

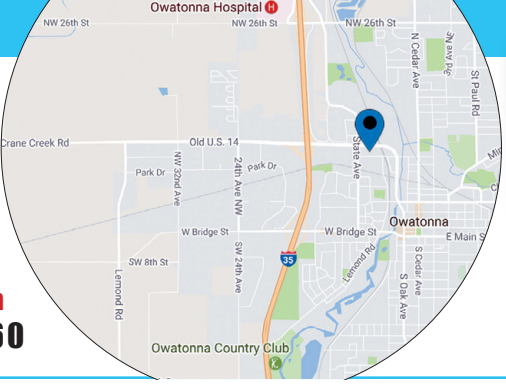
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Opinion

Our view

Without you, there is no newspaper

Many of you are most likely caught by surprise with this week's front page. The page has been intentionally left blank in what is being dubbed as the Minnesota newspaper "whiteout."

A blank page without any news is not something you'd expect from your local news source. But this newspaper, along with nearly every newspaper across the state, has joined in the whiteout effort to publish no news on the front page just for a week.

It's not that Minnesota journalists are being lazy this week. That's far from the truth. But rather, it's to show the important role newspapers play in the communities they serve.

As community newspapers we have a long tradition of providing readers like you with the news and information that helps you make critical decisions and stay informed. The Steele County Times, for example, has been publishing in the county since 1893.

Week after week we go out of our way to capture the moments that define our communities. We bring stories of triumph, joy, sadness, heartache and at times tragedy. It is more than just words on a page, it is a learned craft that is formed and sculpted into weekly works of art.

Our pledge to you is our continued effort to find and explain trusted stories, issues and information that are relevant for your lives. We also strive to bring you an esthetically pleasing finished work. It's something that newspapers have been doing for decades. We strive to play an important watchdog role in the community and to provide a never ending stream of information from an ever changing world.

Here's a question to ponder: Where would you get your news about the community without us?

Of course, social media has grown tremendously in recent years. But it has also been proven over and over that social media is quite often an unreliable source of news and limited in a time when circles of friends can be narrow and incomplete .

There are many reasons for a newspaper, but consider the three main emphases.

Newspapers have been the primary way that communities have delivered accurate and reliable information since our country was founded.

Newspapers are vital to the growth and success of our town. We want to see our local communities flourish like all of our neighboring communities.

Newspapers are the rallying point for family and friends who live within our borders and those who have moved away that desire to return to those memories of a time gone by.

We thank our advertisers and readers for their continued support. And we ask for it to continue going forward.

Without you, there is no newspaper. And if that happened, it would be a travesty for all involved. God forbid that outsiders would have to try to tell our story, cover our events and brag on our children.



Guest Column



HOT PURSUIT



**RICK
BUSSLER**

As I look back on my childhood days, there was one ritual in our household that created some anxious moments in the middle of the week. It was the arrival of the local newspapers.

There was always a mad dash scramble to see who could grab the local newspapers first. We usually received at least three local newspapers on two different days, Wednesdays and Thursdays. No sooner had the postal carrier closed the mailbox and headed down the road did we run out the door with great anticipation about what was going to be in that week's newspaper.

Sadly, two of those newspapers that I read as a youngster are no longer in existence and ceased printing years ago. A more countywide newspaper has since replaced the individual community papers.

Of course, those were the days long before social media and the internet came along with news apps and websites to provide more instantaneous news. But, despite the changing culture of the media, I believe there is still a lure for the local newspaper that no one will ever replace.

The ritual also took place to a lesser extent on the weekends with the arrival of the Sunday

Maintaining a long tradition of providing local news

Minneapolis Star Tribune. It seems everyone in our family had a favorite section and within seconds the paper was pulled apart.

Nothing can take the place of the local newspaper, which is packed with local news, sports and features of your next door neighbors, friends, relatives and yes, even sometimes enemies. There is nobody else that cares about the community in the close-up and intimate way that the local newspaper does.

This week our newspaper is joining with more than 200 other papers across the state in a "Whiteout" campaign in which the front page is almost entirely left white. There is not one bit of news on the front page. The whiteout reminds readers of the important role that newspapers play within the community.

Local journalists are writing the first draft of the history of the community and telling stories of their communities. In most towns, the newspaper is the main source of local news.

During this special week, we encourage readers to think for just a moment about what would life be like without the local newspaper. What would happen if the front page of the newspaper contained no news? What would the community do?

Would they miss it? What would people in town talk about? How would they react?

They are all valid questions that should make everyone stop and think about supporting the local newspaper instead of ripping it apart. I think most readers would agree life would not be the same without the local newspaper.

Newspapers have been the primary way that communities have delivered accurate and reliable information since the founding of our republic. The local newspapers may not always get the glory that the larger media outlets do, but the local media is often known as the trusted source for getting the story right.

Community newspapers have a long tradition of providing you with the news and information that helps you make critical decisions and stay informed.

Close your eyes for a second and imagine if there was no newspaper. I think you'd agree that we all would come out on the losing end. Whether you realize it or not, the newspaper is a relevant part of your life.

The newspaper has been around for generations and we plan to continue going in hot pursuit of delivering local news for years to come.

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Newspapers keep communities healthy and strong

By **KAREN DUNCAN**
District Court Judge

Growing up on a farm, summers could get pretty long. With only a weekly trip to town, it was a long time to be isolated and away from friends. So, it was with great anticipation that we greeted the delivery, via U.S. Mail, of the daily newspaper.

By opening the pages, I could be at Wimbledon cheering for tennis star Billy Jean King. My brother and I could collaborate to crack the crossword puzzle. We could read, and re-read, about exotic places, courageous people, and

events both awe-inspiring and awful. In short, the newspaper enlarged our world.

The very instrument that enlarges our world, also is the life blood of communities. To live and thrive in community, we need to know what's going on. Nothing can deliver that like a newspaper. Through local newspapers, we can come together to mourn and heal in times of grief and tragedy, whether it's learning about the passing of a friend's relative or about death by fire halfway around the world. We can celebrate milestones of births and weddings, and also cheer for the expansion

of local businesses and the successes of local students. All of these things remind us that we are part of a lively, diverse and ever-changing community. The stories bring to the surface our genetic disposition to care about one another.

Sure, some of this information may be posted online. The internet provides for interaction and entertainment as well. One of the key differences between on-line sharing of information and print news is that the reader knows exactly who wrote the news article. If a reader points out a mistake, the newspaper prints a correction.

When readers take issue with a story, newspapers print those differing points of view using published standards of decorum designed to foster the respectful airing of different opinions.

Last week's news article on a specific topic is still there to refer back to when more information comes to light. This is about more than a preference to have a physical paper to hold and read; newspapers have on-line versions available. This is about truth and accountability.

Newspapers strive to uncover and publish the who-what-where-when-why's of

what is going on around us. From this platform, the reader can ask more questions, and can more critically evaluate the information through research and discussion.

I am often startled by how often people "share" inaccurate information on line on issues where the true facts are readily available. For complex information, finding the truth is much more difficult, and often an on-line wanderer will post "does anyone know if this is true?" That question may well be answered by a "Bot" with a particular goal in mind that may not be at all related to truth-telling. A human reporter

with a name, face, email address -and an editor- bears much greater scrutiny and accountability.

Accurate information is key to innovation and collaboration. This, coupled with the respectful sharing of different fact-based opinions, is what keeps our communities healthy and strong. God bless newspapers.

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Opinions expressed in letters to the editor do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Steele County Times and the editor reserves the right to edit letters when necessary. Please limit opinions to no longer than 350 words.

The Steele County Times encourages readers to write letters to the editor as a means of communicating ideas and opinions with others, with a goal being to make the community better for all people.

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WHITEOUT

Minnesota newspapers offer no front page news

This week, more than 200 newspapers across the State of Minnesota, including the Steele County Times, are publishing no news on their front pages.

This “Whiteout” is taking place during Minnesota Newspaper Week, Aug. 13-19, a part of the Minnesota Newspaper Association’s yearlong celebration of its 150th Anniversary. The Whiteout reminds Minnesotans of the important role that newspapers play, writing the first draft of history and telling the stories of their communities.

“In many communities across the State of Minnesota, the newspaper is the main source of local news,” said MNA Executive Director Lisa Hills. “Newspaper journalists across the state attend city council and school board meetings, they cover town festivals and local sports teams, and they arrive on the scene to document history during natural disasters and other community challenges. We know newspapers play an important role.”

Today, 25 daily and 295

non-daily newspapers, from Worthington to Warroad, Bird Island to Baudette, Elbow Lake to Ely and every community in between, belong to the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

“Minnesota Newspaper Week is a statewide initiative that reminds individuals of the importance of a free press,” reads Governor Mark Dayton’s proclamation. “Freedom of the Press promotes a well-informed constituency, improves public policy, increases responsiveness

and accountability, and enhances public confidence in governmental institutions.”

Minnesotans agree that newspapers play a vital role in the state. MNA’s member newspapers have a total circulation of more than 2.2 million each week. A 2014 Scarborough readership survey found that 89 percent of Minnesotans accessed a newspaper in print and/or digital format in the past month. Minnesotans of all ages read Minnesota newspapers in print and online. It’s no wonder

that in a state where many read their local newspaper, the population is also civic-minded and involved in activities like voting in local elections. According to state officials, more than 81 percent of registered Minnesota voters cast ballots in the November 2016 election. That’s just under 75 percent of eligible Minnesotans.

“We are proud to support Minnesota’s vibrant newspaper industry and look forward to being here for the next 150 years,” said Hills.

Supporting a free press

By AMY KLOBUCHAR
U.S. Senator

In Minnesota, we understand the importance of a free press. It’s hard to forget in our state – Minnesotans are among the most engaged citizens in the country. Last year we again ranked first in the nation in voter turnout. Minnesotans volunteer at the second highest rate in the country. And we usually look to our local newspapers as the first stop for the information we need.

In my house growing up, it was impossible to forget the importance of a free press. My dad was a journalist.

As a reporter and a columnist, my dad, Jim Klobuchar, covered it all. On the night of the presidential election in 1960, as a young stringer for the Associated Press, he was among the first in the country - if not the first - to call the race for President John F. Kennedy. He was fearless, whether it was reporting from Moscow with a Soviet Intourist guide assigned to him at all times or taking tear gas covering protests outside of a political convention. Digging for the truth was his job. Finding the truth made it all worth it.

From children with cancer to Minnesota veterans, he covered the stories of every day heroes, too. He believed that all stories needed to be told, and that by sharing these stories, we deepen our understanding of one another and become more united as a country.

So, from a very young age, I understood the important role the press has played in our democracy. And today, I understand a free press is as important as ever.

Minnesota reporters have been on the frontlines of major stories since the founding of our first newspaper in 1849. They’ve covered good times and bad. From enlisting with the Union in the Civil War, as Hastings Democrat publisher Charles P. Adams did in 1861, to tireless investigating and reporting on the abduction of Jacob Wetterling, Minnesota journalists have always been committed to telling our stories.

Over the past few months, we have heard about “alternative facts.” We have heard an Administration official suggest that the press should “keep its mouth shut.” And we have even seen efforts to limit journalists’ access to elected officials.

None of this is acceptable. Our founders enshrined freedom of the press in our Constitution for a reason. Thomas Jefferson said that our first objective as a nation should be to leave open “all avenues to truth,” and that the most effective way of doing that is through “the freedom of the press.”

Today, Minnesota reporters continue their dogged pursuit of the truth day after day, story after story. That reporting is on display all across Minnesota, and the Minnesota Newspaper Association has played a big part in supporting Minnesota reporters for 150 years now. From Deborah Howell, who oversaw the Pioneer Press’s first Pulitzer Prize, to Mark Kellogg, the first Associated Press reporter to die in the line of duty, reporters all across our state are carrying forward a remarkable legacy.

I’m determined to protect journalists and defend freedom of the press. My dad expects me to. The oath I took to “support and defend the Constitution” demands that I do.

Senator Amy Klobuchar has served in the U.S. Senate since 2007. She grew up in Plymouth, a suburb of the Twin Cities.

Screams and moos begin in Steele County

State’s largest fair runs through Sunday

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

If you hear lots of screams and moos coming from the Owatonna area this week, it won’t be because of anything scary, but rather excitement and thrills.

Minnesota’s largest county fair kicks into action today (Tuesday) and runs through Sunday. This year’s theme for the Steele County Free Fair is “Scream and Moo With Much to Do.”

Some traditions never go away and such is the case with the local fair. As it has been since 1928, there will be no charge to get into the fair.

Steele has consistently been the largest county fair in Minnesota. The fair typically attracts more than 300,000 people, though last year dipped to 279,000 because of dismal weather in which rain soaked the grounds on at least four days. The record attendance was set in 2013 when more than 350,000 people attended.

The grandstand took a big hit last year in which three top events were cancelled because of the weather. “It was a tough year for vendors last year,” said fair manager Jim Gleason. “We hope to have better weather this year. Say a couple extra prayers that we have a little better, more friendly weather than last year.”

Todd Hale, the fair’s publicity director, said he has a packed schedule of great entertainers coming to the fair. “I’m proud of our facilities and I always want people to leave with a good taste of our fair,” he said.

Hale said fair week is an “exciting time” for those who have been involved with the planning of it. “It’s a culmination of months of work that goes on ahead of time,” he said.

The Steele fair, Hale said, has more activities going on than any other fair in the state with the exception of the State Fair. “To jam all this into a small fairgrounds is a challenge,” Hale acknowledged. “We’ve done a pretty good job of what people want at the fair. We do a good job of keeping the fair interesting.”

There are several new

twists to the fair this year, according to Gleason. “We try to do something new every year to keep it the best fair in Minnesota,” he said, adding fairgoers like to have a variety of old and new things to do.

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.

Sound isn’t the only improvement on the grounds. 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 a 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 a cool blast, the photography and homemade wine departments have been relocated to the upstairs of the Four Seasons Centre where there is air conditioning.

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.

For those with a hankering for food, don’t despair. There will be 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.

One of the biggest attractions that will return from previous years is the Human Cannonball. David Smith, Jr. will blast himself across a portion of the midway several times throughout the fair.

“I’m just looking forward to everything coming together after working on it for a full year,” Gleason said. “That’s what it’s about in the entertainment business—putting smiles on people’s faces.”



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Cedarview Care Center (1409 S Cedar Avenue) and Park Place South (125 E Park Street) has faced financial woes and a lack of solution in pushing forward in light of extensive renovation costs. Most likely, Steele County will no longer be a member of SCCL and by the end of the year, the building will be returned to the county along with all revenue that may go along with it.

Park Place South heading back into county hands

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

A lack of a formal plan and revenue funding from Steele County Communities For A Lifetime Inc. (SCCL) had Bill Fahey, investment banker and senior VP of public finance at Northland Securities and contracted financial adviser for Steele County, bringing some new information to the Steele County Board of Commissioners meeting last Tuesday.

“We’ve had a formal internal discussion of where we are,” Fahey said. “And we’ve had a discussion with BHS (Benedictine Health System).” After feeling as if all parties are on the same page going

forward, Fahey further advised the board on the issue that Steele County has, dealing with a project that has gone belly-up.

“Our issue right now is simply keep our train on the tracks that we want to go for,” Fahey said. “It appears that they feel that they cannot reach a conclusion by Sept. 30.”

Fahey mentioned that SCCL and BHS are continuing to postpone actions, making it impossible for them to come to a solution. “What we did make clear to them,” Fahey said, “whatever action that was going to happen had to account for our nine points. Once any one of these points are satisfied, the majority of the structure that we are operating under right now falls apart.”

Fahey, who does not expect SCCL to fully meet the financial agreements by the September deadline out lined what would happen if SCCL would surrender the building back to the county.

If the agreements fall apart and the structure itself falls apart, Steele County would then no longer be a member of SCCL. If that would happen, Fahey said, “Then we would get our building back, we would get our flow of cash back.”

Fahey stated that final liquidation of the entire thing would most likely not occur until late December and that his organization was going to be prudent to push the process and make sure it was taken care of.

Construction continues



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Bishop Excavating of Blooming Prairie was busy last week working on a street project near the Blooming Prairie High School on Main Street. Workers were repairing a sanitary sewer line.



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Sun safety tips



MATT JOHNSON

With over 3.5 million new cases of skin cancer diagnosed in the U.S. every year, the issue of sun safety has been thrust to the forefront of public health. Even here in Minnesota, where many of us feel that we're being denied the sun's warm rays most of the year, skin cancer remains a significant issue. Rates for melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, have increased substantially in the state in recent decades.

The good news, however, is that there are some simple sun safety precautions that you can take to decrease your chances of damaging your skin and developing skin cancer.

If you know you will be spending time outside, the first and probably most obvious thing you should do is apply sunscreen. The American Cancer Society suggests using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more. It is recommended that sunscreen be applied to the skin a full 15 minutes before being exposed to the sun, as this allows enough time for proper absorption. This is especially true if you plan on being in water or exercising. Sunscreen should also be reapplied periodically, in most cases every two hours or so.

Along with sunscreen, it is also recommended that protective clothing be worn when possible to block UV-rays. This can include wearing a hat, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and sunglasses.

Remember to take these protective steps regardless of whether the sun is out. Amazingly, up to 40 percent of the sun's ultraviolet radiation still reaches the earth on a cloudy day. This means that while you may not experience a sunburn as quickly, it is still possible after prolonged time spent outdoors.

If you are unsure about the sun's strength on a given day, consult the UV Index, which identifies how quickly

you can expect to experience a sunburn based on the conditions present. The UV Index is consistently higher during the summer months and usually peaks between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so be especially mindful during these hours.

It is also important to try and understand your inherited risk for skin damage and skin cancer. Those with fair-skin, light eyes, red or blond hair, freckles and large moles are considered to have an increased risk of skin damage and should take extra precautions. This does not however, mean that darker-skinned individuals are immune to the dangers that UV-rays pose, as everyone experiences damage from the sun, even if it's not easily visible. Individuals with a family history of skin cancer, particularly melanoma, should also be more aware of any noticeable damage to the skin.

If you do notice any changes to your skin such as new growths or changes in existing growths that seem abnormal, consult your dermatologist. It is better to be overly cautious, as the early detection of skin cancer can greatly increase the chances of successful treatment.

Matt Johnson is currently serving as an intern at Steele County Public Health.

By **MARISSA LARSON**
Staff Intern

This past weekend, the 4th annual Iowa/Minnesota Pirate Festival went underway in Moorehouse Park. It was essentially a renaissance festival dedicated to the pirate life. Previously, this event had taken place in Clear Lake, Iowa. This year, it was moved into Owatonna with a goal to re-establish it. That is just what happened as much interest was shown, and the public enjoyed everything the festival had to offer. Hopefully, it will be making a return next summer.

The park was packed with numerous activities, shows and attractions. Several performers entertained the crowds with comedy, magic and theater acts. Vendors were selling everything from food and pottery to jewelry and pirate merchandise. Treasure hunts, lawn games and photo booths kept children busy.

Blue Rose Mermaid proved to be a popular attraction. Kids were able to toss wishing stones into her pool and buy treasures that she had collected. She claimed to have been captured by the pirates, but now she enjoys visiting with new friends that come to meet her.

Pirate Merlyn awed the audience with his "Majik." Bob Schmill has been doing magic tricks since 1961, and what makes him unique is the fact that he uses an interactive style, so the viewers get involved in the act. He demonstrated escape art by freeing himself from a

Pirate Festival makes land in Owatonna



Staff photo by Marissa Larson

Calista Seiler and James Lee strike a pose after winning the Pirate Costume Contest. They impressed the judges and audience with fancy moves across the stage; Seiler even pulled off a back-handspring.

straitjacket. He held the attention of the audience with his comedy and illusions.

One highlight was the Costume Contest. Many kids dressed as pirates entered the competition, in hopes to catch the eyes of both the judges and the audience. They were to walk across the stage, flaunting their character by pulling off a fancy move. Everyone's outfits were very impressive, but one participant did something that wowed everyone.

Calista Seiler's stage name wasn't "The Flipping Pirate" for no reason. Seiler successfully did a cartwheel and back handspring across the stage. "What better

way to show off my costume than with my skills?" She is 11 years old, but has known how to perform this stunt since age 7. She won the girl's division of the contest. "It feels so good to win." Her favorite part of the festival was getting her hair braided there. She also enjoyed Crazy Boy Coy, who perched on a board that teetered on a can while maneuvering his body through a tennis racquet.

James Lee, of Oronoco, was the winner for the boy's division.

"My grandma helped me put together my costume. It's awesome that I won," he said. Lee has been playing pirates since he was little, and loves

Pirates of the Carribean. He even plays pirates on a vintage cabin cruiser that sits in his yard.

The Pirate Festival was a huge success, especially considering it has never been to Minnesota before this weekend. There was fun all weekend for the entire family, young and old. From belly dancers to body manipulators, there was no shortage of things to see.

If you want to join in the fun next year, make sure to like their Facebook page at facebook.com/iowaminnesotapiratefest and follow them on Twitter at twitter.com/iamnpiratefest. They look forward to bringing back the fun pirate festivities in 2018.

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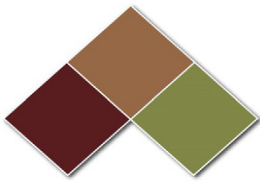
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Daniel Joseph Stinehart, 66, of Lake Mills, IA

Daniel Joseph Stinehart, 66, of Lake Mills, Iowa, died Friday morning, Aug. 11, 2017, in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester.

Private family funeral services for Stinehart were held Monday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m. at Mittelstadt Funeral Home, 902 East Main Street, Lake Mills, with pastor Matthew Hundley officiating. Public visitation was from 5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, at Mittelstadt Funeral Home in Lake Mills. Burial was at Graceland Cemetery in Buffalo Center.

Stinehart was born Dec. 15, 1950, in Rochester, to Eugene & Mary (Folkert) Stinehart. He graduated from Blooming Prairie High School, in 1969. Stinehart married Linda Odson in 1972 and the couple had three children, Wayne, Julie and

Michael.

They later divorced. Then Stinehart married Phyllis Feldmann May 17, 1980, and 1 child, Travis, was born. Stinehart worked for Farmstead (Wilson's/Farmland) for 30 years until it burned down. He later worked at Byerly's in Lake Mills for a short time and then Golden Oval/Rembrandt until his retirement March 31, 2013.

In retirement, he worked part time at Casey's. He enjoyed visiting the casino, riding motorcycle and occasionally golfing with his youngest son Travis. Stinehart is survived by children, Wayne Stinehart of Northwood, Iowa; Julie (Stinehart) Stuart of Albert Lea; Mike (Agnes) Stinehart of Red Wing; Travis (Jodie) Stinehart of Lake Mills; stepchildren: Michelle (Tim) Rasmussen of Leland, Iowa, Robert (Teresa) Feldmann of Williamsburg, Iowa.

He is further survived by siblings, Bill Stinehart of Shakopee; Kathleen (John) Meyer of Blooming Prairie; Karen (Curt) Oeltjenbruns of Claremont; grandchildren: Brandi, Abby, Kimberly, Grace-Lynn, Kenny, Marissa, MaKayla, Summeer, Dominic, Jeannie, Sara, Christina, Robert, Anthony, Jai-myan, Jonathyn, Justin, Jessica, Jordan; four great grandchildren with another one due soon; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his brother David Stinehart & sister Sandra Stinehart, his parents and his wife Phyllis in 2012. You can contact the family with online con-

dolences at: www.mittelstadtfuneralhome.com



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SEMCAC senior menu

Aug.14 BBQ Meatballs Baked Potato Italian Green Beans Rhubarb Muffin Fresh Grapes	Mixed Geens Salad Dinner Roll Moon Cake	Aug.17 Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Fruited Coleslaw Bun Peach Crisp	Wheat Dinner Roll Applesauce Raisin Bar
Aug.15 Ham/Scalloped Potatoes Alt: Hamb/Scalloped Pot Asparagus	Aug.16 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Peas Cuke Salad Cranberry Mold	Aug.18 Chicken Romaine Salad Melon Wedge	Aug.21 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Homemade Wheat Roll Melon Wedge

Finding money for long-term care

Dear Savvy Senior,
What resources can you refer me to for long-term care financial help? My 84-year-old mother needs assisted living or nursing home care, but we don't have a lot of money and she doesn't have long-term care insurance.

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,
If your mother does not have a long-term care insurance policy, depending on her circumstances, here are several other sources you should check into that can help pay for her care.

Medicaid: The first thing you need to understand is that Medicare (the government health insurance program for seniors 65 and older and those with disabilities) does not cover long-term care, which includes nursing home care, the costs of assisted living facilities and home aide services, unless your mom is receiving skilled nursing or therapy services too. It only provides limited short-term coverage, up to 100 days for skilled nursing or rehabilitation services after a hospital stay.

However, Medicaid (the joint federal and state program that covers health care for the poor) as it currently stands, does cover long-term care facilities and it covers in-home care too. But to be eligible for coverage, your mother must be very low-income. Her countable assets can't be more than around \$2,000, including investments.

Note that most people who enter a nursing home don't qualify for Medicaid at first, but pay for care out-of-pocket until they deplete their savings enough to qualify. Contact your state Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) for eligibility details.

Veterans aid: If your mom is a wartime veteran, or a spouse or surviving spouse of a wartime veteran, there is a benefit called Aid and Attendance that can help pay between \$1,153 and \$2,127 a month toward her long-term care.

To be eligible, your mom must need assistance with daily living activities like bathing, dressing or going to the bathroom. And her yearly income must be under \$13,836 as a surviving spouse, \$21,531 for a single veteran, or \$25,525 as a married veteran – after her medical and long-term care expenses. Her assets must also be less than \$80,000 excluding her home and car.

To learn more see Benefits. VA.gov/pension, or contact your regional VA office, or your local veterans service organization. Call 800-827-1000 for contact information.

Tax breaks: If you're helping out your mom financially, you may also be able to claim her as a dependent on your taxes and reduce your taxable income by \$4,050, which you could use for her care. To qualify, you must pay at least half of your mom's yearly expenses, and her annual income must be below \$4,050, not counting Social Security. For more information, see IRS Publication 501 at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p501.pdf.

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calculating the total. See the IRS publication 502 (IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf) for details.

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*

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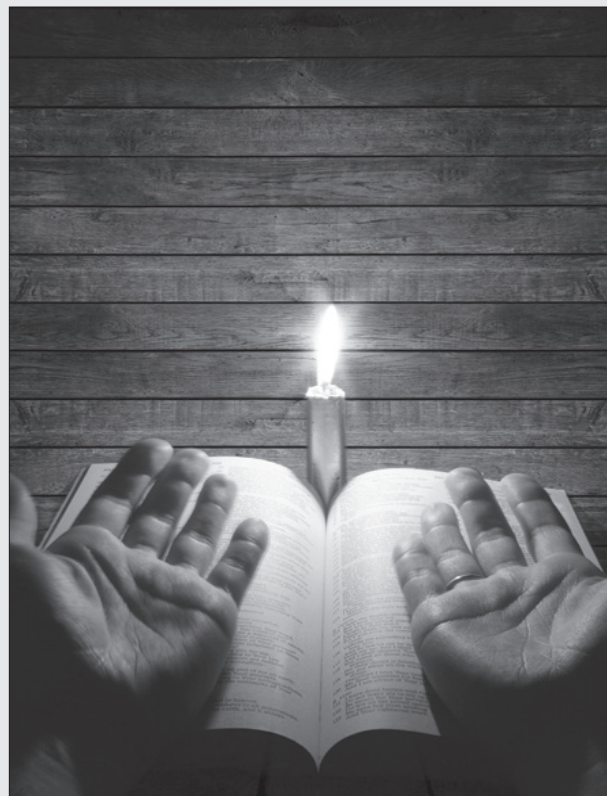
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Pastor's corner: Reconciliation at the heart of religious faith

From their earliest days as members of the Church, Catholics are taught about the importance of reconciling their sins. That importance is formally recognized through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Confession, and the frequency with which it should take place, varies depending on where a person is. People, parishes and even some areas of the world do it differently. While the expression and forgiveness of one's sins may vary, confession remains a cornerstone of the Christian faith.

Many people are first introduced to reconciliation as young children. Children preparing for their first Holy Communion must complete certain lessons and rites prior

to being given the gift of the Eucharist. That includes participation in the sacrament of reconciliation. Confession and clearing oneself of mortal sin is done before receiving holy sacraments. It's also customary during particularly solemn seasons of the Church, such as Advent and Lent. Parishioners who have become lax in attending church may want to visit the confessional to have their sins absolved before they can, in good conscience, receive the Eucharist once again.

According to reference material provided by Catholics Come Home, Inc., an independent, non-profit Catholic apostolate that inspires and educates, the sacrament of reconciliation was established by Jesus Christ so that people

could have their sins washed away and experience the renewal that such absolution provides.

Some may question why they have to confess their sins before a priest and why sins are not absolved when confessing them to God directly through prayer? Daily prayer is an important component of the faith, but reconciliation involves priests because of a belief in the Mystical Body of Christ. The faithful collectively form this "One Body," so their actions are not independent of one another. When one person sins, all of the faithful are affected, and when one part of the Body shares joy, so do all others. This is best exemplified by the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:26.

Even if the sins are not heard by others, they still have an impact. Therefore, confession before a priest serves as a more public way to be absolved of sin by the entire Body of Christ, as the priest is a representative of this faithful community. Sin can form a separation among the Body, and the sacrament of reconciliation helps mend that rift.

A core tenet of Christianity is that God loves all sinners. It's understood that even the most faithful can falter, and by participating in reconciliation, men, women and children demonstrate that they recognize their errors and that, in spite of those mistakes, they will always be welcomed in the eyes of God.

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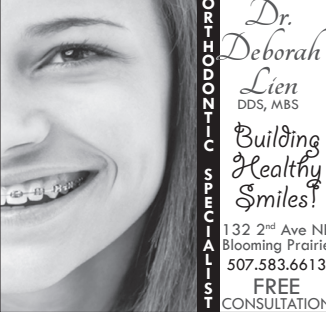
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7pm - 8pm Owatonna City Council, Council Cham-
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August 16th:

4pm - 5pm Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers,
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7pm - 8pm Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus
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August 17th:

2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford
Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time

August 21st:

2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford
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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.

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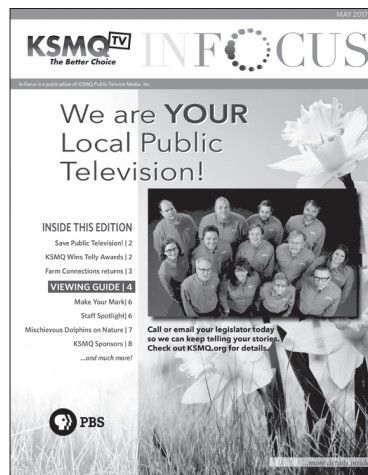
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STEELE COUNTY FREE FAIR

"Scream and Moo with Much to Do"

Fair president: She is underappreciated

Stark honored for 55 years of service to local fair

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Her admiration and love for the Steele County Fair has become a permanent fixture at the Owatonna fairgrounds for more than a half of century.

This week as the fair opens for yet another run of entertainment and shows, Sharon Stark is being honored for serving the fair for 55 years. She was given an achievement award Sunday night during an appreciation banquet at the fairgrounds.

And once again Stark will be behind the scenes making sure the fair functions in an orderly fashion and open class exhibitors get their premium checks.

"I just love the fair," Stark says. "I grew up at the fair way, way back."

Stark remembers coming to the fair as a little kid with her father, Julius Stark, who worked at the fair as a police officer. Julius served on the Owatonna force for 32 years, 27 of them as police chief. And in those days the city officers were responsible for security at the fairgrounds.

She got her start with the fair when a close friend Dick Reinhardt asked her if she would be interested in helping out at the fair office. She agreed and hasn't missed a beat since then.

Stark handles the open class premiums and entries. For many years she did

everything by hand. Now it's all computer generated with Stark performing the bulk of the data entry. "Technology is great while it works," she chuckled.

Fair president Dan Deml said it would have been easy for anyone, especially veterans like Stark, to call it quits when the new computer system came along several years ago. But Stark didn't let a little technology stop her. "She dug in and learned the new system," Deml said. "She continued on like nothing ever changed," he added.

Deml is appreciative of the work Stark has done for the fair all these years. "She is underappreciated for what she does," Deml said, noting she doesn't necessarily have the flashiest job at the fair. "She is a rock solid person who is always there. We can count on her."

As she looks back, Stark marvels at the growth of the fair. The carnivals have grown and the commercial exhibits have expanded significantly. The Steele fair has become the largest county fair in Minnesota during her tenure with the fair.

Stark has always had the community close to her heart. Besides helping at the fair, she has been involved in many other community activities such as the Owatonna Arts Center and Little Theatre of Owatonna.

After retiring from the



Steele County Fair President Dan Deml presented Sharon Stark with a cake pan for her 55 years of service to the fair Sunday night in Owatonna. Stark works part-time in the fair office handling open class entries and premiums.

Owatonna Library where she worked for 37 years, Stark worked at the Owatonna Arts Center for 13 years.

About five years ago Stark started organizing the Muckle Museum, which features the long history of the fair.

Asked what she enjoys most about the fair, Stark said: "The people that are involved with the fair. I just enjoy people from different walks of life."

Now that she has logged in 55 years with the fair,

Stark doesn't expect much to change.

"It's a milestone. That's a lot of time to an organization," she said of her achievement. "I wouldn't still be doing it if I didn't like it," she added.

Fair achievement awards

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Nancy Valliancourt,
Amy Kain,
Bill Bunkers,
Mike Hamilton,
Scott Kozelka,
Brent Svenby,
Todd Wishy,
Dave and Trudy Severson
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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

More volunteers needed for Meals in Motion distribution

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The Steele County Food Shelf Meals in Motion program is just eight months old but during that time, it has made quite an impact on many residents of the county.

Rich Pettet, coordinator for Meals in Motion, says the number of distributions to needy people is growing. "We are in need of more volunteers to help with that distribution," he said.

If interested in having this service, or interested in volunteering for Meals in Motion, please contact

Pettet at 507-455-2991.

Goal of the program, Pettet says, is to deliver food to those who are unable to come to the Steele County Food Shelf location at 155 Oakdale Street, Suite A in Owatonna.

The Meals in Motion program provides a five-day supply of food two times each month or one 10-day supply of canned and boxed foods, milk, eggs, and meat once a month to those who meet the income guidelines.

The Steele County Meals in Motion makes visits to the Blooming Prairie Senior Center the first and third Fridays of each month from noon to

1 p.m.

Meals in Motion also delivers to Ellendale, Medford and to other rural areas.

Guidelines for maximum annual income are: family size -- one, \$23,760; two, \$32,040; three, \$40,320; four, \$48,600; five, \$56,880; six, \$65,160; seven, \$73,460; eight, \$81,780.

Add \$8,320 of allowable income for each additional family member.

To find out more about the Steele County Food Shelf and its services, go to <http://www.steelecountyfoodshelf.org/>

Crossword solution

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*Editor's note

Due to recent downsizing authorized by ownership, the Steele County Times Sports department has been forced to follow suit with cutbacks to its section.

This is a situation that as the head of the department, I have attempted to professionally navigate and negotiate in hopes of still being able to provide you, the readers, a sports section that is worthy of your time and attention.

Unfortunately, as adamant I was in trying to negotiate a solution that would suit both the company and its readers, this was only viable option that could be taken.

First and foremost, I want to extend an apology for what our sports section will be over the coming weeks. I pride myself on trying to give everyone in Steele County who supports our newspaper a sports section that was locally based with columns that would extend outside the

county landscape and give you the ability to see some different perspectives.

With that said, despite the downsizing, our objective within the department will remain the same. We will continue to provide the best coverage to the four schools in the county. We will be attempting to engage in becoming much more based on the web -- in hopes that while the section in print may be a tad light, the appropriate coverage will still be provided on the web.

Again, I want to extend my deepest apologies for those who enjoy reading our sports section. I can only hope the time of this recent action is short and swift so we can get back to what has been established as the norm here at the Times sports department.

Joshua Zimmer
Sports Editor

Owatonna Huskies Bullpen Club to raise funds at Steele County Fair

(Owatonna) August 9, 2017

— The Owatonna Huskies Bullpen Club will be selling raffle tickets at the Steele County Fair this year. The raffle winner will receive a flat screen TV, donated by United Prairie Bank.

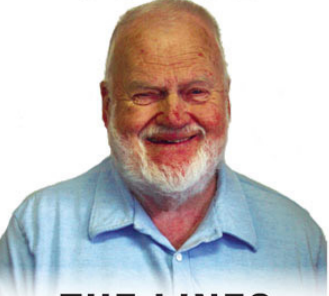
The group will be selling tickets at the United Prairie Fair Square booth on evenings and the over the weekend.

Bullpen Club President, Paul Smith shared, “The funds raised

from this raffle will support updates to several of our concession stands. The revenue we make from these stands helps us continue to keep costs affordable for our baseball families in the program.”

The program currently serves around 300 youth baseball players from the Owatonna community.

OUTSIDE



THE LINES
LeMar Nelson

The weather tried its best to spoil Blooming Prairie's National Night Out observance two weeks ago (the first in several years), but people didn't mind a little disruption by a brief rain. A big thank you to our local police department for sponsoring an all-city celebration, and let's hope it is the beginning of an annual event.

Maybe a few more residents should have taken advantage of the opportunity to mingle and converse with our local officers and with our neighbors, but I thought that it was a good start in bringing back the occasion that many communities have observed for many years. We will see if another year's affair can be even better and bigger. Those who did attend this year had a great time.

History books in

The first printing of the 25-year history of Blooming Prairie leading up to the 150-year anniversary that I compiled is now at the Chamber of Commerce office and can be picked up at any time.

Cost for the book is \$28 and includes, not only a brief summary of each year's events from 1992 to 2017, but also has pages of elementary students' drawings and several testimonials from former students and current residents. It is an interesting publication, if I do say so myself, and it will be a valuable keepsake from an important segment of the 150 years as a town and a community.

I certainly don't profess to

BP's National Night Out a success

be a celebrity, but the 150-year committee is eager to have a book-signing event to commemorate the big anniversary. Thus, such an event took place at the local library last night, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The public was more than welcome to purchase a book at that time and to have it personalized, and I thought the signing went well.

Coming up

Among the upcoming events in the community, the annual car show is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, and to help celebrate the 150 years of Blooming Prairie's existence, this show should be the best one yet. We encourage everyone to mark calendars with that date and make plans to attend. More details will be available in the coming weeks, but this one will have some real show highlights.

The family gathers

As promised, approximately 30 members of my extended family spent last weeked celebrating our fourth annual Nelson reunion, this year at my home. As I have mentioned often, family becomes more and more dear to me, as I grow older and older, and I was happy to be able to provide the location for this reunion.

A cousin and sister from Oregon, a cousin from South Dakota, a cousin from Minnesota, and several nephews and nieces from the cousins' families all attended, and it provided a great opportunity to revisit relatives we only see at each family get-together. I did provide my cousin's wife with a couple of new stories she hadn't heard before, so her

recording of our conversations was not necessary. That probably spoiled a part of her entertainment by the reminiscences of days gone by, as recounted by the cousins.

From the Pizza Cellar pizza party Friday night to the catered dinner Saturday night, and the informal worship service on Sunday morning, the occasion went well and satisfied most of the relatives. A big thank you to the weatherman, who kept us dry and to all of the attendees who enjoyed the time together. I feel totally blessed by the event, and I even impressed my cousin's wife with a couple of new anecdotes from those good old days gone by.

Statewide Sports

Disaster befell the Minnesota Twins on their latest west coast road trip where they dropped six of eight games and literally fell out of contention for a spot in the playoffs. Since their return home, however, they have played winning baseball and have almost climbed back into contention for at least a wild card spot. The team continues to surprise fans, as they seem to fight the

odds and bounce back after everyone thinks their dead. It is still fun to follow the team, as they have certainly improved over a year ago.

The Viking football team concluded their long history of training camp at Mankato, as next year they will train at their new facilities at Eagan. They did enjoy a great deal of success during their 50 plus years at that town and community, and many fans will miss the access to the team from now on. Coach Zimmer kept his record alive by winning the first exhibition game last week. He has lost only one such game as a head coach.

Finally, I must say a word or two of congratulations to the Minnesota Lynx basketball team. They continue to hold the best record in the WNBA, have already clinched a spot in the league playoffs, and made history last week with their overall record.

Fall is approaching, so enjoy the waning days of summer and look forward with anticipation to the beginning of fall sports and another school year.



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WEEK 12 - Aug. 7

1	Strunk, Farr, Koster	75
2	Hinzmann, Wurst, Hueman	71
3	Bartsch, Lewer, Kartes	70
4	Behnken, Peterson, Peterson	68
5	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	63.5
5	Braaten, Pirkil, Ressler	63.5
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8	Pfiefer, Wanous, Hardecopf	59.5
8	Motl, Meyer, Lembke	59.5
10	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	58.5
11	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	57.5
12	Johnson, Kvaltson, Bolver	57
13	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	56.5
13	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	56.5
15	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	55.5
16	R.Skala, J.Skala, Theile	54.5
17	White, Lysne, Johnson	52.5
18	Clark, Blome, Skala	51.5
18	Grunklee, Evans, Possehl	51.5
20	Glynn, Gorman, Malo	47
21	Lea, Hansen, D.Johnson	46
21	Morgon, Olson, Olson	46
23	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	43.5
24	Stangle, Stangle, Flemming	34
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TOP SCORES

A	Braaten, Pirkil, Ressler	31
A	Strunk, Farr, Koster	31
B	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	31
C	Glynn, Gorman, Malo	33
D	D Glynn, C Glynn, Esplan	35
D	Johnson, Kvaltson, Bolver	35



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of Aug.11

Results

Outlaw Mini Mods

Feature: 1. Ryan Hensel-Forest WI; 2. Adam Ackerman-Mason City IA; 3. Anthony Kramer-Owatonna; 4. Bobby Gullickson-Kasson; 5. Nathan Kilwine-Glenville; 6. Matt Narveson-Kasson; 7. Michael Lawson-Owatonna; 8. James Deno-Mantorville; 9. Jon Andree-Austin; [10]; 10. (DNF) Christopher Deno-Kasson.
Heat 1: 1. Ryan Hensel; 2. Adam Ackerman; 3. Matt Narveson; 4. Bobby Gullickson; 5. Nathan Kilwine.
Heat 2: 1. Anthony Kramer; 2. Michael Lawson; 3. Christopher Deno; 4. James Deno; 5. Jon Andree.

Chateau Pure Stocks

Feature: 1. Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center; 2. Troy Maas-Faribault; 3. Jesse Stahl-Austin; 4. Dan Guttormson-Austin; 5. (DNF) Jack Dunbar-Zumbrota; 6. (DNF) Dalton Ludington-Zumbrota; 7. (DNF) Brandon Dunbar-Zumbrota; 8. (DNF) Danielle Maas-Owatonna.
Heat 1: 1. Jesse Stahl; 2. Dan Guttormson; 3. Chris Hotovec; 4. Troy Maas; 5. Dalton Ludington; 6. (DNF) Jack Dunbar; 7. (DNF) Danielle Maas; 8. (DNF) Brandon Dunbar.

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

Feature: 1. Dan Wheeler-Savage; 2. Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA; 3. Garritt Wytaskie-Austin; 4. Jeremy Misgen-New Richland; 5. Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie; 6. Jesse Hernandez-Blooming Prairie; 7. Brad Minske-Northfield; 8. Luke Hainka-Wannamingo; 9. Michael Hofer-Cochran WI; 10. Josh Mattick-Rose Creek; 11. Darryl Hainka-Wannamingo; 12. Noel Hoppe-New Richland; 13. Mitchell Larson-Roberts WI; 14. (DNF) Adam Mietzner-St Charles; 15. (DNF) Dustin Steinbrink-Austin; 16. (DNF) Paul Kroneman-Brownsdale; 17. (DNF) Tianna Mithun-New Richland.
Heat 1: 1. Dan Wheeler; 2. Josh Mattick; 3. Dustin Steinbrink; 4. Brad Minske; 5. Adam Mietzner; 6. Luke Hainka.
Heat 2: 1. Tianna Mithun; 2. Jeremy Misgen; 3. Jesse Hernandez; 4. Brayten Cisneros; 5. Mitchell Larson; 6. Noel Hoppe. Heat 3: 1. Garritt Wytaskie; 2. Darryl Hainka; 3. Michael Hofer; 4. Ryan Goergen; 5. Paul Kroneman.

WISSOTA Street Stock

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

Prudoehl; 6. Brent Holland; 7. (DNF) Zach Elward.
Heat 2: 1. Noah Grinstead; 2. Jason Newkirk; 3. Bernie (Kenneth) Adams; 4. Parker Voth; 5. Cody Hyatt; 6. Jacob Bennett.

USRA B Mod

Feature: 1. Jared Boumeister-Waseca; 2. Jayden Larson-Mankato; 3. Scott Demmer-Ellendale; 4. Jerry Young-Blooming Prairie; 5. Kadden Kath-Owatonna; 6. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak-Blooming Prairie; 7. Matthew Brooks-Austin; 8. Raey Hastings IV-Austin; 9. Caleb Korpi-Claremont; 10. (DNF) Ryan Stebbins-Dundas; 11. (DNF) Jesse Baer-Minnesota Lake; 12. (DNF) Taylor Ovrebo-Clement-Spring Valley; 13. (DNF) Derek Clement; 14. (DNF) Tim Gerber-Austin.
Heat 1: 1. Derek Clement; 2. Jerry Young; 3. Ryan Stebbins; 4. Taylor Ovrebo; 5. Matthew Brooks; (DNS) Tim Gerber; (DQ) Caleb Korpi.
Heat 2: 1. Jared Boumeister; 2. Kadden Kath; 3. Jayden Larson; 4. Scott Demmer; 5. Anthony (AJ) Zvorak; 6. Raey Hastings IV; 7. Jesse Baer.

USRA A Mod

Feature: 1. Jason Cummins-New Richland; 2. Greg Pfeifer Jr.-Austin; 3. Keith Tourville-Webster WI; 4. Jacob Dahle-Morristown; 5. Joe Horgdal-Kasson; 6. Darwin Karau-Kasson; 7. Brett Bumgardner-Hawkeye IA; 8. Greg Jensen-Albert Lea; 9. (DNF) Jacob Stark-Austin; 10. (DNF) David Wytaskie Jr.-Grand Meadow; 11. (DNF) Dwaine Hanson-Lakefield; 12. (DNF) Brian Shaw-Brownsdale; (DNS) Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie.
Heat 1: 1. Greg Pfeifer Jr.; 2. Dwaine Hanson; 3. Greg Jensen; 4. Keith Tourville; 5. Jacob Stark; 6. (DNF) Jacob Dahle.
Heat 2: 1. Jason Cummins; 2. Joe Horgdal; 3. Brian Shaw; 4. David Wytaskie; 5. (DNF) Darwin Karau; (DNS) Doug Hillson; (DNS) Brett Bumgardner.

Hornets

Feature: 1. Blake Dorweiler-Faribault; 2. Daniel Knish-Kilkenny; 3. Pat Wells-Faribault; 4. Marissa Wolff-Waseca; 5. Nick VonRuden-Faribault; 6. Caylie Blowers-Waseca; 7. Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake; 8. Brody Berg-Medford; 9. Bob Knutson-Marion; 10. Bailey Wolff-Janesville; 11. Cody Hyatt-Waseca; 12. Cale Giesler-West Concord; 13. Corbin Giesler-West Concord; 14. Nikolas Aasen-Hayfield; 15. Haley Kiefer-Taopi; 16. Kristofer Aasen-Hayfield; 17. Alan Schmidt-Hayward; 18. Bryce Lisowski-Faribault.
Heat 1: 1. Daniel Knish; 2. Blake Dorweiler; 3. Pat Wells; 4. Bailey Wolff; 5. Nick Sillman; 6. Bob Knutson; 7. Cody Hyatt; 8. Corbin Giesler; 9. Kristofer Aasen.
Heat 2: 1. Bryce Lisowski; 2. Nick VonRuden; 3. Marissa Wolff; 4. Caylie Blowers; 5. Brody Berg; 6. Alan Schmidt; 7. Cale Giesler; 8. Haley Kiefer; 9. (DNF) Nikolas Aasen.

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New access open on Cedar River State Water Trail

CRWD, partners gather at new launch for canoes, kayaks in Austin



Submitted photos

Groups of paddlers launching in early August at the new walk-in access site on the Cedar River State Water Trail in Austin. Photo provided by Cedar River Canoe & Kayak Rental Service.

Austin's most-popular spot to launch a canoe or kayak now has a dedicated access with a rock surface to enable individuals and groups to get paddling more easily and cleanly.

On Thursday, Cedar River Watershed District gathered together its project partners at the new access along the Cedar River State Water Trail located behind the historic Marcusen Park baseball stadium in Austin's Lafayette Park.

Representatives from Austin Area Foundation; City of Austin; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Vision 2020; and Cedar River Canoe & Kayak

Rental Service viewed the new access they worked together on with CRWD over the past year.

CRWD was awarded a \$2,000 grant in late 2016 from the Austin Area Foundation to cover the cost of materials for constructing the new walk-in access under an agreement that the City of Austin's public works department would design the access and deliver materials for a DNR crew to build the launch.

In late July, a DNR crew brought in machinery to build the access over a few days on the north side of the Cedar River, creating a slope with a rock surface and rip-rap rock used

on each side to protect it from washing out.

"This is exciting to have the access completed and already in great use," said Tim Ruzek, CRWD's outreach coordinator and Vision 2020 Waterways co-chair. "Our strong, collaborative effort on the project has helped enhance the Cedar River State Water Trail for local residents and an increasing number of visitors."

CRWD requested the AAF grant to cover the cost of materials for the launch, which now provides an access size that better accommodates groups of paddlers seeking to start paddling at the same time. Its slope with a rocky surface also will allow for safer and less-muddy launches onto the river.

The CRWD-led project originated with the Vision 2020 Waterways Committee that began five years into exploring ways to enhance the Cedar River and other local waterways. Adding access sites was one of the committee's goals.

Under the project, the City of Austin's engineering department designed the access and provided those designs to the DNR to construct in late July.

DNR's support of the access project is connected directly to CRWD's efforts in 2011 with State Sen. Dan Sparks and State Rep. Jeanne Poppe, both of Austin, to gain legislative approval for designating 25 river miles of the Cedar River as Minnesota's 33rd State Water Trail. With that designation, DNR provides for the Cedar River free fold-out maps; a webpage with details and real-time river level data; river access maintenance and improvements; and removal of navigational hazards, such as fallen trees requiring paddlers to portage.

Started in summer 2015, Cedar River Canoe & Rental Service of Austin – owned by Brian and Dorothy Pirmantgen – saw a major increase in canoe and kayak rents in 2016, including out-of-towners. They frequently have used the Lafayette Park/Marcusen Park area for launching paddlers but experienced problems without a dedicated access.

DNR, CRWD and the City of Austin also will work on adding signage at various spots in the community to promote the locations of water-access sites.

New canoe-kayak access on Cedar River

Who: Austin Area Foundation; Cedar River Watershed District; City of Austin, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Austin Vision 2020; and Cedar River Canoe & Kayak Rental Service.

What: Minnesota DNR finished constructing a new canoe-kayak access with a rock surface designed by the City of Austin. Project paid for with a \$2,000 grant Austin Area Foundation awarded CRWD.

Where: Cedar River State Water Trail near Austin's Marcusen Park baseball stadium in Lafayette Park.

When: Completed in late July.

Why: Easier, cleaner entry for river paddling trips, which are becoming increasingly popular on the Cedar River.

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Minnesota Crop Report



Rainfall and below normal temperatures allowed for **4.6 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending August 13, 2017, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Activities for the week included small grains harvesting and spraying of pesticides.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Corn silking was nearly complete at 96 percent. Fifty-four percent of the crop was at the dough stage. Corn crop condition rated 81 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from the previous week. Eighty-four percent of the **soybean** crop was setting pods, one day ahead of the five year average. Soybean condition remained at 74 percent good to excellent.

Twenty-six percent of the **spring wheat** crop was harvested, 9 days behind average. Spring wheat condition rated 87 percent good to excellent, up 2 points from the previous week. The **oat** harvest for grain or seed was 47 percent complete, well behind last year's 72 percent and the normal pace of 67 percent harvested. Oat condition was rated 84 percent good to excellent. Fifty-four percent of the **barley** crop was harvested. Barley condition remained at 87 percent good to excellent.

Eighty-three percent of the **dry beans** were setting pods. Dry edible bean condition rated 74 percent good to excellent, down 1 point from the previous week. **Sunflower** condition rated 91 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 14 percent complete. Potato crop condition was rated 93 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition rating improved to 92 percent good to excellent.

The second cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 96 percent complete. The third cutting was 67 percent complete. All hay condition rating declined to 71 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition rating also declined to 56 percent good to excellent.



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Considerations for using cover crops: keep it simple!

ON THE FARM



Claire LaCanne

Cover crops have gained traction in Minnesota, and now is a good time to plan a winter cover crop or preemptively plan cover that can be interseeded for next season. With early harvested crops, such as sweet corn, corn silage, field pea, and small grains, producers have an opportunity to consider planting a cover crop in the fall to provide benefits over the winter months.

Cover crops have numerous benefits, including improving water infiltration, reducing soil erosion, scavenging and providing nutrients, using excess moisture, extending the grazing season, increasing soil carbon, providing habitat for arthropods, and providing food sources for pollinators.

How should a producer get started with cover crops? Jodi DeJong-Hughes, UMN extension educator, advises that the best approach to cover cropping is to keep it simple. When starting out, using one or two cover crops is an excellent way to become familiar with their benefits. Expensive seed mixes are not necessary. The most popular choices for covers are forage radish and cereal rye, but a farmer should have predetermined goals in mind when selecting a cover. Before choosing a cover crop, consider your goals and the parameters for your cropping system.

Envision your desired crop rotation. What functional plant groups are missing from your current rotation? Perhaps brassicas are missing from your corn/

soybean rotation. Harvest timing is also important. If cover crops are planted after Aug. 15, use cool season crops, which include forage pea, wheat, barley, and more. Think about herbicide carryover and rotation restrictions. Look at herbicide product labels or ask your agronomist or me (your local U of MN extension educator) for exact restrictions.

Be practical about what works for you. Do you want a plant that will overwinter? A cover crop that overwinters will provide the best soil protection and will generally need to be terminated before the cash crop is planted. A combination of cereal rye, which will overwinter, and radish, which will winter kill, will add soil protection via the rye and add carbon to the soil via the decomposing radish. Determine your goals—do you want to fix nitrogen? Encourage biodiversity in your soil? Graze your cattle? Know what you'd like to achieve and then find the best plants to reach those goals.

Decide how to plant your cover. There are several choices: no-till drill, slurry seeding, broadcasting with light incorporation, or flying on via plane, all of which work if soil moisture is adequate. Leaving seeds on a dry soil surface will impair germination. Larger seeded crops should not be broadcast, but smaller seeds typically work better.

Consult with your seed dealer or other sources for selecting the right mix and rates for your specific situation. Visit U of M and NDSU Extension websites, Midwest Cover Crop Council, and NRCS and SWCD publications for more information.

Cover crops can be a powerful tool to help increase soil functioning and integrating plant diversity into a cropping system can prime fields for long-term success.

Claire LaCanne is the agricultural extension educator for Steele and Rice counties. Her column appears on the farm pages regularly.

MDA to host town hall listening sessions on ag issues

In conjunction with Governor Mark Dayton's 25 by '25 water town hall meetings around the state, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be hosting a series of agriculture-focused listening sessions.

"We will give a brief overview of a few MDA programs and initiatives, including the draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule, and low cost loan programs offered by the Rural Finance Authority followed by an open conversation period," said MDA Commissioner Dave Frederickson. "It's important for us to hear from farmers about their current challenges and successes, and I encourage them, along with members of the state's ag organizations, to attend."

The MDA Town Hall Listening Sessions held locally are scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, August 16
Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Location: Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
Centennial Student Union, Heritage Room

Date: Thursday, August 17
Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Location: Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN
Charter Hall 219
Date: Wednesday, September 13



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Crash injures 2 on County 45

A crash on County Road 45 south of Owatonna seriously injured both drivers Aug. 10.

The crash happened at the intersection of County 45 and 98th Street at 8:07 a.m. Travis Fessel, 42, of Waterville was driving a 1997 Kenworth truck while Jade Peterson, 20, of Owatonna drove a 2008 Chevrolet Malibu. Both were transported to Owatonna Hospital and later transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

According to Sgt. Gary Okins

of the Steele County Sheriff's Office, Fessel was west on 98th Street and failed to yield the right away to the on-coming vehicle traveling north on County Road 45.

Okins said it appears both drivers were wearing their seat belts and no drugs or alcohol were detected.

Assisting the sheriff's office at the crash were Ellendale Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance and the State Patrol.

CRIME BRIEF

Man accused in sexual assault of 2 girls

An Owatonna man is facing a pair of felony charges in connection with the sexual assault of two girls.

Justin Huisman, 26, has been charged with first and third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Police responded to the emergency room of Owatonna Hospital where they made contact with a 12-year-old girl who had been sexually assaulted on Aug. 6. During the interview with police, a second girl, age 13, was also identified as being sexually attacked.

According to police, both victims were sexually attacked at the same time. With the aid of social media, the suspected attacker's full name became known as Huisman. Police were also able to confirm the location of where the assaults took place.

On Aug. 7, police executed a



Justin Huisman

search warrant where Huisman lives, but he was not home. On Aug. 8, detectives and deputies from the sheriff's office found Huisman at a residence in Medford and arrested him without further incident.

Huisman refused to give a statement to police.

of Hillsdale St. NW.

Trespassing: Police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 200 block of Rose St. E. at 11:19 a.m.

Aug. 8

Theft: Officer took a theft report in the 1300 block of Elm Ave. N. at 3:43 a.m.

Crash: Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 2300 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 11:13 a.m.

Property Damage: Vandalism was reported at Bridge St. W. and Lemond Road SW at 3:49 p.m.

Arrest: Police arrested a subject in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 10:13 p.m.

Aug. 9

Suspicion: Police responded to suspicious activity at North St. W. and State Ave. NW at 11:37 a.m.

Weapons: At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a weapons-related complaint in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 300 block of Sylvan St. NW at 6:25 p.m. and on Clark Dr. NW at 8:20 p.m.

Drunken Driving: Police arrested a motorist for drunk driving in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 8:38 p.m.

Aug. 10

Thefts: Police took theft reports in the 400 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 10:10 a.m., the 2200 block of 12th St. NW at 6:01 p.m. and the 1200 block of 8th St. SW at 7:53 p.m.

Warrant: At 3:20 p.m., police made a warrant arrest in the 600 block of Cedar Ave. N.

Steele County Sheriff

Aug. 4

Suspicion: Deputies responded to suspicious activity in the 2200 block of 46th St. NW in Owatonna at 12:52 a.m.

Burglary: At 1:15 a.m., deputies began a burglary investigation in the 8400 block of County Road 45 N. in Medford Township.

Warrant: Deputies made a warrant arrest at the Owatonna Fire Hall at 2:46 p.m.

Juvenile: Deputies responded to a juvenile complaint in Merton Township at 10:30 p.m. They issued a citation.

Aug. 6

Warrant: At 10:03 p.m., deputies arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center.

Aug. 7

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 8400 block of County Road 45 N. in Medford Township at 1:37 a.m.

Aug. 8

Warrant: Deputies made a warrant

arrest at the detention center at 9:35 a.m.

Fraud: At 11:19 a.m., deputy took a report of a fraud incident in the 6800 block of Dane Road in Merton Township.

Vandalism: Deputy received a report of property damage in the 4500 block of County Road 45 N. in Clinton Falls Township at 2:59 p.m.

Arrest: Deputy arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 200 block of Central Ave. E. in Medford at 4:38 p.m.

Civil: At 7:04 p.m., deputies assisted with a civil matter in the 5300 block of Crane Creek Road in Meriden Township.

Hit and Run: Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a hit and run accident resulting in injuries in Somerset Township at 9:42 p.m.

DWI: Deputies arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 600 block of 76th St. NW in Deerfield Township at 11:50 p.m.

Aug. 10

Crash: At 12:56 a.m., deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 3400 block of Rose St. in Havana Township. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Accident: Paramedics and deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in Somerset Township at 8:07 a.m.

Warrant: Deputies made a warrant arrest at the detention center at 10:44 p.m.

COURT NEWS

Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of July 31 – Aug. 4:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Nardo G. Alonzo, 40, Austin, revoked license, \$281; Tori A. Deshanne, 20, Centerville, minor consumption, \$181; Alan R. Schwartz, 21, Austin, speeding, \$121.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Chandrasekar Ananthan, 29, Minnetonka, speeding, \$221; Boualaphet Anousone, 35, Wichita, KS, revoked license and no child passenger restraint system, \$331; Cody L. Blaha, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Mark J. Brown, 33, Owatonna, possession of marijuana, stay of adjudication, \$381, 1 day in county jail, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, maintain employment, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, obtain permission to leave the state, 150 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; David L. Carpenter,

64, Moline, IL, speeding, \$131;

Jay A. Donovan, 44, New Richland, window tint violation, \$100; Amanda M. Evans, 29, Hopkins, speeding, \$141; Mohammed A. Farah, 36, Shakopee, stopping within intersection, \$37; Mysteria L. Gravelin, 18, Owatonna, possession of paraphernalia, \$131;

Bradley A. Heimer, 18, Dodge Center, speeding, \$100; Davina L. Herron, 26, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$131; Veronica M. Hertzog, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$131; Ann K. Herzog, 52, La Crosse, WI, speeding, \$121; Mark E. Julsrud, 70, Rochester, speeding, \$121; Lucas A. Krogmeier, 36, Ottumwa, IA, seat belt and no license, \$206;

Raymond J. Kubat, 72, Medford, seat belt, \$106; Erik J. Maplethorpe, 20, Round Lake, IL, speeding, \$131; Samuel W. Maunu, 20, Aberdeen, SD, seat belt, \$106; Raymond J. Monsoor, 64, St. Paul, no license, \$181; Joseph K. Nelson, 36, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Carlos Nieves, 35, Owatonna, seat belt and cancelled license, \$306; Blake D. Oakland, 26, Owatonna, speeding, \$131;

Anthony A. Rost, 39, Little Suamico, WI, speeding, \$131; Deborah A. Vetter, 57, Castlewood, SD, speeding, \$131; Tiffany A. Wadley, 35, Owatonna, no child passenger restraint system, \$181; Michelle L. Williams, 35, Faribault, seat belt, \$106; John M. Zupansic, 41, Owatonna, speeding, \$141.

Owatonna Police Department

Adam J. Balzer, 38, Owatonna, revoked license, expired tabs, no insurance, speeding and invalid license, \$661; Vanessa L. Dicus, 36, Owatonna, theft, \$181 and 1 year of supervised probation; Anthony L. Evans, 20, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181;

Cassandra M. Eveillard, 37, Owatonna, obscene/harassing phone calls, \$381 and 2 days in county jail; Bradley J. Frederick, 47, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Amy J. Garza, 35, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Tiffany M. Greenleaf, 29, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Eric J. Grimes, 26, Owatonna, stop sign, \$131; Damian J. Hortop-Rocha, 20, Owatonna, minor consumption, \$181; Stanley I. Koslosky, 18, Medford, minor consumption, \$181; Wade L. Lang, 44, Sleepy Eye, speeding, \$121;

Timothy J. Merritt, 29, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Eric L. Perkins, 35, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Joshua T. Rainone, 22, Owatonna, possession of marijuana and no license, \$331;

Nicholas M. Schulz, 31, Burnsville, speeding, \$131; Raymond M. Scovill, 34, Owatonna, texting while driving and revoked license, \$331; Juan A. Serrano-Anguiano, 23, Hayfield, stop sign, \$131; Johnathan C. Smith, 31, Minneapolis, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Sahara

M. Sugal, 47, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, \$131;

Lawayn A. Trom, 65, entering road from non-roadway, \$131; Sergio R. Vargas, 33, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Laken R. Weatherley, 19, Owatonna, failure to stop for school bus, \$381.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Abdirizak H. Aden, 30, Faribault, speeding, \$121; Brady R. Agrimson, 16, New Richland, speeding, \$221; David D. Antl, 53, Owatonna, domestic assault, \$581 and 90 days in county jail; Monica M. Cariveau, 39, St. Louis Park, speeding, \$141; Jason J. Groll, 40, Baudette, speeding, \$141; Ashley M. Hottman, 33, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Jessica M. Houff, 35, Austin, speeding, \$121; Jeffrey E. Hunter, 39, Windom, DWI, \$131 and 200 days in county jail; Denise G. Jenkins, 49, Hope, failure to deliver title, \$111; Kirk O. Kiel, 47, Medford, failure to yield to emergency vehicle, \$181; Kaitlyn S. Kopecky-Johnson, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$281; Jeffrey E. Krueger, 60, speeding and possession of paraphernalia and marijuana, \$321;

Jillian D. Larson, 27, Owatonna, permit violation and no insurance, \$331; Drew R. Lexvold, 25, Kenyon, speeding, \$391 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Natalie M. Loes, 25, Mason City, IA, controlled substance crime and DWI, stay of adjudication, \$281, 2 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no possession of firearms, 200 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation; Guadalupe Maldonado, 34, Medford, speeding, \$221;

Anika E. Nowlan, 19, Ellendale, speeding, \$121; Gerardo Ramirez, 23, Bird Island, speeding, \$141; Pray Reh, 21, Austin, window restriction and window tint violation, \$181; Steven R. Slater, 20, Owatonna, speeding and possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, \$331;

Janiffer L. Suchanek, 33, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Codie J. Tesch, 18, Faribault, suspended license and speeding, \$321; Kelly A. Tysdale, 31, Owatonna, littering, \$181; Joshua J. Vogt, 34, Grinnell, IA, speeding, \$121; Kyle J. Wadden, 19, Pleasant Hill, IA, stop sign, \$131; Lavi J. Warrington, 33, Osage, IA, speeding, \$121; Kenya M. Wilson, 25, Rochester, no insurance, \$281.

ARREST

Steele County

Owatonna Police

Ryan Anthony Close, 30, arrested at 3:39 p.m. Aug. 2, felony probation violation, held for court.

Jeffrey Allen Sipes, 57, arrested at 3:17 p.m. Aug. 3, probation violation, held for court.

Jon-Erik Ross Meier, 29, arrested at 12:14 p.m. Aug. 4, probation violation, held for court.

Tyler Lee Lockman, 29, arrested at 10:40 p.m. Aug. 4, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.

Harvey Robert Dubay, 28, arrested at 3:39 p.m. Aug. 5, felony controlled substance crime, held for court.

Kendall Keith Brazier-Collins, 24, arrested at 4:38 p.m. Aug. 5, order for protection violation, held for court.

Levi Jeffrey Westling, 25, arrested at 10:55 p.m. Aug. 5, warrants arrest, held for court.

Miranda Leigh Bixby, 29, arrested at 1:10 a.m. Aug. 6, warrant arrest, held for court.

Mark Roger Erschens, 52, arrested at 8:50 a.m. Aug. 6, felony DWI, held for court.

Michael James Hondl, 48, arrested at 8:50 a.m. Aug. 6, restraining order violation, held for court.

David Lee Perry, 40, arrested at 11:03 p.m. Aug. 6, warrant arrest, \$10,000 bail.

Brandon Anthony Hendrickson, 18, arrested at 1:21 a.m. Aug. 7, felony motor vehicle theft, held for court.

Jason Lee Waldhauser, 19, arrested at 11:25 p.m. Aug. 7, order for protection violation, held for court.

Koryn Lee Bagley, 31, arrested at 6:43 p.m. Aug. 8, theft warrant, \$300 bail.

Trace Michael Stanley, 20, arrested at 11:07 p.m. Aug. 8, felony order for protection violation and controlled substance warrant arrest, held for court.

Jessica Jean Laird, 40, arrested at 4:22 p.m. Aug. 9, warrant arrest, held for court.

Jordan Anthony Kane, 26, arrested at 6:36 p.m. Aug. 9, warrant arrest, held for court.

Sekeriye Mohamed Saleban, 18, arrested at 2:27 p.m. Aug. 9, warrant arrest, \$300 bail.

Vanessa Cardenas, 26, arrested at 10:54 p.m. Aug. 9, warrant arrest, \$300 bail.

Lorenzo Markey Cook, 26, arrested at 1:40 a.m. Aug. 10, warrant arrest, held for court.

Justin Joseph Huisman, 26, arrested at 2:59 a.m. Aug. 10, felony controlled substance crime, held for court.

Tara Marie Saltou-Olson, 20, arrested at 9:39 a.m. Aug. 10, warrant arrest, held for court.

Jeffrey Letray Jones, 29, arrested Aug. 10, apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.

Andrew Niskanen, 41, arrested at 11:25 p.m. Aug. 10, warrant arrest, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

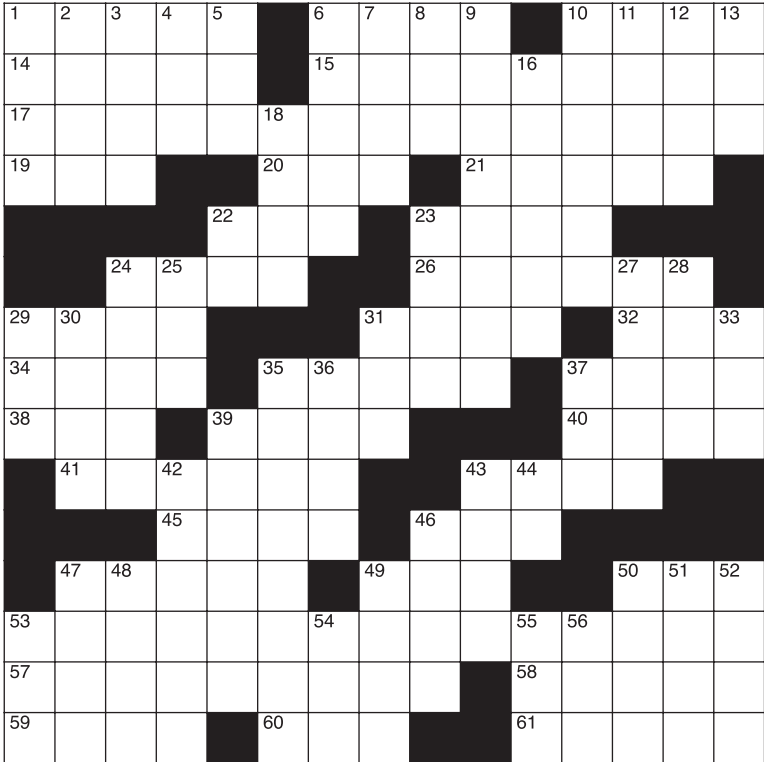
David Ortiz, 39, arrested at 12:15 a.m. Aug. 9, cancelled license, held for court.

Shawn Phillip Kadlec, 33, arrested at 10:52 p.m. Aug. 10, warrant arrest, held for court.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

- Elephant's name
- Support
- Mures River city
- Bastard wing
- One was named Desire
- PGA Tournament prize
- A way to leave unchanged
- Unchangeable computer memory
- Harangues
- 6th Hebrew letter
- Well informed
- Turfs
- In a way, obeyed
- Lawyers group
- Increases motor speed
- Political action committee
- Light pokes
- Struck down
- Central Philippine Island
- Japanese sash
- Afresh
- Bluish green
- Inspire with love
- Without (French)
- Counterbalance container to obtain net weight
- Express pleasure
- Cheap wine (Br.)
- Signing
- ___ compilation, compiling computer language
- Have surgery
- Being trompe-l'oeil



- Extremely mad
- Day
- Small coin (French)
- Snatched

CLUES DOWN

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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
SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY
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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 the 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.

M O R T G A G O R (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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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 - 149 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.

BY: /s/ Mary L. Hahn
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Attorneys for Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc.

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 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.

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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 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. Wetzal, 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.

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Townhouse Association, Inc.

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Foreclosure

17-107234

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 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.

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Dated: July 27, 2017

Wells Fargo Bank,
N.A. 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: 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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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. Wetzal, 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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Steele County Commissioner’s Synopsis for 07/25/17
Complete minutes can be viewed on
the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Krueger/Gnemi to approve the agenda.
- Approve the June 27, 2017 Board of Equalization and July 11, 2017 Board Minutes.
- Approve the Bills.
- Approve Personnel Report.
- Approve the Temporary Event Body Art Establishment Permit for Kat’s Tat’s.
- Accept Public Safety Minutes.
- Accept Public Works Minutes.
- Approve Steele County Highway to purchase a 2 ton F550 crew cab truck with a dump box.
- Approve Rental Agreement between Steele County Extension and Metro Sales.
- Human Resource Director, Julie Johnson introduced Becky Melchert as a Records Specialist in the Sheriff’s Office.
- The Steele Spotlight featured Program Coordinator Cindy Fowler and Volunteer Larry Kunkel from the Detention Center highlighting the Detention Center’s Community Garden Program.
- The Public Hearing for the GIS proposed Fee Schedule was called to order at 5:15 p.m.
- Bill Effertz reviewed and explained the changes to be made.
- The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m.
- Gnemi/Glynn to approve the new GIS fees. Ayes all.
- Glynn/Gnemi to change the Rules of Order to hear public comment towards the beginning of each Board meeting. Ayes all.
- Glynn/Gnemi offered a Resolution to approve the amendment to the Steele County Zoning Map reclassifying 12.88 acres located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 4, Medford Township from Agricultural (A-1) to Industrial (I). Upon the vote being taken, four Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Glynn absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor’s

office.

- Drug Court Coordinator Nicole Grams gave a presentation about the Steele/Waseca Drug Court Program and presented the 2018 Waseca Drug Court Budget.
- Glynn/Gnemi to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Waseca County and Steele County for the Operation of the Steele Waseca Drug Court. Ayes all.
- Glynn/Gnemi offered a Resolution to designate Steele County as a HIPAA Hybrid Entity and designated the Public Health Department, The Steele County Detention Center, the Information and Technology Department and the County Attorney’s Office as Health Care Components for the purpose of compliance with the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules, effective as of the date of final adoption. Upon the vote being taken, four Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Glynn absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor’s office.
- Gnemi/Glynn offered a Resolution to approve the Steele County Highway Department Head to enter into an agreement for subsurface tiling and geotechnical reinforcement for approximately \$125,000 at the new Public Works Building and to request a FEMA completion date extension to September 30, 2018. Upon the vote being taken, four Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Glynn absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor’s office.
- Krueger/Gnemi offered a Resolution to approve increasing its wheelage tax from \$10 per vehicle to \$20 per vehicle effective January 1, 2018. Upon the vote being taken, four Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Glynn absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor’s office.
- Building and Grounds Director, Lynn Holthus gave an update on the Courthouse project.
- Krueger/Gnemi to approve the Chairman to sign the retail sales agreements for the Steele County Courthouse.

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Businessware Solutions	3,418.99
Central Farm Services	3,995.49
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	14,627.00
Culligan Inc	6,043.21
Dirt Merchant Inc	237,500.00
Fransen HR Consulting LLC	10,700.00
Kappy’s Auto Restoration	3,805.00
Kronos Incorporated	2,913.30
Local Government Information Systems	29,477.00
Matrix Communications Inc	3,822.37
MCCC MI33	5,592.33
Metro Sales Inc	2,427.59
MN Dept of Labor & Industry	2,037.98
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Steele County Treasurer	12,271.10
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Tim’s Auto Service Inc	3,816.01
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Ulland Brothers, Inc.	41,296.00
Waste Management of Wi-Mn	54,050.45
Wold Architects and Engineers	13,511.60
Zuercher Technologies LLC	18,967.88
147 Warrants under \$2,000	67,002.23
Total:	\$1,464,040.62

Motion by Commissioner Brady, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:55 p.m. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
07/25/17

RECIPE CORNER

Hamburger Hot Dish

• 1 lb. ground beef

• 1 med. onion, chopped

• 2 stalks celery, chopped

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• Salt & Pepper

By Shirley Johnson

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Respondent(s)

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Sonia Holder Aug. 11, 2017
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STEELE/RICE COUNTY

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The Board will be meeting to discuss estimates for repairs in Section 10, 11, 14 and 15 of Deerfield Township (West Branch) and in Section 11 & 14 of Deerfield Township (East Branch). The Board will also discuss any additional repairs that need to be made and special assessment liens.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2017.

Laura Ihrke
Steele County Auditor

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The Blooming Prairie Branch Library is holding an Eclipse Viewing Party on Monday, August 21 in Central Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The eclipse will begin at

11:45 a.m. with the most coverage by 1:05 p.m. By 2:30 p.m. the eclipse will be over. Since it is unsafe to look directly at the sun, we have glasses with special filters that will be available that day.

We will have eclipse-related crafts for the kids and treats for all who attend. This event is not just for children, so please plan to join us at the park. Sorry, no rain date for this event!

We will not be showing a movie on Monday, August 21 because of the eclipse. Join us for the final movie of the summer on Monday, August 28.



STEELE COUNTY
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Blooming
Prairie Cancer
Group

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

For an eighth consecutive year, Barb Kraling, owner of The Cutting Edge of Blooming Prairie, will be "Cutting for a Cure" for cancer.

Kraling started her involvement in raising money for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group seven years ago under the tent on Main Street. The last three years, the fundraising event has been held under a tent by the Field of Flags on Highway 218.

Kraling and her staff will offer hair cuts for \$5 and will also feature chair massages, food, manicures, face painting and games from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. under the tent.

The annual Run/Walk will also be staged to start by the Cutting for a Cure tent.

"We are trying to think of something new all the time,"

remarked an enthusiastic Barb Kraling. "We all have personal connections to someone who has been battling cancer and this is a way for us to help," she explained.

Kraling is hopeful of getting a "bouncy house" near the Cut for a cure tent. She also is talking about having some classic cars and antique tractors on display to peak interest.

Cheri Krejci, treasurer of the BP Cancer Group, put the bug in Barb's ear about doing the fundraiser.

To make the event successful, it is important to involve lots of people, Barb says. Her husband John and son Jonathan are helpers, as is Barb's sister, Mary Olson.

Barb's daughter Samantha Laures will do manicures, Ari Olson will do face painting and Haley Behne, Emily Allison and Barb will be cutting hair.

Jessica Gwilt will help with

the games.

Rachel Stenzel will do the chair massages. Jon and Barb Stenzel usually help with setting up the tents. Other helpers include George and Laura Gwilt and Cindy

Lindquist.

Kraling said she is grateful to local merchants who have been helping with food: Vandal's, Geneva Meats, The Bakery and Hy-Vee of Owatonna.



Staff photo by
Howard Lestrud

Cutting for a Cure will again be a theme adopted by Barb Kraling of The Cutting Edge during the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Benefit Saturday, Sept. 9. Here, Barb does a haircut under the tent.

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