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Fair screams and moos past 300K



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

The opening of the Steele County Free Fair included Berlyn Staska performing on his bugle during the flag raising ceremony. The ceremony also featured color guards from around the county, as well as patriotic songs from the Knights of Columbus chorus. The fair ended Sunday night after more than 300,000 people attended during the six-day extravaganza.

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

After a couple gloomy and rainy days in the middle of fair week, Mother Nature showered fair officials with a gorgeous weekend to help boost attendance over the 300,000 mark.

Fair officials estimated this year's attendance at 300,717, a 7 percent increase over 2016. The fair set a record attendance of 339,000 in 2014.

"It's not a bad year when you can top 300,000," said Todd Hale, the fair's publicity manager. "The two beautiful weekend days helped make up for the loss of attendance from the rainy days," he added.

Saturday was one of the "biggest days we've ever had," said Jim Gleason, manager of the fair. "Saturday really jumps out. It was a huge day."

The fair is unable to provide attendance figures for specific days.

One of the gauges used to determine attendance is ATM transactions. The fair set a record of 2,624 ATM transactions, along with a record of \$168,000 in cash disbursements.

Mega ride sales were down about 10 percent from the previous year. The fair sold 4,812 mega rides compared to 5,477 in 2016.

The fair now looks ahead to next year, which will mark a century of being on the current fairgrounds. Next year's fair will be Aug. 14 – 19, and the theme will be "A Century Scene in 2018."



Trom Eayrs named Best Lawyer in America

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

The prestigious law career of a former Blooming Prairie woman has earned her the honor of being named one of the "Best Lawyers in America."

Sonja Trom Eayrs, an attorney with the Minneapolis-based law firm Lindquist & Vennum, picked up the coveted legal honor last week. "Best Lawyers in America" is a peer-review source for legal referrals with its annual compilation of leading lawyers from across the nation. It was founded in 1983 and is published in 70 countries and all 50 states.

The Best Lawyers database highlights

LAWYER

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Area cyclers raise money to aid MS

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A Steele County couple is hitting the back roads of Minnesota and Wisconsin to raise money to aid in the cure for a crippling disease.

Carl and Denise Wieman of Owatonna took part in the 32nd Annual Multiple Sclerosis River Road Run this past weekend. The run was a motorcycle tour that ventured from the south metro and went into western Wisconsin before ending up in Hastings.

"We ride for one reason—to help those with MS," Carl Wieman said as he checked over his 1986 Honda Gold Wing prior to taking off Saturday morning from Leo's South in Lakeville. "We ride to try and find a cure for MS. We ride because we can and for those that can not."

The Wiemans have been coordinating the run, which attracts as many as 50 riders for the two-day motorcycle tour. They have raised more than \$65,000 over the past 16 years.

The money raised from the fundraiser is used for research to find a cure for MS. The Wiemans have a personal stake in the ride as Denise's niece, Lori Serbus, had MS for about 23 years before passing away in 2004 from complications caused by the disease.

"We want to help others like Lori that have this devastating disease," Carl Wieman said. "For us, hoping that they don't have to go through what Lori did," he said as he became choked up with tears.

RIVER RUN

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Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Denise and Carl Wieman of Owatonna are ready to hit the roads on their Honda Gold Wing Saturday morning in Lakeville. They organized the MS River Road Run to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis. Since they started the fundraiser 16 years ago, the Wiemans have raised \$65,000 for MS research.

People are still getting sick

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It's vital to provide quality health care to the citizens of the Blooming Prairie area, says Mayor H. Peterson.

"People are still getting sick and we have to take care of them," Mayor Peterson says.

Peterson is the pivot man between the City of Blooming Prairie and Mayo Health Systems of Owatonna.

Mayo Health Systems is struggling with finding a solution to its staffing and financing challenges.

Prior to last week, the Blooming Prairie Clinic, staffed by Mayo Health Systems, was open twice a week with Nurse Practitioner Gretchen Zinsli providing services on Tuesday and Nurse Practitioner Meg Bryngelson-Lambert offering clinic hours on Friday.

Mayo Health Systems has 13 satellite offices and all are reportedly losing money. To help remedy some of the issues, Mayo has chosen consolidation and closure. It will reduce visibility in Blooming Prairie with only Friday hours being observed. The pharmacy will continue to be open five days a week.

HEALTH

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Street projects wrapping up in Blooming Prairie

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

"Things are really popping in Blooming Prairie," says a pleased city administrator Mike Jones when talking about current Blooming Prairie street projects.

Two years ago, the city

teamed with Steele County in reconstructing Main Street.

Currently, the city is watching several projects, the main one being a reclaim and repave project on Second Street West.

Construction crews are also working on the west end

of Main Street, Memorial Drive west to County Road 46.

The Second Street project includes tearing out blacktop and incorporating it into a mix. Bad curbs and storm sewers have also been replaced. The Second Street project extends from the

high school to Highway 218.

The city recently sub-contracted a job to Bishop Excavating of Blooming Prairie to replace a 16-foot manhole on Main Street West.

The Second Street project contract is held by Ulland Brothers at an amount of

\$435,111.

Substantial completion of the Second Street project was expected by Aug. 25 with final completion listed at Sept. 1. "We are right on schedule," Jones said.

STREETS

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Opinion

Our view

Relax, reflect and rejoice

We were able to bridge all generation gaps this past week. Even the ones from before our own births. There was something for everyone. It was a time when parents went camping with their children. And they even brought the pets. We sat out under the dusky sky, eating ice cream and listening to a band playing old favorites while old lovers danced on the makeshift plywood dance floor.

It was the county fair. Something that our parents and grandparents and great grandparents experienced for generations. It was a time to teach our children how to come away from the harshness of the world, if only for just a moment.

There were men dressed like cows and cows wearing men's hats and scarves. There was music from an era we didn't live in and melodies from a time when our parents were our age. There was something for the teens and young adults and even some music that brought us back to our grass roots.

It was nothing but spectacular to eat every type of cuisine known to man and not worry about counting calories for a week. Perhaps that's why the food is tastier at the fair. It is not seasoned with guilt. There was ice cream made in an instant with liquid nitrogen, there was chicken on a stick and corn on a cob. Fresh... corn on the cob. With real butter.

The doughnuts were sweeter, the sky was bluer, the storms were "romantic" and through it all, the bands played on. There were magicians juggling cheese and milk. And balancing plates upon their heads. There were men flying over the midway, shot out of a cannon, the sound of roosters in the morning and cows lowing to be milked at night.

The sounds of a hometown. Weeklong romances were kindled and the embers of the camper's fires burned brightly in the camping area. There were screams from the midway and the sound of a heavy bass meshed with the machinery of the generators. Roller coaster cars clacked on the tracks and little children looked nervously for their parents as they came riding around the circle in the fiberglass elephants. They cried when they got on, learned how to face their fears and then cried when they had to leave.

It's all too much to list in an editorial, and each one who came away from the Steele County Free Fair this year had their own special memories posted on social medias of every variety.

Not one performer phoned it in, no fair worker took his job lightly and each one with a destiny to bring together the end of summer 2017 left nothing behind on that field of valor and offered, with their service and talents, a portion of their heart.

And what greater thing can we learn from a county fair than the coming together of a community who needs to remember to "forget about life for a while" and to rediscover the real essence of our existence, not through the eyes of a television journalist, but with the fresh eyes of a child as magic happens all around them.

We applaud the fair board and the workers who so tirelessly gave of themselves all year long to prepare for the biggest county fair in the State of Minnesota. And we gratefully thank the performers who gave us a break from the overwhelming issues that our country and our world are experiencing.

It only took the stars in the eyes of a child and the wonderment of babies sleeping on a parent's shoulder, in perfect peace, in the midst of the sounds of the show to realize that we're all going to be OK. Things will work out. And when the stress builds up in the coming year, we will have warm memories in the dead of winter and the anticipation that the fair will return.

People and politicians and protests and pomp and circumstance will come and go, but the fair, like a faithful friend will always return.

Letter to the editor

Holy Trinity Parish, Litomysl thanks you

The Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 30th was another wonderful success. The generosity of the many local businesses who contributed allowed us to provide entertainment and games for everyone's enjoyment. Special thanks to the Steele County Times for all the good publicity.

The Festival is more than just a fundraiser for Holy Trinity Par-

ish and its youth programming. It has become an opportunity for the surrounding communities to come together for a day of fellowship and fun. It takes the help of all the parishioners to put such an event together. Special thanks to ALL who contributed in any way and to all who came and participated. We hope to see you again for the 2018 Festival on the last Sunday in July, July 29th.

May God bless you all. The Litomysl Summer Festival Committee.

Rose Ann Kubicek



HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

The Steele County Fair wouldn't be the fair without a little Polka music and yes, one man in particular along with his concertina.

Throughout the six-day fair that wrapped up Sunday night, Luverne Wanous of Owatonna logged in yet another fair. For the 81-year-old musician, he has been performing at the fair for 69 years. Do the quick math and you'll quickly figure out he started there when he was 12.

His first paid job wasn't actually at the fair, but for the Farmers Union at the Steele Center Town Hall. He made 75 cents. He started with a push-button accordion.

Ever since he started playing, it has always been by ear. "I can't play by note," he confesses.

He's only missed one fair—in 2014—after a botched attempt at retiring. In 2015, he came back to fill in for another musician, Hans Hohrmann, who missed because of heart surgery. Now both men are back as strong as ever.

For years, Wanous performed on his musicmobile, a traveling music trailer pulled around the fairgrounds by a tractor. These

A man and his concertina

days Wanous finds comfort sitting in the entrances of the Four Seasons Building as fairgoers come and go through the commercial exhibits.

Wanous still gets a twinkle in his eye and a big smile across his face as he plays yet another old-time tune. Beer Barrel Polka and Blue Skirt Waltz are two of his favorites.

"I get complete satisfaction when I can make a crowd dance and make them smile," said Wanous, who successfully retired from farming several years ago. A few knee and back problems have been creeping into his body, but not enough to quell him from playing the concertina.

Besides the fair, Wanous plays around the area at senior dances, birthday parties, nursing homes and even some funeral services. "No more ballrooms," he says with a little disgust. "That's the change of times."

Just last month, Wanous played "Apple, Peaches and Pumpkin Pie" following the sermon at a funeral service. Some of those in attendance actually got up and danced around the casket.

This year he's on pace to perform at more than 100 events.

While performing at the fair last week, someone came up to him to let him know he had performed at his wedding 51 years ago.

"I'm just happy to be a part of it all," Wanous said.

The musician swells with pride inside when he sees how people react to his music. A while back he saw a 95-year-old woman hunched over and nearly lifeless at a Dodge Center nursing home. "I played a song and it registered in her head as she stood up in her chair," Wanous said. "It gets me how you can bring someone to life with one song."

The woman's family told Wanous she hadn't responded to any music for eight years prior to him playing. She died five days later.

"The music they like, you can't take it out of them," Wanous said.

He has seen other people at nursing homes show signs of life with his music. "Some are in bad shape," Wanous said. "I see them tap their fingers, sing with their lips and tap their toes. That's what makes the heart pound for me."

Asked how long he plans to keep playing, Wanous didn't miss a beat and said, "As long as I can make other people happy and keep myself happy."

He's most happy with music. "It puts life in me and puts a tune in my body," Wanous said. "I also like to keep life in other people," he added.

As long as Wanous continues rolling out the barrel, he'll be in hot pursuit of having a barrel of fun and entertaining folks with his old-time music.

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Luverne Wanous of Owatonna has dazzled fairgoers at the Steele County Fair with his old-time music in the concertina for 69 years. This year was no different for the veteran musician as he performed in the Four Seasons Building.[www](http://www.steelcountyfair.com)

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Obituaries

Yvonne Elaine McDaniel, 67 of Blooming Prairie

Yvonne Elaine McDaniel, age 67 of Blooming Prairie, formerly of Easton, Pennsylvania, died Sunday morning, Aug. 20, 2017, at her home in Blooming Prairie. Memorial services are pending with the Worlein-Blooming Prairie Funeral Home in Blooming Prairie. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Leslie R. Shawback Sr., 79 of Blooming Prairie

Leslie R. Shawback, Sr. age 79 of Blooming Prairie, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, at his home surrounded by his family. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 23, at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie with pastor Heidi Heimgartner officiating. The Shawback Family will greet friends Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 5:00 to 8 p.m. at Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home, and will continue Wednesday morning for one hour before services at church. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Guest column

2017 Summer Reading Program wrapping up



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

The final Book Fair of the 2017 Summer Reading Pro-

gram will be held on Thursday, August 24 from 1-6 p.m. at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library. If your child has read at least 20 minutes per day for at least 10 days during August, they can choose a free book from a wide selection. We are adding a special attraction to this last Book Fair: Greg the Great with mystify us with his magic at 2:30 p.m. It's always fun and exciting to watch Police Chief Skilletad entertain us with his magic and comedy! I have seen a miniature cannon that will be used in a new trick. This event is open to all ages and is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy programs. As summer winds down, we will continue storytimes on Tuesday mornings at 10:30

a.m. The final movie will be on Monday, August 28. At 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 31 we will have our final chess tournament of the summer, along with a pizza party for the teens who have taken part in our summer challenge. It's been a great summer at the library. Thank you to all who have taken part!

Milestones

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1 tsp. baking powder

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat egg in large mixing bowl. Add sugar and mix well. Carefully stir in sour cream. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add to creamed mixture, stirring just until moistened. Add orange peel, nuts, and cranberries. Turn into 1 buttered 5x9" pan. Bake 45-50 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on wire rack. Yield: 1 large loaf.

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Crackers
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Waldorf Salad
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- Aug.23**
Baked Chicken
Baked Dumpling
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- Aug.24**
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- Aug.29**
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Alt: Liver & Onions
Baked Potato
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Pears in Caramel Sauce

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

Cancer auction items rolling in

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Supporters of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group always come through, remarked Treasurer Cheri Krejci, as she checked on auction items for the Sept. 8-9 Cancer Benefit in Blooming Prairie. "I was a little worried a few weeks ago when checking on our donated auction items," Krejci confessed. "Now, I'm fine," she added, indicating that many items have "rolled in" during last few weeks. If you're a hunter, you may wish to bid on a Browning BPS 12 gauge shotgun. Win the bid, and take the gun with you on a pheasant hunt for four in the Blooming Prairie area. Add to your baseball collection by bidding on an Official American League ball autographed by former Minnesota Twins Golf Glover Torii Hunter.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Cheri Krejci, treasurer of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, displays a couple of "hot" items featured in this year's Cancer Benefit Auction on Sept. 9. One item is an autographed Twins baseball by Torii Hunter and a Ford NASCAR racing helmet signed by four drivers including the autograph of this year's Daytona 500 race, Kurt Busch.

Corner for more enticing items. The Friday and Saturday night auctions start at 7 p.m. under the Big Tent next to The Cue Company and Pizza Cellar. Area auctioneers will volunteer their time to work for the cause. Saturday's events start with a cut for a Cure under the tent near the Field of Flags on Highway 218. A 5K walk/run starts at 10 a.m. with registration starting at 9 a.m. at the tent by the Field of Flags. Family bingo, featuring 15 games, will be played from 4:30-6:30 on Saturday, Sept. 9. Lindsey Kreci will be the caller. The Stix of Fury drum corps will perform outside the Big Tent at 6:30 p.m. Raffle tickets promoting three large cash prizes are now on sale from any Cancer Group member, in memory of Steve Prihoda, a local farmer who lost his battle with cancer. First prize is \$1,000; second prize \$300 and third prize \$200. Consider buying a ticket from Cheri Krejci. She has sold the first prize winning ticket five years consecutively. One of the most costly items for the cancer auction benefit is the Big Tent. Last year, sponsors paid the freight. If interested in being a sponsor at \$250, contact Cheri Krejci at 507-438-6895.

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Women in Business

Picturing a bright future

By **MARISSA LARSON**
Staff Intern

At a very young age, Cat Manchack began doing something that would later become a large part of her career.

When she was only 7 years old, she received an old instamatic camera from her mother. She spent lots of time capturing photos, and her parents continued to buy her bulbs and film.

By the time she was 14,

people had begun paying her to photograph different things such as prom and family portraits.

She attended Ridgewater College in Willmar, MN, where she enlisted in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO). While most PSEO students focus on completing general courses, Manchack promptly declared a major in photography.

At age 18, she shot her first wedding.

It's been over 20 years since the start of her business. A couple years ago, she began shooting for the Roller Derby; her derby name is Trigger Happy Kitty.

She moved to Owatonna in 2014, and recently



Cat Manchack, self-portrait

rebranded her company name to Catherine of the Sea Photography.

The best part about her job is meeting new people and learning their stories.

She also enjoys the time

she spends with kids during photoshoots.

People tend open up to her after realizing how easy she is to talk to. She wants to be remembered as someone who is caring, loving, and even a bit quirky.

Something that makes photography meaningful to her is having the chance to capture people as they are. She wants her photos to preserve people and events so that they will be remembered.

Weddings are a favorite of hers, as she enjoys spending the day with and getting to know the wedding party. When viewing her photos, clients often say things like, "I didn't even see that happen!" Manchack focuses on capturing all of the bits and pieces, as she understands weddings are crazy and it's easy for people to miss the little things.

Manchack has done photoshoots for

practically everything under the sun.

She is experienced at maternity, newborn, senior, family, wedding, product, and business photos.

Even national media such as the Bed and Breakfast America magazine has used her pictures.

She is truly passionate about photography, and it means a lot for her to see photos of family and friends displayed in people's homes.

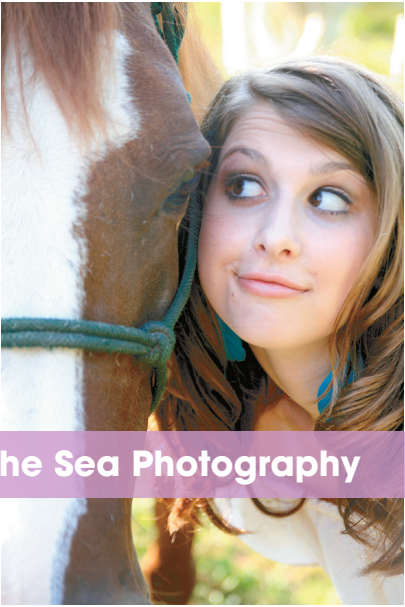
She is proud of everything she has done, and looks forward to developing more friendships through future photoshoots.



Submitted photo by Cat Manchack

One of Manchack's specialties is newborn photos. They're a way for parents to mark and remember the first months of parenthood.

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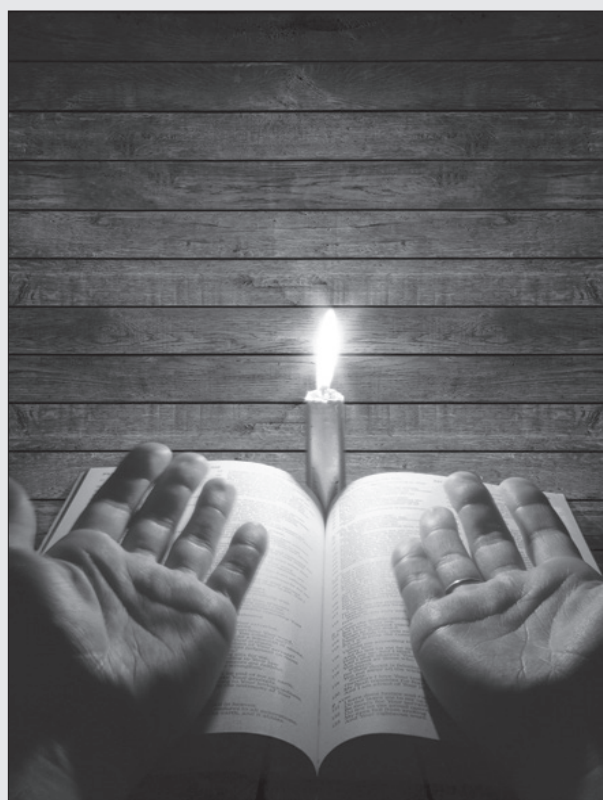
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Pastor's corner: What is communion?

Some people, including young children preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, may be confused by what it is all about. Children may mistakenly think that receiving Holy Communion is a singular event. But First Holy Communion is only the beginning of a potential lifelong commitment to Jesus Christ.

What is Holy Communion?

Christians believe that Holy Communion is the receiving of Jesus Christ through the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is comprised of bread and wine, although some denominations believe that it is not necessary to receive the Lord's body and blood in each, instead feeling that

Christ is present fully in either the bread or wine.

Catholics believe that through the process of transubstantiation the bread and wine before the priest becomes the body and blood of Christ. According to catechism and the liturgy, as soon as the Institution Narrative begins, the Lord is present in the elements of bread and wine.

The institution of Holy Eucharist occurred during the Last Supper. As stated in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Jesus instructed His followers to use bread and wine to remember the sacrifice He was going to make when He died on the cross for people's sins.

A continuous act

While much fanfare is understandably afforded to First Holy Communion, Christians receive the Eucharist every day at church services all over the world. Receiving communion is not a singular act. People recognized that every time they gathered around a table to eat and drink, it provided an opportunity to recognize and thank Jesus.

Adults can reinforce this concept to children by explaining that receiving Communion each week at Mass is just as special as receiving it that first time in spring.

Celebration not an obligation

Although the Church advises all Christians to receive communion when free from mortal sin

and with the right intentions, Holy Communion should not seem like an obligation. Rather, individuals can view it as a celebration and an opportunity to reconnect with Jesus each time they receive the host. Make the process more exciting for children by explaining that Holy Communion is a party and a happy endeavor. According to the religious resource CatholicCity, the only time people are obligated to receive Holy Communion is during Easter and when in danger of death.

Holy Communion is an opportunity to enter into an intimate union with Jesus Christ, who Christians believe provides holiness and grace to all who are willing to receive Him.

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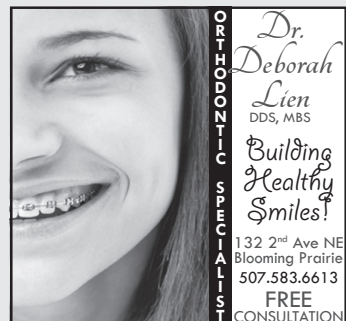
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Mayo is committed to Blooming Prairie until 2020
HEALTH: from page 1A

On each day the clinic is open, Mayo provides a Nurse Practitioner, another nurse and a receptionist.

Mayor Peterson sat down with The Times recently and discussed the challenges at hand concerning health care in the Blooming Prairie community.

Changes are imminent, Peterson says, on how medicine is delivered in rural America. With a skeleton staff in many locations, Mayo is losing money for each patient it sees, Peterson said.

Peterson says Mayo has been providing health care in a professional and convenient manner and is committed to BP until 2020. “Owatonna feels a strong obligation to take care of our people and they are seeking ways to do it,”Peterson theorized.

In addition to being open one day a week in BP, Mayo Health Systems is looking at other novel ways to provide health care.

The use of a kiosk with a patient going to an Internet connection to talk to a patient is a possibility. Mayo

is also looking at the issue of transportation and at transporting people who are not as mobile. Other patients may be fully capable of getting in a car and driving to Austin or Owatonna to see a health care provider.

Mayor Peterson has been involved in discussions with Mayo Health System leaders Dr. Brian Bunkers and Mark Brown.

Peterson supports working together with Mayo and other communities to seek a solution to rural health care. He says Medicaid and Medicare issues also enter into the discussion.

“It is a huge challenge but not insurmountable,” Peterson believes. “People are still getting sick whether they have money or not,” he added.

In addition to having good health care, Blooming Prairie has a great education system, great city services and people “have fun here,” said Peterson. While some small towns in Minnesota are disappearing, Blooming Prairie remains vibrant, Peterson said.

Peterson said the overall health picture involving

Mayo’s decision to consolidate the Albert Lea hospital with Austin’s hospital has become concerning. This decision has affected Blooming Prairie because of staffing issues, Peterson explained.

Delivery of health care has changed in that patients no longer pick which provider they see. Patients will often see a Physician’s Assistant or Nurse Practitioner before a physician.

Peterson said health care is indeed a national issue. “I think the State of Minnesota could get it right if given a chance,” Peterson said. Minnesota proved its mettle with Minnesota Care, he said.

Financing and staffing are both critical issues that need to be solved, Peterson said. “How long would B to Z Hardware be in business if they only got paid for half of their charges?” Peterson asked rhetorically.

To have good quality life, one must have good health care, Peterson emphasized.

Mayor Peterson encourages BP residents to fight for local health care. “It’s our obligation,” he says.

Collapsed manhole replaced

STREETS: from page 1A

Steele County is also milling and overlaying the remaining part of Center Ave. from Main St. south to 3rd St. The county

is also doing County Road 41 south of Vandal’s. The work includes re-construction of the railroad crossing.

City crews also recently replaced a collapsed manhole on Highway 218 and Minimizer Way SE.

Trom Eayrs brings “small town touch”

LAWYER: from page 1A

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“It is one of those coveted legal awards,” Trom Eayrs said. “For any of us when you work hard, it’s nice to be recognized for your work. This was unexpected and has been a thrill for me,” she added.

Trom Eayrs grew up on a farm in Dodge County and graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1977. She graduated from Carleton College in Northfield and obtained her law degree from Marquette University Law School in 1989.

In her practice, Trom Eayrs specializes in family law and to serving individuals whose cases involve significant holdings, business valuation, property settlement, support issues, custody and prenuptial agreements. She has advised on numerous dissolution proceedings with asset values ranging from \$1 million to more than \$200 million.

She has been granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial

Lawyers, a distinction shared by only a few attorneys in Minnesota. She is also a trained mediator.

Trom Eayrs said she has found a true passion for practicing family law over her nearly 30 years in the profession. “I love my clients and I love the challenge as every case is different,” she said. “It’s truly rewarding work because you are taking someone through an extremely challenging time in their life.”

Divorce, she said, forces people to stop and think about what’s important to them. “It’s a time of reflection for people as they stop to assess their personal lives,” Trom Eayrs said.

Hope is something Trom Eayrs attempts to provide clients in her dealings with them. “For anyone who has been through a divorce, it’s an extremely painful process that cuts to the core. There are a lot of dark days for anyone in that situation,” she explained. “It’s important to give them hope and to ensure them that they are going to be ok.”

Throughout the years, Trom Eayrs has tried to bring a

“small town human approach” to her practice. “I’m grateful that I grew up on a farm and in a small town,” she said. “You learn a lot of basic values that are so important and ones that we are losing. We are all bound together by care, compassion and community.”

She added, “I have dealt with extremely wealthy clients and the lesson I learn every day is that money does not make you happy.”

Trom Eayrs said she knew since she was 13 years old that she wanted to practice law. “You get to use your head and your heart, particularly in the family law field,” she said.

She has gained notoriety around the Dodge County area over the past four years by challenging hog feedlots near her parents’ farm in Westfield Township. Trom Eayrs also founded Dodge County Concerned Citizens, a group fighting big agriculture by tackling water and air quality issues.

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Franklin battling with MS

RIVER RUN: from page 1A

“We’re hoping that some day we will find a cure for it.”

The run even attracts some riders like Keith Franklin of Clearwater, Minn. He has the potentially debilitating disease, though he is able to maneuver without too much trouble at this time. He was diagnosed with MS in 2000. “Mine is considered secondary. It’s a slower one,” Franklin, 63, said, noting he gets an infusion for the disease every 28 days.

So far MS has affected Franklin’s coordination and

balance. The biggest hurdle he has faced is problems with one of his legs.

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can be lifelong.

The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatments are giving hope to those affected.

The National MS Society, Upper Midwest Chapter, serves about 17,000 people with MS. It is a non-profit, voluntary health organization dedicated to advancing the cure, prevention and treatment of MS.

Tax-deductible donations can still be given to the MS River Road Fun, Carl Wieman, 524 Glendale St., Owatonna. Folks can also access the campaign online at www.msmotorcycleride.com.



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4-Her uses terrifying ordeal to drive home safety

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A simple act performed by a teenager while driving may have caused her to survive a terrifying rollover and share her impactful story with fairgoers at the Steele County Fair last week.

Lexie Ignaszewski delivered a powerful safety lesson by bringing her severely damaged vehicle with the windshield smashed and roof caved in to the fair as part of her 4-H safety project. She earned a champion award and will now go on to the Minnesota State Fair later this week.

As she looked at the vehicle on display at the fair, Ignaszewski said, “It’s kind of shocking to look at it and see what happened.”

She has been a member of the Lemond Snappy Boosters for 10 years, but has never had a project like this year’s smashed up vehicle.

Just two months earlier, the Steele County 4-H member survived a rollover crash on Highway 30 west of New Richland. On June 22 at about 8:45 a.m., Ignaszewski was heading to volleyball practice at NRHEG when she apparently fell asleep behind the wheel. Her vehicle went airborne for 90 feet, rolled

end over end and barreled multiple times before coming to rest on the roof in the ditch.

She recalls turning onto Highway 30 from a side road, but doesn’t remember anything more. “Once I was in the ditch I remember thinking this is not going to be good,” Ignaszewski said, adding she shut her eyes and remembering hearing crunching sounds all around.

Her extensive experience of Go-Kart racing for 10 years and race car driving may have contributed to her ability to walk away with only cuts and scratches. While she was airborne, she let go of the steering wheel and crossed her arms in an effort to relax her body. She also received a concussion.

Ignaszewski is convinced she walked away nearly unscathed from the crash because she was buckled up with her seat belt. “I want to inform kids and tell them to buckle up because I believe that’s what saved my life,” she said.

Driver’s education classes often focus on drivers who have died in crashes so Ignaszewski is glad to offer a different twist on what can happen behind the wheel. “This one is about someone who survived,” she said, adding that wearing your seat



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Lexie Ignaszewski kneels next to the car that inspired her 4-H project. For her presentation on vehicle safety, Ignaszewski will be attending the Minnesota State Fair to share her message with others.

belt actually does help save lives.

Safety experts say using a safety restraint reduces the risk of death or serious injury by 40 to 60 percent. Seat belt compliance in Minnesota is currently at 90 percent, though lower in many rural areas.

Motorists are encouraged to insist everyone in a vehicle is belted. And Ignaszewski is adamant about seat belt use, especially after her brush

with death. “My friend’s dad doesn’t buckle up,” she said, “But I make him do it now.”

Because her family feared something else may have led to the crash, Ignaszewski did not drive afterwards as she underwent several weeks of medical testing, including EKG, EEG and Echo heart test. All the tests came back negative and she was given the clearance to begin driving again two weeks

ago.

The rollover survivor hopes her project will drive home a valuable lesson for all. “Buckle up. I did. That’s my slogan,” Ignaszewski said. “I think about how lucky I am to be here.”

She’s lucky to be sharing a survival story for hundreds of people not only at the county fair, but also the state fair. Ignaszewski realizes she is living proof that buckling up works.

Arkema partners with local schools

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

“Thank you Arkema!”

That sincere greeting was conveyed to Arkema plant manager David Price by Blooming Prairie Elementary School third grade teacher Angie Avery.

Avery was one of four teachers participating in the annual Arkema Science Teachers Program workshop at the Arkema plant located on the north side of Blooming Prairie. Arkema is a global chemical company.

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Arkema’s Science Teachers Program has been offered by many Arkema sites including the Blooming Prairie plant since 1996. The program has benefited hundred of teachers and thousands of students across the United States, says plant manager Price.

The Arkema program brings life into the classroom. It recognizes providing a strong science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education program.

Each participating teacher in the program selected a science kit that contains teaching aids and tools related to a specific topic. Each kit includes materials and instructions for classroom science demonstrations that engage students and bring concepts to life.

At its Blooming Prairie location on Aug. 7-9, Arkema hosted four teachers: Angie Avery and Chelsea Van Roekel, third grade teachers of Blooming Prairie and Shelly Sipple, fourth grade teacher and Carol Thompson, fifth grade teacher from Alden-Conger.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Blooming Prairie Elementary School teacher Chelsea Van Roekel explains the inner workings of makerspace, a science kit chosen by Van Roekel and her teaching partner Angie Avery during a three-day science program at Arkema in Blooming Prairie.

The teachers partnered with Arkema scientists and engineers to learn innovative ways to teach basic science concepts. Representing Arkema were David Price, Laura Reinke, Ricky Soto and Kyle Snow.

Across the country, 17 Arkema sites hosted nearly 70 teachers, giving priority to applicants from lower income school districts that need the most support.

During the three-day long science camp in Blooming Prairie, Arkema scientists and teachers explored grade-specific, classroom-tested, professionally published hands-on science kits.

Price explained that teachers were able to explore and test the science kits after finding out what was in the content of the kit. All participating teachers were taken on a tour of the plant and

were involved in a question and answer session.

On Tuesday of the program, teachers from Alden-Conger and from Blooming Prairie, showcased their science kits.

Alden-Conger selected Energy as its kit. The kit enables students

to study power sources, explained fourth grade teacher Shelly Sipple. Shelly used a flip chart to explain five investigative forms of energy.

Teachers and Arkema scientists teamed up to analyze lighting a light bulb and thus learning more about the meaning of energy. Participants were challenged to predict their outcomes and asked to light the bulb. The challenge was met by each team.

“Teacher, we have some independent thought going on,” offered plant manager Price as he observed the interaction of team members during the study of energy.

Blooming Prairie chose Makerspace as an instructional tool to create, explore, engineer, invest and reflect.

Materials are provided to allow students to make creations in a safe space in the classroom, said Van Roekel. Examples of materials include: paper cups, plastic spoons, Ziplock baggies, construction paper, popsicle sticks, straws,, tape, glue, tin foil, tissue paper, index carts,

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Let’s take the measles for example. From 2001-2013 28% of children younger than 5 years old who had measles were hospitalized and some left the hospital with lifelong brain damage and deafness. In the late 80’s early 90’s we in the United States had a total of 123 deaths from the measles over a three-year period. Our last measles death was just in 2003. Measles is endemic in many countries around the globe including parts of Europe. In Europe, just this year 35 people died of the measles. Ninety percent of unvaccinated people exposed to measles will contract the virus. Thanks to a safe and effective vaccine, the number of cases of measles in the United States dropped from a stunning 319,124 in 1950 to 187 cases in 2013. However, we are just an airplane ride away. This is not a risk most would want to take.

Let’s look at Pertussis or Whooping Cough. Pertussis causes severe cough and apnea (a pause in breathing). Many infants and children who get Pertussis also get pneumonia which is an infection in the lungs. Since 2010, 20 babies have died in the United States due to Pertussis. Prior to the vaccine, in 1950, the United States had 120,718 cases and 1,118 deaths due to Pertussis. In 2010, the number of cases was 27,550 and only 26 deaths thanks to a vaccine. This is still a very high number of cases and deaths. Do you want to take a gamble with life?

What people may not know about this vaccine is that the effectiveness does wane after a couple of years. It’s very important to get the vaccine

ARKEMA

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VACCINE

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Arkema plant manager David Price and scientist Laura Reinke attempt to light a bulb during an energy assignment at Arkema’s STEM science camp Aug. 7-9.

HometownLiving Community Calendar

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August 22nd:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
4pm - 5pm OPU Utilities Commission, Utilities Plant Office

August 24th:
2pm - 3pm OPL Independent & World Films
2pm - 2:30pm
The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

August 25th:
7pm - 8pm Movie Night, New Beginnings Church, Owatonna

August 28th:
2pm - 2:30pm
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August 29th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!

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August 22nd:
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

August 24th:
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August 30th:
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Event Spotlight:

AAUW Owatonna to kick off upcoming year

The American Association of University Women invite guests to attend its fall kick off meeting on Monday, Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Gainey Room at Owatonna Public Library.

The program for the evening will feature AAUW scholarship recipient Margaret Sager, who recently attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders(NCCWSL) in Washington, D.C. and Elizabeth Roesner and Amelia Shives, who received our Campership Awards.

Michael Jensen from the Owatonna Little Theatre will update members on the happenings, goals, vision and future ventures of the theatre.



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Event Spotlight:

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Programs for this season are:

- Sept. 7: "Dueling pianos," a Las Vegas style variety show starring Jonny Bird and Marcus Cruz. The show, with unavoidable audience participation, includes music, games, and full-costumed tributes to entertainers including Neil Diamond, Stevie Wonder and the Blues Brothers.
- Oct. 5: "Orphan in Korea." Jennifer Sanneman will share the story of her life as she journeyed from Korea to the United States as an orphan. The audience will hear about the hardships she endured and the gratitude she has for the servicemen who helped her reach her new life.
- Nov. 2: "Toast to the Classics" by Brad Boice. Mr. Boice is from Chatfield and he will play tribute to artists such as Dean Martin, Barry Manilow, Neil Sedanka and Elvis. He has entertained in Las Vegas, Branson, Memphis, Cozumel and Puerto Rico in addition to being a featured entertainer on several cruise lines.
- Dec. 7: Holiday show with the GraceNotes Trio. The trio harmonizes old favorites from decades gone by, performing in a Andrews Sisters-Big Band style. They will be featuring Christmas music in a program billed as "making a joyful noise."
- January: No meeting
- Feb. 1: "Canoeing the Mississippi," presented by Deb Knutson, a native of Owatonna. She has spent many summers canoeing the Mississippi with friends and will share stories and photos of these journeys from the headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico.
- March 1: "Putting it all together," presented by Julianna Skluzacek of Owatonna. Mrs. Skluzacek is the founding artistic director of the Merlin Players in Faribault, a post she still holds, and has acted in and directed productions in community theatres throughout the region. She will provide a behind the scenes look at the many aspects of bringing a production to the stage.
- April 5: "Maintaining Buoyancy" by Claudia Schmidt, a singer of all styles of music. She grew up singing and started her professional career in Chicago. She has been a frequent guest on Prairie Home Companion and has recorded 16 albums.
- May 3: "Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA" by Miriam (Duchess) Harris, a professor and chair of the American Studies department at Macalester College in St. Paul. Her grandmother was in the group of the first 11 women recruited to work at NASA, as shown in the Oscar nominated movie, "Hidden Figures." This is the spring luncheon and concluding program of the season.

WCO's annual charity event is being planned for Nov. 18 at the Eagles Club. The theme is "Dance the Night Away," with the Ray Sands Orchestra, who will play music from the 40's, 50's and 60's in a concert, followed by dancing, appetizers and desert.



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Irritated Son

Dear Irritated,
Millions of older Americans get bombarded with unwanted junk mail these days, including "mail fraud" schemes that you and your dad need to be particularly careful of. Here's are some tips that may help.

Mail Fraud Alert
While junk mail comes in many different forms – credit card applications, sweepstakes entries, magazine offers, coupon mailers, donation requests, political fliers, catalogs and more – the most troublesome type is mail fraud, which comes from con artists who are only trying to take your money.
Mail fraud can be tricky to detect because there are many different types of schemes out there that may seem legitimate. Some of the most common mail scams targeting seniors today are phony sweepstakes, foreign lotteries, free prize or vacation scams, fake checks (see FakeChecks.org), donation

requests from charities or government agencies that don't exist, get-rich chain letters, work-at-home schemes, inheritance and investment scams, and many more.
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Unfortunately, once a person gets on these mail fraud lists, also known as "suckers lists," it's very difficult to get off. That's because these criminals regularly trade and sell mailing lists of people who they believe to be susceptible to fraud, and they won't remove a name when you request it.
Knowing this, a good first step to help protect your dad is to alert him to the different kinds of mail fraud and what to watch for. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service can help you with this. They offer a list of the different mail fraud schemes at PostalInspectors.uspis.gov.
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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

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY _____
Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION
FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Ronald G Dagit and Shirley A Pichner as trustees of the Pichner/Dagit Family Trust Dated 10-17-2005.
MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A..
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 7, 2010 Steele County Recorder, Document No. A000375225.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Bank of America, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bank of America, N.A.
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 315 Academy Street, Owatonna, MN 55060
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 17-010-3217
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Four (4) rods of Sub-Lot Ten (10) in the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 on Section 10, Township 107, Range 20 West
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$48,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$45,812.20
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on March 15, 2018 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

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M O R T G A G O R (S)
RELEASED FROM
FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON
MORTGAGE:None
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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

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION
FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

7/25, 8/1, 8/8
8/15, 8/22, 8/29

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.

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Foreclosure

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NOTICE OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Skyview Townhouse Association Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (hereafter "Declaration"), dated April 26, 1988, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Steele County, Minnesota, on the 16th day of June, 1988, in Book 34 of Titles, page 259, which said Declaration covers the following described property situated in the County of Steele and State of Minnesota, to-wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION - Lot 7, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS - 177 22nd Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060
PID # - 17-411.0107
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 18156

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by, Laxman Sundae, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Nine and No/100's Dollars (\$15,309.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and; **WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in

such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., **NOW, THEREFORE**, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017

SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

HVISTENDAHL, MOERSCH,
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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 24, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota.
STREET ADDRESS - 158 21st Street NW, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota 55060

PID # - 17-411.0124
Torrens Property - Certificate of Title Number 14643
WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Charlene M. Wetzel, unit owner(s) to Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., the principle amount of **Eight Thousand Six Hundred One and No/100's Dollars (\$8,601.00)** for condominium assessments, interest and past due attorney fees through July 1, 2017; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt of any part thereof, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, and the statute in such case made and provided, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Skyview Townhouse Association, Inc., **NOW, THEREFORE**, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Steele County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's Office, 204 East Pearl Street, Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, on **September 13, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said condominium assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on **March 13, 2018**. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: July 6, 2017

SKYVIEW TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Family Education Rights & Privacy Act

Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act announces that directory-type information on public school students in the district will be disseminated from time to time without further authorization from parents of such students.

Directory-type information under this policy is defined as:

- 1) The student's name
- 2) The names of the student's parents
- 3) The student's address
- 4) The student's date of birth
- 5) The student's class designation (i.e. 1st grade, 10th grade, etc.)
- 6) The student's extracurricular participation
- 7) The student's achievement awards or honors
- 8) The student's weight and height if a member of athletic team
- 9) The student's photograph or videotape of the student
- 10) The school or school district the student attended before he or she enrolled in Independent School District #756

Any parent wishing to withhold such information from distribution must make the request to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within ten days of this publication.

8/22, 8/29

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.

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

Dated: July 27, 2017

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Mortgagee

SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP

BY Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee

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8/1, 8/8, 8/15
8/22, 8/29, 9/5

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: July 17, 2008 MORTGAGOR: Brooke E. Murray, a single person. MORTGAGEE: 1 s t 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

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/ Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 135 - 17-005036 FC

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8/8,8/15,8/22
8/29,9/5,9/12

Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 4, 1999 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$54,650.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Charlene M. Wetzel, an unmarried woman MORTGAGEE: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 5, 1999 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 14643 as Document Number 43363 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank FA, successor to North American Mortgage Company by assignment recorded on May 14, 2003 as Document Number T52889 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on October 29, 2015 as Document Number 73165 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 24, Block 1, Skyview Townhouses, Owatonna, Minnesota.

REGISTERED PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 158 21ST ST NW, OWATONNA, MN 55060 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$36,388.31

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: North American Mortgage Company, a Delaware company

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-411-0124

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:100054100001688556 THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: September 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East,

Owatonna, Minnesota. to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 26, 2018.

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

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

Dated: August 3, 2017

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Corbin C. Smith, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (17-0853-FC01)

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Foreclosure

17-107230

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 7, 2010 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$69,900.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Marcia K. Prestegard, single woman MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 1002489-0000001611-4 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. DBA Mortgage Depot

SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 3, 2010, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000369179

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bank of America, N.A.; Thereafter assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC; thereafter assigned to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 3 in Block 2 in Pointview Addition to the City of Owatonna, Minnesota PROPERTY ADDRESS: 314 Southview St, Owatonna, MN 55060 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-134-0203

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$64,149.81

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: October 12, 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 April 12, 2018, or the next business day if April 12, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1447

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

In Re: Estate of Doris E. Waltz, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 2, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, February 27, 2017 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Dana Waltz, whose address is 75696 315th Street, Ellendale, MN, 56026; Darcy Waltz, whose address is 28712 County Road 45, Clarks Grove, MN, 56016; and Dalys Waltz, 30499 County Road 45, Ellendale MN 56026 as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to

administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

BY THE COURT

Karen R. Duncan Judge of District Court 8/16/2017

Sonia Holder

8/16/2017 Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner David L. Einhaus Einhaus, Mattison, Carver & Haberman, P.A. 202 N. Cedar Avenue Owatonna, MN, 55060 Attorney License No: 26190 Telephone: (507) 451-3580 FAX: (507) 451-3532 Email: einhaus@owatonnalawyers.com

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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEELE

DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1376

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

In Re: Estate of V. HENRY PETERSON Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Court Room B, Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street , Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent dated April 17, 1978, and for the appointment of Merrill Dean Bunn, whose address is 903 Calverly Court, Ellendale, MN 56026 and David Bunn whose address is 31357 Hwy 13, Portland, MN 56042 as co-personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a statement to close the estate and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court.

Notice is further given that, ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Clerk of the Court within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Joseph Bueltel Judge of District Court 8/8/2017

Frank Henefeld Attorney at Law Henefeld & Iacovino 415 E. Main St. Blooming Prairie, MN 55917 507-583-6663 Attorney Registration Number 44039

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- August 28: Strength Circuit Training at Tennis and Fitness Center
- August 29: Youth Volleyball Coaches meeting
- August 29: Youth Volleyball Clinic 7-8pm OHS Gym
- August 29: Youth Hockey Registration 5-8pm Four Seasons Center
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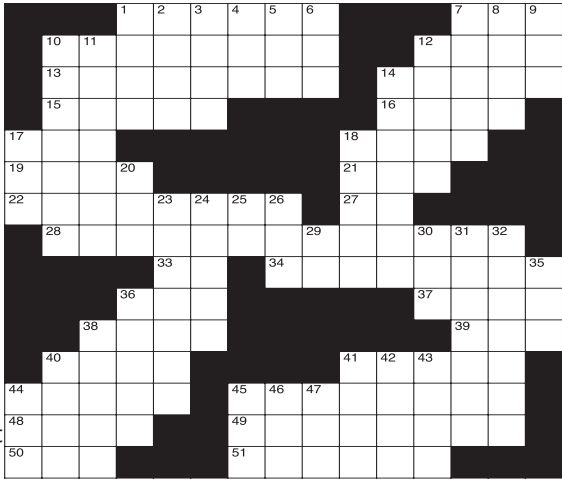
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- 19. Go out to eat
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- 22. Where some are put
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- 33. Integrated circuit
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"You can put whatever you want into makerspace," said Van Roekel.

Participants were challenged to design a survival good for a Minnesota winter. Van Roekel and Avery designed an invention they called a "skivel," using popsicle sticks, skis and a shovel.

Price and Reinke made a camping tent for the winter and a survival tool resembling a Swiss Army knife.

Chelsea said these projects allow students to create and re-create. She said it was up to the teacher to decide how often to provide this learning experience. "We are learning and growing and makerspace opens up so many opportunities of what the students can create," Chelsea added.

"We learn from one another," injected Thompson into the overall discussion at the science camp.

Chris Staloch, Blooming Prairie Elementary School principal, was present for the team presentations and said he was very impressed by the partnership between schools and Arkema. "This science venture helps teachers and students explore problem solving and team work," Staloch pointed out.

"Arkema makes it easier to get over the hurdles we see in teaching," said Van Roekel.

The final day of the science camp was devoted to evaluating and exploring the science kits and finding ideas to improve in teaching science. Participants enjoyed lunch at the Old Mill Restaurant in Austin following the completion of the camp.

"We enjoyed spending time with the teachers and helping them develop new tools and techniques for their students," Price said.

"We hope that more children will become excited about science and technology fields based on the experiences the kits and teachers provide them," Price added.

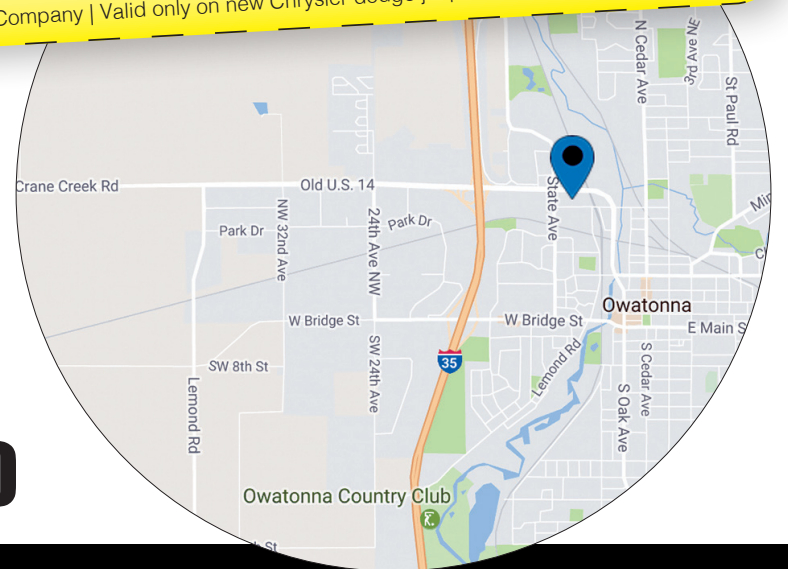
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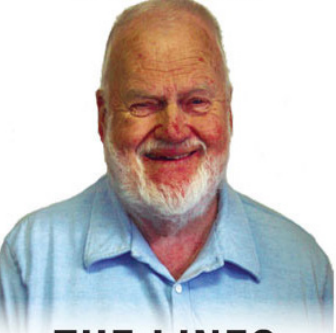
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OUTSIDE



THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

Fall pratice begins

It hardly seems possible, but fall practices in volleyball, football, and cross country began last week. The first week concentrates primarily on conditioning and is erroneously labeled captains' practice (some squads don't name captains until the actual season begins), but that doesn't mean that a lot of sweat and muscle aches rise after just a few sessions of practice.

In this day and age of sports, most athletes have been already attempting to get or stay in some form of conditioning, and I know for a fact that several of the cross country candidates have been piling up the miles in preparation for the coming season. Last week coaches have entered the picture, and practices now became a lot more serious. Offensive and defensive schemes were introduced, and specific plays installed into the system.

This week the preparation for next week's contests ramp up even more, as the coaches try to polish the schemes they are putting in place. Competition among the individual squad members is a little more intense, and practice routine becomes even more serious. This is a time when determination and hard work infuses every athlete, and everyone tries to do his/her best in prepping for the onset of the new season.

It is now just two weeks until the fall sports tab is published in the Sept. 5 issue of the Steele County Times, and we will have preview articles for all fall sports, despite the fact that the economy has forced the paper to cut back a little on coverage. We still will strive to stay abreast of all the news and action provided by area teams. Look for the tab on the 5th.

All three fall sports will begin the competition in earnest next

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Extreme talents



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

BMX pro Dustin Grice hits a move off the mini ramp during the ATV Big Air Tour show Wednesday, Aug.16 at the Steele County Free Fair. Grice was one of three BMX riders who are part of a seven-man team.

ATV Big Air Tour brings extreme sports to Steele County Free Fair

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Owatonna – It was an event that was nearly seven years in the making.

And it if wasn't for a brief break in Mother Nature, it might have never happened.

Despite a strong presence of precipitation earlier in the

day Wednesday morning, the grounds crew for the Steele County Free Fair was able to resurface the track just enough so the high-flying ATV Big Air Tour could put on a much-anticipated show.

"The fair board here is spectacular," commented MC Bart Engelstad AKA Bartman. "They cleared everything off, they had

their dozers here. It was absolutely incredible how much they got done in a short amount of time."

Bartman noted that with the track needing to be touched up due to the accumulation of rain, the show had to be bumped back from its 2 p.m. start to 2:10 p.m. which also led to having to cut the practice session. Bartman

noted that there was a fear that they might have had to make an adjustment to the lineup of the show.

"We've had shows where we actually had to cut the BMX guys out or the motorcycle out," he added.

However, with the fair's crew being able to harden up much of the surface, all phases of the

show were able to go on without a hitch.

From the beginning, the flow of the show proved that fans were in for a treat.

Unlike traditional extreme sports events, the ATV Big Air Tour provided an in-depth

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Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

NRHEG linebacker Cole Staloch sheds a block during the Panthers' Friday morning practice at NRHEG High School. Staloch is one of 10 returning letterwinners for the Panthers.

NRHEG football team eagerly awaits season-opening matchup

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

New Richland – Last season, the NRHEG football team suffered a 21-12 loss to Kenyon-Wanamingo in the Section 2AA semifinals, ending a season that featured the school's first ever Section 2AA berth.

A week into their fall camp preparations for the season-opener at Pipestone, the message is clear.

"Any team you lose to, you always want to beat next year," commented senior Cole Staloch. "But, the big focus right now is Pipestone week one, gonna get a

week one win."

Staloch is one of 10 returning letter winners for Head coach Dan Stork. A two-way starter, Staloch was the team's leading receiver in 2016 with 290 yards and five touchdowns and was third on the team in tackles, earning an Honorable Mention All-District nod. In fact, trios of All-District performers return from a 2016 squad that posted the program's best finish in five years (7-3) and lost just three starters on both sides of the ball. Senior running back Perry Peterson, who virtually commanded every game he played in, also returns with an All-District nod.

Watching from afar, it was easy to see the confidence that floods the minds of the Panthers while operating on their fourth day of fall camp. Slushing through the midst that was falling Friday morning, the energy level was that of a playoff practice in late October, and leading the charge was none other than Staloch.

"Last year we had great leaders," added the senior two-way star. "I felt like this year was my turn to step up and be a leader as a senior; bring the intensity to

NRHEG

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Panthers travel to Pipestone Sept. 1 for season-opener

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fan interaction with the show. Rather than just sitting there and watching the nearly 300-pound machines soar effortlessly in the sky, Bartman broke it down for the fans. After announcing each rider as they hit the ramp, the MC would then break it down by announcing which trick the riders were going to attempt.

“The guys are only hitting one jump, so you got to keep the crowd involved; you got to keep them entertained,” he added. “This is one of the best crowds we’ve had.”

From a knack-knack to “the kiss of death,” the crew hit the ramps and soared into the

cloudy sky that covered much of Steele County. The show itself was really tailored off of “runs,” similar to what you would see at the X Games. The BMX riders would go through a run, attempting “bar spins” or “tail whips” on the mini ramp that was placed on the grandstand side of the mega ramp that was used for the moto-x events. In fact, there were even competitions. The BMX riders went through a Superman competition with the fans judging who had the best, while the ATV and motorcycle riders would attempt high-flying acts while soaring nearly 75 feet. Despite having to stop several

times to adjust the ramps due to strong winds, the event was flawless as riders nailed every attempt. Bartman noted that it’s something the crew takes pride in.

“We’re always trying to be the crew that doesn’t crash,” he noted. “We’re always trying to be the most professional out there and with the majority of us being from Minnesota, we always wanted to perform at the biggest Minnesota County Fair.”

Due to heavy rains that swept the area, the night cap show which was slated for 7:30 p.m. was cancelled.



Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Top: Sean Nielson does a trick after flying off the mega ramp at 25 mph Wednesday, Aug.16 during the ATV Big Air Tour’s hour-long show at the SCFF grandstand. Left: Jon Guether does a “knack-knack” on an ATV during the ATV Big Air Tour’s event Wednesday, Aug.16.



Panthers travel to Pipestone Sept. 1 for season-opener

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the field.”

For nearly two hours, Stork and his staff orchestrated a practice that seemingly had the feel of competition. While there were a few periods of technique for both the varsity and the junior varsity, the practice was filled with numerous sessions of 7-on-7 drills and

full squad situations.

“We’re really happy with our practice,” commented Stork. “Last year, there were a lot of sophomores, so they’re really making some progress. The kids that we were kind of questioning how ready they would be, came in ready.”

Some of the sophomores

from last season that Stork will be looking for an even bigger jump in production from as juniors include 2016 All-District performer Alex Buckmeier. Amainstay in the trenches for the Panthers, the junior lineman has been a starter along the offensive and defensive line the past two seasons. As a

defensive end in 2016, Buckmeier was the team’s leading tackler, racking up 67 tackles and four sacks.

In fact, of the five offensive line positions, the Panthers return three starters. Fellow juniors Quinten Arndt and Jack Hogstad return to help replicate production from a unit

that helped guide Peterson to over 1,000 yards in 2016.

Stork noted that much of the offseason showed solid numbers for their speed and agility sessions, weight lifting and the 7-on-7 drills.

“I’m really pleased with how kids are moving and how strong they are,” Stork added.

“They put up good numbers, so hopefully that transfers over to Friday night.”

The Panthers will travel to Pipestone Sept. 1 for the season opener.

Fall sports season just a week away for BP teams

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week, with the volleyball team entertaining Janesville-Waldorf –Pemberton Tuesday, Aug. 29, the cross country team traveling to Stewartville Thursday, Aug. 31, and the football team meeting Southland at Adams Friday, Sept. 1. Let the action begin.

Fleeting fame

Although it wasn’t my idea in the first place, I enjoyed my fifteen (or in this case) ninety minutes of fame a week ago when I signed our publication covering the last twenty-five years leading up to the memorable observance and celebration of the town’s long 150 years of existence. I am positive no records were set, but a number of books went out the door, and I was personally gratified by the response to the occasion. Thanks to those who graced me with their presence.

The big eclipse

By the time readers see this, we will know if the weather cooperated enough for people to witness the solar eclipse. The phenomena certainly elicited a lot of interest all around the country, with countless numbers heading south to Nebraska or St. Louis area to witness the event in person. My daughters even took a couple of day’s vacation the to be a part of the activity.

I hope, for their sakes, that the weather cooperated and provided cloudless skies for viewing. I admit that the predictions didn’t look too promising, but maybe people lucked out, and they were able to be a part of it. That would be good.

Around town

There is no lack of action around town and the immedi-

ate area in the coming weeks. Besides the fall sports teams all springing into competition, several other events are on tap. Wednesday the public is invited to meet and greet the BP teams at an open house in the gym and on the football field. Saturday, Aug. 26, the BP firemen have their annual Brat and Sweet Corn feed at the downtown fire hall. That is a good time to come out and meet the brave individuals who donate their services to keep our community safe.

And something brand new in

the community this year will be a Saturday night golf outing at the local country club the evening of the 26th. Check in for this event begins at 7 p.m., with tee-off at dark. Snacks will be available, along with tournament contests while it is still light. Once it is dark, a scramble-best shot will take place. A maximum of 30 players will be allowed for an entry of \$30. Raffle tickets will also be available, with all proceeds going to the BPHS varsity and junior golf.

Sunday, Aug. 27, Westfield Lu-

theran Church will be celebrating its 100th birthday from 1 to 6 p.m. The church will have cake, coffee and ice cream, with games for kids. A worship service will be conducted at 2 p.m.

The big Cancer group community auction is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, with many valuable items to be up for sale. Other attractions will be available, and the field of flags at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 218 will be on display. That is a spectacle not to be missed.

Finally, the last meeting of the board of directors for the Blooming Prairie Boys & Girls Club

Sept. 5 the club will officially be the Blooming Prairie Youth Club, with no affiliation to any other organization. Board directors are confident that the new club will be self-sustaining and continue to provide excellent programming and activities to all members, now numbering approximately 100 young children.

Add to the calendar the car show on Saturday, Sept. 16, and one can verify that something is always going on in our community. Look for the fall sports tab, enjoy these last days of summer, and we’ll talk again

GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS

WEEK 13 - Aug.14

1	Strunk, Farr, Koster	83
2	Bartsch, Lewer, Kartes	76.5
3	Hinzmann, Wurst, Hueman	75
4	Behnken, Peterson, Peterson	70.5
5	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	69.5
6	D Glynn, C Glynn, Esplan	66
7	Pfiefer, Wanous, Hardecopf	65
8	Braaten, PirkI, Ressler	64.5
8	MotI, Meyer, Lembke	64.5
10	Johnson, Kvaltson, Bolver	63.5
10	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	63.5
12	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	62
12	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	62
14	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	61
15	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	60
16	R.Skala, J.Skala, Theile	59
17	Gruncklee, Evans, Possehl	57
18	White, Lysne, Johnson	54
18	Clark, Blome, Skala	54
20	Glynn, Gorman, Malo	53
21	Lea, Hansen, D.Johnson	51.5
22	Morgan, Olson, Olson	47
23	Haberman, Henefield, Nahlovsky	45.5
24	Stangle, Stangle, Flemming	39.5
25	Klemmensen, J. Klemmensen, R. Anderson	36

TOP SCORES

A	Strunk, Farr, Koster	32
B	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	34
B	MotI, Meyer, Lembke	34
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C	Carlson, Scheifer Jones, Kittleson	35
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C	R.Skala, J.Skala, Theile	35
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MEET THE BLOSSOMS

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Wednesday, Aug. 23

6 p.m.

- Mini Camps (Grades 3-6) conducted by players
- Volleyball in the gym
- Football at the varsity field

7 p.m.

- Introduction of all varsity players at the football field

Sponsored by: BP Quarterback Club/Football team, Volleyball team, Cross Country team and BP Athletic Club

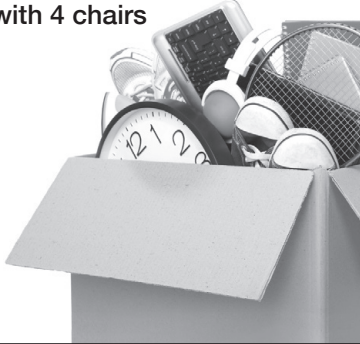


Moving Sale

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Friday, Aug. 25- Noon to 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- 10 guns and gun cabinet
- Oak kitchen table with wheeled cushion chairs
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- 5-drawer filing cabinet
- TV with stand
- Misc. garage items
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These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of Aug.18

No results due to being rained out

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CRIME BRIEF

Funny money lands man in jail

A man in possession of some suspected funny money found out things might not be so funny once he ended up in jail.

Owatonna Police arrested Anthony Montgomery Jr., 21, for uttering and possessing counterfeit currency, which is a felony. He was also charged with providing a false name to police.

Officers responded to River Springs Water Park for a juvenile passing a counterfeit \$50 bill. The boy told police he received the bill from a man sitting in a van in the parking lot.

The man initially gave a false name as officers could not locate



Anthony Montgomery Jr.

the name provided in a computerized data base, according to police. Realizing the charade was up, the man finally indicated his name was Montgomery. Police found he was wanted out of Indiana for robbery.

Four bars in Freeborn County fail alcohol checks

Four rural liquor establishments in Freeborn County have failed alcohol compliance checks, Sheriff Kurt Freitag reported.

Georges of Geneva in Geneva, Pour House in Clarks Grove, Julio's in Hayward and Bend in the Road in Manchester are accused of failing to check identifications or checked the IDs, but continued with the transactions anyways. The sting was conducted under the guidance of sheriff's deputies Aug. 11 and

12.

Freitag said the sheriff's office utilized decoys between 18-20 years old for the alcohol checks. "The checks were directly monitored by the sheriff's office," he said.

The sheriff's office checked 17 establishments for alcohol compliance.

Clerks who sell alcohol to persons under 21 are summoned into court for a gross misdemeanor charge.

POLICE BLOTTER Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police Aug. 13

Animal: At 12:15 a.m., officers responded to a dangerous dog in the 100 block of 1st St. SW.

Aug. 14

Assist: Police assisted another agency with an incident in the 100 block of Highway Ave. S. at 7:15 p.m.

Aug. 17

Crash: At 2:12 p.m., a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred in the city.

Owatonna Police Aug. 11

Restraining Order: At 8:42 a.m., police arrested a subject for violating a restraining order in the 100 block of Front St. W.

Thefts: Officers took fraud reports in the 200 block of 11th St. SW at 6:22 a.m., the 400 block of Barney St. W. at 9:12 a.m., the 100 block of Allan Ave. SW at 10:13 a.m. and the 300 block of McKinley St. W. at 1:09 p.m.

Fraud: Police responded to a fraud incident in the 3000 block of St. Paul Rd. at 6:51 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Aug. 12

Assault: At 2:12 p.m., police responded to an assault in the 100 block of McKinley St. W.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 6:45 p.m.

Aug. 13

Driving Complaint: Police responded to a driving complaint in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 10:47 a.m. They made an arrest.

Child Protection: At 3:20 p.m., police received a child protection report from the 200 block of Fremont St. E.

Theft: Officer issued a theft citation in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 3:39 p.m.

Disturbance: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S. at 8:04 p.m. They took a subject into custody.

Aug. 14

Warrants: Police made warrant arrests in the 500 block of Florence Ave. NW at 12:22 p.m. and in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 1:02 p.m.

Suspicion: Officers responded to suspicious activity in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 1:03 p.m.

Crash: At 2:08 p.m., paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Elm Ave. S.

Intoxication: Police responded to an intoxicated subject in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 4:20 p.m.

Burglary: Officers began a burglary investigation in the 700 block of 11th St. SE at 8:01 p.m.

Aug. 15

Arrests: Police assisted another agency with arresting subjects in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 9:01 a.m. and in the 300 block of 2nd St. SE at 1:05 p.m.

Shoplifting: Officer issued a shoplifting citation in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 12:29 p.m.

Traffic: Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Grove Ave. S. and Main St. E. at 12:56 p.m.

Child Protection: At 3:55 p.m., police received a child protection report from the 1200 block of Oak Ave. S.

Criminal Sexual Conduct: Officers began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 6:46 p.m.

Intoxication: Officers responded to an intoxicated subject at Oak Ave. S. and McKinley St. W. at 8:40 p.m.

Aug. 16

Thefts: Thefts occurred in the 1900 block of Hartle Ave. SE at 3:24 a.m. and the 2100 block of Park Dr. NW at 8:31 a.m.

Aug. 17

Arrest: Police arrested a subject for another agency in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 8:52 a.m.

Theft: Officer received a theft report from the 2100 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 11:50 a.m.

DWI: Police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of 11th St. SE at 1:42 p.m.

Warrant: At 2:53 p.m., officer made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Rose St. E.

Mental Health: Officers responded to a mental health incident in the 2200 block of 13th St. NW.

Drugs: Police arrested a subject for drug activity in the 100 block of Elm Ave. N. at 7:26 p.m.

Shoplifting: A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 11:23 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff Aug. 11

Warrant: Deputies made warrant arrests at the detention center at 8:23 a.m. and 5:14 p.m. and in the 100 block of Main St. E. in Owatonna at 3:04 p.m.

Suspicion: At 9:48 p.m., deputies responded to suspicious activity in Owatonna and made an arrest at the scene.

Aug. 12

Crash: Deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in Medford Township at 9:30 a.m.

Aug. 13

Vandalism: Property damage was reported in Ellendale at 7:44 p.m.

Aug. 14

Warrant: Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at the detention center at 1:02 a.m.

Arrest: At 5:50 p.m., deputies made a traffic stop on Kenyon Road in Merton Township. They took the motorist into custody.

Aug. 15

Theft: Deputies took theft reports in the 1500 block of Cedar

Ave. S. at 10 p.m. and 11:10 p.m.

Aug. 16

Traffic: Deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop on Highway 14 W. in Meriden Township at 1:04 a.m.

Warrant: At 11:33 a.m., deputies made a warrant arrest at the detention center.

Drugs: Deputies responded to drug activity in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. in Owatonna at 8:42 p.m.

Aug. 17

Restraining Order: At 2:48 p.m., deputies received a report of a restraining order violation at the detention center.

Fight: Deputies responded to a fight in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S. in Owatonna at 9:06 p.m.

Disturbance: At 10:15 p.m., a disturbance occurred in Meriden Township.

COURT NEWS Steele County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of Aug. 7 – 11:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Issac A. Bartlett, 25, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Jessie L. Bellikka, 33, Austin, revoked license and no insurance, \$481; Tristen M. Haberman, 19, Blooming Prairie, minor consumption, \$181; Renato Sebastian-Mateo, 46, Austin, revoked license, \$281.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Dallas A. Anderson, 21, Owatonna, speeding, \$141; Brenna R. Archer, 19, Cannon Falls, speeding, \$131; Nyamak G. Both, 44, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Matthew J. Cafferty, 61, Lester Prairie, failure to have special permit in possession, \$181;

Vernon A. Carpenter, 61, Davenport, IA, seat belt, \$106; Taylor D. Chapman, 22, Rochester, speeding, \$141; Jamal A. Crosson, 21, Owatonna, no insurance, \$281; Jessica A. Dahle, 40, Owatonna, seat belt, \$106; Gabriel Deng, 26, Fargo, ND, speeding, \$381; Wannie Freeman, 21, Des Moines, IA, suspended license, \$281;

Ethan A. Grossman, 21, Farmington, DWI, \$406, submit to Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, attend MADD impact panel and 1 year of supervised probation; Rhiannon M. Helland, 25, Minneapolis, expired registration, \$111; Jilliena M. Jackson, 24, Owatonna, revoked license, \$281; Evan I. Kelly, 30, Chicago, IL, speeding, \$131; Jeffrey D. Majerus, 49, Austin, speeding, \$141; Kaleb T. More, 21, Janesville, seat belt, \$106; Aaron T. Morgan, 22, Austin, seat belt and suspended license, \$306; Kari A. Nelson, 48, Waseca, speeding, \$131;

Daniel J. Norton, 54, Eagan, unsafe change of course, \$131; Craig J. Peterson, 35, Owatonna, unsecure load, \$141; Stephanie A. Rodriguez, 21, Waseca, speeding, \$121; Christianan I. Salas, 21, Faribault, speeding, suspended license and seat belt, \$356; Jessica R. Sharpe, 26, Carver, speeding, \$131; Logan D. Sheppard, 28, Madison Lake, speeding, \$131; Todd A. Thompson, 56, Hayfield, speeding, \$121.

Owatonna Police Department

Koryn L. Bagley, 31, Faribault, theft, \$381; Jeremy Cammon, 37, Owatonna, no license, \$181; Vanessa L. Cardenas, 26, Owatonna, theft, \$131 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Victor A. Carrejo, 53, Faribault, tumultuous conduct, \$181; Robert E. Hole, 34, Owatonna, following vehicle too closely, \$131; Mohamed A. Oyow, 23, Faribault, driving without headlights, \$121;

Josue Rocha, 44, Grand Rapids, MI, give peace officer false information, \$381, 10 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Sekeriy M. Saleban, 18, Owatonna, theft, \$131;

Jason L. Waldhauser, 19, Owatonna, possession of marijuana and violation of no contact order, stay of adjudication, 4 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no contact with victim, chemical dependency evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Cham D. Agwa, 39, Mankato, speeding, \$121; Joleen A. Anderson, 54, Medford, speeding, \$121; Travis R. Anderson, 36, Lakeville, speeding, \$121; Edward W. Brown, 75, Owatonna, speeding, \$281; Matias D. Chavez, 18, Owatonna, speeding, \$121;

Harold M. Cook, 37, Minneapolis, revoked license, \$281; Ahmed M. Garane, 20, Faribault, speeding, \$141; Jennifer A. Gruhn, 33, Asheville, NC, speeding, \$141; Lee H. Hansen, 61, Austin, speeding, \$121; Konrad W. Hawkinson, 19, Wells, speeding, \$121;

William H. Holz, 16, Byron, speeding, \$121; Teagan A. Kempe, 23, Owatonna, speeding, \$131; Benjamin L. Klankowski, 36, Austin, speeding, \$221; Vance T. Matejcek, 17, Owatonna, speeding, \$121; Bradley J. Meyer, 27, Blooming Prairie, revoked license and possession of paraphernalia, \$331; David Ortiz, 39, Faribault, cancelled license, \$581, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 2 years of supervised probation; Dawson D. Ringhofer, 16, Owatonna, speeding, \$121;

Brenda L. Salinas, 36, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, \$106; Randal R. Schnirring, 60, Eden Prairie, speeding, \$221; Spencer R. Sorenson, 20, Owatonna, speeding, \$221; Derrick D. Southwick, 19, Faribault, possession of paraphernalia, \$131; Pedro Tellez, 19, Faribault, revoked license, speeding, no insurance and no license in possession, \$561; Michael J. Urlick, 48, Chaska, speeding, \$141; Derek J. West, 36, Rochester, revoked license and speeding, \$331; Andrea A. Westlund, 38, Northfield, speeding, \$221; Shaun D. Whitney, 21, Rochester, speeding, \$121.

POLICE BLOTTER Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 177 complaints from the week of Aug. 9 – 15. Some of them include:

Aug. 9

Child Endangerment: Deputies received a report of child endangerment in the 55500 block of 201st Ave. in West Concord at 10:52 a.m.

Civil: Deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 100 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 11:01 a.m.

Aug. 11

Fraud: At 10:17 a.m., deputies received a report of identity theft from the 100 block of 1st Ave. NE in Hayfield.

Hit and Run: A hit and run crash occurred in the 700 block of 4th St. NW in Hayfield at 10:27 a.m.

Juvenile: At 4:54 p.m., a citizen reported that two female juveniles were going into an abandoned house and taking things out in the 800 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield.

Aug. 12

Harassment: Deputy assisted with a West Concord female receiving harassing phone calls at 3:39 a.m.

Suspicion: At 6:49 a.m., a citizen reported that subjects were shooting off guns near his property in the 16800 block of 575th St. in West Concord.

Sexual Assault: Deputies responded to a sexual assault on 4th St. NE in Dodge Center at 12:37 p.m.

Narcotics: Deputies responded to a narcotics incident at 680th St. and 210th Ave. in Dodge Center at 4:43 p.m.

Animal: Deputies received an animal complaint from the 100 block of 5th St. SE in Hayfield at 8:45 p.m.

Aug. 14

Civil: Deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 100 block of Center Ave. N. in Hayfield at 2:44 p.m.

Harassment: Deputies responded to a harassment incident on Main St. E. in Dodge Center at 9:10 p.m.

Aug. 15

Found Property: At 8:41 a.m., a wallet was found in the 200 block of 1st St. SE in Hayfield.

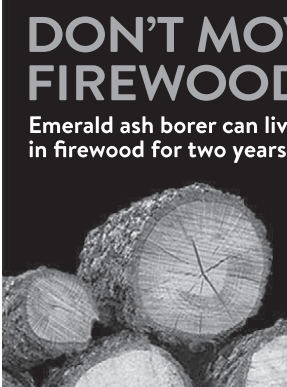
Civil: A civil incident occurred in the 18800 block of 560th St. in West Concord at 2:21 p.m.

Suspicion: At 7:34 p.m., a male reported that a drone was flying around his business in the 62200 block of 200th Ave. in Dodge Center.

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

- Lonell Davis – cancelled license – no bail
 - Roderick Davis – motor vehicle registration - \$1,000 bail
 - Jeanne Day – worthless check - \$10,000 bail
 - Maurice Daye – burglary – no bail
 - Federico De la Cerda Jr. – controlled substance - \$75,000 bail
 - Arturo Dector – DWI – no bail
 - Felipe Delacerda – DWI - \$750 bail
 - Jose Delbosque – dishonest checks - \$10,000 bail
 - Jose Delrio – criminal damage to property - \$3,000 bail
 - Rachell Dentz – obstructing legal process - \$3,000 bail
- Donald Derrick – theft – no bail
 - James Desbiens – child support – no bail
 - Michael Deslongchamps – DWI - \$6,000 bail
 - Rey Diaz – escape tax - \$5,499 bail
 - Tina Disher – assault - \$1,000 bail
 - Panfilo Dominguez – DWI - \$6,000 bail
 - Eric Doran – weapons - \$6,000 bail
 - Loretta Dorsey – trespassing - \$2,500 bail
 - John Douthit – cancelled license - \$3,000 bail
 - Richard Doyens – deprive parental rights – no bail

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

ACTIVE WARRANTS

ARREST
Steele County

Owatonna Police
Andrew Jason Roseland, 34, arrested at 11:07 p.m. Aug. 8, order for protection violation, held for court.
Anthony Montgomery Jr., 21, arrested Aug. 12, uttering counterfeit currency, held for court.
Adam Michael Wencil, 23, arrested at 11:05 a.m. Aug. 13, cancelled license and possession of controlled substance, held for court.
Dennis Jackson, 56, arrested at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, domestic assault/assault, held for court.
Richard King, 33, arrested at 12:55 a.m. Aug. 15, possession of controlled substance, held for court.
Jermaine Daniel Harris, 23, arrested at 8:03 a.m. Aug. 15, felony assault and damage to property, held for court.
Ryan Anthony Close, 30, arrested at 10:26 a.m. Aug. 15, probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.
Angelique Jo Brown, 29, arrested at 3:56 p.m. Aug. 15, probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.
Sylvia Pearl Cramer, 31, arrested at 9:29 p.m. Aug. 15, possession of prescription medications, held for court.
John Robert Bulver, 30, arrested at 10:35 a.m. Aug. 17, probation violation apprehension and detention arrest, held for court.
Michael Joseph Endres, 28, arrested at 2:36 p.m. Aug. 17, felony DWI and possession of controlled substance, held for court.
Jacob Peter Banks, 25, arrested at 7:34 p.m. Aug. 17, felony possession of drugs and violation of conditions of release, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff
Martin Donte Carter, 33, arrested at 6 p.m. Aug. 11, warrant arrest, body only.
Dilson Aly Flores, 29, arrested at 1:20 a.m. Aug. 13, DWI, open container and no license, held for court.
Zachary Trever Will, 24, arrested at 12:33 a.m. Aug. 14, warrant arrest, body only.
Charity Ann Braulick, 38, arrested Aug. 14, warrants arrest, body only.
Angela Erickson, 33, arrested at 8:19 p.m. Aug. 14, warrant arrest, held for court.
Jennifer Marx, 32, arrested at 9:15 p.m. Aug. 14, felony

controlled substance, held for court.
Falconer Bellefy, 22, arrested at 10:53 p.m. Aug. 14, revoked license and controlled substance, held for court.
Faisal Mohamed Abdullahi, 27, arrested at 7:35 p.m. Aug. 15, probation violation warrant arrest, held for court.
Ariyana Faythe Deroy, 18, arrested at 4:25 a.m. Aug. 16, possession of controlled substance, held for court.
Seth Gerald Nevala, 24, arrested at 11:17 a.m. Aug. 17, complaint warrant arrest, \$100,000 bail.
Cody Allen Fonner, 23, arrested at 6:15 p.m. Aug. 17, probation violation warrant arrest, body only.
Heather Rae Lindberg, 30, arrested at 2:15 p.m. Aug. 17, warrant arrest, body only.
Matthew Richard Steinberg, 29, arrested at 11:41 p.m. Aug. 17, felony assault by deadly weapon, held for court.

MN State Patrol
Crystal Ann Holton, 33, arrested at 6:42 p.m. Aug. 12, felony extradition hearing from Colorado for dangerous drugs, body only.

OWATONNA FIRE

Aug. 11
Building Fire: At 3:08 a.m., fire fighters responded to a building fire in the 500 block of Park Dr.

Aug. 12
Smoke: Fire personnel assisted with smoke or odor removal in the 600 block of 11th St. SE at 5:24 p.m.

Aug. 14
Stalled Elevator: Fire personnel removed a victim from a stalled elevator in the 200 block of Main St. E. at 4 p.m.
Prescribed Fire: At 8:18 p.m., fire fighters assisted with a prescribed fire in the 900 block of Elm Ave. N.

Aug. 16
False Alarm: At 2 p.m., a malicious false alarm was activated in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W.

Aug. 17
Oil Spill: An oil or other combustible liquid spill occurred in the 3300 block of 21st Ave. NW at 8:55 a.m.
False Call: Fire personnel received a malicious false call from the 2200 block of 30th St. NW. at 2:18 p.m.

BP couple ends up in middle of high-speed chase, crash near Dodge Center

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A Blooming Prairie couple coming back from shopping in Rochester ended up with some excitement that they rather would not have dealt with.

Larry and Linda Knutson were traveling southbound on Highway 56 south of Dodge Center Aug. 14 in their 2017 Toyota Prius when a vehicle being pursued by police crashed into them.

“It happened so fast,” Linda Knutson said. “Neither one of us saw him coming and we were both looking forward.”

She said a police officer told them the other vehicle was traveling about 100 mph at the time of the crash.

At about 7:15 p.m., Mower County sheriff’s deputies began chasing a vehicle on Highway 56 as it approached Dodge County. The vehicle was reportedly stolen by a resident at a group home in Rochester, according to Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose.

Deputies deployed stop sticks at Highway 56 and Mower County Road 1, taking out the rear tire of the vehicle. A deputy from Dodge County got into position on County Line Road and deployed stop sticks in an attempt to further disable the vehicle as it approached, Rose said, adding the driver avoided the sticks by skidding into the ditch and continuing northbound on Highway 56.

The chase continued on Highway 56 where a second Dodge County deputy attempted to deploy stop sticks at County Road 6. The suspect vehicle avoided the sticks and then struck Knutson’s vehicle as it was going southbound before coming to rest north of County 6.

Deputies arrested the driver, Scott Skjeveland, 48, without further incident. He was taken to the hospital before being released into the custody of Mower County. He faces multiple charges in Mower County as well as Olmsted County.

The Knutsons were transported by ambulance to St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester where they were released later that night. Linda said she is still suffering some upper back pain and shoulder pain. She is currently seeing a chiropractor for the pains.

Upon impact, the airbags in the Knutson vehicle were deployed. Both were wearing their seat belts.

The Knutson vehicle was totaled in the crash. They are currently shopping for another new vehicle.

Prior to the pursuit, Skjeveland allegedly was involved in an assault at a group home near Rochester. He reportedly fled the scene with a state-owned vehicle.

Highway 56 was closed for several hours during the investigation and cleanup efforts.

Linda Knutson agreed it was a terrifying ordeal for them to be involved in. “But thankfully we’re ok and we can replace our vehicle,” she said.

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Experienced farmers know which areas of the farm produce the best and worst crops, and some may have culled unprofitable patches of land from crop production, much like producers cull low-producing cows from a cow herd.

What's different these days is that technology is now available to precisely select those pieces of a field, and then make smart decisions to set those parcels aside for wildlife, water quality, or soil-saving conservation programs.

Lee Wisecup and son Art fight flooding and wet gumbo soils most years on the Missouri River bottomlands near Missouri Valley on Iowa's western border. Battling the opposite terrain, Bob Zimmerman and son Brandon Buffington farm the hills of eastern Pottawattamie County, where they constantly guard against erosion.

Along with soils and weather challenges, both farms must educate landowners on issues with fields. Zimmerman rents land from two landowners—Brandon from three—while the Wisecups farm for the family corporation, where they answer to Grandpa Wisecup, his four sisters, and a handful of cousins who live all over the country.

These two operations are quite different, but they have a common goal: grow corn and soybeans on profitable land only. That means culling unprofitable fields or parts of fields from corn and soybean produc-

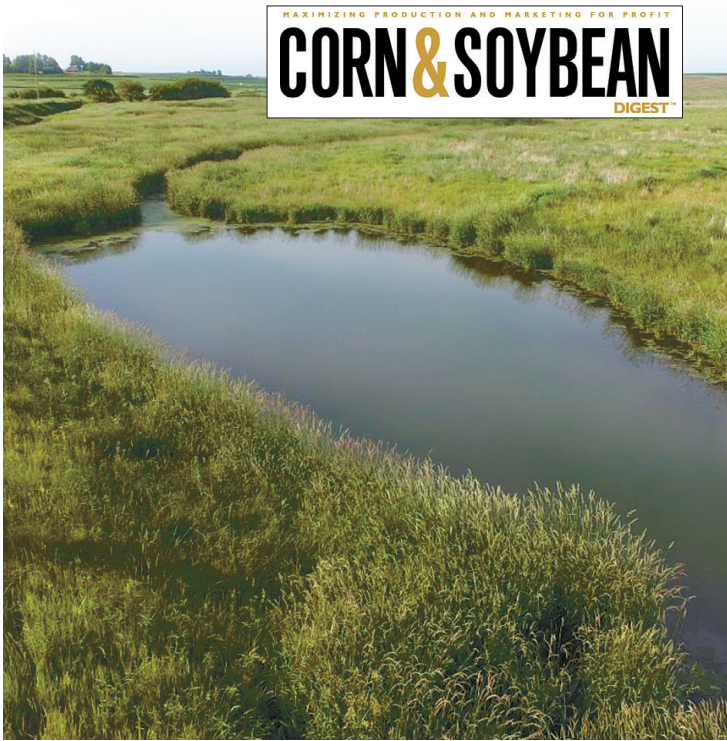
tion, and putting those lands into alternative uses that have a better chance to make a profit.

Team uses Profit Zone Manager

Wisecup and Zimmerman are two of more than 20 farmers in a nine-county area in southwest Iowa that are using web-based technology called Profit Zone Manager to analyze their entire operation to identify unprofitable areas. They're supported by a team of professionals—agronomists and a precision ag specialist from Heartland Co-op, a precision ag specialist and biologist from Pheasants Forever, conservationists from NRCS, and support from Ag Solver, the company that developed Profit Zone Manager.

Pheasants Forever and NRCS hired precision ag specialist Jeremy Biggs in late 2015 and Heartland Co-op offered office space to begin using the technology with farmers. The Wisecups were among the first.

"Like a lot of farmers, we've got the technology to record data, but who really puts it to good use?" asks Art Wisecup. "We knew some parts of the farm were not profitable, but how do you show someone in Philadelphia which parts of the farm are producing and which aren't?" adds Lee. "We have 14 people on the [family farm corporate] board from all over the country, and that's only going to get more complicated. They don't realize how much of a profitability drag a low-lying wet spot can be. Years ago,



it took \$70 to put in an acre of corn—now it's more like \$700 an acre. We felt like a conservation program would be a better fit for some of the land, but we needed help with which program and where." wet spot can be. Years ago, it took \$70 to put in an acre of corn—now it's more like \$700 an acre. We felt like a conservation program would be a better fit for some of the land, but we needed help with which program and where."

Data, maps and PZM sold family

To prepare for a big family meeting last Christmas, the Wisecups entered their production costs and returns into Profit Zone Manager. Armed with data, they also invited precision ag specialist Jeremy Biggs, farm bill biologist Nic Salick of Pheasants Forever, and Ag Solver specialists to the meeting.

"They explained to everyone, face to face, how the program could help us make business decisions. In that meeting the CRP light changed from a solid red—no CRP—to getting the green

light," Art says. "When they laid the profitability map over a LiDAR elevation map and the low areas matched up with the unprofitable areas, it made all the difference."

Across 10 contracts, the Wisecups are now shifting 250 acres into CRP, out of the 1,850 acres they crop. They're not whole fields in most cases—11 areas from 9 different fields were selected. "I wouldn't have dreamed that we would put so much land into CRP," Lee says.

Precision conservation boosts profit per acre

Salick helped the Wisecups sort out conservation programs. Some land is going into a wetland restoration program, some to a pollinator habitat program, and some into the SAFE (state acres for wildlife enhancement) CRP to develop quail habitat. "I farm the land on a 50-50 share with the family corporation. All the CRP payments go to the corporation, but even though I don't get the CRP payment, it's a good thing for me because I'm not losing money farming that poor land," Lee says. "I'd say

what they're doing is precision conservation," Salick says, noting yields on the farm can vary from 40 bushels an acre on low lands in wet years to 230 bushels an acre on other bottomlands.

Biggs says with last year's low commodity prices and high input costs, Profit Zone Manager projected a loss of \$24 an acre over the whole operation. "Had those low producing areas been converted to conservation uses, the farm would have shown a profit of \$60 an acre," Biggs says.

3% to 15% of acres unprofitable

"We're not farming through some drainage areas now," Lee says. "We knew we weren't getting good yields there, but the program put numbers and locations to it, visualizing it in high resolution maps. When you can visualize it, not farming those unprofitable areas seems like a no-brainer."

As a result of visualizing low producing acres, the Wisecups are also widening some buffer strips, and taking corners of pivot irrigation out of cropland.

"The people at Ag Solver say on most farms, from 3 to 15 percent of the land being cropped will be unprofitable," Biggs says. "That was the case for the Wisecups. It's amazing to me what a difference it makes in the profitability of the whole farm when you take just that much low producing land out of the equation."

Confirm conservation eco-

nomics

Longtime conservation farmer Bob Zimmerman is only a few months into using Profit Zone Manager, but he expects to use it more to confirm conservation decisions were a good economic choice. Zimmerman is creating a 120-foot wide, quarter-mile-long filter strip along Walnut Creek, where he also wants to install a saturated buffer to take more nitrates out of tile water. "I know it's the right thing to do for the land and water and wildlife, but I'm interested in the economic analysis, too," he says.

He thinks back 13 years ago when he tried farming a 30-acre piece of low-lying pasture along a stream for five years. "We made money one year, got our seed and fertilizer cost back two other years, and didn't even come close to breaking even the other two years," Zimmerman says.

"That showed me we need to stick to our idea of getting the most out of our best ground, and taking our weak areas out of crops for another use," he adds. "Some lessons hurt, but making a mistake isn't the end of the world if you learn from it."

Zimmerman was one of the first in the area to put land into the Wetlands Reserve Program when he entered that 30-acre piece into the program. "Wildlife is important to me; now I've got my own little private pheasant area in that wetland and filter strip," Zimmerman says.

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Minnesota Farmers Union to be at state fair

As the 2017 Minnesota State Fair begins, consider stopping by the Farmers Union Coffee Shop at 1635 Dan Patch Ave.

The shop offers a full service coffee shop, with pastries, cookies and ice cream bars, plus indoor and outdoor seating where you can enjoy your treats and have a conversation with friends.

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) is introducing three new foods this year with an emphasis on local ingredients: a Sweet Corn Blueberry Eclair, which is made with Kernza® flour; a Chili Maple Bacon Donut; and Maple Cream Nitro Cold Press Coffee. The pastries are made by Birchwood Café, which is located in Minneapolis. All of our coffee beans are roasted by St. Paul's J&S Bean Factory. We also have five ice cream bar flavors, as well as ice cream sandwiches, produced by Grand Ole Creamery in St. Paul.

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•**Every day:** Local bands performing at the Farmers Union

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•**Aug. 25, 2:30 p.m.:** 24th Annual Celebrity Milking Contest, sponsored by MFU, Moo Stage at the Moo Booth

•**Aug. 26, 5:45 p.m.:** MFU at the 4-H Purple Ribbon Livestock Auction, AgStar Arena

•**Aug. 27, 7:45 a.m.:** 33rd Annual Milk Run 5K, sponsored by MFU, on West Dan Patch Avenue

•**Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m.:** 4-H Dairy Showcase Awards, sponsored by MFU

•**Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.:** 13th Annual Minnesota Cooks Program from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Dan Patch Park. You can check out the schedule at www.minnesotacooks.org, and you can pick up a free Minnesota Cooks calendar at the MFU Coffee Shop any time after the event.

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Minnesota Crop Report

Widespread rainfall limited Minnesota farmers to only **2.6 days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending August 20, 2017, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. That was the fewest days suitable for field work in any week since late May. Activities for the week included harvesting small grains and spraying crops in areas where possible.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

Seventy-two percent of the **corn** crop was at or beyond the dough stage, 8 days behind last year. Thirteen percent of the corn reached the dent stage. Corn crop condition rated 82 percent good to excellent. Ninety-one percent of the **soybean** crop was setting pods, one day ahead of normal. Soybean condition remained at 74 percent good to excellent.

Forty-two percent of the **spring wheat** crop was harvested, 8 days behind average. **Oat** harvest for grain or seed advanced 17 percentage points to 64 percent complete, well behind last year's 83 percent. Eighty-one percent of the **barley** crop was harvested, 5 days ahead of average.

Ninety-two percent of the **dry beans** were setting pods or beyond, with 8 percent dropping leaves. Dry edible bean condition rated 73 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition remained at 91 percent good to excellent. **Potato** harvest was 19 percent complete. Potato crop condition was rated 94 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition rated 88 percent good to excellent.

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT



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Blooming Prairie Mayor H. Peterson and 40 other Minnesota mayors marched from the Minnesota Veterans Service Building to the State Capitol prior to ribbon cutting on Friday, Aug. 11. Mayor Peterson is fourth from the left. The ribbon cutting officially signaled the reopening of the Capitol, which was under restoration and reconstruction for three years.

**BP Mayor H. Peterson attends
State Capitol ribbon cutting**

By **HOWARD LESTRUD**
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie Mayor H. Peterson was one of many Minnesota mayors attending the ribbon cutting of the State Capitol on Friday, Aug. 11. The ribbon cutting signaled the reopening of the Capitol, which had been substantially closed to the public during a years-long renovation. Mayor Peterson, accompanied by his wife Jean, marched with 40 other Minnesota mayors from the Veterans Service Building to the State Capitol. The Capitol actually

opened last January with the beginning of the 2017 legislative session. Construction over three years had caused many departments to move to different locations. The Governor's Office was one of those areas moved out for a significant time. The restoration project reportedly cost \$310 million. Gov. Mark Dayton spoke during the reopening celebration and thanked the many legislators for supporting the renovation. "It was the most unselfish vote of their careers," said Dayton.

Many "oohs" and "aahs" were echoed by the many who attended the reopening ceremonies. The restoration was forced by the condition of the Capitol roof and its exterior. In 2013 construction crews began repairing and replacing crumbling marble and also replacing the roof. Dozens of priceless artwork throughout the Capitol were restored. The restoration aimed at providing more public gathering space. "The building is awesome and iconic," said Mayor Peterson.

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Unpowered flight lights up the Owatonna skies

By **MARK DELAP**
Managing Editor

Early cannonballs were fashioned from dressed stone, or gunstone. By the 17th century, they were made of iron. They were the first weapons of mass destruction and have sunk ships, turned raging armies into fleeing rabbits and have fashioned widows from the corpses of men.

Although the weapons became obsolete over the years and in the course of time, cannons are now either in museums or memorials. All, that is, with the exception of cannons that are still appearing in circuses and sideshows.

Not shooting balls of iron, but men and women with iron constitutions. Human cannonballs.

David Smith Jr. brought his homemade cannon that resembles the 16”/50 caliber

cannons that are mounted on warships. He was the ammunition.

Each day throughout the Steele County Free Fair, Smith would launch himself twice a day from his homemade cannon. He would come shooting out with fire, an explosive charge and a loud boom, over 60 feet into the air, over the rides at the midway and would land in a nylon net some 80 feet away.

Smith, a showman who was born into a circus family realizes that it was in his blood to follow in his parent’s footsteps to be a performer. “My mom and dad were very educated people,” Smith said. “My dad graduated from Utah State and is one of the smartest men I know. After teaching for a few years, dad got restless and ran away to join the circus. Mom joined him.”

His father, David Smith Sr. began building and launching

himself internationally from his homemade cannons. His mom was a trapeze artist and also took care of raising a family. On a trip to Manitoba, Smith’s mom gave birth to “junior.”

“They traveled all over the world,” Smith said. “It just so happened that they were in Manitoba when I decided to show up. And it’s a good thing it wasn’t a few days earlier, because I would have been born in Moose Jaw.”

He shudders as he thinks of it. At a young age, Smith learned from one of the best human cannon ballers. He not only learned the technical aspects of building cannons, but also had a desire to be a human cannonball.

Smith’s dad and himself hold all the world records for launches, distances, speeds and when he took over for his dad who was still shooting at 70 years of age, he decided to take things to another level

and although the attraction had waned in its popularity over the years, Smith Jr. has found a way to make human cannonballing great again. One of the major moves that he accomplished was jumping out of the circus into other venues, and that launch has been very successful.

He has launched in countries all over the world and has thrilled crowds with his death-defying jumps for almost 30 years. Owatonna was a fair that Smith had always wanted to perform in. After approaching the fair board that first year, he convinced them that a human cannonball was just what the fair needed for that extra flair and showmanship.

“After I had booked it and sold it,” Smith said, “I got hurt in an accident pretty bad and was restricted for a time inasmuch as I couldn’t do any jumps. This was a major booking, and after I got hurt, I had to come back and talk the fair board into letting my dad do the jumps.



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Kristin Finley, former USAir Force mechanic and Los Angeles native, traveled with human cannonball, David Smith Jr. to Owatonna as they performed for crowds at the Steele County Free Fair last week. Finley is aspiring to become the next human cannonball in Smith’s company.



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

David Smith Jr. flies 60 feet into the air and over “The Extreme” ride at the Steele County Free Fair in Owatonna last week. Smith is a second-generation human cannonball and flew out of a cannon that his father built.

Livestock Hall of Fame members named during fair

By **RICK BUSSLER**
Publisher

Two people who committed their lives to livestock in different ways in Steele County have been recognized as this year’s Livestock Hall of Fame inductees.

The induction of the late Eugene Kruckeberg and the late Gail Demmer took place on the opening afternoon of the Steele County Free Fair in the Livestock Show Arena.

Demmer served as a director and chairperson of the Steele County American Dairy Association for many years. During that time, she was Junior Dairy Show leader for 16 years. She also coordinated and coached the county Dairy Bowl teams for 12 years. In addition, she was an adult advisor and convention coordinator of the Minnesota Junior Holstein Association.

Besides her involvement with agriculture, Demmer was a registered nurse and served as Director of Nursing at the New Richland Care Center. She also taught nursing classes at Riverland Community College.

Demmer died in March at the age of 62 after a courageous battle with cancer. Up until her death, she lived and farmed with her



Gail Demmer



Eugene Kruckeberg

husband, Rick, near Ellendale. Her passion for agriculture was evident throughout her life.

Kruckeberg represents more than a half century of churning and promoting butter in Steele County at Hope and Bixby Creameries. He was recognized as the last Land-O-Lakes butter maker in Minnesota.

He grew up on a farm west of Bixby. In 1958, Kruckeberg began his career at the Bixby Creamery. He joined the Hope Creamery in 1964, where he quickly earned the titles of manager and “Hope Butter Maker.”

Even during the week before he died, Kruckeberg was at the creamery, making butter as he had for decades. He died suddenly July 25 at the age of 78.

Inductees into the Equine Hall of Fame also took place on Aug. 15. This year’s inductees were Daniel C. Gainey and Jody (Teeters) Eckhardt.

Gainey and his horses, as well as the effects of the horse industry in Steele County, did much to change the Horse and Pony program at the fair. He was well known nationally for his seeking of perfection in the Arabian horse.

Eckhardt started her equine career as a youngster at the fair when she won a pony from the Owatonna FFA Storybook Farm. She was a member of the Owatonna Saddle Club and was its queen. She is a past state high school rodeo queen and has been named “Miss Horsemanship.”



Staff photo by Seth Bedenbaugh

Haley Abraham receives her first place trophy upon winning the spelling bee. The spelling bee was one of many events that took place at the fair this past week.

Buzz at the spelling bee

By **SETH BEDENBAUGH**
Staff Intern

On Thursday afternoon, a handful of young Owatonna students took to the KRFO Stage at the Steele County Free Fair.

They took a break from the fair festivities to compete in a spelling bee. For an hour, the middle schoolers battled it out until one contestant remained standing.

The final two were Haley

Abraham and Katrina Butler. They went back and forth, spelling several words, including moisture, inlet, mildew, sediment, and peculiar.

The word “Inlet” gave both of the contestants problems midway through the final round. Likewise, when the final word “Clodhopper” was given to Butler, she was unable to come up with a correct spelling.

Abraham was able to stay poised though, delivering a

final answer that was would land her a first place trophy.

Upon exiting the stage, Abraham was greeted by a crowd of friends that was filled with excitement for their fellow classmate. When asked who she would like to thank, Abraham was quick to respond, “My Dad,” She added. “He helped me out a lot.

Abraham will be heading into the seventh grade this year as an Owatonna Husky.



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Noris Hemingway, left, and her daughter, Aracelis Sepulveda, operate the Noris Cuisine food trailer featuring authentic Venezuelan food, a first at the Steele County Fair. Noris Cuisine has traveled around to 20 festivals and fairs around southern Minnesota since opening in April. Their most popular food item is arepas with chicken avocado and roast pork with cheese. They live in Ellendale.

Food diversity at the fair

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Fair food often centers on cheese curds, mini donuts, corn dogs, pizza and anything deep-fried. But for the first time ever, a taste of international from Venezuela is being added to the mix.

The Noris Cuisine food trailer of Ellendale unveiled Venezuelan food at the Steele County Fair. Owner Noris Hemingway and her 15-year-old daughter, Aracelis Sepulveda, opened the food truck in April and just began venturing into the fair circle within the past couple months. In addition to Steele, Noris Cuisine also took in the Rice and Mower fairs.

Hemingway came to the United States in 2003 from Maracay, a city in Northern Venezuela near the Caribbean Sea. She lived in the Twin Cities for several years before she met Brant Hemingway on-line. “We fell in love and I

moved to Ellendale,” she said.

She had asked her new husband for a long time to open a restaurant. While he was reluctant to do so, he gave her the green light to open a food trailer. She quickly jumped at the opportunity.

The food vendor takes pride that she offers something that no one else does. She is the only food trailer or food truck to serve Venezuelan food in Minnesota.

Noris Cuisine offers arepas, sandwiches served on ground maize or cooked flour bread popular in Venezuela and Colombia, and empanadas, a Latin American fried stuffed pastry. Hemingway points out that arepas are not deep-fried like so many other fair foods.

“Everything is made from scratch. It’s fresh,” she said, noting all the foods are gluten-free. “We focus more on flavoring and not making things spicy.”

Hemingway does not skimp on food as she offers healthy

portions.

“I really enjoy cooking,” Hemingway said. “It’s most exciting when people tell me that they like my food,” she said, adding once people try it, they love it.

Sepulveda, a sophomore at NRHEG, has enjoyed helping her mother with more than 20 festivals and fairs this summer. They have concentrated on lots of breweries and art festivals around southern Minnesota.

“I’ve had to give up a lot of my summer,” Sepulveda said about joining her mother’s business. “But I’m proud of her. I want to see her succeed.”

And Sepulveda doesn’t mind making a little extra money herself. “It’s my mom’s business and I get money,” she said.

While Hemingway may be far away from her native country, she feels just right in America.

“I love this country,” she said. “This is my home.”

Shirley Nelson, Bob Prokopec honored as top Steele County senior citizens

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

With sincere humility, Shirley Nelson and Robert (Bob) Prokopec accepted this year’s Steele County Senior Citizen Volunteers of the Year awards.

Nelson, 80, and Prokopec, 83, were recognized by the Owatonna Exchange Club. Both were feted at a breakfast on Friday, Aug. 11 and then presented their awards at the Steele County Free Fair Thursday, Aug. 17 at the United Prairie Bank State in Fair Square Park.

“There are so many people who would qualify and would be an even better choice,” remarked Nelson.

“I’m grateful for the award and others could have used it more than me,” commented Prokopec.

Each volunteer award recipient was given a corsage and listened to many kind words said about them during the awards presentation.

Nelson was nominated by Kathy Schuster of Owatonna. Prokopec’s nomination came from Rose Ann Kubicek of Ellendale.

Nelson said “it’s really a good feeling to volunteer and I hope I am helping someone.”

Steele County’s top seniors are now entered in competition for state honors which will be bestowed on the top senior man and woman. The special state recognition will be announced on Thursday, Aug. 31 at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul.

This year’s awards represent the 44th year they have been given. Nominees must be 70 or older and their volunteer work must be documented and has to have come after age 65 going forward to the present time. Each nomination must be backed up by three reference letters.

Nelson resides 1 1/2 miles south of Owatonna with her husband Glen. Bob resides two miles south of Litomysl with wife Carol. The Nelsons have been married 62 years. The Prokopecs will be observing their 53rd wedding anniversary on Oct. 3.

Shirley Nelson

Nelson has logged over 17,000 volunteer hours with the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary. She is also an Auxiliary board member and a lifetime member.

Nelson has chaired the Grab Bag fundraiser at the fair for over 14 years. More than 2000 grab bags are sold at the fair by the Hospital Auxiliary. “It’s a fun event; kids and adults love it,” said Nelson.

Throughout the years Shirley has perfected the Grab Bag program to a science. A self-purchased semi truck and trailer sit on her property in which she stores all of the wrapped grab bags awaiting the Steele County Fair in August.

After the items are collected, they are transported to a town hall south of Owatonna. It is there where the items are sorted, wrapped and labeled.

During the fair, Shirley sets up the Hospital Auxiliary’s booth and organizes the containers for the grab bag items. She is constantly refilling from her trailer at her home.

Shirley has worked with the Auxiliary’s Bazaar held each November. She created a “New and Nearly New” area at the bazaar.

Her other Auxiliary involvement includes working



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Bob Krokopec and Shirley Nelson were awarded Steele County’s top senior citizen volunteer of the year awards during a special ceremony at the Steele County Free Fair on Thursday, Aug. 17. The duo will now advance to Minnesota State Fair competition.

on the menu for the Festival of Tables.

All monies raised by the Auxiliary benefit the Auxiliary’s scholarship drive and donations support the purchase of medical equipment. All scholarship recipients enter the medical field.

She has volunteered with the floral department at the Steele County Fair for over 15 years.

Shirley is a member of the Owatonna Garden Club which donates a flower basket to the city each year.

Called by a friend as “one of the busiest ladies I have ever known,” Shirley belongs to the Owatonna Hospital Auxiliary Sewing Group. She makes scrubbies out of yarn and net, kitchen towels and attaches material and a button to make them hangable onto a cupboard handle or stove. She also embroiders dish towels and anything else she thinks may sell at the Owatonna Hospital Pink Pantry, the Steele County Fair booth and the Fall Holiday Bazaar.

“Shirley is a very quiet person and goes about her work efficiently and doesn’t expect praise,” stated another close friend.

Shirley grew up on a farm one mile south of fairgrounds. She is a 1954 graduate of Owatonna High School. The Nelsons have a daughter Candice and a son Jace, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

After attending Ritter Beauty College in Faribault, Shirley served as an instructor for a year and then worked at the LaPetite Beauty Salon in Owatonna. Her husband owned and operated T.W. Nelson Repair for 30-plus years. Their son Jace currently runs the business.

Bob Prokopec

Bob has been active in volunteer work for more than 20 years, with much of the volunteering coming after age 70.

He has been a very active volunteer at the Prairie Manor Care Center and Heather Haus Assisted Living in Blooming Prairie.

Involved in his church, Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Litomysl, Bob has served as lector, usher and eucharistic minister. He also has been a dedicated helper at the Litomysl Summer Festival and at funerals, Donut Sunday, Valentine Dinner, Buchty baking and Bingo.

He helps with cleaning the church yard and maintaining the church cemetery.

“It’s fun to volunteer,” Krokopec told a large group of family and friends during the award presentation on Thursday. “Try it, I think you’ll like it,” he added.

A U.S. Army veteran, Bob is a Blooming Prairie American Legion member and serves with the Legion Post 52 Honor Guard at funerals, parades, Legion Round Table, Color Guard and other official functions.

Bob is a mechanic by trade and does mechanic work for friends and relatives.

He also delivers church bulletins and communion to shut-ins and neighbors. He helped with tornado cleanup in the past, has packed and delivered Christmas boxes, donated clothing to a men’s homeless shelter, cleaned trash from road ditches, volunteers for the American Heart Association and participated in Feed My Starving Children.

Bob also transports residents to events at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen’s Club to allow them to take part in the American Legion meetings or a fundraiser.

A friend says “being a good neighbor has always been Bob’s passion.”

Many residents of the Blooming Prairie area community have benefited from what Bob has done and still continues to do in a volunteer vein.

Bob worked as a mechanic at Anderson Auto in Ellendale for 20 years and was employed eight years in Owatonna for Terry’s Repair. He grew up in Summit, by Litomysl, population 10.

Bob and Carol have two daughters, Karen and Kristyn and eight grandchildren. Each daughter has four children.

Bob and Carol’s oldest daughter Karen was born deaf. Bob and Carol were instrumental in starting a support group called Little Lost Decibels. Purpose of starting the group was to help with education and support of deaf and hearing impaired children. Karen currently teaches in Rochester, NY.

Daughter Kristyn lives in the Farmington area, home schools her children and is a personal care attendant.

“I would like to thank everyone who nominated me and voted for me,” Bob said.

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Owatonna VFW and American Legion color guard members raised the flag Tuesday afternoon to officially kick off the fair. In addition to the flag raising, there was also patriotic music from the Knights of Columbus chorus, an essay and salutes to veterans. The opening ceremony was emceed by Gege Abraham of the VFW Auxiliary.



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Face painting was a big hit for children at the fair. Aiden Bork, 8, of Owatonna had his face painted, mostly in green, Saturday afternoon.



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The 4-H llama show took place Saturday with 4-H members parading their llamas through the show ring and making them perform stunts like this one with a hula hoop.

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KRUE Country 92 morning show host Brad Kubat proved he is talented in more ways than being a radio host. For the second straight year, he won the milking contest sponsored by the Steele County Dairy Association Wednesday afternoon at the fair.



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Steeley and Stella made the rounds throughout the fair bringing smiles to children of all ages. Steeley and Stella have been the fair's mascots for many years.

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Blake Burmeister, 12, of Owatonna showed off his moves with a hard kick on a mannequin at the Taekwondo booth at the fair.





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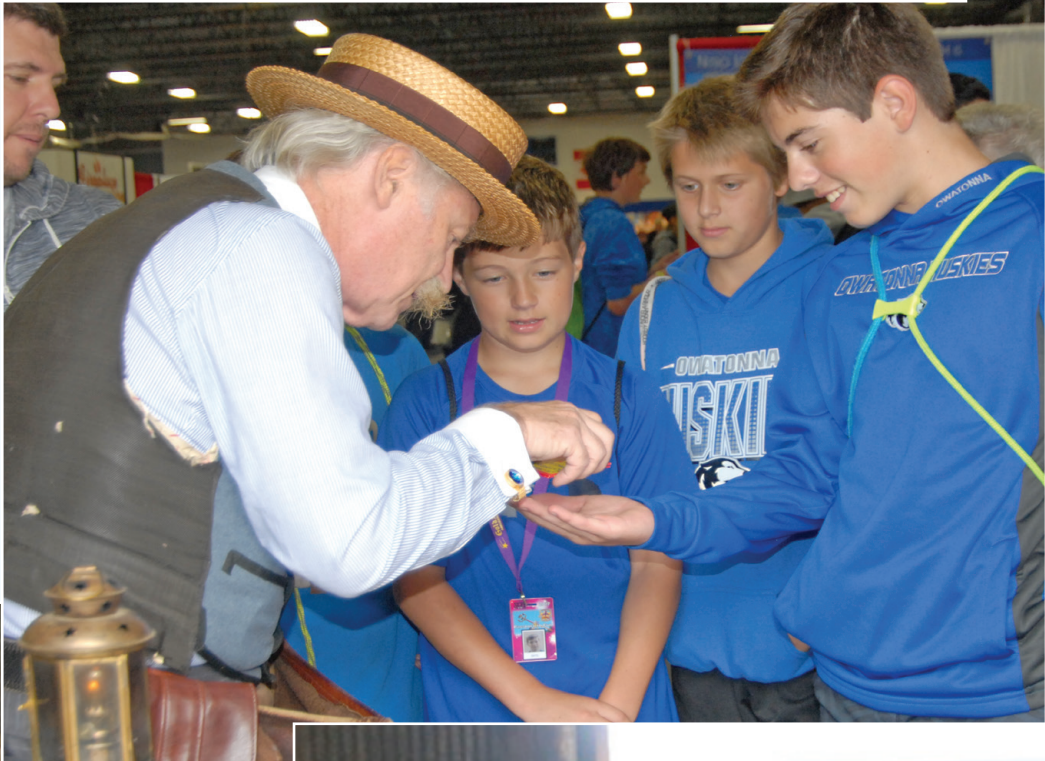


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Jerome Stransky of the Owatonna Victory Boosters 4-H Club intently scrubbed his dairy cow Saturday afternoon in preparation for showing at the fair. The cow was one of 15 that the Stransky family showed during the dairy competitions.

Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Scott Crosbie of St. Louis Park was a big hit doing his magic tricks outside the Four Seasons Building at the Steele County Fair on Thursday. He provides music, magic and comedy.



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For those who wanted to "ink up" for the fair, one vendor was a henna temporary tattoo artist. She marked up several young girls with intricate floral designs.



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Livestock exhibitors took part in the 4-H Livestock Auction Saturday morning as area businesses purchased their animals.

Showing at the fair can be exhausting work as Amelia Manderfeld of the Medford Go Getters 4-H Club found out. She crawled in by her dairy cows and slept in the straw to catch a break from the hectic pace of taking care of her animals and showing them.





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Aerospace:
Champion – Kiara Gentz, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Payton Gleesing, Happy Hustlers.

Bicycle:
Champion – Oliver Hansen, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Carter Oltmans, Pratt Commandoes.

Cat:
Champion – Addison Poe, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Danica Sevier, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Child Development:
Junior Champion – Mason Klecker, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Jessica Willette, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Elizabeth Prostrollo, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Derek Klecker, Happy Hustlers; Purples – Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Grace Wilburn, Record Busters.

Clothes You Buy:
Junior Champion – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Anna Mollenhauer, Pratt Commandoes; Senior Champion – Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane; Reserve – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers.

Clothes You Make:
Champion – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Kaitlyn Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Club Banner:
Champion – Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Pratt Commandoes.

Club Community Pride:
Champion – Pratt Commandoes.

Club Go-For (Gopher) Display:
Champion – Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Lemond Snappy Boosters; Third Place – Pratt Commandoes.

Club Project – Container Garden:
Champion – Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Happy Hustlers; Third Place – Medford Go Getters.

Club Scrapbook:
Champion – Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Happy Hustlers.

Consumer Education:
Champion – Kiara Gentz, Pratt Commandoes.

Crafts:
Junior Champion – Ethan Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Mason Klecker, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Gabriel Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Purples – Makenzie Oltmans, Pratt Commandoes; Carsten Ingvalson, Merry Lane; Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Brody Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks; Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane; Sarah Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Jenna Klecker, Straight River Stars; Brianna Levisay, Pratt Commandoes; Bailey Purrier, Medford Go Getters; Katelyn Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Joshua Bluhm, Deerfield Get There; Alexa Sommers, Ellendale Hustlers.

Entomology:
Champion – Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Christian Sorensen, Merry Lane.

Exploring Animals:
Champion – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane.

Exploring the Environment:
Champion – Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Fashion Revue:
Clothes You Make Champion – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers; Junior Clothes You Buy Champion – Sophie Woodfill, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Clothes You Buy Champion – Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Katelyn Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Court of Honor – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Ashlynn Schwering, Deerfield Get There; Adelyn Quaintance, Happy Hustlers; Katherine Trenda, Pratt Commandoes; Lauren Schammel, Merry Lane.

Fine Arts:
Junior Champion – Rachel



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Logan Keilen of Medford Go Getters received a champion for his youth leadership project.

Winzenburg, Merry Lane; Reserve – Ruth Weckman, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Alex Oatway, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Elliott Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Purples – Gabriel Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Rebekah Bendorf, Meriden Meadowlarks; Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars; Anton Schroeder, Pratt Commandoes; Lilly Zollner, Pratt Commandoes; Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Marissa Larson, Merry Lane; Sophie Woodfill, Meriden Meadowlarks; Katherine Trenda, Pratt Commandoes; Melina Bell, Straight River Stars; Sophia Schiller, Straight River Stars.

Fishing Sports:
Junior Champion – Marcus Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Sean O’Brien, Merry Lane; Senior Champion – Brody Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Brody Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Flower Garden:
Junior Champion – Anna Haberman, Merry Lane; Reserve – Cody Shaw, Meriden Meadowlarks; Senior Champion – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Reserve – Brianna O’Connor, Deerfield Get There.

Food & Nutrition:
Junior Champion – Ali Slater, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Ashlynn Schwering, Deerfield Get There; Senior Champion – Lizzy Hagen, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Jacob Slater, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Food Review:
Champion – Sophia Mrotz, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane.

Food Preservation:
Junior Champion – Finley Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Ruth Weckman, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Melanie Winzenburg, Merry Lane; Reserve – Michael Kanne, Deerfield Get There.

Forest Resources:
Champion – Sierra Larson, Merry Lane.

Geology:
Champion – Charlie Tucker, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Derek Klecker, Happy Hustlers.

Global Connections:
Champion – Samatha, Owatonna Victory Boosters.

Health:
Champion – Abby Munns, Owatonna Victory Boosters.

Home Environment:
Junior Champion – Jessica

Willette, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Sophie Woodfill, Meriden Meadowlarks; Senior Champion – Ethan Prokopec, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Brianna O’Connor, Purples – Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Mikayla Spinler, Deerfield Get There; Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane.

Horseless Horse/Horse Related:
Champion – Sierra Larson, Merry Lane.

Indoor Gardening:
Junior Champion – Ruth Weckman, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Ashlynn Schwering, Deerfield Get There; Senior Champion – Ethan Prokopec, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Emily Keck, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Needle Art:
Junior Champion – Haley Hartle, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Lilly Wacek, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion – Kiara Gentz, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Brody Jensen, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Performing Arts:
Champion – Greta Jacobson, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Jacob Pfeifer, Pratt Commandoes.

Pets:
Champion – Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Sarah Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters.

Photography:
Junior Elements of Photography Champion – Rachel Winzenburg, Merry Lane; Reserve – Alayna Wannarka, Pratt Commandoes; Intermediate Elements of Photography Champion – Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Senior Elements of Photography Champion – Emily Keck, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Cassandra Borwege, Deerfield Get There; Junior Creative/Applied Photography Champion – Samantha Hefling, Merry Lane; Reserve – Jessica Willette, Happy Hustlers; Senior Creative/Applied Photography Champion – Rebekah Bendorf, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane; Purples – Samantha Nechanicky, Meriden Meadowlarks; Joshua Bluhm, Deerfield Get There; Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Lucas Schammel, Merry Lane; Jasmin Willette, Happy Hustlers; Kiara Gentz, Pratt Commandoes; Alex Oatway, Medford Go Getters; Matthew Bartness, Straight River Stars; Cole Sheehan, Happy Hustlers; Grace Krejci,

Merry Lane; Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Olivia Anderson, Straight River Stars; Joseph Bellomy, Meriden Meadowlarks; Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane; Ashlynn Schwering, Deerfield Get There; Baylee Sorensen, Merry Lane; Brianna Levisay, Pratt Commandoes; Samatha Fredin, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Chloe Schroeder, Pratt Commandoes; Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane.

Video/Filmmaking:
Champion – Gabriel Rysavy, Straight River Stars.

Plant/Soil Science and Crop Sciences:
Crop Science Champion – Casey Chambers; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Plant and Soil Science Champion – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Reesve – Lucy Paschke, Medford Go Getters.

Potato:
Junior Champion – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Senior Champion – Scott Weckman, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Tristan Simon, Record Busters.

Quilting:
Champion – Hailey Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Brianna O’Connor, Deerfield Get There.

Safety:
Junior Champion – Tyler Sheehan, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Abby Munns, Owatonna Victory Boosters.

Self-Determined:
Junior Champion – Sean O’Brien, Merry Lane; Reserve – Aiden Anderson, Deerfield Get There; Senior Champion –

Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Elliott Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Purples – Brianna O’Connor, Deerfield Get There; Elliott Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Madilyn Styndl, Happy Hustlers; William Behne, Happy Hustlers; Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Morgan Styndl, Happy Hustlers; Annabelle Petsinger, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Shooting Sports/Wildlife Management:
Junior Champion – Marcus Rysavy, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Ashlynn Schwering, Deerfield Get There; Senior Champion – Cassie Ihrke, Straight River Stars.

Shop:
Junior Champion – Curtis Knutson, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Ruth Weckman, Straight River Stars; Intermediate Champion – Noah Kubicek, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion – Luke Kubicek, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Purples – Katlyn Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Zach Kubicek, Straight River Stars; Caden Kubicek, Happy Hustlers; Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Jack Skalicky, Straight River Stars; Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; William Behne, Happy Hustlers; Ethan Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; David Rhodes, Happy Hustlers; Reid Wildgrube, Medford Go Getters; Alia Kubicek, Straight River Stars.

Small Engines/Tractor:
Small Engines Champion – Oliver Hansen, Happy Hustlers; Tractor Champion – Michael Kanne, Deerfield Get There.

Vegetable Garden/Fruit:
Junior Champion – Ruth Weckman, Straight River Stars;



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Alex Kinseth of Lemond Snappy Boosters earned four champions, including Exploring the Environment, Entomology, Wild Life and Crafts.

Reserve – Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Senior Champion – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Scott Weckman, Straight River Stars.

Science of Animals:
Senior Champion – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Reserve – Courtney Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Veterinary Science:
Junior Champion – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion – Madison Jaster, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Erin O’Brien, Merry Lane; Purples – Kiara

Gentz, Pratt Commandoes; Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters.

Wildlife Biology:
Junior Champion – Sean O’Brien, Merry Lane; Reserve – Mason Klecker, Happy Hustlers; Senior Champion – Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Purples – Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Tatum Smith Vulcan, Record Busters.

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Beef:
 Champion Cow/Calf Knowledge – Ava Kylo, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Champion Cow/Calf Exhibit – Ava Kylo, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Top Junior Dairy Steer – Brenna Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Ethan Solomon, Deerfield Get



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Bobbie Bruns of Merry Lane 4-H Club earned junior champion with her Jersey cow.

There; Top Junior Beef Calf – Bo Zwiener, Merry Lane; Reserve – Morgan Styndl, Happy Hustlers; Champion Beef Prospect Market Calf – Alivia Kubista, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Ethan Arett, Merry Lane; Champion Breeding Heifer – Joseph Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Ethan Arett, Merry Lane; Champion Market Heifer – Ethan Arett, Merry Lane; Reserve – Mikayla Dinse, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Beef Steer – Lauren Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Zacharia Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Champion Dairy Steer – Joshua Katzung, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Jacob Katzung, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Market Beef – Ethan Arett, Merry Lane; Reserve – Lauren Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks; Junior Champion Beef Showmanship – Anna Mollenhauer, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Bo Zwiener, Merry Lane; Intermediate Champion Beef Showmanship – Lex Lewison, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Brenna Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Senior Champion Beef Showmanship – Ethan Arett, Merry Lane; Reserve – Ava Kylo, Straight River Stars; Champion Rate of Gain Market Beef – Logan Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Lauren Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Rate of Gain Dairy Steer – Grace Lewison, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Lex Lewison, Straight River Stars; Junior Beef Interview Champion – Brenna Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Bo Zwiener, Merry Lane; Senior Beef Interview Champion – Ethan Arett, Merry Lane; Reserve – Ben Finholdt, Medford Go Getters.

Dairy:
 Champion Junior Ayrshire – Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars; Champion Senior Ayrshire – Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars; Champion Junior Brown Swiss – Kylie Kruckeberg, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Kylie Kruckeberg, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Senior Brown Swiss – Hannah Mundt, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Lilly Zollner, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Junior Guemsey – Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Courtney Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Senior Guemsey – Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Lacey Nelson, Straight River Stars; Champion Junior Registered Holstein – Jerome Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Jack Bruns, Merry Lane; Champion Junior Grade Holstein – Hannah Mundt, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Austin Mundt, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Senior Registered Holstein – Darian Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Kiya Erler, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Senior Grade Holstein – Chloe Schroeder, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Junior Jersey – Bobbie Bruns, Merry Lane; Reserve – Maggie Bruns, Merry Lane; Champion Senior Jersey – Jarrett Larson, Merry Lane; Champion Junior Milking Shorthorn, Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go

Getters; Champion Senior Milking Shorthorn – Amelia Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Champion Junior Red & White – Samatha Fredin, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Katelyn Skov, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Senior Red & White – Zacharia Stransky, Owatonna

Get There; Intermediate Agility Champion – Bailey Purrier, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Advanced Agility Champion – Kayla Crawford, Happy Hustlers; Jumpers 1 Agility Champion – Emily Haas, Happy Hustlers; Jumpers 2 Agility Champion – Bailey Purrier, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Jumpers 3 Agility Champion – Kayla Crawford, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Foundation Rally Champion – Kaylee Butler, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Miley Ripka, Merry Lane; Pre-Novice Rally Champion – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Morgan Styndl, Happy Hustlers; Novice Rally Champion – Bailey Purrier, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Amelia Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Pre-Advanced Rally Champion – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Jasmin Willette, Happy Hustlers; Advanced Rally Champion – Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Excellent Rally Champion – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Veterans Rally Champion – Amelia Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Junior Champion Dog Interview – Lilly Wacek, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Katherine Trenda, Pratt Commandoes; Senior Champion Dog Interview – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Anthony Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters.

Goat:
 Champion Junior Dairy Doe – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Sarah Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Champion Senior Dairy Doe – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Champion Dairy Goat – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Champion Junior Meat Doe – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Champion Senior Meat Doe – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Zach Finholdt, Medford Go Getters; Champion Junior Market Goat – Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Finley Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Senior Market Goat – Tory Buck, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Tory Buck, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Rate of Gain Market Goat – Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Miley Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Junior Champion Dairy Goat Showmanship – Katherine Trenda, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Kaitlyn Resler, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion Dairy Goat Showmanship – Sarah Manderfeld, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Kallen Hoffmann, Medford Go Getters; Junior Champion Meat Goat Showmanship – Finley Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Trey Hiatt, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Intermediate Champion Meat Goat Showmanship – Andrianna Bermea, Merry Lane; Reserve – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion Meat Goat Showmanship – Zach Finholdt, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Beth Ann Hanson, Deerfield Get There; Junior Champion Goat Interview – Finley Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Katherine Trenda, Pratt Commandoes; Senior Champion Goat Interview – Mikayla Spinler, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Greta Jacobson, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Horse:
 Horse Achievement Award – Bailey Purrier, Medford Go Getters; Champion Horse Training – Alexa Sommers, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Junior Horse Showmanship – Abigail Suchanek, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Morgan Proechel, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Intermediate Horse Showmanship – Grace Wolfe, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Lauren Sommers, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Senior Horse Showmanship – Alexa Sommers, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – McKinley Schneider, Meriden Meadowlarks; Top Walk-Trot Beginner Rider – Aubree Coulter, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Abigail Suchanek, Pratt Commandoes; Top Walk-Trot Advanced Rider – Leif Michaelson, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Sierra Larson, Merry Lane; Senior Champion English Overall – Grace Wolfe, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Alexa Sommers, Ellendale Hustlers; Intermediate Champion Horsemanship – Grace Wolfe,

Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Anna Suchanek, Pratt Commandoes; Senior Champion Horsemanship – Katla Michaelson, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Alexa Sommers, Ellendale Hustlers; Intermediate Champion Western Pleasure – Grace Wolfe, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Anna Suchanek, Pratt Commandoes; Senior Champion Western Pleasure – Katla Michaelson, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Alexa Sommers, Ellendale Hustlers; Junior Games Champion – Abigail Suchanek, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – John Suchanek, Pratt Commandoes; Intermediate Games Champion – Anna Suchanek, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Luis Yciano Jr., Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Eric Arvis, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Best Intermediate Doe – Trevor Hiatt, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Nikolas Petsinger, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Best Senior Buck – Jarrett Larson, Merry Lane; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Best Senior Doe – Tristan Simon, Record Busters; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Junior Breeding Rabbit – Olivia Wencil, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Ethan Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Senior Breeding Rabbit – Tristan Simon, Record Busters; Reserve – Jarrett Larson, Merry Lane; Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship – Adelyn Quaintance, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Brenna Sommer, Straight River Stars; Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship – Sierra Larson, Merry Lane; Reserve – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers; Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship – Marissa Larson, Merry Lane; Reserve – Parker Aase, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Junior Champion Rabbit Interview – Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Ethan Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion Rabbit Interview – Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy

Lama:
 Champion Lama Obstacle Course – Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Lama Public Relations – Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Lama Showmanship – Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Lama Interview – Cameron Deml, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Danielle Robertson, Pratt Commandoes.

Poultry:
 Poultry Achievement Award – Grace Logan, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Show/Hobby Bird – Evan Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Young Bird Pigeon – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Champion Breeding Pigeons – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Champion Pigeon – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Dove – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Champion Chicken – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Market Chicken – Parker Aase, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Champion Standard Breeding Chicken – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion White Egg Production Chicken – Collin Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Champion Brown Egg Production Chicken – Gavin Seykora, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Marisa Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Champion Duck – Kendra Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Evan Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Market Duck – Kendra Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Evan Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Standard Breeding Duck – Kayden Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Wyatt Garten, Pratt Commandoes; Champion Bantam Breeding Ducks – Alia Kubicek, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Gavin Lewison, Straight River Stars; Champion Goose – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Market Goose – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Breeding Goose – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Guinea – Grace Logan, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Breeding Guinea – Grace Logan, Ellendale Hustlers; Champion Turkey – Evan Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Collin Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Champion Market Turkey – Collin Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Alivia Kubista, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Champion Breeding Turkey – Evan Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Junior Champion Poultry Showmanship – Kendra Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Alia Kubicek, Straight River Stars; Intermediate Champion Poultry Showmanship – McKenna Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Evan Melby, Ellendale Hustlers; Senior Champion Poultry Showmanship – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Marisa

Wagaman, Medford Go Getters; Junior Poultry Interview Champion – Gavin Seykora, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Alia Kubicek, Straight River Stars; Senior Poultry Interview Champion – Collin Clarey, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Brandon Peeters, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Rabbit:
 Champion Fur and Wool – Tristan Simon, Record Busters; Reserve – Marissa Larson, Merry Lane; Champion Market Rabbit – Alex Kindseth, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Parker Aase, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Best Junior Buck – Erin O'Brien, Merry Lane; Reserve – Brianna Levisay, Pratt Commandoes; Best Junior Doe – Neela Wencil, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Curtis Knutson, Meriden Meadowlarks; Best Intermediate Buck – Luis Yciano Jr., Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Eric Arvis, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Best Intermediate Doe – Trevor Hiatt, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Nikolas Petsinger, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Best Senior Buck – Jarrett Larson, Merry Lane; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Best Senior Doe – Tristan Simon, Record Busters; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Junior Breeding Rabbit – Olivia Wencil, Ellendale Hustlers; Reserve – Ethan Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Senior Breeding Rabbit – Tristan Simon, Record Busters; Reserve – Jarrett Larson, Merry Lane; Champion Junior Rabbit Showmanship – Adelyn Quaintance, Happy Hustlers; Reserve – Brenna Sommer, Straight River Stars; Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship – Sierra Larson, Merry Lane; Reserve – Nicole Behne, Happy Hustlers; Champion Senior Rabbit Showmanship – Marissa Larson, Merry Lane; Reserve – Parker Aase, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Junior Champion Rabbit Interview – Carson Ahrens, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Ethan Schubert, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Senior Champion Rabbit Interview – Lexie Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters.



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Parker Aase of Owatonna Victory Boosters captured a champion with his chicken.

Black Face Market Ewe Lamb – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Senior Black Face Market Wether – Riley Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Senior Market Lamb – Riley Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Trio of Lambs – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Junior Champion Sheep Showmanship – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Brenna Sommer, Straight River Stars; Intermediate Champion Sheep Showmanship – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Grace Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks; Senior Champion Sheep Showmanship – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Rate of Gain Market Lamb – Ethan Solomon, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Lynn Larson, Deerfield Get There; Junior Champion Sheep Interview – Reid Wildgrube, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Brenna Sommer, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion Sheep Interview – Cole Ignaszewski, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Lauren Arthur, Meriden Meadowlarks.

Swine:
 Champion Purebred Barrow – McKenna Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Kaden

Sheep:
 Senior Champion Lamb Lead – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Reserve – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Junior Champion Lamb Lead – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Fleece – Holly Larson, Deerfield Get There; Reserve – Kalyn Naatz, Merry Lane; Champion Ewe Lamb – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Yearling Ewe – Emma Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Lanie Rieck, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Breeding Ewe – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Lydia Kath, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Wether Dam – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Junior White Face Market Lamb – Reid Wildgrube, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Brenna Sommer, Straight River Stars; Champion Junior Speckle Face Market Lamb – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Brenna Sommer, Straight River Stars; Champion Junior Black Face Market Ewe Lamb – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Annabelle Petsinger, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Junior Black Face Market Wether Lamb – Hailey Chambers, Medford Go Getters; Reserve – Annabelle Petsinger, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Junior Market Lamb – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Halle Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Senior White Face Market Lamb – Kaden Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Emma Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Senior Speckle Face Market Lamb – Charlea Underwood, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Gabriel Dahle, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Senior Natural Market Lamb – Kalli Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Reserve – Emma Loveless, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Senior

Nelson, Lemond Snappy Boosters; Champion Junior Crossbred Barrow – Blake Seykora, Straight River Stars; Reserve – Darian Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Champion Breeding Gilt – McKenna Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Jarren Hoffmann, Medford Go Getters; Champion Pen of Three – McKenna Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Matthew Seykora, Straight River Stars; Champion Senior Crossbred Barrow – Jenna Zeman, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Landon Thumau, Meriden Meadowlarks; Champion Junior Market Gilt – Darian Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Brandon Ripka, Merry Lane; Champion Senior Market Gilt – Mariah Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – Jenna Klecker, Straight River Stars; Junior Champion Swine Showmanship – Darian Stransky, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Grady Steckelberg, Merry Lane; Intermediate Swine Showmanship – Ezra Buck, Owatonna Victory Boosters; Reserve – Alexis Steckelberg, Merry Lane; Senior Champion Swine Showmanship – Bailey Kruesel, Meriden Meadowlarks; Reserve – McKenna Schroht, Meriden Meadowlarks; Junior Champion Swine Interview – Grady Steckelberg, Merry Lane; Reserve – Alexis Klecker, Straight River Stars; Senior Champion Swine Interview – Kaitlyn Skalicky, Pratt Commandoes; Reserve – Miriam Buck, Owatonna Victory Boosters.



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Culinary Arts:

Bread, Yeast, Plain Class Champion – Marlys Stark; Yeast – Bread Machine Class Champion – Rosemary Shoden; Quick Breads – No Yeast – Class Champion – Kayla Paape; Gluten Free Class Champion – Beth Decoux; Scones Class Champion – Leann Boyd; Unfrosted Cake Class Champion – Betty Hager; Decorated Cake Class Champion – Jodi Ovrebo; Frosted Cupcakes Class Champion – Cindy Katzung Hokanson; Drop Cookies Class Champion – Lori Timmerman; Rolled or Molded Cookies Class Champion – Beth Decoux; Other Types of Cookies Class Champion

– Beth Decoux; Pies Champion – Cindy Radel-Nguyen; Bars Class Champion – Beth Decoux; Class Champion – Nancy Spindler; Candy Class Champion – Nicole Manke; Holiday Favorites Class Champion – Ronda Prechel; International Foods Class Champion – Darlene Noble; Refrigerated Class Champion – Luann Selover; It’s A Secret Champion – Madison Jaster; Everything’s Better with Butter Champion – Courtney Mislinski; Baking Light/Baking Healthy Class Champion – Tami Seykora; Butter Cookies Class Champion – Courtney Mislinski; Butter Cakes Class Champion – Nancy Spindler; Butter Pastries Class Champion – Pat Fischer; Other Class Champion – Pat Fischer; Fair Theme Class Champion – Madison Jaster; Chocolate Desserts Adult Class Champion – Stacie Alexi Rions; Culinary Creations Adult Class Champion – Ronda Prechel; Reserve – Stacie Alexi Rions; First Reserve – Bernice Bartsch; Nursing Home, Assisted, Group Class Champion – Ella Bauman; Cookies and Bars Junior Class Champion – Bill Arthur; Baking for Juniors Class Champion – Katie Ihrke; Chocolate Desserts Junior Class Champion – Lileigh Nguyen; Assorted Sweets Junior Class Champion – Katie Ihrke; Chocolate, Chocolate, Choclate Junior Class Champion – Liliagh Nguyen; Culinary Creations Junior Class Champion – Ava Cox; Reserve – Madison Jaster; First Reserve – David Johnson; Canned Fruit Class Champion – Betty Hager; Jellies Class Champion – Cole Balvitsch; Jams and Preserves Class Champion – Christ Minske; Sour Pickles Class Champion – Betty Hager; Sweet Pickles Class Champion – Betty Hager; Mixed Pickles and Relished Class Champion – Darlene Noble; Sauces Class Champion – Trisha David; Meats Class Champion – Brent Kubat; Canned Vegetables Class Champion – Betty Hager; Tomatoes Class Champion – Darlene Noble; Yeast Bread Division Champions – Marlys Stark; Quick Breads Division Champion – Kayla Paape; Gluten Free Division Champion – Beth Decoux; Reserve – Gail Zollner; Scones Division Champion – Leann Boyd; Reserve – Cindy Katzung Hokanson; Decorated Cake/Item Division Champion – Jodi Ovrebo; Unfrosted Cakes Reserve Champion – Rosemary Shoden; Frosted Cupcakes Division Champion – Cindy Katzung Hokanson; Cookies

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Fine Arts:

Grand Champion – Phil Soller; Reserve – Maureen Fuller.

Flowers:

Gladiolus Grand Champion – Darlene Noble; Reserve – Kathy Flicek; Rose Grand Champion – Darlene Noble; Reserve – Marcia Dahle; First Reserve – Gary Miner; Annuals Reserve Champion – Barbara Green; Dahlia Grand Champion – Gary Miner; Reserve – Gary Miner; Hostas Grand Champion – Marcia Dahle; Potted Plants Grand Champion – Sue Schroeder; Reserve – Julie Wanous; The Strange and Unusual Grand Champion – Carter Kuehn; Special Classes Grand Champion – Whitney Noble; Adult Non-Professional Arrangement Grand Champion – Shirley Nelson; Reserve – Ruth Tibesar; Professional Design and Arrangement Grand Champion – Ruth Tibesar; Reserve – Ruth Tibesar and Sophie Warner; Junior and Senior Flower Arrangement 10, 11, 12 Grand Champion – Lileigh Nguyen; Reserve – Cody Shaw; Table Artistry 18 and Younger Grand Champion – Ruth Tibesar; Reserve – Ruth Tibesar;

Fruit Crops:

Apples Champion – Veronica Rypka.

Goats:

Market Goats – Does Commercial Junior Champion – Lynnzae Van Wyk; Market Goats Does Commercial Senior Champion – Matt Schoenbauer; Market Goats

Does Commercial Overall Champion – Lynnzae Van Wyk; Jackpot Market Goat Champion Market Wether – Cal Schultz; Jackpot Market Goat Champion Market Doe – Brad Struck; Jackpot Market Goat Overall Market Champion – Cal Schultz.

Grains and Grasses:

Corn Class Champion – Brent Broulik; Small Grains Class Champion – Dillon Noble; 2016 Sheaf Grain Class Champion – Jacob Katzung; 2016 Grasses Class Champion – Luke Broulik; 2016 Baled Hay Class Champion – Luke Broulik; 2016 Haylage Class Champion – Grayson Schiller; 2016 Green Stalk Corn Class Champion – Brent Broulik; 2016 Green Hill Corn Class Champion – Loren Krause; Largest, Tallest, Most Champion – Brent Broulik; Grains and Grasses Grand Champion – Brent Broulik.

Horses:

Quarter/Color Halter Reserve Champion – Michele Leqve; Reg. Pleasure Type Halter Grand Champion – Angela Michaelson; Reserve – Leslie Schoenfelder; Open Halter Grand Champion – Kathryn Keller; Reserve – Matthew Bormann; Draft Halter Grand Champion Draft Mare – Janet Hedberg; Reserve – Melissa Beaver; Draft Halter Grand Champion John Mule – Kraig Thoreson; Reserve – Kraig Thoreson; Draft Halter Grand Champion Jenny Mule – Dwight Smith; Reserve – Dwight Smith; Draft Halter Grand Champion Draft Gelding – Traci Wolf; Reserve – Scott Morrison; Draft Halter Grand Champion Pony Mare – Lex Lewison; Reserve – Samantha Kruse; Draft Halter Grand Champion Pony Gelding – Brent Maguire; Reserve – Brent Maguire; Draft Halter Grand Champion Grade Draft – Scott Morrison; Reserve – Traci Wolf.

Hobbies:

Needlework Class Champion – Cindy Phieffer; Reserve – Tracy Mathison; Fabric Crafts Class Champion – Pat Eastland; Reserve – Pat Raetz; Quilted Wall Hanging Class Champion – Laura Wertwijn; Reserve – Renee Holmes; Miniature Quilts Class Champion – Bernie Jensen; Reserve – Jess Wacek; Quilt on a Stick Reserve Champion – Jess Wacek; Dolls and Toys Class Champion – Nancy McGregor; Reserve – Julia Smith; Woodcraft Class Champion – Dave Hamer; Reserve – Dennis Burgraff; Painting Crafts Class Champion – Brandon Peeters; Reserve – Linda Christofferson; Basketry Class Champion – Pat Raetz; Reserve – Jill Degen; Models Class Champion – Arthur Bartholomew; Paper Craft Class Champion – Lileigh Nguyen; Reserve – Millie Burns; Stamp Art Class Champion – Linda Dewey; Reserve – Ruth Anderson; Scrapbooking Reserve Champion – Amy Nelson; Jewelry and Beading Class Champion – Diane Reese; Reserve – Diane Reese; Creative Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Class Champion – Vicki Towle; Reserve – Naomi Jirele; Miscellaneous Class Champion – Bradley Ahrens; Reserve – Ally Nilsson; Creative Challenge Reserve Champion – Jan Schmidt; Hobbies Grand Champion – Ruth Anderson; Reserve – Laura Wertwijn.



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Dalila Spencer of Owatonna earned a grand champion in the Steely and Stella category for open class. Steely and Stella are the fair’s mascots.

Organic Crops:

Corn Class Champion – Larry Schultz; Small Grains Class Champion – Finnegan Noble; Small Grains Beans Class Champion – Finnegan Noble; Sheaf Grains Class Champion – Sandra Spinler; Sheaf Grain Class Champion – Eli Strait; Grasses Class Champion – Dillon Noble; Baled Hay Class Champion – Dillon Noble; Bailed Straw Class Champion – Dillon Noble; Stalk Corn Class Champion – Jayden Wencil; Largest/Tallest Class Champion – Aaron Schrodt; Live Plants Class Champion – Finnegan Noble; Haylage Class Champion – Jayden Wencil; Organic Crops Grand Champion – Claire Noble.

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Enlargements Class Champion – Leanne Alt; Snapshots Class Champion – Leanne Alt.

Sheep:

Southdown Ram Purebred Champion – Jacob Brinkman; Reserve – Jacob Brinkman; Southdown Ewe Champion – Jared Brinkman; Reserve – Emma Loveless; Suffolk Ram Purebred Champion – Donald Grunzke; Reserve – Donald Grunzke; Suffolk Ewe Champion – Donald Grunzke; Reserve – Donald Grunzke; Dorsets Ram Purebred Champion – Jay Moses; Reserve – Jay Moses; Dorsets Ewe Champion – Jay Moses; Reserve – Jay Moses; Other Wool/Wool Cross Breeds Ewe Champion – Donald Grunzke; Reserve – Donald Grunzke; Other Meat/Meat Cross Breeds Ewe Champion – Jared Brinkman; Market Lamb Jackpot Champion – Emma Loveless, Kalli Nelson, Khloe Nelson; Overall Champion Breeding – Kalli Nelson; Reserve – Jared Brinkman.

Textiles:

Crochet Reserve Chmpion – Cynde Bock; Hand Knit Class Champion – Janet Dixon; Reserve – Mollie Gferrer; Machine Embroidery Class Champion – Nancy Spindler; Reserve – Nancy Spindler; Mid or Long Arm Quilted Twin+ Class

Champion – Laura Wertwijn; Reserve – Leslie Seykora; Mid or Long Arm Quilted Crib Class Champion – Bernie Jensen; Other Quilted Items Class Champion – Teddy Gleissner; Reserve – Mary Dallmann; A Best Challenge Class Champion – Ruth Anderson; Garments and Accessories Class Champion – Nancy Spindler; Reserve – Anita Smith; Textile Grand Champion – Laura Wertwijn; Reserve – Jodi Standke.

Vegetables:

Potatoes Champion – Annette Balzer; Reserve – Annette Balzer; Display of Vegetables Champion – Annette Balzer; Reserve – Kelly Schwartz; Greens and Salad Crops Champion – Veronica Rypka; Reserve – Julie Wanous; Legume Crops Champion – David Joachim; Reserve – Kathy Flicek; Vine Crops Champion – Brent Kubat; Reserve – Jason Schwartz; Squash Champion – Annette Balzer; Reserve – Courtney Mislinski; Bush Crops Champion – Darlene Noble; Reserve – Tracy Ackman-Shaw; Largest Cabbage – Annette Balzer; Largest Cucumber – Annette Balzer; Largest Kohlrabi – Annette Balzer; Largest Onion – Cole Balvitsch; Largest Pepper – Darlene Noble; Largest Potato – Annette Balzer; Largest Pumpkin – Henry Linse; Largest Squash – Dan Blume; Largest Tomato – Annette Balzer; Freak Vegetable Grand Champion Novelty Class – Cole Balvitsch; Reserve – Maxum Nguyen; Grand Champion Vegetables – Sarah Keller.

Wine:

Homemade Country Wine Grand Champion – John Holland; Reserve – Gar Olson.

Winner in Amateur Talent Contest:

Pre-Teen Division
First: Jenna Klecker, \$75.00
Second: Liam Melgaard, Karrin Sackett and Emily, \$25.00
Teen Division
First: Julia Dallenbach, \$75.00
Second: Lilly Willcox, \$25.00
Open Division
First: Dave Granlund, \$75.00



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Lacey Nelson of Ellendale captured first place in the senior showmanship category of the District Holstein Show Saturday night.

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