Seykora, was able to come up with 10 saves out of the 11 shots thrown her way. “We stayed positive and patient and that was the difference for us,” stated coach Paur after their victory Tuesday. “I am very proud of this team and their heart and willingness to take it to the end.” The Huskies will be facing the winner between Farmington and Rochester Mayo Frday.

Huskies fall to Rockets 8-2

Rochester - In the regular season finale, the Owatonna girls lacrosse team traveled to Rochester to face John Marshall. In the previous matchup this season, the Huskies were no match for the Rockets, cruising to an 8-2 victory at OHS Stadium. This wasn’t the Rockets team of old. Managing to secure a lead early, John Marshall edged out a 10-7 win over the Huskies Friday evening. “We got behind early and just couldn’t recover,” commented head coach Dan Paur. “Hats off to John Marshall for such improvement, they played a great game.” Sophie Amundson led the scoring for Owatonna with three goals as five different Huskies recorded goals. Leah Tucker, Kenna West Maylynn Prokopec and Amy Oldenberg all registered goals. Goaltender Maddie Seykora stopped 10 of the 20 shots she faced. Owatonna moves to 9-3 on the season and will travel to Mankato for the opening round of the Section 1 tournament.

Owatonna Boys Golf

Brainerd – At the Perserve invite, the Owatonna boys golf team finished 12 out of 22 teams in attendance. Huskies head coach Mark Langlois noted that Brainard won the tournament for the first time. John Swenson tied for 16th after finishing the day with a team-low 78. Langlois said that if not for some misfortune on the back nine, it could have been an even better mark. “John played great from tee to green and unfortunately, had some good putts lip out on the last few holes,” he added. He went eagle and birdie on back-to-back Par 5’s.” Andrew Wall finished just behind Swenson after firing an 80 for the afternoon. Langlois also added that Aiden Ebner, who finished with an 87, drove the ball great. Mac Baumgartner (90), Corey Gander (97) and Joey Howell (101) also had strong performance for the Huskies.

Huskies fourth at Big Nine tournament

Rochester – Despite having to compete with sloppy conditions for the vast majority of the tournament, the Owatonna boys golf team showed most of the Big Nine Conference that it’s not the team from last season. Led by medalist Andrew Wall, the Huskies carded a team score of 335, good enough for fourth place out of the 12 teams attending the conference meet at the Par 71 Eastwood Golf Course on May 23. Red Wing and Mankato West were crowned team champions. “It was a solid meet for us,” commented Huskies head coach Mark Langlois. “We went from 11th last year to fourth this year in the Big Nine.” Senior Andrew Wall earned medalist honors after shooting a 72 on the afternoon. Langlois noted that he won by four shots. John Swenson was just eight shots behind Wall, finishing the day with an 80. Other Huskies to compete in the tournament were Mac Baumgartner (89), Jonny Wall (94), Joey Howell (96) and Aiden Ebner finished the day with a 103.

GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS			
WEEK 3 - May 22			
1	Behnken, Peterson, Peterson	19	
2	Pfiefer, Wanous, Hardecopf	18	
2	Morgon, Olson, Olson	18	
4	Grunkle, Evans, Possehl	17.5	
5	Strunk, Farr, Koster	17	
6	Braaten, PirkI, Resler	16.5	
6	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	16.5	
6	D. Glynn, C. Glynn, Esplan	16.5	
9	MotI, Myer, Lembke	16	
10	Bartsch, Lewer, Kartes	14.5	
11	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	14	
12	Clark, Blome, Skala	13	
12	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	13	
12	Hinzmann, Wurst, Hueman	13	
15	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	12.5	
15	Johnson, Kvaltson, Bolver	12.5	
15	R. Skala, J. Skala, Theile	12.5	
18	Lembke, Hanson, Benson	12	
19	Stangle, Stangle, Flemming	11.5	
19	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	11.5	
21	White, Lysne, Johnson	10.5	
22	Glynn, Gorman, Malo	9	
23	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	8	
24	Klemmensen, J. Klemmensen, R. Anderson	7	
25	Lea, Hansen, D. Johnson	6.5	
TOP SCORES			
A	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	31	
B	MotI, Myer, Lembke	32	
C	Hinzmann, Wurst, Hueman	35	
D	Bartsch, Lewer, Kartes	36	



Beef Month is a time to celebrate the community of farmers and ranchers who work hard every day to raise safe and nutritious beef that is enjoyed by consumers around the world.

When it comes to beef, the state has a unique industry. According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, what makes it interesting is nearly half of all potential cattle ready for processing are Holstein steers – a breed commonly found in dairy.

Altogether, the state’s inventory of cattle and calves in 2017 is around 2.4 million head. In 2015, cash receipts equaled over \$2 billion. That figure ranked it the fourth largest ag commodity behind hogs and ahead of dairy products.

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CREP signups officially open in Mower County, state Mower SWCD seeks landowners to discuss permanent conservation

Gathered just uphill from the meandering Cedar River, local and state officials recently celebrated the first signup day for the new round of state-federal programs that permanently enroll farmland into conservation.

Mower Soil & Water Conservation District and agency partners joined together in northwest Mower County on Udolpho Township land owned by farmer Roger Peterson, who enrolled the parcel in a previous round of the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP). Peterson, who has participated in numerous conservation programs, joined Mower SWCD district manager Justin Hanson in talking about the importance of CREP and encouraging landowners to consider it.

Peterson said CREP gave him the chance to take eroding cropland and get paid to put it permanently into prairie grass.

"I just jumped at that idea and never looked back, and I've been happy with it ever since," Peterson said. "The wildlife here is phenomenal."

MN CREP officially opened Monday as a voluntary state-federal program for landowners seeking to protect their environmentally sensitive cropland. It is designed to improve water quality and habitat conservation.

Locally, Mower SWCD will serve as the lead agency for MN CREP in Mower County, one of 54 counties in southern and western Minnesota selected for this round of the program. Overall, this round of MN CREP will protect and restore up to 60,000 acres of marginal cropland in the state through buffer strips, wetland restoration and drinking water wellhead protection.

Many opportunities are provided through MN CREP for landowners to restore Online: www.mowerswcd.org

their land into a private wildlife area for their own enjoyment or enroll farm land that often is frequently flooded or in the 100-



Photos courtesy of Mower County SWCD

Mower SWCD's Justin Hanson speaks Monday about the start of MN CREP signups at a previous CREP program site in Mower County's Udolpho Township along the Cedar River. He was joined by (left to right) James Fett, Mower SWCD; landowner Roger Peterson; David Copeland, Minnesota BWSR; Michelle Janssen, USDA's Farm Service Agency; and Brian DeVetter, NRCS-USDA.

year floodplain, said James Fett, Mower SWCD's watershed technician leading the CREP effort in Mower County.

Compensation through MN CREP is offered at a fair market value.

"MN CREP is a way to make a positive change on the landscape that lasts forever," Fett said. "We're also really excited to have CREP back because, unlike

other conservation programs, it's not always available to us."

David Copeland, a board conservationist with the Minnesota Board of Water & Resources (BWSR) – the state lead for MN CREP – also attended Monday's kickoff with Michelle Janssen of Farm Service Agency (USDA) for Mower County; and Brian DeVetter, of the Natural Resources Conservation Services



Mower SWCD's Justin Hanson introduces landowner Roger Peterson on Monday at a MN CREP signup kickoff on Peterson's CREP land along the Cedar River in northern Mower County. Peterson, a farmer, used a previous round of CREP to enroll eroding farmland into prairie grass permanently. In the background is David Copeland, a board conservationist for the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR), the state's lead agency for MN CREP.

Bugs may be pests, but...

ON THE FARM



Claire LaCanne

When an insect is out of place, we label it pest and we squish, spray, swat, and plow to establish control over the situation. There are thousands of insect species which qualify as pests, but entomologists have estimated that for every one insect pest, there are 1,700 beneficial insects.

This number isn't shocking when we think about all of the functions which insects perform.

Insects provide ecosystem services such as pollination, decomposition, dung removal, and pest control. If you fish, hunt, or bird watch you should thank insects which provide nutrition for the majority of the wildlife species we enjoy for recreation. If you eat vegetables and fruit, you should thank bees, flies, beetles, and butterflies because one third of our diet depends on pollinator insects. The majority of insects are neutral or beneficial and without them, food webs and ecosystem function would suffer.

Insects can help control pests. Crickets and ground beetles eat weed seeds and there are droves of insects which are considered predators or natural enemies of insect pests. In fact, the majority of insects in corn fields provide pest control; up to 80% of arthropod species found in corn fields are natural enemies of pests, another 13% of species compete with pests, and pests themselves are a part of the

food web because they are a food source for other insects. Lady beetles are ravenous for aphids, and a single lady beetle larva eats around 30 aphids a day and more as an adult. Green lacewing larvae are nicknamed "aphid lions" because they feast on so many of the little buggers, while also snacking on thrips. Minute Pirate bugs ruthlessly consume insect eggs and aphids. Theirs is an interesting case, because even though they are pest predators, they are often mistaken as pests—people think they are gnats or "no-see-ums" and unwittingly squish the little swashbucklers, so try to be aware of the bugs you're targeting to prevent killing the good guys.

It is important to consider how an ecosystem functions and keep beneficial insects in mind while deciding how to manage pests in crop fields or gardens. Know the economic threshold for specific pests. While scouting for pests, keep an eye out for the good guys—if there are aphids or thrips on your plants, see if you can find lady beetles or lacewing larvae nearby and gauge your pest control regimen knowing that the natural enemies can assist.

Pests can cause tragic damage and it may be necessary to manage them. Just remember that they fit into a bigger picture and may not be as big of an issue if their natural enemies are also present. Also know that you might harm the natural enemies while trying to kill pests. Some university extension programs are developing economic thresholds for pests that also account for natural enemies to give producers a refined estimate for economic thresholds.

Claire LaCanne is the new agricultural extension educator for Steele and Rice counties. She replaces Kendra Schroeder, who served in the interim role earlier this year. LaCanne may be reached at lacanne@umn.edu or 507-444-7685.



Now is the time to manage risk, not predict where corn prices are going

Market watchers are keeping a close eye on the weather in regards to the corn planted.

■ Grain Marketing Viewpoint by Kevin Van Trump

Corn prices are talking a small step back after recently posting three week highs. The bulls continue to point to nearby weather hiccups in the way of too much moisture and temps that are well below normal. The concern is that lack of oxygen, shallow roots and fewer growing units will ultimately create a drag on longer-term yields.

The market added a bit of "risk-premium" and has been trying to push through the recent high end of the range. As a producer I took advantage of the recent run higher and have fully reduced old-crop flat-price exposure and sold a few more new-crop bushels. I'm also keeping a very close eye on the DEC18 prices as they trade around \$4.10 per bushel. Not that I'm wildly bearish nearby,

I just hate the thought of having downside risk and exposure on my plate for three crop years, i.e. last years bushels, this years bushels and next years bushels. I'm also a bit worried about the basis in old-crop. I fear if prices take off and rally, end users and buyers of corn will simply widen out the basis as many are flush with supply. I'm also a bit concerned about the longer-term demand headlines for new-crop prices. Demand has been extremely strong to this point and

has helped keep us afloat as we we've had to digest more than +2.0 billion bushels in ending stocks.

My concern moving forward is that the demand headlines could start to cool. In the export world, the Argentine producers

period for a U.S. weather market. If that's the case, we are now into the second quarter of play and quickly approaching half-time without having much of lead. In fact I'm not sure the bulls have much of a lead at all. The bears are quick to point to the fact soil moistures have clearly been recharged and temps in the extend

they are behind by double digits. On the flip side, the big production states are all very close to on schedule. Hence I just don't see the USDA making a huge reduction to their U.S. yield estimate, at least not yet.

There are a couple of more rains in the forecast, but if it starts to dry out and warm up, the crop could quickly start to look better and the trade could jump back on the bearish bandwagon. Bottom-line, I can certainly understand the arguments and reason to be bullish, but I've reminded myself constantly that I have to focus on "managing my risk" rather than trying to predict the price. Remember, the old-crop JUL17 contract hasn't traded back above \$4.00 since last-June. That's also the last time new-crop DEC17 traded above \$4.05 per bushel.

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have very few place to go with their recently harvested corn and it will soon start pouring into the marketplace. Right behind that will be bushels pouring in from the record setting Brazilian crop. I'm also thinking corn for ethanol could start running into some headline risk as margins start to tighten and export demand becomes much more uncertain. In other words if the demand headlines cool off a bit, the trade will have to heavily rely exclusively on a bullish supply side story. It's early in the game and that could certainly materialize as heavy rains are causing complications, but I just don't want to bet the farm on a sub-160 yield, at least not at this juncture.

I like to think of "mid-April to mid-August" as the main time

forecast look to be near normal, perhaps a bit cooler to the west and a hair warmer to the east.

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Social Security advice for soon-to-be retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend any services that help pre-retirees decide when to start drawing their Social Security benefits? My wife and I are approaching retirement age and want to carefully weigh our options to make sure we're maximizing our benefits.

Approaching Retirement

Dear Approaching,
Deciding when to begin collecting your Social Security benefits could be one of the most important retirement-income decisions you'll make. The difference between a good decision and a poor one could cost you tens of thousands of dollars over your retirement, so doing your homework and weighing your options now is

a wise move.

What to Consider

As you may already know, you can claim Social Security any time between the ages of 62 and 70, but each year you wait increases your benefit by 5 to 8 percent. But there are other factors you need to take into account to help you make a good decision, like your health and family longevity, whether you plan to work in retirement, along with spousal and survivor benefits.

To help you weigh your claiming strategies, you need to know that Social Security Administration claims specialists are not trained or authorized to give you personal advice on when you should start drawing your benefits.

They can only provide you information on how the system works under different circumstances. To get advice you'll need to turn to other sources.

Web-Based Help

Your first step in getting Social Security claiming strategy advice is to go to SSA.gov/myaccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age or when you turn 70. These estimates are based on your yearly earnings that are also listed on your report.

Once you get your estimates for both you and your wife, there are many online tools you can turn to that can compare your options so you can make an informed decision.

Some free sites that offer

basic calculations include AARP's Social Security Benefits Calculator (AARP.org/socialsecuritybenefits), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Planning for Retirement tool (Consumer-Finance.gov/retirement) and SSAnalyze that's offered by United Capital (BedrockCapital.com/ssanalyze).

But if you want a more thorough analysis check out Maximize My Social Security (MaximizeMySocialSecurity.com) or Social Security Choices (SocialSecurityChoices.com), which both charge \$40. These services, which are particularly helpful to married couples as well as divorced or widowed persons, will run scenarios based on your circumstances and show



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how different filing strategies affect the total payout over the same time frame.

Personal Advice

If you want human help, there are specialized firms and financial advisors that can advise you too.

One such firm is Social Security Solutions (SocialSecuritySolutions.com, 866-762-7526). They offer several levels of web-based and personalized service (ranging from \$20 to \$500) including their \$125 "Advised" plan that

runs multiple calculations and comparisons, recommends a best course of action in a detailed report, and gives you a one-on-one session with a Social Security specialist over the phone to discuss the report and ask questions.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Elise Slinger, Editor
June 5th, 2007

With just a few days left in the 2006-2007 school year, a former BPHS faculty member returned for some reminiscing. Howard Schiever, a former biology/chemistry teacher to many student who attended school her in the 50s and 60s, returned with his daughter and son-in-law this past weekend. After being gone from Bloomington almost 44 years, Schiever walked back into the gym to look for a place to take a photo. The Hartmans took the day to bring Schiever around to

places that he remembered from his past. For most, this might be a small thing, but for the Schiever family, remembering these days is a very precious thing as Howard has been diagnosed with Alzheimers.

Patrons will be seeing a change in the Bloomington Pine Springs Pool this summer, according to City Administrator Mike Jones. The city has invested in several projects to improve the popular summer hangout spot, and Jones is optimistic about the changes that were made. One of the main goals was to improve the "water quality and clarity,"

according to Jones. Last year this had to be done by closing the pool for a few days and putting extra chlorine in the water.

50 Years Ago
Victor, Vernon, & Vyrle Krejci, Editors
June 1st, 1967

A high-speed chase by the Freeborn County Sheriff's Department and the Minnesota Highway Patrol came to an abrupt end in Bloomington early last Saturday morning when the fleeing car crashed into the Standard Lumber Co.'s workshop building, located on the east edge

of Highway 218. Driver of the car being pursued by the authorities was Burnell Low, 23, of Albert Lea. He suffered facial lacerations and bruises in the crash and was taken to St. Olaf Hospital.

Edward Paulson, highly esteemed life-long resident of Bloomington, passed away quietly at his home here late Monday afternoon, May 29, after being stricken with a coronary heart attack. He was 73 years old at the time of his death. Paulson was hospitalized last January with a heart condition, however, he had regained his health and was associated with his son.

Edward Paulson born June 19, 1893, in Bloomington, and never left the community.

75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
June 4th, 1942

Arne Oyen, veteran Hayfield baker, was killed instantly Friday morning when he became entangled in a dough mixing machine at his bakery. The gears of the machine caught and crushed the victim's chest and spinal column. Oyen's wife and grandson, Clinton Peterson, also an employee at the bakery,

was present at the time of the accident around 9:30 a.m. They were unable to lend aid.

An opportunity for young girls and teen age young ladies to help in the war effort will be offered here this week by the Red Cross. A call for volunteer sewing help has been made this week to girls eight years old and up, who wish to help in the local Red Cross Sewing project now in progress at the Community building. One item these young workers will make is cloth form for toy animals which are given to the refugee children hospitalized in the war areas.

Steele County Preservation Award given

The 2017 Steele County Historical Society Preservation Award has been presented to Otto Wanous for the preservation of his rural farm home in Steele County's Havana Township.

While maintaining its original structure and exposing some of its historic elements, Wanous worked the last 2-1/2 years since first buying the farmsite from Harlan and Donna

Mussman on Halloween 2012.

His vision was to maintain the integrity of the home, yet make it livable by contemporary standards.

The 2-story home was originally built in 1855 and expanded sometime between 1900-1905 by attaching a granary to the east side.

While the original wrap-around porch has been replaced with a more

open design, it continues to emphasize the home's dramatic 6-gabled facade.

The two downstairs rooms divided by a stairs were the main living quarters, and now serve as living room and office. The granary became the kitchen which it still remains, except set back to provide mudroom entrance and bathroom access.

"Nothing was straight or level," said Wanous, "so it

was sometimes a challenge to disguise that fact," as he pointed out a hardly noticeable point in a soffit.

He even raised the ceiling of the upstairs to accommodate his own personal height. The brick walls in the formerly damp basement were removed, exposing the original grey stonework foundation, making it dry and providing an area of ample storage.

"It's a pleasure to present

this SCHS award to Otto for diligent restoration of his farm house. He has worked carefully to maintain the original structure, yet enhance it for today's use," said Jerry Ganfield, SCHS President.

Presentation of the award will be made by the board during its June meeting, 7 pm, Monday, June 5 at the Steele County History Center.

The Steele County

Historical Society (SCHS) seeks nominations for its Preservation Awards annually. Each year Steele County buildings or properties are recognized for their outstanding preservation and/or restoration efforts.

The recipients are selected in May in conjunction with National Preservation Month.

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Public Safety



Blotter spotlight: Larceny. On May 21 at 12:38 p.m., a citizen reported that someone had stole his wallet while he was purchasing an item in the gas station in the 700 block of 2nd St. NW in Hayfield.

Retired sheriff heads back to work

Retirement just doesn’t appear to be in the cards for a veteran law enforcement officer who is heading back to work again after numerous attempts of retiring.

Last week Don Gudmundson, 69, of Lakeville was appointed sheriff of Stearns County. This will be his fourth county in Minnesota as being sheriff, including a short stint in Steele County in 2010. He has also served as the top law enforcement officer in Fillmore and Dakota counties during his 40 year career.

He is believed to be the only sheriff to have served in that role in four Minnesota counties.

Gudmundson served as sheriff in Steele County on an interim basis after Gary Ringhofer retired from the top job in April 2010. Gudmundson stepped

aside at the end of 2010 when Lon Thiele went on to be elected sheriff.

Besides being sheriff, Gudmundson has also been police chief in Lakeville as well as a short stint in Faribault.

In his newest role, Gudmundson replaces Sheriff John Sanner, who retired in April. Gudmundson said he doesn’t plan to seek the office when election comes up in 2018.

Gudmundson comes at a time when the Stearns County Sheriff’s Office has been at the center of one of the nation’s longest missing-child investigations. The office handled the disappearance of Jacob Wetterling. The case was finally solved last year.

Gudmundson grew up on the family farm in Fillmore County.

CRIME BRIEF

Man on the run charged in gun incident

A wanted man faces a felony in connection with a gun incident May 18 in Owatonna.

Police went to the 100 block of E. Rice Street on May 18 in an effort to arrest Joseph Mork on a warrant out of Stearns County. As they approached him, Mork ignored arrest commands and began to move toward the house to elude arrest, police said.

A sergeant grabbed Mork by the arm before he got into the house. At that time, Mork allegedly pulled a 9 mm pistol from a holster and threw it in the house through an open door, according to police. Officers fought with Mork and managed to get him into handcuffs.

As more back-up officers arrived, police secured Mork’s gun and found it to be loaded.

Mork was convicted of aggravated robbery in Hennepin County in 2007. Because of the conviction, he cannot possess firearms or ammunition.

He has been charged with felon in possession of a firearm, which carries a minimum five year prison sentence.



Joseph Mork

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Owatonna Police May 18

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 600 block of Rice Lake St. at 1:06 a.m.

Drunken Driving. At 9:19 a.m., officer made a DWI arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage rd. W.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 400 block of 18th St. SE at 11:47 a.m.

Animal. Police responded to a dangerous dog in the 900 block of 22nd St. SE at 1:34 p.m.

Warrants. Officers arrested subjects for outstanding warrants at Elm Ave. N. and Pearl St. E. at 4:29 p.m. and in the 100 block of Rice St. E. at 5:29 p.m.

May 19

Vandalism. Police took eight reports of property damage throughout the day.

Theft. Officer received a theft report from the 600 block of Vine St. E. at 7:58 a.m.

Juvenile. At 9:35 a.m., police received a juvenile complaint from the 300 block of School St. E.

Criminal Sexual. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 1700 block of Wood Duck Lane NE at 11:08 a.m.

Shoplifting. At 5:54 p.m., a shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Restraining Order. Police received information regarding a restraining order violation in the 400 block of Hillsdale St. NW at 11:13 p.m.

May 20

Vandalism. Police received reports of seven incidents of property damage in the city during the day.

Theft. At 2:24 p.m., officer took a theft report in the 300 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 9:40 p.m.

May 21

Arrest. Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 2800 block of Bridge St. W. at 1:40 a.m.

Death. Officers began a death investigation in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 7:30 a.m.

Fraud. At 10:42 a.m., officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 400 block of North St. W.

Trespassing. Police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 11:22 a.m.

Restraining Order. At 11:48 a.m., officers responded to a restraining order violation in the 100 block of Pearl St. W.

May 22

Warrant. Police made a warrant arrest in the 300 block of Southview St. SW at 8 a.m.

Thefts. Police took theft reports in the 2900 block of Bridge St. W. at 9:03 a.m. and in the 300 block

of School St. E. at 3:42 p.m.

Criminal Sexual. At 4:55 p.m., officers began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 1600 block of Mineral Springs Parkway.

Shoplifting. Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 400 block of North St. W. at 5:19 p.m.

May 23

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 400 block of State Ave. at 10:06 a.m.

Theft. Police made a theft arrest in the 200 block of Linden Ave. NE at 10:43 a.m.

Crash. At 10:55 a.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 500 block of Mineral Springs Road NE. They issued a citation to one of the drivers.

Drunken Driving. Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at Vine St. E. and Chestnut Ave. NE at 6:34 p.m.

May 24

Dangerous Dog. Officer issued a warning for a dangerous dog in the 500 block of Agnes St. E. at 8:13 a.m.

Theft. At 11:06 a.m., police received a theft report from the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Fight. Officers responded to a fight in the 100 block of Vine St. E. at 11:26 a.m.

Mental Health. Police assisted with a mental health crisis in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 2:59 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 3:25 p.m., officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Restraining Order. Police responded to a restraining order violation in the 300 block of McKinley St. W. at 7:45 p.m.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S. at 9:25 p.m.

May 25

Theft. Police received a theft report from the 100 block of Prospect St. E. at 6:57 a.m.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at 4th Ave. NW and 26th St. NW in Clinton Falls Township at 9:58 a.m.

Death. Police began a death investigation in the 500 block of McIndoe St. SE at 3:08 p.m.

Arrest. At 5:13 p.m., police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Hoffman Dr. NW and Pearl St. W.

Steele County Sheriff May 18

Fraud. Deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 300 block of 14th Ave. SE in Owatonna Township at 11:23 a.m.

Driving Complaint. At 7:23 p.m., deputies received a driving complaint from Interstate 35 in Summit Township. They found the vehicle and issued a citation.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 3900 block of 34th Ave. NE in Clinton Falls Township at 7:49 p.m.

May 20

Disturbance. Deputies responded to disorderly conduct in the 3100 block of 168th St. SE in Summit Township at 8:48 p.m.

May 21

Vandalism. Deputy took a report of property damage in the 9100 block of 30th St. NW in Deerfield Township at 2:11 p.m.

Civil. Deputies assisted with a civil matter in the 1100 block of 92nd Ave. SW in Meriden Township at 9:16 p.m.

May 22

Arrest. Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop on Highway 14 in Havana Township at 12:53 a.m.

Burglary. At 1:49 p.m., deputies began a burglary investigation in the 1300 block of 44th Ave. SE in Havana Township.

Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 3500 block of 86th St.

NW in Medford Township at 5:44 p.m.

Drunkenness. Deputies responded to an intoxicated subject in the 1900 block of 168th St. SW in Summit Township at 10 p.m.

May 23

Warrants. Deputies made warrant arrests at the detention center at 6:40 a.m. and in the 100 block of Main St. E. in Owatonna at 2:33 p.m.

Domestic. At 7:43 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Central Ave. W. in Medford.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 3900 block of 34th Ave. NE in Clinton Falls Township at 4:40 p.m.

May 24

Warrant. Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center at 3:33 a.m.

Dangerous Dog. At 10:44 a.m., deputies responded to a dangerous dog in the 3900 block of Dane Road in Havana Township.

May 25

Crash. Deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at County Road 45 N. and 5th Ave. SE in Medford Township at 7:18 a.m.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of May 15 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Robert T. Johnson, 32, St. Cloud, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of cocaine/heroin/meth. He was sentenced to \$131 and 101 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Robert J. Schirmer, 51, St. Cloud, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of cocaine/heroin/meth. Schirmer was sentenced to \$131 and 78 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of May 15 – 19:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

McCarty L. Brashear, 23, use of high beams, \$121; Collin L. Kelley, 31, Blooming Prairie, littering, \$281 and 6 months of unsupervised probation.

MN Dept. of Natural Resources

Brady L. Fischer, 22, Kenyon, angle or possess fish in closed season, \$156.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Ismahaan M. Ahmad, 22, Brooklyn Park, speeding, \$141; Raymunda Arana-Garcia, 41, Spring Lake Park, no license, \$181; Hunter R. Bach, 30, Pemberton, speeding, \$181; Rodney E. Callahan, 46, Bunker, MO, seat belt, \$106; Abel F. Contreras, 25, Waseca, speeding, \$281; Ariana H. Craddock, 22, Rochester, window tint violation, \$131;

Thomas J. Daly, 52, Rogers, speeding, \$100; Timothy M. Frazier, 20, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$141; Lay G. Htoo, 20, Storm Lake, IA, speeding, \$131; Molly M. Kaplan, 33, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131; Pa L. Klo, 32, Albert Lea, speeding, \$131;

Neal V. Knapp, 19, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$141; Delores R. Kubicek, 76, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Sarah J. Luhman, 30, Claremont, invalid license, \$81 and 1 day in county jail; Thomas W. Maroste, 53, Hopkins, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Patrick L. O’Daniel, 32, Lakeville, speeding, \$131;

Abraham M. Osorio, 17, Faribault, speeding, \$131; A. David

Ostrem, 85, Naples, FL, speeding, \$121; Ashley M. Quinones, 27, Bloomington, speeding, \$100; Jesus C. Ramos Quintero, 25, Minneapolis, no insurance and no license, \$381; Jane R. Rischmiller, 71, Gaylord, speeding, \$121; Patrick J. Salstrand, 51, Alexandria, speeding, \$121;

Dekhari D. Suggs, 20, Mankato, speeding, \$381; Michael B. Thorson, 19, Alden, speeding, \$131; Paul A. Treganza, 54, Owatonna, seat belt, revoked license and no license, \$406; James P. Wagner, 39, Jamestown, ND, speeding, \$121.

Owatonna Police Department

Asia J. Aden, 20, Fargo, ND, speeding, \$221; John S. Bense, 46, Eagle Lake, stop sign, \$131; Angela N. Berg, 38, Owatonna, theft, \$81 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Ron W. Burks, 18, Rochester, suspended license and speeding, \$401; Kevin M. Carey, 43, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281;

Jason A. Dalbec, 39, Owatonna, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$81, 130 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain and maintain employment, obtain GED, 100 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Steven C. Dunnum, 55, Owatonna, criminal damage to property, \$281 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Conner J. Engrav, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$141;

Tony T. Fisher, 39, Owatonna, revoked license, motor vehicle title violation, no insurance and expired registration, \$681; Mitchell D. Granse, 35, Owatonna, theft, \$181; Jeffrey S. Gunderson, 23, Long Prairie, issue dishonored check, \$131 and 66 days in county jail; Joshua L. Hansen, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Terry L. Howe, 63, Owatonna, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$181;

Rodney L. Hundorf, 52, theft, \$131 and 6 months of unsupervised probation; Javier A. Jimenez, 17, Minneapolis, speeding, \$221; Katie L. Kolterman, 36, Morristown, suspended license, \$281; Joseph R. Maas, 38, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Diego R. Martinez, 26, Owatonna, suspended license and no license, \$381; Patrick L. McCabe, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Mercy I. Montgomery, 22, Omaha, NE, speeding, \$141;

Tishyra L. Powell, 23, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, \$131; Adrian D. Robles-Britt, 18, Faribault, no insurance, \$281; Levi J. Sprague, 27, Albert Lea, trespassing, \$281 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Adam J. Techau, 32, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Lance P. Wallis, 21, Austin, DWI, \$381, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation.

Steele County Sheriff’s Office

Klayton R. Ament, 36, Owatonna, littering, \$181; Daniel R. Anderson, 33, Dodge Center, speeding, \$100; Delfino A. Becerra, 30, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121; Jesse N. Boswell, 29, Waseca, revoked license, \$281;

Brandin D. Botten, 28, New Ulm, violation of order for protection, \$581, 30 days in county jail, obtain and maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, psychological evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation; Barbara J. Bremer, 67, Plymouth, speeding, \$131; Aaron R. Brink, 30, Nerstrand, speeding, \$121; Brian R. Chelmo, 33, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$121; Dustin D. Craft, 25, Owatonna, expired tabs and no insurance, \$311; Keith J. Dodge, 51, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$141; Melanie S. Feld-

hake, 38, Northfield, speeding, \$121; Kristine M. Holmquist, 21, Medford, sale of tobacco to minor, \$131;

Lindsey R. Hugstad-Vaa, 32, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Abdirizak H. Maalin, 29, Owatonna, permit violation, \$131; Carlton E. Martin, 62, Minneapolis, speeding, \$281; Suliem A. Mohamed, 32, Faribault, speeding, \$221;

Zeljko Nuhanovic, 44, Rochester, failure to drive in single lane, \$131; Angelica L. Raines, 31, Apple Valley, speeding, \$131; Marcelino Sanchez, 23, Owatonna, no license and auxiliary driving lights violation, \$231; Tanner W. Strusz, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Troy L. Utpadel, 55, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Ronald R. Wobschall, 68, Waterville, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff’s Office handled 208 complaints during the week of May 17 – 23. Some of them include:

May 18

Curfew. At 12:53 a.m., deputies assisted with a curfew violation regarding a 14-year-old male in the 600 block of 15th Ave. NW in Kasson.

Vandalism. Deputies took a report of damage to a farm field from a pick-up truck in the county at 10:08 a.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported a fraud incident on 3rd Ave. SW in Dodge Center at 4:42 p.m.

Disturbance. At 8:39 p.m., deputies responded to a disturbance involving a couple fighting while walking on U.S. Hwy. 14 in Dodge Center.

Disorderly Conduct. Deputies received a report of a male and female arguing outside on Main St. E. in Dodge Center at 11:58 p.m.

May 19

Suspicion. Deputies received a complaint of a subject in a van selling steaks in the 65500 block of 200th Ave. in Dodge Center at 12 p.m.

Fraud. At 12:16 p.m., a Mantorville citizen reported that she was scammed out of \$2,000 in an Internet scam.

Civil. Deputy assisted with a civil matter regarding the retrieval of car keys in the 12000 block of 595th St. in Claremont at 4:52 p.m.

DWI. Deputies made a traffic stop at State St. and Main St. in West Concord at 9:07 p.m. They found the driver to be intoxicated and charged him with DWI.

May 20

Animal. Deputies received an animal complaint from the 200 block of East St. N. in Claremont at 5:52 a.m.

May 21

Domestic Assault. Deputies responded to a domestic assault in the 20600 block of County Hwy. 34 in Dodge Center at 2:34 p.m.

May 22

Suspicion. Deputies received a report of a male subject sleeping in a vehicle at 1st Ave. NE and Hwy. St. in Dodge Center at 2:44 p.m.

Juvenile. At 5:51 p.m., a citizen reported that an out of control juvenile male hit her with a brick on County Hwy. 34 in Kasson.

May 23

Animal Neglect. Deputies began an investigation of animal neglect in the 71700 block of 270th Ave. in Hayfield at 6:43 a.m.

Suspicion. At 10:09 a.m., deputy completed a welfare check following suspicious activity in the 61900 block of 251st Ave. in Mantorville.

Civil. Deputy assisted with a

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County. The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

- Abraam Rodriguez – DWI - \$12,000 bail
 - Antonio Rodriguez – DWI - \$1,000 bail
 - Carlos Rodriguez – terroristic threats – no bail
 - Carlos Rodriguez – DWI - \$12,000 bail
 - Joseph Rodriguez – theft by check - \$1,000 bail
 - Prudencio Rodriguez – traffic - \$2,000 bail
 - Jose Roman – DWI - \$6,000 bail
 - Justo Roman – DWI - \$12,000 bail
 - Jose Rosales – criminal sexual conduct – no bail
 - Amber Rubitschung – theft - \$500 bail
- James Russell – no insurance - \$1,000 bail
 - Anthony Russo – assault - \$10,000 bail
 - Ramiro Salinas – DWI – no bail
 - Miguel Sambrano – DWI - \$2,000 bail
 - Gilberto Sanchez – DWI - \$12,000 bail
 - Jorge Sanchez – theft, shoplifting - \$100 bail
 - Maria Sanchez – theft - \$500 bail
 - Roberto Sanchez – criminal sexual conduct – no bail
 - Russell Sanchez – theft - \$200 bail
 - Jose Saucedo – theft - \$3,000 bail

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Disclosing active warrants promotes public safety and aids in the identification & apprehension of those individuals wanted on a warrant.

Civil. Deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 200 block of Central Ave. N. in Dodge Center at 11:15 a.m.

Suspicious Activity. At 3:18 p.m., a citizen reported that a suspicious male was looking into homes in the 200 block of 3rd St. NE in Dodge Center.

COURT NEWS
Dodge County

The following cases were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of May 15 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Nathan E. Bennet, 22, Dodge Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony terroris-tic threats. He was sentenced to \$1,155, 82 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, no con-

tact with victim, cognitive skill training, obtain GED, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Larry D. Haberman, 45, Blooming Prairie, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana, misdemeanor suspended license and petty misdemeanor theft. He was sentenced to \$1,055, 62 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 90 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of May 15 – 22:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office
Matthew R. Berg, 34, Rochester, speeding, \$220; Tyler L. Britt, 32, Kasson, parking violation, \$32; Mark D. Elmore, 52, La Crosse, WI, suspended license,

\$280; Larry D. Haberman, 45, Blooming Prairie, theft and suspended license, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of probation;

Kody M. Mayer, 28, Kasson, DWI and damage to property, \$1,055, 67 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 90 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Amy K. Oldham, 47, Rochester, speeding, \$120;

Ashlee M. Ranvek, 24, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$1,075, 6 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, maintain employment, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Kasson Police Department
Jonathan P. Hulst, 37, Kasson, failure to stop for school bus, stop

sign and no child passenger restraint system, \$560 and 1 year of probation; Lloyd E. Johnson, 87, Dodge Center, suspended license, \$280; Ashton C. Lee, 25, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Hugo U. Martinez, 40, Montgomery Village, MD, stop traffic at intersection, \$130; Siobhan M. McKee, 24, Dodge Center, revoked license, \$280; Douglas F. Schmidt, 57, Mantorville, seat belt, \$105.

MN State Patrol Rochester
Jerrod R. Faulhaber, 27, Hayfield, speeding, \$120; Benjamin J. Haas, 17, Rochester, speeding, \$120; Nathan A. Kobi, 36, Kasson, stop sign, \$130; Tanner R. Kruckeberg, 23, Dodge Center, seat belt, \$105; Colton J. Page, 24, Dodge Center, speeding, \$140; Spencer C. Skinner, 46, Valparaiso, IN, no license, \$180; Caly M. Stockwell, 27, Owatonna, speeding, \$130.

West Concord Police Department

Amanda J. Berndt, 35, West Concord, domestic assault, stay of adjudication, \$100, domestic abuse evaluation and 1 year of probation; John R. Brown, 51, Cibolo, TX, speeding, \$120; Brian G. Giesler, 36, West Concord, disorderly conduct, \$280 and 1 year of probation; Lucas R. Hanenberger, 28, Sergeant, failure to yield to pedestrian, \$180; Thomas L. Holmquist, 56, Mantorville, disorderly conduct, \$280 and 1 year of probation; Valerie J. Martin, 56, Kasson, failure to yield to pedestrian, \$180.

ARREST
Steele County

Owatonna Police
Joshua Patrick Kempe, 22, arrested at 2 a.m. May 21, felony violation of possession of firearm as felon, possession of drugs and warrant arrest, held for court. Joseph Lee Alexander, 46, arrested at 7:39 p.m. May 21, ha-

rassment restraining order violation, held for court.

Ricky Scott Steele, 42, arrested at 9:35 p.m. May 24, extradition hearing – felony theft warrant from Missouri, held for court.

Michael Edward Payne, 25, arrested at 5:06 a.m. May 26, child endangerment, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff
Crystal Lindsey Wright, 37, arrested at 3:08 p.m. May 24, theft warrants arrest, body only.

OWATONNA FIRE

May 19
Crash. Fire rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 600 block of Lemond Road SW at 9:44 p.m.

May 22
Accident. At 2:19 p.m., a motor vehicle accident with injuries occurred on Interstate 35.

Patriotism alive and blooming in Blooming

LITTLE THOUGHTS
ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK
DELAP

Although America is living in tumultuous times, it has technically been blessed of late with peace. An unsteady and “walking on eggshells” kind of peace, but certainly a momentary calm.

The young people who have been born into the new millennium have heard the stories, read the books, watched the documentaries of America at war, but one would wonder where the heart of the young Americans are today, and if, perhaps, patriotism given way to political correctness.

The VFW Memorial Day presentation of the homemade quilts to 18 veterans Monday was a great tribute to past generations who have served our country well. The day itself also hopefully reinforces to our young people that the

holiday is not celebrating the coming of summer or family camping trips to one of our 10,000 lakes.

It is a day for education. Set aside to teach our children that we will never forget nor will we grow so apathetic that we don't fully realize that the bodies in some of those graves didn't have the luxury to die in their beds in Edina or in a nursing facility surrounded by family and friends in St. Paul.

These are actual remains of those who took their last breath far away from their home and country. Some coffins filled with bone fragments and body parts because portions of exploded tissue and brain matter became planted in the soil of a hostile and foreign country.

This is not a legend or a tale. This is the graphic nature of Americans at war.

I watched the Veterans come forth at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie, many now aged and slowed by life, still carrying the shrapnel of memories seared into their minds as they witnessed firsthand that period of America's infamy.

And as I looked around wondering if the family members all knew how fortunate they were that they still had a veteran alive to tell the stories, a young girl stepped

to the podium and began to speak about responsibility as Americans.

Marissa Larson, a senior at Blooming Prairie High School had won the Voice of Democracy speech writing contest. Quite a feat for any high school student, but more so for Larson because she had entered the contest for three years running and placed second and received two first place awards for her writing.

The theme this year was “My responsibility to America” and as she began to speak, she commanded the room not unlike a general commanding his troops before the battle. You could hear a pin drop as she made a striking first statement that answered my question as to where the heart of our kids are.

“With this abundance of freedom, there comes a ton of responsibility,” she said. A young student who not only gets this, but proclaims it got the attention of everyone in the room.

She went on to praise America for its virtues and its opportunities that other countries don't afford their citizens and then quoted the Bill of Rights as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. There was no alternative translation or urban slang to degrade our country, but sincere praise from an innocent heart who had never seen her country at war.

“We have to take care of our country in order to preserve everything that it has to offer,”

she continued.

The very fact that she spoke of preservation on a day that was intended to honor and preserve spoke volumes as to this generation's understanding of the day itself and honoring the price that was paid for our young country to continue.

She spoke of our being bound together by “common values” such as freedom, liberty and equality. She spoke of law as a boundary not to enslave, but to protect. She spoke of our responsibility to protect future generations and the obligations we have to honor those who went before us.

“Being an American means that you are free to exercise your rights,” she concluded with the asterisk that people must get out to find out what is going on in the world, vote to stand up for what you believe in and admonished people with the thought, “You need to be the change that you would like to see.”

A profound statement from a generation that will one day rule and reign in America. Larson not only spoke her conscience, but offered some nuggets that certainly could be valuable to some of us “old dogs” in the room.

She outdid herself with this speech, but then also painted a picture of an Eagle with the American flag reflecting in the eye. She entered that also into the artwork portion of the VFW contest, and won first place there too. For the second



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Blooming Prairie senior, Marissa Larson won both the Voice of Democracy speech contest and the Patriotic Art contest for 2016-17. She had won in both categories last year as well. The certificates and scholarships were awarded to Larson at the VFW Memorial Day program at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie.

year in a row.

Kudos to Larson and kudos to this generation, so many of which were there at the cemetery and also at the VFW

memorial program. I have a feeling that they get it.

And THAT makes me sleep a little better as snow is even now, falling upon my rooftop.

Forgotten Memories hot off the presses

The Steele County Historical Society announces the arrival of author Doug Meyer's new book, 'Forgotten Memories' in the County Junction Gift Shop at the History Center. Author Meyer has poured his heart and soul into the descriptive illustrated history not only of Steele County, but beyond.

'Forgotten Memories' is to be construed as a collection of short essays and illustrations.

The subjects of the selected essays are intended to revive incidents in our Steele County and Minnesota history that have been forgotten, ignored or previously not known to the reader. The book offers information on a wide range of topics--early western expansion to vanishing villages.

Author Meyer has had an interesting history himself. Serving in the Army Corps

of Engineers, he earned a degree in math from Ripon College where he had spent his first three years and a degree in science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he spent two more years. Doug was employed by Turner Construction Company based in midtown Manhattan where he worked on a wide range of notable structures, each one located in one of the 12 cities

in which Meyer has worked — Manhattan, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Milwaukee, Denver, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Long Beach and, of course, Minneapolis. After 37 years with Turner Construction Company, Doug and his wife, Alice, both graduates of Owatonna High School, class of 1948, came home.

“Doug's research and writing integrated with illustrated composition by SCHS archives manager, Dan Moeckly provides an informative look at development of the Midwest from Native Americans to today and especially the development of Steele County,” said Jerry Ganfield, Society board president. Doug has worked long and hard to provide the area's background from stagecoach routes to Interstate highways.”

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Senior Kodey Kiel fires a pitch during Owatonna's 6-2 loss to Rochester Mayo in the opening round of the Section 1-AAAA tournament. The Huskies saw an early departure from the postseason, losing both Section 1-AAAA contests and the season finale to New Ulm.

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**Blooming Prairie, Medford
baseball teams strike out cancer**

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

“Strike!”
The Blooming Prairie High School Field was adorned with a pink tinge to it on Monday, May 22 during a cancer benefit baseball game between the Blossoms and the Tigers of Medford.

Large flags were spread across the outfield fences from the left field foul pole to the right field foul pole. Smaller flags were placed behind the backstop.

Players and coaches from BP and from Medford sold the flags with the proceeds from these sales and from concessions going to the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. Coach Matt Kittelson of Blooming Prairie and Jon Chappuis reported sales of 100 flags.

Katrina Staska, mother of Blossom player Brad Staska, threw out the first pitch to catcher Dylan Nirk. Her mother passed away from cancer in 2012.

“You’re perfect for this,” Cheri Krejci, BP Cancer Group treasurer, told Staska. Krejci threw out a ceremonial first pitch prior to a Minnesota Twins Mother’s Day game several years ago.

Following Katrina’s strong toss across the plate, Beckie VonRuden, sister of Coach Chappuis, stepped onto the mound and threw a pitch to her sons Jarvis and Willie, both members of the team. Beckie is a cancer survivor.

Willie VonRudem, a freshman, pitched six strong innings for the

Tigers. Medford scored five runs in the final two innings and went on to win 6-1.

The Tigers are 5-13 on the season and the Blossoms stand at 5-14.

Coach Chappuis said his sister and father both battled cancer. “When I heard about the possibility of having a benefit game to raise money to fight cancer, I jumped on it,” said Chappuis. “It has hit close to home and I hope we can do this again next year,” he said.

“Everybody has been affected by cancer in some way through their lives, whether directly or indirectly, and our Strike Out Cancer game is just a way to help support those who are fighting cancer and

to honor those who have beaten the disease,” said Matt Kittelson, BP baseball coach.

“We also want to remember those who we have lost to cancer,” Kittelson emphasized.

Coach Kittelson said the benefit game teaches young high school baseball players about the importance of helping others and giving their time and efforts to the community.

The flags were pre-made and measure 12 by 18 inches. They were sold at \$10 each with names of friends or loved ones, or inspirational messages written on the flags. Pink t-shirts were also sold at the fundraising game.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Katrina Staska threw out a ceremonial first pitch at a Cancer Game between Blooming Prairie and Medford baseball teams on Monday, May 22 in BP. She is shown with catcher Dylan Nirk. Medford won the game, 6-1.



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The Medford baseball team also had a ceremonial first pitch prior to a May 22 game in Blooming Prairie between the Blossoms and Tigers. The game was a benefit to strike out cancer. Beckie VonRuden, surrounded by her sons Jarvis, left and Willie, right, threw a strike during a pre-game ceremony.

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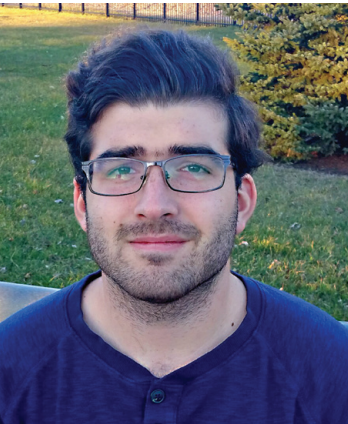
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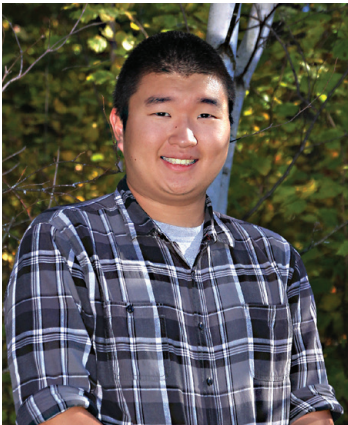
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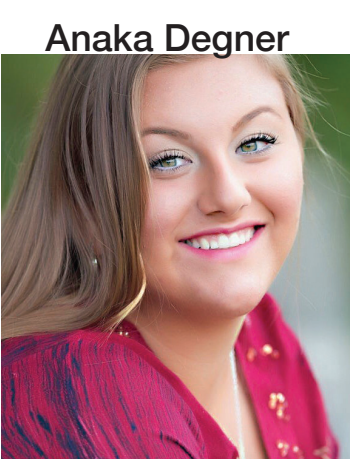


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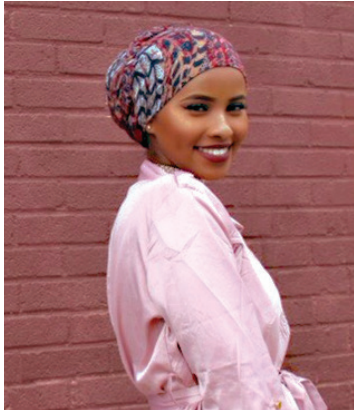
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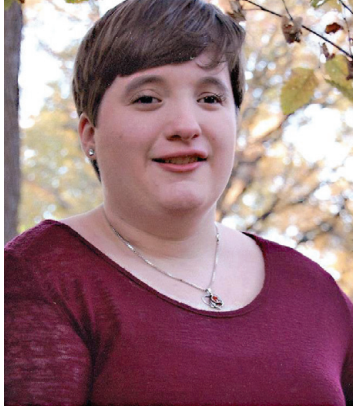
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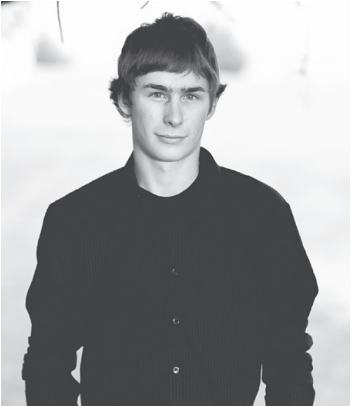
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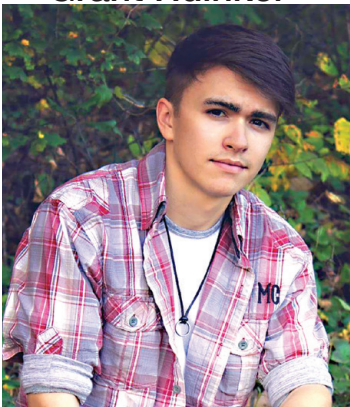
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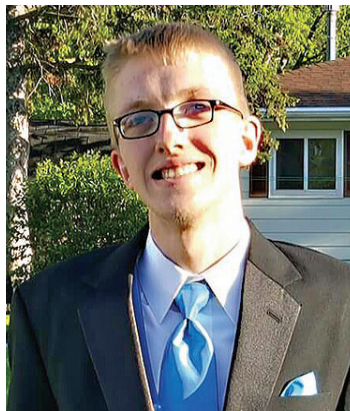
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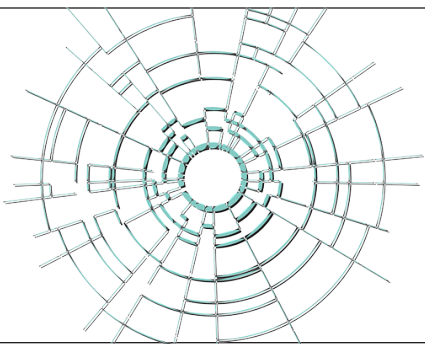


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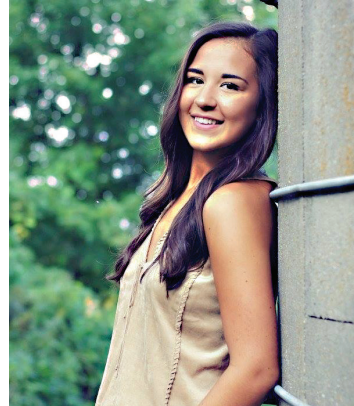
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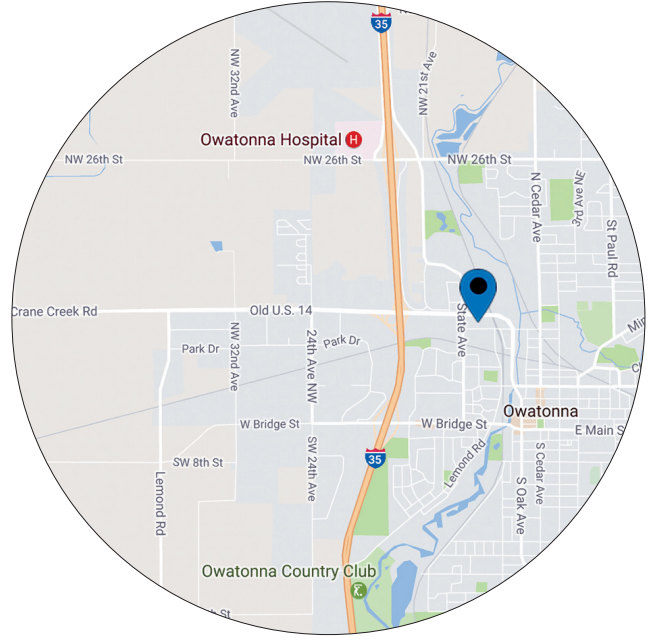
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