

Opinion

Our view

C'mon Man!

At ESPN they showcase a segment of boneheaded plays, decisions or goof-ups. They call the segment, “C'mon Man!” This local adaptation of the popular segment goes out to the legislators who have once again successfully put the highway 14 project in limbo.

The Highway 14 controversy continues. People have tried everything to get some help and to get some relief, but on May 25, the transportation bill “failed.” Some smooth-talking politicians chalked it up to a lack of time, however this bill sat for months and nothing was done. Add to that the fact that this project has been discussed for decades.

In actuality, the bill failed due to a last second “light rail amendment” which was slipped in at the midnight hour by Senator Latz. As a result, no amendment was created for the transportation bill and for the 85 million dollars needed to complete the Highway 14 project.

Bottom line as they reached the midnight hour on shutting down the project, money mysteriously appeared for a rail project that just seemed to materialize out of thin air.

C'mon man! Kidding right? Actually, this was a very well thought out plan and timed perfectly for the advancement of the rail project and the demise of the transportation bill.

I've seen far more cars on highway 14 than I have on the rails. The condition of this major thoroughfare is deplorable, antiquated and the traffic has become a nightmare.

From the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, Progress in Motion has launched a “Fund Our Roads” ad campaign which is meant to educate voters on the need for new road and bridge funding.

Margaret Donahoe, Executive Director of the Minnesota Transportation Alliance states, “With 50 per cent of the state's roads and bridges more than 50 years old, and 1,000 of the state's bridges are structurally insufficient, the time is now for lawmakers to approve a long term, dedicated source of funding to repair and expand Minnesota's highways.

“Last year political gridlock prevented lawmakers from enacting a sweeping transportation bill that would have paid for improvements that would have paid for improvements to major commerce corridors, including sections of I-94 and Highways 14 and 23. Legislators can't let party politics get in the way of supporting new revenue for something that is so critical to Minnesota's economy and the safety of the state's drivers.”

There are only a few words that need to be added to Donahoe's statement. I-35W bridge collapse. 158 killed or injured.

It appears that our legislators are not seeing the billboards on Highway 14 as they have been camped in St. Paul too long or they evidently plan on taking the train as their optimum mode of transportation. They surely are NOT hearing the cries of the people. Perhaps it's time to find legislators who are neither procrastinators, blind or deaf. A reminder to the voters, that ball is in your court as you head to the polls this November.



Letter to the Editor

Republican Leadership fails, again

Letter to the editor:

Does anybody remember the chaos in the Minnesota House at the end of last year's session? It is interesting after another failed Minnesota Legislative Session, the Republican Leadership is trying to put the blame on Democratic Legislators.

In the May 25th edition of the People's Press, Rep. Petersburg's article on the opinion page was headlined, “Minnesota Senate Demo-

crats kill Highway 14 funding.” The May 26th edition of the People's Press included an article about Republican Leadership hosting a press conference at Settes that looked more like a public relations opportunity for Republicans as opposed to a real call for completion of Hwy 14. Senator Vicki Jensen, who has worked harder than any other legislator to get funding for Hwy 14, attended the event, even though she was not invited.

Again, Senate Democrats were blamed because they added an amendment after the House gave the Senate 13 minutes to look at the entire bill before mandated adjournment at midnight Sunday. The amendment

would have allowed the Metro Area to raise the portion of Metro tax revenue collected designated for Metro Area use from 10 percent to 20 percent.

Democrats presented their bonding bill on May 4th. The Republican bonding bill wasn't presented until May 18th, five days before the sessions mandated close. I urge everyone reading this to get on the Internet and watch the last hour of this year's session in the Minnesota House. Republican Leadership rammed the legislation through the House and then rushed it over to the Senate. Republican Leadership said they had no prior knowledge of the Senate's proposed amendment. Democratic Leadership said they did.

Watch a segment on the most recent “Almanac at the Capi-

tal” program on the Internet for some insight on an exchange of text messages or lack of exchange between Sen. Bakk and Speaker Daudt.

Why did Republican Leadership waste so much time in introducing their own legislation and not allowing time for debate and compromise? Do we want to go back to the days of raising fees, unallotments, reducing local government aid and delaying funds appropriated for our school districts? I don't think that is what the citizens of Minnesota want. Remember what Republican leadership has done when you vote this year.

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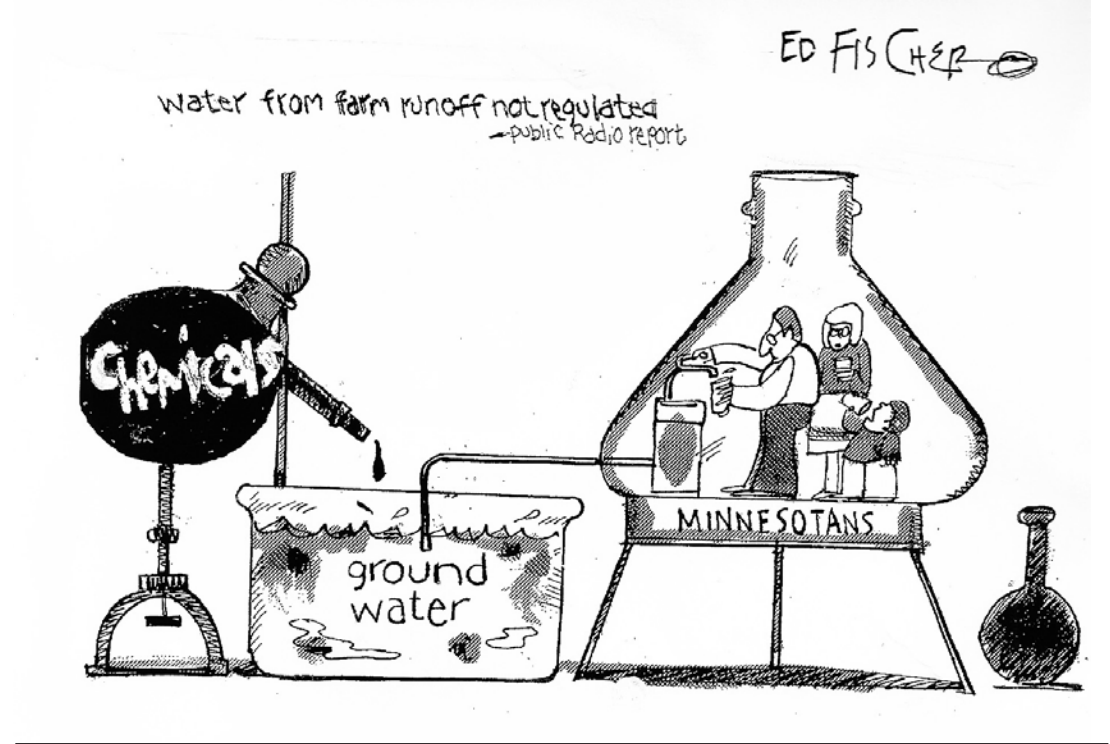
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Sisterly love at its best

HOT PURSUIT

RICK BUSSLER

Ever since my older two children have been off to college, it hasn't been the same around our house, especially for my youngest daughter. She deeply misses her older siblings.

But she's getting a reprieve this summer. And in a big way.

My oldest just returned home for the entire summer after spending the past four months studying abroad in Belgium. My son also returned home for the summer. In the eyes of my 9-year-old, it's one big happy

family again. Cailyn can't let her eyes off of them.

The bond shared between all of them is strong and mighty. In fact, it's almost too much, at least if you ask my oldest. Kyrie gets smothered with love almost to the point of where she wants to escape the house for a while.

Kyrie affectionately describes her little sis as “the stalker.” Cailyn is always keeping sister within eyesight. She reaches out with big hugs and kisses. It's almost comical for me to watch this bond grow deeper and deeper.

It becomes a challenge for me to separate the two at times. It seems I can't get Cailyn to do anything without “my Kyrie,” as she refers to her.

This past weekend I worked my magic and got the two separated, at least for a while. Cailyn and I went out on a bicycle ride together. It ended up being just the two of us mostly because Kyrie doesn't have a working bike at this time.

As we rounded the midway

point in our bike trek, Cailyn stopped and asked me, “Is there a short cut to get home? I need my Kyrie.” I busted out laughing, especially after it had been only 15 minutes since we left home. We continued on our normal ride without any short cuts just to give my oldest a little well-deserved breathing room.

Meal time also becomes interesting. Cailyn has to always sit next to big sister. It's almost like mom and dad don't even exist. The two sisters are glued to the hip and nothing is going to get in their way. That's at least how one of them feels.

Big sister adds to the commotion by teasing little sis. Last week in a serious tone Kyrie told her she was moving back to Europe for good. Cailyn almost instantly broke out in tears. She's as emotional as they come.

There are also a few little squabbles and catty fights thrown into the mix for good measure. For an outsider, it would look like the classic love-hate relationship. The sibling rivalry is priceless.

As a parent, I'm thrilled to see the bond the sisters have developed, though it can be a little overbearing at times. It's also nice to see given the age difference between them. They are 12 years apart.

Researchers now say the bond created with your sister can be one of the most important in your life. Sisters can develop into the closest confidante and critic.

I hope there is nothing that will ever break the bond my daughters share for each other as they go in hot pursuit of sisterly love forever.



Cailyn, left sharing a moment after Kyrie, right, after getting home from studying aboard in Europe.

More steps taken into the future

Proud grandparents, we definitely are.

Two major steps were taken recently by our two granddaughters and they make us very proud.

First, granddaughter Kaley graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, with a BA degree in elementary education. Second, granddaughter Jenna graduated from New Richmond, Wisconsin High School.

I use personal connections to these steps into the future to allow our readers to also reflect on how proud they are as parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents of graduates.

Whether they graduate from high school or college, it is a well deserved accomplishment

and more future steps lie ahead.

It's always enjoyable and inspirational to hear messages brought by students or other speakers at graduation ceremonies.

“Save the Planet” was the message brought by Luther College commencement speaker Alexandra Cousteau. She is the granddaughter of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, an explorer world-renowned for recording his discoveries in books and documentaries, as well as pioneering the field of marine conservation.

The younger Cousteau is a filmmaker, water advocate and third-generation explorer.

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4-H summer adventure



Summer is here! Well almost, and along with summer comes many 4-H Summer Adventures throughout Steele County. 4-H Adventures are opportunities for youth to experience hands on 4-H programming at both the Blooming Prairie and Owatonna Library sites in June and July. This year, 4-H will bring the “Great Summer Camp Out”! Activities will be geared around campfires, maps, water-front, wildlife, bugs, and nature. Come join us at the Blooming Prairie Library at 10:30 a.m. and the Owatonna Library at 3 p.m. even Wednesday starting June 22 through July 27.

SPLASH into 4-H! Keep an eye on your local swimming pools and lakes as 4-H will be there to help cool you down. Back again for the summer, Kali, our 4-H intern, will be on site with water science activities and games for youth of all ages. Watch for flyers to be posted in later June.

4-H on Wheels will be rolling into a location near you again this summer. This program provides six weeks of programming at various sites around Steele County bringing youth opportunities to explore project areas and teambuilding outside of the traditional 4-H meeting. Be on the lookout for Bria as she will be setting up her schedule this June and coming to a site near you!

Looking for an opportunity to get your hands dirty? Come to the Owatonna Hy-Vee for the One Stop Garden program and check it out for yourself! A 4-H Program Coordinator and the Hy-Vee dietitian, along the Master Gardeners will be there on Thursdays from 10 – 11:30 starting June 9 through August 4. Each week, youth will get a chance to explore gardening, snacks with fresh fruits and vegetables, and explore the science behind nature. Classes are free and are held rain or shine.

As you can see summer is about to kick off for Steele County 4-H, be sure to stop in and check out one or all of our summer programs! We are always looking for more volunteers to help with our programs, please contact our office if you are interested in helping.

For more information contact us at the Steele County Extension Office at 507-444-7685

The diamond jubilee of celebrating strawberries

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Have you ever had a dream that you ate 200 pounds of strawberries?

That dream might be owned by the many volunteers who are preparing for the 75th Annual Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church Strawberry Festival to be held from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 14 at the Red Oak Grove church, 30456 Mower Freeborn Road.

More than 450 attended the special event on a hot and sunny day last year.

An estimated 20 volunteers met at the church three weeks ago to wash, stem, slice and add sugar to the 200 pounds of strawberries purchased at Hy-Vee Grocers of Austin. It took the church women about three hours to prepare the strawberries for the June 14 extravaganza.

The Red Oak Grove Strawberry Festival started 75 years ago as an ice cream social get together and eventually grew into a large festival featuring lots of food, craft items, a bake sale and a quilt raffle.

This year’s quilt was created by Pat Hanson and is on display at the church. Winner of the quilt will be drawn at the conclusion of the festival. You need not be present to win. Joyce Peterson won the quilt last year that was donated by Red Oak member Diana Magnuson.

Prior to having dessert, visitors can enjoy sloppy joes, potato salad, chips, baked beans and hot dogs. The dessert consists of fresh strawberries, ice cream and shortcake. Angel food cake is also served. A kids menu is also provided and

will include a hot dog, chips, potato salad, beans and strawberries and ice cream.

Youth of the church will serve as waiters and waitresses. All volunteers will wear red, Red Oak Grove 150th anniversary shirts. The church celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2009.

Four area health care centers have been invited at special times, beginning at 12 noon. Invited are residents of Prairie Manor Care Center of Blooming Prairie, St. Mark’s Care Center of Austin, the Cedars of Austin and the Sacred Heart Health Care Center of Austin.

In preparation for the special event, many volunteers worked on landscaping the church. More than 30 persons from the Gift Growing In Faith Together group helped clean the church on May 4. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month except the summer months.

More prep work will be done the Sunday before the Tuesday event. Workers will make the potato salad on Monday and prepare the sloppy joes fresh on the Tuesday morning of the event. Linda Christianson, a lead organizer for the festival, said workers will prepare 250 pounds of hamburger for the sloppy joes and 120 pounds of potatoes and 12 dozen eggs for the potato salad.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) sponsors the annual event. “Everyone comes out of the wood work for this unified church effort,” Christianson said.



Submitted photo

Twenty women of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church three weeks ago worked on cleaning 200 pounds of strawberries for the upcoming June 14 Strawberry Festival at the church. Joyce Peterson and Eunice Doocy were two of the busy workers. This year’s celebration is the 75th annual.

One hundred and counting

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Reaching the age of 100 is not so rare, as it once was. But it is still an amazing milestone in life, one that Luella Benson has reached with grace and humility. Lu, as she is best known by family and friends celebrated that occasion with a big party at first Lutheran church on Saturday, May 27. Family and friends almost filled the church fellowship room, a testament to the respect she commands by her presence.

Lu’s family of 11 children and many other relative spent time reminiscing about Lu and the long history of her combined families. When asked what the secret to her longevity was, she replied that it was no secret, but just good luck and a lot of support from family and community. A long feature of her life appeared in the Steele County Times a few months ago, and writer Howard Lestrud gave the public an excellent picture in words about her lifetime experiences.

As stepson Vern Benson tells it, “When Mom and Dad married, she brought disci-



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Luella Benson’s grandson Derek Benson and great granddaughter Briana Benson, take time for a family photo with grandmother Luella Benson who turned 100 on May 28, 2016.

pline and order to our family, one which had been existing without either for several years. I admire her for instilling those traits into our life. She has been a very dedicated matriarch to her extended family, and her sense of responsi-

bility and discipline have carried all the way to this age.”

Although not too many experiences were available off hand, Becky Duel does remember a weekend camping trip to then Mississippi River. “One reason it is still clear”,

said Becky “is that we forgot one of the kids and had to go back to get him.” The forgotten one was not named.

Billy duel commented about how the two combined families stayed together and supported one another. “I

started wrestling”, said Duel, “because my brothers Ron and Vern were very good wrestlers. I was so little that I couldn’t even make the 95-pound weight class, but I liked the sport and wanted to be like my brothers. It didn’t hurt that family friend and science teacher Harry Buck served as wrestling coach”

As Lestrud pointed out in his feature article, Lu has lived through the terms of 17 presidents, has seen the introduction of the automobile, placement of TV sets in the homes, and the installation of running water and indoor toilets in her home, and the creation of the computer. That is quite a list of events, and she is suitably amazed by all of them.

When she was informed of the big plans for her 100th part, she replied, “I hope I can be there.” Well, she has been there, and she has no plans to discontinue living yet. Congratulation to Lu and her 100 years.



Staff photo by awni Hammer

Tuesday was a cold and rainy day in Minnesota. Although April showers should be well behind us, I guess Ma Nature didn’t get the memo. It should give us a very green and lush summer.

Patriotism lives in the classroom

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Patriotism is alive and well in the third grade classrooms of Blooming Prairie Elementary School.

Members of Blooming Prairie American Legion Post 52 and Auxiliary and members of VFW Post 878 and Auxiliary one day last week visited the third grade classrooms of Angie Avery, Stephanie Murphy and Chelsea Van Roekel. The three classes count 62 students.

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

The veterans organization representatives also presented awards to the winners of the Patriotic Coloring Contest. All

third graders entered.

Representing the local Legion, VFW and their auxiliaries were: Marilyn Witzel, Judy Lestrud, Joyce Johns, Ardell Swenson, Ken Vermilyea and Tom Wolters.

Witzel, a former teacher, presented a very thorough outline of the meaning of the American flag and she also explained the words found in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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blues singer, Mike Carvale – bassist who has played with many music legends, and Mike Fugazzi – jazz harmonica player who teaches blues for kids on MNBS. All other very famous names in blues circles and for a grand finale performance that outlasted the last stanza of anyone’s agenda, most all appeared on stage for a final all-star jam.

If this group would have appeared in a metropolitan setting, there may well have been over 20,000 in attendance. In Owatonna it was the opportunity of a lifetime, having the blues greats come and sit on the front porch of our hometown and treat us like family.

More than one person commented on the dedication of this year’s group of performers. “They aren’t here for a paycheck.” Said Knights of Columbus worker, Larry Fisher. “This group of performers are here because they love to play their music. Whether there are eight people in the audience or 8,000.”

You could sense it. At the end of the night when most entertainers would have clocked out and went home, this group stayed well past last call, and when it was over, they took the show out to the campgrounds where they left their codas at home.

Harry Chapin used to sing a song entitled, “Mr. Tanner.” The line that has always stuck with me was, “Music was his life, it was not his livelihood.” I got the sense from these gifted artists who stay true to their craft that it is a calling rather than a profession.

There is nothing “phoned in” or “phony” about them. They have a passion burning inside and with their music, it’s as if they have the gift to impart it into the hearts of those who don’t merely hear, but actually listen. What the crowd walked away with Saturday night was a gift that one could

feel deep into the human emotion. Songs that entertain are one thing, but music that leaves a fingerprint on the soul is quite another thing altogether.

“You want to know the best kept secret?” asked Tom Elbert. “It’s that we’ve kept Owatonna the best kept secret.”

In the final half hour of the show Saturday night, Elbert was already sharing some of his dreams and possible collaborations with local blues guru, John ‘blueshammer’ Hammer for an upcoming show that would, well, I’ll just say this. BUCKLE UP.

This was the ninth annual Smokin’ in Steele and one of the biggest and most profitable fundraising events in the area. The event itself has many facets and something for everyone. From a 5K race to a bike cruise to an antique tractor and truck show to the BBQ cooking competition which in itself is becoming legendary.

This year Kingsford Charcoal got on board and offered a \$1,000 matching amount if the winner was cooking with Kingsford Charcoal.

The Steele County Fairgrounds were full on Sunday morning. Full of the memories of a very successful weekend. Stomachs full of some of the finest barbecue in the world, the dance floor filled to capacity, left-over programs blowin’ in the wind boasting a line-up that rivaled anything going on in America that night, and blues so smooth it was like sippin’ sweet tea on a warm summer night down on the bayou.

RV mogul and Owatonna resident, Mike Noble may have said it best as he puffed on his cigar, looked me in the eyes with a large smile on his face commented... “There’s just no place like home.”

And it felt good to be down home Owatonna this weekend.

As a courtesy, the 2016 Smokin’ in Steele photo montage is running hot and true on our Facebook, our website and at Youtube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=6daObHpF0ro



Staff photos by Mark DeLa

Top: Dave Lambert of the blues band, “Brother Sun Sister Moon” was intense on stage Saturday night at Smokin’ in Steele.

Left: Rochester KTTC-TV-10 cameraman Chuck Sibley stood in front of the band, “The Jimmys” which was a powerful blues band that was a cross between the 70’s band, Chicago and John Mayall’s Bluesbreakers. The crowd and the show was, as John “blueshammer” Hammer said, “OFF THE HOOK.”

FEEDLOT

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In his request for the review Peters said that Supervisors Bruce Wolf, Owen Kirkebon and Paul Fibiger conducted a special town board meeting on March 31, 2015 without mailing, posting or publishing notice. The meeting, Peters said, was to have been an electors meeting requested by petition frombi township residents and was posted as such.

Instead of the electors meeting, Peters said, the supervisors convened a board meeting and hired an attorney and approved an interim ordinance.

The second incident, Peters said, involved a public hearing and meeting scheduled for Dec. 1, 2014. He said the three supervisors met before that date, “either in person, by phone or electronically” to discuss the hearing and subsequently cancelled the meeting.

The third incident alleged was on Dec. 11, 2014 at a Dodge County Planning Commission meeting when Kirkebon and Wolf attended and took public input on issues

impacting the township, Peters said.

Township officials have on several occasions denied any wrongdoing and said they have consulted with the Minnesota Association of Townships for assistance.

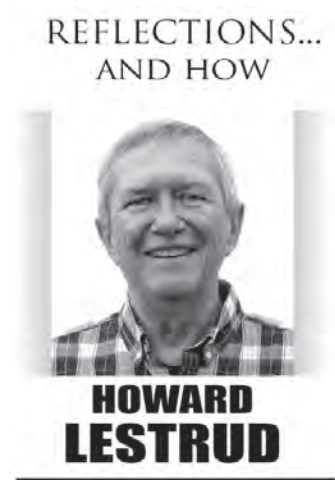
Christensen told board members that in making a decision the commissioner will consider only those comments that Peters provided and comments made by the board members or their attorney in response. Any comments by the town board must be submitted by June 20, she said.

The commissioner will make a decision by July 21, 2016.

The opinion issued by the commissioner, Christensen said, is not binding on the board. However, she said, a court must give the opinion deference and the opinion may offer some legal protection if the board chooses to follow the conclusion reached by the commissioner.

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She is the founder of Blue Legacy International, a non-profit organization with the mission of empowering people to reclaim and restore the world’s waters, one community at a time.

She has led Blue Legacy expeditions across six continents and produced more than 100 award-winning short films about water issues around the world.

Six hundred graduates,

their families and friends listened to the commencement address by Cousteau on the football field at Luther.

No speaker of international renown was featured at Jenna’s high school graduation but inspiring messages were delivered by tri-valedictorians and by a dynamic high school principal.

Senior Valedictorian Ben Werner traced his 13-year school journey by comparing it to putting together pieces of a puzzle. “We have matured but really haven’t changed over the years but now are dumped out of the puzzle box into the real world,” Werner said.

“Keep searching and create your own puzzle; embrace each puzzle as an opportunity,” Werner continued.

Valedictorian Victoria Johnson used the numbers 982,000 miles to outline her message. She said that mileage would get one to the moon and back twice. She spoke about taking risks. She quoted the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy who said by taking risks we can find greater

success. Failures lead to success, she said. “Did you know Albert Einstein was expelled from school?” Johnson asked.

Valedictorian Breelynn Karno challenged her fellow graduates to seize every moment presented to them. “Life doesn’t work in halves, pieces and parts and it can be a struggle,” she said. “Live fully and completely and take risks,” she said. “Try your best and do what you want to do,” she challenged.

Principal Tom Wissink encouraged graduates to remember three important elements of life:

- 1) Your parents are brilliant.
- 2) Make your bed (by doing this you have done something constructive to start the day).
- 3) Change the world.

“The most valuable thing you can give is yourself,” Principal Wissink said before he presented the Class of 2016.

Remember the words you heard at commencement and cherish those words forever. They may help shape the world in the future.

FLAGS

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Wolters and Vermilyea went through the procedure of folding a flag at a funeral or memorial service.

Prizes were given to the first three place finishers in the coloring contest. Anthony Pena placed first, Brady Kittelson was second and Evan Fyksen was third. Each received a certificate and prize money.

The contest was judged by Doris Rasmussen, Judy Lestrud and Marilyn Meshke.

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



VOYAGE

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Staff photos by Mark DeLap

Over three hundred spectators attended the christening of the new Viking Ship that set sail for The Founders Lounge at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

“It’s kind of a weird story, actually,” Meier said, “they approached us and asked us if we would be interested in building a ship. And we’re like, we’ve never built a ship, we build kitchen cabinets, but we’re more than willing to try it.”

Meier went on to say that the greatest challenge was to get the design completed and approved by the Vikings organization. “We wanted it to be right, because it was a one time thing.” Said Meier. “We also wanted it to be a piece of art, not just a piece of furniture.”

The Vikings not only loved the design and the finished work of art, but they showed their appreciation at a christening of sorts in the CBC shipyard on May 31. “The Vikings have been great to

work with,” said Meier, “and we appreciate them letting us hold a party like this for our small town. And it just shows you what this town’s about, how the people come out and support everything like this.”

The ship itself was constructed to be “deconstructed” into five pieces so that it could be moved to the stadium and reassembled in the Founders Lounge. Meier and his crew did just that last Thursday morning. By Thursday afternoon, Meier was back measuring kitchen cabinets and Wilf was showing off his new ship.

Meier declined to say how much the ship cost, but did say that it was an expensive piece of art. There were over 600 man hours into the project and the unveiling last week brought out well

over 300 spectators, CBC staff and family and as a special treat, the Vikings sent two Viking cheerleaders to be a part of the celebration.

The ship is made of fir on the hull and the keel with the bar top itself, solid walnut with brass Minnesota Viking icon inlays. To seal the deal, there are three coats of their pigmented conversion varnish. The icons themselves were routed in with a CNC machine and brass shavings were added to the created cavitations, epoxied, sanded and then varnished.

This is the second company from Owatonna that is being utilized to help with the US Bank Stadium in the downtown east section of Minneapolis. Viracom provided all the glass for the billion dollar venue.

To my knowledge, a glass of champagne was not busted over the hull, but that’s not to say that the old girl won’t taste of her share of the bubbly as it is spilled to her magnificent façade on game days.

The “Where’s Mark” segment on Video can be seen at Christian Bros. Cabinets and you can actually see the celebration as it was occurring complete with Viking balloons, enthusiastic crowds and Viking cheerleaders.

Please go to our Facebook page or you may tap our Youtube directly at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECvAbAf7AHY



Area Church Spotlight

Pastor's corner

'To often we find differences to be a negative thing'



ing the beach, keeping my toes out of the waves. This particular beach was

a mix of sand and rocks. It didn't matter that the water was chilly; it was the rock that captivated me.

I spent easily an hour, head down, admiring the variety in color, shape, and characteristics. There is something so intriguing, so enthralling about feet upon feet of rocks – none of which are the very same. Rough and smooth. All different colors. Unique patterns and fossils. It's hard to fathom how with something so numerous there are no two alike.

I liken this to us – children of God created with no two alike. It's hard to fathom how in all of creation, there is no other me. There is no other you. If we step back, if we honor these differences and the unique people we each are, it is exciting. Fascinating.

Too often we find differences to be a negative thing, something to criticize rather than honor. What if we approached each other with the awe and intrigue like those unique rocks on the beach? What if we admired each other for who God created us to be as unique children of God?

Like me on the beach, we might find ourselves so engaged and captivated in the world and people around us, and so thankful for the unique world God creates.

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Awesome Blossoms Class of 2016

Excited to face life challenges



Story and staff photos by Ahren Backman

Challenges were the theme of Barry W. Olson's presentation of class speech at Blooming Prairie's 2016 graduation. The Blooming Superintendent said that the Class of 2016 was the 40th class of his career, and of those 40 classes, this year's class was the least prepared for the next journey of any of them. Olsen said this was not because of the abilities of the class, but of the difficulty adjusting to the quickly changing world.

Olson's was the fifth speech if the sunny May 5 afternoon at in the gymnasium of the Awesome Blossoms, and it had a distinctly different tone than many of the other speeches. It was a tone of challenge and the Blooming graduates seemed excited to take them on.

One of the first students to take on a new challenge came during a performance by the band. The only graduating senior in the band, Michael Brown, put aside his usual trumpet for a directing baton after the invocation. Brown lead the band in a rendition of "Coldplay On Stage," and received a hardy handshake from the usual band director Ross Reishus, who relinquished his directing role for a place in the woodwind section.

Before the band performance, academic National Honor Society reciprocate Alyssa Krohnberg gave the invocation address. Krohnberg touched on many topics, including moving forward, looking back, and thanking parents and teachers. Krohnberg stated proudly, in regard to the graduate's parents, "you were right." Overall, Krohnberg's address was thankful for all Blooming Prairie had done for the graduates, and the crowd applauded energetically.

The Valedictorian of the Blooming Prairie 2016 class was Anthony Nelson.

Nelson received many scholarships in his senior year and was awarded the "Highly Esteemed Scholar Award" for attaining a 4.0 grade point average. During his speech, he touched on several lighthearted class memories, including the 2016er's getting banned from playing football during recess and one graduate keeping a lengthy list of the girls he kissed during 4th grade.

One of the most important numbers mentioned in the whole afternoon was \$120,000. This was the amount of scholarship dollars the class is taking into the world. This would be an impressive number for any graduating class, but for the 36 graduating Awesome Blossom's that averaged to over \$3,000 per student. Based on classes the academic performance, they are ready to live the ladder half of their class motto, "What takes us back to the past are the memories. What takes us forward are our dreams." After the scholarships were announced, a special recognition was given to graduate Jon Hatch by school counselor Mary Worke. Hatch was the sole member of the class that decided to pursue a career in the military. According to Worke, 27 percent of the class chose college and another 27 percent of the class chose to immediately enter the work force.

The only thing the Class of 2016 seemed indecisive about was whether they would do the traditional hat throw after they stood as a group to receive diplomas. After a few seconds of indecision the hats did end up flying, and the last class speaker rounded the afternoon out in striking fashion.

Margaret Jones returned to the challenges of life after high school in her closing address. She spoke highly of an out-of-state FFA trip where she was terrified to attend, but ended up taking on the challenge and getting great confidence and a close

bond with several new friends. Jones ended the speech with a quote about the importance of serving the society moving forward. "For the first time in history, the hope for the future is the worst it has ever been. The future is carried on our shoulders... For we are the Awesome Blossoms... Class of 2016."

Graduate Alyssa Krohnberg giving her invocation address at Blooming Prairies graduation while (from left to right) Associate Principle Ms. Alison Mach, Board Chairperson Mr. Rodney Krell, Counselor Mrs. Mary Worke, Principle Mr. John Worke, and Superintendent Mr. Berry W. Olsen.

Below: Graduate Ethan Strunk receiving his diplomat from school counselor Mary Worke.



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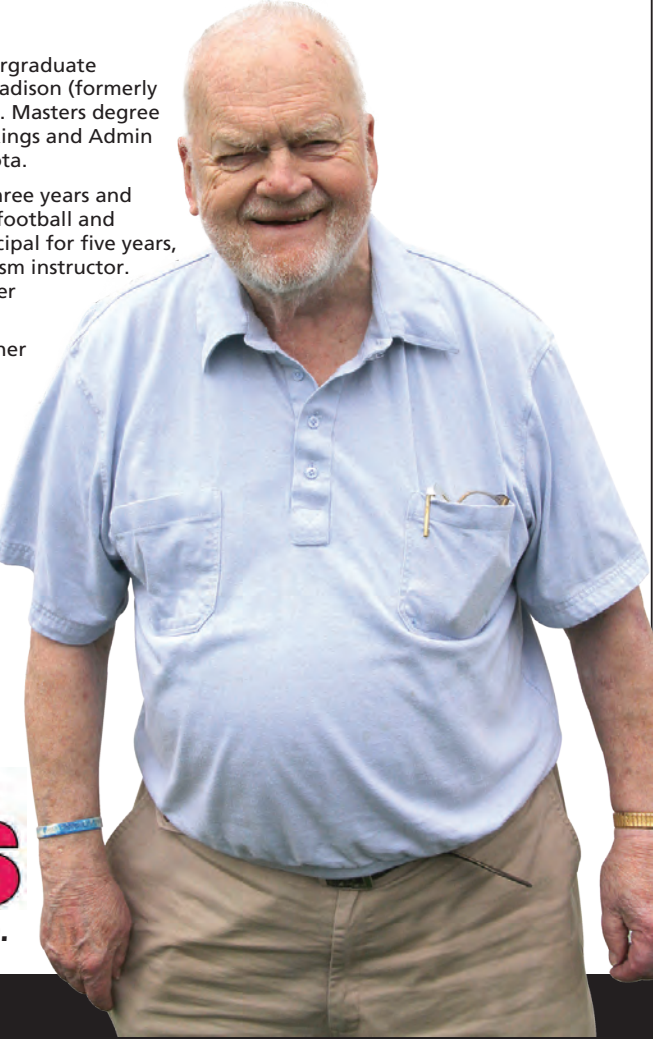
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Teacher and coach at Chester, SD for three years and 35 years at Blooming Prairie. Assistant football and basketball for 9 years, high school principal for five years, remainder of time English and Journalism instructor. Speech director annual and school paper advisor.

Directed several class plays. Was a teacher of the year top ten in 1966, state journalism advisor of the year, and Blossoms Forever distinguished service recipient.

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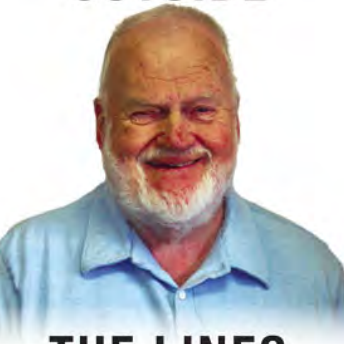
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OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

Blooming success

For sure, the biggest local news in sports came from the boys' golf team that won the first Section 1A championship in the school's history. And the boys did it with a trademark that had been there all season. They were very consistent in their play and they also displayed good balance in scoring with junior Tommy Braaten leading the way. Taylor Christianson will also be making her third straight trip to state as an individual.

The boys join four other teams who made BPHS history with a section title, including two state titles. The girls track team won state in 1984 and the softball team won the championship on their fourth trip to state. Girls' basketball won the section in 1995, boys' basketball did the same way back in 1966, and the football team advanced three times, twice reaching the state semifinals.

All of these teams make it good to be a Blossom. In addition, several individuals have competed at state contests, and Lisa Meshke in golf, and Patty Becker and Teresa Hatteberg in speech all won titles. FFA members have also competed in state contests in the past. Let's just hope that other state titles are in the future.

Both the softball and baseball teams finished their seasons last week. The baseball team played one of its better games of the season in the loss to Bethlehem Academy. It was a great effort against a No. 2 seeded Cardinal team that had to score in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out the victory.

With just three wins in the season, the young Blossom players could have given up early, but to their credit, the boys never gave up and showed much improvement as the season went on. They had only one senior on the team and the squad should be improved next year. A tip of the hat goes to the baseball team for their determination and positive attitude.

Speaking of young players, the softball team reached the section tournament again, the tenth time in 13 seasons in which coach Ali mach's team has done so. The team had to defeat both JWP and Bethlehem Academy to earn a spot in the section and both of those teams had defeated the Blossoms earlier.

BP had six junior high girls on the varsity and most of them made valuable contributions to the team. Although the Blossoms finished with a 10-13 overall record, they came together pretty good in the last part of the season. As one of those young players remarked, "We just didn't want the season to end and we fought to the last out." The softball team also earns a tip of the hat this week.

None of the track entries was able to earn a spot at the state track meet, but again, both teams featured some young competitors. Leah Schiefert did match the school pole vault record and another year of practice may help her set a new record. Maybe another year of experience will translate into future success for the track athletes.

Graduates begin anew

Another graduating class at BPHS has now marched into the

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GOING TO STATE



Submitted photo

Members and coaches of the Blooming Prairie golf team holding the Section 1A championship trophy. From left to right: Coach Carl Peterson, Ethan Strunk, Tommy Braaten, Jake Ressler, Lucas Noble, Jon Hatch, Coach Cory Hendrickson. Front: Taylor Christianson and Jessica Ressler.

Boys team wins first section championship

By LEMAR NELSON

Staff Writer

Department trucks with the section trophy triumphant on the lead truck.

It turned into a bonanza day for the BPHS golfers as Tommy Braaten earned medalist honors for the boys with a 153 total over the two days of golf and Taylor Christianson finished the girls' runner-up to pin down a trip to state as well. Braaten will be making his second trip to the state meet after he missed last year by just a few strokes. For Christianson, it will be her third trip in a row to the big show. Both Braaten and Christianson are BPHS juniors.

"It was a great day for Blooming Prairie golf," exclaimed Co-Coach Cory Hendrickson. "The team shot a 321 today to go along with our first day of 336 to finish with a 657 total. Lewiston-Altura had a two-day total of 663, and Rushford-Peterson and Caledonia finished third and fourth with 380 and 390 respectively."

The win for the boys marked just the fifth time in BPHS history that an Awesome Blossom team has advanced to a state competition. Boys' basketball, girls' track, girls' basketball, and softball teams have been previous state entries. The local school has had several individuals who have advanced to the state level in golf, agriculture, and speech and have even won a state title.

After Braaten's 153, Lucas Noble shot a season best 77 to go along with an 87 and a 164 total. Jon Hatch carded a 169 total (80, 89), Jake Ressler a 176 (84, 92), and Ethan Strunk a 187 (100, 87). Christianson finished six strokes behind girls' medalist Grace Miller of Fillmore Central who carded two rounds of 78 for a 156 total. Fillmore Central easily won the girls' division over Caledonia by 27 strokes 688 to 715. The golfers will now compete at the state meet at Pebble Creek Golf Course at Becker June 14-15.

Breaking records along the way to state



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Owatonna's Karissa Gregory hands off to anchor Margo Achterki in the 4x200 meter relay Saturday at the Section 1AA Track and Field Championships at Lakeville South High School. The two teamed with Steph Kretlow and Sydney Schultz to win the race in a new section record time of 1:42.33. The quartet also broke the section record in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 48.78

TRACK

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Wabasha brings end to Blooming softball season

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

After a doubleheader win in the sub-section to gain the section, the Awesome Blossom softball came up short against Wabasha Kellogg in the section playoff and finished the season at Todd Park in Austin Wednesday. The Falcons defeated BP 7-5 in a close contest.

A late rally from the Blossoms had the tying runs on base when an odd double play ended the game. WK scored two runs in the first, two in the third, and three more in the fifth for a 7-2 lead, but the locals used a walk, two errors, and two hits from seventh-grader Allison Krohnberg and Bria Baldwin to score three runs and get the tying run to the plate, before a caught fly and a throw to first stopped the rally and gave the Falcons the game.

As Coach Ali mach remarked, “We had chances, even though I thought that we didn’t play particularly well. I am excited for this team, however, as we were

very young and even mixed in some junior high girls to play regularly. It was a great learning experience for all of them.”

The WK runs in the first came on a single, a walk, a Blossom error and two groundouts, and the third inning runs scored on another error, a fielder’s choice, and a single. BP scored once in the first on Linnea Sunde’s bunt single, a stolen base, and a sacrifice fly, and they tied the game at two in the top of the third on a walk, stolen base, and the first of Baldwin’s three hits for the game.

The Falcons retook the lead on a walk, a two-base error and a single, and the three runs on three singles and a double. In the seventh inning rally for the Blossoms, a walk, Baldwin’s third hit, another walk, a Falcon error, and Lila Carlson’s base hit accounted for the three runs that fell short of tying the game.

Soft-tossing Tori Goedotka kept the Blossoms off-balance most of the game to get the win; Elly Strunk took the loss for the Blossoms.



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Blooming Prairie’s Linnea Sunde gets safely to third in front of a tag attempt from Wabasha-Kellogg’s Adrianna Baab in Wednesday’s Section 1A playoff game at Todd Park in Austin. The Blossoms lost the game 7-5 to end their season.



Staff photo by Ahren Backman

NRHEG sophomore Gabby Muri runs to first on a base hit during ftheir Section AA playoff game Monday, May 30 versus Belle Plaine at Caswell Park in North Mankato. Belle Plaine won 3-1.

NRHEG out of section playoffs

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Playing in the loser’s bracket of the Section 2AA tournament, Belle Plaine scattered just four hits to NRHEG as the Tigers edged the Panthers 3-1 at Caswell Park in North Mankato on Monday, May 30. It ended a winning season for NRHEG in which the team compiled a 4-2 conference record and an overall mark of 16-7.

Each team scored a run in the first inning, but the Tigers put three hits, a walk, and a Panther error together to plate two runs in the third. That was more than enough for the win as the Panther bats were pretty silent all game. Four different girls had one hit each with Paige Knudson getting the only RBI in the first inning.

“We couldn’t quite get enough hits in this game,” said coach Wendy Schultz. “I was proud of the girls, anyway, for their work ethic and determination in this game and throughout the season.”

Madde Haller picked up the win for the Tigers, walking just one and striking out seven. Anna Lundberg got saddled with the loss, striking out five and walking just one as well.

In summarizing the season, Coach Schultz remarked, “I feel very lucky to be able to coach such a fine group of young ladies. They were always working hard during games and in practices, and that made it all very worthwhile.”

The team enjoyed a winning season with a 16-7 record and beating GFW and then losing to No. 1 state ranked New York Mills, both in the Hayfield Invitational, had to rank as high-lights for the year. Four of the girls batted over .400 for the sea-

son, led by Paige Knudson’s lofty .542 average. Grace Johns batted .481, Gabby Muri .439, and Kayley Camerer .400. Camerer drove in 42 runs, had eight homers and 10 doubles. Johns had 31 RBI’s, seven doubles, and triples and Knudson drove in 17 runs, had two triples and nine doubles.

Anna Lundberg pitched all 23 games for the Panthers. Her ERA stood at 3.03 and she struck out 108 batters while walking 59. She surrendered 61 earned runs overall. Camerer led all fielders with a .992 average and just one error on the season. It truly was a good season for the NRHEG softball season.

Tucker no-hits, but Panthers lose

It must really be a case of bad luck for a team, when the pitcher throws a no-hitter, but the team still loses the game. NRHEG hurler Jack Schultz held St. Peter hitless, but the Saints defeated the Panthers 2-1 at St. Peter Thursday in the Section 2AA playoffs. The loss left NRHEG with an overall record of 9-14, and a 3-9 conference mark.

The winners used three walks to score a run in the second inning and they manufactured the winning run in the bottom of the third inning on a suicide squeeze play. NRHEG had tied the game in the top of the third. In six of the seven innings the Panthers got a runner to second base, but the clutch hit never came. A couple of base running mistakes also hurt the chances.

“Schultz threw the no-hitter,” commented Coach Drew Paukert, “and you certainly can’t ask for more than that. We just couldn’t

get the clutch hit when we really needed it. Overall, I am proud of the way we played this season. To their credit, the boys kept working hard, and I felt we were playing our best baseball at the end of the season. That is a good feeling.”

NRHEG Shut out by GFW

After springing an upset in the opening round of Section 2AA baseball, NRHEG suffered a 4-0 loss to Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop in second round action. GFW plated a single run in the first inning, and then continued the shutout with three runs in the third. That was more than enough to ensure the victory.

Winning pitcher Nolan Huiras limited the Panthers to just four hits with John Hubly accounting for two of the four. Huiras walked four and struck out four in gong the distance. Dempsey Tucker took the loss for NRHEG, as he gave up six hits, walked four, and struck out three Thunderbirds.

NRHEG golf

The Panther golf teams also saw opening round action n the section golf tournament. Atom Oqulst and Nick Schultz both shot 104, and Ross Lenort and Aaron Olson both recorded a116. Ethan Thompson had a 131 to round out the boys.

For the girls Jessica Nafe led the team with a 104, and Bayli Possin carded a 107. Kyrie Possin had 118, Kalle Spooner a 124, Grace Logan a 135, and Tali Wayne a 138.



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of June 3

No results due to being rained out

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OHS’ Johnson, Schultz qualify for state



By **JOE TISCHLER**
Sports Editor

Owatonna’s Steph Kretlow, Sydney Schultz, Karissa Gregory, and Margo Achterkirch are following in the footsteps of former Husky track greats on their way to the state track and field meet.

The quartet’s time of 1:42.33 in the 4x200 meter relay broke a nine-year section record that Owatonna’s Christina Rozeske, Lauren Cochlin, Brooke Schmitz, and Shai Nichols set by over a second.

They weren’t done setting records. Two events later, the four-some broke another nine-year section mark set by the team of DeAnna Nichols, Cochlin, Rozeske, and Shai Nichols by taking the 4x100 meter relay in a section record time of 48.78 at the Section 1AA Track and Field Championships Saturday at Lakeville South High School.

The girls won in dominating fashion as they took the 4x200 title by over two seconds and claimed the 4x100 crown by over one second. Having four girls on a relay team with like abilities and speed can only make them stronger.

“We’re all really great friends,” said Schultz. “We all work hard every day at practice and we all push each other to be the best that we can be. Without this relay team, I wouldn’t be going to state. It’s awesome.”

Schultz will be competing in more than the two relays at state. After running the fourth best time in the 100-meter dash preliminaries on Thursday, Schultz pulled off a second place time of 12.51 in the finals on Saturday to qualify for state in her third event.

“I was fourth going in so I wasn’t expecting a second place finish in that one,” she said. “It was a nice surprise.”

Also going to state with a second place finish is freshman Syd Kretlow in the 800 meters. Like Schultz, Kretlow failed to have a top three time in the preliminaries on Thursday, but qualified for state with a time of 2:14.84 on Saturday.

Achterkirch and Gregory nearly joined Schultz as a three-event participant, but narrowly missed out on going to state in the 200-meter dash as they finished with third (26.17) and fourth (26.53) place finishes, respectively.

Carli Langeland had fifth place leaps in both the long jump (16-04.75) and the triple jump (35-02.25).

On the boys’ side, senior Jacob Johnson qualified for state in three events. In his first event of the day, the 110-meter hurdles, he easily outdistanced his competition, but his win was met with some disappointment.

“I was really hoping I could break the section record, I was off by .04 so I’m a little disappointed,” he said. “I had a really late start which contributed to that.

The section record in the 110-meter hurdles is 14.32. Johnson ran a 14.39 on Saturday two days after running a 14.36 in the preliminaries. Aside from the 110s, Johnson has his goals set for more.

“My mission right now is I want to be section champ in the 300s and go to state in the 4x400,” he said following his win the 110s. “We have the times, we have the people, we have the ability. My goal is to go to state in all three and win state in both hurdles.”

He followed through on his section mission later in the meet. He took the 300-meter hurdles section title by a scant .01 as he edged Hastings’ Clayton Johnson with a winning time of 38.98.

In the 4x400 meter relay, he

held off Clayton Johnson again as he anchored the relay of Ryan Guenther, Nick Raichle, and Jaden Dowhaniuk to a winning time of 3:25.37.

Raichle will be joining Johnson as a two-time entrant in next weekend’s state meet from the relay as pulled in a winning time of 50.19 in the 400-meter dash.

Narrowly missing out on a trip to state, but finishing with two top five performances was junior Darik Elstad who’s heave of 48-feet was good for fifth in the shot put and who’s throw of 154-feet, 7-inches was good for fourth in the discus.

The five girls and four boys will represent Owatonna at the Minnesota State High School League State Track and Field Meet Friday and Saturday at Hamline University in St. Paul.

Section 1A

Individuals from Blooming Prairie and Medford competed at the Section 1A Track and Field Championships held last Tuesday and Thursday at Triton High School in Dodge Center.

The Blooming Prairie boys had four runners earn points for the squad led by Alec Ille’s fourth place finish in the 1600-meter run. The sophomore’s time of 4:31.87 on Thursday was 14 seconds better than his seed time. Wyatt Grundmeier’s time of 52.05 was good for sixth place in the 400-meter dash. Anthony Nelson (23.53) and Elijah Baker (2:06.18) had seventh place finishes in the 200 meters and 800 meters, respectively.

The lone Blooming Prairie girl to receive points was junior Leah Schiefert. Her height of 9-feet, 4-inches in the pole vault was good for sixth place. Both the Medford boys’ and girls’ teams earned all of their section points from their field event participants. Junior Ash-

ley Gilbertson had a fifth place showing in the shot put (35-00.25) and sixth place throw in the discus (104-06) and freshman Rachael Luebbe placed sixth in the high jump with a height of 4-feet, 11-inches.

For the boys, senior Preston Hanson’s heave of 48-feet, 5.25-inches was good for fourth place.

Section 2A

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva competed at the Section 2A Track and Field Championship Saturday at Mankato West High School. The Panthers were hoping to get multiple athletes to advance to the state meet, but wound up shutout in the very tough competition.

“Our section is one of the strongest in the state for track,” said head coach Duey Ferber. “You go up to state, you’re going to see our Section 2 represented very well. We have some 30 teams in our section and to be top two (in an event or a relay), you’re doing very well.”

Sophia Fisher had NRHEG’s top finish when her heave of 35-feet, 11-inches in the shot put was good for fifth place. Maddie Wagner put forth a sixth place height in the high jump at 4-feet, 11-inches and Hailey Schuller’s run of 16.75 in the 100-meter hurdles was good for seventh. The two were joined by Caitlin Goette and Marnie Wagner in the 4x200 meter relay for a seventh place time of 1:52.44.

On the boys’ side, the 4x800 meter relay team of Tyler Schlaak, John Cole, Nathan Krause, and Josh Flemming combined for a fourth place time of 8:23.75. The quartet also teamed for a sixth place time of 3:37.54 in the 4x400 relay. Senior Zeke Erickson’s distance of 44-feet, 4-inches was good for seventh in the shot put.



Staff photos by Joe Tischler

Top left-Owatonna’s Sydney Schultz and Steph Kretlow run side-by-side in the 100 meter finals Satu day at Section 1AA meet in Lakeville. Schultz finished second t qualify for state. **Top right**-Owatonna’s Jacob Johnson runs to an easy victory in the 110-meter hurdles Saturday. The senior also claimed the 300-meter hurdles and anchored the winning 4x400 meter relay. **Middle right**-Medford’s Ashley Gilbertson heaves the shot put in the Section 1A meet Thursday. She would finish in fifth place. **Bottom left**-Blooming Prairie’s Alec Ille runs in the 1600 meters at the Section 1A meet Thursday. The sophomore had Blooming’s highest finish as he placed fourth. **Bottom right**-NRHEG’s Maddie Wagner clears her height in the high jump at the Section 2A meet Saturday. She would place sixth in the event (Staff photo by Ah en Backman).

PREP SPOTLIGHT



Bria Baldwin
Jr, Softball
Bloomington Prairie

The junior has been a starter on the Blossom softball team since she was in eighth grade. She’s second on the team with a .434 average. Her 36 hits include eight doubles, four triples, and a home run.

“Bria is a solid all-around player who leads by example. She has been one of our top offensive and defensive players for the past two seasons. This year she has grown into a more vocal leader and her leadership helped guide us to postseason success.”
- Head coach Ali Mach



Nicholas Meixner
Sr, Baseball
Medford

The senior proved his leadership abilities on the mound and at the plate for the Tigers this season. In 53 innings, he struck out 50 batters while compiling a 3.17 ERA. With the bat, he led the team in runs batted in with 14 and extra base hits with eight.

“Nicholas is a competitor, a bulldog. He is able to keep cool in tense situations. All of these help him achieve the success that he has achieved. Nicholas leads by example to get the job done. At his best, his pitching is as good as anyone.”
- Head coach Jon Chappuis



Dempsey Tucker
Sr, Baseball
NRHEG

The senior has been a workhorse on the mound this season for the Panthers compiling a 2.64 ERA in 72 innings of work. At the plate, he’s second on the team in batting (.279) and leads in runs batted in with 14.

“At the plate, Dempsey has come a long way this season. From being a kid at the beginning of the year we thought might get DH’d for when he pitched to being second on the team in batting says to the amount of work he has put in this year. He is our leader and a huge part of our success.” - Head coach Drew Paukert



Millie Wanous
Sr, Softball
Owatonna

The senior catcher was a dominant force at the plate for the Huskies this season. She led the squad in all major batting categories: .425 batting average, six home runs, 25 runs batted in and had an on-base percentage of .471.

“Millie was a very big reason why we had great success at the plate this year. She was the kind of player you wanted at the plate in tough situations. She will definitely be a tough spot to fill next year in the lineup.”
- Head coach Brian Pilcher

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school history book, and those seniors will venture into completely new surroundings in the future. I didn’t do any research on it, but the class of 2016 had to be one of the smallest, if not the smallest classes to complete its education at the local high school in the last 50 years. That doesn’t mean, however, that the individuals didn’t accomplish anything. After all, the students accumulated almost \$120,000 in scholarship money, and they had an enviable mark in the academic pursuits. Although the class couldn’t break any records in athletics, none of the teams considered their seasons a failure and the football team earned its way into the section playoffs again last fall. The few in number certainly left their mark during their high school careers and many will miss them.

Now, they enter a new environment and launch a new career. Approximately 75 percent of the graduates will continue their education, a few will enter the service of our country, and a few will launch directly into the world of work. Whatever hope they succeed in their choice, we wish them well and hope they succeed in their new life. And whether they will admit it or not, at some point they will miss the good old days of high school and express feeling of nostalgia and sadness for a life now ended. Time marches on!

Journalists of the future

Last week several staff members from the Times journeyed

to neighboring Medford to present some awards to some budding journalists. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at the middle school recently completed a unit in journalism and newspaper and a writing contest became one of the assignments. The students seemed to enjoy it and the times staff members answered some eager questions from individuals.

The project was the brain-storm of managing editor Mark DeLap and its success prompted him and the paper to make plans for the same type of program in Blooming Prairie and New Richland. I, for one, hope it comes to fruition, as the newspaper is still one of the best sources for news and accurate reporting.

Coming events

June 14, 75th annual Strawberry Festival at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church

Just enough space left to remind everyone that in less than three weeks, the annual ribfest will be held at the Servicemen’s Club. SAVE THE DATE, June 25. Up to a dozen cooks will be showing off their skills, games for kids will be available, and the Potluck String Band will perform all four hours of the event. Raffle tickets are also on sale in advance and also at the ribfest. Join the crowd from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. Wristband for entry and tasting are \$15 and we’ll see you there.

Walk-off winner keeps Huskies alive

By **JOE TISCHLER**
Sports Editor

The Owatonna Huskies baseball team went into Saturday play at the Section 1AAAA baseball tournament without a loss. They would end the day needing a walk-off, extra-inning win to keep their season alive.

The Huskies will need to beat top seed Lakeville North twice tonight to advance to the state baseball tournament. First pitch is at 5 p.m. at Memorial Park in Dundas. If Owatonna wins the first game, a second game will immediately follow.

Owatonna faced North in their opener on Saturday and

held a 2-0 lead with a pair of fourth inning runs. The Panthers answered with four runs in the fifth to take a two-run lead. The Huskies had a threat going in the sixth when they had runners on second and third with one out, but failed to get them across. North would hold on for the 4-2 win.

Later in the day, in a back-and-forth affair, Owatonna topped Lakeville South for the second time in the tournament, 8-7 in eight innings.

After two and a half innings, the Huskies found themselves trailing 6-1. They plated three runs on just one hit in the bottom of the third to trim their deficit to 6-4.

The Cougars scored once in the fourth before Owatonna would score three in the sixth to knot the game at 7. A Kodey Kiel single and Alec Holcomb double started the frame. A Sam Hylle sacrifice fly scored Kiel and a Brett Solie double plated Holcomb. Ben Staska’s double to left center scored Solie to tie the game.

Holcomb retired South easily in the seventh and eighth innings.

Hylle started the bottom of the eighth with a double to left. Solie followed with a bunt in an attempt to move Hylle to third. When the throw to first went past the first baseman, Hylle rounded third and scored the winning run.



TISCH DISH

JOE TISCHLER

‘The Greatest’ passes

I’m too young to have ever watched a Muhammad Ali fight live, but I’m not too young to know what the former “Cassius Clay” meant to this country and to the world.

For the people of my generation, the most vivid memory we have of Ali is of him receiving the flame from Janet Evans, shaking from his Parkinson’s Disease, and lighting the Olympic cauldron at the opening ceremony at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

For those before me, he was known much more than just an Olympic and World Heavyweight champion boxer, he was, among other things, a poet, a philanthropist, cocky, and more.

Ali (Clay) first came into prominence when he won a gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics shortly after graduating from high school. Shortly afterwards, he made his professional debut and won his first 19 bouts, 15 by knockout through 1963 when he became the top contender for the world heavyweight crown held by Sonny

Liston. Clay won the bout after Liston didn’t answer the bell for the seventh round.

Soon afterwards, Clay converted to Islam and changed his name to Muhammad Ali. His biggest action was refusing induction into the armed forces during the Vietnam War. He did not have jail time, but he was stripped of his title by the professional boxing commission and would not be allowed to fight professionally for more than three years; his prime fighting years.

After many appeals, Ali was allowed to fight again in August of 1970. By March 1971, he was fighting for the heavyweight crown again against Joe Frazier. Frazier won the bout by unanimous decision.

Ali would again have a chance at regaining his title in 1974 when he fought George Foreman in the “Rumble in the Jungle.” He wanted the fight to be in Zaire (the Congo) to help give Africa an economic boost. Ali won the match mainly using the “rope a dope” technique.

Ali would fight Frazier three times, with the famous “Thrilla in Manila” capping the trio of bouts. His last fight came in December 1981.

He was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Syndrome in 1984, but still remained a beloved and active public figure for 32 years until his death late Friday night at the age of 74. He traveled the world, lending his name and presence to hunger and poverty relief, supporting education efforts of all kinds, and encouraging people to respect and better understand one another.

His professional record of 56-5 included 37 by knockout and he his second to only Michael Jordan in appearances on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

I’ll leave you with three of his more famous quotes:

1. “Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.”
2. “I’m young; I’m handsome; I’m fast. I can’t possibly be beat.”
3. “I am the greatest. I said that even before I knew I was.”

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Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Drugs. Police arrested a subject for drug activity in the 200 block of Maple Ave. NE at 9:51 p.m.

Crime Briefs

Alleged harasser suspected of possessing drugs



Treganza

A man faces felony drug charges after allegedly harassing a woman in Owatonna May 27.

Police received a report from a woman of a man harassing her and possibly having warrants. Officers responded to the area of Central Park where they arrested Paul

A. Treganza, 53, for outstanding warrants out of Freeborn, Mower and Rice counties.

After the arrest, officers found Treganza to be in possession of a small pouch that contained a pipe with white residue and a small amount of crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine.

In addition to the warrants, Treganza has been charged with fifth-degree controlled substance in Steele County.

Tattoos aide in arrest of woman



Marovich

Tattoos proved to be the difference for police in identifying a woman who tried to hide her real identity.

Owatonna Police responded to Oakdale Motel for unwanted people staying

in a room. As the unwanted guests were leaving, a woman lied about her name. The innkeeper provided helpful information by recalling the woman's name used during previous rentals.

Police said that name, although not entirely complete or correct, was used to point officers in the right direction. The officer used a Rice County booking photo and tattoo identifiers on her neck to match her up

with the true identity of Heather Jo Marovich.

She had outstanding warrants out of Rice County. During the arrest, officers found hypodermic needles and a narcotic without a prescription.

In addition to the warrants, Marovich has been charged with felony fifth-degree controlled substance and misdemeanor counts of false name and obstructing legal process.

New troopers begin patrolling area local roads

Several new troopers have begun patrolling area roadways.

Steven Jones has been assigned to Steele and Rice counties while Zachery Fay is handling Mower and Freeborn counties. They were among 57 cadets who graduated two weeks ago and became Minnesota State Patrol troopers.

In all, the southeastern section of Minnesota received five troopers from the latest academy, which just recently completed a 16-week training at Camp Ripley. Others assigned to the region include Kurt Knutsen and Allan Jorgenson in Dodge and Olmsted counties and Bjorn

Englund in Winona County.

The newest additions to the patrol will now go through a 12-week field training program, according to Sgt. Troy Christianson.

This year's recruits range in age from 21 to 47. They come from military and law enforcement backgrounds. They were semi-professional soccer players. They were bankers and some of them had family members who died in the line of duty as troopers.

Said Col. Matt Langer, chief of the patrol, of the graduating class: "I'm proud of you. Please remember the work you do will

make a difference."

The State Patrol has an operating strength of 550 troopers, Christianson said, adding most of the new troopers were replacements for retiring officers.

"It sounds like a lot, but we cover the entire state," Christianson noted. "We'd like more troopers. We can always use more."

The patrol is anticipating another class next year, but is still awaiting final approval.

Because of privacy rules, no photos were available of the new troopers, Christianson said.

Boy hit by wagon loses battle



Wharton

There has been a tragic ending to the story of a little boy critically injured while riding in his play wagon in Olmsted County.

L u k a s Wharton, 5, of rural Kasson died last week from injuries he suffered when his wagon collided

with a vehicle near his home May 24. It happened in Kalmar Township, which is on the Dodge-Olmsted county line.

"Our hearts are so broken with unbearable pain," Lukas' grandmother, Lynn Honermann, wrote on Facebook. "I pick up his toys, and can't help but cry. We will always have this hole in our hearts."

The investigation into the crash continues by the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office. The driver of the car, Niles Keller,

69, of Mantorville, had initially been arrested at the scene, but was later released without charges pending the results of a blood test. Sheriff's officials say alcohol appears to be a factor in the crash.

A benefit was held for the family Sunday in Byron. Donations are also being accepted through a Gofundme campaign at www.gofundme.com/lukaswharton.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie

May 30
Vehicle Pursuit. At 5:20 p.m., officers engaged in a vehicle pursuit in the city. They arrested the subject involved.

May 31
Theft. Police received a theft report at 5:51 p.m.

June 2
Thefts. Police received four theft reports throughout the day.

Owatonna Police

May 26
Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 6:20 a.m. They issued a citation.

Burglary. Police began a burglary investigation in the 3600 block of County Rd. 45 N. at 2:23 p.m.

Child Protection. Police received child protection reports from the 200 block of Park St. SE at 3:53 p.m. and the 400 block of State Ave. NW at 8:22 p.m.

May 27
Death. Police began death investigations in the 2200 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 10:24 a.m. and in the 400 block of Murray St. SE at 10:54 a.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1000 block of Lemond Rd. SW at 12:37 p.m.

Crash. At 12:58 p.m., paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW.

Burglary. Officers responded to a burglary in the 600 block of 24th Ave. NW at 4:18 p.m.

Hit and Run. A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 6:28 p.m.

Warrants. Officers made warrant arrests in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 7:58 p.m. and at Mound St. SW and Selby Ave. SW at 8:39 p.m.

May 28
Drunken Driving. Police arrested motorists for driving while intoxicated at Oak Ave. N. and Rose St. W. at 1:06 a.m. and at Bridge St. W. and Interstate 35 northbound at 3:29 a.m.

Theft. At 10:32 a.m., officer took a theft report in the 400 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of Arglen Dr. NW at 11:04 a.m.

Suspicion. At 7:11 p.m., police

Steele County Sheriff

May 26
Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 300 block of Central Ave. W. at 12:49 p.m.

May 27
Crash. At 10:55 p.m., deputies responded to a crash resulting in property damage at 13th St. SW and 92nd Ave. SW.

May 29
Arrest. Deputy arrested a motorist in the 900 block of Hwy. 30 W. at 11:01 p.m.

May 30
Traffic. Deputies made a traffic stop at 86th St. NE and 89th Ave. NE at 10:39 a.m. They took the motorist into custody.

Crashes. Deputies responded to personal injuries crashes in the 9300 block of 18th St. SE at 2:55 p.m. and at 92nd Ave. NW and Crane Creek Rd. at 3:16 p.m.

May 31
Theft. Deputy took a theft report in the 8100 block of 21st Ave. NW at 9:31 a.m.

June 1
Thefts. Thefts were reported in the 900 block of 5th Ave. E. at 2:27 p.m. and in the 100 block of 3rd St. NW at 8:34 p.m.

Assault. Deputies responded to an assault in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 3:37 p.m.

Welfare. Deputy completed a welfare check in the 700 block of 143rd St. SE at 4:38 p.m.

Disturbance. At 4:43 p.m., deputies received a noise complaint from the 300 block of 4th St. SE.

Arrest. Deputy arrested a motorist at 4th St. NW and Park Dr. NW at 9:24 p.m.

June 2
Crash. Deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at Austin Rd. at Hwy. 14 E. at 6:51 a.m.

Burglary. At 8:08 a.m., deputies began a burglary investigation in the 8000 block of 18th St. SE.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of May 23 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Linda M. Young, 57, Brooklyn Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. She was sentenced to \$81, 30 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Stanley A. Brown Jr., 46, St. Cloud, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct – significant relationship with victim under 16. The defendant was sentenced to \$131, 252 months in St. Cloud State Prison and no possession of firearms.

Juan R. Carrasco, 38, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault. Carrasco was sentenced to \$131 and 27 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Misty D. Hertley, 33, Medford, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. He was sentenced to \$81, 1 day in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, psychiatric evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, domestic abuse counseling, 20 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Brett A. Kuehl, 27, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony theft. He was sentenced to \$131 and 19 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Jillian D. Larson, 26, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony violation of harassment restraining order. The defendant was sentenced to \$1,081, 2 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, psychiatric evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, domestic abuse counseling, 20 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

Kayla R. Nelson, 25, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. Nelson was sentenced to \$81, 1 day in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation, mental health evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, 200 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Shelly L. Phipps, 34, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony danger weapons – reckless discharge of firearm within a municipality. Phipps was sentenced to \$131 and 22 months in Shakopee State Prison.

Shawn D. Plotnik, 32, Eau Claire, WI, previously appeared and was convicted of felony theft. He was sentenced to \$3,459.21, and 18 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of May 23 – 27:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Maria A. Garcia-Gutierrez, 42, Austin, no license, \$181.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Ryan W. Appes, 38, Crystal, revoked license, \$281; Thomas J. Berghoff, 23, Faribault, possession of Marijuana, \$131; Drew E. Demars, 53, Medford, speeding and Ignition Interlock restriction violation, \$81, successfully complete Steele Waseca Drug Court and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Gavin N. Kraus, 31, Woodbury, speeding, \$121; Staci D. Lee, 21, Marion, IA, speeding, \$141; Cassie A. McBride, 31, Waterloo, IA, speeding, \$121; Jose L. Mora Figueroa, 32, Austin, expired registration, \$111;

Bradley D. Nelson, 39, Woodbury, speeding, \$131; Penny L. Olbek-

son, 55, Medford, no insurance and suspended license, \$481; Timothy J. O'Neill, 45, Rochester, speeding, \$221; Luke B. Quimby, 20, Mantorville, speeding, \$121; Hsaw Reh, 24, St. Paul, speeding, \$131; Vicki A. Schulte, 31, Fairmont, speeding, \$131;

Anderson G. Siqueira, 28, Hollandale, speeding, \$141; Luis A. Soto-Castro, 25, Bryan, TX, no license, \$181; Gatwech B. Wiel, 25, Faribault, speeding, \$221; Andrew A. Wytaske, 33, Claremont, speeding, \$131; Jeremy A. Zerwas, 23, Hinckley, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

Owatonna Police Department

David Barajas, 23, suspended license and no insurance, \$481; Jason D. Batt, 36, Owatonna, cancelled license, \$131, 120 days in county jail; David A. Bishop, 49, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Roger D. Buker, 52, Waseca, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation; William L. Conley, 29, Owatonna, suspended license, \$381;

Scott A. Dittich, 56, Owatonna, hit and run, \$181 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Alexa R. Earlywine, 26, Owatonna, expired tabs, \$111; Casey J. Eggum, 29, Albert Lea, theft, \$405.99, 41 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation;

John C. Eppel, 48, Owatonna, expired license, \$181; Tristen E. Frank, 17, Owatonna, failure to yield, \$131; Joyce A. Frye, 19, Waseca, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Nathan A. Frye, 30, Waseca, suspended license, \$281; Alexandra R. Gray, 25, Zumbrota, shoplifting, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Jeffrey J. Herzog, 56, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, 30 days of unsupervised probation; Matthew J. Huskey, 24, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana, \$231; Travis W. Jackson, 36, Owatonna, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Kasey R. Kiel, 20, Medford, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Donald J. Kramer, 48, Owatonna, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Robert C. Lyons, 53, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Joseph R. Maas, 37, Owatonna, assault, Domestic Violence Inventory, diversion program and 1 year of supervised probation; Lavell Malone, 44, Owatonna, theft, \$381 and 40 days in county jail; Juanita M. Morris, 41, Mankato, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Deanna M. Nicks, 42, Geneva, theft, \$75, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised probation;

Jason D. Ringhofer, 41, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Deisy J. Robles-De Jesus, 28, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Juan F. Rodriguez Tellez, 18, Owatonna, possession of Parapherna-

lia, \$131;

Heather M. Saurer, 33, Owatonna, dangerous weapons, \$181; Alyssa M. Sorenson, 24, Owatonna, assault and DWI, \$281, 3 days in county jail, domestic abuse evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, attend chemical awareness class and 1 year of supervised probation; Tut G. Thol, 35, Austin, no insurance, \$281; Mary J. Truax, 64, Medford, revoked license and no insurance, \$481.

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Stacey S. Blouin, 48, Ellendale, speeding, \$141; Nyamak G. Both, 43, Owatonna, improper signal to turn, \$131; Cody D. Brunner, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$381; Brandon M. Buysse, 29, Kasson, DWI, \$506, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Mary J. Byler, 27, Rochester, speeding, \$121;

Vanessa Shawnta Doltan, 31, Rochester, revoked license, \$381; Melvin U. Funez Granados, 33, Faribault, revoked license and speeding, \$331; Brennan J. Hanson, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Cierra J. Hanson, 22, Albert Lea, expired tabs and speeding, \$151; Preston J. Hanson, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Tianna N. Hazelton, 19, Eau Claire, WI, speeding, \$221; James G. Hollensbe, 56, Williamsburg, IA, speeding, \$121;

Jill M. Hukee, 43, Dodge Center, speeding, \$121; Tyree C. Jackson, 29, Des Moines, IA, no MN license and speeding, \$231; Christina R. Jensen, 29, Ellendale, no insurance and revoked license, \$481; Garrett C. Jones, 28, Owatonna, open bottle, \$181; Anthony K. Juhl, 29, Sturgeon Lake, speeding, \$50; Zlatko Karalic, 40, St. Louis, MO, speeding, \$131;

Tony A. Kaus, 43, Pine Island, speeding, \$131; Paul R. Kom, 19, Rochester, speeding, \$141; Donald J. Kramer, 48, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; AmyJo E. Lever, 26, Waseca, speeding, \$141; Andrew N. Lewis, 32, Claremont, cancelled license, \$281, comply with Ignition Interlock and 1 year of supervised probation; Kristina R. Niner, 16, Medford, speeding, \$121; Jonathon L. Odaffer, 17, Medford, speeding, \$221;

Luis H. Resendez, 45, Waseca, DWI, \$506, 3 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, attend MADD impact panels, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation; Alyssa A. Sattler, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Alexandria Schallau, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Sabrina R. Schmitz, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$281; Thomas J. Scott, 52, Morristown, speeding, \$141; Alyssa S. Smith, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Tucker J. Weisman, 30, Edina, speeding, \$131; Candace B. Welchlin, 30, St. James, speeding, \$121; Jaime L. Zuniga, 28, Hollandale, speeding, \$221.

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 - Gina McCarthy – violation - \$6,000 bail
 - James McConnon – theft - \$500 bail
 - Steven McDougal – theft, shoplifting - \$1,000 bail
 - Jessica McKenzie – no insurance - \$500 bail
 - Meghan McMahan – theft, shoplifting - \$1,000 bail
 - Jose Medrano Jr. – speeding, no insurance - \$400 bail
 - Dustin Meier – theft - \$1,000 bail
 - Juan Melendez – worthless check - \$200 bail
 - Jorge Mendez – no license, open bottle - \$500 bail
- Jerry Millang – cancelled license – no bail
 - Gina Miller – worthless check - \$3,000 bail
 - Samuel Miller – soliciting without permit - \$131 bail
 - Imaan Moloo – criminal sexual conduct - \$10,000
 - Dayson Montanto – DWI - \$1,000 bail
 - Clarissa Montemayor – theft - \$500 bail
 - Rafael Montoya – drugs - \$30,000 bail
 - Michael Moore – violation of conditions of release
 - Jose Morales – theft - \$500 bail
 - Reynaldo Morales – possession of stolen property - \$1,000 bail

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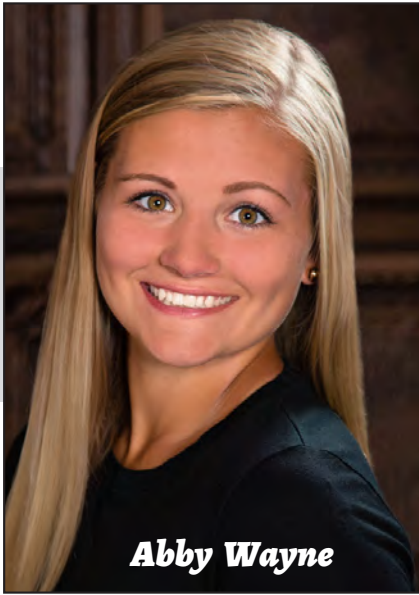
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diet – and zeroes in on the foods in each that specifically affect brain health.

The MIND diet, which stands for “Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay,” was developed by Martha Clare Morris, a nutritional epidemiologist at Rush University Medical Center, through a study funded by the National Institute on Aging.

The study followed the diets of nearly 1,000 elderly adults, who filled out food questionnaires and underwent repeated neurological testing for an average of 4.5 years.

It found participants whose diets most closely followed the MIND recommendations had brains that functioned as

if they were 7.5 years younger, and it lowered their risk of developing Alzheimer's disease by as much as 53 percent. And even those who didn't stick to the diet perfectly but followed it moderately well reduced their risk of Alzheimer's by 35 percent.

The MIND Menu

The MIND diet has 15 dietary components. The emphasis is on eating from 10 brain-healthy food groups, and limiting foods from five unhealthy groups. Here's a rundown of the healthy foods you should work into your diet:

- Green leafy vegetables (like spinach and salad greens): Eat at least one serving per day.
- Other vegetables: At least

one other vegetable a day.

- Whole grains: Three or more servings a day.
- Nuts: Five one-ounce servings a week.
- Beans: At least three servings a week.
- Berries: Two or more servings a week.
- Fish: Once a week.
- Poultry (not fried): Two times a week.
- Olive oil: Use it as your primary cooking oil.
- Wine: One glass a day.

And the five unhealthy food groups you should limit include:

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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 13, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

LeMar Nelson was honored this past Friday night by his alma mater, Dakota State University, in being inducted in the DSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Nelson was a standout basketball player at DSU, and he holds the Beadle individual scoring record of 38 points in one game, the most points in a non-conference game record with 35-points, and the highest free throw percentage (75.6). Nelson also was the second highest scorer in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference in total points and average. Scoring over 1,000 points in 57 games, he became a member of the 1,000 career point club on his last college game of the season. ball and football teams at DSU.

Spring sports drew to a close and the placing BP teams are as follows: Boys' varsity golf won class 1A Sub-Section and placed 4th at sections. The varsity softball team won class 1A

West Sub-Section and qualifie for section. The varsity baseball team placed third at class 1A Sub-Section.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, June 11, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

Eleven contestants will be competing in the Little Miss Firecracker pageant for the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July festivities. Contestants will be judged on poise, grace, talent, interview, manners, and presence. The winner will serve as the official ambassador for the Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration. Amanda Larkin, Emily Allison, Elisabeth Hillson, Jill Trotman, Allison Seymour, Bethany Breuinger, Samantha Kraling, Danielle Leek, Stephanie Madsen, Alyssa Habberstad, and Jessica Rhodes will be competing for the title of Little Miss Firecracker.

Jim Klobuchar and his biking friends are returning to Blooming Prairie on June 18, looking for some more of that home-

town welcome they got last time they came through. Four years ago they visited BP, and look forward to coming back during their 500-mile or so tour. Klobuchar is a retired Minneapolis Star-Tribune columnist and biking and traveling enthusiast.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, June 9, 1966
Victor, Vernon, and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Application is being made to the Federal government for FHA loan funds to finance housing for senior citizens in the Blooming Prairie area. Prairie Manor Inc., a newly organized non-profit organization, is seeking the funding and plans are beginning to form for the new housing.

The Associated Grocers' Cooperative, Blooming Prairie's large wholesale grocery warehouse, was burglarized sometime during the night of Friday, June 3, and the thieves were able to gain entrance to the safe and made off with approximately \$250 in cash. An investigation is currently underway.

Gary L. Fread, of Blooming Prairie, was a member of the winning

ROTC Drill Team from the University of Wyoming. The team, consisting of five members from four different states, received a trophy for capturing the high honors.

Martin Rae Vandenbrook, a former Blooming Prairie resident, has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He received the appointment from the 18th Congressional district of Texas in competition with over 100 youths, based on scholastic, physical, and moral competition.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, June 12, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Mrs. Josephine Srsen, a resident of this village for the past 46 years, was the object of a two-day organized search when she was missed on Thursday evening by her son that farms near her home. Her body was found in a small patch of tall grass at the edge of a cornfield half a mile east of her home, and evidence indicates that she fell victim of a heart attack while brining lunch to her son. Mrs.

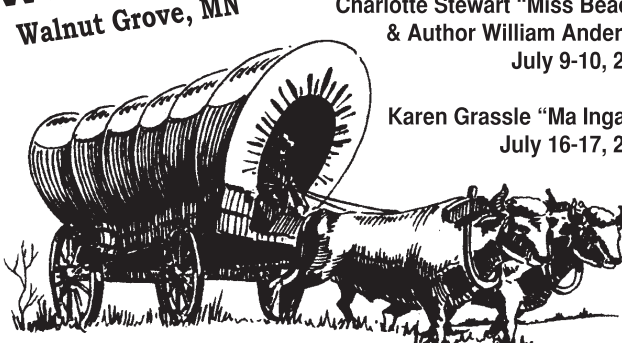
Srsen was very active for her age of 69, and will be dearly missed from the community.

The 15th annual meeting of the Blooming Prairie Egg Pool was held here last Thursday, and Andrew Hanson was named the new president.

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Times honors young journalists

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

More than 100 students in grades 4-6 at Medford Elementary School participated in the first Steele County Times Journalism Excellence Contest.

Mark DeLap, managing editor of the Steele County Times of Blooming Prairie, organized the first Times contest encouraging young writers to enter a story of their choosing. Nine finalists were chosen and from that group, a first, second and third place winner were named.

All fourth graders of Mrs. Becky Peterson's class participated in the contest as did students of sixth grade teachers Matt Cole, Anna Markham and Kelly Johnson.

A special awards ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 1, led by Editor DeLap. Plaques and certificates were given to the top three student journalists. The Best Photo Award was presented to Abby Fitzgerald by Medford Mayor Lois Nelson.

Third place writing award was presented by writer LeMar Nelson to Elizabeth Peterson. Her story was entitled "Step Right Up" about a possibility carnival.

Second place award was presented by Times Sports Editor Joe Tischler to Payton Ristau. She wrote about Medford's fire department's annual 5K run.

Lainie Rahn was given the first place award for her piece on

social media. Times publisher Rick Bussler presented her the award.

The other six finalists in the writing competition were: Abby Fitzgerald, Brody Goodnature, Jacob Eseh, Jair Peralta, Josie Volkman and Isabelle Huizel.

Times writers Ahren Backman, Howard Lestrud and Hannah Bates (DCI reporter) were also in attendance at the awards day. Lestrud traced how a story begins and ends up in the newspaper.

Students entering the contest were treated to a Subway sandwich party. All writing finalists received certificates from Culver's and Pizza Ranch. Bussler also gave out two Minnesota Twins tickets.

Editor DeLap involved students in a filming moment called "Where's Mark?"

He also defined journalism for the students. DeLap referenced Wikipedia for a definition on journalism.

Wikipedia: "Journalism is the work and distribution of reports on the interaction of events, facts, ideas, and people that are the "news of the day" and that informs society to at least some degree. The word applies to the occupation (professional or not), the methods of gathering information, and the organizing literary styles. Journalistic media include: print, television, radio, Internet, and, in the past, newsreels."

Take a look at the winning stories.



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Steele County Times Publisher Rick Bussler presents a first-place plaque to Lainie Rahn, winner of the First Steele County Times Journalism Excellence Contest. A Subway sandwich party was given to all contest participants.

Social media

By: BRIELLE SMITH AND PIPER HILL

It seems like everyone is on their phone these days. Reading, texting, or even posting pictures on social media. When asked questions about social media, similarities were shown from the younger age to the middle aged. All of the participants had a phone that had some kind of social media on it. And funny thing is, they all checked their social media daily! When they were asked to name as many social media apps as they could, the younger generation stated an average of 6 different types while the middle aged participants came out with an average of 4. Here are some facts about social media worldwide:

- The top category of posts on Pinterest takes up 57 percent of all posts- which is food.
- Everyday about five million photos are uploaded on Instagram which is the 6th choice in America for social media apps.
- Based on visits, Facebook is the most popular social media app in the United States as of February 2016.
- The most popular user on

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Step right up

By: ELIZABETH PETERSON

Step right up to the Sixth Grade Probability Carnival! On May 17th and 18th the sixth graders from Medford School hosted their annual probability carnival. Each student had to create a game that included probability. The students created these games to learn about probability as well as teach other students about probability. Probability is the likelihood that something will occur. Students learned about theoretical and experimental probability.

Students had to create an original game using materials at home, along with a display poster. The posters included the creative game titles, directions to play, and the theoretical probability of winning. The theoretical probability is what is supposed to occur. Experimental probability is what actually occurs.

On May 17th and 18th kindergarten through fifth grade students attended the carnival. Players were given five tickets and allowed to choose amongst the carnival games. Prizes were

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Medford's Fire Department holds 4th Annual Fire 5

By: PAYTON RISTAU

Medford's Fire Department has been serving Medford since 1939. Today there is twenty eight firefighters, including chief Rick Hager. The fire department does anything from medical calls to actual fires. They are on call 24/7. They teach fire safety to

Medford School and they even teach down at the Medford Straight River Park. In the month of May they had new firefighters join. Now they have a great group of men working for Medford's safety.

To raise money for the Medford Fire Department, they put on street dances and have the Medford Fire 5 (a 5k run/walk) and kids run. The Fire 5 is June 18th during

Straight River Days, when they will have garage sales. They will also have trucks in the Medford parade on June 17th. The 5k has been going on for 4 years now. The kids run is half a mile and is free. It starts at 7:45 a.m. The 5k is three point two miles long, and it starts at 8:00 a.m. If you are registered by May 27 it is only \$30 dollars. If

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Track and field

By: ISABELLE HUIZEL

Track and field day is always fun. Everyone gets to do at least one maybe more thing they want. This is a competition so you can get first, second or third place in each of the events. Some times you have to work together. Other times you work alone. It's always different for different schools. While you wait and watch your school compete you can cheer them on. If you cheer them on loud and proud it usually helps them become more confident so they will do a better job. If it's cold you usually bring some clothes to where over and then when you compete in the competitions you can take off the extra clothes and you won't be as hot, when you compete. You always want to get a good night sleep the night before so your not tired and can do the best you can when you compete.

The first competition of track and field is the throwing competition. There is medicine ball, softball and frisbee. In each of these events you have to try to get the ball or frisbee as far as you can. Sometimes it's hard when there's wind or sometimes easy when there's no wind and it's a nice sunny. Medicine ball is probably the hardest because it's so heavy and that makes it harder to throw. Then softball

TRACK
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Alice In The Wonderland

By: JACOB ESCH

In the new play Alice's Adventures In Wonderland, they discover a new audience. Having more than 40 people in the cast and crew including Caroline Nelson as Alice makes a great show. The first play was on April 29th and the last showing was on May 7th. The play was based on the novel by Lewis Carroll and changed by Tim Kelly. Federated insurance of Owatonna helped pay for expenses for the play. The director of Alice's Adventures In Wonderland was Sandee HardeeHagen, with Deb Seath as technical director.

The Little Theatre of Owatonna is in its 50th year of productions, and still going on. The 20152016 season at LTO has a series of plays including, The Foreigner, A Christmas Carol, Harvey,

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Medford tigers Baby animal day

By: Abby Fitzgerald

Do you love baby animals? Well we sure do! And the Medford elementary students get to see these baby animals every year. Every year we have a baby animal day. Some of the high school students at Medford get to bring in one or sometimes more than one baby animal. There are many different adorable animals that students have brought in before. Some of the animals there are just small or some are bigger like piglets. There are a few rules to go with it to, like always washing your hands after petting the animals, and most importantly to always respect the baby animal's owner by following their rules about the baby animal. Some people will let you pet or sometimes hold the baby animal, but on the other hand, some of the students will say not to pet the baby animals because they might not like someone else touching or holding them. Every class or grade also tries to go down to see the baby animals at different times,

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Casey's Grand Opening

By: BRODY GOODNATURE

This is what (almost) every person in the town of Medford has been waiting for. The grand opening of Casey's General Store, where people can come down to grab a treat or some of their famous pizza. So, for waiting for the building to be built and the food to be shipped in, it is finally here. Casey's General Store! It may not be the best store in Minnesota, but it sure is good!

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Soccer

By: JAIR PERALTA

Do you want to know who is the best soccer player a scoring? I'm so glad you asked. I know some facts about these top three soccer players: Lionel Messi, Neymar Da Silva Jr. and Cristiano Ronaldo, they are all very talented players. All these players have been optimistic and hardworking to achieve their goals.

The history about these players inspired me to play the beautiful game soccer. Neymar Da Silva Jr. was born February 5, 1992 in Mogi Da Cruzes,

SOCCER
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The state showcase

By: JOSIE VOLKMANN

At Medford Elementary there is going to be a state showcase on May, 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Three fourth grade classes made boards that have maps, timelines, state trees, state bird, and the amazing colored titles.

The boards are going be presented in front of every parents of the student that made the boards and every grade in the elementary. It is going to be in a huge auditorium that has a lot of space in it.

Fourth grade has worked hard on building our boards for about a month. Fourth graders are very nervous and excited to present

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Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Medford Mayor Lois Nelson presents a gift certificate to Abby Fitzgerald for submitting the Best Photo in a Steele County Times Journalism Excellence Contest.

Blooming PrairieLiving

When a little boy comes of age, a father comes to tears

Tyler James DeLap. My shadow. My protégé. My heart. He’s getting married this week and you’ll know me at the wedding by my red eyes and pocket full of Kleenex.

Yeah, I’m secure enough in my manhood to be able to share my emotions with my kids. I’m not one who’s afraid that someone will hear me say “I love you.” I mean... if you’re a real man, then you’re not afraid of anything, right? Then why would you be afraid to let someone see you love someone else openly? Especially your wife and your children.

If you want to be proud about how you’ll be remembered, don’t be proud about how you were always so cold and hard and uncaring. Be remembered as a man who really knew what love was all about.

I hear in so many speeches, “I promised myself that I wouldn’t cry.” Why that promise? I am way too old and past the point of no return in caring what other people think about me. That’s the beauty of being a grandpa. We don’t care that we wear our

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

sandwich crumbs on our shirt or that our socks don’t match or that our hair isn’t combed.

What a great plateau to come to in life. That you care enough to love openly but could care less about what everyone thinks. It’s the freedom of the fifties and the sweetness of the sixties.

We get different fears at this age. I look at what we fear in life. At eight, we are afraid that we’re going to have to eat lima beans for supper. In our teens

we are afraid of comments of others and getting zits and perhaps that we’re not going to graduate and find a good job. In our 20’s we’re afraid that we’ll never find the right person, the right job, the right health club and that some day, we’ll end up living alone with cats. (Actually that fear kind of stays with you throughout your lifetime.)

In your 30’s we are afraid that we won’t be able to get a good job and be respected for our work and creativity. In the 40’s we fear not making enough money and being able to impress our friends and families with fancy grown-up toys. In the 50’s we are afraid of keeping our jobs, our families, our status. In the 60’s we are afraid of not being able to make ends meet on social security and if our cramp medicine is effective. In the 70’s we are afraid of losing our significant others, our health and that our kids won’t visit.

Ah... but the 80’s – the only fear will be is if our care-givers have ice cold hands right out of the gate on an icy Minnesota morning. And if we live into the

90’s we may fear that God has forgotten about us... because we are still here.

But... tomorrow’s fears will take care of themselves and I will jump off of that bridge when I get come to it. For today and for this week, I am going to enjoy my kids and welcome a new talented medical student to the DeLap family by way of my incredible new daughter-in-law, Sara. And for my son, a song just for him.

“You changed my life forever... it was 1991. The snow was falling quietly, the first time looking at my son. And it seems like only yesterday – bedtime stories and you’re sleeping... I watch you dream about the days to come, and all those good times you’ll be keeping.

Look at the time, where has it gone to? Weren’t you just sleeping at my side? All of our moments turned to memories and your destiny’s arrived. If this life teaches lessons, and time won’t yield to the heart... if we’ll learn to live in the moments, then the love, it won’t depart.



Submitted photo

It seems like only yesterday I could carry you in my arms.
Mark and Tyler DeLap

And now the time has come my dancin’ boy when I can’t always be there. You’ll find your way and learn the path because you’ve learned to care. And your years will go by quickly... you’ll have children of your own

– learn to love your journey and your heart will be at home.”
Congratulations Tyler and Sara. I love you.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Wear your 4th of July button proudly

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Buy a Blooming Prairie 4th of July bottom and wear it proudly, now until July 4.

Button sales provide funds for the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce to finance the gigantic 4th of July celebration each year. Buttons are available at downtown businesses and from many chamber members.

The goal is to sell all 1400 buttons this year. That would amount to \$4,200 to help pay for 4th of July expenses.

Becky Noble, Chamber executive director, also has buttons for sale at the Chamber office in the Blooming Prairie City Center building. Buttons cost only \$3.

Chamber student ambassadors Tony Nelson, Lauren Larkoski, Camden Heimerman and Alison Prior recently left a regular Chamber meeting wearing the colorful 4th of July buttons.

It is estimated that more than 35,000 persons come and celebrate the 4th of July in Blooming Prairie.

Activities begin on Saturday night, July 2 with a street dance held in front of J & H Liquors in downtown Blooming Prairie. The “Blue Ringers” will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight. Harvey and Nancy Farr will be the hosts for the event.

Here’s a listing of 4th of July activities for Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- Antique Tractor Show, BP High School, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Beer Garden (permitted areas only, 21 and over), City Park, 4-9 p.m.
- Pedal Tractor Pull, City Park, sign-up, 4 p.m.
- Hammerschlagen, Beer Garden, 5 p.m.
- Concessions, variety of food and drink, City Park, 4-9 p.m.
- BPRA “Letter Club” Moonwalk, City Park, 4-9 p.m.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Luke Swenson, president of the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce, gets pinned by four Chamber student ambassadors. The ambassadors, Alison Pryor, Cam Heimerman, Anthony Nelson and Lauren Larkoski, put 4th of July pins on Swenson to kick off the business 4th of July drive.

- Potluck String Band, Gazebo, 5-9 p.m.
- Pie Judging Contest, Judges Stand at City Park, 6 p.m.
- Stick Horse Racing, Judges Stand at City Park, 6:30 p.m.
- Magic Show, City Park, 7 p.m.
- Teen Dance, live DJ/concessions available, grades 7-12, City Park, 8:30-11:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 4

- Concessions, variety of food and drink, City Park, open all day
- Awesome Blossom Run/Walk, BP High School, sign-up at 7 a.m.
- Trolley rides between City Park and Victory Field (free with Chamber button), 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- BP Lions Club Breakfast, Prairie Manor, 7:30-11 a.m.
- Tractor Pull (contact Denise Krell at 438-3862), West of Victory Field, 9 a.m.
- Fire Department Open House, Fire Hall, 9-11 a.m.
- Sweet Rides Car Show, Victory Field, 8 a.m. to Noon
- Antique Tractor Show, BP High School, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Hole-in-one Miniature Golf, City Park, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Frog Bog Game, City

- Park, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- BPRA “Letter Club” Moonwalk, City Park, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Fine Arts Craft Fair, City Park, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Beer Garden (permitted areas only, 21 and over), City Park, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- BP Boys and Girls Club kids Races, Victory Field (south of pavilion), 10 a.m.
- Bean Bag Tournament, City Park, 11 a.m.
- Just for Kix Performance, Judges Stand at City Park, Noon
- Pickle Judging Contest, Judges Stand at City Park, 12:30 p.m.
- Stix of Fury Performance, City Park, 1:30 p.m.
- Rolling Car Show, Parade Route, 1:30 p.m.

PARADE, 2:30-4 p.m.

- (Parade units are welcome)
- Su Fu Du Live Performance, Judges Stand at City Park, after parade
- Hula Hoop Contest, Judges Stand at City Park, 5 p.m.
- Live Entertainment, piano band “Mischief and Mayhem” at City Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Frozen T-Shirt Contest, Beer Garden, 6 p.m.

Hanging 10 at the library



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

Summer fun has begun! The Blooming Prairie Branch Library has activities (almost) every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the summer. For a complete listing,

please stop in the library for your brochure; then mark your calendar so you don’t miss anything. Or follow us on Facebook to get an update each Friday of what’s happening at the library.

One event has not yet made it to the calendar: for the third year we welcome Pony Tales with Stephanie Bruggeman of SKM Stables. Stay tuned for the exact dates and times for our horse story time that includes crafts and real ponies!

This week we have two exciting programs. Kids’ rock and roller Mr. Billy makes a return visit with his crazy songs and happy tunes. Get ready to move with Mr. Billy on Wednesday, June 8 at 1 p.m. Then come back at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 to see the Zooman and his ex-

citing reptiles. Maybe you will be the one he chooses to crown with a snake!

On Wednesday, June 15 we have a unique opportunity to learn about a new sport available right here in Blooming Prairie. Tony Patino, the force behind the Disc Golf course near Victory Field, will be teaching kids how to play Disc Golf. Tony has won several regional tournaments and knows his stuff. Discs will be available for use that day.

All youth, ages 10 and older, are invited to join us at the course from 3-6 p.m. This is your chance to learn how to really play the game!

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Annual FFA banquet catered by Superior Foods

On May 14, the Blooming Prairie FFA chapter held its annual awards banquet. As always it was held at the BPHS commons and was catered by Superior Foods. This year we had ham and cheesy potatoes, they were really good. The banquet is the last event of the year and it is where all the awards are given out. The first group of awards were the degrees. There are three different types. The Discovery Degree (8th Graders) had one recipient: Kaiden Finley. The Greenhand Degree (9th Graders) was given to seven members: Colton Ivers, Cory Lyman, Rachel Oswald, Amy Peterson, Clint Peterson, Alex Richards, and Tim Wolf. There was also a Star Greenhand award given out, and that

went to Tim Wolf. The last and highest degree is the Chapter Degree. This year there were three recipients: Nate Erickson, Colin Nelson, and Zach Sisler. This year we had seven BP FFA graduating seniors: Noah Crabtree, Kate Grunklee, Kallie Klemmensen, Brett Miller, Kalyn Naatz, Sally Peterson, and Chris Wacek. Five seniors gave retiring addresses (Brett Miller, Kallie Klemmensen, Chris Wacek, Kalyn Naatz, and Sally Peterson). The one thing they all included in their speeches was the importance of family. They all talked about how their family was and is their biggest inspiration. Honorary degrees went to the graduating members parents: James and Susan Crabtree, Paul

Millers and Teresa Drees, Daryl and RaeAnn Peterson, Matt and Tammi Wacek. Next we recognized each of the Career Development Event Teams: General Livestock: (Ethan Arett, Colton Ivers, Tim Wolf, Sally Peterson, Kalyn Naatz.) Placed 1st in regions and 5th in state, as well as Ethan Arett placing 6th and Colton Ivers placing 4th in individuals. Floriculture: (Boone Carlson, Greta Sundae, Cole Christianson, Rachel Thompson, Ethan Grant.) Dairy Foods: (Kate Grunklee, Kallie Klemmensen, Sasha Katzung) Placed 4th in regions. Kate Grunklee also placed 1st in regions individuals. Dairy Handlers: (Kalyn Naatz, Maggie Bruns, Cole Christianson, Ethan Grant, Rachel Thompson, Boone Carlson.) Kalyn Naatz placed 4th and 3rd in state. Maggie Bruns placed 3rd and 11th in state. Soils: (Tim Wolf, Colin Nelson, Colton Ivers, Corey Lyman,



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BP FFA New Officer Team for the 2016-2017 From left to right: Sasha Katzung - President, Zach Sisler - Reporter, Colton Ivers - Treasurer, Colin Nelson - Sentinel, Ethan Arett - Vice President, Tim Wolf - Secretary, Kaiden Finley - Historian, and Jeremy Hocking - future Officer At Large

Zach Sisler, Chris Wacek) Placed 5th. Wildlife: (Zach Sisler, Colin Nelson, Chris Wacek.) Placed 5th. Meats: (Zach Sisler, Chris

Wacek, Kalyn Naatz.) A new award that hasn't been awarded in Blooming Prairie in a long time is the State Degree. Both Kalyn Naatz, and Chris Wacek were able to get their State Degrees this year. They both worked very hard in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) to obtain their State Degrees. The next awards given out are just miscellaneous. The True Grit Award or basically the MVP of the FFA went to Sally Peterson. High Fruit Sales went to Kalyn Naatz with \$2,120. Next the scholarships were awarded the Ingvalson/Ford (\$250) and Bud Rinkenberger Memorial (\$500) scholarships went to Kalyn Naatz. The Blooming Prairie FFA Alumni scholarship had two winners, Kalyn Naatz and Kate Grunklee both for \$250. After all the awards were given out, Mr. Rinkenberger came up and gave a speech en-

titled "Always be Humble and Kind". In which he used the lyrics to the new country song by Tim McGraw to give advice to the seniors and everyone else for that matter. The final item of business for the evening was the announcement of the 2016-2017 officer team. President-Sasha Katzung, Vice President-Ethan Arett, Secretary-Tim Wolf, Treasurer-Colton Ivers, Reporter-Zach Sisler, Sentinel-Colin Nelson, Historian-Kaiden Finley.



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**Cancer Corner**

Support the fighters, Admire the survivors, Honor the taken.

Wearing your passion proudly

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer



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Ninth graders to be Gemini Johnson, left, and Kassidy Borgen model the new Blooming Prairie Cancer Group's T-shirt. The shirt was designed by Linda Klemmensen of Sportstitch of Blooming Prairie.

ing community as proven by the \$579,000 that has been given since 2001 to aid cancer victims and their families and also to help aid cancer research. Unfortunately, cancer has touched most of us because family members or friends have been stricken with the disease. Fortunately, treatment has been successful for many cancer patients and the survivor rates continue to grow. Support for Blooming Prairie Cancer Group fundraisers has been phenomenal, says Cheri Krejci, secretary/treasurer of the group. Colette Lea is the president, Jennifer Milton is the vice president. Eunice Coughlin started the BP Cancer Group at age 80.

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What is grief like? Grief is like a series of waves that come and go, feelings that vary in intensity over a long period of time as we are constantly reminded of changes that result from the death of our loved one. We need to take time to face our emotions and feelings. Then make careful plans for our new lives without the deceased. Our feelings and grief may seem unpredictable and confused at times, but that is perfectly normal.

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Ellendale storm clean-up report from city council

By **AHREN BACKMAN**
County Staff Writer

Amid reports that a summer storm knocked out power until nearly 3 a.m. in the morning on the night of May 25th, storm clean-up was one of many issues on a packed agenda for the Ellendale City Council during their May 26th meeting. The Ellendale maintenance department reported that two workers removed several downed trees. Another group was also assigned to the clean up the area. Mayor Mark Skroch gave the maintenance department a "great job" for round the clock efforts to clean up the downed trees and foliage. Also on the agenda was a report from fire department discussing the need for a future new fire truck, and a new radio communication system. The council questioned the fiscal feasibility of firetruck, and members mused how many fish fries it would take to pay the estimated bill of around \$300,000. Skroch said the city has looked into such funding options as state and federal grants for similar purchases, but said completion for such grants are fierce. After lengthy discussion on the need for a truck, Mayor Skroch sent the department representative back to work looking for more cost cutting measures. As the meeting neared ending, Mayor Skroch addressed complaints from residents about excessive lawn grown, and mentioned citations for grass over 8 inches many be given out.

OwatonnaLiving

Steele looks to Rice for help after Hammann’s resignation

By **AHREN BACKMAN**
County Staff Writer

After two resignations in the last month, the Steele County Detention Center is on the search for managerial help. During a special session of the Steele County Board of Commissioners on March 30, commissioners voted 4-0, with Commissioner Nina Huntington absent, to hire former Rice County Jail Administrator Jodi Bushey for managerial assistance during the search for a new administrator. The special session was a direct response to former jail administrator Ron Hammann’s resignation on May 27. This was the second managerial resignation in a short span for the detention center, which had Assis-



Hammann said at the special meeting that the search will be a “quite large external application,” Elvebak went on to encourage internal applicants to apply. According to the contract, Bushey’s rate of pay will be an hourly wage of \$50 dollars an hour. Commissioner James Brady asked Elvebak if this rate of pay was, “normal” for a typical contract employment. Elvebak responded that this fee was “very reasonable,” considering the lack of benefits and other factors. Hammann’s sudden resignation was accepted at the beginning of the meeting unanimously. Hammann had been in the position for three years, and no information could be found at press time for Hammann’s reasons for his stepping aside.

stant County Administrator Jennifer Pfeifer leave on May 20. The board also passed an item to begin the recruitment process for a long-term replacement for both positions. The process will begin with the recruitment for a jail administrator, and then move to the recruitment of an assistant jail administrator. If the assistant job is not filled, but the administrator job is, Bushey’s contract may be extended past its original stipulations of June 6 to September 7. County Administrator Laura Elvebak said at the special meeting that

District 4 challenger Abbe focuses financial feasibility in commissioner race

By **AHREN BACKMAN**
County Staff Writer

On a classically sunny June 6th day, at Central Park in Blooming Prairie, The Times was granted an interview with District 4 County Commissioner candidate Jim Abbe. The 51-year-old Abbe is one of three candidates that have currently filed to challenge incumbents on the Steele County Board of Commissioners general election. Abbe filed on May 31 and will contest James “Corky” Ebeling for the District 4 spot on the election day on November 8. Ebeling was the first candidate to file on May 17, and his side of the race will be featured in the June 14 issue of the Steele County Times.

“I am running because I have been approached by friends, family, and constituents in not only District 4... they want change, and I want to be a part of that change,” Abbe said. Abbe said the change the people have been referring to mostly focuses around the financial decisions of Steele County leadership. “They are telling me the county needs to operate within it’s means,” Abbe said. He continued by saying he is being told that an “overwhelming” amount of voters believe the county is spending too much money, and many salaries are not keeping up with the expected duties. Abbe went on to mention that this kind of spending may put more financial stress on the constituents that are living on fixed housing. Abbe’s day job is in managing rental estate, and has lived in Steele County his entire life. “I was born on a hobby farm in rural south east Steele..... Then we moved to District 4 in 1985.” Abbe has been married to his



Staff photo by Ahren Backman

District 4 Steele County Commissioner hopeful, Jim Abbe, on a park bench in Central Park of Blooming Prairie.

wife, Lori, for 30 years and has two daughters. Although managing real estate is a much different animal than managing a county, Abbe said he believes this experience could be valuable in a potential commissioner spot. Abbe harkened to his extensive background working with budgets. Working with several different housing boards is another part of Abbe’s job he thinks may cross over. “The concept of working together... when you are working on a board you will not always agree... bringing a different perspective.” The new Economic Development Authority program was another issue that Abbe said has been brought to him by constituents. Abbe said he is for economic development as long as it is financially feasible. “The initial budget they laid out was allocating \$10,000...

this, like many programs, they may start with a low cost but balloon into something more.” Outside of district 4, two other races for commissioner spots are set. In District 3, Rick Gne-mi will challenge incumbent Mark Schultz, and in District 5, incumbent Nina Huntington will be facing off against challenger Greg Krueger. Three other Owatonna residents have filed for office. All will be candidates for the Soil and Water Supervisor. David Meldy of Owatonna filed on May 24 in District 2. Ellendale resident Dan Hanson is the only non-Owatonna resident filed so far and he will be looking to take the office in District 4 after filing on May 18. As for District 5, Owatonna resident James Klecker filed on May 19. Steele County’s filing period began on Tuesday May 17 and ended on Tuesday, May 31.

OWATONNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE SPECIAL

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JUNE '16

June 8: River Springs opens for the season
June 8: SeniorPlace Treasure Island Resort & Casino Trip
June 9: Steele County Safety Camp
June 10: Steele County Safety Camp
June 12: River Springs Water Park Family Night
June 13: Tennis Summer Session 1 begins
June 13: Therapeutic Recreation Summer Bowling League Begins
June 13: River Springs Water Park- Water Aerobic Evening Classes Begin
June 13: Private Swim Lessons Begin
June 13: Summer Track & Field Begins
June 13: Jaycee Park Pavilion Open House
June 13: Lap Swim & Water Walking begins at River Springs Water Park
June 14: Dancing at the Elk's- Ryan Herman
June 14 & 15: SeniorPlace Facebook Class
June 15: River Springs Water Park Family Night
June 16: Learn to Skate Summer Hockey Begins
June 17: Movie in the Park
June 17: Friday Camp Begins
June 19: Father's Day Special at River Springs Water Park
June 20: River Springs Water Park- Water Aerobics Morning Classes Begin
June 20: Session 1 Group Swim Lessons Begin
June 20: Olympic Sport Camp: Session 1 begins
June 22: River Springs Water Park Family Night
June 24: SeniorPlace Minnesota Lynx Bus Trip
June 26: River Springs Ducky Dash
June 29: Softball Invitational, Special Olympics vs. Therapeutic Rec at Brown Park
June 29: River Springs Water Park Family Night

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WEEKLY SPECIALS: Monday: Grandparents Day-Grandparents get into River Springs for free with a paid grandchild (at normal facility rate) Tuesday: Twilight Day-\$4.50 twilight admission rate ALL day Wednesday: Family Night-June 8-August 10: 5:00 pm-Close & August 17: 4:00pm-Close. \$4.50 per individual or \$13.50 per family up to 6 people (\$2.25 charge for each additional person over 6) Thursday: Facebook Special- Like River Springs on Facebook. There will be a posting with a special each Thursday.
Weather: River Springs will close for at least a ½ hour if lightning and/or thunder are in the area. River Springs will not open until the "feels like" temperature is 70 degrees for at least one hour.

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*State School Orphanage: Cottage 11 is Open!
*River Springs Water Park: Opens June 8!

JULY '16

July 3: Veteran's Day Special
July 10: River Springs Summer Party
July 11: Monday Junior Golf Begins
July 12: Tuesday Junior Golf Begins
July 13: Daddy and Me or Mommy and Me at Brooktree Golf Course
July 13: SeniorPlace SPAM Museum Trip
July 15-17: Owatonna's 6th Annual Weekend Out
July 17: Brooktree Junior Scramble and Caddyshack Tournament
July 20: Minn Aqua Fishing Clinic for TR Members at Lake Kohlmeier
July 21: Adult Kickball deadline to register
July 26: Park & Rec Fall Brochure is released
July 28: Adult Fall Softball deadline to register

SCHA

Members of South Country Health Alliance can now receive \$15 off Parks & Recreation youth activities and classes. Therapeutic Recreation activities are also included. Maximum of 3 classes per calendar year. A Scholarship form must be completed and current SCHA membership card must be presented at the time of registration.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund helps support programs for all youth in Steele County and Adult Therapeutic Recreation Programs. Forms are available at the Park & Rec Office. Participants must pay 25% of program fees, any late fees, and must show verification of one of the qualifications:
*Current recipients of Free or Reduced Lunch Program
*Current recipients of SSI or Social Security Benefits
*Current recipients of Medical Assistance Program
*Other circumstances (will need to explain)

RENTALS

*Pavilions are available - reserve anytime with Fireplaces at Gainey & Mineral Springs Park.
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Registration: 9-10:15 Am AT J&H

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Includes meal: 5 P.m. AT J & h LiQu Or



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June 7:

9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!

5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall, Owatonna

7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, Owatonna

June 9:

5:30 p.m. Owatonna Airport Commission, Airport Lounge, Owatonna

6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time, Owatonna

June 13:

4:30 p.m. Owatonna Park & Rec Board, Council Chambers, Brooktree Golf Course or City Park, Owatonna

June 14:

Steele County Commission

9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!

7 p.m. Steele County Board Meeting, Admin Center, Board Room, Owatonna

7 p.m. Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Owatonna,

2nd Tues Sept – June, Owatonna

June 15:

4 p.m. Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall, Owatonna

Events This Week



Wednesday, June 8 NOON

Historic Preservation meeting at the Bakery.

All who have older buildings in the community should come and learn about Tax Credits Available to you and what the Historic Preservation can do for you!

THURSDAY, June 9 Hennefield Law Office 5 - 7 p.m.

Business After Hours

A celebration of Frank having attorney Jason Lacovino joining him in the practice and a way to say goodbye to Kim Trotman!

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ALBERT LEA/FREEBORN Co

June 7:

10:30 a.m. Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library, City Center, Albert Lea

2 p.m. LEGO Time, Albert Lea Public Library, Children's Events, Albert Lea

5:30 p.m. Albert Lea Planning Commission, City Hall, Albert Lea

6 p.m. Rock Gym, Community Ed, 211 W Richway Dr, Albert Lea

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BLOOMING PRAIRIE

June 7:

10:30 am BPBL Storytime

June 8:

10:30 am BPBL Storytime

4:30 p.m. Economic Develop Authority Mtg, Blooming Prairie

June 9:

4:30 p.m. Police Commission Meeting, Blooming Prairie

June 14:

Blooming Prairie Card Club & Luncheon

10:30 am BPBL Storytime

June 15:

10:30 am BPBL Storytime

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7 p.m. Hope City Council Mtg, Hope City Hall, Council Chambers, Hope

7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale

June 9:

5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm

7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm

7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm

June 11:

7-8 p.m. Saturday Ellendale Entertainment:

Darlene Schmidt. Outside on 2nd Street in Ellendale. In the event of bad weather the show will be held in the Ellendale Community Building.

June 13:

6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center, Ellendale

June 14:

7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale

June 15:

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MEDFORD

June 8:

4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Meeting, Medford

June 9:

2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner, Medford

June 13:

2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner, Medford

June 15:

7 p.m. Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford



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County Living

Icon of Owatonna dance stepping aside after a decade

By **AREHN BACKMAN**
County Staff Writer

With one performance left in her career teaching dance, Jennifer Elseth said her day had already been has been an exhausting roller coaster of emotions. “It has been a fantastic day... it has been an overwhelming day, but moments I will treasure just watching the hard work these girls put into this program for the last 10 years.” Elseth started with the dance program, “Just For Kicks” thirteen years ago. Originally, Elseth was the head instructor with the Alberta Lea “Just For Kicks” program, and when she got the chance to start a program in Owatonna she “jumped at the chance”.

To be a parent or reporter

watching the giant dance program Elseth built, it is easy to forget the amount of work it took to get there. In her first year, Elseth said she had 40 participants, and now that number has grown to 325 dancers. The dancers are from across Steele County including: Medford and Waseca. “The Owatonna community has been overwhelming with their support and encouragement; my staff is fantastic and the dancers are such hard workers, and it shows,” Elseth said.

This hard work was easy to see during the Owatonna Spring Show 2016. The show was performed on March 22nd from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Four Seasons Arena. The show included group dances of all grade levels. One dance that garnered acclaim from the

audience was the doubles dance, which happened near the end of the performance. The dancers were dressed in black garb, and their partners, mostly their fathers, were clothed in America T-Shirts and khaki shorts. The dance started in line formation, and moved eventually into two rings. The inner ring formed by the female dancers, and the other formed by their fathers.

Just when the crowd of nearly 1,300 people thought they had seen it all, the lights went out in the arena. It was time for the seniors lights dance. The lights dance was one of the last shows of the night and involved the 12th grade dancers performing a dance using only the motion of LED light sticks. After the show ended, Elseth was immediately

surrounded by dancers and their families, thanking her for her years of service. The lingering crowd was so great that an announcement for spectators to move outside the arena had to be made over the intercom so the second show of the night could be set up.

Elseth’s handpicked successor for the Owatonna “Just for Kicks” program will be Victoria Johnson of Austin. “Jennifer has done an awesome job with the program, so I hope to continue her success and add in some variety,” Johnson said. Johnson brings a lifetime of dance experience to Owatonna dance. She started dancing in high school where she danced for the Austin Packers dance team. Then Johnson began instructing dance

in college at St. Cloud State University. In total, Johnson has been dancing for “Just for Kicks” for 12 years and working with them for 22 years.

Elseth displayed nothing but confidence in Johnson and her ability to improve the Owatonna dance community. “So excited for Victoria Johnson to come in, she has amazing experience.... I wanted someone to take the program, and run with it, and Victoria is that person.” Speaking of Johnson, she did give a preview of what the dance program may look like in 2017. Johnson said she would add more variety to the dance program already flush with variety. In addition to kick, hip-hop, lyrical and lights. Johnson said preschool through 12th grade girls will now be able

to take different technique classes. “Starting with adding more jazz and ballet classes,” Johnson said.

Watching the joy in Elseth’s eyes, directing young dancers through their routine the only question that remains is why she is leaving, and the answer is advancement at Elseth’s second passion. During her entire time with the program, Elseth also worked full-time at Community Bank Owatonna, and now she has accepted a top management position. Elseth’s full job title will be Assistant Vice President of Operations, and she will also handle most of the loan operations department. “I am staying locally.... I will be checking up on the girls,” Elseth said.

JOURNALIST

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MEDIA

Story from page 6C

You Tube goes by the name PewDiePie and had over 12.1 billion channel views.

- Out of Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google Plus, and LinkedIn, 56 percent of the users are women and 44 percent of the users are men.

- As of May 2016, SnapChat had 130 million users who posted and shared daily.

As you see, some people are addicts for anything social on their phones. If you are a parent, please take control and

research the social media app your kid wants. Vine for example has very inappropriate videos, words, and people that kids don’t need influence from. Snapchat can also be dangerous. People can put posts up about anything. Suicide, rumors, and bullying can happen over social media. Participants were asked if the posts they saw were more positive or negative. 73 percent said positive, while 27 percent said negative. Social media can make friends, or enemies.

SHOWCASE

Story from page 6C

their hard work in front of their parents and so many people and hopefully you. Some of the fourth grade students think it was hard and too much work but it was easy for some people like my friend Annette.

Grammar is a big part of the project. We had to find the tourism, geography, and history of our favorite state and write it in cursive. Soon fourth grade will be videotaped when we read are paragraph’s in cursive. It will be very exciting to finish the boards and sad because making them was a lot of fun. Every here and there you will see the bordering

states that are next to our favorite state.

There are fifty states and you can choose your favorite one out of all of them.

We are very proud of are state boards and had a lot of fun. I hope next year’s kids will have to work as hard and have as much fun as we did.

This was the biggest project any fourth grade kid has ever done in school. This was “my” favorite project. It is so close to the end of the year in fourth grade and this is our last project. I hope I see you there.

SOCCER

Story from page 6C

Brazil. He was the top scorer in his team, Santos, until he left and now plays in Barcelona. Cristiano Ronaldo was born on February

5, 1985, in Funchal, Madeira Portugal Manchester paid \$12 million to play in 2003 in 2004 Real

Madrid paid \$131,000 million for his services. Lionel Messi born June 24, 1987 plays for his home team Argentina and for la liga he plays for Barcelona with Neymar he is the captain for

Argentina “ he is a good player” says Serafin (my dad).

How the game is played is very simple you use a soccer ball size five. There is two teams eleven players each compete to get the ball and score in the other

team’s goal. (between the posts under the bar) and score a goal. There is 90 minutes in total 45 is halftime and if they are tied they get extra time. If they are still tied they go to penalties they get five shots at the end whoever scored the most wins! Corner kicks are when the goalie or the opponent kicks or saves and gets it out. First you have to have it on the half circle on the end of the field. Then you wait for the whistle and you kick it to the penalty box.

The three players started from kids to teenagers to adults and they are famous for their hardwork and teamwork! Here are the results Cristiano Ronaldo with five hundred twenty one!Lionel Messi with five hundred two! Neymar Da Silva Jr., With two hundred!

TRACK

Story from page 6C

and frisbee. These two are probably equal because softballs are light to throw and are kind of easy and then the same thing with frisbees but when they’re caught up in the wind they can’t go very far.

The next part of track a field is the jumping part. There is

high jump, running jump and standing jump. The high jump is where you are running and then you have to jump over a pole that is at a certain height. That takes some practice to do. There is the standing which you stand at the end of cement and you jump as far as you can into the sand. It’s pretty much the same as running.



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Two Medford Elementary School students, Payton Ristau and Brody Goodnature, participated in an awards presentation June 1 for journalism excellence. The contest was sponsored by the Steele County Times.

ANIMALS

Story from page 6C

otherwise there wouldn’t be enough room and the animals might feel crowded!

Each and every animal there is adorable and totally worth seeing! In past years the high

school students have brought in cute fluffy kittens, cuddly bunnies, lively piglets, shy lambs, feisty goats, and lots of other things in between! Plus, baby animal day is just a fun way to get to see all sorts of these animals if you never get to see these animals!



Staff photos by Howard Lestrud

Steele County Times staff member Joe Tischler presents a second place Journalism Excellence award to Peyton Ristau of the Medford Elementary School.

ALICE

Story from page 6C

Alice’s Adventures In Wonderland, and the upcoming summer musical Grease.

The 2016/2017 season of plays includes:

How I Became A Pirate, Prelude To A Kiss,

Musical Little Mermaid and Prince, Much

Ado About Nothing, and Funny Girl. There are lots of opportunities to get into any of these plays. It is a great experience even if you are in the crew.

LTO has been gifted with many experienced actors, some of which return to the theater year after year to participate in the productions. Some of these actors move into the position of

director for certain shows. Some of these Actor/Directors include Jeffrey Jackson, Jon Terrill and Sandy HardeeHagen.

The entire theatre experience at LTO is professional from the costumes to the makeup to the stage crew and the production itself. First time actors will quickly learn the ins and outs of theater. LTO has recently announced the 2016

Veta Alexander Little Theatre of Owatonna Scholarship winners as Thomas Borgerding, Nicole Edon, Jaylin Evert, and Cassandra Hager. The Little theatre of Owatonna is located on the historic West Hills campus at 560A Dunnell Drive.

CARNIVAL

Story from page 6C

given out to players that won or had good luck with probability. Some of the games that were displayed included the bean bag throw, cup pong, spin the wheel, duck pond, and darts. The room was full of excitement and fun on those days. The sixth graders had fun creating their games and had a great time helping the younger students learn about probability!

Isabelle Huizel’s game, “Find the Penny” was a great success! In this game students had to try and find the penny from the sandbox. The chance of winning in Huizel’s game was twenty-five percent. Hannah Schull’s game, “Plinko” was a big hit! In

Plinko, students had to send the ball through the correct shoot. The chance of winning Schull’s game was thirty-three percent. Jordan Klecker’s game, “Football Swish” was fun and popular too! Students tried to throw the football through the winning hoop. The probability of Klecker’s game was 50% chance of winning.

Overall the carnival was a great success and the students and teachers enjoyed it. The room was full of excitement, fun, and prizes on the carnival days. The sixth graders showed creativity with hands on learning while teaching younger students about probability!

FIRE

Story from page 6C

you register after, it’s \$35 dollars. You will also be getting a T-shirt as well. The race starts at the fire hall in Medford and you run in the streets and through neighborhoods.

One of the newer members, Mark Ristau, said “It would be nice to have over 100 people come and run.” He might also be running. “Last year we had around 75 people because of the bad weather that morning. We hope for a better turn out this year,” Mark

Ristau stated. The money will go towards the community, organizations, scholarships and they are saving up for a new fire hall. The Medford High School Student Council members have

helped out during the 5k because the Fire Department has helped

Medford School by donating over \$40,000 dollars in the past ten years.

In the past three years of running the 5k they have handed out medals to winners in an age group for 1st and 2nd place, for all ages for men and women, as well as for kids.

You can enjoy refreshments when you are finished. It has been a tradition to get the big fire hose out after the run and make it a huge sprinkler to cool off! Participating in the

Fire 5 is an awesome way to stay in shape, support the firefighters and have fun! I hope to see you there!

CASEY’S

Story from page 6C

Being founded by Don Lamberti in 1968, it has grown in popularity and revenue, since its popularity has increased, more people have been coming to Casey’s General Store.” I think it was a very convenient option for Medford”, says fourth grade teacher at Medford Elementary

School, Becky Peterson. Before the Casey’s was opened, there was another store, named CJ’s took the place as the general store of Medford. Being greatly similar to Casey’s Gen-

eral Store,

CJ’s was shut down shortly before the construction started. Although, without the shutdown of

CJ’s, there probably wouldn’t have been a Casey’s.

The general store is found by the opening into the highway. It was a glorious spot to choose because there was so much open land and space, just big enough to fit a general store.

Although, there are people that dwell next door to the Casey’s who probably would have gotten annoyed by watching people go in and out of the

store. So, to cease that problem, a privacy wall was constructed just for privacy.

So, to sum up the article, it was a glorious plan and idea for the town to have a Casey’s. It’s just a simple place for shopping for goods like salted chips, soft-serve ice cream, and a immense slushie.

It also a superb store and addition to Medford to which I would think you would agree with.

RECIPE CORNER

Bagel Dip

- 16 oz real mayo
- 16 oz sour cream
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 3 tsp. dill weed

- 1 tsp. seasoned salt
- 2 pkg. corned beef, chopped
- 1 to 2 pkg. bagels

By Jennifer Wayne

Mix all together and refrigerate overnight. Cut up bagels into bite-sized pieces and serve with dip.

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FESTIVAL OF TABLES

Preparing students for *SUCCESS*

More scholarship monies will be available to nursing students and others entering the medical field thanks to a successful Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary fundraiser, “Festival of Tables” held on Tuesday, May 24 at the Owatonna Country Club.

More than 220 persons fit tightly into a banquet room featuring 24 colorful and themed tables. Mary Greene, chairwoman of the fundraising event, said the special event netted over \$7,000. “It was a wonderful day and a volunteer job I love,” Greene said.

She has chaired the event since its inception six years ago and is stepping down from the chair this year. Greene told those in attendance that the Hospital Auxiliary has helped distribute \$365,000 in scholarships to Steele County residents since 1960.

Sean Grubish, kitchen worker at the Owatonna Country Club, thanked the Auxiliary for a scholarship he received to advance his studies in pharmacy at Creighton University. Breene’s planning committee includes Deb Albrecht, Lois Cobben, Ronda Christenson, Dave Kenow, Gloria Kenow, Bernice Jensen, Betty Quiring, Shirley Schultz and Judy Weinke. All tables but one are designed and hosted by women. Saluting local industry spotlight, was arranged by the guys, Roger Sorenson of Blooming Prairie the lead organizer for the men’s table. The men’s table was sponsored by Minimizer of Blooming Prairie. It is a family-owned company

spanning three generations. It manufactures trucks and industrial products in the U.S., more specifically in Blooming Prairie. Minimizer markets their products in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Nearly all of their employees are residents of Steele County. Their products are “tested” and “tortured.” Craig Kruckeberg, chief visionary for Minimizer, joined 12 other men at the guys table. “It’s a very impressive fundraiser,” said Kruckeberg. Two of the other tables also had Blooming Prairie connections. Leanne Hansen, owner of A Touch of Charm of Blooming Prairie, was hostess for “April showers bring May flowers.” All the beauty of

spring fills this tablescape. “Enjoy Leanne’s flower garden without getting your hands dirty.” Joanne Sorenson sponsored a table each year of the fundraising event. Her table was entitled: “Bethlehem: a little town, circa 00AD. The table description reads: Even though it’s May, the nativity is always meaningful. The white porcelain figurines were sold by Avon, Inc. in the 1980s. The place settings are Pfaltzcraft Winterberry. Take a deep breath, relax, have a chair and feel peace and goodwill to all. Shalom, Sa-laam.”

Decorated sponsorship tables shows of interest



DECKED OUT IN THEIR TESTED AND TORTURED
Minimizer racing shirts are Festival of Table volunteers Warren Simons, left and Dave Kenow.

- Table 1:** Come dine with us, hostesses Mary McDermott and Gloria Kenow. Join us as we gather around the table to dine on collected sets of dishes and walk down memory lanes of mothers.
- Table 2:** Say Cheese, hostess Julie Kriesel. When my mother-in-law moved to assisted living, we discovered cameras from multiple generations. Notice the variation in shape and size of cameras and the quality of the photographs. Enjoy reminiscing.
- Table 3:** On placemats of different colors, hostess Evelyn Hershberger. White tableware on place mats of different colors and a daisy centerpiece.
- Table 4:** Blue Willow, hostesses Cynthia Broich and Karen Miller. A woodsy table setting with mother’s Blue Willow and fresh spring flowers will spur conversation of childhood memories and spring fun.
- Table 5:** A Colorful World, hostess Ruth Anderson. In my world, there are pots of paint, buckets of brushes and canvases waiting to be created. It may be a mess but it’s my mess and a colorful one.
- Table 6:** Saying Hello from Heaven, hostesses Jan Bowar and Nancy Janke. Decorated with cardinals and bird houses.
- Table 7:** Come sail away with me in May, hostess Cory Peters. Inspired by lyrics from the Styx song. A nautical theme of lighthouses, anchors, life rings and sailboats.. featured as the centerpiece. Dinnerware, silverware and glasses were used on my sailboard, while sailing Lake Pepin.
- Table 8:** Feng Shui Lunch, hostess Penny George Institute for Health and Healing. “When we honor the space we’re in, we honor ourselves.”
- Table 9:** Grandma’s china, hostesses Mary Mueske and Ronda Christensen. Enjoy Grandma’s elegant china.
- Table 10:** Wanted: a cure for Alzheimer’s disease, hostess Alzheimer’s Association. Alzheimer’s is the nation’s most notorious outlaw.

- Table 11:** Namaste, hostesses Cathy LaCount, Darlene Pizel and Jeanne Rolsansky. The light in me honors the light in you.
- Table 12:** The Yellow Rose, hostess Bernice Jensen. The yellow rose stands for friendship, joy and good health which is very appropriate for this occasion.
- Table 13:** April showers bring May flowers, hostess Leanne Hanson. All the beauty of spring fills this tablescape. Enjoy Leanne’s flower garden without getting your hands dirty.
- Table 14:** Spring Safari, hostesses Betty and Crystal Quiring. Come take a safari through exotic Africa with us.
- Table 15:** Back to the ‘60s, Mary Greene, Let’s have a blast from the past where we hang loose and have a good time.
- Table 16:** Bunnies, eggs and a rabbit, hostesses LaVonne Amberg, Pat Fossen, Carolyn Von Ruden, Colleen Oldendorf, Phyllis Hagle, Janet Hagen, Pat Peglow, Mary Erickson and Marcia Sullivan. Gift Shoppe daychairs prepared your 2017 Easter decorations.
- Table 17:** Family fourth of July celebration, hostess Paula Steinbronn. Fourth of July celebration goes back to 1935.
- Table 18:** Weakendersbicycling since 1983, hostess Sue Simons. On the road to who knows where; we are bikers everywhere; yet we ride where we wanna.
- Table 20:** Angels among us, hostess Janet J. Hagen, Hardanger is one of Janet’s main hobbies.
- Table 21:** Love is in the air, hostess Mary Jacobsen. It is a season for weddings.
- Table 22:** Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary, 1957+ Hostess Shirley Schultz. Celebrating 59 years of friendship and good works.
- Table 23:** Amish garden, hostesses Lois Cobban, Kim Ramsey, Mary Fetter, JoAnn Kent, Joan Rodde and Janine Symandski.



MINIMIZER CHIEF VISIONARY
Craig Kruckeberg, far right, tells Roger Sorenson about the new products being manufactured at the BP Minimizer plant.

“As volunteers, we are proud to give a warm, friendly welcome to patients, visitors and staff. We are dependable team players, giving positive support, understanding, respect and empathy as we share our talents and serve the community. In addition to the always entertaining event, the Festival of Tables fundraiser has been an integral part of how monies are raised to support Owatonna Hospital projects that impact patient care.”



CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TABLES
Mary Greene, held at the Owatonna Country Club, is shown in front of her Back to the ‘60s table.



WANTED: A CURE FOR ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE
the theme of this table hosted by the Alzheimer’s Association. Shown from left to right with John Wayne are: Debbie Eddy, Deb Gillard, Melissa Block and Kim Hanson.

Story and photos by Howard Lestrud



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Board of Water and Soil Resources expands options to meet buffer law requirements

Minnesota farmers will have an additional way of meeting the state's new Buffer Law requirements as the result of recent action taken by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Under the Buffer Law, farmers may use alternative water quality protection practices that are comparable to buffer protection. The BWSR Board recently passed a resolution affirming that certification in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program qualifies as an approved alternative water quality protection practice. This means that farmers who become certified through the program will also be compliant with the state buffer law.

"I applaud the Board of Water and Soil Resources for recognizing the Ag Water Quality Certification Program as an alternative practice to comply with the Buffer Law," Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson said. "This action demonstrates how the MDA and BWSR are working together to help farmers protect the quality of our state's precious water resources."

"The Board took this action because we recognize that the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program will deliver greater water quality protection than buffers alone," said BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke. "It allows us to utilize an existing program in a significant way that benefits the State, local governments, and land-

owners alike."

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Each of these agencies upholds the program's regulatory certainty provision and BWSR, through its network of

districts, is helping deliver the program to farmers and landowners across the state.

Signed into law in June 2015, Governor Mark Dayton's landmark buffer initiative designated an estimated 110,000 acres of land for water quality buffer strips statewide. The law establishes new perennial vegetation buffers of up to 50 feet along rivers, streams, and ditches that will help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment. The new law provides flexibility and financial support for landowners to install and maintain buffers, and boost compliance with buffer laws across Minnesota.

To learn more about the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, visit www.mylandmylegacy.com. For more on Minnesota's Buffer Law, visit <http://bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers>.



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USDA expands access to capital for rural businesses

USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator Sam Rikkers today unveiled new rules to expand access to capital for rural businesses.

"Access to capital is one of the most important needs for businesses," Rikkers said. "USDA is partnering with the Treasury Department and other agencies to ensure that rural businesses have the resources they need to prosper and grow. The regulatory changes I am announcing today will help businesses expand their operations and create jobs."

The changes, published in today's Federal Register, make it easier for rural businesses to qualify for loans in USDA's Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program.

They allow businesses to use the New Markets Tax Credit as a form of equity, and allow, for the first time, employees of a business to qualify for loan guarantees to purchase stock in a business by forming an Employee Stock Ownership Plan or worker cooperative.

Other improvements include:

- New, loan application scoring criteria, including priority for loans to businesses that will create quality jobs, such as those with health care benefits;
- Reduced paperwork requirements to refinance loans;
- Strengthened eligibility criteria for non-regulated lenders (such as privately owned finance companies) to participate in the B&I program;

•Expanded loan eligibility, including in urban areas, for projects that process, distribute, aggregate, store and/or market locally or regionally produced foods.

The stock ownership provisions are modeled after rural cooperative businesses. Co-ops have been economic development

partners with USDA for decades. A January 2016 USDA report indicated that cooperatives earned \$6.5 billion in net income and generated \$246.7 billion in total revenue in 2014.

For a complete overview of the new rules, see page 35984 of the June 3, 2016 Federal Register.

USDA awarded more than 3,500 Business & Industry program loans totaling \$9.7 billion between 2009 and 2015 to help rural businesses create or retain jobs. One of these loans – for \$1.8 million in 2013 – helped White Rock Specialties, LLC buy equipment and convert an old school in Mosca, Colo., into a potato packing facility. White Rock has a large supply of potato growers in the San Luis Valley and focuses on locally grown organic specialty potatoes.

Another B&I loan from 2013 helped DeVilbiss Healthcare,

LLC relocate its manufacturing facility from China to Somerset, Pa., preserving 92 jobs and creating an estimated 20 new full-time, living-wage jobs.

By providing access to capital and opening up new markets, USDA is helping American businesses compete and win in the tough arena

of international trade. For more information, visit Chapter 6 of <https://medium.com/usda-results>.

The expanded loan eligibility for projects that process, distribute, aggregate, store and/or market locally or regionally produced foods is part of USDA's broader effort to support strong local and regional food systems that connect rural and urban communities.



USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative coordinates the Department's work to help farmers, ranchers and businesses access the growing market for local and regional foods, which was valued at \$12 billion in 2014 according to industry estimates. Under this Administration, USDA has invested \$1 billion in more than 40,000 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (#USDARD) has invested \$11 billion to start or expand 103,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; financed 185,000 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

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Minnesota Crop Report:

Occasional rain showers limited Minnesota farmers to 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending June 5, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The northwestern part of the state continued to receive large amounts of precipitation with very wet conditions which have delayed spraying and other field activities. Between showers, field activities for the week included spraying, making hay, tiling, and finishing up planting.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

With most of Minnesota's corn emerged, corn condition rated 77 percent good to excellent, up 6 percentage points from the previous week. Eighty-five percent of the soybean crop had emerged, about equal to last year and 12 days ahead of the five-year average. The first soybean condition rating of the year was estimated at 0 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Fifty-nine percent of the spring wheat acreage was at or beyond the jointing stage, 3 days behind last year, but 2 weeks ahead of average. Spring wheat condition rated 74 percent good to excellent, up 4 percentage points from the previous week. Seventy-six percent of the oat crop was at or beyond the jointing stage, with 11 percent of the oat crop at or beyond the heading stage, slightly behind last year. Oat condition rated 84 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from the previous week. The barley crop was 44 percent at or beyond the jointing stage, with condition rated at 77 percent good to excellent. Dry edible beans were 69 percent emerged, 5 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of average. Sunflower planting is nearing completion. The first potato condition rating of the year was estimated at 0 percent very poor, 1 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

The first cutting of alfalfa hay was 49 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year and average. All hay condition improved to 84 percent good to excellent, up 6 percentage points from last week. Pasture condition rated 80 percent good to excellent, up 3 percentage points from last week.

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Obituaries

Nancy Lynn Schwartz, 63, Blooming Prairie,



Nancy Lynn Schwartz, 63 of rural Blooming Prairie, died surrounded by her family, Friday afternoon, June 3, 2016, at Mayo Clinic Health System – Austin.

Nancy Lynn Harber was born November 28, 1952, in Austin, the daughter of Robert Earl and Doris Mae (Mellem) Harber. Nancy was baptized and confirmed Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church. She attended school in Blooming Prairie, graduating from Blooming Prairie High School in 1970.

On October 6, 1972, she was united in marriage to Jim Schwartz at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church and to this union two children were born. They were later divorced.

Nancy lived and worked for several years in Albert Lea at the Holiday Inn and later at the Carpenter Company. She returned to the Blooming Prairie area to assist her parents as they aged and helped them remain independent.

While living near Blooming Prairie, Nancy worked in the clerical department at Hormel Foods, retiring in May of 2016. She loved to do puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and mind games and enjoyed watching The Bachelorette and Dancing with The Stars as well as figure skating competitions. Nancy also enjoyed eating out, working in her yard and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was an active member of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church and WELCA.

Survivors include her children, Mark (Nicole) Schwartz of Austin and Jennifer (Bill)

Tilford of Pine Island; three grandchildren, Gabrielle, Gavin and Cali Tilford; three brothers, Mike (Deloris) Harber of Austin, Dan (Liz) Harber of Waseca and Tom (Tammy) Harber of Blooming Prairie; two sisters, Jean (Todd) Lewis of Dothan, Alabama and Denise (Mike) Fogarty of Rochester; also many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by parents, Robert and Doris Harber and a granddaughter, Chloe.

Memorial services were held, Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 30456 Mower Freeborn Road, rural Austin, Minnesota with Pastor Lindsey Stolen, officiating.

Interment will follow the service in Udolpho Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.



Staff photo by Ahren Backman

Fathers and daughters dance in a circle during the doubles portion of the first performance of the night. Story on page 6C

Gangsters and glory

St. Paul is steeped in history and not all of it is pretty. The older Twin City's area has a checkered past that not everyone knows about. Join the Steele County Historical Society on this adventure through the seedy history of corruption in St. Paul.

With a mobster host, the trip will take you on a journey that explores the sites of the bar fights, kidnappings, and gun battles in which the gangsters of the 1930's participated. You'll hear all about the lives of gangsters like John Dillinger, Ma Barker, Babyface Nelson and more. You'll also see the sights where the gangsters lived it up as they planned and executed some of the most notorious crimes ever perpetrated. The guide will show you the gangster hideouts and nightclubs where these notorious mobsters spent time socializing.

The group will leave from the History Center promptly at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, and arrive at the Landmark Center in St. Paul at approximately 9:30 a.m. While at the Landmark Center, you will travel back in time to hear the stories - and meet the people - who lived Landmark's important, and infamous, history. You'll explore the building from deep sub-basement to the two iconic towers and experience areas of the building off-limits to the general public. Please call 451-1420 to make your reservation, as seating is limited to 50 people.

James A. Jensen, 83, Albert Lea



Jim died Thursday, June 2, 2016 at his home.

James A. Jensen was born Nov. 7, 1932 in Albert Lea, the son of Wallace and Emyline Jensen. Jim grew up in Clarks Grove and Ellendale, attending grade school in Ellendale and graduating from Albert Lea High School. After graduation, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army. Once he returned from the service, he farmed with his family until his 70s.

Jim also worked as a driver for Clothing Care Center for 15 years and then maintenance at the hospital for 25 years. On Sept. 12, 1964, Jim married Lois Arlene Peterson at First

Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. He was a member of the American Legion. Jim enjoyed watching race car driving, football, and wrestling since 1954.

He loved watching his kids and grandkids in their school activities. Jim enjoyed fishing, farming, arguing with his son, and spending time with his great-grandbabies.

Jim is survived by his wife, Arlene; children, Tammy (Steve) Wencil and Brent (Julie) Jensen; grandchildren, Garrett (Taylor Johnson) Wencil, Jessica Wencil, Stephanie (Matthew) McGary, Cole (Sara) Tlamka, Brandon Tlamka, and Jenna (Elijah) Riggle; great-grandchildren, Haidyn Riggle, Huntley Riggle, and Ferris Tlamka; brothers, Anton and family, Rollin (Penel), Leon (Mary),

John (Carole), and Danny; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, W. Manfred and Melvyn.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at First Lutheran Church. Rev. John Holt will officiate.

Interment will be at Grace-land Cemetery. Military Honors will be accorded by the V.F.W. and American Legion Honor Guard.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at Bayview/Freeborn Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

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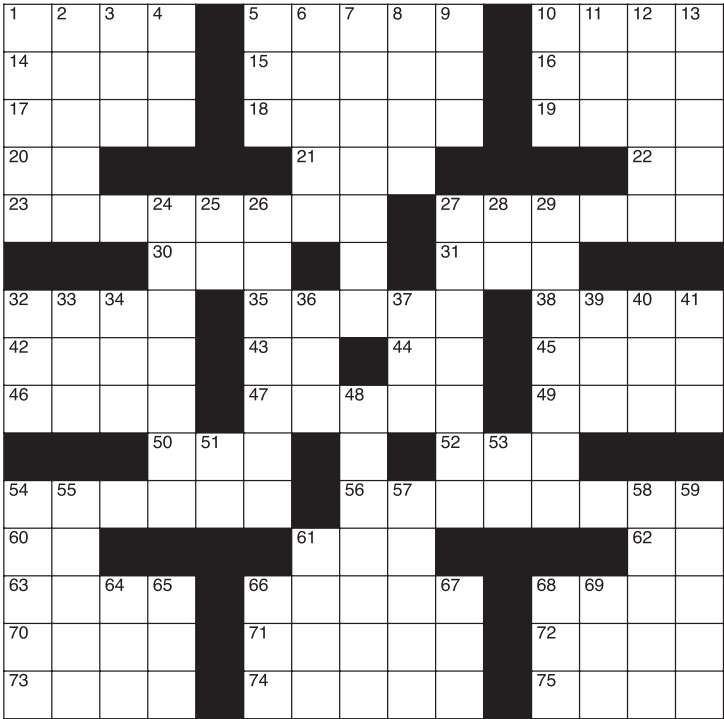
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A roll of insulation
5. Brazilian dance
10. Something that is owed
14. Middle Eastern chieftain
15. South African village
16. 6th Jewish month
17. Sandwich shop
18. "Air Music" composer
19. Extinct flightless bir
20. Exabyte
21. 1/1000 of an inch
22. 4th US state
23. Boater
27. Quarterback throws
30. Dentist's group
31. Honorable title (Turkish)
32. Ursidae family
35. Removes an apple's center
38. To have supper
42. Back breaking work
43. Public promotion of a product
44. Point midway between N and E
45. Dull in appearance
46. Change by reversal
47. Attack on all sides
49. Scientific orkplaces
50. Prickly seed covering
52. Frozen water
54. Move back and away from
56. Fipple flut
60. Bladed tool
61. Actress Farrow
62. 2001 Spielberg fil
63. An explosive device

Weekly Crossword Puzzle - Answers on page 3C



66. Explosive sounds
68. Duffels
70. Dwarf buffalo
71. Seraph
72. Scottish hillside
73. Czar (alt.)
74. Iraq seaport
75. Metal food containers

CLUES DOWN

1. Cover with condensation
2. Rhizopodan (alt. sp.)
3. '___ death do us part
4. Denotes three
5. Swedish krona
6. A pleasant odor
7. One who navigates a ship
8. Yellow edible Indian fruit

9. River in Upper Austria
10. Father
11. Ancient Tokyo
12. Scout merit emblem
13. Region near Troy
24. Common piercing location
25. Rural delivery
26. Suggesting the horror of death
27. One afflicted with paresi
28. Silver
29. A maker of saddles
32. British thermal unit
33. Longest division of geological time
34. Assistance to others
36. A lyric poem
37. Midway between NE and E
39. One of the Gershwins
40. Grab
41. One point S of due E
48. Elastic coils of wire
51. Newark Del. school
53. Atomic #27
54. Capital of Morocco
55. Interspersed with introns
57. Showing keen interest
58. MN 55121
59. Ascends
61. Supernatural force
64. Extinct bird of New Zealand
65. A measure of music
66. Founder of Babism
67. Patti Hearst's captors
68. London radio station
69. Maccaws

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- June 7:**
Chili Con Carne, Crackers, Corn Muffin, Apricot with Cottage Cheese, Applie Pie

June 8:
Hawaiian Chicken, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Asparagus, Snickerdoodle Brownie

June 9:
Salisbury Steak, Confetti Rice, Broccoli, P/A Slice & Peach, Pudding with Whipped Topping
- June 10:**
Goulash, Green Beans, Mixed Greens Salad, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit

June 13:
Meatloaf, ALT: Liver & Onions, Boiled Potato, Carrots, Fruit Cup

June 14:
Pork Steak, Dressing, Oriental Blend Veg, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Romainie

June 15:
Chicken ala King over Biscuit, Peas, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit

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Successful ways to stretch retirement savings

Many budding retirees plan to travel, relax and enjoy the company of their spouses when they officially stop working. But such plans only are possible if men and women take steps to secure their financial futures in retirement.

According to a recent survey by the personal finance education site MoneyTips.com, roughly one-third of Baby Boomers have no retirement plan. The reason some may have no plan is they have misconceptions about how much money they will need in retirement. Successful retirees understand the steps to take and how to live on a budget.

- Have a plan. Many people simply fail to plan for retirement. Even men and women who invest in an employer-sponsored retirement program, such as a 401(k), should not make that the only retirement planning they do. Speak with a financial advisor who can help you develop a plan that ensures you don't outlive your assets.
- Set reasonable goals. Retirement nest eggs do not need to be enormous. Many retirees have a net worth of less than \$1 million, and many people live comfortably on less than \$100,000 annually. When planning for retirement, don't be dissuaded because you won't be buying a vineyard or villa in Europe. Set reasonable goals for your retirement and make sure you meet those goals.
- Recognize there is no magic wealth-building plan. Saving comes down to formulating a plan specific to your goals, resources, abilities, and skills. Make saving a priority and take advantage of employer-sponsored retirement programs if they are offered.
- Don't underestimate spending. You will need money in retirement, and it's best that you don't underestimate just how much you're going to need. No one wants to be stuck at home during retirement, when people typically want to enjoy themselves and the freedom that comes with retirement. Speak to a financial planner to develop a reasonable estimate of your living expenses when you plan to retire.
- Pay down or avoid debt while you can. Retiring with debt is a big risk. Try to eliminate all of your debts before you retire and, once you have, focus your energy on growing your investments and/or saving money for retirement.
- Start early on retirement saving. It's never too early to begin saving for retirement. Although few twenty-somethings are thinking about retirement, the earlier you begin to invest the more time you have to grow your money. Enroll in a retirement plan now so you have a larger nest egg when you reach retirement age.

How to determine if downsizing is for you

As men and women retire or approach retirement age, many opt to downsize their homes. Such a decision can save older adults substantial amounts of money while also liberating them from the hassle of maintaining large homes they no longer need.

Downsizing to smaller homes or apartments is a significant step, one that homeowners should give ample consideration before making their final decisions. The following are a handful of tips to help homeowners determine if downsizing to smaller homes is the right move.

- Get a grip on the real estate market. Downsizing is not solely about money, but it's important that homeowners consider the real estate market before putting their homes up for sale. Speak with a local realtor or your financial advisor about the current state of your real estate market. Downsizing can help homeowners save money on utilities, taxes and mortgage payments, but those savings may be negated if you sell your house in a buyer's market instead of a seller's market. If you think the current market won't get you the price you are hoping for, delay your downsize until the market rebounds.
- Take inventory of what's in your house. Empty nesters often find that their homes are still filled with their children's possessions, even long after those children have entered adulthood and left home. If the storage in your home is dominated by items that belong to your children and not you, then downsizing might be right for you. Tell your children you are thinking of downsizing and invite them over to pick through any items still in your home. Once they have done so and taken what they want, you can host a yard sale, ultimately donating or discarding what you cannot sell. Once all of the items are gone, you may realize that moving into a smaller place is the financially prudent decision.
- Examine your own items as well. Your children's items are likely not the only items taking up space in your home. Take inventory of your own possessions as well, making note of items you can live without and those you want to keep. If the list of items you can live without is extensive, then you probably won't have a problem moving into a smaller home. If you aren't quite ready to say goodbye to many of your possessions, then you might benefit from staying put for a little while longer.
- Consider your retirement lifestyle. If you have already retired or on the verge of retirement and plan to spend lots of time traveling, then downsizing to a smaller home may free up money you can spend on trips. And if you really do see yourself as a silver-haired jetsetter, then you likely won't miss your current home because you won't be home frequently enough to enjoy it. If travel is not high on your retirement to-do list but you have a hobby, such as crafting, restoring classic cars or woodworking, that you hope to turn into a second profession, then you might benefit from staying put and converting your existing space into a workshop.

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For those whose physicians who suggest they avoid high-impact weight-bearing exercises, low-impact weight-bearing exercises can help them strengthen their bones.

Such exercises may involve low-impact aerobics and using cardiovascular machines, such as elliptical trainers, stair-step machines and treadmills.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: MORTGAGOR(S):Lucero Cardoso Nunez a/k/a Lucero Cardoso Garcia, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc., A Minnesota Corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on January 12, 2016 as Document Number A000405926 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$114,285.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 16, 2013

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on May 22, 2013 as Document Number A000391446 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$111,926.33

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 9, Block 1, Hursh Addition No. 2, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 815 DAWN PLACE, OWATONNA, MN 55060

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc., A Minnesota Corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-319-0109

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100867104378099162

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: June 21, 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 December 21, 2016.

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: None

Dated: April 26, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-0470-FC01)

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 30, 2014

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$142,500.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Paul A. Schweim and Amalia Schweim, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 100397202125037268

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 7, 2014, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000396915

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 1, Grace Addition

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2595 3rd Ave NE, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-299-0101

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$155,088.23

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 24, 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 24, 2016, or the next business day if December 24, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: April 28, 2016

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Assignee of Mortgagee

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SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 7, 2014, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000396915

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

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MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: May 6, 2016

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SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that

default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 26, 2010

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$198,200.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Thomas D. Breuer, and JoAnn D. Breuer, as husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Bank of America, N.A.

SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed September 1, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000066242

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3, Block 1, Brooktree No. 4

REGISTERED PROPERTY PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1738 Greenhaven Ln NE, Owatonna, MN 55060

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-350-0103 COT# 18305

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$202,893.87

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: May 31, 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 November 30, 2016, or the next business day if November 30, 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: April 8, 2016

Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)

Assignee of Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for May 31, 2016, at 10:00 am, has been postponed to July 26, 2016, at 10:00 am, and will be held at Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060, said County and State.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by January 26, 2017. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Dated: June 1, 2016.

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Date: 5-31-16

Janet Spencer Court Administrator/Deputy

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Line Agenda

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917 MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016 HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2016 Regular School Board Work Session–High School Board Room

7:00 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2016 Open Public Forum–High School Media Center

7:15 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting–High School Media Center

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II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL – CLERK

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

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B. District Audit FY 16

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State of Minnesota

Steele County

Third Judicial District 74-CV-16-1045

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vs

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The Minnesota dwarf trout lily grows only in three counties across the state, including Steele, Rice and Goodhue. The lily is on display this spring at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen where the plant's reproduction and growing conditions are being studied. The species is listed as endangered, although the conservation collection is thriving. Arboretum official say the limited range of the lily is because it likely appeared after the glaciers' retreat. It spreads slowly by underground runners, seldom by seed. The Arboretum collaborates with Minnesota DNR and others to monitor threatened and endangered plants.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Would you like to buy a poppy?

It was Poppy Day in Blooming Prairie on Friday, May 27, and members of the Blooming Prairie VFW Post 878 Auxiliary were selling poppies at several locations downtown. Here, Auxiliary member Doreen Blome sells a poppy to Ismal Haro of All Seasons Outdoor Maintenance.



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