



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Summer In Full Bloom

This past weekend, Steele county was ablaze with a flurry of activities. In Owatonna the annual Harry Wenger Band Festival marched into town with fanfare and drumlines. Above, Brendon Strand, from the NRHEG band concentrates and pushes his instrument to the limits of the high register in front of the judges stand. Dairy Princesses Elizabeth Crawford and Kalyn Naatz rode in the vintage Chrysler for the Straight River Days parade in Medford last Friday night. There were over 70 parade entrants that were a part of the festivities.



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Man suspected of attacking officers with pitchfork

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

A pitchfork wielding man who police say came after them during an incident in Owatonna faces felony assault charges.

Jacob Joseph Fuller, 41, of Owatonna, has been charged with second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon, along with a gross misdemeanor charge of fourth-degree assault and a misdemeanor of obstructing legal process.

The 911 center received a call of threats from Fuller on June 14, according to the complaint filed against him. In the call, Fuller allegedly said that “if cops show up it was going to be deadly and that they should come deep.” Fuller became uncooperative with the 911 dispatcher and eventually hung up.

During the same time frame, Faribault police determined Fuller allegedly violated an Order for Protection and requested that Fuller be arrested on the violation. The threats made in the contact with another family member indicated details about a Glock weapon, the complaint said.

Police went to Fuller’s residence in the 1000 block of South Grove Avenue to monitor the situation as other officers made contact with Fuller’s wife, who was at work. She warned police that Fuller would be upset. Officers contacted Fuller by phone and he used expletives toward them and told them he didn’t violate any restraining order.

PITCHFORK
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Light your charcoal

By **LEMAR NELSON**
Staff Writer

The date was saved, and the time is now here. The 6th annual ribfest, sponsored by the Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club will take place this coming Saturday, June 25, and it promises to be the biggest one yet. Approximately a dozen cooks will be displaying their skills at the time-honored tradition of making barbecue ribs to tantalize the taste buds of those in attendance.

A new feature this year, and one that is sure to set toes tapping along, is the appearance and entertainment provided by the Pot luck String Band out of the Twin Cities. Although based on bluegrass style, members of the group label the music Americana, as they incorporate several different styles, even venturing into a semblance of rock and roll occasionally.

RIBFEST
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No injuries after hay fire causes destruction of rural Owatonna barn

By **AHREN BACKMAN**
County Staff Writer

No injuries were caused when a hay fire escalated into a full barn fire at a rural Owatonna farm just a few miles northwest of Havana.

The fire fully destroyed the barn, but other buildings, including a full cattle barn, were unharmed.

Owner of the farm, Loren Krause, said he had passed by the hay barn shortly before the fire started, and saw nothing. Krause confirmed that time to be around “a quarter to one.”

A shot time later, Krause said his son, Scott, came running into the yard warning of fire in the hay barn at around 1 pm.

By the time The Times arrived on scene around 1:15, no flames were visible.

What started the fire is not clear. Krause said he believes that hot temperatures in the hay barn may have originally sparked

the fire. The official reason for the fire will not be available until the fire report is available.

The Owatonna Fire Department was the first to respond, followed closely by fire departments from Medford and Blooming Prairie.

In order to keep the fire contained, Owatonna Fire erected a large temporary pool, similar to an outdoor swimming pool, which kept two tankers pumping constant water into the barn. As the pool emptied, the other fire departments used spare trucks to assist in keeping the water pumping.

The smoke had mostly subsided by 2 pm, but spare trucks, from all three departments, were still on the way to be sure there was no risk of the fire spreading.

Assisting on scene in a non-fire capacity was two different agencies. A Gold Cross ambulance was at the farm in case of medical needs, and a Steele County trooper was assisting.



Staff photo by Ahren Backman

Opinion

Our view

Don't blame me

The blame game. It's as old as time itself, and as far as knowledge speaks, it originated in the very beginning. Man blames woman, woman blames the serpent. In that particular case, it was a psychological term called "projection" where you want to remove the bad feelings that you have about yourself or something that has happened to you. The rationalization is, "If I can focus on your bad, I won't see how bad I feel."

Our country just witnessed another day of infamy. One in many that we have weathered in our 240 year history. In each case, the situations and conflicts cause rage and anger and ultimately, to handle the feelings of ultimate frustration, there is a tendency to want to lash out.

Under that kind of stress, there is a leaning upon blame. Blame itself becomes a balm that insulates people from the incidents. As in the case of the Orlando massacre, the shooter also was killed. Rage and anger can not be satisfied toward that dead end and so construction begins on another highway to release the pent up feelings.

Clearly it was the shooter's fault. He was not wired quite right. He had life experiences that tainted his thinking. Reasons, reasons, reasons. Ultimately upon his death, those reasons do not eliminate the feelings inside the mind of rage.

Because human beings have to find a reason behind everything, someone needs to be held responsible for the actions of others. One blames it on terminology used, whether it is politically correct to use the term "radical jihad" or the failure to use said term. One blames it on naming the killer versus not using his name. It's the fault of the NRA. No it's the passivism in the politician. It's got to be someone's fault, right?

All herrings to misdirect our attentions and split our unity as a nation. There will be more shootings. There will be deeper crisis's here in America. No matter what you do or what action you take, terror finds a window. Just when you think you've figured out how and where and why it comes, it develops a new route to our sanity.

First of all, shame. Shame on those politicians that use tragedy to try to further their platform and garner votes in the wake of the heartbreak. Secondly, shame on those who defer their rage due to their frustration. It has to be someone's fault. That is the belief as old as time.

And look at the history of tragedy. Has blame solved the problem or caused things to become utopian? All it has succeeded to do is to rip the very fabric of this country a little deeper. There are holes in the American flag. Gaping holes. Bombs are bursting all around us. There is such a much greater danger in a country's destruction from implosion than external threats.

On a grander scale we see the challenges. But what about our own communities, municipalities and families? "Right here in River City" to quote an old musical that deals with the same principal of panic when fear comes. There must be a realization that obstacles will be encountered and terrorism will continue. It has always been and always will be. Sometimes on a national level, sometimes on a local level and sometimes in your own back yard.

The nature of man is to blame someone, anyone, when a problem frustrates to the point of rage. The solution would be to face the challenges arm in arm as an army that will not break its ranks and a people who will not point fingers or tear each other down.

Frustration is normal in response to the crisis. How you react can determine the preservation of your fabric and the outcome of your next steps.

United we will stand, divided we *will* fall.



Band parade marshal's community involvement goes deep

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

It has become of the state's premier marching band festivals showcasing bands from all over Minnesota.

The Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival in Owatonna featured 12 bands in three different divisions Saturday morning.

Amongst all the hoopla of marching and band music filling the air was Patsy White, who was honored as this year's parade marshal. She led the parade in a convertible and got a front row seat in the judging area along Main Street.

"I enjoy seeing all the young people and that they are having fun," said White. "I was having a wonderful time and enjoyed waving to everyone."

White agreed that the beauty of the band festival is seeing so many young people busting with excitement and enthusiasm over performing for

large crowds with their band music. In a world often filled with darkness of bad things, it's refreshing to see teenagers bringing so much positive energy into something they love to do. It's apparent the high school students want to excel in their marching abilities.

It may not have been band music, but this year's parade marshal excels at community involvement. Her community service goes deep into Owatonna and made her a perfect candidate to lead the band parade. She was a registered nurse at Owatonna Hospital for many years and helped develop the Infection Control Unit.

She continues to volunteer with the Owatonna Arts Center Secret Garden tour. White is a former co-coordinator of Caregiver Connection.

White and her late husband, Vern, owned two businesses together— White's Café and White's Whatever. He had



Patsy White

been a senior vice president of the Wenger Corporation. He was instrumental in founding the Owatonna Incubator and he was also active with the Owatonna Jaycees. He died in 2010.

They were both born and raised in Owatonna. They left town a couple different times over the years, but something always drew them back. "We moved from Owatonna three times, but always moved back here," White said.

"A lot of people loved him very much and he contributed a lot to the community," White said of her husband. She looks at most of his accomplishments as her achievements as well. They were married for 51 years and he often commented that he couldn't have accomplished what he did without her, she said.

Asked what it meant to be this year's marshal, White responded: "I wish I was elegant enough to say something nice. It was an opportunity to share the love of the community. I was honored to be asked."

White enjoys to come out to the Wenger Band Festival each year. "I love the bands," she says. "It makes me proud to be an Owatonna."

With so many great bands performing, White had a hard time picking out her favorite. "I liked every single one of them and I really mean that," she said.

REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

Just call me Radar. If you have watched the reruns of the hit television show, M*A*S*H, you no doubt have enjoyed the antics of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital and its company clerk, Radar.

During my six-year Army National Guard service from 1965-71 (Vietnam Era), I served as the Albert Lea National Guard's Radar. I was company clerk for Company A, First Bat-

alion of the 135th Infantry.

America's military service veterans have often been forgotten but not in Blooming Prairie. Local service organizations are always saying thank you to those who have served in the Armed Services.

I know first hand how Blooming Prairie's veterans service organizations, which include American Legion Post 52 and VFW Post 878, their auxiliaries and the Sons of the American Legion, constantly pay tribute to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

I was touched deeply last Memorial Day when I was honored and humbled to have been given a Quilt of Valor by the service organizations of Blooming Prairie through a local Quilt of Valor foundation. Fourteen Quilts of Valor were presented to servicemen at a huge potluck picnic staged

at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie.

The workmanship on the quilts is representative of hours and hours of handwork. My quilt and my father-in-law Dale Mowers' quilt were created by local Quilt of Valor quilter Judy Bishop. She said she spent over 20 hours on each quilt.

Quilts of Valor are awarded to U.S. military service members and veterans who have been touched by war. A Quilt of Valor is a lifetime award.

Chris Butler has helped lead the local efforts of honoring service men and women by involving Quilt of Valor quilters. Fifty-eight Quilts of Valor have been given out in Blooming Prairie since Butler started the local chapter of Quilts of Valor two years ago.

Requests for Quilts of Valor are sometimes referred to as "nominations."

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Just call me Radar

Recipients are not informed of their selection until presentation day.

Blooming Prairie's local service organizations are always finding ways to honor the service men and women who have fought to preserve the many freedoms we enjoy.

The local service organizations organize special dinners to honor service men and women on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Other events are often organized to pay homage to anniversaries of past wars, for example, Pearl Harbor, the end of World War II, the end of the Korean War, etc.

All honored members of the Armed Forces from the Blooming Prairie area have either served during World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf

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Second Front

BP parade to be streamed live to the world

Commentary by local legend LeMar Nelson

The Steele County Times will be live streaming the Blooming Prairie Old Fashioned, July 4th Parade from 2:30 pm until the last float rolls through. The live stream will take place is over on a brand new live streaming application called “Parascope.” Steele County Times Editor Mark DeLap originally brought forth the idea, and then I took the reins on setting the equipment up. The stream will be broadcasted from the stage across from the Elementary school at 123 2nd Street Northwest. Along with the stream, two commentators will be informing viewers about the parade history, and, hopefully, providing some entertainment along the way.

Who are these guys?

LeMar Nelson
Writer, Teacher, and Legend
One of them you already know, or should already know. Steele County Times Staff sports writer LeMar Nelson has taught English for 35 years and is the authority on everything Blooming Prairie. This especially includes the Old Fashioned Blooming Prairie Parade. Next year will be the Blooming Pa-



LeMar Nelson

rades 150th birthday, and it will also be the 60th year in a row Nelson will be attending. That means LeMar will be sharing his vast knowledge of the parade with viewers. Nelson said he has always encouraged progressive technology. In fact, in his time at the Blooming Prairie yearbook, Nelson was at the forefront of using “Adobe Pagemaker” for the school annual.

Ahren Backman,
Talker, Technician, and New-comer

The other you probably don’t know at all. I am a new staff writer for the Steele County Times. I graduated with a degree



Ahren Backman

in Journalism from Minnesota State University, Mankato. My first media job out of college was doing the 5 pm news on Z99, or 99.1 in Mankato, where I did the 5 pm news. Along with this job came the duty of commentating live streamed high school sports. I have been told I have an energetic personality, and hope to add curiosity and a sense of humor to LeMar’s vast knowledge base of Blooming to make a great live parade cast.

How does it work?

The live stream will be through a social platforming mobile application called “Parascope.” With just a few clicks

of any modern “smart” phone one can instantly broadcast whatever can be captured by the phone’s camera. According to the applications official website, the application has been in existence for about a year, and was started by friends Kayvon Beykpour and Joe Bernstein. The idea came about when Beykpour was on vacation in Istanbul when protests broke out in Taksim Square. A year later the application was online, and a short time after that the social media platform Twitter bought Beykpour and Bernsteins creation for 100 million dollars. Although the Steele County Time’s use for “Parascope” will be much less dramatic, the Blooming Prairie Old Fashioned Parade will be covered in the exact same way.

How do I watch?

The live stream will be available to anyone with internet access, and can be found several different places. Links to the stream will be placed on the Blooming Prairie social media accounts, including Facebook and Twitter. Find links to the stream at <https://www.facebook.com/BusslerPublication/>.

Darrell Hansen celebrates retirement



Longtime Frontier Communications General Manager Darrell Hansen of Blooming Prairie was busy celebrating his retirement recently by putting in a round of golf at the Grand National Golf Course at Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Darrell actually scored a hole in one on #15, using a #6 iron. Wife Cindi was a witnessed and only moments before, challenged him to get a hole in one.

Gen Morales is a ‘dream maker’

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

This year’s Blooming Prairie 4th of July grand marshal is definitely someone you should get to know, if you don’t know her already.

Meet Gen Morales, longtime Blooming Prairie resident. She came to this area as a migrant worker and over the years has been active on the human resources side with migrant workers.

Each year of the parade, and this is No. 42, BP Area Chamber of Commerce committee members selected a grand marshal to lead the parade.

To learn more about the 2016 grand marshal, read a comprehensive biography penned by her eight children.

A biography of Genevieve Morales by her children Tony, Angie, Hector (deceased), Mary, David, Michael, Patty and Becky:

From being a homemaker to “the dream maker”, our mother’s lifetime career of service to the Hispanic community has stretched over five decades. Because you cannot find a more generous and caring person than our mother, it is only fair that we share her with others.

What began as volunteer work in the local migrant camps, evolved over the years to where she has provided numerous services to thousands of migrants, seasonal farm workers, employers and other members of the local community and the State of Minnesota. Along the way, she has developed lifelong friendships. She has and continues to represent the Hispanic community with great honor and respect.

Our mother, Genevieve (Gen) Morales, came to Minnesota from Eagle Pass, Texas, in 1951 as a seasonal migrant worker with her mother Helen Cortinas and her brother Manuel Cortinas. Because her Mother, greatly disliked the heat of Texas and loved the seasons Minnesota offered, they returned in 1952 and permanently resettled in Blooming Prairie, MN.

She was married in Blooming Prairie and began her family that grew to include 8 children, 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Our mother enjoys spending time with her very large family, especially attending the millions of events her family invites her to, visiting with friends, shopping, traveling

and helping others. To this day, no matter where we go with our Mother, she is always stopped by somebody who just wants to say hello to Senora Morales.

While our mother was a full-time homemaker, she began doing volunteer work at the local migrant camps in 1969. In 1972, she accepted a position with the MN Migrant Council as an Outreach Worker in Blooming Prairie. This is when our mother established a food shelf program for the migrant workers in Blooming Prairie. This allowed her to provide food and supportive services such as interpretation and transportation to the local migrant families.

Between the years of 1973 and 1980, she worked with the Migrant Health Services as a Health Aide and also the Migrant School Program as an Outreach Worker. Our mother greatly enjoyed expanding the services she could offer by enrolling the children into school, organizing parent/teacher meetings and acting as a parent/teacher liaison.

During this time, the Bishop of the Diocese of Winona, Bishop Watters, assigned Sister Ann to work with the Hispanic community. While Sister Ann was working with our mother and grandmother, they recognized there was a great need to provide clothing, pots and pans, etc. to the migrant workers.

Sister Ann and our mother gathered donations throughout southern MN and local churches. At first, our mother stored all the donations in her garage but quickly it was too small, so they rented a building in town, quickly outgrew that and then moved to Main Street and called it the Guadalupe Center. In addition to the Guadalupe Center, our mother was very active with organizing and supporting the Spanish Masses that were held at the Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie and Claremont.

In 1980, she returned to the MN Migrant Council as a Human Resource Developer. Over the next 13 years, our mother expanded her portfolio of services she was able to provide. Some of these services included employment training, she performed outreach recruitment, organized career exploration, job placement and on-the-job training. And equally important to all of the above, she established connections with existing resources and services in the area, obtained contributions from various organizations and businesses in order to maintain

the food shelf and commodities.

Since 1993, our mother has worked for Job Service under the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). There, she provides bilingual employment services to migrant and seasonal farm workers.

In addition to taking job orders and providing job place-

ments, she informs clients of alternative job opportunities and refers clients to supportive services. In turn, she offers services to employers, so that their needs of workers are met in a timely manner. In her outreach work, she has developed many relationships with the public and private community agencies, migrant seasonal farm-

workers and employers.

Even today, she continues as the DEED representative in the local community and as a liaison for the area’s Spanish-speaking population. In the MN DEED newspaper, they wrote an article about our Mother. At the end, they wrote, “We at DEED are proud to benefit from the dedication of Senora Morales.”

Over the years, our mother has been on many boards. Some of them include: Southeastern MN Housing Network Project, Owatonna Hospital, Steele County Food Shelf, the Women’s Resource Center, Steele County AIDS Task Force, MN State Board of Health and Region 10 Advisory Council on Aging. In addition to this, our mother has received recognition for her dedication. Here are a few highlights:

In 2006, Migrant Health Services (MHSI) wrote the following about our Mother to support her nomination of the “Leadership, Unity, Professional and Excellence (LUPE) Award.” They wrote, “In the early ‘70s, Gen Morales worked for Migrant Health Services in southeastern MN as a bilingual health outreach worker.

“Morales provided education and referrals for community resources, translation services for farm worker families, clinical staff and area health providers. Over the years, MHSI staff and patients continue to rely on Gen’s knowledge and her ability to leverage community resources for the farm workers and their families.

“Addressing health issues were not the only challenges accepted by Gen. Farm workers would identify issues such as problems with housing, transportation, food, etc. and Gen would help the farm workers walk through their options to identify the appropriate choices.

“We continue to rely on Gen Morales for issues in the Southeastern portion of MN. There are people in each of our lives who have made you smile, have been willing to go above and beyond for you or a person you are working with, Gen Morales is one of those people who comes to mind immediately. The LUPE Award will be well placed with Gen Morales.”

Our mother was presented this award at the 2006 MAFO National Farmworker Conference in Atlanta, GA. (MAFO is a national partnership of farmworker organizations.) This award recognizes the work and effort

of outreach workers within the state monitor advocate system and addressing the employment needs of local farmworkers.

Former Gov. Tim Pawlenty established Sept. 27, 2003 as Hispanic Heritage Day. (September 27th just so happens to be our mother’s birthday too!) In honor of the positive impact our Mother made to Minnesota communities, she was awarded one of five Hispanic Heritage Awards for lifetime contributions.

Then Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer presented our mother with the Order of the North Star Certificate of Recognition honoring her work serving Migrant families and the Hispanic community.

What three words best describe our mother? Caring.... provider.....and sympathetic..... she is an advocate for good education and a fair wage for all. She strives to find permanent full-time jobs for those caught in the migrant stream. By doing this, she hopes this will allow the migrant worker to find stability and then offer good homes and schools for their children.

So besides everything you just read, what makes our mother so special? Our mother has been blessed over the years and has always found a way to give back and help those in need.

As her mother once said, “Even if all you have is one cookie in your cupboard, you will always offer that cookie to your guest.” To this day, if you open our mother’s trunk, you will find her car stocked with food, clothing, blankets and toys just in case there is someone out there who could not find the help they truly needed. And why toys? Because of the smile it brings to the child’s face when she gives them what might be their only toy.

Our mother stays very networked in the Hispanic community and knows when there are families in great need due to major illness or the elderly that are unable to make ends meet.

She will personally reach out to others, including family and friends, to ask for donations or monetary contributions to assist these people. We are very delighted that our hometown of Blooming Prairie is honoring our mother, Genevieve Morales. We all couldn’t be more proud to have a Mom that has accomplished such an incredible career servicing the Hispanic community while raising all 8 of us!



Genevieve (Gen) Morales

News



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

The Snappy Chicken arrived to the Main Street Dental Clinic last Thursday to personally wish Dr. Chad Hanson a happy 40th birthday. The staff put their heads together to come up with an idea to surprise the doctor as he came to work and found not only the ginormous chicken, but also signs throughout the building with well wishes and black balloons.

Raindrops don't deter strawberry lovers at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Raindrops On Tuesday, June 14 did not keep strawberry lovers away from attending the 75th annual Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church Strawberry Festival. The special Diamond Jubilee event was sponsored by WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) with proceeds going to missions and also to help youths attend camps. Organizers of the event held at 30456 Mower Freeborn Road said more than 440 attended the festival which featured lots of food, craft items, a bake sale and a quilt

raffle. Strawberry Festival attendees of all ages began arriving before 4 p.m. and many were still at the church when the event ended at 7 p.m. This year's quilt was created by Pat Hanson and quilted by Anita Farrell. Winner of the quilt was Steven Brandt of Blooming Prairie and a relative of a Red Oak Grove congregation member. Judy Wambean, a volunteer leader, said 537 quilt raffle tickets were sold. Linda Christianson, a lead organizer for the festival, sold 150 of those chances. Prior to enjoying strawberry dessert, either over some delicious shortcake, angel food cake, or with a healthy offering of ice cream, visitors

consumed sloppy joes, potato salad, chips, baked beans and hot dogs. Youth of the church served as waiters and waitresses, serving food and acting as cleanup crews. Men of the church served as parking attendants. An estimated 50-plus volunteers helped with the giant church project. Most volunteers wore red, Red Oak Grove 150th anniversary shirts. The church celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2009. Four area health care centers were invited to attend, which included residents of Prairie Manor Care Center of Blooming Prairie, St. Mark's Care Center of Austin, the Cedars of Austin and the Sa-

Help Keep Old Fashioned 4th of July going

By LUKE SWENSON
President
Blooming Prairie
Area Chamber of Commerce

Being raised an Awesome Blossom, as I suspect many of you reading this were, I cannot imagine Blooming Prairie without our Old Fashioned 4th of July celebration. This is, by far, the largest event The Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce holds each year with the support of local businesses and countless volunteers over the years. Each year includes one of the best parades in the state, great food vendors, fireworks, and many family friendly activities such as the peddle pull competition, miniature golf and the list could go on and on. I cannot imagine a 4th of July in BP without hearing "peddle, peddle, peddle", or watching the parade and fireworks... getting my annual shish kabob (or three) and all the other things I've come to enjoy while celebrating our country's independence and I hope my children can enjoy as much as I have.

But how much longer will our great community be able to host this great annual event? The answer to that question may be up to you. Over the years volunteers in preparation for this event have dwindled and while some new volunteers have joined, the number of people involved has continued to drop. I am positive there are more willing and able volunteers out there, which is why I am writing this. There are many tasks to be completed each year to keep this event going. Some tasks are small and some are large. Some could use a strong back and some elbow grease and some are more clerical and detail oriented. My point is, if you are willing and able, I'm sure there is a way you can help. If you are interested or just want more information please contact the BP Area Chamber of Commerce office either by phone, (507) 583-4472, or by email, bpcofc@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your help and support.



JANE NYQUIST

Heat dangers

June 8th was National Heatstroke Prevention Day. Its focus was to tell people to never leave a child or animal alone in a car. Just this past week another child lost his life because he was left in a car while his dad was in a barber shop. Already this year 12 children have succumbed to the heat in a car compared to 5 at this same time last year, a 240% increase. Since 1990, more than 750 children have died in these preventable tragedies. General Motors recently announced that its 2017 Acadia will have a feature that will remind drivers exiting their vehicle that a child may still be in the back seat. This is a first step in potentially saving lives. Hopefully more vehicles will have this in the future.

Parked cars heat up very quickly, which poses a major health threat to children and pets. Cracking the windows does not keep the car cool. A child's body can overheat 3-5 times faster than an adult body. Rear facing infant car seats look the same whether empty or occupied. Couple this with drivers overestimating their brain's ability to multitask when suffering from sleep deprivation, distractions, stress and the changes in their daily routine can lead to tragic results. Always check the back seat of your vehicle for your baby or child before you lock the car. Put your purse, cell phone, employee badge or brief case in the back seat with your child or a stuffed animal in the passenger seat to remind you of your child. Ask your babysitter or childcare provider to call you if your child doesn't show up as planned. Always keep cars locked and keys and remote controls out of reach of children while the vehicle is parked. If a child is missing, immediately check all vehicles in the area.

KidsAndCars.org states that leaving a child in a parked car can and does happen to the most loving, responsible and attentive parents; no one is immune. There is no greater tragedy for a parent or caregiver than to suffer the loss of a child due to heatstroke. A car is not a babysitter. NEVER leave a child or animal alone inside a vehicle, not even for a minute! If you see a child alone in a car call 911 immediately. The difference between life or death is minutes in a hot car. Protecting children is everyone's business.

Extreme heat can affect adults too. Some people may be more susceptible or 'at risk' for a heat-related illness. Risk factors are being less than 5 or over 65 years, having pre-existing medical conditions or on certain medications, persons who work or play outdoors and persons living in homes without air conditioning. Air conditioning is the best defense against extreme heat, even if for just a few hours a day. To reduce the risk, consider visiting a shopping mall, library, or another public building with cool air. Taking a cool shower or bath can also provide some relief. Stay hydrated with water and wear light-weight and light colored clothing if outside. When the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness and should not be used. Check on vulnerable people you know who might not have air conditioning and might be at risk of heat-related illness. You could save their life. Let's make this a "cool" summer! Submitted by Jane Nyquist, Health Educator at Steele County Public Health. Information for this column was taken from www.kidsandcars.org.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud
Fourteen-year-old Gracie Rudlong had a big smile and a bowl of strawberries and shortcake for those who attended.

PITCHFORK

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As officers approached the house, Fuller's son agitated a pit bull to become aggressive towards them, the complaint said. Officers saw Fuller swearing and yelling at them as he was standing on the porch. He told officers to get off his property. An officer told him at least twice that he was under arrest. The complaint alleges Fuller

continued to threaten officers. An officer advised they would get a search warrant to gain access into the house to get him. He allegedly threatened the officers by saying, "go ahead and get a search warrant and come into the house and you will see what will happen." He then went into the house. With officers surrounding

the house, Fuller eventually came out near the garage. After some more profanities were exchanged, Fuller grabbed the wooden handle of a pitchfork and started waving it at one of the officers as though he was going to charge at and hit him, the complaint alleges. Fuller allegedly drew back and threw the pitchfork like a spear at a police

sergeant. Fuller then ran back into the house and locked the door. Officers tried to kick down the door, but were unsuccessful. He came back and opened the door. As officers tried to arrest Fuller, he actively resisted by pulling away and holding his arms to his chest, the complaint said. Officers took him to the ground

and held him as he continued to pull away. The officers finally got him handcuffed. Fuller is out on bail awaiting his court proceedings. If convicted on the most serious charge, Fuller could face a penalty of seven years in prison and a \$14,000 fine. The charge calls for a minimum sentence of at least one year in prison.

RIBFEST

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Hours for the ribfest go from 3 to 7 p.m., and the band will play during those hours as well. In addition to the music, there will be games for kids, a raffle for some good prizes and an additional contest for BBQ chicken wings. Kansas City Sanctioned judges will judge ribs and sauce, and cash and trophies will be presented for first, second, and

third places. A first place cash award will go to the best chicken wings, and a trophy given for the first place BBQ sauce. In addition, a Grand Peoples' Choice award will cap off the competition, and private steak cook-off will be held. BP Servicemen's Club is partnering with the event, and the

club will be sole provider of beverages on the premises. Food will also be offered throughout the event in the club and people are encouraged to make a full day's entertainment of the affair. Admission to the ribfest is by displaying a wristband, which entitles bearer to all the tasting desired. Wristbands are available in advance for \$10 at the

B& G club, Vandals, the Servicemen's club, and both local banks. The wristband will be \$15 the day of the event. Raffle tickets are also available in advance and will also be sold n June 25. This is the second biggest fundraiser for the local B & G club, and currently over 50 kids are participating in an exciting

summer schedule. Besides various classes and activities at the club, weekly trips to the library and swimming pool are on the agenda, and field trips are in a planning stage. Community support has been good, and greatly appreciated, and the ribfest is just another way to elicit local residents' involvement and participation.

REFLECTIONS

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War or other conflicts. During my service, units of the Minnesota Army National Guard of the 47th Viking Division which the Albert Lea unit was a part, saw their training frequency increased from 48 drills a year to 72 drills a year. The Vietnam War was escalating rapidly during that time but the role of the Minnesota Army National Guard remained focused on state needs including state disasters and even race riots in Minneapolis. The 1960s were some volatile times. Rumors spread fast that

since the Albert Lea unit was an infantry unit, we would be one of the first National Guard units in Minnesota to be sent to Vietnam. It never happened. I believe a Worthington, MN National Guard unit was the only Minnesota unit to be sent to Vietnam during the time of war. Our National Guard unit was activated for public security reasons at the time of some damaging tornadoes in the Albert Lea area on April 30, 1967. Albert Lea's National Guardsmen were responsible for helping protect the proper-

ties of those who were affected by the tornado damage. Traffic control was a major responsibility of the Guard. I remember citizen signs posted in neighborhoods ravaged by tornadoes. They read: "Sight see-ers not welcome." Five persons were killed by the tornadoes that struck the Albert Lea area on this Black Sunday. It was believed that as many as five tornadoes caused damage from northern Iowa and north through Albert Lea to the Waseca area. The damaged areas resembled a battle zone but of course, the circum-

stances were very different. I also recall our Guard unit training to quell race riots in Minneapolis. Our training involved mock riot exercises that had Lea College students playing the parts of rioters. We were fortunate not to have been sent to the riot-struck areas of the Twin Cities. Annual summer training took our Guard unit to Camp Ripley near Little Falls. Our training was intense and one summer we were struck by monsoon rains. The terrain, dampened by flooding rains, resembled the lands of south-

east Asia. Thank yous are appreciated by the many veterans who have served the different branches of the Armed Forces. There was a time, however, when veterans were not given the respect they earned through their military service. I was proud to have served and I thank others who have served. Also, thanks Blooming Prairie service organizations for remembering those who served and made sacrifices, some with their lives.



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Pastor's corner

Sukkot: A Love Story

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.
— Hebrews 11:9-10

You can't know Him by keeping the law. You keep the law because you know Him.

He pursues us and He begs us to let Him forgive us. Why would we fight that? Because we are not ready to part ways with our sins, nor are we ready to live any other way.

Sukkot is a love story. It is a perusing, a rescuing, a renewing of the mind, heart, soul and spirit... and it is a picture of a loving bridegroom escorting His bride from bondage to the bride room... from exile to eternity.

What a precious word in my spirit

from the Lord yesterday on the final day of Sukkot (The feast of tabernacles or “booths”) 2014. As I examined the story of the woman caught in the very act of adultery, I realized that this event that was historical in nature actually occurred one day after Sukkot. It was the essence of the Father's heart for what Sukkot was all about.

In that event that day, God was “summing up” the meaning of Sukkot. I guess to fully appreciate all of the goodness of that great Jewish holiday, you would have to do extensive studies on the origins, the traditions and the hidden secrets. That could take a lifetime – from that feast alone.

The woman in adultery in John 8 was caught ONE DAY after the feast of tabernacles and Christ, in the character and authority of His Father – found her, loved her, forgave her and taught her the love

story of Sukkot.

Stones are used to erect permanent dwellings and to bring judgment and death to malefactors. Jesus admonished them all to drop the stones and to remember Sukkot. Not just the place where the law was given in their temporary state, but the reason why the feast was created in the first place. The pursuing, the rescuing, the redeeming, the cleansing, the preparing of a place and then – the catching away... of the Bride of Christ.

Can you see the correlation in your life? He came looking for you. He was the ONLY ONE who came looking for you. He begged you to let Him forgive you and took you to a life of exile where you are even now being prepared to enter one of the greatest portals of your life. You are about to enter through gates of pearl.

- Pastor Mark DeLap

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2016 Events

Thursday June 23rd

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7pm: Playground glow run @ city park
7pm: Bingo @ the community building - sponsored by Ellendale community action group

Friday June 24th

Family movie night @ community center - sponsored by the Ellendale ambulance
7pm-9pm: The B-side Band @ community stage
7pm: Lions Club meat raffle
9:30pm - 12:30am: Music by High Adventure- behind the bar and Sportsman Club food stand

Saturday June 25th

8am: NRHEG wrestling golf classic at Riverview Golf Course
8am: Citywide garage sales
9am: Car show down by the bus garage - sponsored by Ellendale Lions Club
9am: Ellendale Lions serving rolls and coffee at car show
9am: Lions Club food tent open downtown
9am-2pm: Craft and vendor show -next to Floors 4U
10am: Bean bag tourney behind the bar- entry fee \$10.00 – double elimination – pay out for 1st and 2nd place
10am: Canvas painting at the community building. Cost is \$30.00 to sign up call Renee 507-369-5395. There will be a 10am flag painting and a 1pm child/adult turtle painting
2pm: Happy Feet Dance Studio performing on the community stage
4pm: Parade- parade route is same as last year
4pm-7pm: Kiddie games – behind the bank - sponsored by Ellendale Lions Club
5pm: Turtle races on 2nd street
5pm-7pm: Pork chop supper sponsored by the Ellendale Commercial Club
6pm-8pm: Kiddie tractor pull on 2nd street
7pm-8pm: Todd and Roger Utpadel on the community stage
8pm-12am: Teen dance @ the community building - sponsored by the fire department
9pm-12:30am: Street dance with Wicked Renegade and Sportsman food stand
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Sunday June 26th

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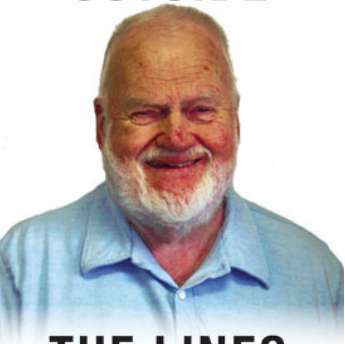
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Golfers deliver record

No local sports fan will doubt but that the BPHS golfers provided the biggest news last week. It proved a history-making season for the boys' team as they captured the first section title in school history. They thus joined the other four Blossom teams that have advanced to the state playoffs, including the football teams that made state three times and the softball team that competed four times, culminating in a state championship.

In addition, the boys placed fifth in the competition, and Tommy Braaten and Taylor Christianson both finished in the top ten individuals. Braaten earned fourth for the boys and also made the All-State team, and Christianson moved up six places from her 12th last year to sixth in this year's tournament. That marks quite an accomplishment for the team and the two individuals.

As coach Cory Hendrickson remarked after the event, "This was not even on radar two months ago, but halfway through the season the boys acknowledged that they had a good thing going. They were a little disappointed in their second day scores at state, but a fifth place at that level is great, and they will appreciate it more once they have a couple of days to let it sink in."

All of the golfers involved in the season earn a big last tip of the hat and a lot of credit goes to coaches Hendrickson and Carl Peterson and to volunteer Aaron Ressler for his excellent help and advice. It truly did become a record-shattering season of golf.

EVENTS OF NOTE

The Owatonna people's press released its all-Area baseball team last week, and BPHS freshman Seth Peterson made the team. Owatonna, led by All-Area player Alec Holcomb, landed eight players on the team; Medford earned three players and NRHEG had two players named. Dempsey Tucker and Cole Staloch represented the Panthers and Wyatt Volkmann, Nate Meixner, and Javis VonRuden were named for the Tigers. BP's Peterson batted over .300 all season long and led the Blossoms in hits.

I have written about it for several weeks, and now the date is here. Saturday, June 25, the sixth annual Ribfest, sponsored by the BP Boys & Girls club, will be held at the BP Servicemen's Club. As I have noted, approximately ten or twelve cooks will display their skills in cooking ribs for tasting, and for prizes and trophies. BBQ sauce is also judged and wings and steak are also on the tasting menu.

An added attraction this year will be entertainment by the Potluck String Band. The group will play from 3 to 7 p.m., which are the hours of the ribfest. Admission is by wristband, which can be purchased in advance for \$10 or for \$15, that entitles the person to all the ribs one can taste the day of the event. Beverages are on sale at the servicemen's club, which is a co-sponsor of the ribfest.

B & G club organizers are anticipating a large crowd and

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Christianson takes sixth at state



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Blooming Prairie junior golfer Taylor Christianson made her third trip to the MSHSL State Golf Tournament last week at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker.

Braaten claims fourth; team finishes fifth

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

Blooming Prairie's Taylor Christianson is no stranger to competing at the Minnesota State High School League Girls' State Golf Tournament.

The junior had qualified in two previous years and she had her best state rounds in the 2016 edition last Tuesday and Wednesday at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker. After shooting an opening round 81, Christianson followed with an 83 for a total score of 164, good for sixth place.

"Golf is an experienced game," said coach Carl Peterson. "You've got to have experience to get better and she's gotten better each year she's played here."

Christianson's play has improved with each year of experience at the state tournament. As a freshman in 2014, she finished in a tie for 40th place after carding a 195, then last year as a sophomore, she jumped to a tie for 12th place with a two-day total of 173. Those prior experiences helped her in a way you might not expect.

"I learned not to get upset all the time," she said. "We made it here, you might as well be happy."

"I had a few bogeys here and there (Wednesday), but I pulled through on the last hole for par so I'm pretty happy."

Tuesday, Christianson's 81 was good for fourth place after the first day, meaning she was put in the final individual grouping for Wednesday's final round. It was an intimidating group to be a part of. Westbrook-Walnut Grove's Abby Herding, who placed third last year, and Legacy Christian Academy's Sophie Gray, who finished fourth last season, shared the lead with a low score of 78 while last year's winner, Kiera Smith of Heritage Christian Academy, was in third with a score of 80.

It was understandable for Christianson to be nervous the night before the round knowing she was playing with this foursome.

"I actually wanted a coach (with me Tuesday night) to keep my emotions set," she said. "I had a coach (Peterson) and he helped me through today and that's all I needed."

Smith shot a 76 Wednesday

to help her repeat as state champion with a two-day total of 156 to best Gray by a single stroke. Herding placed third again with a 159.

Fillmore Central won the Class A team championship with a team score of 692. Windom Area was second with 724 and BOLD took third with 728.

While Christianson was making her third state appearance, the Blooming Prairie boys' team was making their first trip to a state tournament.

Any first time jitters seemed non-existent as the Blossoms put together an impressive Tuesday performance. The team was in third place after round one with a team score of 333 trailing only Mounds Park Academy who led with 309 and Mahnomen/Waubun who tallied a 320. Tommy Braaten's opening round score of 75 was third best of all golfers after round one.

The junior was not able to complete his round on Tuesday. After storms cut short play, Braaten had to finish his round early Wednesday morning with the completion of his final two holes.

"Waking up at 5 a.m. is never easy for me," said Braaten. "It was weird. You get out here early; it didn't even feel like it was (Wednesday). Today, it seemed like it took forever."

After completing his round, Braaten waited roughly five hours for his second round to begin. The break in routine did not seem to affect him as he shot a 78 in round two meaning his two-day total of 153 was good for fourth place overall.

"He's a great player and I know he might be a little disappointed with some putts he left out there today, but he's tremendous," said coach Cory Hendrickson. "He shot a 75 and 78, those are two great scores. He's the best player on our team and he leads the way for us; he's very valuable."

Mahnomen/Waubun's Blake Kahlbaugh ran away with the championship with a two-day score of 138, besting Mounds Park Academy's Dylan Merchant and Maccray's Brady Madsen by 11 strokes. Community Christian's Brett Reid tied Braaten for fourth.

Braaten's teammates had steady performances over their two rounds. Lucas Noble shot a

pair of 85s for a total of 170; Jon Hatch equaled Noble on day one and then followed with an 86 for a 171 total; Ethan Strunk's total of 182 included a pair of 91s, and Jake Ressler shot a two-day total of 190 (88-102).

Blooming's day two total was down a little from Tuesday as the team combined to shoot 340. The overall score of 673 dropped them to fifth place in the final standings as they were edged out by Sleepy Eye United's score of 672 for fourth. Mounds Park Academy defended their championship from last year with a first place team total of 623. Mahnomen/Waubun was second with 634 and Lac Qui Parle Valley placed third with 669.

Despite the drop from third to fifth, there's plenty to be proud of for the Blooming Prairie boys' golf team.

"This is a tremendous experience (for our team)," said Hendrickson. "They might be a little disappointed with how they played today, but to consider where we were at the start of the season and to be playing on the last day of the state tournament is a tremendous accomplishment."



Staff photos by Joe Tischler

Blooming Prairie's Tommy Braaten (left) and Lucas Noble (top right) follow through on tee shots while Jon Hatch (bottom right) eyes his putt line at the MSHSL State Golf Tournament Tuesday and Wednesday at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker.

Gopher road trip: state of football program

Claeys assumes permanent head coaching duties

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

When the Gopher Road Trip drove through Owatonna June 8, the contingent of head coaches and other athletic department personnel came boasting about the success of their programs.

In the 2015-16 school year, the 23 intercollegiate sports combined for five Big Ten regular season championships (volleyball, men’s hockey, women’s gymnastics, women’s outdoor track and field, and baseball), one postseason Big Ten tournament championship (softball) and one national championship (women’s hockey).

The programs that get the bulk of the state and national attention though are football and men’s basketball and those programs seem to be far away from winning championships of any kind.

The men’s basketball team, which will be broken down in next week’s edition, had one of their worst seasons in program history. The focus of this break down is of the state of the football program which is now under new direction.

Tracy Claeys began his collegiate coaching career at Saginaw

Valley State in 1995 when then-head coach Jerry Kill hired him to be the linebackers coach. That began a 21-year run of a coaching/friend relationship. When Kill later made head coaching stops at Emporia State, Southern Illinois, Northern Illinois, and eventually to Minnesota prior to the 2011 season, Claeys came along and served as his defensive coordinator starting with Emporia State in 1999.

Kill led Minnesota to a progression of wins in his four full seasons. The Gophers were 3-9 in 2011, his first season and improved to 6-7 in 2012 and then to back-to-back 8-5 seasons. The 2014 season featured the program’s first New Year’s Day bowl game since the 1962 Rose Bowl.

Kill’s tenure was also newsworthy for his health issues. Kill has epilepsy and suffered multiple on-field seizures. That led him to taking a leave of absence during the 2013 season with Claeys acting as head coach.

He returned for the 2014 season and led the team to within one win from appearing in the Big Ten championship game.

After a 4-3 start to the 2015 season, Kill retired due to his worsening health condition.



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Tracy Claeys will begin his first full season as head coach of the University of Minnesota football program in 2016.

Claeys became interim coach for two games before being named the permanent head coach November 11.

Faced with the scheduling gauntlet of facing the likes of Michigan, Ohio State, Iowa, and Wisconsin down the stretch,

Claeys and Minnesota lost four of their last five regular season games. The 5-7 Gophers were still able to compete in a bowl game and defeated Central Michigan in the Quick Lane Bowl, the program’s first bowl win since beating Alabama in the 2004 Music City Bowl.

Claeys will be coaching without his friend and mentor, Jerry Kill, for the first time since he coached at Santa Fe Trail High School in 1994. Kill, a Kansas native, took a non-coaching position at Kansas State University where he will be the associate athletic director. Despite wanting to keep him around in some capacity, Claeys is happy for his colleague and friend.

“It’s great for him,” said Claeys as he spoke with reporters at the Owatonna Country Club June 8. “That’s what he wanted, some type of position to oversee the football program. We couldn’t get something worked out here so I’m happy he was able to get something worked out closer to home. He’ll have a lot of fun and he’ll help them a lot.”

Being a collegiate head coach for the first time, Claeys has been using the offseason and spring practices to learn a lot about his student-athletes and how to run his program.

“I learned a lot more about our kids; you try not to ask kids to do things you’re not very good at,” said Claeys. “When you set up offense and defense, it’s a simple idea, but on game day, you want to play to your kids’

strengths and try to avoid their weaknesses.

“In the offseason, you try to fix the weaknesses, not during the season. That’s one thing I learned and I thought we did a really good job in the spring of designing what we’re going to do around that.”

Claeys will have a veteran returning at quarterback in senior Mitch Leidner. The Lakeville South product played through a foot injury to lead the Gophers to their bowl victory. He had surgery during the winter and didn’t participate in spring practice leaving all snaps going to backups Demry Croft, Conor Rhoda, or Seth Green.

Claeys’ main concern is the line protecting the quarterbacks. He says he has seven kids who are Big Ten ready, but depth and inexperience could be an issue.

“We’ve got to stay healthy,” he said. “If we have some injuries and get past that, we’re going to have some true freshmen and there are some awfully big monsters to block for those freshmen.”

Minnesota begins fall practice August 6 and their season opener is Thursday, September 1 against Oregon State at TCF Bank Stadium.

All-star football game set for Saturday

The Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA) has announced the 88 players, including 14 from the southeast district and six from the south central district, that will participate in the 43rd annual MFCA Tackle Cancer All-Star Football Game.

The game, to be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Cloud State University, showcases outstanding senior players from the 2015 Minnesota high school football

season.

The players representing the southeast district include: Jordan Barthelme (Winona), Matt Culhane (Rushford-Peterson), Peyton Glenzinski (Faribault Bethlehem Academy), Tanner Gran and Hunter Hoscheit (Caledonia), Will Halloran (New Prague), Sam McNamara (Goodhue), Van Neils and Charlie Schwartz (Mankato West), Chase Rahman (Plainview-Elgin-Millville), Isaac Stadler

(Northfield), Logan Swanson (Mankato East), Emmanuel Tetteh-Jada (Rochester John Marshall), and Adam Vacura (Triton).

Players from the south central district include: Aaron Chimal (Tri-City United), Jacob Falconer (Marshall), Brady Jensen (Fairmont), Luke Narveson (Belle Plaine), Bailey Olson (Blue Earth Area), and Blake Wolters (Pipestone Area).

This game will be the final MFCA All-Star Football game to be played in the summer. Going forward, the MFCA plans to play future games in early December at the new US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Full rosters can be found at the All-Star Football Game website at www.allstarfootball.org.

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profits will enable the club to provide summer programming to approximately 75 kids. We will see you there.

That same date, the sixth annual Cruise for Cancer is also on the schedule. The 120-mile cruise will begin and end at J&H Liquors, which is the sponsor for the event. That ride is always well attended and this year should be no different. Maybe they can go from the ride to the ribfest to get their fill. That would benefit everyone.

The big Fourth of July celebration is less than two weeks away and several volunteers are still needed to man some of the events. See Becky at the Chamber office if you could help out for a couple of hours. It is the one occasion that really shows off our community and

we want to make it a most entertaining couple of days. A reminder that next year will be a huge celebration, as it will be the 150th year of Blooming Prairie’s existence. Plans for that have already begun.

HONOR EARNED

The local Atochem company recently received an outstanding achievement award from the Minnesota safety council for its safety record over the last year. The company was noted for its attention, dedication, and continuous effort to protect employees. A tip of the hat is certainly in order for that very outstanding accomplishment.

ADAY FOR FATHERS

Being a father myself, I can appreciate that at least for one day in the year, we are credited for our efforts to be good and caring parents. It is usually the father who provides children

with some of the skills beneficial in outdoor activities or leisure pursuits of life.

I know that was the case with me and my father and I hope that I have been a supportive parent for my children as well. I will be the first to admit that it was my wife who taught our daughters some of the everyday home-making skills, but I had a hand in teaching manners ethics and leisure time pursuits. That would make me satisfied with my role as a caring parent and a good father.

A couple of things to ponder. As one Pastor said to a prospective member, “Well, if you don’t believe in organized religion, ours is as disorganized as they come.” Lastly, remember this. All politicians are smarter than the people who elected them. Think about that, and we’ll talk again.



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of June 17

Results

Pure Stocks:

Feature: Matt Brooks-Austin, Jason Newkirk-Austin, Stacy Krohnberg-Walters, Brady Krohnberg-Walters, Brandon Shaner-Owatonna, Daniel Guttormson-Austin, Greg Lammers-Owatonna, Jim Briggs-Waseca, Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, Cole Krone-man-Austin, Cody Rollinger-Winona, Troy Maas-Faribault, Caleb Korpi-Claremont, Tyler Nelson-Albert Lea

Heat 1: Brooks, B Krohnberg, Shaner, Hotovec, Maas, Nelson (DNS: Lammers)

Heat 2: Newkirk, S Krohnberg, Guttormson, Briggs, Kroneman, Rollinger, Korpi

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

Feature: Garitt Wytaske-Lansing, Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie, Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, Dan Wheeler-Savage, Jeremy Misgen-Ellendale, Michael Wytaske-Lansing, Adam Martinson-Plymouth, Jacob Stark-Austin, Brad Minske-Northfield, Tianna Mithun-Freeborn, Daryl Hainka-Wannamingo, Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, Jaiden Bastyr-Austin (DNS: Dustin Steinbrink-Austin)

Heat 1: Cisneros, J Misgen, Minske, Martinson, D Hainka, Bastyr, Steinbrink

Heat 2: Wheeler, Goergen, M Wytaske, G Wytaske, Stark, L Hainka, Mithun

WISSOTA Street Stock

Feature: Mike Blowers-Waseca, Danny Hanson-Alma WI, Fred Prudoehl-Winona, Kyle King-Hastings, Blake Adams-Stacyville IA, Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, Zach Elward-Hayfield, Brent Holland-Glenville, Noah Grinstead-Austin, Mike Chisholm-Osage IA, Nick Roemhildt-Waseca, Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA

Heat 1: Blowers, Be Adams, K Adams, Grinstead, Bl Adams, Holland

Heat 2: Chisholm King, Prudoehl, Roemhildt, Elward, Hanson

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Action resumes at Chateau after rainouts

By MATTHEW GRAGE
Guest Writer

Stock Car racing action resumed Friday Night at Chateau Raceway in Lansing after three weeks of rainouts, but not without Mother Nature keeping officials watching the radar screen. As action got underway radar was showing rain about 60 miles out, but it never made it to the track and the full night’s action ran off without any moisture from the heavens interfering. Eighty-four cars filled the pits for the night’s action with 18 drivers making their first appearance of the season at the track.

Leading off the night were the Pure Stocks with Matt Brooks of Austin and Jason Newkirk of Austin taking home the opening heats of the evening. The two then battled in the second half of the night for the classes feature win with plenty of good side-by-side racing action between them. The pair along with Jim Briggs of Waseca went three-wide at the start of the race with the advantage going to Brooks as they completed lap one. Newkirk took control of second and kept the pressure on Brooks as he kept trying to use the inside line to make the pass for the lead. Newkirk was never able to make the move to get to the front but ran a nice race to come home second behind Brooks who scored his first feature win of the season as well as completing the sweep on the night. Stacy Krohnberg of Walters moved up to third as the race rolled on caution free. Brady Krohnberg had a nice run after starting back in row five to work his way up to fourth ahead

of Brandon Shaner of Owatonna who also took the green from a fifth row starting spot.

The WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds were the second feature of the night and they rolled off a clean caution free main event as well with Garitt Wytaske of Lansing and Brayten Cisneros of Blooming Prairie putting on a good show. The two took the green side by side in the front row with Wytaske getting the advantage off the outside. Cisneros stuck right with him sticking his nose in there lap after lap challenging for the lead but Wytaske was able to hold his line and hit his marks for 18 laps and came home with his first feature win of the year. Cisneros held on for second ahead of Ryan Goergen of Stacyville Iowa. Dan Wheeler of Savage and Jeremy Misgen of Ellendale rounded out the top five. Wheeler had a heat win earlier in the night as did Cisneros.

Mike Blowers of Waseca controlled the WISSOTA Street Stocks for the night as he scored his fourth feature win in as many shows at the track this year. Mike moved from row four to the front on lap 10 of the 15 lap event and pulled away to the win. Danny Hanson of Alma, Wisc. was the hard charger of the race as he started last car in the 12-car feature and drove through the field all the way up to a second place finish. Fred Prudoehl of Winona, who started on pole, finished third ahead of Kyle King of Hastings. Blowers also took the win in his heat while Mike Chisholm of Osage, Iowa grabbed the class’ other heat win.

The USRA B Mod feature was slowed by numerous cautions. Derek Clement of Spring Valley and Kadden Kath of

Owatonna started front row and dueled through the early laps with each leading at some point. Clement got the jump on the initial start but that was wiped out by a quick caution. Kath got the advantage on the next restart and held the lead until Clement went to the front on lap six. That lasted until lap ten when Kath got the better of it off a restart and went back to the point but that lasted just four laps as something let go in his car and trail of smoke and fluids followed him into turn three ending his night. That fluid sent several cars spinning and Clements race ended up ending early as well as a couple others. When the dust finally settled after the final restart it was Kylie Kath who started back in row four running his string of feature wins to open the year to four. Alex Williamson of Rushford and Mark Wytaske of Austin battled it out for second the final laps with Alex getting that spot. A couple drivers who started deep in the field made nice runs into the top five with Jayden Larson of Mankato finishing fourth ahead of Taylor Ausrud of Hayfield. The class heat wins went to Anthony Condit of Austin, Dustin Kruse of Brandon South Dakota and Ausrud.

In USRA A Mod action Brandon Davis of Medford scored his third feature win of the year at the track. Joe Horgdahl of Kasson lead the races first five laps before Davis swung by him for the lead. Josh Angst of Winona and Jason Cummins of New Richland started side by side back in row four and never got far from each other as they worked through the field to finish second and third. Horgdahl held on for fourth ahead of Greg Pfeifer,

Jr. of Brownsdale,. Pfeifer and Cummins picked up the classes heat wins.

There was a little bit of drama to wrap up the night in the Hornet Feature. Cody Hyatt of Waseca grabbed he early lead ahead of Nick Sillman of Minnesota Lake and Ralph Hanks of Waseca and three were battling for the top spot when Jordan Loeffler of Waseca got into the wall causing an early caution. Hanks was expecting a double wide restart and pulled along side Sillman for the restart while the rest of the field was single file. He made the move for the lead but at the next caution, he was penalized two spots for essentially jumping the previous restart. That gave the lead to Bobby Blowers of Waseca with Jerry Coopman of Mankato restarting second, Coopmans car didn’t come up to speed on the restart and Hanks jumped to second and then went to work on Blowers trying to get back to the front. Hanks finally made the outside line work for him and with two laps to go he went back to the front and came home with his first feature win of the season. Blowers wound up second ahead of Sillman. George Schruppf of Rochester put on a nice show as he came from the last position in the 13 car field on the start to finish fourth. Heat winners for the class were Coopman and Blowers.

The track also made an announcement that the 19th Annual Mike Guttormson Memorial make up date has been set. The race was rained out on Memorial Day weekend and the new date will be Friday, July 29. It was also announced that the USMTS touring Modified series will highlight the night’s race card for the Memorial event.

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Church, Owatonna
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5:30 p.m. Ambulance Comm Mtg
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10:30 a.m. BPBL Storytime,
Bloomington
June 25, 2016
9-10:30 a.m. Registration - Cruise For
Cancer Motorcycle Run. Starts at J&H
Liquor in Bloomington
3-7 p.m. Boys & Girls Club Ribfest,
Bloomington Servicemen's Club in
Bloomington
June 28, 2016
Bloomington Card Club & Luncheon
10:30 a.m. BPBL Storytime
6 p.m. BPBL Book Club
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June 29, 2016
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June 23, 2016
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
6-9 p.m. Dan Stursa Band - Outside Music
Series on 2nd Street. Bad weather -
Ellendale Community Building.
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
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How Medicare Handles Second Medical Options

Dear Savvy Senior,
Does Medicare cover second medical opinions? The doctor I currently see thinks I need back surgery, but I would like to get some other treatment options before I proceed. What can you tell me?
Searching Senior

Dear Searching,
Getting a second medical opinion from another doctor is a smart idea that may offer you a fresh perspective and additional options for treating your back condition so you can make a more informed decision. Or, if the second doctor agrees with your current one, it can give you some reassurance.
Yes, Medicare does pay for second opinions if your current doctor has recommended surgery,

or some other major diagnostic or therapeutic procedure.
If you're enrolled in original Medicare, 80 percent of the costs for second medical opinions are covered under Part B (you or your Medicare supplemental policy are responsible for the other 20 percent), and you don't need an order or referral from your doctor to get one. Medicare will even pay 80 percent for a third opinion, if the first two differ.
Most Medicare Advantage plans cover second opinions too, but you may need to follow certain steps to get it paid for. For example, some plans will only help pay for a second opinion if you have a referral from your primary care doctor, and/or they may require that you can only use a doctor in their network. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan,

you'll need to call it to find out their rules.
Finding Another Doctor
To find another doctor for a second opinion you can either ask your current doctor for a name or two, or you can ask another doctor you trust for a referral, or you can find one on your own.
Whatever route you choose, it's best to go with a doctor that's affiliated with a different practice or hospital than your original doctor. Hospitals and practices can be set in their ways when it comes to treatments and are likely to offer similar advice.
If you choose to find one on your own, use the Physician Compare tool at Medicare.gov/physiciancompare. This will let you find doctors by name, medical specialty or by geographic location that accept original Medicare. You

can also get this information by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227. Or, if you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, call or visit your plan's website for a list of candidates.
After you've got a few doctors names, there are a number of free online resources to help you research them like HealthGrades.com and Vitals.com. Or, consider AngiesList.com (888-888-5478), which is a membership service that currently offers doctors ratings and reviews from other members in your area for \$3.50 for one month, or \$11.32 for the year, but will be offering free reviews this summer.
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or you may have to pick them up and deliver them yourself. That way, you won't have to repeat the tests you already had. But, if the second doctor wants you to have additional tests performed as a result of your visit, Medicare will help pay for these tests too.
For more information, see the Medicare publication "Getting a Second Opinion Before Surgery" at Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02173.pdf.
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
Tuesday, June 27, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher
State Representative Patti Fritz came to visit with locals over coffee and donuts at the Bakery on Maine Street in Bloomington. On issues concerning our town, from education to energy, Fritz, who is running for reelection, talked to citizens from nine to eleven in the morning and focused on the four points that she believes Bloomington needs to put its energy towards: education, transportation, energy, and environment.
In getting ready for the upcoming 4th of July Celebration, the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce held a little contest following their monthly meeting in which groups dressed up an individual to look like "Uncle Sam" using seed bags and red, white, and blue items. Winners of the contest were Judy Peterson, Carol Kirkebon, Mohammad Kazemi (Uncle Sam), Sandy Holmes, and Karen Beede.
"How I Demonstrate My Freedom" was the theme for this year's Voice of Democracy Program, which gives students in grades 9-12 a way to express their patriotism either artistically or orally for scholarship competitions. Kristin Miller won for her essay, and Kyle Rowland took the second place title in the Patriotic Art competition.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, June 25, 1996
Elsie Shinger, Editor
Three years ago Tony Cavagnetto, high school band director, started up Bloomington's Community Band. Throughout the summer, the local band has performed on Wednesday nights at the City Park Gazebo. The band is made up of 30 members, ranging from 14 to 70 years of age, and plays many different types of music including marches, waltzes, pop, and jazz.
Friendly service and convenience is what Brain Braaten will offer in opening up "Cars R Us" in Hayfield. The Bloomington native opened the business May 18, buying it from Dennis and Deb Klocke. The Sinclair quality fuels, 24-hour card pump service, quick lubes, and full service will continue. Braaten also runs Braaten's Courtroom, a racquetball court in Bloomington, and will keep that business running despite his recent move to Hayfield.
Members of the Jim Klobuchar "Jaunt with Jim" biking rally quickly made their way through Bloomington on Tuesday, June 18, on their way from Chatfield for a night's stay in Waseca. This was the 22nd biking tour that nearly 200 people take annually. Klobuchar, a retired Minneapolis Star-Tribune columnist, led the parade of bikers.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, June 23, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors
Bloomington's Fire Department answered two calls during the past week, both of which resulted from burning rubbish and igniting garage roofs.
A public hearing on re-districting of Steele County commissioner districts will be held next Thursday. Steele County is reportedly one of 10 counties in the state where re-districting is recommended by the Minnesota attorney general.
The vocational agricultural program in Bloomington will expand as a third agriculture instructor will be hired, who will spend two-thirds of his time in the Farm Management program for adults and approximately one-third of his time in the all-day program with students in farm shop.
The largest delegation of disgruntled property owners in Bloomington's history appeared at the Board of Review meeting held at the Community building, to voice objections to their 1966 tax assessment. Over 70 persons were present at this year's meeting in comparison to the usual one or two taxpayers who have attended in the past. The boosting of 1966 tax assessments for residential property, especially those who had constructed homes within the past 10 to 12 years,

brought out the biggest number of complaints. The general consensus of everyone congregated was that property owners cannot continue to absorb both assessed valuation and mill rate increases, and the time has arrived to call a halt to soaring taxes in Bloomington.
75 Years Ago
Thursday, June 26, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher
Corporal Herbert Jurgenson, originally from Bloomington and who had volunteered as a selectee from Steele County, sent a letter depicting the soldier's viewpoint from his camp in Jolon, California. Here is his letter:
Dear Mr. Krejci:
I have been reading the Times every week since I have been in the army, and you can't imagine how much enjoyment I get in reading the news about the old hometown.
I read your editorial about the boys in camps seeming satisfied. I agree with you about the recreation and work, but not with the food. It is hard to find the soldier that is satisfied with the food. The recreation is tops, in fact last Saturday we had a program with movie starts that money couldn't buy.
Army life isn't very hard; in fact I have never worked so few hours a day in my life. The only trouble with being in the army out here on the Coast is the way a soldier is treated. There are so many

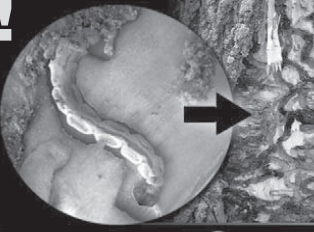
soldiers out here that the civilian people are getting sick of them, and treat us like dogs. Prices have gone sky high since all the camps have started, and all the people are after, is the soldier's \$21 they get every month.
I was very lucky to get in the Medical Corps; my job is clerk work in a Battalion dispensary. Each morning after breakfast each company has a sick call for all the boys who don't feel just right, then they send the boys over to us. We check them over and if they are very sick we send them to the Station Hospital at Fort Ord. Many of the soldiers think that reporting for sick call is a good way of getting out of work, but we soon find out who they are and give them extra duty. We call that kind of fella a "gold brick" in the army.
Well I must close now and get my mess kit so I can eat noon chow. Our camp is on the Hunter Liggett

Military Reservation, where they are now holding maneuvers. You might be interested in knowing that our camp is located about one mile from the ranch house of R.W. Hearst, the big newspaper man.
Sincerely yours,
Corporal H. F. Jurgenson

Charges of selling malt liquors to a minor were filed Monday against Ernie Schaufenbil, proprietor of Ernie's Café here, in a complaint signed by R. A. Seavey. Mr. Seavey, following the arrest of his son Robert Seavey Saturday night for disorderly conduct, filed the complaint. Robert, who is 17 years old, testified that he purchased 3.2 beer at Ernie's Café. Mr. Schaufenbil testified that Seavey claimed to be 21 years old, but that he did not sell him beer. The continuance of the case was granted.

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Public Safety

Crime Brief

Alleged drunk driver arrested in hit and run



Tichy

A 50-year-old Owatonna man faces charges after allegedly running into a vehicle while driving intoxicated and leaving the scene. Scott W. Tichy has been charged with third-degree DWI failure to test, fourth-degree DWI and leaving the scene of a crash. Owatonna Police assisted the State Patrol with a hit and run investigation June 11 on Highway 14. Accord-

ing to police reports, a vehicle rear-ended another car traveling eastbound on 14, went through the median, across the westbound lanes and into some back yards on Eldorado Street. An officer with Owatonna found the suspect vehicle running and stopped it. The driver denied the crash despite his bumper hanging loose and his airbag deployed, police said. The driver displayed signs of alcohol impairments and was arrested for DWI, according to police. Tichy later refused any additional testing for DWI and was charged with refusal.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

June 10

Lost Property. At 12:18 p.m., police received information regarding lost property.

Owatonna Police

June 10

Arrest. At 12:53 a.m., officer arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Broadway St. E. and Grove Ave. N.

Warrant. Police made a warrant arrest in the 300 block of Oak Ave. S. at 2:12 a.m.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 8:26 a.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 2200 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 9:22 a.m.

Domestic. Police responded to domestic disturbances in the 200 block of Oakdale St. SW at 10:46 a.m. and in the 2300 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 6:36 p.m. Arrests were made at both incidents.

Burglary. At 11:03 a.m., police began a burglary investigation in the 200 block of 12th St. NE.

Shoplifting. Officer made a shoplifting arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 1:21 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1100 block of School St. E. at 9:51 p.m.

June 11

Burglary. Police responded to a burglary in the 600 block of Mound St. SW at 8:36 a.m.

Obscenity. At 10:46 a.m., officers responded to an obscenity incident in the 400 block of Main St. E. A citation was issued.

Hit and Run. A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 3900 block of Cabela Dr. NW at 1:37 p.m.

Theft. A vehicle was reported stolen from the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 7:17 p.m.

DWI. Officers arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated on Hwy. 14 E. at 9:55 p.m.

June 12

Driving. Police received a driving complaint from the 100 block of Landmark Dr. NE at 7:18 a.m. A citation was issued.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 11:39 a.m.

Restraining Order. At 9:17 p.m., police received information regarding a restraining order violation in the 200 block of Grove Ave. N.

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 10:55 p.m.

June 13

Drugs. Drug activity was reported in the 1500 block of Truman Ave. SE at 10:29 a.m. and

in the 300 block of Broadway St. E. at 6:26 p.m.

Traffic. Officers arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at 26th St. NW and State Ave. NW at 10:07 a.m.

Thefts. Police took theft reports in the 200 block of Mill St. E. at 10:52 a.m. and in the 3000 block of St. Paul Rd. at 3:17 p.m. and at 3:49 p.m.

Vandalism. At 10:44 p.m., officer received a property damage report from 11th St. NE and Cedar Ave. N.

June 14

Thefts. Thefts occurred in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 1:28 a.m. and in the 200 block of School St. E. at 1:55 a.m.

Threats. Officer responded to a threats incident in the 1000 block of Grove Ave. S. at 9:47 a.m. A subject was taken into custody.

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 4:52 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 200 block of 22th St. NW at 3:44 p.m.

June 15

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests in the 1400 block of Oak Ave. S. at 7:31 a.m. and in the 2300 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:36 p.m.

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1000 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 11:26 a.m.

Theft. At 12:32 p.m., officer issued a citation for theft in the 100 block of 15th St. NE.

Shoplifting. Police responded to a shoplifting incident in the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S. at 11:01 p.m. They took a subject into custody.

June 16

Drunkenness. Officers responded to a report of intoxication at 11th St. NE and Elm Ave. N. at 2:26 a.m.

Suspicion. At 10:10 a.m., police responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1400 block of Oak Ave. S. A citation was issued.

Child Protection. Police received child protection reports from the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 1:44 p.m. and the 100 block of Wilson Dr. NW at 2:39 p.m.

Thefts. Thefts occurred in the 1900 block of 2nd Ave. SW at 9:40 a.m. and the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 5:52 p.m.

Crash. At 8:46 p.m., officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with property damage in the 300 block of Mineral Springs Rd. NE. A citation was issued to one of the drivers.

Animal. Police responded to an animal call in the 1000 block of 18th St. SW at 9:09 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff

June 10

Traffic. Deputy made a traffic stop in the 300 block of 8th Ave. W. at 11:48 a.m. They took the motorist into custody.

June 11

Robbery. Deputies responded to a robbery in the 600 block of Vine St. E. at 8:45 a.m.

Probation. At 6:26 p.m., a probation violation occurred in the 13900 block of 72nd Ave. SW.

June 12

Death. Deputies began a death investigation in the 500 block of 8th Ave. W. at 4:01 a.m.

June 13

Arrest. Deputies assisted another agency with an arrest at 26th St. NW and State Ave. NW at 10:13 a.m.

June 14

Warrant. Deputies took a subject into custody for an outstanding warrant at the detention center at 3:28 p.m.

DWI. Deputy arrested a motorist for drunken driving in the 1300 block of Outofarea Way at 9:46 p.m.

June 16

Warrant. At 8:39 p.m., deputy made a warrant arrest in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 6 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Lorenzo M. Cook, 25, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony domestic assault. He was sentenced to \$1,081, 90 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, chemical dependency evaluation, psychological evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, do not enter liquor establishments, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Nicholas L. Dube, 23, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary and gross misdemeanor offering forged check. He was sentenced to \$1,818.80, 30 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Lee D. Efta, 40, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,081, 60 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

Matheng B. Gatkuoth, 17, Mankato, previously appeared and was convicted of felony simple robbery. Gatkuoth was sentenced to \$131 and 23 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Dak L. Ret, 20, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aggravated robbery. Ret was sentenced to 21 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Jeremiah M. Roberts, 30, Canton, SD, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime – possession. He was sentenced to \$587.49, 30 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health screening, community service and 10 years of supervised probation.

James E. White, 35, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary. White was sentenced to \$581, 6 months in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, domestic abuse counseling, complete Domestic Abuse Batterer’s Intervention Program, mental health evaluation and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 6 – 10:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Jose R. Aguilar, 30, Maleview, no MN license, \$181; Kelsey M. Blake, 22, Austin, invalid license, \$181; Latanya A. Capote, 30, Austin, revoked license, \$281; Chase J. Moe, 19, Austin, expired tabs, \$111.

MN State Patrol Rochester

David P. Broin, 59, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; John H. Callahan, 29, Rochester, revoked license, \$281; Innocent O. Charles, 22, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Dodd W. Clasen, 48, Minneapolis, speeding, \$121; Austin H. Coleman, 52, Minneapolis, speeding, \$131; Jose E. Galvan Colmenero, 34, Owatonna, revoked license and expired registration, \$311; Nicholas T. Hinkel, 22, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Makenzie A. Johnson, 23, Albert Lea, speeding, \$121; Thong T. Lwel, 23, St. Paul, speeding, \$121; Nicole B. Melgaard, 48, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Guy A. Minnich, 54, Lansing, speeding, \$131; Liban A. Mohamed, 16, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Andrea R. Moreno Ramirez, 28, Faribault, expired license, \$181; Tanner J. Nelson, 19, Ellendale, seat belt, \$106; Ricardo M. Perez, 58, Northfield, revoked license, \$181; Somsak Phiakhkam, 44, Albert Lea, suspended license, \$281; Raymond K. Scott, 37, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Alex J. Seha, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Jessica M. Smith, 28, Austin, suspended license, \$281; Jeff J. Stolley, 28, Elgin, IL, expired registration, \$111; Corey M. Stroup, 30, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Brent A. Sutherland, 64, Galeana, KS, seat belt, \$106; Gerardo A. Villanueva Medrano, 28, St. Paul, no license, \$181; Jamie L. Willaert, 34, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106.

Owatonna Police Department

Abdikadir M. Abdi, 29, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Mohamed A. Afrah, 30, Faribault, stop sign, \$131; Rodolfo Altamirano-Castillo, 57, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Mi-

chelle D. Bennett, 49, Rochester, theft, \$181; Eric L. Bernea, 28, Hayfield, open bottle, \$181; De-shaundra Booker, 28, Owatonna, shoplifting, \$181 and 30 days of unsupervised probation; Char-ity A. Braulik, 36, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Asha A. Buri, 39, Owatonna, failure to stop for traffic control signal, \$131; Lamoine A. Busse, 53, Mankato, theft, \$404.46, 90 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Cam-eron D. Carlson, 33, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Anthony J. Cassen, 28, Owatonna, barking dog, \$381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Rosalio J. Chavez III, 29, Owatonna, domestic assault and damage to property, \$381, 2 days in county jail, domestic abuse counsel-ing and 2 years of supervised probation; James T. Cooley, 47, revoked license, \$281; Thomas J. Donlon, 19, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Nicholas L. Dube, 23, Owatonna, offering forged check, \$581, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; Gerardo A. Fernandez-Guerra, 29, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Robert F. Ford, 72, Albert Lea, seat belt, \$106; Jay B. Fuentes, 20, Owatonna, col-lision with unattended vehicle, \$281; Anthony J. Hanneman, 25, Owatonna, financial transaction card fraud use, \$981 and 2 years of supervised probation; Derek J. Kelling, 19, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Jordan D. Lindeman, 18, Owatonna, criminal damage to property and theft, \$81 and 136 days in county jail; Jeffrey C. Michel, 30, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Karla M. Rader, 34, Northfield, theft, \$181 and 1 year of supervised probation; Es-meralda Reyes, 34, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Victor A. Rodriguez, 25, Waseca, suspend-ed license, \$281; Jonathan R. Rollins, 28, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Andrew M. Si-mon, 33, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Nicholas D. Thibodeau, 37, Northfield, possession of Marijuana, \$131; Stacy A. Vor-therms, 37, Owatonna, failure to stop for school bus, \$381; Dajoun D. wadley, 19, Austin, possession of Marijuana, \$231; Stephanie M. Yates, 31, Roches-ter, no MN license and expired tabs, \$211; Julio C. Zavala Lo-pezz, 43, Owatonna, speeding, \$181.

Steele County Sheriff’s Office

Hussein S. Abdulle, 39, speeding, \$100; Carol J. Ander-son, 63, Owatonna, speed-ing, \$121; Erik S. Anderson, 18, Austin, speeding, \$141; Rob-ert C. Anhorn, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$151; Ricardo Brown, 43, Owatonna, no MN license and speeding, \$241; Brady M. Bruggeman, 27, Blooming Prair-ie, no child passenger restraint system and seat belt, \$156; Ale-jandro Castro, 35, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Geronimo De-luna Jr., 40, Bricelyn, cancelled license, \$181, 14 days in county jail and 2 years of supervised probation; Boubacar D. Diagne, 20, Austin, speeding, \$131; Ja-son Q. Dinh, 37, Des Moines,

IA, speeding, \$221; Steven M. Ditttrich, 57, Owatonna, speed-ing, \$121; Alee Dolley, 29, Aus-tin, speeding, \$221; Amanda T. Fehn, 47, Minnesota Lake, speeding, \$141; Caitlin B. Haugland, 20, Austin, speed-ing, \$141; MacKinzee A. Hayes, 17, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Verdel L. Houston, 36, Min-neapolis, revoked license and speeding, \$331; Gary L. Kend-all, 47, Rochester, cancelled li-cense, \$181, 10 days in county jail and 2 years of supervised probation; Chad M. Kraml, 36, New Market, speeding, \$131; Vernon R. Krebs, 67, Blooming Prairie, speeding, \$221; Linda R. Maloy, 58, Stewartville, speeding, \$131; Miguel A. Mar-cos, 20, Austin, no insurance, \$281; Michael J. McClatchey, 42, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Erin A. McMahon, 52, Cannon Falls, speeding, \$131; Zachary D. Mottla, 25, Osseo, speeding, \$221; Sean P. Murphy, 29, South St. Paul, speeding, \$131; Ha M. Nguyen, 44, Chanhassen, speed-ing, \$121; Nhan V. Nguyen, 62, Des Moines, IA, speeding, \$221; Peter M. Osora, 54, Sha-kopee, speeding, \$221; Ryan L. Quaintance, 31, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Luis E. Quin-tero, 37, Waseca, speeding, \$221; Dannille C. Riley, 47, Ann Arbor, MI, speeding, \$141; Lau-ra L. Robinson, 34, Waseca, per-mit offense and seat belt, \$206; Mike A. Robinson, 57, Bartlett, IL, speeding, \$121; Russell D. Roe, 61, Leroy, speeding, \$141; Kelly M. Roehrick, 49, Farib-ault, stop sign, \$131; Lindsay S. Rollag, 36, New Richland, invalid license, \$181; Tiffany A. Sanchez, 27, Waseca, no MN li-cense and speeding, \$241; David J. Sandness, 23, Bloomington, speeding, \$121; Ray M. Sellers, 45, Blooming Prairie, speed-ing, \$141; Richard L. Smith, 79, Medford, speeding, \$131; Yi Sun, 58, Superior Township, MI, speeding, \$141; Agustin Torres, 26, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Steven L. Vandenbossche, 54, Bloomington, speeding, \$131; Kristina J. Waugh, 28, Morris-town, seat belt, \$106; Douglas J. Wencil, 31, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Christopher E. Wiener, 44, Waseca, speeding, \$141.

ARREST Steele County

Owatonna Police

Jacob Michael Jackson, 22, arrested at 11:12 a.m. June 10, domestic assault and assault, held for court.

Shandra Michelle Saufferer, 45, arrested at 5:30 p.m. June 10, controlled substance crime and theft, held for court.

Juan Jaime Rivera, 30, ar- rested at 6:39 p.m. June 10, do- mestic assault and assault, held for court.

Scott Wayne Tichy, 50, ar- rested at 10:09 p.m. June 11, DWI- test refusal and hit and run, held for court.

Lindsay Jo Lembke, 21, ar- rested at 10:50 a.m. June 13, fel- ony possession, held for court.

Ronald Curtis Hill, 36, ar- rested at 10:47 a.m. June 13, felony possession, held for court.

The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.
The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

- Pedro Nolasco – revoked license - \$500 bail
- Gracie Nunez – theft - \$10,000 bail
- Joan O’Quist – FTA-obey order - \$3,000 bail
- Kelley Oelker – worthless check - \$500 bail
- David Olivo-Santana – unauthorized use – no bail
- Janice Olmo-Munoz – theft, shoplifting - \$500 bail
- Bobby Olseth – property damage - \$400 bail
- Rodger Olson – DWI – no bail
- Steven Olson – drugs - \$10,000 bail
- Omot Oman – DWI - \$12,000 bail

- Authoro Ortega – DWI – no bail
- Manuel Ozornia – DWI - \$1,400 bail
- Gary Padilla – theft, false name - \$1,000 bail
- Guillermo Padron Jr. – criminal sexual conduct – no bail
- Marcelo Palacio – traffic - \$300 bail
- Jorge Pani – DWI - \$1,000 bail
- Curtis Parker – domestic assault - \$1,000 bail
- Victor Parraga – DWI - \$350 bail
- Julie Patrin – theft - \$20,000 bail
- Sheronda Payne – assault - \$500 bail

Disclosing active warrants promotes public safety and aids in the identification & apprehension of those individuals wanted on a warrant.

ACTIVE
WARRANTS

If you have information about
any crimes in Steele County,
call the sheriff’s tipline.
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HOMETOWNEXTRA



MISS MEDFORD 2016



Isabel Brady crowned Miss Medford

Story and photos by Jessica Nafe

Isabel Brady was crowned Miss Medford 2016 at the third annual pageant held on Thursday June 16, at the high school auditorium, kicking off the Straight River Days Festivities.

“It feels really good,” Isabel said. “I’m very happy and surprised!”

Isabel is the daughter of Byron and Laura Brady, and she is sixteen years old. Some fun facts about Isabel are that her favorite color is aqua marine, she wants to be an entrepreneur, and she enjoys garden-ing in her free time.

Isabel admitted that she was nervous for the pageant, but had worked to prepare herself for the big night. “I walked on a treadmill with an incline, so I could walk in my heels,” she stated with a smile. “I was afraid of falling on stage!”

As for why she decided to compete for Miss Medford, Isabel saw the pageant as personal challenge, something new that she wanted to try her hand at. With a crown on her head and a sash across her shoulder, it’s safe to say she beat the challenge with flying colors.

Along with the hardware, Isabel was awarded a \$300 scholarship, a prize pack valued around \$200, and a ride on the Miss Medford Royalty float in the Straight River Days Parade on Friday.

The Miss Medford pageant was judged by a panel of three judges, Vanessa Anderson, Deidre Brown-Leer, and Lisa Austinson. Before the pageant on Thursday night, the judges interviewed the con-tes-tants individually to get a more personal feel for each of the young ladies.

The interview scores were combined with scores from the actual pageant, which were based on natu-ral beauty, formal wear, and over all stage presence and personality.

In order to compete girls must have attended Medford schools or be planning to attend. Twenty four young ladies competed throughout the four age divi-sions: Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Medford.

During the pageant, each of the girls walked across the stage with an escort, answered a question ran-domly drawn from a basket, and left the stage once again to await the results.

Miss Medford 2016 first runner up is Cassandra Borwege, 18, daughter of Troy and Karol Borwege. Second runner up is Sydney Stephens, 15, daughter of Annissa Allen.

Competing in the Junior Miss division was Anna Sobrak, 12; Payton Ristau, 10; Josephine Witter, 11; Liliana Murphy 10; Tessa Underdahl, 10; Morgan Jones, 11; and Kynnedie Schauer, 11. Junior Miss Medford is Kynnedie, daughter of Chris and Gail Schauer. First runner up is Payton, daughter of Mark

and Diane Ristau, and second runner up is Liliana, daughter of Andrew and Jennifer Ristau.

Little Miss Candidates were Adrianna Schlund, 9; Emma McAdams, 9; Maria Jones, 7; Ashlin Ha-vumaki, 8; and Hailey McAdams, 7. Adrianna took the title of Little Miss Medford, and her parents are Tim and Jennifer Schlund. First runner up is Ashlin, daughter of Bryson and Christina Havumaki. Maria was named second runner up, and her parents are Jeff and Jenny Jones.

All Tiny Miss candidates received crowns, and their names are as follows: Rowyn Norton, 4, Kris and Malia; Kortney Dempsey, 3, Matt and Michelle; Lotiss Jefferson, 3, Katheryn Krogh; Grace McAdams, 5, Chad and Jenny; Brynn Havumaki, 4, Bryson and Christina; Payton Bascovsky, 3, Alyssa McDonald; Olivia Lannoye, 4, Brian and Amanda; Brielle Hunt-Macy, 4, Karl Hunt and Tiffany Macy; and Aubrie Havumaki, 6, Bryson and Christian.

Out of twenty four pageant participants one Miss Congeniality was selected, and she is Tessa Underdahl, from the Junior Miss division.

Winners of the Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Medford divisions rode in the parade, along with the first and second runners up for Miss Medford. Each of the winners received crowns, which were awarded by Steele County Dairy Princesses Kayln Naatz and Gabriell Edel. Jon Partridge served as the emcee for the night.

All in all, the Miss Medford Pageant was a night filled with plenty of fun, a few surprises, and all the glitz and glam to start Straight River Days off with a bang.



Top left: Brynn Havumaki, escorted by Bryson Havumaki.

Top right: Ashlin Havumaki being crowned 1st runner up in the Little Miss division.

Above: Isabel Brady being crowned Miss Medford.

Left: Kynnedie Schauer striking a pose in front of the judges.

Bottom: All girls who participated in the Miss Medford Pageant, 24 in all.



Play that funky music white boy

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

Weddings and family can have a strange effect on the aged. This ancient of days included. The trip home to Michigan for my son’s wedding was filled with family, food and so much fun. It left my cupboard stocked with memories. I was the “cool dad” until I looked back upon my antics of Saturday night at the reception.

I have great kids. I most likely embarrassed them to death, but they never said anything except, “love you dad.”

I danced. Usually a stick-in-the-mud and a “non-participator” unless there is a basketball court involved. But it was my family and we “owned” that dance floor to the chagrin of all on-lookers.

I am pretty sure there were looks of amazement or perhaps shock and awe as they saw Robin and I “sweatin’ to the newbies.” After the night was over, suffice to say, we needed several Excedrin, a pain patch and a hamper. We were sore and we were soaked.

I am also thanking God that I survived it at my age. That kind of cardio can seriously wreck a person. But we danced. And I survived. We danced like it was 1999. (Gratuitous Prince reference). No. Really. We danced like we used to dance back in 1999, which was really just dancing from what we remembered in the 80’s. It looked as ridicu-

lous Saturday as it did when we danced in that decade.

I was having a blast. About half way through I kept thinking of the most stupid cliché in the history of man. “At least he died doing something he loved.” I hate that one. It’s moronic. I mean, if I am at on the court and have the ball in my hands ready to hit a three point shot with no time left on the clock, I DON’T want to be taken out. Who wants to die doing something they love? How about 10th grade when I was flunking an English exam – death while doing something you hate. God take me out of the hell I am in... not while I am enjoying a slice of heaven.

I mean, wouldn’t it make more sense? At least he died doing something he hated – and WAS SPARED FROM CONTINUING IN IT.

Who thought that one up and what color is the sky in their world? But again, I digress.

There were about 50 people on that dance floor and I’m pretty sure it was easy to

spot the old couple out there. Mouthing the words about 2 seconds late as we read the lyrics coming from the lips of our children, trying to act like we knew the words, when in reality, we’d never heard the songs. We looked simple. Add to that, spastic movements of old people trying to appear “hip” and, well, form your own image.

Then there was the 2016 version of the electric slide. For those of you who are not familiar with that term, “Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.” We tried to keep up, really we did, but we had moves like Jagger... on Valium. Always a bit slow and closely following any movement near us – like cheerleaders who didn’t quite learn the routine, but were needed to get out there and fill out the lines.

And what’s up with no slow dances nowadays? I attribute my blisters to the lack of said dances and rented shiny tux shoes. Classy.

I used what I knew, although

the Pulp Fiction moves got a little old by the end of the night. I learned the “running man” from my son, Seth. I learned the “dig” from my son, Troy, I learned the “step and glide” from my son, Jon and I learned the “slow your roll” from my son, Tyler.

All in all, I think I looked... pretty... ridiculous. But it was my family and I’d be a fool for them any day, any hour, anywhere. The memories we made, the love we have for each other, the laughter which makes our hearts merry like medicine, and being the “not right family” as Troy calls us.

Many others there may have pointed and laughed from the friendly and safe confines of their own immovable chairs, but us DeLaps, we became legends. In our own minds. And we WILL have things to look back on and laugh about come Thanksgiving.

Little thoughts about huge moments. As my wife says, “We were makin’ a memory.”

BOOK NOOK

NANCY VAILLANCOURT

Practice your stealthy skills during Ninja Week at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library! Hiding throughout the children’s area are tiny ninjas, waiting to be found. Get a sheet at the desk and go in search of them. If you can find at least five ninjas, you will get a treat.

But that’s not all the ninja fun of the week – on Thursday, June 23 at 1 p.m., the Japanese Mu Daiko Drummers from St. Paul will be here with their enormous drums. The drummers’ movements are like dances, plus kids may be able to try drumming at the end of the program. This program is for all ages. While they are not quite the Stix of Fury, we think you will enjoy them and the Japanese tradition they demonstrate.

Of course, if you want to learn real martial arts moves, we have books and DVDs that could help you get started. Join us for these and more fun days all summer long!

Steele County VFW Auxiliary #878 salutes Minimizer with Patriotic Citizen Award

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It seemed very appropriate that on Flag Day, Tuesday, June 14, a local Blooming Prairie business was saluted for its daily display of the American flag.

Craig Kruckeberg, chief visionary of Minimizer of Blooming Prairie, accepted a Patriotic Citizen Award from Steele County VFW Auxiliary Post 878 members Joyce Johns, Gerry Berg and Vicki Wacek.

Berg, Americanism chair, read the certificate inscription aloud before handing it to Kruckeberg. Johns is Auxiliary president and Wacek is Auxiliary treasurer.

The certificate emblazoned with colorful American flag reads: “To: Minimizer -- Spray Control Systems, Inc., given in grateful appreciation for unsolicited inspirational patriotic service to the community through the Daily Display of our National Flag.”

US Bank received the first award, The Rev. Richard Hegal and Norma the second; Farmers & Merchants State Bank the third; Merle McNutt of the Heather Haus the fourth and Minimizer the fifth.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

A special Patriotic Citizen Award was given by Steele County VFW Auxiliary Post 878 to Minimizer of Blooming Prairie, saluting the business’ devotion to daily displaying the American flag. Craig Kruckeberg, chief visionary of Minimizer, accepted the award from

Karaoke cancer benefit for Kathy Brekke in Albert Lea June 25

Albert Lea, MN -- Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) is hosting a karaoke celebration benefit for longtime volunteer and supporter Kathy Brekke.

Karaoke for Kathy will be held Saturday, June 25, from 7–10 p.m., at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center in downtown Albert Lea. It will be a night of singing entertainment, as audience members will be encouraged to sing their favorite tunes on stage.

Brekke is a breast cancer survivor of 17 years, who recently was diagnosed again with cancer in her lungs and bones. She is now in metastatic breast cancer and cardiomyopathy, and doctors have given her a two-year life expectancy.

All proceeds from this event will go to Brekke to assist her with expenses during this very difficult time.

Tickets for Karaoke for Kathy are \$10. The public can purchase them over the phone by

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New business can help with ‘handyman’ projects

By Karen Jorgensen
County Staff Writer

Those projects always turn up. The times when a person needs help with a home project but it is not quite big enough for a large construction company.

A new business operating out of Claremont is attempting to meet those needs. Chet and Tanya Bond have recently started Projects Unlimited LLC and are currently working in both Dodge and Steele Counties.

“The name says it all,” says Chet Bond. “We’re currently doing a basement finish in Kasson.” They have done other projects ranging from building a pergola in Owatonna, replacing rotten floorboards in a bathroom and doing some interior painting.

Projects Unlimited is a family business, he said, with Bond and his wife Tanya being the two who do the work.

The Bond’s came to their new business gradually.

Bond is a former Marine with a college degree in accounting. Tanya, he said, has always been artistic and has done work in in-

terior design.

She is a graduate of Kasson-Mantorville High School and the two married in California while Bond was still in the Marines. They moved to West Virginia, where Bond grew up, and he completed college there before relocating to Minnesota. For most of the time since 1998, Bond said, his work had been as an accountant although he did work for a time as a roofer and there were always remodeling projects.

The first was their home while in college. Then, after moving to Minnesota, they had a hobby farm south of Dodge Center where they did roofing, shingles and interior work.

On April 1 they took the big step and opened their own business.

“There’s plenty of work to be done here,” Bond said. The two are available to lend their services in situations where some carpentry work is needed. The projects, he said, can be a half day or a whole day. Business has been good, he said, with most clients finding about the company from other people.

While the company currently includes only the two of them, Bond said, he can see at time point the couple’s two daughters helping out. Daughter Sepharah is a senior at Triton High School and Rayah is a freshman.

Projects Un-

Submitted Photo

Chet Bond works on an interior remodeling project. Chet and Tanya Bond have recently opened a new business, Projects Unlimited, that helps with those smaller jobs that do not need a contractor.



Submitted photo

The 2015 Kottke Dairy Achievement Award Winner Sarah Manderfeld standing with Matt Kottke of Kottke Jewelers. Manderfeld was presented with a watch for her excellence in the 4H program. Kottke jewelers has presented a watch to a young adult who has excelled in the 4H program in a tradition that has been alive since 1923.

Blooming PrairieLiving

Schindler Files to run for House of Representatives in District 27A

Jobs, education, property tax relief top issues for Riverland Dean

Gary Schindler, a dean at Riverland Community College filed for office today, officially entering the race to run for the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 27A. A resident of Albert Lea and Freeborn County for over 20 years, Schindler said he is running for state representative to bring a “can do attitude” to the State Capitol.

“The communities of southcentral Minnesota are great places to live, work and raise a family, however the issues important to our community aren’t being addressed at the State Capitol and too often nothing is getting done,” said Schindler. “I want to help end the gridlock and work together with local leaders across 27A and my fellow legislators to solve problems on issues important to our communities like better schools, workforce development, safer roads, and a stronger economy.”

As an educator, community leader, and strategic planner, Schindler said education and the economy would be his top priorities. “Our economy has improved, but too many people are being left out. They haven’t been served well by the partisan gridlock and bickering in St. Paul,” said Schindler. “I will work together with legislators in both parties to solve problems so we can make sure our economy is working better for everyone.”

Schindler said he believes education is a critical component to our long-term economic growth. “Good schools, affordable college

tuition, and a quality education pave the way to good jobs and economic success,” said Schindler. “We can’t let Minnesota slip back in the pack when it comes to our best in class education system.”

Schindler, 59, serves as the Dean of Student Services at Riverland Community College. Prior to moving to Albert Lea in 1989, he was a high school social studies teacher, coach, and school counselor. Active in the community since his arrival, he has served on the city planning commission, has been active in Albert Lea Community Theatre, is a member and officer of the Albert Lea Lions Club, serves on the board of the Freeborn County Historical Society, and is an active member of Grace Lutheran Church. Schindler’s wife Jeanne is a nurse at the Thorncrest Retirement Community. They have two children; Kelly Schindler-Nelson a nurse at the Mayo Clinic-Rochester and Daniel Schindler a doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Schindler said he looks forward to talking with the people of southcentral Minnesota over the coming months. “I plan on working hard to earn their trust and support,” said Schindler. “I want to visit with them soon about the challenges facing our state and how we can work together to get things done to help southcentral Minnesota prosper.”



Correction

In the June 7 edition of the Steele County Times several regrettable errors were made in the article “Awesome Blossoms Class of 2016.”

In two different occurrences, Blooming Prairie Superintendent Barry W. Olson’s name was incorrectly spelled “Berry W. Olsen” This happened in line three of paragraph one and in the picture caption.

The date of the graduation was also incorrectly listed as “May 5,” when in reality the date of the graduation was

June 5.

The last error was listing the senior who directed the band as “Michael Brown.” The correct listing was Noah Crabtree.

Writer Ahren Backman and The Times regrets these errors.



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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

25 BP Chamber Members Enjoy Picnic at Beaver Lake

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Summer is finally here and it’s time for picnics which means lots of food placed in front of us to devour.

A delicious chicken and rib dinner with all the fix-ins was prepared by Nick’s Cafe of Blooming Prairie. Twenty-five chamber members were in attendance at a picnic hosted by Sue and Jeff Zwiener at their summer home on Beaver Lake, Ellendale.

Following some time to socialize and enjoy dinner, members participated in a regular monthly business meeting. The meeting was chaired by Chamber President Luke Swenson.

A major plea was made for volunteers to step forward and help with the Blooming Prairie community 4th of July celebration. “Volunteers are desperately needed,” said Becky Noble, Chamber executive director.

Swenson said an appeal for help will be published on the front page of The Steele County Times of June 21. Swenson said: “There are many tasks to be completed each year to keep this event going. Some tasks are small and some are large. Some could use a strong back and some elbow grease and some are more clerical and detail oriented. My point is, if you are willing and able, I’m sure there is a way you can help.”

If you are interested or just want more information please contact the BP Area Chamber of Commerce



Members of the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce enjoyed a summer picnic on Beaver Lake Wednesday night, June 15. The picnic was held at the summer home of Jeff and Sue Zwiener. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

office either by phone, (507) 583-4472, or by email, bpcofc@gmail.com. “Thank you in advance for your help and support,” Swenson writes.

The membership approved the secretary’s report and the treasurer’s report. Committee reports were also given.

The Beautification Committee reported that it is looking at placing benches on Main Street.

Swenson said six student chamber ambassadors have been chosen. They include Alison Pryor, Camden Heimerman, Jake Hyland, Sam Wurst, Max Romeo and Aaron Ingvalson. An organizational meeting of the group was held last week.

Several announcements were made about upcoming events:

- The Boys and Girls Club Rib Fest is planned for Saturday, June 25
- Cruising for Cancer event sponsored by J & H Liquors and the BP Cancer Group is Saturday, June 25.
- Eagle Prairie Insurance will have a ribbon cutting for its new facilities on Friday, July 1. KOWZ Radio will broadcast live.
- Chamber Golf Fun Day is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20 with a 1950s theme.
- Next regular Chamber meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 21, site to be determined.

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calling 1-877-730-3144 (toll-free), online at actonbroadway.com or at the box office, which will be open the night of the event. Tickets are also available at the Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Albert Lea Community Theatre in a non-profit organization featuring local actors, directors and stage crew who volunteer their time.

All performances are at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 North Broadway in downtown Albert Lea. For ticket prices and more information, go to actonbroadway.com or find ACT on Broadway on Facebook.

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By Debbie VanRavenhorst

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Marching down the streets of Owatonna



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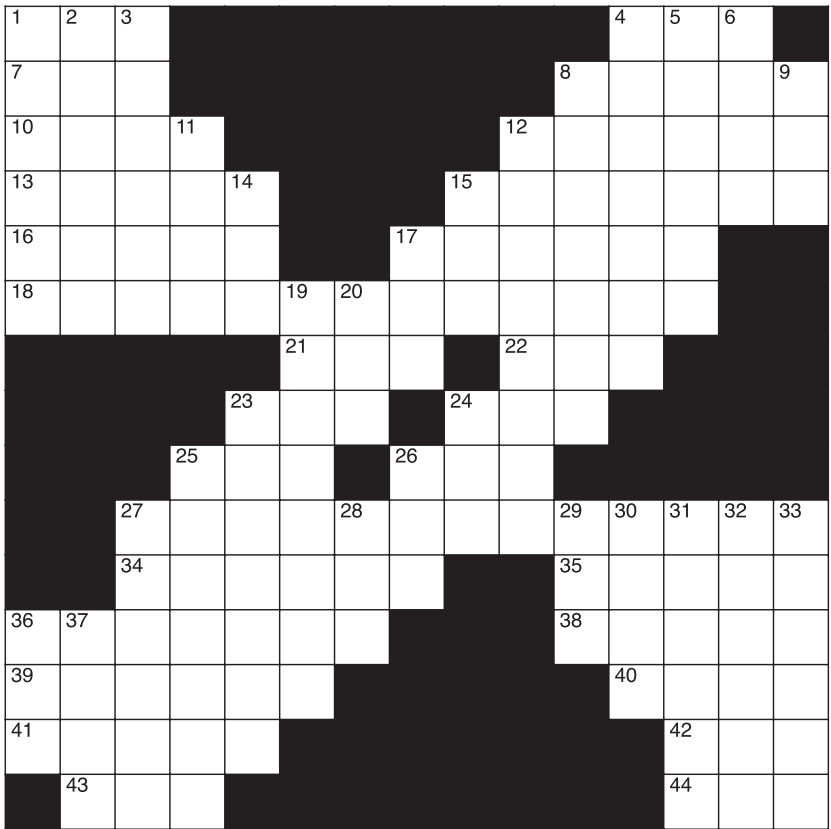
NRHEG marching band members Cole Thompson (left) and Jill Jongbloedt (right) take part in the Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival Saturday in Owatonna.



The Owatonna Marching Band was represented well at their hometown competition. Pictured are members of the drumline, woodwinds, and color guard.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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- 7. Swiss river
- 8. 2nd Bond Roger
- 10. Unfermented grape juice
- 12. Cab summoner
- 13. Indian instrument
- 15. More pileous
- 16. Japanese god of food
- 17. Fastened with a brad

- 18. Millionaire publisher 1919-90
- 21. Mineral, olive or fuel
- 22. ____ Angeles
- 23. Extinct bird of New Zealand
- 24. Integrate
- 25. Distress signal
- 26. Manpower
- 27. "Charlie Rose" for example

- 34. Take a siesta
- 35. Quickly, rapidly
- 36. Edied
- 38. Blocks
- 39. Biked
- 40. Pickle herb
- 41. Compelled to go
- 42. Foot digit
- 43. CNN's Turner
- 44. Swine enclosure

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used to refer to cited works
- 2. Aged surface layer
- 3. Cruel and vicious
- 4. Fancy parties
- 5. Not hollowed out
- 6. Perennial woody plant
- 8. Letter sending depository
- 9. Make a mistake
- 11. J. Lo's husband Anthony
- 12. A fine fracture
- 14. Brazil's former capital
- 15. Vietnamese currency unit
- 17. Football team association
- 19. Untied slightly
- 20. Actress Farrow
- 23. Having patches of color
- 24. Japanese apricot
- 25. Tangled
- 26. The best player of the game
- 27. Frozen spike
- 28. Radioactivity unit
- 29. WWII female military branch
- 30. Potato
- 31. Established tendencies
- 32. Nocturnal wildcat of C and S Am.
- 33. Actor Snipes
- 36. Former Austrian currency (abbr.)
- 37. Thomas ____, introduced sonnets



728 Cadets sweep band festival

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Thousands of marching band enthusiasts flocked to the streets of Owatonna Saturday to see the 728 Cadets walk away as the grand champion winner from this year's Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival. The competition featured 12 bands, including two from Steele County.

In addition to being named overall winner, the Cadets, representing the communities of Elk River, Rogers, Zimmerman and Otsego, achieved several other awards in the festival. They included first place in Class AAA, best award for horn line, color guard and drumline. The Cadets also received the Owatonna award.

Other first place award winners were Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg in Class A and Milaca in Class AA.

The second place winners were Winona Cotter in Class

A, Henry Sibley in AA and Waconia in AAA.

Third place awards went to Doyer-Eyota in A, Richfield in AA and Mankato '77 Lancers in AAA. Lake City won fourth place and NRHEG captured fifth place in Class A competition.

In the horn line competition, Winona Cotter earned best award for A and Henry Sibley in AA. Drum major winners were Lake City in A, Milaca in AA and Waconia in AAA. In drumline, Winona Cotter took best award in A and Henry Sibley in AA.

The People's Choice Award went to KMS.

Owatonna also performed in the festival as host band, but did not qualify for any of the awards.

This was the seventh festival in Owatonna.

The Times has posted a video of the festival on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdX81XtUSsY.

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Ellendale Living

Celebrating ‘old-fashioned’

By Jessica Nafe
Staff Intern

Ellendale Days, an old-fashioned country town celebration, will begin on Thursday June 23, and run until Sunday June 26.

The festivities will feature multiple musical acts this year, due to the city’s new outdoor community stage that was built last spring, located in front of the town mural. Cindy Bartness, who has played a large role in planning the city-wide celebration, believes that the community stage is a great addition to Ellendale Days.

“More entertainment is going to be offered on the stage this year,” Bartness said.

The Dan Stursa Band will kick off the festivities on the community stage on Thursday night from 6-9pm. Bingo, sponsored by the Ellendale Community Action Group, will take place at 7pm in the community building, and a playground glow run will happen at the city park at the same time.

A family movie night at the community center is planned for Friday, sponsored by the Ellendale Ambulance. The B-Fide band will keep the town grooving with their performance on the community stage from 7-9pm. The Lions Club meat raffle will take place at 7pm, and High Adventure will play from 9:30pm-12:30am behind the bar and sportsman club food stand.

Saturday festivities begin early; with an 8am NRHEG Wrestling Golf Classic at Riverview Golf Course. City wide garage sales (beginning at 8am) and craft vendors (from 9am-2pm next to Floors 4U) will take place on Saturday. A car show by the bus garages in Ellendale will begin at 9am, with the Lions Club serving rolls and coffee during the show. The Lions club foot tent will open downtown at 9am.

A bean bag tournament will begin at 10am behind the bar, with an entry fee of \$10. Canvas painting at the community building, for \$30, will take place at 10am and 1pm. Children can paint turtles at 1pm, as well. Happy Feat Dance Studio will perform on the community stage at 2pm.

The parade will begin at 4pm, following the same route as last year. The parade will feature multiple floats, the NRHEG marching band, and many more festive units. Grand Marshalls for 2016 are the previous owners of Whispering Oaks, Jim and Margret Deml, Russ and Cynthia Nelson, and Brian and Jody Wayne.

The Ellendale Lions Club will sponsor kiddie games behind the bank from 4-7pm. Turtle races will take place on Second Street at 5pm. The Ellendale Commercial Club will sponsor a pork chop supper from 5-7pm, and the kiddie tractor pull will take place on Second Street from 6-8pm.

Todd and Rodger Utpadel will perform on the community stage from 7-8pm, and the annual Teen Dance at the community building, sponsored by the fire department, will take place from 8-12pm. Adults can enjoy a street dance from 9pm-12:30am featuring music by Wicked Renegade and food from the Sportsman Food Stand.

Sunday will begin with a community wide, non-denominational church service at the

city park at 10am. The Lions Club will sponsor a lunch immediately following the service. At 11am the tractor pull will start by the bus garages, sponsored by the Ellendale Lions club and club food stand.

During the entire weekend food, stands and other vendors will be located throughout Ellendale.

With music filling the streets and people gathering together for a wide variety of fun and games, Ellendale Days 2016 is sure to be one for the books.

As Bartness put it, “Ellendale Days is a great time to get together and see your friends and family that you haven’t seen in a while.”

Break out the sunglasses, grab the kids, and get ready for a summer weekend filled with friends, family, food, and fun!



Staff photo by Ahren Backman

Management changes sought

By AHREN BACKMAN
County Staff Writer

Ellendale City Council Member, Stephanie Lageson Kibler confirmed that city has begun the search for two different managerial positions at the municipal liquor store.

The council approved the search at the June 9 meeting, and ads have been placed to aid

in the search for a new kitchen and municipal manager. Kibler said one manager will focus on maintaining the bar area, and another will handle the kitchen. Kibler said she hopes having an “experienced” manager, focusing only on the kitchen area will bring some “innovative ideas.”

The decision to search for a new management was twofold. According to Kibler, the search was caused by “experience and skill issues” with current management. At the the public, Ellendale City Council Meeting, Kibler also mentioned after-work parties and attendance issues as being some of the other causes for the search.

After one council member suggested the employee be fired for these offences, Kibler insisted on giving the employee a chance to step down before taking that action. Kibler and Mayor Mark Skroch both cited the possibility of having to pay the employee unemployment.

The council settled on offering the employee a chance to step down to a full-time bartending role, before considering other options.

In a follow-up from The Times, an anonymous source confirmed the employee is still working in the same position at the store a full week after the meeting.

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Births

- Branson Charles Skalicky, Parents: Brianna and Brandon, Feb. 1
- Emily Marie Dodds, Parents: Holly and Andrew, Feb. 2
- Ezekiel Tracy Guy, Parents: Melissa and Shannon, Feb. 2
- Keela Sophia Stitt, Parents: Kalyna and Patrick, Feb. 2
- Oliver Bradley Elmhurst, Parents: Ellyse and Zachary, Feb. 3
- MaKenna Laine Krenz, Parents: Kayla and Allen, Feb. 4
- James Allen Lewer, Parents: Jordan & Trevor, Feb. 4
- Chance Richard J. Clark, Parents: Alyssa Gonzales and Tanner Clark, Feb. 4
- Wesley James Flanders, Parent: Emily Hohenstein, Feb. 5
- McKenna Avis Schmoll, Parents: Amber and Travis, Feb. 5
- Nessa Ann Hull, Parents: Holly and Nicholas, Feb. 7
- Sebastian Abram Miller, Parents: Erinn and Dustin, Feb. 7
- Roman Theseus Abdi, Parents: Marissa and Mohamed, Feb. 7
- Avery Kasper Dahl, Parents: Crimson and Jerrod, Feb. 9
- Jabin Bertie Runner-Brase, Parents: Heidi and Jonathan, Feb. 10
- Weston David Schell, Parents: Alyssa Wobschall and Tyler Schell, Feb. 12
- Reid Thomas Leonardo, Parents: Melisa and Keith, Feb. 12
- Jackson Michael Buenger, Parents: Kelly and Travis, Feb. 15
- Terez Grace Hubly, Parents: Rachel and Joseph, Feb. 16
- Sydney Jo Durisen, Parent: Andee Hoehn, Feb. 18
- Garrett Jacob Riffe, Parents: Katherine Richards and Jacob Riffe, Feb. 19
- William Harvey Larson, Parents: Staci and Brandon, Feb. 19
- Ruby Kay Bjerke, Parents: Tracy and Joseph, Feb. 20
- Leo James Maxon, Parents: Anna and Colin, Feb. 21
- Boston James Koziolek, Parents: Amanda and Korey, Feb. 22
- Brooks Nelson Butler, Parents: Lyric and Jonathan, Feb. 23
- Emilio Rosales, Parents: Karina Romero and Pablo Rosales, Feb. 24
- Olivia Violet Ockwig, Parents: Shanda and Dustin, Feb. 25
- Zoie Ellarose Padgett, Parents: Nicole and Michael, Feb. 25
- Ethan Todd McGurran, Parents: Lindsay and Timothy, Feb. 26

Deaths

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| Lorraine Eleanor Thiele, 93, Owatonna | Feb. 1 |
| Joe Elbert Parker, 52, Owatonna | Feb. 1 |
| Phyllis Ruth Edin, 87, Owatonna | Feb. 2 |
| Donald Levern Wilker, 78, Owatonna | Feb. 5 |
| Karl David Erickson, 43, Austin | Feb. 5 |
| Elijah Roman Erickson, 9, Owatonna | Feb. 5 |
| Eleanor Irene Kittleson, 94, Blooming Prairie | Feb. 5 |
| Dixie Lavonne Strand, 84, Waseca | Feb. 6 |
| Ardith Joyce Garner, 92, Owatonna | Feb. 7 |
| Jane Shelley Sticha, 66, Owatonna | Feb. 7 |
| Kathie Bell Knauber, 60, Medford | Feb. 9 |
| Sandra Eleanor Schroeder, 70, Owatonna | Feb. 10 |
| Bernard Daniel Hanson, 85, Owatonna | Feb. 11 |
| Veda Mae Skogen, 89, Deerfield Township | Feb. 12 |
| June Frances Trom, 88, Blooming Prairie | Feb. 14 |
| Clair Allen Peterson, 88, Owatonna | Feb. 15 |
| Richard George Amberg, 77, Owatonna | Feb. 15 |
| Sharan Kaye Standke, 75, Owatonna | Feb. 17 |
| Virginia Marion Busho, 90, Ellendale | Feb. 18 |
| Elmer J. Fuchs, 86, Faribault | Feb. 22 |
| Merle Evelyn Wood, 100, Owatonna | Feb. 23 |
| Merley Ruth Phiefer, 88, Owatonna | Feb. 23 |
| William Wallace Whiting, 96, Owatonna | Feb. 24 |
| Ronald William Racek, 84, Owatonna | Feb. 25 |
| Virginia Lois Johnson, 91, Austin | Feb. 25 |

Marriages

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| Donna Centz & Gregory Louis Dube, Feb. 19 |
| Hannah Rae Lewison & Alan Virgil Dicke, Feb. 20 |
| Blake Allen Feil & Candace Lynn Schafer, Feb. 21 |
| Steven Alan Dausey II & Karla Ann Osmundson, Feb. 22 |
| Jordan Elizabeth Bachtle & Jonathon Leonard Halvorson, Feb. 27 |
| Joshua Patrick Roberts & Kiley Ann Swanson, Feb. 27 |
| Jesse Yong Ackerson & Kyrsten Lynne Kozel, Feb. 29 |

Divorces

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| Adam James Thompson and Rebecca Lee Thompson |
| Pamela Ann Herrera and John S. Herrera |
| Megan Ann Federly and Joshua Lee Federly |
| Ramona Lynne Nordaas-Toenges & Daniel Duane Toenges |
| Mark Eric Schwanke and Lori Jo Schwanke |
| Megen Marie Swedberg and Lukas John Swedberg |
| Ann Marie Schroeder and Brett David Eenhuis |
| Sherry Ann Warren-Albert and Michael Robin Albert |
| Joleen Andrea Anderson & Michael Marlin Anderson |



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June 22 Joe Gardner Randy Klemmensen Barb Coleman Jane Prihoda Ryan Srsen William Hines	June 27 Lisa Bruns Shirley Rogers Beth Krebs Jessica Smith Julia Garza Emily Thoen Jessica Skinner	June 26 Heidi & Paul Heimgartner
June 23 Breckin Cochlin Derek Weringa Callie Iverson Claire Staloch Nora Bodurtha Efren Hernandez	June 28 Amanda Tocko Robert Wolf Mark Symes	June 27 Ryan & Taylor Klemmensen Beth & Dan Trom Pam & Keith Doerhoefer
June 24 Yvonne Lee Eliot Gimbel	June 29 LeAnn Vogt Lauren Schabert Jon Krejci	June 28 Amy & Mark Hinzmamm
June 25 Marie Morem Lynn Miller Thomas Erickson Tyler Allison Joseph Mastyer Louis Ehlers Hugo Ehlers	Anniversaries June 21 Nick & Sami Nelson Greg & Kathy Johnson	June 29 Doug & Sandra Novak John & Margaret Whiting Nathan & Kathryn Piller Anthony & Natalie Sorensen Connie & Wayne Williamson
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Obituaries

Arthur (Art) Lyle Knutson, 68, Mesa, Arizona



Arthur (Art) Lyle Knutson, passed away peacefully June 9, 2016 in Mesa, AZ at the age of 68.

Art was born January 8, 1948 in Owatonna. He was the son of Orville and Helen (Dahl) Knutson. He was raised in Blooming Prairie and eventually purchased the family farm from his parents in 1974.

After graduating from Blooming Prairie High School, Art worked at OTC in Owatonna and in 1972 he married Mary Borgesen of Austin, Minnesota. In 1983, they made the move to Mesa, Arizona where Art worked as an electrician and then as a General Contractor for a housing developer. Art was always a hard worker and took pride in what he did.

Art was a simple man with many great qualities. He had a great sense of humor, was honest and respectful and most of all, he was caring. After his retirement he spent

most of his days “putsin” around the house (as he would say it) doing small projects. He would never pass up a good card game and always enjoyed spending time with his family playing Pegs and Jokers into the wee hours of the night. He loved his family dearly and went on many trips with them as far as the vineyards of California to fishing in Nantucket, to London, England and the glaciers of Norway to a cruise to Hawaii. He also enjoyed visiting with his son Andy and his family, circling the lake in the pontoon in hopes of catching a nice sized northern pike.

Art is in heaven eating Lutefisk and melted butter with his parents, his brothers Arlen Knutson of Blooming Prairie and Gary Knutson of Kasson, sister-in-law Linda Knutson of Blooming Prairie; brothers in-law Randy Krupicka of Hollandale and Duane Herzog of Spencer, Iowa. He is survived by his former wife, Mary Knutson-Murrill of Mesa, and children Sara Zervos of Stamford, Connecticut, Jennifer Knutson of Tempe, Arizona, Andy (Lisa) Knutson of Superior, Wisconsin and Jonas Knutson of Mesa. Art had nine beautiful grandchildren: Emily, Anna, Maria, Amalia, Garret,

Andreas, Adrianna, Olivia, Isabella and one beautiful great granddaughter Sofia. He is also survived by one brother Robert (Sharon) Knutson of Owatonna and four sisters: Carol (Glenn) Kruckeberg of Claremont, Janice (Larry) Johnson of St Peter, Audrey Krupicka and Donna Herzog both of Owatonna.

Unanimously, his entire family will remember most of all the twinkle in his eye, his warming smile, and his funny little giggle, especially when teasing the little ones.

The family will be planning a “Celebration of Life” gathering in Mesa during the Thanksgiving Holiday. We ask that instead of flowers being sent, that a monetary donation be given to the Westfield Church c/o Dale Underwood 71829 120th Ave. Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 on behalf of Art Knutson. Sympathy cards with short “Art” stories are always welcomed and can be addressed to Jonas Knutson-10915 E. Rafael Ave Mesa, AZ 85212.

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6TH ANNUAL CRUISE FOR CANCER TAKES PLACE, JUNE 25

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Want to go cruiz'n?

If the answer is yes, bring your favorite mode of transportation to J & H Liquors on Saturday, June 25 and participate in the 6th Annual Cruise for Cancer.

This fund-raising event, sponsored by J & H Liquors of Blooming Prairie and the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, has traditionally brought in large donations from participants with monies labeled for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group in its efforts toward finding a cure for this dread disease.

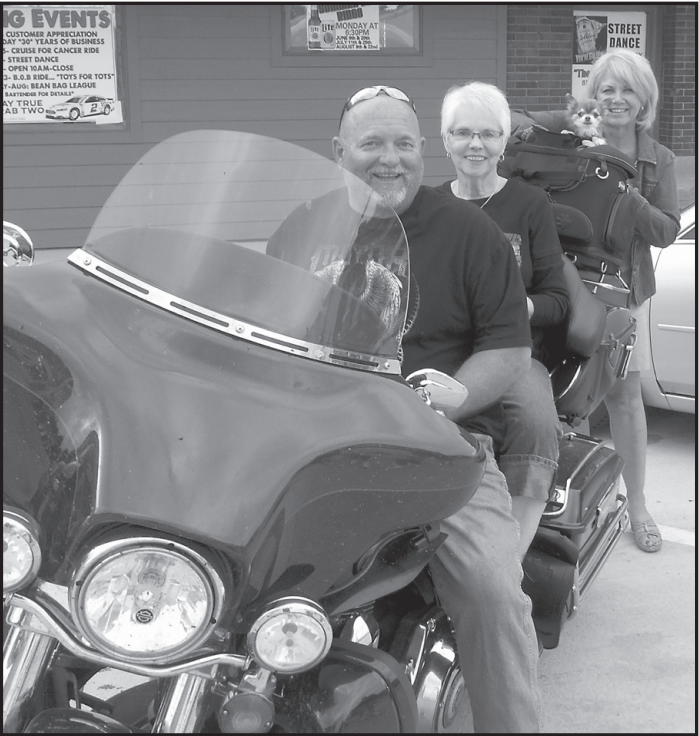
Store owners Nancy and Harvey Farr have been staunch community supporters and use this event to bring more awareness to how cancer has affected many lives of our families and friends.

Harvey will lead the journey, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He has designed a 125-mile route and chooses not to advertise it until the time of the ride.

The ride, rain or shine, begins at J & H on Main Street and will end there hopefully about 4:30 or 4:45 p.m., Farr says. There will be four stops on the ride. Farr expects about 40-50 bikes and a dozen cars.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and participants hope to be on the road between 10:30 and 11 a.m., Farr said. Cost is \$10 per rider with a \$25 per car maximum. “It doesn't matter what you drive,” Farr remarked. “We're just happy that the BP Cancer Group and local businesses can partner together to raise funds for a cure,” Farr continued.

At the end of the ride, participants will be able to find lots of delicious food nicely displayed at J & H Liquors. “We're planning a taco bar,” said Pam Folkens of the BP Cancer Group. She



A Cruising for Cancer fundraiser is planned to begin and end at J & H Liquors of Blooming Prairie on Saturday, one 25. Here, J & H owner Harvey Farr commandeers his Harley and gives a ride to Pam Folkens and Connie Trom, fundraiser planners. Raffle tickets will be for sale to win a pet carrier for a motorcycle. Little Vinnie Mae, owned by Karen Fourage, is shown in the special carrier. She is a long-haired Chihuahua. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

has led a committee of Connie Trom, Ashley Valek, Nancy Farr and herself in planning the food and distribution of prizes.

Riders, of course, will enjoy the food following completion of the ride. The general public including cancer survivors is also invited to enjoy the taco bar. Cost is \$5 per trip through the line featuring soft shell tacos, all the fixings and chips.

Lots of nice prizes will be given away on ride day, Folkens said. Tickets will be sold for a chance at a raffle to win a pet carrier that can be mounted on the back of a motorcycle. The value is \$180. Tickets will continue to be sold until the BOB (Bikes of Blooming) Ride on Saturday, July 23 benefiting Toys for Tots.

When registering, participants will receive tickets for some appealing door prizes.

The door prizes include: 1) all-enclosed carrier (Seat Rack) for a motorcycle, valued at \$150; 2) four tickets to the Crayola Experience at the Mall of America, \$100 value; 3) \$50 Cabella's gift card; 4) traveling hammock; 5) Hormel meat bundle; 6) four tickets to the Minnesota Zoo, value of \$72; 7) \$25 Applebee's gift card and much more.

Three meat raffles at \$1 a ticket are planned for the day's activities.

“It should be a fun day with the cause a good one,” said J & H owner Harvey Farr.

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June 29:
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MedfordLiving

Veterans Memorial dedicated at Straight River Days



Staff photos by Mark DeLap

Left - Senator Vicki Jensen and John Hager discuss the ceremony after the Veterans Memorial was dedicated at the Straight River Days last Friday night in Medford. Middle - The recently placed eagle flies proudly over the Medford stone at the dedication of the Veterans Memorial. Right - Berlyn Staska awaits his turn for service to sound the commands to service at the Veterans Memorial. Staska passed the 2,500 mark for bugle accompaniment at veteran's events.

Straight River Days Celebration parade





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By RICK BUSSLER
SCT Publisher

The Rysavy farm will be the place to be this Saturday morning as dairy producer Joe Rysavy and his family open up their operation for the public to view. The annual Steele County Breakfast on the Farm will take place from 8 a.m. to noon.

The event is an effort by the Steele County Dairy Association to educate the public about the dairy industry. Organizers want to teach people where the milk and dairy products they consume come from and also that farmers are good stewards of their land and take good care of their animals.

“We want to educate people about agriculture, particularly the dairy industry,” said Gail Demmer, one of the organizers of the event. “A lot of people have never been on a dairy farm before and we want them to see where their milk and other dairy products come from,” she said,

adding that the breakfast event helps promote the dairy industry and all dairy products.

Each year the event attracts around 1,000 people, mostly those who live in the city. Demmer said city folks are the dairy association’s target. Even though the event goes on rain or shine, the attendance fluctuates depending on the weather. “Our attendance all depends on the weather,” she said.

The Pancake Man from Council Bluffs, Iowa will once again be serving up breakfast of all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and other dairy products. The Pancake Man, who is Jim Kuper in real life, has made the breakfast quite the spectacle as he entertains the crowds by flipping pancakes 20 feet into the air before hitting the plates of those with hungry appetites.

In addition to the breakfast, the event features a petting zoo, horse and buggy rides, barn tours, kiddy train ride, antique tractors and many other kids ac-

tivities.

Minnesota Farm Bureau, which is an advocate for agriculture, will have a display at the event.

Minnesota ranks eighth in U.S. dairy production. It is the second largest livestock sector in the state after hogs. In 2015, the state’s dairy farmers produced 9.5 billion pounds of milk, which represented a 4 percent increase from the previous year.

There are 460,000 head of

dairy cows in Minnesota and 3,470 dairy farms across the state.

Free bus transportation will be available from the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna beginning at 8 a.m. The last bus departure to the farm will be at 11:30 a.m. Handicap parking will be available at the farm.

The Rysavy farm is located at 10204 S. County Road 45, Owatonna. Cost for the breakfast will be \$5 with children five and under being admitted free.

Sustainable agriculture field day announced for June 26



The Minnesota Department of Agriculture encourages new and experienced farmers to attend a free “Getting Started in Organic Berry Production” workshop and field day at Little Hill Berry Farm near Northfield on June 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Instructors Aaron and Molly McGovern Wills say the event will focus on getting started in organic berry production, with an emphasis on blueberries. Topics will include site selection, soil preparation, weed control, aisle maintenance, irrigation, variety selection, budgeting, and transitioning to farming from off-farm jobs.

“Molly and I started Little Hill Berry Farm in 2011,” said Aaron. “We grow four acres of certified organic blueberries, which we mostly sell through pick-your-own operation.” The

Willses also grow elderberries, black and red currants, aronia, saskatoons, honeyberries, and dwarf sour cherries.

In addition to learning about berry growing, visitors will also learn about two sustainable agriculture projects at Little Hill Berry Farm. The innovative projects weave natural materials into agricultural practices. The first evaluates soil fertility and crop quality after applying compost tea solutions to various crops; the second explores the potential use of vinegar to control Canada thistle. Both projects received funding from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant Program.

Aaron and Molly encourage participants to pre-register for the event by calling 612-578-4497 or emailing dori@landstewardshipproject.org and to leave dogs at home.

Directions to the field day: From Northfield, take Hwy 3 north about 2 miles. Turn Left on 320th Street West. Drive 0.4 miles. Little Hill Berry Farm is on the north (right) side of road. The address is 4339 320th Street West.

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Minnesota Crop Report:

Varying amounts of precipitation were received across the state, resulting in 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending June 19, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. In many parts of the state, the rains were beneficial and combined with warm temperatures to create good growing conditions. Some of the showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rains and hail. Select areas with excessive or frequent rains reported ponding in fields and yellowing of crops. Field activities for the week included haying and fertilizer and chemical applications.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus.

Minnesota’s corn condition rated 79 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from the previous week. Soybean condition rated 76 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from the previous week. Nearly half of the spring wheat acreage was at or beyond the heading stage, 12 days ahead of the five-year average and 6 days ahead of last year. Spring wheat condition rated 64 percent good to excellent, down 4 percentage points from last week. Fifty-two percent of the oat crop was at or beyond the heading stage, 9 days ahead of average and slightly ahead of last year. Oat condition rated 83 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from the previous week. Forty-one percent of the barley crop had headed, with condition rated at 65 percent good to excellent, down 6 percentage points from the previous week. The dry edible bean crop was nearly all emerged, with the crop condition rated 62 percent good to excellent. The first sunflower condition rating of the year was estimated at 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Potato and sugarbeet conditions both rated 88 percent good to excellent.

The first cutting of alfalfa hay was 83 percent complete, 10 days ahead of average. There were reports that the second cutting of alfalfa hay has begun. All hay condition rated 87 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from last week. Pasture condition rated 82 percent good to excellent.

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Understanding corn development, nitrogen use and soybean seedling diseases

The USDA Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition for the week ending June 12th reports that Minnesota’s corn condition rated 78 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from the previous week. With 96 percent of the soybean crop emerged, soybean condition rated 77 percent good to excellent, up from 74 percent the previous week. Twelve percent of the spring wheat acreage was at or beyond the heading stage, 3 days ahead of the five-year average and 5 days ahead of last year. Spring wheat condition rated 68 percent good to excellent, down 6 percentage points from the last week.

Many Corn Fields are now entering the “Grand Growth” Phase

The growing point is now just a little above the soil surface for six leaf corn, meaning that the stalk tissue is starting to elongate and very rapid growth is about to begin. By the V6 or six collar stage of corn (about 24-30 days after emergence - 475 GDU) all plant structures have developed on the growing point. All plant parts are present. The growing point and tassel, differentiated in V5, are above the soil surface. The stalk is beginning a period of rapid elongation getting taller. The determination of kernel rows per ear begins and is complete by about V10-V12. This yield component is strongly influenced by hybrid genetics. Tillers (suckers) begin to emerge at this time. Lower leaves degenerate and are torn from the stalk as it expands. During early June there is a new leaf emerging (V-stage) about every 3 days. June is the time to apply nitrogen (up to V8) before rapid uptake period in corn. Precise fertilizer placement is less critical. Lodging can often occur during this time since brace roots have not appeared.

Is there a need for supplemental Nitrogen for Corn this year?

If a significant amount of N has been lost, it is likely that a supplemental fertilizer application

will be necessary to reach the crop’s yield potential. The University of Minnesota has developed a worksheet to assist farmers with making supplemental N application decisions for corn. The worksheet can be found at:<http://z.umn.edu/supplementalN>. In addition, the worksheet is available as an app for smart phones at:<http://z.umn.edu/cropcalc>.

Considerations before applying supplemental Nitrogen

Here are a few things to consider before applying supplemental fertilizer:



1. Soils that have been saturated for a long time will in all likelihood have stunted plants with reduced yield potential, so will require less N.
2. In instances where leaching has occurred, it is probable that the N has moved lower in the soil profile; however, it may not be lost, since increased root growth may put the N back in reach of the plant.

3. There are several new technologies focused on making supplemental (and variable rate) N decisions, and while they hold promise, they are new, and the jury is still out with respect to how well they work.

Additional information can be found on the University of Minnesota Extension’s Nutrient Management home page at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/nutrient-management>

Scout now for Soybean Seedling Diseases
Damping off or seedling soybeans may be occurring in areas of Minnesota based on the recent wet weather. Important soybean seedling diseases to scout for include Pythium and Rhizoctonia or Fusarium. The University of Minnesota Plant Disease Clinic (<https://pdc.umn.edu>) can help identify crop diseases. For more information and pictures of these soybean diseases please consult the University of Minnesota Soybean Disease webpage at <http://z.umn.edu/soybeandiseases>.

Next generation of Taiwan swine producers visit Minnesota

Taiwan was the 6th largest market for U.S. corn in 2014-15



INDEPENDENT | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Taiwan is the 11th largest market for U.S. distillers dried grains, which are a by-product of the ethanol-making process uses as a high-protein livestock feed. A U.S. Grains Council trade team got an up-close look at the distillers dried grains produced at Al-Clean Fuels in Claremont on Tuesday.

A U.S. Grains Council (USGC) trade team of Taiwanese swine producers, government officials, researchers and association representatives got a firsthand look at Minnesota corn farming and ethanol production on Tuesday.

Harold Wolle, a fifth-generation family farmer and First Vice President of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA), hosted the group at his family’s corn and soybean farm near St. James. Harold and his son Matthew answered the team’s questions related to marketing, crop quality, planting decisions and costs. Neighboring farmers also attended to talk about pig farming and other challenges faced by Minnesota farmers.

From there, the Taiwan team traveled to Claremont to tour the farmer-owned Al-Corn Clean Fuel ethanol plant. Al-Corn CEO Randy Doyal walked the

team through the ethanol-making process, then led a tour of the plant that culminated with a group photo in front several large piles of distillers dried grains, a high-protein livestock feed that’s a by-product of the ethanol-making process.

By visiting the Wolle family farm and Al-Corn, team members, who are grain end-users, gained a greater confidence in the United States’ ability to supply them with high-quality coarse grains and co-products. Minnesota is an active member of the USGC, a private, non-profit organization that works to develop exports in more than 50 countries from 10 worldwide offices and its Washington, D.C., headquarters.

“Visits like this one help strengthen relationships between Minnesota corn farmers and end-users of our products in other countries,” Wolle said.

“It’s great to get these folks out to a Minnesota farm so they can see firsthand the care and dedication we put into growing the best crops possible, while protecting our land, soil and water resources.”

Taiwan was the sixth largest market for U.S. corn and the 11th largest market for distillers dried grains in marketing year 2014-15. The team also attended the World Pork Expo and visited a corn farm and ethanol facility in Iowa before venturing to Minnesota.

“We always welcome the opportunity to share the great work done by our farmer-owned cooperative with the rest of the world” said Al-Corn Board Chairman Rod Jorgenson. “Building relationships across agricultural sectors and beyond our domestic borders are key to long-term success for our members”.

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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: April 25, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$108,314.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Eric Mullenmeister and Jennifer Mullenmeister, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 3, 2012, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000384444
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of the Southeast Quarter Section 11, Township 108 North, Range 19 West, Steele County, Minnesota, Described by: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds West, assumed bearing 374.00 feet along the East line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 33 seconds West 574.00 feet along a line parallel with the North line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds East 374.00 feet to the North line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 33 seconds East 574.00 feet to beginning Steele County, Minnesota.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8339 71st Street NE, West Concord, MN 55985
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10-011-2102
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$114,353.57
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: June 28, 2016, 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 December 28, 2016, or the next business day if December 28, 2016 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 6, 2016

Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") Assignee of Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14

Estate

District Court
Third Judicial District
Court File No: 50-PR-16-1075

State of Minnesota
County of Mower

Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and notice to creditors

In Re: Estate of
Michael R. Morehouse,
Aka Michael Romaine Morehouse,
Decedent

Notice is given that an Application for informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Karena K Tutte, whose address is 17250 533rd Ave, Austin, Minnesota, 55912, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.
Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objections.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 6.1.16
Christine Zahiadrik

Kristine M Bartness
Court Administrator

Brain L. Weber, #114996
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Attorney for Personal Representative

6/14, 6/21

Foreclosure

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:

MORTGAGOR(S): Randy Bladine and Bobbette Larson, both single people
MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on September 22, 2014 as Document Number T000071844 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$144,688.59

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 16, 2010

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 27, 2010 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17848 as Document Number T000066775 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$147,595.53

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Six (6) and the North Five (5) feet of Lot Five (5), Block One (1), of Naefke Addition to the City of Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota

REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1019 TRUMAN AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Bank of America, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-188-0106

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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: August 2, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 2, 2017.

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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: Randy Bladine

Dated: June 7, 2016

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THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP,
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19

Summons & Complaint

District Court
Third Judicial District

State of Minnesota
County of Steele

Court File No.:
Case Type: Contract

SFM Mutual
Insurance Company, Plaintiff

vs.

SUMMONS

Benjamin Zane
Spurgeon, Defendant

To the Above-Named Defendant,
Benjamin Zane Spurgeon:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the undersigned attorneys for Plaintiff SFM Mutual Insurance Company an Answer to the Complaint, which is herewith served upon you, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice provides for use of alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") in most cases. After this action is filed, the Court Administrator will provide, notice of the ADR Processes.

LYNN, SCHARFENBERG &
ASSOCIATES

Dated: 1.28.16

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District Court
Third Judicial District

State of Minnesota
County of Steele

Court File No.:
Case Type: Contract

SFM Mutual
Insurance Company, Plaintiff

vs.

COMPLAINT

Benjamin Zane
Spurgeon, Defendant

SFM Mutual insurance Company, for its Complaint, states and alleges as follows:

1. On or about January 1, 2010, Timothy D. Blum sustained a work-related personal injury (as defined by Minn. Stat. 176.011, Subdivision 16) while employed by Southpark Lanes, LLC,

2. On or about January 1, 2010, Southpark Lanes LLC was insured for Minnesota workers' compensation liability by SFM Mutual Insurance Company.

3. On or about January 1, 2010, Timothy D. Blum was working as an employee for Southpark Lanes LLC. Due to the intentional infliction of harmful bodily contact by Benjamin Zane Spurgeon, Timothy D. Blum sustained personal injuries.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 176, the Minnesota Worker's Compensation Act, SFM Mutual Insurance Company has paid workers' compensation benefits to and on behalf of Timothy D. Blum for the injuries he sustained on or about July 1, 2010, all as set forth in the attached itemization of benefits.

5. SFM Mutual Insurance Company will continue to pay future benefits to and on behalf of Timothy D. Blum in conformity with the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act.

6. Due to Benjamin Zane Spurgeon's actions on January 1, 2010, criminal charges alleging assault were filed under Steele County Criminal Case No. 74-CR-10-25.

7. In recognizing its status as a victim in the criminal matter, SFM Mutual Insurance filed restitution claiming payments of \$48,569.70 made on or on behalf of Timothy D. Blum.

8. On or about October 4, 2012, SFM Mutual Insurance and Benjamin Zane Spurgeon contracted for the release of SFM's subrogation and restitution interest in consideration of payment of \$35,000 payment from Benjamin Zane Spurgeon. Payments were to be made in the amount of \$5,000 payable on October 4, 2012 and 60 equal monthly payments of \$500 payable on the first of every month commencing on November 1, 2012.

9. The agreement between Benjamin Zane Spurgeon was reduced to writing and signed on October 4, 2012, by Benjamin Zane Spurgeon and on October 23, 2012 by a representative of SFM Mutual Insurance Company.

10. On or about October 23, 2012, Benjamin Zane Spurgeon made the initial payment of \$5,000 as mandated in the signed contract

11. No further payments have been received by SFM Mutual Insurance from Benjamin Zane Spurgeon.

12. Benjamin Zane Spurgeon is in breach of contract reached and signed on October 4, 2012 and October 23, 2012 b the parties.

13. SFM Mutual Insurance Company hereby claims damages in the amount of \$30,000 from Benjamin Zane Spurgeon as set forth in the contract signed by the parties on October 4, 2012 and October 23, 2012, along with prejudgment interest as allowed by Minn. Stat. 549.09 (2012.)

NOW, THEREFORE, SFM Mutual InsuranceCompany requests that i be granted judgment in its favor on its Complaint against Defendant Benjamin Zane Spurgeon together with prejudgment interest, its costs, disbursements and reasonable attorneys fees incurred herein, and such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable in the circumstances.

LYNN, SCHARFENBERG &
ASSOCIATES

Dated: January 28, 2916

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 549.211, sanctions may be imposed.

LYNN, SCHARFENBERG &
ASSOCIATES

Dated: 1/28/16

Thomas P. Davern (#0386481)
6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Proposed Agenda

DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No: 74-PR-16-1095

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
June F. Trom,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 12, 2016, at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Steele County Courthouse, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, December 30, 1994, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Gary R. Trom, whose address is 12088 720th Street, Blooming Prairie, MN, 55917 and Constance M. Holck, whose address is 9261 Summer Ridge Circle, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 as co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in a SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the co-Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and

expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the co-Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 5.26.16
Joseph Bueltel
Judge of District Court

Senia Kasher
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner

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Steele County - Synopsis 5.24.16

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 5/24/2016

Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Huntington/Brady to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
2. Schultz/Brady to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes all.
3. Brady/Glynn to authorize the creation of a Community Corrections Director job description and provide to Fox Lawson to allow for the classification of the position. Ayes all.
4. Huntington/Schultz to authorize the Planning & Zoning Director to contract with Matt Davidson to perform septic inspections, soils verifications and plan review until we have a certified Septic Inspector on staff. Ayes all.
5. Glynn/Brady to approve the formation of a Joint City-County Transportation Committee to have quarterly meetings with the City of Owatonna and Steele County representatives to discuss transportation projects, issues and challenges and to add to the list of standing committees. Ayes all.
6. Schultz/Glynn to award the following Bids for the Public Works Facility Project – Phase I contingent on HSEM/FEMA funding obligation. Ayes all.

1. Site Clearing, Grading, excavation and Utilities – Dirt Merchant Inc. \$773,440
2. Asphalt Paving – Ulland Brothers \$309,402
3. Concrete 7 Masonry – Josephs Company \$230,800
4. Vehicle Fueling System – Pump & Meter \$226,035
5. Pre-engineered Building – Greystone Construction \$241,450
6. Electrical – AGI Electric \$71,108
7. The Public Hearing for an Economic Development Authority was opened at 5:45 p.m.
8. Huntington/Schultz to close the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. Ayes all.
9. Glynn/Schultz offered the following Resolution, Enabling the Creation of an Economic Development Authority in Steele County, Minnesota. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
10. Huntington/Glynn offered the following Resolution, to support One Watershed, One Plan Efforts in the Cannon River, Cedar River, Zumbro River, and Le Sueur River Watersheds. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
11. Commissioner Reports: Glynn reported on his attendance at the PTD 8 meeting, the joint meeting with Waseca and CCSA meeting. Huntington reported on her attendance at the PTD 8 meeting and MnPrairie and will be attending the Drug Court Graduation. Brady reported on his attendance at the Soil & Water District meeting, Cannon River Watershed meeting, PTD 8 meeting, Highway staff meeting and South Central Human Relations Center. Schultz reported on his attendance at the South Central Human Relations Center. Ebeling reported that he would be attending the Drug Court Graduation.
12. Schultz/Brady to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS 5/24/2016

30th Place, LLC	18,427.64
A'viands, LLC	5,387.81
APG Media of Southern Minnesota, LLC	2,187.84
Briggs & Morgan, PA	5,948.50
Clifton Larson Allen, LLP	4,800.00
Dakota County Financial, Svc.	15,871.57
Election Systems & Software, Inc.	15,756.39
ESRI, Inc.	6,200.00
Everbridge, Inc.	24,400.00
H & H Excavating, Inc.	10,200.00
Gary Hertog PSY. D. LP.	3,600.00
Hildi, Inc.	4,300.00
Kronos Incorporated	2,340.00
Leo Hoffmann Center, Inc.	14,880.00
Malo Roofing, Inc.	26,602.15
Marco, Inc.	8,832.93
Mayo Clinic	2,451.00
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	11,045.15
Oertel Architects	51,030.23
RDO Equipment Co. Inc.	16,069.20
Schultz Excavating	3,118.73
Southern MN Construction Co. Inc.	23,806.61
Steele County Highway Dept.	6,360.74
Steele County Treasurer	9,476.25
Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc.	3,076.79
Streamline Communications, LLC	3,045.96
Turnkey Corrections	12,679.74
Unique Software Corporation	4,480.00
Waste Management of Southern MN	53,562.89
145 Warrants under \$2.00	73,333.50
Total:	\$443,272.37

13. Huntington/Brady to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 6:45 p.m. Ayes all.

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