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National Night Out



Staff photo by Howard Lesturd

Captain America was one of the Super Heroes visiting Blooming Prairie's National Night Out on Tuesday night, Aug. 1 at Central Park. He is shown with Justin, Hailey and Natalie Schumacher. Full Story on 1B.

Fair board closing restrooms

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

The Steele County Fair Board excused itself Thursday night to go to the rest room. The entire board went on a field trip to the restrooms and shower facilities that are located in the basement level of Mother's Rest on the fairgrounds.

Due to the recent deluge of rain, the restrooms were flooded with 6 inches of water last week, and as the water abated, it left much debris. Josh Prokopec, grounds crew supervisor said, "They have to be shut down. They're embarrassing."

Some board members felt that the restrooms were acceptable, but Prokopec maintained his stand that they flood at least three times per year and with the 30 percent grade level down to the facilities, the chance of flooding again would be costly.

Prokopec maintained that it was not just flooding from excess rain, but also from the sewer backing up. "The sewer backs up," Prokopec said. "We've had it cleaned out in the middle of fair week the last few years from backing up."

The board agreed to leave the decision in Prokopec's hands and stated that the only stipulation was that there are the same number of portable toilets rented to make up for the closing of the facilities at Mother's Rest.

The treasurer's report by Tim Arlt gave a favorable nod toward assets and expenditures noting that they are ahead on sponsorships for this year, and they are on track for the budget. The fair didn't pay out as much for entertainment this year, but the insurances have gone up slightly from last year. The state cost sharing that was given totaled $14,269.

Prokopec reported that the grounds crew was right on schedule, noting that the new sound booth was completed, as well as the new fencing at the beer garden. In addition, the major project of renovating the Steele County Sheriff's Posse barn has been completed. Several

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SWCD and agriculturists collaborate to install buffers

By MARISSA LARSON
Staff Intern

The Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District has been actively collaborating with agriculturists and many other organizations to implement conservation buffers. Back in the 1980s, committees located the most natural, unaltered water sources in each county. These were then designated as protected waters, and the SWCD has been very efficient in making sure buffers are being installed where they are needed.

A conservation buffer is a small area in permanent vegetation that serves many purposes in preserving the waters and environment. Examples of buffers include, but are not limited to: filter strips, contour grass strips, grassed waterways, field borders, and ponds. They are often placed along fields and bodies of water. They can be used virtually anywhere that will filter runoff before it enters a larger water source.

Buffers are beneficial in many ways; they slow water runoff and erosion, as well as trapping sediment and harmful substances such as pesticides and fertilizers. Additionally, they provide housing opportunities for wildlife species and protect livestock from harsh weather conditions. They benefit the environment by improving the soil and water quality, which in turn provides both aquatic and land animals with a cleaner habitat. Buffers also cut back on pollution and flooding, as well as conserving energy.

The Steele County SCWD makes sure farmers are in compliance with the recently passed buffer law. Buffer strips for Steele County's protected waters are required to be a minimum of 30 feet in width, while the average is 50 feet. These buffers are to be in place by this

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Medford plans to mend streets

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The Medford City Council took to the streets last week.

Council members and city staff were touring streets in the city that were in need of repair in hopes of finalizing a much-delayed street replacement project. The project was originally slated to be done this year, but disagreements over which roads need to be prioritized have delayed the project.

The council was inspecting the streets in person to resolve the debate, so the project can move forward in 2018.

The crux of the debate centered on whether or not streets in the southwest development of town were in more pressing need of repair than two in the northeast. After inspecting the streets, the council has decided to refocus the project on different streets throughout town, instead of doing one area of town at a time.

The council's current plan is to replace 2nd Ave SW, 5th Ave SE, 1st Ave NE, and 2nd St NE.

The council won't be able to vote on the plan

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Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Medford city council members examine streets in the city's southwest development. Cracking in down the length of Second Street SW concerned engineer Joe Duncan about the road's long-term integrity.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Golf for a Cure at BP Country Club

The weather was perfect for a Blooming Prairie Cancer Group fundraiser, Golfing for a Cure, on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

"It was a fun day for the golfers and they were playing for a good cause," said event organizer Lexi LaMontagne. Cheri Krejci, treasurer of the BP Cancer Group, said the event netted $1600. "We are very pleased with the success of the event," Krejci said. Proceeds from this annual event go directly to the BP Cancer Group.

"It's a good cause and cancer has hit our family," Lexi explained why she works on the project.

Dorothy Trom and Terry Hughes (pictured above) were two of 50 golfers participating. Many fun games were played on various holes. Many holes were also sponsored in memory or in honor of cancer victims.

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Opinion

Our view

Executing the local paper

The hometown newspaper. It's a piece of history. The first newspaper, Acta Diurna', was printed somewhere around 59 B.C. in Rome. The first published weekly newspaper, Relation, was published in Antwerp in 1605.

We are in an era that has seen many businesses fall by the wayside. Technology and a paradigm shift of how and when we get information has forever changed society. Labor saving devices that we needed 25 years ago are not only obsolete, but a new generation must go to Wikipedia to find out what the "antique" was and how it worked.

We rescue things that are near and dear to our hearts and put money into preservation or renovation. Some things have been able to grow with the new technology and that adaptation has saved their life and the life of their employees.

The employees. They are the people who support their families with the operation of companies. Some are still paying off student loans, some have multiple mouths to feed and some are not quite to retirement age.

The hometown newspaper is in jeopardy. Many cities that have had daily papers are cutting back to 5 and some only four days a week. Others are cutting down to become a weekly.

Circulation alone, contrary to popular myth is not what keeps a newspaper afloat. It is the businesses of a community and the advertising. As the advertisers remain faithful to the community newspaper, that paper can survive and continue to thrive in the face of extinction.

The local newspaper is something we all grew up with. From stories where we looked for our names in the paper as kids to having our own kids and grandkids and seeing their names and perhaps their pictures.

Unless CNN or the big papers want to spend the time and resources to cover our local events which can range from band concerts to baseball games, plays and special functions, it's up to the local media to cover and report things in the local community.

The newspaper has always been the glue holding communities together and bringing everyone to one central location. Sadly, many local newspapers are closing up shop and calling it a day. No more can the kids from college come home and catch up on what's going on in the community. No more can the information on Mrs. Brown passing away get to the many people who loved her.

When you invest in the local paper, you invest in your community. You invest in a tradition that has been precious for over a hundred years. You preserve the past when others are just letting it die.

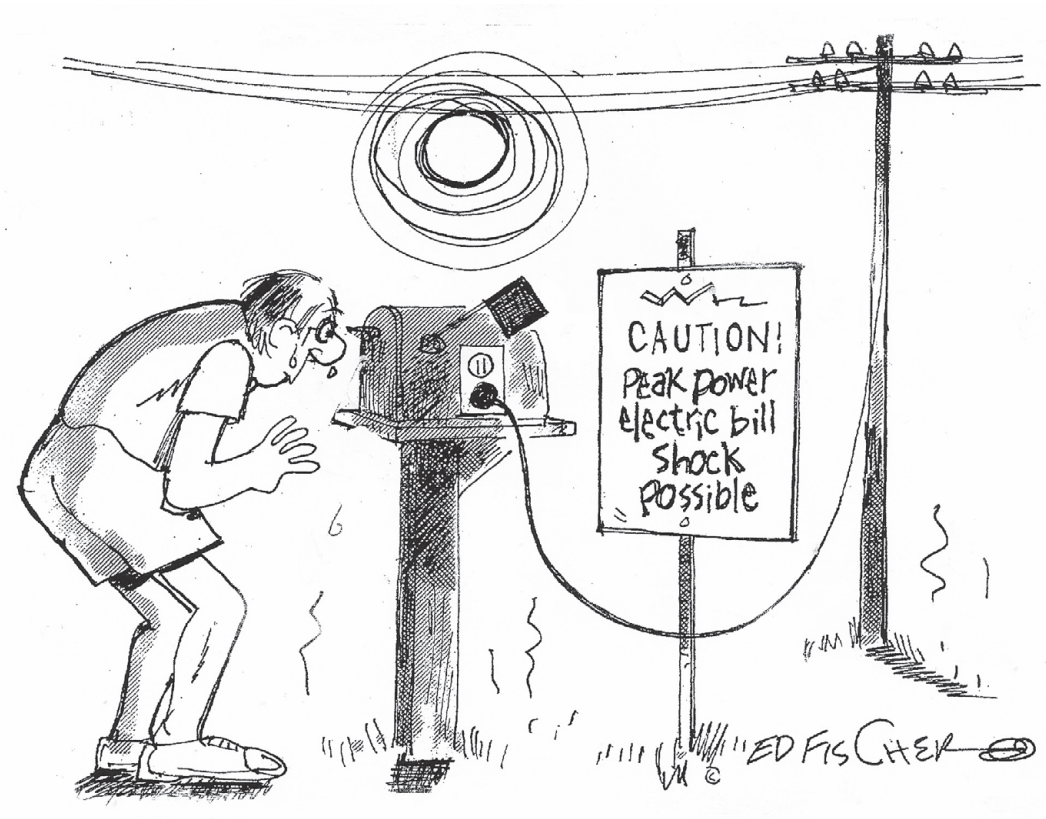
And when the economy or criticism become factors and the paper shuts down, it will be another case of taking for granted something while we had it, and regretting letting it die when we had a chance to save it.

As a local business, you not only make yourself visible with advertising, but you are standing up to an outside business idea that tells us that the local paper must die to make way for new age technology. There is a world that doesn't care about your kid's name in the paper or the score of a local basketball game or the death of a beloved teacher and icon in the community.

When we stand up for the printing of the honor roll or the prom pictures or the kindergarten kids that spent an afternoon in the library speaking to our public safety officials, we defy the cold and callous who say we don't need to hear about those things.

We can help to euthanize the local paper or we can fight to keep it alive and well. We can secure it's voice for a new generation while other communities are letting theirs die. The voice of the paper is the voice of the community.

We ought to be a community that has our kids searching the paper for their names and local happenings than having them go to Wikipedia to learn about what a paper used to be.



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

Scream and moo with much to do

This August marks the eighth Steele County Free Fair I've been covering in my current role as publisher of this newspaper. And every year it never ceases to amaze me what fair officials bring forth to make the end-of-the-summer extravaganza even greater than before.

For me, there isn't another event that I enjoy covering more than the Steele fair. It brings together the best of what our entire county has to offer and showcases it in a friendly family atmosphere.

Thousands of people will be screaming and mooing with much to do soon as the fair kicks into action once again. And there should be considerable pride folks take in our fair as it's ranked the best in the state.

There is no doubt former fair manager Elmer Reseland, who died during the 2012 county fair, knew how to plan a party. Though he has passed, Reseland's legacy will live on at the fair for many years to come. His imprint is stamped in every corner of the fair.

It is a widely known fact that Reseland was responsible for turning the Steele fair into the monster it has become. Even more, he was widely known in the fair circles as one of the best managers in the business. He managed the Steele fair for 18 years prior to his death.

Steele is the largest county fair in Minnesota. In fact, in many cases people come to the Steele fair instead of venturing into the mobs of people at the Minnesota State Fair.

The baton has been passed on these days to Jim Gleason, who has had some mighty large shows to fill. Lucky for all of us, Gleason got to spend a couple years working under Reseland. Gleason credits Reseland for bringing the fair to the level it is today.

As I sat down with Gleason in preparation for this year's fair, I found that the energy level of pumping out a purple-ribbon quality fair hasn't been lost. Gleason is eager to continue maintaining what Reseland started and then some.

There is no shortage of "new" things at this year's fair, which gets underway Tuesday, Aug. 15 in Owatonna and runs for six days.

Fairgoers taking in the entertainment at the Fair Square Stage should notice some better sound this year. The fair has added a new sound booth. The grounds crew built the new booth and it will offer protection from the outdoor elements. It also won't have to be moved inside every night like in the past.

Sound isn't the only improvement on the grounds this year. New fencing has been added around the beer garden and new cement on the north side of the beer garden. The old maintenance shop has been converted into the home for the sheriff's posse and many improvements have been made with the building.

Air conditioning has been added to the Muckle Museum for those wanting to catch a break from the grounds and take in a little fair history.

And speaking of air conditioning, the photography and homemade wine departments have been relocated to the upstairs of the Four Seasons Centre where there is some cool air.

A new interactive display will feature the Ag Cab Lab near the FFA Barnyard. The lab will give adults and kids chances to sit inside a real tractor or combine cab and learn about farming. It's important to have displays like this to help make the connection from the table to the field.

Some new product vendors will be pushing their goods this year for the first time. They include airplane enthusiasts, Lula Roe, air mattresses and sleeping bags, new caricature artist from the State Fair, boats, Dr. Bubble and unfinished furniture.

For those with a hankering for food, don't despair there are many new foods to sample this year. Some of them are Venezuelan, the Wonderstick, Oriental egg rolls, waffle chix, Mediterranean dishes, Teriyaki chick and cheese steak fries.

And, of course, the fair wouldn't be complete without at least one new ride on the midway. This year it will be 2Xtreme on Goldstar's midway. It's being touted as one of the greatest thrill rides ever.

It's time to go in hot pursuit of screaming and mooing of some great fair fun. Enjoy Minnesota's best right in our own back yard.

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Guest Column

Landscaping and trimming to tidy up Medford



LOIS M. NELSON

August is the month we can observe all the hard work of the early spring months coming to fruition.

Of course, Mother Nature has supplied us with timely rains—no hail or severe winds in Medford to date so all the corn and soybeans around the city are looking exceptional. The gardens are maturing with vegetables with the first tomatoes-a special treat and we've enjoyed new potatoes and cream beans several times. Sweet corn and cucumbers and the fresh treats go on!

What we don't have is easily supplied by the vendors at the Medford Farmers Market on Thursdays 3:00-7:00pm on the north end of town right off County Road 45.

This is also a good time of the year for yard clean up of dead or dying tree branches. We have a number of trees that need some work in Medford. Sharing this as my husband is working with the tree trimming extension around our own yard. Some of the limbs extend over the road and interfere with traffic visibility. Some just don't belong where they are growing and some have died and just need to be eliminated.

It is a good time to check out the location of branches that may interfere with power lines. Utility crews appreciate being notified of threatening trees or branches now rather than when ice coated in February and the power is off!

Steele Waseca Electrical Co-op serves our area and Carr's Tree Service can help you with the branches in the power lines or provide you with an estimate for other work in your yard. They can be reached at 888/470-3355. They also have an arborist on staff that can assist with other tree issues.

In Medford, we also have Meixner Tree Service, (507)456-9346. Extra branches, dead or dying trees are eye sores. Minimizing them keeps all trees healthy and growing and adds to the appearance of your property.

Another source for landscaping assistance or exterior help around your home is working with the Steele-Waseca Habitat for Humanity Affiliate and their Brush with Kindness Program.

My understanding is that they have volunteers and professionals who can assist homeowners with repair or replacement windows, doors, siding, painting roofing in addition to cleaning up overgrown landscaping and it's replanting. Manufactured home owners are included! There is an income qualifier. Information can be obtained through their website: www.habitatswa.org or by calling and visiting with Pat or Ellen, 507-446-0112.

The Steele County Fair is just around the corner. This is a great place to visit vendors about projects you are considering around your home.

The Steele County Master Gardeners will have a booth in the 4–H building and can assist, too, with your garden and landscaping issues. The theme of their booth this year is Invasive Species.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. See you at the fair!

Mayor Lois

(Lois M Nelson is currently serving her fifth year as Medford's Mayor.)

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Second Front

Minor changes planned for fair landscape

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members commented on the new appearance of the barn, and how it looked incredible.

As to the request for purchasing a new Gator for the fair, it was stated that there was a Gator rented for the fair week and that the costs would add up over the years. There is a possibility of purchasing one from Ag Power for $7,000 with the possibility of applying this year's rental price to the purchase price. Doug Meier noted that overall costs should be evaluated. "If we can purchase a new one for, let's say, $1,000 above what we could purchase a used one for, it may be worth considering."

With rain and standing water as the annual nemesis for the fair, it was brought to light that there was standing water by the portable toilet near ball diamonds two and three. The fair camping committee was looking into getting a drain tile installed before the fair begins.

A change on Senior Citizens Day will bring the honoring of this year's senior citizens at an 11:30 a.m. program. This year's honored citizens are Bob Prokopec and Shirley Nelson.

In the long range planning update, Wayne Steele began by saying, "We just have to get some sort of plan in place." The issue, of course was dealing with the proposal for work on the north end of the track at the fair. Also discussed was the electric wires that hang above large crowds at the fair. The long range plan is to get all electric lines buried to further promote the safety of fairgoers.



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Steele County Fair Board members Tracy Ignaszewski, Rick Ellingson and Steele County Commissioner - District 4, Jim Abbe are a part of the discussion to close the restrooms under Mother's Rest at the Steele County Fairgrounds.

On the first day of the fair, a bench for Richard Hanson will be dedicated by the carnival entrance at 6 p.m. Hanson, 68, was found murdered in his home in Butte La Rose, Louisiana, last October. Lisa Barr from Four States Fairgrounds said, "Dick Hanson brought at least four shows a year when I first became an employee at the Four States Fair back in the late 90s. He was one of the kindest people you would ever meet, and if Dick had any faults to mention it was his generosity. He was a big part of our fair family and the industry as a whole will mourn the loss of this wonderful man! I am so shocked and saddened by the news I just can't wrap my brain around it. He will be missed by all who knew him."

Finally, it was reported by Jim Gleason that the Vikings Cheerleaders will again be at the fair, selling their calendars for the Vikings Children's Fund. The cheerleaders do not charge for their appearances in exchange for the opportunity to sell the calendars. They will be in Fair Square Friday, Aug. 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and again Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Construction planned for 2018

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until engineer Joe Duncan of Bolton and Menk has completed the new estimates for project and assessment costs. If the estimates are not ready by the time of the August meeting, the council will vote on the issue at the September one.

If the plan is approved, the council will set a date for a public hearing to inform residents and businesses of the estimated costs.

If all goes according to plan, the city will be ready to take bids for the project in January for a 2018 spring or summer construction. According to Mayor Lois, "The best time for contractor bids is January when they're setting their calendars."

The council's decision to alter their street replacement plan was influenced by seeing portions of 2nd St NE where the road has been worn down almost to dirt.

The current plan does not mean Medford's other streets will not be replaced. They'll just be delayed a few years, while the city focuses on what it can currently afford.

Life's little annoyances

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

This will be a column dedicated to those little things that drive you a little nuts. At the end of this rambling, you may agree with some or all – but certainly we all have low tolerance levels or certain things we encounter in everyday life.

My top 10 most annoying things probably can't kill me, but irritate the snot out of me. I know you all have them or perhaps you are a person never bugged by anything in life. (Although that, in itself annoys me: people who never get annoyed, but it didn't make my top 10.)

I guess No. 10 coming in at the bottom of my list was going to be finding a toilet where someone left a toilet seat down, but at the risk of alienating all the women, I refrain and cross it OFF the list but at the same time have compassion for the guys who install urinals in home bathrooms.

So. No. 10.

BUMPERLOVERS

People riding your bumper flashing lights when they know there are 10 cars ahead of you and you are on a two lane stretch of highway. Is that someone late for a date or is that learned behavior. I actually had a guy pass me one time with a bumper sticker that said, "Cocaine makes driving more fun."

No. 9 – **SELFIE-EMAIL**

Obviously, the dropouts who are hired to send scams and viruses to your computer must be either morons or idiots. Do they actually think that you will open an email that says it came from YOUR email address and no subject? It's just a waste of time deleting or waiting for your service to delete them. You never answer and still they come. So, if all they are doing is trying to be a pain in my "bahunkous," then, mission accomplished.

No. 8 - **ENLISTING HELP**

They drug test fast food workers, but evidently, they never have all of them take a math quiz. Not all. But some. And why is it that my lot in life is to seek out the "some?" If your bill is $3.06, and you give them a five-dollar bill and six cents, so that you don't have to carry around the spare change, don't be alarmed if they look at you like you just presented them with the plans for creating a nuclear bomb. They sweat, they turn red, they take two minutes to go to the empty blackboard in their mind where there is no chalk. They then turn around looking for other employees who are purposely ignoring them like their feet are all cemented in place, and with tears in their eyes, look around for about 2 more minutes before they turn back to you and tell you that they should get a manager.

No. 7 - **WEEKEND HOME IMPROVEMENT**

Going to a big box hardware store on the weekends. Oh, sure, the experienced craftsmen know that the real contractors come in only during the week and have to put up with home improvement novices like myself on the weekends. (I become part of their top 10 annoyances so, actually the circle of life's annoying things goes round and round.) But I do know enough to get me to the right department. By Friday at 5, all the good guys have gone home, leaving the store in the hands of novices and Wal-Mart greeters who didn't pan out for one reason or another. The standard answer for everything that they don't know, which is A LOT, is, "Oh we don't carry that," or "We are out of that." Throw a wrench in their works by telling them you just bought one yesterday in the same store but you can't remember where it was located. Only then you may be able to handle the one experienced guy who is trying to work the entire store. Added note: have you ever been told they don't work in a department and they will have to find someone else? Just for giggles and grins, how long did you stand there before you figured out that the kid clocked out and went home?

No. 6 – **INTERNET TECH SUPPORT**

If you've ever needed it, especially if you are over the age of 50, I could have called this one "cruel and unusual punishment to the elderly." You are usually put on a waiting list with a courteous message about call volumes and then are jerked into the loud distorted music zone. After you get your ear to stop bleeding, you go back to try to turn your phone volume down when a message comes on that is barely audible. You quick turn up the volume, miss the message and get another heavy metal Mazak track knocking you to the ground. I'll stop there. When you finally do get an operator, from India, no volume control can cause you to hear or understand any further communication. If for some reason you do get to begin to break the international barrier of frustration, bring a few sandwiches. You will be there a while, and after you've thrown everything into a wall that was on your desk, you will either get disconnected, told you would be transferred to another department or worse. It would take another call after you followed their procedures. Which almost always NEVER work.

The top five annoyances will be in next week's column. I know… annoying.

Feel free to email me markdelap@hotmail.com with some of the things that irritate you. Perhaps I will devote a column to all of y'all's annoyances.

ABSOLUTE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

To settle the Gerald Kerrins Trust & the retirement auction of Chuck Kerrins we will sell the following personal property at public auction located: One mile south of Grand Meadow, MN on County Road 8 or 22711 740th Ave., Grand Meadow, MN 55936 (follow auction signs)

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COMBINE & HEADS: John Deere #9550 combine, chopper, bin extensions, 1140 separator hours, 1594 engine hours, 18.4 38 tires & duals, second owner, SN# H09550W686068
John Deere #693 corn head, 50 series drives, 1000 on acres, rollers, chains, sprockets, one owner, SN#H00693X671478
John Deere #925F bean head, 3" cut, stubble lights, fore-aft reel, SN#H00925F696106
EZ Trail #672 head cart, 25'

PLANTER: Kinze #3200 12 row 30" planter, liquid fertilizer, red ball, insecticide boxes, No Till row cleaner combo, Ag Leader row shutoffs, JD rate controller, 600 acres on new seed discs, scrapers, seed tubes, fert. Tubes, corn cups, 2 sets of bean meters, second owner, SN# 607096

FARM EQUIP: DMI 530B disc ripper, new blades & points, one owner
Wilrich #4400 chisel plow, 24', walking tandems
John Deere #2200 35.5' field cult, floating hitch, 5 bar spike tooth, 200# shanks
Loftness 15'-6 row stalk shredder, small 1000 pto
4 section spike tooth drag---UFT rock picker

GLOBE & MONITOR: Star Fire 3000 globe, SN#PCGT3TA472777
JD 2600 monitor, SF2, swath control, auto track, SN#PCGU26E145160

WAGONS & HAY RACK: Brent 740 wagon, lights & brakes, 455x22.5 tires
2—J & M wagons, 250 bu., 16.1 flotation tires, bought new
12 ton running gear---hay rack & gear
J & M running gear & rack w/500 gal. tank with 12 volt pump

SPRAYER & TANKS: TA 1000 sprayer, 60' front fold, triple nozzle body, foamer, 450 Raven monitor, 4 shut off controls, 13.6x38 tires,
1450 gal. poly elliptical tank---1600 gal. poly tank (like new)
30 gal. inductor---5 hp. transfer pump---5 hp. transfer pump (used 3 times)

HAY EQUIPMENT: #269 New Holland square baler
Oliver #107 side rake, 5 bar---Berti 5' flail mower, 3 pt., 540 pto

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Agricultural economics half time report

The first six months of 2017 created some surprising trends. What will the second half bring to the farm economy?

By DAVID KOHL



Agricultural economics in the first six months of 2017 can be summed up in three words: uncertainty, reflection and hope. Of course, global trade has moved front and center in the agricultural landscape. Actions on NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership), elections in Europe, and negotiations with China encompass all three words. Now, past the halfway point of the year, many are asking how long this economic reset will continue. Well, it appears that economic pressure will continue to mount into 2018 and 2019 if the economic climate does not change dramatically.

Financially, the challenge has been multiple years of marginal or negative profits, which diminished working capital and reserves for many. Now, producers are relying on equity, usually in land, and the ability to refinance and restructure debt.This step affords one the necessary time to make adjustments in the business and to revive a positive rate of return. However, the length of this economic bridge depends upon the quality of land and equity, as well as the lender's ability to accommodate refinancing requests. Most importantly, the producer must implement expense and revenue adjustments on the business and personal ledgers with a sense of urgency.

Crisscrossing the agricultural landscape, I have noticed some trends emerging over the last six months. What are some of the big ones?

1. Consolidation has become increasingly apparent, particularly, on the commodity side of the industry with a drive towards efficiency in operations, size and finances.

2. Entrepreneurial and value-added agriculture is emerging in larger cities and satellite cities throughout the country. Some are marketing domestically, while others market internationally.

3. After time in business, government, military, education or other endeavors, boomerang producers are returning to their roots and bringing new shape to agriculture.

4. As always, consumer change is driving the marketplace. For example, Delta Airlines serves GMO-free pretzels, and cookies made with eggs from cage-free chickens. And yes, these little snack bags reach millions of travelers every day, many of which are reading the labels.

5. Generation Z, or those born between 1995 in 2012 are just entering the workforce and beginning to influence the consumer marketplace.Of course, the Millennials are still transforming world dynamics, but Gen Z is already started reshaping the workplace.

Well, the dynamics of agricultural economics are certainly not boring! We are set up for an interesting second half of 2017 that will carry over into 2018. Stay tuned!

USDA seeks applications for loans to provide broadband in rural areas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for loans to provide and expand broadband service in rural areas, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett announced today.

"Modernizing the nation's infrastructure to deliver high-speed internet service is essential in today's global marketplace," Hazlett said. "Broadband helps create jobs. It also helps rural areas offer the programs and services that strengthen economies and encourage growth. These loans will help maintain America's economic competitiveness and connect rural communities to more opportunities."

USDA plans to make at least $60 million in loans available through today's announcement. Loans can range from $100,000 to $20 million. They will be provided through USDA Rural Development's Telecommunications Program. This program funds infrastructure and equipment to deliver broadband, distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. Projects receiving funding must offer broadband service at a minimum bandwidth of 25 megabits downstream and three megabits upstream.

Expanding broadband service is a key component of the President's plans to improve rural infrastructure. Last month, Secretary Perdue announced $34.6 million in loans that will add nearly 1,000 miles of fiber for broadband service in rural parts of Illinois, Iowa and Texas.

The deadline for applications is September 30. For details on how to apply, see page 34473 of the July 25 Federal Register.

USDA is offering pre-application assistance to review draft applications, provide detailed comments, and identify whether the draft application meets eligibility requirements for funding. For assistance, please contact the General Field Representative in the state where the proposed broadband project is to be located. Application assistance will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through September 22, 2017.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; homeownership; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

The debate over foods containing GMOs continues

The foods people eat and how those foods are grown and manufactured has long been a topic of contention. Recently, the subject of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, has garnered its share of attention.

GMOs are organisms that have been altered via genetic engineering. Foods that contain GMOs have been produced in part in a laboratory by foreign genes from plants and animals. While there are some people who say that foods containing GMOs are safe for consumption, others argue that that may not be the case, saying such foods create new, unintended toxic substances that could exacerbate allergies and increase cancer risk.

Foods containing GMOs are largely crops that are modified using the latest molecular biology techniques. In the laboratory, certain traits, such as increased resistance to herbicides or improved nutritional content, are enhanced. By modifying plant genetics, a scientist can isolate a particular gene that makes a crop drought-tolerant and increase its potency to make that crop thrive better in drought-stricken areas. Genes from one plant can also be transferred to another plant to create desired traits. If a particular gene is unsavory to certain insects, this gene can be put into other crops to deter those insects.



In the past, crops were bred to feature specific, desired traits with the hope that breeding two different flowering plants to form a hybrid would bring out the best features in both species. However, the process is time-consuming and genetic modification in the laboratory generally produces faster, less expensive results.

Proponents of foods containing GMOs say that desired traits can be produced in these foods more readily, which is advantageous to the agriculture industry by creating larger, more tolerant crops. In addition, GMOs may help crops become more resistant to disease, reducing reliance on herbicides and pesticides needed to fight disease. GMOs also may help certain crops grow better in colder climates and where soil conditions are salty.

But some environmental activists, public interest groups and even religious organizations argue tampering with foods is not proper. In addition, such opponents say the potentially harmful environmental and medical impact of laboratory-built crops warrants concern.

In 2000, a study published in the journal Nature found that pollen from a genetically modified corn crop called B.t. corn caused high mortality rates in monarch butterfly caterpillars. Unintented harm to other organisms living in close proximity to GMOs is a significant concern.

In addition, there is concern that foods that contain GMOs and those that do not may cross-breed and create super-plants. Such plants may become disease- and herbicide-resistant, thusly choking out the intended crops. In June 2013, Monsanto Co., the world's largest seed company, was sued by an environmental group and a Washington farm over claims it failed to take steps to prevent genetically altered wheat from contaminating regular wheat after Monsanto field-tested the modified wheat in 16 states.

Another area of concern is the health implications of introducing foreign genes into foods. The effect of such practices on the human body are largely unknown. Unexpected allergic reactions or even physical changes in the body may occur. Evidence as to the safety of GMOs is insufficient.

Many European nations have backed away from growing crops containing GMOs. Things in North America aren't as cut and dry. Efforts are ongoing to have GMO ingredients listed on the labels of packaged foods produced in the United States, but no such labeling is presently required. That's disconcerting to some, as there is a high likelihood that many of the packaged foods sold in the U.S. contain some GMOs.

The debate about foods containing GMOs figures to continue. Shoppers must determine whether they want to consume foods that contain genetically modified ingredients or they prefer natural alternatives.

Minnesota Crop Report



Mild weather during the week ending August 6, 2017, allowed for **5.4 days suitable for fieldwork** according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rains quenched the dry areas through the middle of the state, but some southern and northern counties were left hoping for more. Activities for the week included small grains harvesting and spraying of pesticides.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. **Subsoil** moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Ninety-three percent of the **corn** crop was silking, with 36 percent of the crop at the dough stage. Corn crop condition rated 80 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from the previous week. Nearly all **soybeans** were blooming this week at 95 percent blooming. Seventy-one percent of the crop was setting pods, one day ahead of the five year average. Soybean condition rated 74 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from the previous week.

Nearly all of the **small grain** crops have completed turning color. Nine percent of the **spring wheat** crop was harvested, 11 days behind average. Spring wheat condition rated 85 percent good to excellent, down 2 points from the previous week. The **oat** harvest for grain or seed was 30 percent complete. Oat condition was rated 83 percent good to excellent. Twenty percent of the **barley** crop was harvested. Barley condition rated 87 percent good to excellent, up 1 point from the previous week. Nearly all of the **dry edible bean** crop had reached the blooming stage. Seventy-two percent of the crop was setting pods. Dry edible bean condition rated 75 percent good to excellent, down 10 points from the previous week. **Sunflower** condition rated 90 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 8 percent complete this week. Potato crop condition was rated 93 percent good to excellent, down 3 points from the previous week. **Sugarbeet** condition rating improved to 89 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 94 percent complete. The third cutting was 51 percent complete. All hay condition rating declined to 76 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition rating also declined to 59 percent good to excellent.







STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR



"Scream and Moo with Much to Do"



Staff photo by Kyrie Bussler

Abby Haberman, 18, stands with a dairy cow outside of the Stranshome Hoop Barn. She has showed livestock at the fair through 4-H since she was in kindergarten or first grade, however, she won't be able to show this year, as she's leaving for college at Minnesota State University, Mankato during the fair.

Graduating from the show ring

Local 4-Her reflects on time showing livestock

By KYRIE BUSSLER
Fair Correspondent

For as long as Abby Haberman can remember, summer time has meant getting her animals ready for the Steele County Free Fair. Each August, she led dairy cows, goats, horses and even her dog around the show ring in hopes of winning the coveted purple ribbon. However, this August, she'll go off to other horizons to chase a different kind of prize: a college diploma.

The recent Owatonna High School graduate is leaving for college at Minnesota State University, Mankato right during the middle of fair week. This means that she won't be able to show at the fair this year for the first time since she joined the program in either kindergarten or first grade.

"It's honestly sad. It's weird. That's all I've ever known," said Haberman, 18, about not being able to participate in the fair.

Before the inevitable heading off to college came, Haberman of the Straight River Stars 4-H Club started the process of preparing for the fair in the spring when she had to register the animals she wanted to show. She would pick three to four animals that she thought would be a possibility for the show. However, there was no guarantee of how they would turn out by the fair.

So that led to a summer of working with the animals like walking them around or practicing setting them up. After school got out in June, Haberman dedicated her time to working with them almost every day. Then, as the fair was near, she picked out the best one or two she felt stood a chance for the champion ribbon.

As most of her friends associated carnival rides with fair week, Haberman recalls a week of getting up at 5 a.m. to get her animals ready for the show. Those early mornings paid off as the show-woman won state fair trips every year that she was eligible to do so. The highlight was beating out some of the best in the state to win a grand champion with her Holstein in the state dairy show.

As much stress and work preparing for the show can bring, the moment that Haberman gets her animal set up perfectly in the show ring is when it all becomes worth it. That feeling of thinking "All of this work has led up to this moment," is fulfilling, said Haberman.

Even though Haberman doesn't have any cows of her own to work with this summer, she's been helping her younger brother with his cows.

Up until sixth grade, Haberman showed cows from her grandparents' dairy farm, which is right across from where she and her family live in rural Owatonna. At that time, her grandparents sold their cows. But that didn't mean the end of Haberman's 4-H career, thanks to a leasing agreement with Stranshome Holsteins Farm, which is owned by the Stransky Family and located south of Owatonna.

Leasing allowed Haberman to show the dairy cows in 4-H while the ownership of the animals stayed with Stranshome. While other agreements may be different, Haberman didn't pay to lease the cows. However, she helped out whenever she could with chores around the farm.

Haberman is very appreciative of the Stransky's and other farmers who are willing to give kids who don't live a farm a taste of farm life. "There's no other way I could show without the lease," said Haberman.

Besides livestock, Haberman has exhibited general projects including photography, clothes you buy and arts and crafts. However, out of everything, dairy is her favorite.

She credits 4-H for playing a huge role in her life. Responsibility and value of teamwork are some of the life lessons she said she's learned from being in the program for over a decade. These life lessons have helped prepare her for the real world, which is quickly approaching.

At MSUM, Haberman will major in nursing. Even though she's not going into an agriculture-related field, she'll keep her memories of showing livestock close to her heart. "With my family having a dairy farm, it'll always be a part of me, even though I'm not majoring in it [agriculture]," said Haberman.

While college is keeping her from showing, she's not letting it keep her away from the fair completely. She'll spend Tuesday and Wednesday at the fair before leaving for Mankato. She also hopes to go to the dairy show at the State Fair.



Staff photo by Kyrie Bussler

The recent Owatonna High School graduate walks a cow around like she would do in the show ring. The show-woman earned trips to the State Fair every year that she was eligible, which even included a grand champion ribbon.

Classic cars on display

The Wells Fargo Auto Museum will feature cars of the 60's at this year's fair. Following is a listing of the cars to be displayed and their owners:

Jeff Sparks, Owatonna: 1961 Cadillac Park Lane

Mike McDonough, Owatonna: 1962 Corvair Monza Convertible

Jerry, Mary Carstensen. Owatonna: 1963 Pontiac Catalina

Wayne, Vivian Tischer, Mankato: 1965 Ford 500 XL Convertible

Bill, Sally Regan, Owatonna: 1965 Chevrolet Hdtop SS

Howard, Jane Kittleson, Owatonna: 1865 Pontiac GTO Hdtop

Hans, Karen Hohrman, Owatonna: 1965 Pontiac 4 door

Ken, Vickie Gleason, Owatonna: 1965 Mustang Convertible

James, Annette Thompson, Owatonna: 1966 Studebaker 4 door Sedan

Dale Springer, Owatonna: 1967 Mercury Caliente

Paul, Gail Arnfelt, Owatonna: 1967 Mustang Fastback

Gary, Deb Moore, Claremont: 1969 Chevelle

Gary, Dianne Lawson, Owatonna: 1969 Mustang Mach 1

Keith, Cindy Scheid, Owatonna: 1969 Camero Z28 Pace Car

The display is free to all fairgoers.



Senior Citizen Volunteers of the Year

FAIR TALK



Todd Hale

The 2017 Senior Citizen Volunteers of the Year have been named. They are Bob Prokopec of Blooming Prairie and Shirley Nelson of Owatonna. The two will be honored at the Steele County Free Fair on Thursday, Senior Day, at 11:30 a.m. in Fair Square Park by the Steele County Exchange Club.

Bob Prokopec

Bob's volunteerism covers many areas, including at his church, which is Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl, he volunteers at the Prairie Manor Nursing Home, Blooming Prairie and Heather Haus Assisted Living. He visits service members and helps residents with bingo. He is a member of the American Legion Post 52 color guard. Bob is active in the "Austin Association for the Deaf." Bob and his wife were instrumental in the founding of this organization.

Shirley Nelson

Shirley is also active at her church, St. John Lutheran of Owatonna. She is a member of the Quilting Group and the Prayer Shawl group. She assists in the SCFF Flower Department. She is a member of the Owatonna Garden Club that sponsors the 4-H champion flower trophy. She is also active in the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary. She has donated over 15,000 hours total working in many auxiliary projects including the sewing committee fund raiser. She has served as co-chair of the SCFF Auxiliary booth. She has also volunteered at the Hospice House.

Spelling Bee participants named

The roster is set for the Steele County 6th graders who will participate in the Jerry Kent 6th Grade Spelling Bee to be held at the KRFO stage on Thursday, August 17, at 3:30 p.m.:

Medford: Lydia Krenske, Payton Ristau, Charles Spitzak

St, Mary's: Chris Homuth, Noah Worke, Laura Deml, Jonathan Club

Willow Creek: Korah Racha, Carter Strawmatt, Riley Kalbach, Damarion Scurlock, Madelyn Simon, David Smith, Katrina Butler, Hannah Piha, Aspen Ascheman, Hailey Kersten, Isabella Katun, Carter Haney, Kaylie Esquivel, Ryan Peterson, Annika Moran, Elizabeth Roesner, Henery Bon, Miana Risser, Maclean Pilcher, Kjara Gentz, Haley Abrams.

Dates of the 2017 SCFF are August 15-20. Check the fair website at www.scff.org. The fair office number is 507-451-5305.





Community Living

Obituaries

Eugene L. Deml, 90 of Owatonna

Eugene L. Deml, lifelong resident of Owatonna, died Aug. 3, 2017 at Traditions II in Owatonna. Mass of Christian Burial is set for Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic in Owatonna.

Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may greet the family Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 5: 00 – 7 p.m. at the Brick-Meger Funeral Home (1603 Austin Road, Owatonna) and one hour before the funeral liturgy at the church.

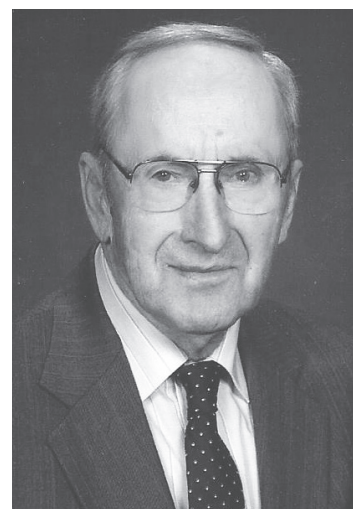
Deml was born Sept. 1, 1926, in Owatonna Township of Steele County in the farmhouse of his parents Louis and Mary (Jirousek) Deml. Deml went to country school, St. Mary's and graduated from Owatonna High School.

Deml was united in marriage to Genevieve Beese at Sacred Heart in Owatonna Oct. 15, 1949. Following marriage, the couple farmed together on Deml's family farm until retirement and moved into Owatonna in 1985.

Deml continued in his retirement years to help on the family farm and enjoyed many hours working in his woodshop building many projects for family and friends. He enjoyed following the Minnesota Twins, playing cards with family and friends, and always whistling to easy listening music as he worked. He was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Church.

Deml will be missed by his three children: Linda (Mike) Drahota of Brooklyn Park; Richard (Becky) Deml of Portland, Oregon; and Robert (Shelly) Deml of Owatonna. He is further survived by grandchildren Dustin Deml (Fiancé Jessica Masching), Terry (Sarah) Deml, and Jenna Deml; step-grandchildren Bryan and Brandon Drahota; and sister-in-law Marge Deml.

Deml was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Genevieve, sister Eleanor Stransky, brothers George and Milo Deml. To leave a condolence message go to www.brick-megerfuneralhome.com



Marcia Jean Camerer, 73 of Owatonna

Marcia Jean Camerer, 73, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017, at the Owatonna Hospice House in Owatonna, following a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Camerer was born March 19, 1944, in Owatonna, Minnesota, the daughter of Alvin and Ruth (Blume) Kruckeberg.

She grew up on a farm near Bixby. She was confirmed on March 30, 1958 at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Claremont. She graduated from Dodge Center High School in 1962, then attended cosmetology school in Austin. She worked in Blooming Prairie as a hairdresser for several years.

Through the years, she continued to cut hair of family and friends. She retired from the Owatonna Canning Company in 2004. Camerer married Thomas Camerer August 10, 1963 at St. John's Lutheran Church; they were married for 48 years.

They moved to rural Bixby on Camerer's family home in 1975. Following Tom's death in 2012, Camerer moved to Owatonna. She loved fishing trips to northern Minnesota and Canada with family and friends, and wintering in Texas with Tom, Wayne & Neilene Johnson and her dog, Dusty.

She held a special love of cardinals and birdwatching, and was a faithful fan of her grandchildren at school and sporting events. She held a special pride for her grandchildren and was joyful to become a great-grandmother. Most recently, she enjoyed her monthly get-togethers with former co-workers, gatherings with her cousins, and Sunday morning church and coffee with friends at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie. Camerer was a gentle spirit with a passion and devotion to family and friends.

Camerer is survived by three sons, Wade (Wendy) of Ellendale, Randy of Owatonna, Barry of Owatonna; four grandchildren, Brooke of Owatonna, Thomas of Blooming Prairie, Cory (friend, Kate) of Ellendale, Kayley of Ellendale & two great-granddaughters, Breelyn Camerer of Blooming Prairie and Breanna Dulas of Owatonna; her sister-in-law Sherry Kruckeberg of Blooming Prairie; brother and sisters-in-law, Calvin (Joan) Camerer of Elk River.

She is further survived by Marvin Camerer, Rick (Nancy) Hansen, Leonne (Billy) Vavra, Roxanne (Calvin) Boyd and Dale Garness all from Blooming Prairie, and Robin (Pat) Berg of Owatonna. She held dear many cousins, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her faithful canine companion, Dusty. She was preceded in death by her husband Tom, her parents Ruth and Alvin Kruckeberg, her brothers Kevin and Ralph Kruckeberg, her sisters-in-law Carol Kruckeberg, Carol Garness, and Romell Camerer and her nephew Darrin Garness.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2017 at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie, with pastor Jeff Sandgren officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home, and one hour before the service at the church.



Interment will be at Owatonna Memorial Gardens. Donations preferred to American Cancer Society, Homestead Hospice of Owatonna, or donor's choice. Online condolences may be expressed at www.worlein.com. Blessed be the memory of our mother, grandmother and friend.

Milestones

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

August 8
Ian Wayne
Bronson Lee
Cheryl Klug
John Rumpza
Lisa Cochlin

August 9
Michael Hjelmen
Bonnie Coughlin
La Faye Farrow
Gloria Dennis
Wayne Williamson

August 10
Lloyd Prihoda
English Smith
Sue Swenson
Gloria Salinas
Lianna Doocy
Nina Mae Rogers

August 11
Ann Weedman
Lindsey Krejci
Rosie Ditlevson
Jesse Banton
Gwen Kubista
Kaden Anderson
Joyce Haflinger

August 12
Harlee Doocy
Robert P. Olson
Jeff Davis
Jeanie Konecne

August 13
Connie Trom
Natalie Sorenson
Landon Dahl
Darwin Peterson
Ryan Kubista

August 14
Brian Bowman
Luella Hatteberg
Naomi Smith
Larry Christianson
Joel Kubista
Efren Hernandez
Greg Thomas

Anniversaries

August 8
Jared & Deb Brown
Neil & Julie Horn
Dawn & Dwayne Gross
Dave & Rita Goodnature

August 10
David & Joan Hagen
Chad & Julie Eischens
Frank & Margaret Williamson
Roger & Sharon Anderson

August 11
Ann Weedman
Adam & Katie Dahl
Larry & Linda Knutson
Brandon & Lauren Doyle
Carl & Joyce Hoflinger

August 12
Clint & LuAnn Becker

August 13
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Aug.9
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Batter Bun
Rhubarb Cake

Aug.10
Pork Roast/ Sauerkraut
Corn Casserole
Dilled Carrots
Apple Cranberry Crisp

Aug.11
Salisbury Beef Steak
Alt: Liver& Onions
Baked Potatoes
Seasoned Peas/ Celery
Pears in Caramel Sauce

Aug.14
BBQ Meatballs
Baked Potato
Italian Green Beans
Rhubarb Muffin
Fresh Grapes

Steele county works to be compliant with buffer law

BUFFER: from page 1A

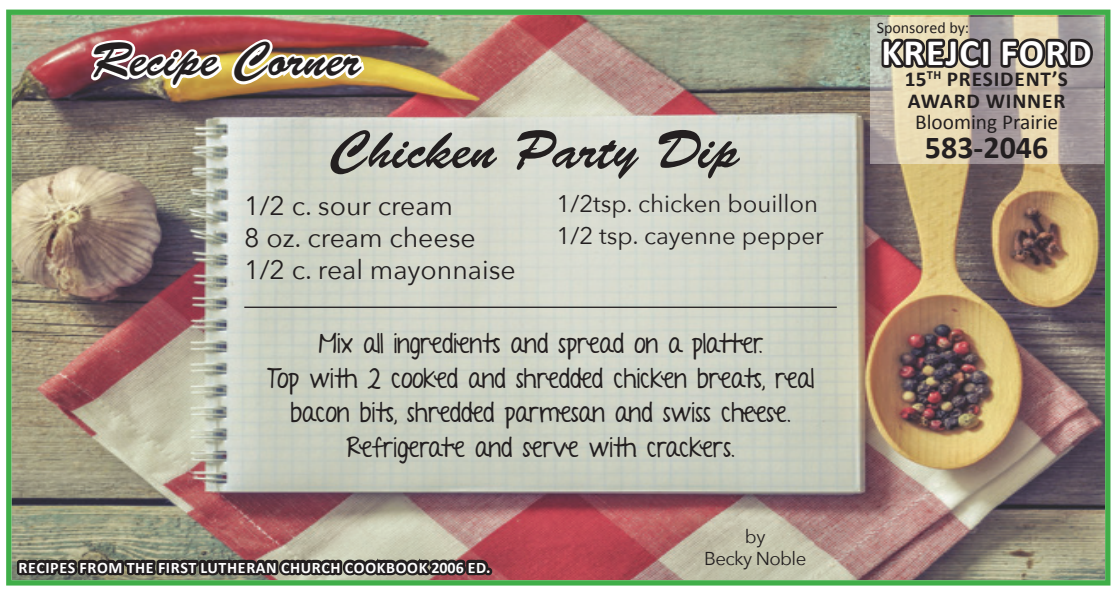
coming November. Installation of 16.5 foot, one-rod buffers into public ditches will need to be completed by November 2018. Redetermination was the mechanism through which these buffers were able to be set up.

Last year, after the buffer law was passed, a desktop survey review was conducted using aerial imagery. As of then, Steele County was already 75% compliant with the buffer requirements, meaning that the county had already put in a significant number of acres. The SWCD sends out letters to inform landowners of the buffer project. For the most part, however, they have been very willing to comply and take it into their own hands. "Farmers have been extremely receptive to the filter strips," commented SWCD District Manager Eric Gulbransen.

Some landowners choose to implement buffers themselves. Others take a different approach and enroll their land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The CRP pays farmers annually to replace annual crops and the associated tillage with permanent vegetation. The contracts range from 10-15 years in length.

Buffer systems are beneficial to the environment in numerous ways. Besides helping the ecosystem, they also provide agriculturists with sustainability in their own practices, both economically and agriculturally. The SWCD of Steele County has put forth great effort to make the buffer project a success thus far. It's refreshing to see how much local landowners and farmers truly care about the preservation of our water and wildlife.

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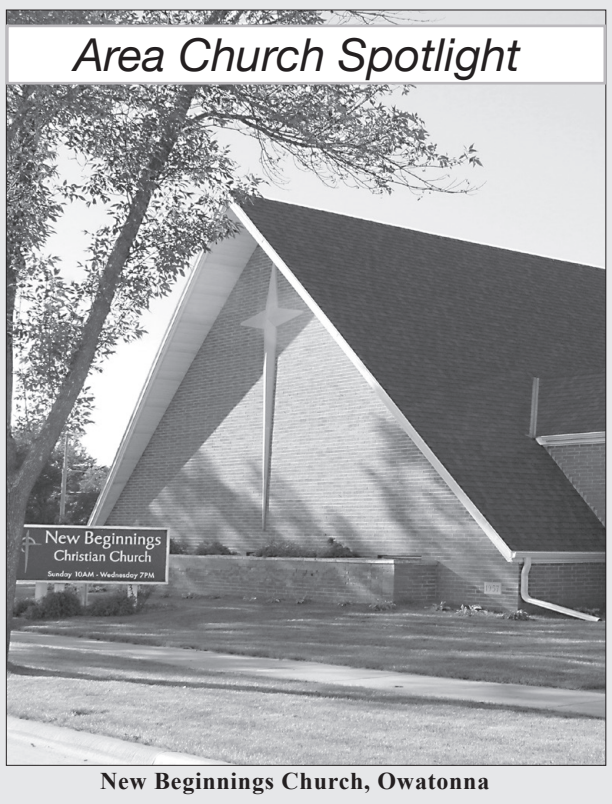
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Area Church Spotlight



New Beginnings Church, Owatonna

Pastor's corner: The Rapture or UFO Abduction

The fake media will probably call it a worldwide UFO abduction. Don't believe it.

When this remarkable event takes place it won't be aliens, but a part of God's glorious plan in redeeming all of creation. What am I talking about? The event we call "the rapture" is when God will remove his people (born-again followers of Jesus Christ) from the earth in preparation for a terrible time of judgment prepared for those who have rejected His Gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

No doubt frightening for the rest of the world, Christians should be ready and comforted by this event.

This event is verifiably scriptural, although the word "rapture" is not found in the Bible. The Greek word used to describe rapture is harpazo, it means "to be caught up, to snatch away", as seen in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NASB):

"Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."

There's an upcoming event on God's calendar called Yom Teruah, or Feast of Trumpets. This will be fulfilled when the Trump of God blows and all followers of Christ, dead and alive, are changed, physically, from mortal to immortal, in the twinkling of an eye, to meet their Lord in the air.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NASB) - Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Each year this appointed time is celebrated in the fall, this year it will be September 21-22, and our church will be celebrating it. God has already fulfilled the first four dates and there are three more appointed times on God's calendar yet to be fulfilled. The Feast of Trumpets is the fifth and next prophetic event to take place. We don't know which year but it sure looks like it will be very soon.

Are you ready for His return? If not, simply acknowledge you are a sinner in need of a savior (asking Christ to forgive you), repent (turn from what you know is sin and begin to follow Him) and then simply trust Him to save you. And he will!

The rapture is real and so is the wrath of God which follows. Choose life in Christ!

To learn more about this topic, visit us Sunday 10AM at New Beginnings Church 332 14th St NE in Owatonna.

Pastor Scott Peterson
New Beginnings Church
Owatonna, MN

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Trinity Lutheran Church (5881 118th St, Blooming Prairie) Joint summer worship, Sundays at 9:00 am

(Location rotates between Aurora and Trinity, beginning with Trinity on June 4th), Check the website for specific dates: www.auroratrinitylutheran.org

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434 First St. SW., Blooming Prairie
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Heidi Heimgartner, Associate Pastor
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Worship: 9 a.m.

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the Rev. Gregory Schlicker
(507) 451-4125
www.goodshephardowatonna.com
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Sunday School/Adult Education 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Worship 10:15 a.m.

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Minister Dwight DoBell
(507) 567-2474
Service: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH—LCMS
1054 Truman Ave., Owatonna
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Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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The Rev. Alan Broadwell
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sjlcoffice@frontiernet.net
Weekly Church Services: Saturday Evening at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion, Sunday Morning at 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion offered during the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

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28959 630th Ave., Sargeant
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Service: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
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Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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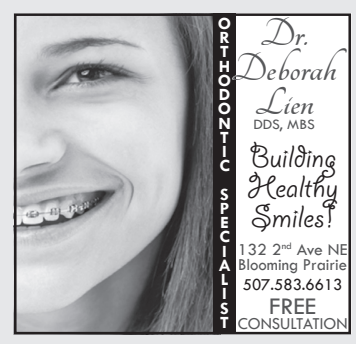
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Senior Saver

Dear Saver,

There are several great low-cost deals I can recommend for older smartphone users who are looking to save some money by paring down their bloated cell phone plan. Here are three good options to consider.

Republic Wireless

If you're an Android smartphone user, Republic Wireless (RepublicWireless.com) offers one of the cheapest deals available for light data users. Republic uses a mixture of Wi-Fi and cellular networks – Sprint and T-Mobile specifically – to transmit calls, texts and data. This patented technology automatically offloads as much as possible to WiFi when available, so you'll consume less data than you would with traditional carriers.

Republic's no contract service plans with cellular data start at only $20 per month for unlimited talk, text and 1 gigabyte (GB) of data. If you need more data, their $30 per month plan gets you 2GB, and $45/month buys you 4GB.

How much data do you need? The best way to find out is to check your current phone bills. The average smartphone owner uses between 2GB to 3GB of data each month, but most older smartphone users use less than 1GB.

To use Republic you'll need a compatible Android phone (you can't currently use Apple iPhones), or you can buy a new phone through the company. It currently offers eight Android phones with prices starting at $99.

Consumer Cellular

Another excellent low-cost option for lighter data users, and one that caters to older adults is Consumer Cellular (ConsumerCellular.com, 888-532-5366). Rated the number one wireless service by Consumer Reports seven years running, Consumer Cellular offers a variety of "pay for what you need" talk and connect plans that let's you choose exactly what you want.

Their talk plans start at $10 per month plus 25 cents per minute used for infrequent callers, or $15/month for 250 minutes, $20/month for 1,500 minutes, and $30/month for unlimited minutes.

And their connect plans for text messages and cellular data run $2.50 per month for 300 texts and 30 megabytes (MB) of data, $5/month for 2,000 text and 200MB data, $10/month for unlimited texts and 500MB, $20/month for unlimited texts and 1.5GB, $30/month unlimited texts and 3GB, and $40/month for unlimited texts and 5GB.

Consumer Cellular, which offers 5 percent monthly fee discounts to AARP members, also lets you bring your own smartphone by offering free SIM cards. Or, you can purchase a wide variety of Android and Apple iPhones along with the senior-friendly Doro 824 SmartEasy for $100.

Lifeline Program

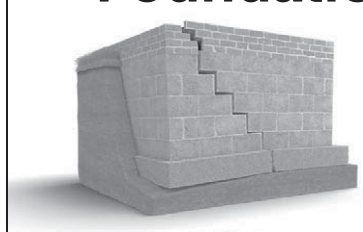
If your income is low enough, another option to check into is the Lifeline Assistance Program. This is a federal program that provides a $9.25 monthly subsidy that could go towards your smartphone service.

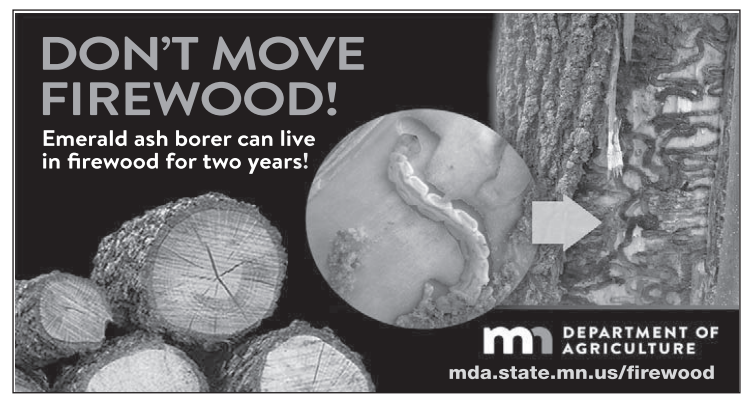
To qualify, you'll need to show that your annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines – which is $16,281 for one person, or $21,924 for two. Or, that you're receiving certain types of government benefits, such as Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, public housing assistance, veterans pension or survivor's pension benefit, or live on federally recognized Tribal lands.

To apply, contact a wireless provider in your area that participates in the Lifeline program (see LifelineSupport.org or call 800-234-9473) and ask for an application form. Be sure to check all wireless providers in your state because some offer better services – like a free smartphone, monthly talk time minutes, unlimited texting and some cellular data – than others.

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.

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Community Calendar

Owatonna/Medford

August 8th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
7pm - 8pm Steele Co. Brd Mtg, Admin Center, BR
7pm - 8pm Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Owa
August 9th:
4pm - 5pm Medford Veterans Committee Mtg
August 10th:
2pm - 3pm OPL Independent & World Films
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
5:30pm - 6:30pm Owatonna Airport Commission, Airport Lounge
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time
August 14th:
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
4:30pm - 5:30pm Owatonna Park & Rec Brd, Council Chambers, Brooktree Golf Couse or City Park
August 15th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
10am - 11:45am OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club
4:30pm - 5:30pm OPL Brd Mtg, Gainey Rm
7pm - 8pm Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
August 16th:
4pm - 5pm Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall
7pm - 8pm Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford

Event Spotlight:
All employee reunion planned in Owatonna

An all-employee reunion is coming to the area for some Owatonna businesses.

All employees of National Hydro-Ax, National Tree Expert, Omark, Blount and Caterpillar are invited to an all-employee reunion on Aug. 12.

It will be held from 3-9 p.m. at the Izaak Walton Building south of Owatonna.

People are asked to bring their own beverage and a dish to pass. Water will be provided.

Organizers say, "Come join us for an afternoon of reuniting, tell some stories or lies or just hang out with some old friends."

All employees, spouses or significant others are welcomed to attend.

Event Spotlight:
14th annual STRIVE Wellness Run

Join us and participate in the 14th annual STRIVE Wellness 5K Run and 1.5 mile Fitness Walk on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Owatonna High School. The event is co-sponsored by the Owatonna Noon Rotary Club, Owatonna Hospital, part of Allina Health and Owatonna High School.

"The annual STRIVE event is a great way for families and our community to participate in a healthy activity and support a worthy cause," says Mark Randall, event co-director.

The 5K course is certified and chip-timed. Starting and finishing at Owatonna High School track, the race will proceed through residential neighborhoods on the east side of Owatonna. Kids 400M/800M runs are at 8:15 a.m. on the stadium track. Kids runs are open to those 12 years and under, and participants will each receive a ribbon. Medals are awarded to the top two male and female finishers in each age division of the 5K Run.

Proceeds from the STRIVE—Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education—Wellness Run provide scholarships to high school students participating in Owatonna Rotary's STRIVE Mentor Program. The STRIVE Mentor Program matches a student who needs encouragement throughout his or her senior year with a Rotary member mentor. Throughout the school year, students and mentors attend scheduled sessions where community members speak about success after high school and the importance of an education.

Pre-register for the 5K run and 1.5 mile walk by Aug. 16 to take advantage of the reduced $25 registration fee at http://strive.owatonnarotaryclub.org. Run packet pick-up and race-day registration opens at 7:30 a.m. The registration fee is $30 the day-of-race and $1 for Kids 400M/800M (race day registration only). The awards ceremony will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Blooming Prairie

August 8th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
August 9th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Story time
4:30pm Economic Development Authority Meeting, City Center
August 15th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
4:45pm - 5:45pm BP Boys N Girls Club Brd Mtg
August 16th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Story time

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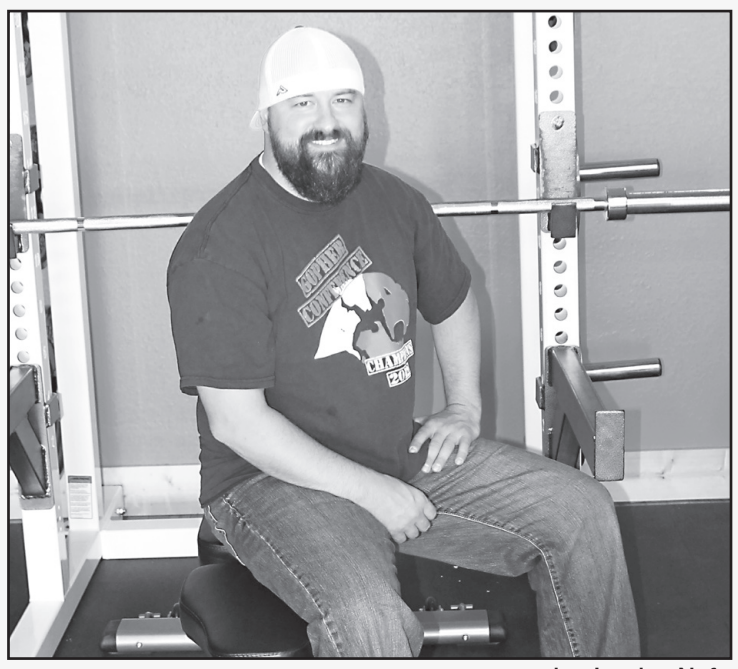
Vandal's third anniversary



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Vandal's of Blooming Prairie celebrated its third anniversary with a special parking lot fiesta on Saturday, Aug. 5. Tacos, pork carnets, and walking tacos were served by employees. Store owner Brady Holmberg fixes a taco for Maddisen Lomack, 2 1/1. She is held by her grandmother, Jenenifer Lomack. Jennifer makes all the deli salads for Vandal's.

LAST YEAR



Archived staff photo by Jessica Nafe

Lat year, Tim Krohn helped open The Gym in Geneva, which he co-owns. Having a gym located in town means people in Geneva and the surrounding towns can get a good workout without having to drive to a larger city.



Ellendale/Hope/Geneva

August 8th:
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl
August 10th:
5:30pm - 6:40pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
August 15th:
All day Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Av
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl
August 16th:
All day Hope Curbside Recycling N of 42nd Av

Event Spotlight:
Alzheimer's Benefit in Hayfield

The 2nd-annual Alzheimer's Benefit will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at Uncle Mony's restaurant in Hayfield.

The event will include bowling, kids' activities, a bake sale, silent auction, alcohol baskets, and taco bar.

It is hosted by Mary's Angels, a group formed in honor of Mary Behne of Kasson, who died of Alzheimer's disease in 2012.

Donations will benefit the Walk to End Alzheimer's, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26 in Rochester.

The goal is to raise $7,500, said Barry Thompson, Owatonna, Mary Behne's son-in-law. About $4,000 was raised during the 2016 event.

See the Facebook site at Mary's Angels Alzheimer's Benefit for more information.

Event Spotlight:
Iowa-MINNESOTA Pirate Festival

Location: Morehouse Park & Chalet, Owatonna, MN
Date: August 12-13th from 11am to 6pm
Admission: $10 adults, $5 kids from 5 to 15, tots free
2-day pass $15 adults, $10 kids
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"Aarrgghh, me hearties! A fyne welcome to all ye landlubbers and pirate patrons to the 4th installment of our celebration of all things nautical.

'Mind you, we will be presenting both the historical (buccaneer) world and the fantasy/fiction world of pirate characters and Caribbean lore. Our event comes to you from the former location on the shores of Clear Lake, IA., as a "family fun fest" with lots of thingys to do for children and adults of all ages.

'There will be three stages of professional entertainment, strolling comedic characters & minstrels, an artisan merchants bazaar & thieves market, a food court with novelty drinks, games of skill, hands-on children's activities, costume contests, tattoo contests, king & queen of the pirates contest, treasure hunts, outdoor museum encampments and folk craft demonstrations.

'Let's make this an annual hoorah and keep it in the Minnesota part of our realm for years to come."

-Capt. Billy Rogers

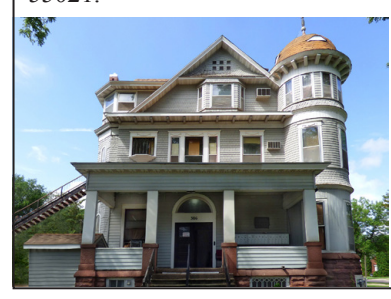
Event Spotlight:
Rice County Historical Society History Walk!

Have you ever driven by an old building or house and wondered about its history? History is all around us and the Rice County Historical Society will host its second History Walk showcasing another part of Faribault History.

The walk will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, August 12. Registration for the walk will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 12, and walkers may begin as soon as they complete their registration. Participants are encouraged to take as much time as they wish.

Participants will be able to discover the hidden history of the Old North Faribault area on this 2-mile self-paced walking route. The walk is self-guided, and there will be information stations and RCHS volunteers along the route to point out some of the sites. The route will begin at the Rice County Historical Society's main building and walkers will pass one of Faribault's early industrial areas, some of the town's first brick homes, stately homes along 7th Street, and the POW camp. This includes more than 20 historic sites!

Registration for the walk will be held on the Rice County Historical Society grounds, near the front parking lot. The address is 1814 NW 2nd Ave, Faribault, MN 55021.



The cost of this fundraising event is $10.00 per person, $5.00 for students, and free for those 12 and under.

For more information, please contact RCHS at 507-332-2121.

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JUBILANT B. P. HAILS VICTORY OVER NIPS

17 Years With City; Dennis Resigns

Considerable important business was transacted by the village council at the regular meeting on August 6, and the continuance to adjournment on August 10th.

Glen Dennis, who has served the village faithfully for the past 17 years as officer of day police and street commissioner, tendered his resignation which was accepted. Mr. Dennis has already received to very inviting offers of work with which he he is well qualified to perform. Until he completes remodeling one of his houses he does not plan accepting other responsibilities.

William Pechacek was appointed to the police force. Albert Ruzek was hired to assume the duties commissioner with Frank Lacy as assistant. These men will also have charge of maintenance and improvement of the sewer and water systems.

The sewer system is not what it should be and the council employed the Banister Engineering Co. of St. Paul, to make a survey and furnish a report on their findings.

A representative of this com-



GLEN DENNIS

Excellent Program Awaits Freeborn County Fair Visitors

The so called sport of kings will be in full sway in Albert Lea, Minnesota at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds when Hoaglan's Hippodrome Riders open for a 3-day engagement during the fair, Au-

Dodge County Fair Society Horseshow

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Horse Flesh To Be Shown In Action

An innovation at this year's fair will be the holding of the Dodge County Fair's First Annual Society Horse Show. Two complete programs have been turned over to this new feature. On Monday evening, Aug. 20th, and again on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 21st, will be seen the best gaited, buggy, combination classes and jumpers of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Featured at the Fair will be such nationally known American saddle bred horses as Arden's Chief, Little Caesar, Stonewall Skyrocket—gaited horses from the Blue Grass Stables, Minneapolis.

American Love and Gypsy Rose Lee, three-gaited horses and Society Moonlight and Sunflower Dare, five-gaited horses from the Hill Top Stables, Rochester.

Over Again, Danny Boy and North Winds, jumpers from the F. J. Anderson Stables, White Bear.

Civic League Plans Flower Show

The annual garden flower show sponsored by the Civic League will take place Wednesday, Aug. 22 in the community club basement rooms. With the many beautiful flower gardens in Blooming Prairie and community this year, the ladies are expecting the largest exhibit of local gardners' efforts ever seen at the civic league show. $5.00 will be offered in prizes. Entries will be received from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., day of the show.

A tasty lunch will be served with Mrs. Sam A. Rask as chairman of the serving committee.

There is no charge for exhibit entries and a cordial invitation is extended growers of garden flowers and all others interested to take part and attend the flower show.

Vince Ruzek Auction Sale "Rained" Out

A slow drizzling rain caused the postponment of V. Ruzek's furniture auction sale which was to have taken place last Monday evening. The new date selected is Monday, Aug. 20th. The sale will start promptly at 7:30 and will be

Bells, Whistles, Horns Herald End of War

"War's Over!" The thrilling news that electrified the entire world, received here Tuesday evening shortly before six was the announcement by President Truman stating that the war with Japan had ended.

The news hit residents of Blooming Prairie with a "bang." The fire siren, the hemp mill whistle which C. O. Johnson, manager of the creamery had installed the day previous on top of the creamery building in anticipation of V-J victory, fire bell, church bells, car horns, pans, kettles, in fact anything from which sound could be produced were brought into action to hearld the joyous news that the end of a terrible war had finally come.

Business came to a stand-still almost immeditely. Taverns closed and remained closed the following day. Both banks, all service stations, business places including restaurants closed on Wednesday. The postoffice force enjoyed a two-day holiday, with no window service Wednesday or Thursday. Rural letter carriers did not make

Cancer Corner

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

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

New shirts issued for BP Cancer Group

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Another very colorful Blooming Prairie Cancer Group T-shirt has been designed and is ready for sale, says Cancer Group volunteer Mandy Doocy.

The shirt is white with pink lettering.

It reads: PAINT BLOOMING PRAIRIE PINK BP Cancer Benefit.

These words are placed within the shirt title: Fight, Believe, Awareness, Admire, Hope, Strength, Support, Honor, Faith, Life, Courage, Family and Cure.

The shirts were designed by Brandy Munson and printed by Linda Klemmensen at Sportstitch.

Cancer shirts are now on sale to the public from any Cancer Group member. Shirts are being sold at $10 each and are available by contacting Mandy Doocy at 507-530-5084 or Cheri Krejci at 507-438-6895.

Shirts are available in youth sizes and in adult sizes of small, medium, large, extra large, 2X and 3X.

The shirts will also be available for purchase the weekend of the benefit, Friday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 9.

Participants in the 5K Run/Walk planned for Saturday, Sept. 9 can pick up their colorful T-shirts at the tent by the Field of Flags on Highway 218. The run/walk starts at 10 a.m. Registration the day of the walk is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Walk or run with a T-shirt for $20. Without a T-shirt, registration is $15. Deadline for the T-shirts is Aug. 30 if you would like the shirts prior to the event.

The first 75 finishers will receive a medal. Water and freezies will be provided at the finish line.

Contact Cheri Krejci at Krejci Ford, or Mandy Doocy at 507-530-5084 or Ashley Valek at 507-676-2156 to register for the run/walk.



Submitted photo

New Blooming Prairie Cancer Group T-shirts are now available from any Cancer Group member. Here, Jaspher Doocy models the new shirt which was designed by by Brandy Munson and printed by Linda Klemmensen at Sportstitch.

Sponsored by Krejci Ford

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In honor of Blooming Prairie's 150th anniversary, the Times is looking for reader submissions detailing life in the community.

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Left: Leroy Schroeder helps collect offering at the Polka Mass, part of the Summer Festival activities. Right: Jean Markl of Califonia maybe came the farthest to pick up some filled biscuits.

"They are simply the best"

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Rave reviews were heard by filled biscuit customers at the 46th Annul Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 30.

A highlight of the Litomysl festival was picking up Buchte, the filled biscuit.

"They are simply the best, and they get better," exclaimed regular customer Marilyn Tollefson of Blooming Prairie. "You can't beat them," she added, as she carried the popular food item to her car.

Jean Markl of RBV, California, was another satisfied customer. She bought 12 dozen of the delicacies. She attended the festival with her sister Joyce Gmahl from Mora. "We once ate a dozen of our biscuits before we got back to Mora," Markl said.

"This is what we grew up with," said Markl, of Czech descent.

Alice Spinler, one of the key Festival volunteers, said 310 batches of biscuits were made the first day and 356 dozen were made the second day. The first day baking was for orders only. The workers also made 21 dozen buns.

"We had a whole crew working on seven tables at one time," said Spinler.

Spinler said her great grandparents helped found the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She is part of the Klecker family.

Three kinds of biscuits were sold: prune, poppy seed and apricot. The prune variety sold out the quickest.

Another highlight of day was the Polka Mass at 10 a.m. The church was full with an estimated 500 persons in attendance.

Families came to enjoy the service including Sara and Pat Winzenburg with their children: Blakely, 1; Addison, 5 and Greyson, 3.

The Rev. Fr. John Sauer presided at

LITOMYSL

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Lillianne Schiller, 4, gets her face painted by Hilary Underwood at the Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 30.

National Night Out draws crowd of 300

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It was a night to remember.

The Blooming Prairie Police Department gave residents, young and advanced in age, a chance to renew acquaintances Tuesday night, Aug. 1, at National Night Out.

It had been several years since BP had been part of the National Night Out scene. National Night Out is just that, a national observance where neighbors get together to talk about being part of a safe community.

Blooming Prairie Police Chief Greg Skillestad and Officer Dan Peach coordinated lots of activities for the special night in Central Park in BP. "We footed the bill, but had help with free will offering to take care of the food, hot dogs, chips, cookies and water," said Skillestad.

Thunder showers dampened the night early on, but the threatening clouds moved away later and many people who had left returned to the park.

Many games were made available for the younger set including two bouncy houses, a pull the duck game and ring the bell. A cotton candy machine was also on site.

Several Super Hero characters including a Tie fighter (Jonathan Butler helped by daughter Amber) from Star Wars and Captain America (Joe Clerkin) made appearances. Christy Bennet was the Riddler and Lindsey Rae was Harley Quinn. Robert Schubert was Imperial Officer, and R2-D2 was built by Jennifer and Robert Schubert.

Mollie Dukek transported the Super Heroes to the National Night Out. Cat Manchack organized their appearances. "I am proud to have been able to contribute to the first NNO," said Manchack. She also offered her professional photography services (Catherine of the Sea Photography). "We all left with full hearts, and it was a great night for everyone," she added.

Many of the Super Heroes are members of the 501st Legion and the Droid Builders Club.

Chief Skillestad said the PD was prepared to serve 600 hot dogs. "We must have served about 400," he guessed. "I know we served 568 cookies," Skillestad added. Karen Peterson of Confections by Karen, made 66 dozen cookies, the most popular being oatmeal chocolate chip.

Purpose of the gathering was to bring the community together and get people to know one another, said Chief Skillestad.

"We want to be approachable and want to make Blooming Prairie a safe environment for children and kids," Skillestad remarked. "We want people to trust us and call us when they need help or when they have a way to help us with our job of emphasizing safety," Skillestad added.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Police Officer Dan Peach gives a thumbs up at National Night Out in Blooming Prairie on Tuesday night, Aug. 1 at Central Park.

Safety identification kits were given to the kids in attendance. The kits were donated by Darrell Hansen and Frontier Communications. The kits included fingerprinting.

Other safety material was also available for the adults, including pamphlets on Internet safety and materials on how to protect yourself and how to protect your home.

Most officers of Blooming Prairie's police force were in attendance at National Night Out. "We were there to answer questions and also to have fun," Peach said.

Will there be another National Night Out next year? Skillestad answered with a non-hesitating "yes." He said he heard "great comments" from local residents, including praise from Mayor H. Peterson. Skillestad reported Peterson and city administrator Mike Jones said they would favor supporting the event next year.

The evening concluded with a movie being shown on the southwest part of the park. The flick: "Zootopia" about the bunny who becomes a police officer.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Karen Peterson of Confections by Karen made 66 dozen cookies for National Night Out in Blooming Prairie Tuesday night, Aug. 1. Karen leans over to give a cookie to Justin Schumacher, 6.

Increasing community safety



CAROLYN WHEELER

Open to all who are concerned about domestic violence, the Promoting Peace conference returns for the third year in Waseca and Owatonna on September 27 and 28. Speakers are planned for the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. events. The conference idea can be credited to District Judge Karen Duncan, who states, "We are having hard conversations in the supportive environment of community dialogue."

This year the venue includes the following sessions:

•Helping Him Helps Her: people who use violence and aggression in relationships and how can we change these behaviors – Mark Skrien, M.S., L.P. and Sandi Guggisberg, M.S., L.M.F.T., South Central Human Relations Center

•Interplay between exposure to violence and substance abuse – Dr. Tyler Oesterle, Mayo Clinic

•Sexual Exploitation of Youth: what it is, how to recognize the warning signs and how can we help – Laura Sutherland, J.D., Safe Harbor regional Navigator

•Exploitation, Incarceration, and Restoration – survivor panel from the Federal Correctional Institute

•Bullying: What this looks like in our community, and how agencies respond – panel of experts from schools, police, prosecution and child advocates

•What lies ahead? Q & A wrap-up, brainstorming

Registration is now live on Eventbrite:

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Owatonna Site: https://promotingpeaceowatonna2017.eventbrite.com

Anyone can attend this free event. Early registration is encouraged.

Each year conference attendance has grown. Anyone with an interest in promoting peace and increasing safety and well-being in our community is welcome. Each year members of the public as well as professionals have attended. Continuing education is offered including POST, CEU and CLE credits.

The first year conference focused on the neurology of trauma in sexual and domestic violence. According to Judge Duncan, "we wanted to start with sort of a broader base of knowledge. We thought that broader base would help people to adapt the info about adverse childhood events and would help them better implement using that information, whether it's in your personal capacity or professional capacity." The second conference had a narrower target, although one that still affects millions of Americans: the effect on witnessing or being victim of domestic violence affects the development of children.

Sponsoring agencies include: CADA, Community Ed, Mayo Clinic – Owatonna, Owatonna Police Department, Steele County Attorney, Waseca Police Department ,Connections, City of Waseca, Crisis Resource Center, Exchange Center for Family Unity, Minnesota Prairie County Alliance, Owatonna Hospital, Steele County Times, Steele County Sheriff, Steele County Public Health, Transitional Housing of Steele County, United Way of Steele County, Steele County Probation Services, South Central Human Relations Center.

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JOSH ZIMMER

CTE: An epidemic that is failed to be understood by the NFL

The ongoing argument of whether there is a link between football and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) received what could be viewed as both a positive yet, alarming boost from a recent study conducted by Boston University.

For those who are unaware of what Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy is, CTE is a *"progressive degenerative disease of the brain found in people with a history of repetitive brain trauma (often athletes), including symptomatic concussions as well as asymptomatic subconcussive hits to the head that do not cause symptoms,"* according to Boston University.

In a July 25 study published by the medical journal JAMA, it was reported that more than 99 percent of the degenerative disease was found in deceased former NFL players' brains that were donated for scientific research.

It was also stated within the study that of the 202 brains of deceased players ranging from high school to the NFL, that CTE was found in 177. While CTE was found in just three of the 14 brains that belonged to high school players, it was alarming to see that 48 of the 53 brains belonging to college players possessed disease. As for former NFL players, 110 of the 111 players' brains studied possessed the disease.

Now, I'll be the first to say that it was extremely nerve wracking to see the number so high in collegiate players.

As most people who have read my columns before or are routinely following me on Twitter, I had the opportunity to play defensive line at a high level prior to becoming a journalist. A position where it is not uncommon to not only "bash skulls" with opposing players for nearly 100 snaps a game, but have chronic migraines shortly after competition. It was, what I always believed, a part of playing the position.

However, it wasn't until years after I finished playing, when I still had some lasting side effects, that I started to do research. Research that led me to the realization that the thought process of college football players who may be dealing with a concussion or any other sort of head trauma is being misguided by the fear of losing reps or games during the season. A thought process that while there is no link (yet) could be one of the catalysts for CTE.

However, in a sport where everything really starts from the top down, the NFL is possibly the biggest problem that CTE and those medical professionals who are spending the countless hours researching it face.

In 2012, the NFL pledged

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Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Owatonna quarterback Abe Havelka throws a ball during a two-hour workout Friday afternoon at the OHS practice field. An upcoming senior, Havelka hopes to help guide the Huskies back to U.S. Bank Stadium and the Class 5A state semifinals in the fall.

Owatonna's Havelka aims for championship heights in senior season

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

It's been said that the will the win is useless without the will to prepare.

A little over a week from the start of his senior season and Owatonna quarterback Abe Havelka is certainly logging in the extra hours.

Havelka, who started the season as the backup for the Huskies' football team, was awarded the job by longtime head coach Jeff Williams in week four of the season and never looked back. In fact, at the helm, Havelka helped guide Owatonna a mere game away from the Class 5A state championship game. With a bevy of talent returning to the Huskies this season, Havelka was quick to point out his expectations.

"I have to lead this team to a state championship. Absolutely," Havelka stated. "We're ranked No.1 (pre-season), we got a lot of talent. There's a good reason behind it, but we still got to come out every week and prove it."

In a community where the love for high school football could easily rival that of what is displayed for high school football in Texas, the upcoming senior confidently acknowledged that while the pressure is present to deliver Owatonna's first state championship since 2013 that he really lives for those moments as a competitor.

"I've been a guy that's come well to pressure," he added. "You come out and you're the best when the pressure is there. I feel like that's your time to shine."

Friday afternoon at the OHS practice field, Havelka, joined

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2017 Class A state champion Tommy Braaten.

BPHS used to seeing records fall

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Sports Writer

Some of my reminiscences of BPHS events center around various record holders and outstanding accomplishments from the local high school. While I certainly don't profess to be the expert on BPHS history, my close association with the school for over 35 years as a faculty member and my continuing interest in the achievements of its teams and the students have afforded me the chance to keep up with many of the records and accomplishments. Twenty-one years as the newspaper and annual advisor has also helped me in this task. Readers should keep in mind that I probably have missed some outstanding feats through the years, but here are few items in my list.

BPHS has had state championships. The 1984 girls' track team, anchored by the phenomenal Jeanne Kruckeberg, won the state Class A title. During her high school career, Kruckeberg set two state records, one of which still stands today as the best in both A and double A track. Her 800 mark of 2:08 77 still stands today, and her record of 4:46.14 in the 1600 was just broken in the last few years. The boys' track team narrowly missed the state championship in 1973, but two relay teams–the 880 relay and the mile relay – did win state titles. Pat Sheedy, Tom Walsh, Keith Brekke, and Jeff Jensen ran the races, with Paul Morrison an alternate.

Girls' golfer Lisa Meshke capped a six-year trip to the state golf meet with a Class A championship in 2000. Meshke set golf marks at the local course that will last a long time. Then in 2017, Tommy Braaten capped a spectacular individual season by winning the state golf title by ten strokes Two other state titles belong to Patty Becker, who won a Class A speech contest title in Humorous Interpretation at the State speech festival in 1979; and Teresa Hatteberg, who placed first in Serious Poetry in 1996.

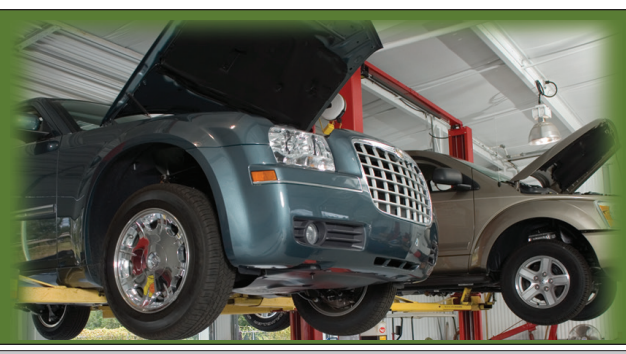
A couple of other interesting facts about the speech contest work, in addition to the champions, is the record of sending at least one entry to the State Speech Contest for 21 straight years from 1977 to 1988. Sixty local students competed in that span, with four earning second and several others placing in the top six.

The Prairie Schooner annual won three All-Minnesota Honors for small school publications in the late 80's and early 90's, and the one-time bi-weekly Black and White Chronicle also garnered state recognition in the 80s.

Five teams, besides the winning track team have competed in state tournaments, with one state champion resulting. The 2013 softball team culminated four straight years in state tournament competition with a state title in their fourth effort. Three other teams have competed in state competition, although none were champions. The boys' basketball team advanced to Williams Arena in the midst of a monumental snowstorm in

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New study shows CTE possession below NFL

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In 2012, the NFL pledged nearly $30 million to the National Institute of Health, which according to the NIH was unrestricted and could be used whichever way the organization saw fit. However, in a report published by the New York Times, it was found by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce in a May 2016 study that the NFL was trying to steer the study of CTE.

"Our investigation has shown that while the NFL had been publicly proclaiming its role as funder and accelerator of important research, it was privately attempting to influence that research," the congressional study said. "The NFL attempted to use its 'unrestricted gift' as leverage to steer funding away from one of its critics. The League, its players, and the public have a vested interest in advancing our knowledge of the relationship between degenerative diseases and sports-related head trauma."

As if that wasn't bad enough for the NFL, just months earlier the NFL's senior vice president of health and safety acknowledged a link between CTE and football. Kind of a no-brainer by now right?

It's been nearly five years since the NFL's so-called pledge, and it's being reported that the deal will be completed Aug.16 at just $16 million funded.

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All for the sake of keeping star players on the field which directly keep the cash flow steady for both owners and the league itself.

The unfortunate thing about the situation is that there is nothing that can be done to change the outcome.

As Dr. Bennett Omalu, who discovered CTE in 2005, noted during an interview in 2015, it's not about the concussions, something that the NFL believes it has always been about and has been so proudly proclaiming the reduction of said concussions.

It's about the head-to-head trauma that comes with the game; from playing in the trenches to tackling. No amount of changes can prevent it.

Now, don't think for a second that I'm not condoning football or saying that you or your future child should never play. The game has given me more memories and opportunities than I could have ever wanted; despite knowing what eventual damage it could do to my body. And believe me, the effects start early.

To those who still need proof, I highly reccomend reading the study on JAMA.

It's an epidemic. And not to be harsh in trying to present this, but anyone who can boldly say that there isn't a connection is blind to facts, including the NFL.

A multi-billion dollar organization that is so tight with it's financing of research, and better yet, tries to manipulate the research that could help save the future of the sport.

Plain and simple.

All I know, is that years from now, the game will be drastically different from what we are watching now. So, enjoy the high-impact, brain rattling hits while you still can.

Records continue to fall for BP athletes

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1966, the 1999 girls' basketball team won the section, but then lost their first game of the state tournament at Mankato State University (ironically, the only time the state tournament had tournament sites outside the Twin Cities area), and the boys golf team earned state tournament berths two straight years in 2016 and 2017. Advancing to State again remains a goal of every Blossom competitor in that sport.

The football team has made it to the state playoffs several times, but a state title remains outside their grasp. In 2009, the team finally defeated an old nemesis, Goodhue, to reach state again, and they then defeated New Ulm Cathedral to reach the semi-finals in the Metrodome. Eventual state champion Minneota beat them in that game. Advancing to State again remains a goal of every Blossom competitor in that sport. The team also reached the state playoffs in 2012 and 2014.

The FFA and the speech teams have had several individuals advance to the state competition.

Locally there are many other notable accomplishments of which to be proud. In golf Lisa Meshke set a record that will probably never be broken when she carded a two-under 70 over 18 holes at BPCC in 2000. The girls' team also set a record 369 (Meshke, Janelle Iacovino, Kari Olson, and Megan Schwartz) to break the previous mark of 371 set in 1998.

In the last ten years, besides winning a state title, the softball team has had several outstanding individual records. In 2012, Tricia DeBoer had 52 hits in the season, and she stole 48 bases. Shelbi Swenson struck out a record 283 batters in 2013, and Amy Manske finished the 2006 season with a miniscule ERA of.33. Her sister Erica Manske had a career pitching record of 72 wins and only 21 losses, and she had a career strikeout total of 736 batters. A baseball record went by the books in 2017, when Brad Staska batted .530 for the season and earned an all-State berth in Class 1A.

In boys' track the oldest record still standing, beside the relay marks, is the 300 intermediate hurdle record of Paul Pecachek in 1981, while Ian Campbell has the newest records in both the 800 and 1600 m runs which he set in the 2007 season. An old record in the 3200 fell last season, when Alec Ille ran that race in just under ten minutes. Other recent records include Michael Thomas breaking the old 400 mark with a 49.59 time in 2013 and leaping 6'1" in the high jump. The 1600 relay team of Cole Sunde, Alex

Fiebiger, Gabe Kartes, and Thomas set a new record for that event in 2012 when they timed a 3:32.47, and Kartes also broke the old triple jump record with a leap of 43'2".

In girls' track, the oldest record is held by Lori Kruckeberg with a 1600 record of 11:19, which she set in 1982, while Lisi Ingvalson holds both hurdle record records In 15.75 and 45.20 respectively, set in 2002 More recent records include a new pole vault mark of 8' 9" for Leah Schiefert in 2017, and Taylor Hagen's shot put mark of 39'7' set in 2016. As I mentioned earlier, Jeanne Kruckeberg holds both local and state records in the 800 (1984) and the 1600 (1986), but broken three years ago. She also has a 440 record of 56.91, which she set in 1983. Some of those marks may never be broken locally.

The volleyball team has never gotten a lot of publicity at the local high school, but three individual career marks deserve mention. Madison Worke Taylor Hagen, and Nicole Inwards all broke long-standing records in 2015. Worke broke Resha Koster's record in assists. Hagen set a new kill record, and Inwards piled up digs for a new record as well. The baseball team, nor the wrestling team has ever made it to the state tournament but, as mentioned earlier, several individuals have competed. There have been no state champions, but two local wrestlers, Jay Salinas and Jeremiah Johnson have been runners-up. Nine individual wrestlers also reached the 100 career win club. They are Steve Salinas (156), Brad Klemmensen (146),Billy Lindquist (135), Luke Nelson (126), Jeremiah Johnson (123), Grant Johnson (122), Jay Salinas (119), and Ryan Klemmensen, (114) and Zach Nirk ( ). Being a member of that exclusive club is quite an accomplishment.

Another exclusive group is the 1,000 career points scored in basketball. Only thirteen Awesome Blossom basketball players belong, with three girls obtaining that remarkable total. The boys who have over 1,000 points are Anthony Nelson, 1199 (2016), John Rumpza and Michael Thomas (Rumpza a school record in 2014 with a whopping 2,108 points and Thomas (1,180), also in 2014, Matt Zellmer 1,297 (2005-09), (Laddie Turner (1079 (1948-52) Roger "Moose" Johnson 1012 (1949-1953, Todd Kruckeberg 1,208 points from 1977–80), Kraig Olson 1,064 (2002-2004), Tony Lea 1,060 (1995 99), and Denny Kruckeberg 1,012 (1962-1965). The only females to reach the magic total were Andrea Banton 1021 (1966-1999), Taylor Hagen and Madison Worke 1,551 and 1,217 respectively (20111-2015). These are all marks for which future Blossoms can aspire.

I realize that there are FFA students who have attained state farmer awards and held state offices, and the same is true for FHA (FLA)), but they are records to which I have no access. It would be appropriate to rank some wonderful all-school musicals and also many of the chorus and band all-state honors of years gone by, but that would take more research from several people. Suffice it to say that through the years, there has been a plethora of big accomplishments for which teams and individuals should be proud.

Camp nearing

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by his younger brother, Solomon spent two hours honing their craft at the position with a family friend, who has valuable experience working with quarterbacks at the collegiate level. During the first hour, there was an in-depth emphasis on fundamentals in an array of different situations. From taking snaps to proper footwork when hitting a drop, every minuscule movement was under the watchful eye of their instructor.

However, in the final hour, the two quarterbacks were joined by roughly 10 skills players for the Huskies to help not just the quarterbacks, but themselves make strides in the dwindling offseason. Havelka noted that the number of younger Huskies to join the group to catch balls speaks to the culture that has been nurtured at OHS.

"It just shows the program that Williams built here," he stated. "Those guys want to work that hard to get to that next step so they can play varsity football. There's no better feeling than playing under the lights."

Havelka also noted there was a different pace to the second hour. With a crop of targets to throw to, the drill would switch from simply addressing the timing on a particular route to running a half skeleton – or more than one receiver running a route. The drill allowed for them to gain an understanding on how to read on the fly against specific coverages.

Havelka stated there were instances in matchups last season where he saw diverse and even disguised coverages. At a position where nearly half of the battle is between the ears, the signal caller stated that being sharp in game prep is the biggest factor.

"The mental aspect in the game is the biggest factor. 100 percent," he added. "If you can't read coverages or know where to take a shot, when to check down all that other stuff, you're not going to be able to be a quarterback."

As for the next step, playing collegiately certainly isn't out of the question. Garnering interest from a handful of Division II programs and a pair of elite Division III programs, Havelka is just trying to savor every moment of the process.

"I have to make the most of it. That's what everyone's been telling me," he added.

Owatonna will open up to Faribault Sept. 1 at OHS Stadium.

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Boileau wins another $10,000 check as Bandits rock Madison



Submitted photo

(Madison, WI July 2017) - Once a rookie with no oval experience, Tommy Boileau (#16) is starting to look like a veteran with a nose for the championship.

Boileau looked dominant at times Friday night, as the Colorado native took the checkered flag in the Minimizer Bandit Big Rig Series feature race at Madison International Speedway.

"Just an incredible race," Boileau said. "Wisconsin has always been good to me. This was an absolute blast."

A sold-out crowd saw Boileau earn his second straight win, as well as the $10,000 winner's check, with the biggest challenge coming from Ricky Rude (#14) and Mike Morgan (#88).

Rude and Morgan, one-two in the standings entering Friday, got tangled up trying to catch Boileau during the feature race and had to call it a night earlier than either would have liked.

"As much as I hate to say it, that was simply a racing incident," Bandit Director of Operations Brian Madsen said. "We had two hard-nosed Bandits fighting for the same spot and it ended up being a spectacular wreck."

Rude and Morgan's wreck also took out Tyler Kruckeberg (#54), whose truck got caught in the oil from Morgan's truck.

Tyler's father, Craig Kruckeberg (#55), secured his first-ever top five finish, placing fourth. Allen Boles (#3) and Justin Ball (#17) squeezed between Boileau and Kruckeberg in second and third, respectively.

"I am really impressed with how our guys took the high banks at Madison International Speedway, considering it's the fastest track we'll see this year," Madsen said. "They took to it like Bandits to cash."

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Heat 3: 1. Jason VandeKamp; 2. Luke Hainka; 3. Garritt Wytaske; 4. Ron Jablonske; 5. Neil Eckhart; 6. Harland Morehart; 7. Paul Kroneman.

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Feature: 1. Zach Elward-Hayfield; 2. Bobby Blowers-Waseca; 3 Jason Newkirk-Austin; 4. Kory Adams-Stacyville IA; 5. Brent Holland-Glenville; 6. Blake Adams-McInitre IA; 7. Fred Prudoehl-Winona; 8. Ken (Bernie) Adams-Stacyville IA; 9. Greg Lammers-Owatonna; 10. Noah Grinstead-Austin; 11. Parker Voth-Mazeppa; 12. Mike Blowers-Waseca; 13. (DNF) Cody Hyatt-Waseca; (DNS) Jacob Bennett-Austin.
Heat 1: 1. Kory Adams; 2. Mike Blowers; 3. Zach Elward; 4. Ken Adams; 5. 99G-Noah Grinstead; 6. Fred Prudoehl; 7. (DNF) Greg Lammers. **Heat 2:** 1. Bobby Blowers; 2. Jason Newkirk; 3. Blake Adams; 4. Brent Holland; 5. Parker Voth; 6. Jacob Bennett; 7. (DNF) Cody Hyatt.

USRA B Mod
Feature: 1. Jerry Young-Blooming Prairie; 2. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak-Blooming Prairie; 3. Matthew Brooks-Austin; 4. Jayden Larson-Mankato; 5. Nate Chodur-Lake Mills IA; 6. Kadden Kath-Owatonna; 7. Jett Sorensen-Rochester; 8. Channing Warner-Owatonna; 9. Raey Hastings IV-Austin; 10. Caleb Korpi-Claremont.
Heat 1: 1. Jerry Young; 2. Kadden Kath; 3. Jayden Larson; 4. Channing Warner; (DQ) Caleb Korpi. **Heat 2:** 1. Nate Chodur; 2. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak; 3. Matthew Brooks; 4. Jett Sorensen; 5. Raey Hastings IV.

USRA A Mod
Feature: 1. Jason Cummins-New Richland; 2. Greg Pfeifer Jr-Austin; 3. Joe Horgdal-Kasson; 4. Greg Jensen-Albert Lea; 5. Darwin Karau-Kasson; 6. Steve Wetzstein-West Concord; 7. Charlie Steinberg-Kasson; 8. Jacob Stark-Austin; 9. Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord; 10. Troy Gudmonson-Savage; 11. (DNF) Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie; 12. (DNF) David Wytaske-Grand Meadow.
Heat 1: 1. Darwin Karau; 2. Steve Wetzstein; 3. Charlie Steinberg; 4. Greg Jensen; 5. (DNF) Jason Cummins; (DQ) Ryan Wetzstein.
Heat 2: 1. Greg Pfeifer Jr; 2. Doug Hillson; 3. Joe Horgdal; 4. David Wytaske; 5. Jacob Stark; 6. Troy Gudmonson.

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Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Burglary - On July 31, a Blooming Prairie woman called deputies at 2:52 p.m. when she gave her guns to a friend and her friend reported that the guns were now stolen.

Crime brief

Police find suspected drunk driver parked in middle of street

A woman suspected of causing a disturbance at a local bar ended up driving away and getting caught for allegedly driving drunk.

On Aug. 1 around bar closing time, Owatonna Police responded to the Dog Pound Bar where Bobbie Wright had been reportedly causing a scene inside the bar. She took off driving and police found her parked in the middle of Vine Street and Walnut Avenue a few minutes later.



Bobbie Wright

According to police, Wright had bloodshot and watery eyes, slurred speech and her breath had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Police said she refused to get out of her vehicle and tried to roll up the window on the officer.

Based on the observations of the officer, he arrested Wright without doing any of the normal standardized field sobriety tests. The officer had to remove her from the vehicle and place her in handcuffs, but she offered more resistance before getting into the police car and into the booking room at the jail.

Wright has a revoked driver's license in Illinois and also refused to provide a breath test. She has been charged with third-degree refusal to test DWI, which is a gross misdemeanor.

Police blotter
Steele County

July 23

Crash: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 300 block of Highway Ave. S. at 1:51 p.m.

July 24

Assist: At 5:33 p.m., officers assisted another agency on Mower-Freeborn Road in Udolpho Township.

July 26

Animal Bite: Police responded to an anima bite in the 100 block of Highway Ave. S. in Blooming Prairie at 7:34 p.m.

July 29

Suspicion: Police responded to suspicious activity in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE at 8:42 a.m.

Aug. 2

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 300 block of 1st St. SW at 7:32 p.m.

Probation: At 10:12 p.m., officers responded to a probation violation in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE.

Aug. 3

Arrest: Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE at 8:29 a.m.

Fraud: Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 100 block of Highway Ave. S. at 10:32 a.m.

Owatonna Police
July 27

Criminal Sexual Conduct: At 4:26 p.m., police arrested a subject for criminal sexual conduct in the 100 block of Bridge St. W.

July 28

Thefts: Police took theft reports in the 1100 block of Austin Road SE at 11:35 a.m. and in the 3900 block of Cabela Dr. NW at 8:17 p.m.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 2:07 p.m.

Vandalism: Police received information regarding property damage in the 300 block of Main St. E. at 4:52 p.m.

Drunken Driving: Officer made a DWI arrest at Pearl St. E. and Elm Ave. N. at 9:46 p.m.

July 29

Harassment: Police responded to a harassment incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10:07 a.m. They issued a citation.

Arrest: At 7:12 p.m., police made an arrest in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW.

Probation: Officer arrested a subject for a probation violation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10 p.m.

Assault: Officers responded to an assault in the 100 block of Rose St W. at 10:55 p.m. They took a subject into custody at the scene.

July 30

Hit and Run: A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred at Broadway St. E. and Elm Ave. N. at 1:02 a.m.

Burglary: At 9:06 a.m., officers responded to a burglary on Wilson Dr. NW. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 1200 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 2:26 p.m.

Medical: Police assisted with a medical emergency in the 2600 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 5:25 p.m.

July 31

Juvenile: At 12:23 a.m., officers responded to a juvenile complaint in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. They issued a citation at the scene.

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 2:07 a.m.

Restraining Order: Police responded to a restraining order violation in the 400 block of School St. E. at 9:37 a.m.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:25 a.m.

Crash: Police assisted the State Patrol with a motor vehicle accident with injuries on State Ave. NW in Owatonna Township at 3:12 p.m.

Aug. 1

DWI: Officer arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 1:04 a.m.

Theft: At 6:19 a.m., officer took a theft report in the 900 block of Cardinal Dr. SE.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests at the detention center at 9:13 a.m. and in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 3:41 p.m.

Burglary: Police began a burglary investigation in the 300 block of 11th St. SE at 9:17 a.m.

Civil: Officer assisted with a civil matter in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 4:42 p.m.

Shoplifting: At 6:03 p.m., police issued a shoplifting citation in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

Aug. 2

Suspicion: Officers responded to suspicious activity in the 500 block of Murray St. SE at 12:29 a.m.

Intoxication: At 6:54 a.m., police responded to an intoxicated subject in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Thefts: Police took theft reports in the 500 block of Murray St. SE at 11:19 a.m., the 300 block of Cedardale Dr. SE at 11:46 a.m. and the 600 block of Woodglen Place NE at 5:06 p.m.

Dispute: Officers assisted with a neighborhood dispute in the 300 block of Oak Ave. S. at 8:02 p.m.

Aug. 3

Warrant: Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of Pearl St. E. at 2:48 p.m.

Vulnerable Adult: At 2:48 p.m., police received a vulnerable adult report from the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

Threats: Police responded to a report of a threats incident in the 500 block of Oak Ave. S. at 11:32 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Steele County Sheriff
July 21

Warrant: At 3:07 p.m., deputies made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 3:07 p.m.

Crash: Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in injuries in the 5200 block of Austin Road in Aurora Township at 11:59 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

July 22

Theft: Deputies took a theft report in the 100 block of 5th Ave. W. in Ellendale at 9:37 a.m.

July 23

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in Medford at 12:29 a.m.

July 24

Warrants: Deputies arrested two subjects for outstanding warrants at the detention center at 12:33 p.m. and 12:34 p.m.

July 26

Warrants: Deputies made two warrant arrests at the detention center at 5:26 a.m. and 4:29 p.m.

Theft: Deputy took a theft report in the 7100 block of Lemond Road in Lemond Township at 11:30 a.m.

Arrest. At 8:55 p.m., deputies arrested a subject in the 300 block of Highway Ave. S. in Blooming Prairie.

July 27

Harassment: Deputies responded to a harassment incident on 50th St. NW in Deerfield Township at 9:24 p.m.

Warrant: Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center at 9:47 p.m.

July 28

Drunken Driving: Deputies made DWI arrests on 6th St. NW in Medford Township at 1:10 a.m. and in Somerset Township at 10:30 p.m.

Traffic: Deputy arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in Clinton Falls Township at 1:57 a.m.

Warrant: At 9:20 a.m., deputy made a warrant arrest in Lemond Township.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 14100 block of 5th Ave. SE in Blooming Prairie Township at 3:28 p.m.

July 29

Intoxication: Deputies responded to a subject who was intoxicated in the 200 block of 5th Ave. W. in Ellendale at 12:29 a.m.

Drugs: At 11:16 p.m., deputies responded to drug activity in the 400 block of 2nd Ave. SE in Medford.

July 30

Crash: At 6:42 a.m., deputies and paramedics responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Kenyon Road in Owatonna.

Accident: Deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with property damage in Owatonna Township at 11:10 a.m.

July 31

Animal: Deputies responded to an animal call in the 4100 block of 6th St. NW in Medford Township at 10:30 p.m.

Fire: At 11:45 p.m., deputies assisted with a fire call in the 7800 block of 5th St. NW in Deerfield Township.

Aug. 2

Warrant: Deputies arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 600 block of Florence Ave. NW in Owatonna at 2:23 p.m.

Court news
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 24 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Charles E. Love, 49, St. Paul, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary. The defendant was sentenced to $131 and 33 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Jaimie R. Pugh, 39, Coon Rapids, previously appeared and was convicted of felony motor vehicle theft. Pugh was sentenced to $2,428.17, 71 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, maintain employment, no contact with victim and 5 years of supervised probation.

Denasha R. Sutton, 20, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of 10 grams or more of drugs. Sutton was sentenced to $1,081, 1 year in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, maintain employment, cognitive skills therapy and 10 years of supervised probation.

Jonathan W. Walker, 28, Carl Junction, MO, previously appeared and was convicted of felony DWI. He was sentenced to $581, 180 days in county jail, complete treatment for chemical dependency, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, maintain employment, no possession of firearms and 7 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 24 – 28:

Blooming Prairie
Police Department

Dennis J. Hedberg, 42, Blooming Prairie, violation of order for protection, $281, domestic abuse evaluation, no contact with victim and 6 months of supervised probation.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Jared P. Bebeau, 26, Deer River, no license and possession of paraphernalia, $231; Reed T. Cammarota, 23, Minneapolis, speeding, $141; Michael L. Dickerson, 38, Raytown, MO, speeding, $121; Thomas T. Farley, 42, Faribault, speeding, $121; Hunter A. Frank, 17, Waseca, speeding, $141; Jesus Garcia-Cervatez, 38, Wichita, KS, false name to officer, $81, 10 days in county jail; Joshua E. Gottesman, 20, St. Louis Park, speeding, $141; Joseph W. Gresham, 32, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, $106; Adam S. Heim, 20, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Timothy C. Hungerford, 65, Danville, IA, seat belt, $106; Patricia L. Larison, 56, Minneapolis, speeding, $141;

Lanny R. Louks, 41, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Susan M. Menzel, 57, Owatonna, stop sign, $131; Daniel J. Meyer, 38, Faribault, speeding, no license and open bottle, $431; Kelsey M. Monson, 27, Freeborn, open bottle, $181; Ronald A. Monson, 27, Waseca, speeding, $141;

Taylor L. Morgan, 27, Austin, speeding and possession of marijuana, $181; Gregory P. Musil, 60, Jordan, rear view mirror violation, $131; Arturo J. Ortega, 31, Owatonna, no license and suspended license, $381; Daniel J. Parra, 21, Storm Lake, IA, no license, $181; Britten K. Quam, 34, Claremont, seat belt, $106;

Paul M. Raygor, 58, Stewartville, speeding, $121; Heather R. Rothers, 20, Kerkhoven, no endorsement, $181; Marcos G. Rubio, 50, Rockford, IL, speeding, $131; Dustin A. Schutz, 28, Stewartville, speeding, $121; Lewis A. Smith, 55, Rochester, suspended license and no insurance, $481;

Hugo Tapia-Parreno, 34, Minneapolis, speeding, $131; Luke A. Teed, 20, Rochester, seat belt, $106; Doyal L. Vangelder, 74, Elko New Market, speeding, $131; Jorge L. Vargas Perez, 29, Woodbury, suspended license and no child passenger restraint system, $331; Susan R. Weiss, 31, Los Angeles, CA, speeding, $121.

Owatonna Police
Department

Mohammad A. Abusbeih, 25, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and expired tabs, $511; Osman A. Ahmed, 28, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Yara M. Aleman, 38, Fairmont, no license, $181;

Cassandra M. Calhoun, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, $281; Megan D. Christey, 30, Claremont, speeding, $131; Eulalio Cuellar, 37, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Pedro A. Garza, 28, Owatonna, no insurance, $281;

Deuce J. Hodge, 27, Owatonna, DWI, $281, 1 day in county jail, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, attend MADD impact panel, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Coty W. Laroque, 25, Owatonna, revoked license and stop sign, $331; Dustin L. Laroque, 24, Owatonna, disorderly conduct, $131 and 3 days in county jail;

Joey W. Madden, 50, Grayson, LA, speeding, $131; Cameron J. Martin, 23, Owatonna, no license, $181; Natalie A. Moe, 32, Owatonna, cancelled license, $131 and 91 days in county jail; Abdirashed A. Mohamed, 22, Owatonna, stop sign, $131;

Jennifer A. Nahmens, 37, Owatonna, theft, $181, 30 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised probation; Michael E. Payne, 25, Owatonna, neglect of a child, $1,081, no alcohol use, complete drug court and 1 year of supervised probation; Ann M. Pickett, 37, Waseca, texting while driving, $131;

Tishyra E. Powell, 24, Owatonna, shoplifting, $81, diversion program and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Mariano Rocha, 38, Owatonna, theft, $131; Charles B. Swanson, 76, Owatonna, failure to yield, $131;

Stephanie A. Thompson, 41, Owatonna, no insurance, $131 and 2 days in county jail; Ashley L. Vanerp, 30, Faribault, theft, $131 and 31 days in county jail; Zachary T. Will, 24, Owatonna, DWI, $1,081, 30 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 2 years of supervised probation; Jordan J. Ziegler, 16, Owatonna, speeding, $121.

Steele County
Sheriff's Office

David Alvarez, 27, Waseca, speeding, $141; Gilberto S. Cansino, 37, Medford, no license and speeding, $221; Miguel A. Castaneda, 27, Waseca, speeding, $121; Victorino Chilel Chavez, 30, Austin, DWI, $381, no alcohol or controlled substance use, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of supervised probation;

Heather M. Deters, 37, Austin, speeding, $121; Jennifer M. Diel, 34, Mankato, speeding, $381; Christopher W. Edmond, 27, New Richland, speeding, $121; Alrajihi M. Faleh, 45, Rochester, speeding, $221; Juan F. Flores Guadarrama, 27, Minneapolis, cancelled license, $281;

Jesus L. Flores, 58, Medford, speeding, $121; Billy W. Grear, 38, Des Moines, IA, speeding, $141; Tessa L. Heathman, 29, Geneva, speeding, $121; Jessica D. Hertzog, 25, Waseca, no license in possession and speeding, $141; Charles L. Hinsch, 26, Rochester, speeding, $121; Verdel L. Houston, 37, Minneapolis, revoked license and speeding, $331;

Steven A. Lamotte, 48, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Renee T. Linn, 44, Prior Lake, speeding, $121; Van P. Lo, 56, Austin, speeding, $121; Jose A. Marciano, 24, Austin, no license and speeding, $231; Jennifer D. Norton, 40, Waseca, speeding, $141;

Jose M. Pena, 35, Dallas, TX, speeding, $1141; Remigio A. Rodriguez, 30, Waseca, revoked license and speeding, $341; Julio Ruiz Aguilera, 21, Austin, revoked license and speeding, $331; Clint W. Sellers, 22, Waterville, revoked license and expired tabs, $311; Derrick D. Southwick, 19, Faribault, speeding, $121;

John B. Thompson, 68, Bloomington, seat belt, $106; Scott R. Thorpe, 37, Owatonna, revoked license, $281 and 2 days in county jail; Connie F. Trom, 61, Blooming Prairie, speeding, $121; Macy E. Vonruden, 20, Claremont, no insurance, $281.

Police blotter
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 204 complaints during the week of July 26 – Aug. 1. Some of them include:

July 25

Larceny: Deputy took a report of tabs being stolen off of a truck in the 300 block of 1st St. SE in Hayfield at 8:36 a.m.

July 26

Burglary: At 7:24 a.m., deputies responded to a forced entry burglary in the 61700 block of State Hwy. 56 in Dodge Center.

Narcotics: Deputies responded to a narcotics incident in the 700 block of 2nd St. NW in Hayfield at 3:01 p.m.

July 27

Disturbance: Deputies responded to a disturbance of a female slapping another female in the 500 block of State St. in West Concord at 9:37 a.m. They issued a citation for assault.

Disturbance: At 11:21 a.m., deputies received a report of a female letting air out of tires on a truck and creating a disturbance in the 500 block of State St. in West Concord.

July 28

Civil: Deputies received a complaint of a subject having fires in the 300 block of 2nd St. in Claremont at 9:25 a.m.

Fraud: Deputy took a report of a Craigslist scam in the 500 block of 5th St. NE in Hayfield at 1:53 p.m.

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

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

- Scott Clark – no insurance - $2,000 bail
- Robert Clement – registration violation - $20,000 bail
- Joaquin Colin – disorderly conduct - $500 bail
- Calvin Collier – assault - $1,000 bail
- James Collingwood – worthless check - $2,000 bail
- Stephen Collingwood – worthless check - $2,000 bail
- Robert Connell – shoplifting - $1,000 bail
- Lorenzo Cook – domestic assault – no bail
- Abel Cordova – DUI – no bail
- Omar Cordova Jr. – stalking, revoked license – no bail
- Alberto Corona – DUI - no bail
- Mario Alexandro Correa – robbery - $75,000 bail
- Harold Crafton – give false name - $500 bail
- Elias Cruz – DWI - $12,000 bail
- Jose Cruz – DWI - $1,400 bail
- Anival Cuellar – escape from custody - $300,000 bail
- Stuart Culpepper – DWI - $700 bail
- Ricky Dague Jr. – revoked license - $1,000 bail
- Joel Dahl – DWI - $3,000 bail
- James David – domestic assault – no bail

Fire: Deputies responded to a barn roof on fire in the 61500 block of 200th Ave. in Dodge Center at 5:15 p.m.

Vulnerable Adult: Deputies received a vulnerable adult report from the 23900 block of 710th St. in Hayfield at 5:38 p.m.

Welfare: Deputy completed a welfare check on an intoxicated male at home with an infant in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 10:36 p.m.

July 29

Intoxication: Deputies responded to an intoxicated subject at Main St. and Central Ave. in Dodge Center at 2:59 a.m.

Assault: Deputies responded to an assault in the 500 block of Hwy St. E. in Dodge Center at 12:24 p.m.

July 30

Burglary: Deputies began a burglary investigation after an attempted break-in in the 100 block of 2nd St. SE in Dodge Center at 11:29 a.m.

Fire: At 12:46 p.m., a citizen reported a subject burning unauthorized materials, which was giving off toxic chemicals in the 19200 block of 520th St. in West Concord.

Weapons: Deputies responded to a weapons offense in the 62200 block of 200th Ave. in Dodge Center at 4:23 p.m.

Civil: A Claremont citizen reported receiving verbal threats in the 100 block of Front St. W. at 6:12 p.m.

Animal: Deputies received a report of a rabbit missing from the 600 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 7:58 p.m.

July 31

Fraud: Deputy took a report of identity theft in the 500 block of 3rd St. SE in Hayfield at 10:53 a.m.

Animal Abuse: Deputies received a report of animal abuse from the 20600 block of 602nd St. in Dodge Center at 6:31 p.m.

Aug. 1

Suspicion: A citizen report suspicious activity when she heard screams in the 10600 block of 640th St. in Claremont at 12:50 a.m.

Vandalism: Deputies took a property damage report of spray paint on the back of a men's bathroom stall door at 1st Ave. NE and Hwy. St. in Dodge Center at 3:49 a.m.

Animal: Deputies responded to a female being attacked by a dog in the 400 block of 1st St. NE in Hayfield at 12:22 p.m.

Arrest
Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

Jeffrey Allen Sipes, 57, arrested at 2:33 p.m. Aug. 3, probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

Owatonna Police

Jose Eduardo Arreguin Tapia, 19, arrested at 7:27 p.m. July 21, felony aiding and abetting aggravated robbery, held for court.

Anthony Lopez Esquivel, 19, arrested at 7:30 p.m. July 21, felony aggravated robbery, held for court.

Carlos Hernandez, 33, arrested at 10:43 a.m. July 23, felony possession of stolen property, held for court.

Ahmed Ali Hannad, 24, arrested at 1:31 p.m. July 24, DWI, held for court.

Larry Dawyne Thompson, 24, arrested at 9:43 p.m. July 25, order for protection violation, held for court.

Ashley Lynn Vanerp, 30, arrested at 9:38 a.m. July 26, warrant arrest, $500 bail.

Nathan Allan Wiles, 39, arrested at 1:09 a.m. July 27, felony domestic assault and assault by strangulation, held for court.

Jacob Tyler Salisbury, 27, arrested at 9:12 p.m. July 27, felony criminal sexual conduct, held for court.

Jeremy Adam Miller, 30, arrested at 10:30 p.m. July 27, warrant arrest, held for court.

Daniel Zambrano, 32, arrested at 10:05 p.m. July 28, DWI, $12,000 bail.

Jeffrey Stuart Nelson, 25, arrested at 7:33 p.m. July 29, warrant arrest, body only.

Forest Andrew Wright, 21, arrested at 10:30 p.m. July 29, probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

Daniel Melville Shay, 60, arrested at 11:20 p.m. July 29, felony domestic assault and domestic assault by strangulation, held for court.

Josue Rocha, 44, arrested at 3:20 p.m. July 30, warrants arrest, $1,500 bail.

Collin Wayne Orth, 28, arrested at 2:48 p.m. July 31, warrants arrest, held for court.

Bobbi Sue Wright, 34, arrested at 1:54 a.m. Aug. 1, DWI, held for court.

Pedro Roldau-Minjarez, 30, arrested at 1:41 a.m. Aug. 2, false name of real person and open container, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

Robert Lynn Hagman, 36, arrested at 3:40 p.m. July 21, burglary warrant arrest, $3,000 bail.

Jeffrey Allen Smizek, 47, arrested at 4 p.m. July 23, warrant arrest, $500 bail.

Gary Christopher Lee, 46, arrested at 7:08 p.m. July 24, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.

Richard Ramirez, 19, arrested at 1:04 p.m. July 24, warrant arrest, $10,000 bail.

Scott Robert Thorpe, 37, arrested at 7:15 p.m. July 24, revoked license, held for court.

Dustin Lee Laroque, 24, arrested at 5:15 a.m. July 26, warrant arrest, body only.

Jesse Jeremy Bruley, 31, arrested at 4:17 a.m. July 28, felony controlled substance crime and cancelled license, held for court.

Michael Dean Steffens, 56, arrested at 5:24 p.m. July 28, felony DWI-refusal to submit to test and cancelled license, held for court.

Matthew David Swenson, 35, arrested at 9 a.m. July 28, probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

Alexander James Anderson, 29, arrested at 8:59 a.m. July 28, probation violation warrant arrest, held for court.

Ryan Anthony Close, 30, arrested at 3:15 p.m. Aug. 2, probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

Alvin Leon Chambers, 30, arrested at 10:23 a.m. Aug. 3, warrant arrest, $100,000 bail.

Phillip Richard Weiss, 53, arrested at 1:15 a.m. Aug. 4, felony possession of stolen vehicle, held for court.

MN State Patrol

Maegen Catherine Fortin, 34, arrested at 11:40 p.m. Aug. 3, felony narcotics possession, held for court.

Owatonna Fire

July 21

Lock-Out: Fire personnel assisted with a lock-out in the 200 block of Park St. SE at 2:49 p.m.

July 24

Medical: At 1:39 a.m., fire rescue responded to a medical emergency in the 800 block of Greenhaven Lane NE.

Chamber Spotlight

Work begins now on 2018 legislative agenda

By DOUG LOON

The 2017 Legislature is history, and the 2018 session won't convene until February. Contentious debates over important public policies at the Legislature are the last thing on most people's minds as we all enjoy Minnesota summer in its full glory.

Summertime is a great opportunity to connect with your legislators and explain firsthand the impact of their votes to ensure that Minnesota is ready for the future – ready for change and ready to grow. You have their full attention and the chance to connect with them at your worksites.

Your conversations will be most effective if you are armed with ammunition. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce 2017 Voting Record is a guide to help you evaluate your lawmakers' leadership on our priorities at the 2017 Legislature. The votes reported reflect the priorities of our 2,300 members across the state. Each vote is on an issue that's of daily consequence to Minnesota businesses and identified through regular discussions with members and our local chamber of commerce partners.

We have much to celebrate The 2017 session was historic in its accomplishments and one of the most results driven in years. Many of the business community's priority issues were acted upon and advanced, better positioning Minnesota businesses to change and grow in our global economy. For a more detailed summary of the Minnesota Chamber's 2017 legislative achievements, click here.

Our successes notwithstanding, work remains to strengthen our business climate, especially in the area of workplace regulations. Our recently completed Statewide Policy Tour gives us a strong start on these priorities as we look ahead to next year. We'll be back in many of your communities and connecting with our local chamber partners during our fall policy tour as we present our preliminary priorities for 2018.

Minnesota continues to rank favorably as a great place to live, work and build a business. As we celebrate our state's assets, we also recognize that Minnesota needs to be ready for the future. We should be among the top states for economic growth rather than being identified among the top states for cost of doing business. The Minnesota Chamber produces the Minnesota Business Benchmarks report that sizes up our business and economic climate and underscores those challenges. Our next report is due in October.

Our policymakers can help to address these challenges. The summer break is a great chance to explain and show your legislators firsthand how the policies they craft have an impact on your daily business operations.

Be sure to thank those legislators who voted in favor of your priorities. For those who did not, begin a conversation about how their decisions impact your ability to own and operate a business here, and explore how we can work more effectively together to make Minnesota ready to change and grow.

Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

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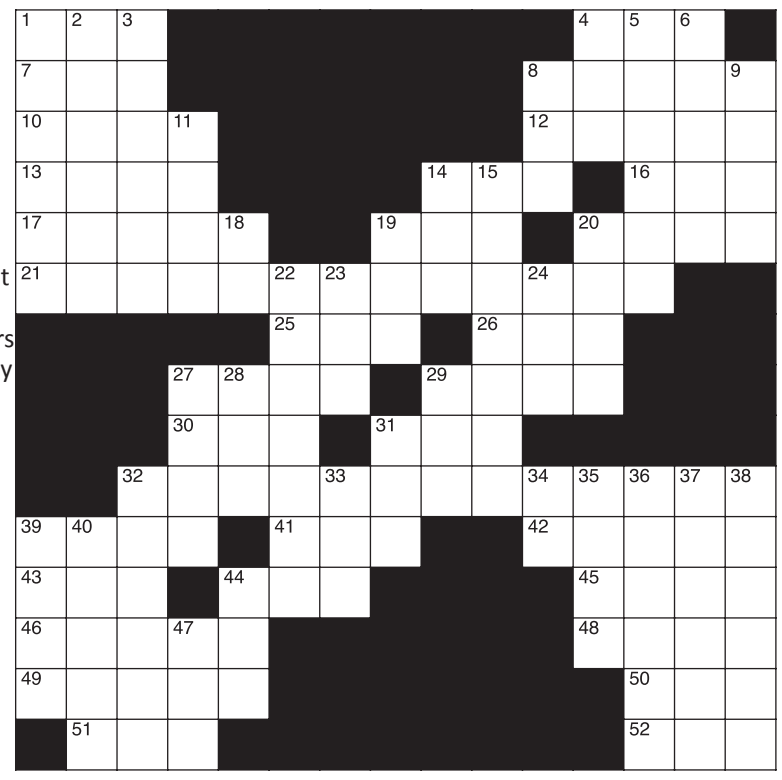




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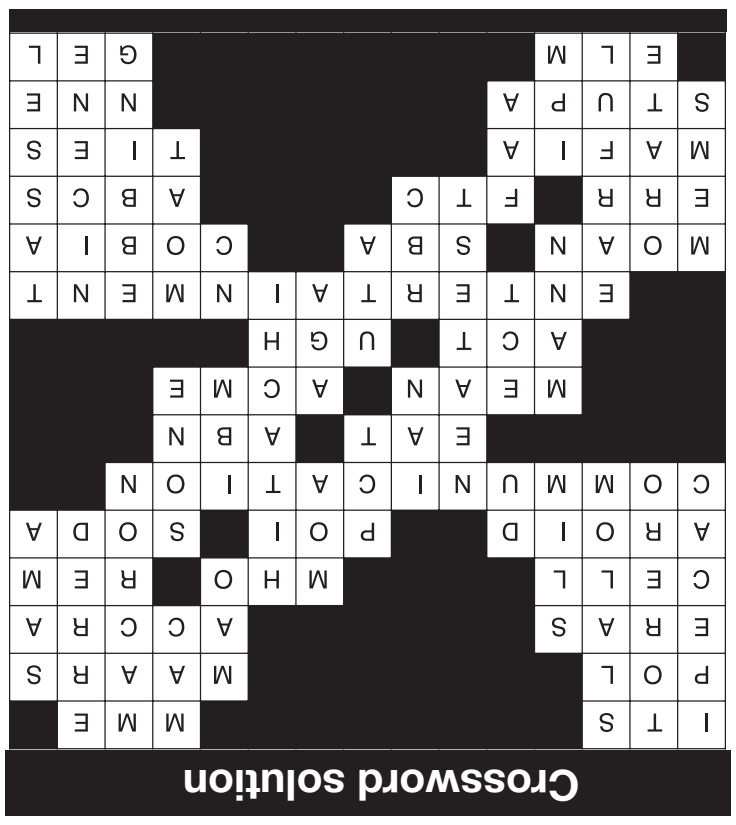


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CLUES ACROSS
1. Belonging to a thing
4. Woman (French)
7. "Incredible" TV veterinarian
8. Volcanic craters
10. Geological times
12. Ghana's capital
13. Any small compartment
14. Conductance unit
16. Athens, Georgia, rockers
17. Plant of the arum family
19. Hawaiian dish
20. Pop
21. Imparting of information
25. Take in solid food
26. Dutch banking group (abbr.)
27. Contemptible
29. Peak
30. Play a role
31. Yuck!
32. Diversion
39. __ and groan
41. Helps little firms
42. Large, edible game fish
43. To do so is human
44. Supervises interstate commerce
45. Basics
46. La Cosa Nostra
48. Mens' neckwear
49. Buddhist shrine
50. Midway between north and northeast
51. Wood
52. Hair product

CLUES DOWN
1. Induces vomiting
2. Matador
3. A way to travel on skis
4. __ and cheese
5. Indicates long vowel
6. Made a mistake
8. Chinese chairman
9. Indigenous people of the Philippines
11. Slender
14. Extinct, flightless bird
15. Japanese conglomerate
18. Of (French)
19. Rate in each hundred (abbr.)
20. Unit of loudness
22. Most organized
23. 007's creator Fleming
24. Computing giant
27. American singer Aimee
28. Shock treatment
29. Ottoman military commander
31. Urban Transit Authority
32. Too much noise
33. Type of blood cell
34. Home of football's Panthers (abbr.)
35. Fortifying ditch
36. Receding
37. Christian creed
38. Tuft of hanging threads
39. Microelectromechanical systems
40. Speak
44. Supervises flying
47. Inches per minute (abbr.)



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Legal Notices

Foreclosure

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 14, 2004. ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $68,411.00. MORTGAGOR(S): Amalia Rodriguez, a single person, and Enrique Rodriguez, a single person, and Manuel Escandon and Irma Escandon, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc. SERVICER: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC LENDER: CitiFinancial Services, Inc. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Steele County Minnesota Recorder on April 16, 2004 as Document No.A321028 and re-recorded on August 16, 2004 as Document No. A324791 ASSIGNED TO: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 1, 2016 and recorded on December 12, 2016 as Document No. A000410968 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, in Block 3, Pettit`s Addition to the City of Owatonna, except the South 28 feet 7 inches thereof, and EXCEPTING therefrom the Street and Railroad rights of way, Steele County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 516 North Grove Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060. PROPERTY I.D: 17-104-0314. COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIX and 02/100 ($73,806.02) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; 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: September 1, 2017 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff`s Office, in the Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060 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 6 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2018, or the next business day if March 1, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: June 26, 2017 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Canadian Pacific Plaza, 120 South Sixth Street, Suite 2050 Minneapolis, MN 55402 Phone: 952-232-0052 Our File No. 17MN00082-1.
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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Foreclosure

17-106086

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 4, 2004
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $70,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Tana L. Green, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 1000157-0004373354-8
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
SERVICER: Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 9, 2004, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000327204
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Ditech Financial LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Commencing at a point Sixty-Two (62) feet and Ten (10) inches South of the Northeast corner of Outlot Seven (7) in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section No. Nine (9) in Township No. One Hundred Seven (107) North, of Range No. Twenty (20) West, running thence South of the East line of said Out Lot Seven (7), Sixty-Two (62) feet and Ten (10) inches, thence West on a line parallel with the North Line of said out Lot Seven (7) to the East Bank of Straight River (about Fourteen (14) rods and Eight (8) feet), thence Northerly along the East Bank of said Straight River to a point due West of the place of beginning (about Sixty-Two (62) feet and Ten (10) inches), thence East on a line parallel with the North line of said Out Lot Seven (7) to the place of beginning, (about Fourteen (14) rods and Eight (8) feet)
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 516 North Oak Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-009-1214
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $59,252.30
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: August 22, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on February 22, 2018, or the next business day if February 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: June 27, 2017

Ditech Financial LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

17-106925

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 18, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $90,714.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Daymond L. Ramsey, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100867100130023300
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
SERVICER: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed April 21, 2014, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000396567
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The North Twenty-Four (24) feet of Lot Six (6), and the South Eighteen (18) feet of Lot Seven (7), All in Block Eleven (11), in Riverside Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 338 Highland Ave, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-119-1107
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $89,674.82
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: September 14, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2018, or the next business day if March 14, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: July 13, 2017

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Ronald G Dagit and Shirley A Pichner as trustees of the Pichner/Dagit Family Trust Dated 10-17-2005.
MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A..
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 7, 2010 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000375225.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Bank of America, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 315 Academy Street, Owatonna, MN 55060
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17-010-3217
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The East Four (4) rods of Sub-Lot Ten (10) in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 on Section 10, Township 107, Range 20 West
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $48,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $45,812.20
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: September 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE:
Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN
to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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 March 15, 2018 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

Dated: July 12, 2017

Bank of America, N.A.
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Lot 14, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS - 1 4 9 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17.411.0114
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 18136
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the
date of this Notice by, Laxman Sundae, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four and No/100's Dollars ($15,164.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.,** at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
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 unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

H V I S T E N D A H L , MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.

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BP School

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA June 15, 2017

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017, in the Board Room at the High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools; Elementary Principal

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the June 15, 2017, regular school board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hameister

Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

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NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Lot 7, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS - 177 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17.411.0107
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 18156
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the
date of this Notice by, Laxman Sundae, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Nine and No/100's Dollars ($15,309.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.,** at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
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 unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018.** If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

HVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION -
Lot 24, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS - 158 21st Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17.411.0124
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 14643
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Charlene M. Wetzel, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Eight Thousand Six Hundred One and No/100's Dollars ($8,601.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.,
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.
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 unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017
SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

HVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH, DORSEY & HAHN, P.A.

BY: /s/ Mary L. Hahn
Mary L. Hahn (#309370)
311 South Water Street
Northfield, MN 55057
Phone: (507) 645-9358

Attorneys for Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.

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Assumed Name

Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAMED:
Mangelsen Home Inspections

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **Address: 104 1/2 West Broadway Street, Suite 205, Owatonna MN, 55060 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S): **Mangelsen Appraisals, Inc. Address: 104 1/2 West Broadway Street, Suite 205, Owatonna MN, 55060**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the date referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as the agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required, who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Bobby J. Mangelsen

MAILING ADDRESS:
Bobby J. Mangelsen, Chief Executive Officer, 104 1/2 West Broadway St., Suite 205 Owatonna MN 55060

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Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 26, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $127,819.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Chad E. Wright and Jennifer M. Hall, both single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed March 4, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065589
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Outlot 2 of Buecksler Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota, thence North 132 feet, thence East 294.45 feet to the point of beginning, thence East 71 feet, thence South 132 feet, thence West 71 feet, thence North 132 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to a Utilities easement hereby reserved by the grantors over the North 5 feet of the herein conveyed property.
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 626 14th St SE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-197-0012 COT# 16404
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $124,825.81
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: September 22, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 2018, or the next business day if March 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: July 27, 2017

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number:

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

In Re: Estate of
Carol Ann Raetz
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. , a hearing will be held in this Court at Steele County Courthouse, 107 West Main Street , Owatonna, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated March 25, 2007 , and for the appointment of Melody L. Raetz Beland , whose address is 693 Wildwood Place, Owatonna, MN 55060 as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Karen Duncan
Judge of District Court
7/20/2017

Kim Wobschal
Court Administrator
7/20/2017

SMITH, TOLLEFSON, RAHRICK & CASS
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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 17, 2008
MORTGAGOR: Brooke E. Murray, a single person.
MORTGAGEE: 1st United Bank.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 22, 2008 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000358639.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated July 17, 2008 Recorded July 22, 2008, as Document No. A000358640.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: 1st United Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 558 School Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17-136-0110
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 10, Block 1, Re-Plat of Highland Park Addition to the City of Owatonna, together with that portion of the South 1/2 of that certain 12 foot alley vacated by the City Council of the City of Owatonna, by Ordinance No. 808, recorded in Book, 170 of Deeds, on page 596, that lies between the East and West line of said Lot 10 extended Northward, Steele County , Minnesota.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $114,285.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $118,278.71
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: October 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE:
Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN
to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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 April 6, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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

Dated: July 31, 2017

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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BP City

Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
City Council Meeting Agenda
August 14, 2017
7:00 P.M.

7:00 PM - Public Hearing:
Adoption of Amended Street Reconstruction Plan and the Intent to Issue General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds

Call to Order Regular meeting following close of Public Hearing
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes of July Regular City Council Meeting
Financial Report

Committee/Commission Reports
1. B.P. Public Utilities
2. E.D.A. Commission
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission
5. B.P. Ambulance Commission
6. B.P. Police Commission

Business
1. Approve Resolution to Adopt an Amended Street Reconstruction Plan and the Intent to
2. Issue General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds
3. Approval of Proposed 2018 Wage Grid
4. 3rd Ave S.E. Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project
5. WWTP Employee Retirement & PERA Phased Retirement.
6. Employee Health Insurance
7. 2017 Seal Coating Project Payment
8. 3 Temporary Liquor Licenses – BP Servicemen's Club

City Administrator's Report
1. Pine Spring Pool Closed for Season
2. 2018 LGA Amount
3. 2018 Budget thoughts

City Attorney's Report
Council Members' Reports
Adjourn

This Agenda is Subject to Change

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BP School

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA June 19, 2017

A regular school board meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756,
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.).

OPEN FORUM – No comments.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK
Michelle Vigeland, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde,
Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister

ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, Associate Principal

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the agenda as presented with additional information under items A. and C. relating to "VI. Items on which Board Action is Requested". Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Reports given by Mr. Worke and Ms. Mach.

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Donations
Motion by Kelly Braaten seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the minutes, bills, treasurer's report, and donations. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment
Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Pam Hameister to approve the employment of Ashley Marquardt as ECSE/ DCD teacher for the 2017-18 school year with placement on BA, step 1. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Michelle Vigeland and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the employment of Justin Kiehne as an Elementary Interventionist for the 2017-18 school year. Placement on BA, step 0. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the employment of Amanda Rennie as the School Nurse effective with the 2017-18 school year. Placement on BA, step 6, due to previous experience. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the employment of Nicole Inwards as the junior varsity (assistant) volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Placement on step 0 of the prevailing extracurricular schedule. Motion carried. (7 Aye/
0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the employment of Gina Hendrickson as junior high volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Placement on step 5 of the prevailing extracurricular schedule due to previous experience. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Steve Ille and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve the employment of Rachel Harberts as junior high volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Placement on step 5 of the prevailing extracurricular schedule due to previous experience. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

C. 2017-18 Preliminary Budget
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve a preliminary budget as presented. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

D. 2016-17 Audit
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as the firm to audit the district's 2016-17 financial data. Motion carried. (7 Aye/
0 Nay)

E. Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a resolution establishing dates for filing affidavits of candidacy. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Washington DC Trip
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve an educational trip to Washington DC from November 16, 2017 through November 19, 2017. Motion carried.
(7 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship for Hockey
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Steve Ille to approve the dissolution of cooperative sponsorship for boys and girls hockey. Blooming Prairie School does not have any participating athletes at this time. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Committee Reports
A report update was given on the committees: Education Foundation, Finance, Negotiations, and ZED.

B. Enrollment Data
Enrollment for the 2016-17 school year as of June 1, 2017, is 417 at the elementary school and 310 at the high school (305 attending BPHS and 5 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consists of 2 seniors and 3 juniors with attendance being full-time.

C. Dates to Note
The Board noted dates of importance.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

1. Ag2School tax credit information discussed.
2. Staff have been hired for the 2017-18 year.
3. District audit is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 24th.
4. Thank you's were acknowledged from Beth Krebs, Brenda Sorenson, and Ann Stephenson's family.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, July 18, 2017, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.).

A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Hameister
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

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BP School

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917 MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017 HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

6:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 17, 2017
Regular School Board Work Session–High School Board Room
7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 21, 2017
Open Public Forum–High School Media Center
7:15 p.m.
Monday, August 21, 2017
Regular School Board Meeting–High School Media Center

Any person may raise a question to the School Board. The Board will not act on any item presented to them, which is not on the agenda, until the following Board meeting. Also, the Board would like persons to limit themselves to five minutes, with a maximum of 15 minutes per topic. These limitations are needed for us to run a timely and orderly Board meeting. Persons are requested to identify themselves prior to speaking.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL – CLERK

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Consent Agenda

Minutes
Bills
Treasurer's Report
Resignations
Donations

1. Employment
2. Family Leave
3. Meal Prices
4. Policy Renewals
5. Fixed Asset Threshold
6. Handbooks
7. Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and
8. Calling the School District General Election

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Committee Reports
2. Enrollment Data
3. Dates to Note

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 4, 1999
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $54,650.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Charlene M. Wetzel, an unmarried woman
MORTGAGEE: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 5, 1999 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 14643 as Document Number 43363 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank FA, successor to North American Mortgage Company by assignment recorded on May 14, 2003 as Document Number T52889 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 29, 2015 as Document Number 73165 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 24, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Minnesota.
REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 158 21ST ST NW, OWATONNA, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $36,388.31
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-411-0124
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100054100001688556
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: September 26, 2017 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 twelve (12) 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 September 26, 2018.

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: August 3, 2017

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

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Owatonna needs more leaders....

Owatonna Community Leadership Academy will be starting the 2017-2018 program with a kick-off picnic this month!

To Engage, Encourage & empower future leadership in & for our community is the mission of the Owatonna Community Leadership Academy. You may be more familiar with Leadership Owatonna which is a community leadership program developed in 1999 after a cohort group of community individuals attended the Blandin Foundation week-long program which helps rural Minnesota leaders develop and enhance the skills, knowledge and relationships they need to build and sustain healthy communities.

The Owatonna Community Leadership Academy (OCLA) program was designed to enable participants to learn about Owatonna resources, values, strengths, weaknesses, and challenges.

The program also is designed to provide opportunities for participants to exchange ideas, build networks and begin the process of identifying where they can plug-in to the many opportunities throughout the Owatonna community.

Owatonna is a wonderful community with generous volunteers, however we are also a community in need of strong leaders to step up to the challenges that we face each day. There are numerous opportunities and OCLA provides a glimpse of potential needs or issues that our community is facing now and in the future. In reflecting on past program experiences, many reach out to this particular program for difference reasons, but one general response is "I didn't know that or "I didn't know where I wanted to spend my time, but now I do". Maybe your passion is non-profits, your church, school or even taking a leadership role in your work environment. You make the CHOICE!

We all are leaders in one shape or form and OCLA gives just one opportunity to raise awareness to the assets and opportunities of our community by providing an in-depth, behind-the scenes look at eight key elements of our community (Quality of Life, Government, Education, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Culture & Diversity, Criminal Justice and Agri-Business).

The Owatonna Community Leadership Academy is a program of the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism (OACCT) and has a Leadership Advisory team of Pastor Dave Klawiter, St. John's Lutheran Church, Corey Mensink, U.S. Bank, Nicole Schulz, Federated Insurance Company and Brad Meier, OACCT President/ CEO that assists with development and continuous improvement of the program.

OACCT along with the leadership team, are excited to Engage, Encourage & empower future leadership in & for our community! Are you next?

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Music a treat at summer festival

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the service. The Litomysl-aneous Polka Group provided music. Anna Cookova, of Czech descent, sang Amazing Grace in English and in Czech. She is a professional translator.

The Steele County Knights of Columbus Men's Choir sang a number of patriotic songs. Stephen Nelson is director of the 16-member choir.

Fr. Sauer used King Solomon as a reference for his sermon. "Reform your lives," Fr. Sauer said. "We should give thanks for all God has done for us," he continued.

Hans the Accordion Man, aka Hans Hohrman, Jr. was busy belting out old time music near the school building.

Lots of traffic was recorded in the school building where silent auction items and Used-a-Bit items were displayed.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Fred Nass of Owatonna found a perfect place to land as he unwound from a busy day at the Litomysl Summer Festival. Nass said he bought 20 dozen biscuits. He has been coming to the festival since it began 46 years ago.

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