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Blooming Prairie Mayor H. Peterson reaches top rung of state group

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie is the best city in the state of Minnesota.

Just ask H. Peterson, mayor of Blooming Prairie. He is not bashful to tell anyone he meets that it's the people "in our community" who make Blooming Prairie such an outstanding small town.

Peterson, known to his family, friends and others as H (Harold), was elected president of the Minnesota Mayors Association at its annual conference Saturday, April 30 at the Airport Marriott in Bloomington. The Minnesota Mayors Association is an arm of the League of Minnesota Cities.

The MMA includes all 853 Minnesota mayors. "Every Minnesota city has a mayor whether it wants one or not," Mayor H. Said.

Theme of this year's conference was "Exploring Minnesota's Future."

Mayor Peterson said it is an honor to assume the leadership post and says the main responsibility of the elected MMA president is to plan the annual conference for the next year. Mayor Peterson says he knows one thing, the conference will not be in Blooming Prairie because there are no hotels in the immediate area.

"We could bring in some RV's from Noble RV in Medford," he jokes. The conference doesn't necessarily have to be in the vicinity of the seated president.

The Minnesota Mayors Association Board meets about four times a year, says Mayor H. "I've always encouraged our city staff to be active in various professional groups and I guess it was my turn to put my body where my mouth was," Mayor H said.

This year's conference was hosted by President Molly Parks, mayor of Sunfish Lake, located near Inver Grove Heights.

Current board members of the MMA are Peterson, president; Kathi Hemken, New Hope; Nora Slawik, Maplewood; Tim Meehl, Perham; Mary McComber, Oak Park Heights; Molly Park, Sunfish Lake and Jo Emerson, White Bear Lake.

Peterson was actually on the succession schedule to have been the president of MMA for 2015-16. He abdicated for Mayor Parks when she announced she would not be available to hold the office in 2016-17. She and Peterson thus swapped terms.

"It was a terrific conference," Peterson said. Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton was a featured speaker on Friday night. Peterson said Gov. Dayton spoke about the current Minnesota Legislature battling to come with solutions for transportation, taxes and bonding. "They need to do their job," Peterson said Dayton had stated.

A panel discussion was led by League of Minnesota Cities Executive Director Dave Unmacht on the League being a resource for Minnesota cities.

On Saturday, Mayors could opt to tour the new Minnesota Vikings U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, or to take a backstage tour of the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. Mayor H and wife Jean took the Guthrie tour. "It was amazing to see how productions are done," he said.

In the afternoon, a panel discussion was led on the Minnesota economy. The question was asked: "What can Minnesota mayors do to improve the economy?" Mayor H. said there was a one-word answer: "Lead."

"H"

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Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton addressed the Minnesota Mayors Association at its spring conference on April 29. Shown from left to right with Gov. Dayton are MMA board members/mayors: Kathi Hemken, New Hope; Nora Slawik, Maplewood; Tim Meehl, Perham; Mary McComber, Oak Park Heights; Gov. Dayton; Molly Parks, Sunfish Lake; H. Peterson, Blooming Prairie and Jo Emerson, White Bear Lake.

2016 Steele County Free Fair Grandstand lineup unveiled

Slogan still sought for the 2017 fair

By AHREN BACKMAN
Staff Writer

Although the Steele County Free Fair is over three months away, the Steele County Fair Commissioners Board has revealed the 2016 Grandstand schedule. At the May 5th meeting at the Mothers Rest, the commissioners laid out exactly where they are in the planning process for opening day on August 16th.

Entertainment was one of the areas that are almost complete. Members of the board reported most of the headliner shows, for both the grandstand and beer garden, are already booked.

The Grandstand schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 16th- Bull riding will begin at 7:30.

Wednesday, August 17th- Battle of the bands begins at 5:30, and is a free event. Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys begins at 8:00.

Thursday, August 18th- Hairball Concert begins at 7:30.

Friday, August 19th- NTPA Tractor Pull begins at 7:30.

Saturday, August 20th- Antique Tractor pull begins at 8:30 a.m. This even will be free with coupon. Enduro Race begins at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 21st- Demolition Derby begins at 4:00.

· The NPTA Tractor Pull, Enduro Race, and Demolition Durby all have pit passes available for $20.00.

One band the commissioners highlighted was Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys, who will be playing in the grand stand on August 17th. One commissioner said Brooks played to a "good following" at the Barn Bash, and even negotiated with the band so no shows would be played in the area around the time of the fair.

The beer garden entertainment includes: The Covers, the Johnny Holm Band, Them Pesky Kids, and many others.

The concessions report from Commissioner Gleason took up a majority of the meeting. Gleason said staffing continues to be a "big issue" and both indoor and outdoor venders will be looking for more employees as fair time approaches.

The board is asking for help with the slogan for the 2017 fair. Todd Hale, Director of Public Relations, said, in a recent edition of Fair Talk, that the decision will be made mid-summer.

Interested parties can mail their suggestions to the fair at Box 650, Owatonna, Minnesota or email them to steelecounty-

Tuesday's With Minnesota



Photo by Tawni Hammer

The Steele County Times is going to provide a pictorial history to our community each week of what the weather was like on the day the paper comes out. Last Tuesday we had three reporters jumping out of their cars at different locations to capture this spectacular event. A beautiful Tuesday in Minnesota. 74 degrees and partly sunny.

3 people unharmed in Waltham house explosion

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Three people escaped injury after the house they were in exploded and burned down in northern Mower County early Sunday.

Firefighters responded to the blaze at 420 Columbus Ave. in Waltham around 5 a.m. Mower County Sheriff Terese Amazi said the three people inside the house got out and were unharmed. She added the house was destroyed.

In a related incident, Dodge County Sheriff's deputies assisted Mower County with a search warrant at a residence on the Dodge/Mower County Road at about 2 p.m. Sheriff Scott Rose said the search warrant was stopped when deputies found what appeared to be a rocket propelled grenade in a compartment inside the house.

Rose said the St. Paul Bomb Squad responded to provide assistance with the grenade.

Around 6:30 p.m., the bomb squad and Air Force Ordinance Disposal Unit arrived at the scene. They X-rayed the suspected grenade and determined it was inert, but they couldn't tell if the fuse was good or bad, according to Rose.

The Air Force Unit detonated the mortar round as a precautionary step at about 9 p.m., Rose said.

This incident will be sent to the Dodge County Attorney's Office for possible charges related to the search warrant.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Amazi said the Waltham explosion is being treated as an arson case.

No further details were available when this edition of the Times went to press.

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Opinion

Our view

Everybody needs a hero

There was a refreshing story out of Houston this week that told of a high school graduation class that donned their caps and gowns and went for what has been termed, the "Senior Walk."

It's done each year with the new graduating class. What happens is that they walk from the senior high school down to the elementary school and begin the parade through the hallways lined with all the elementary students.

There are cheers and high fives for the graduates and words of encouragement from the graduates to the younger children. When asked how it made them feel to walk through these halls again, some of the seniors responded.

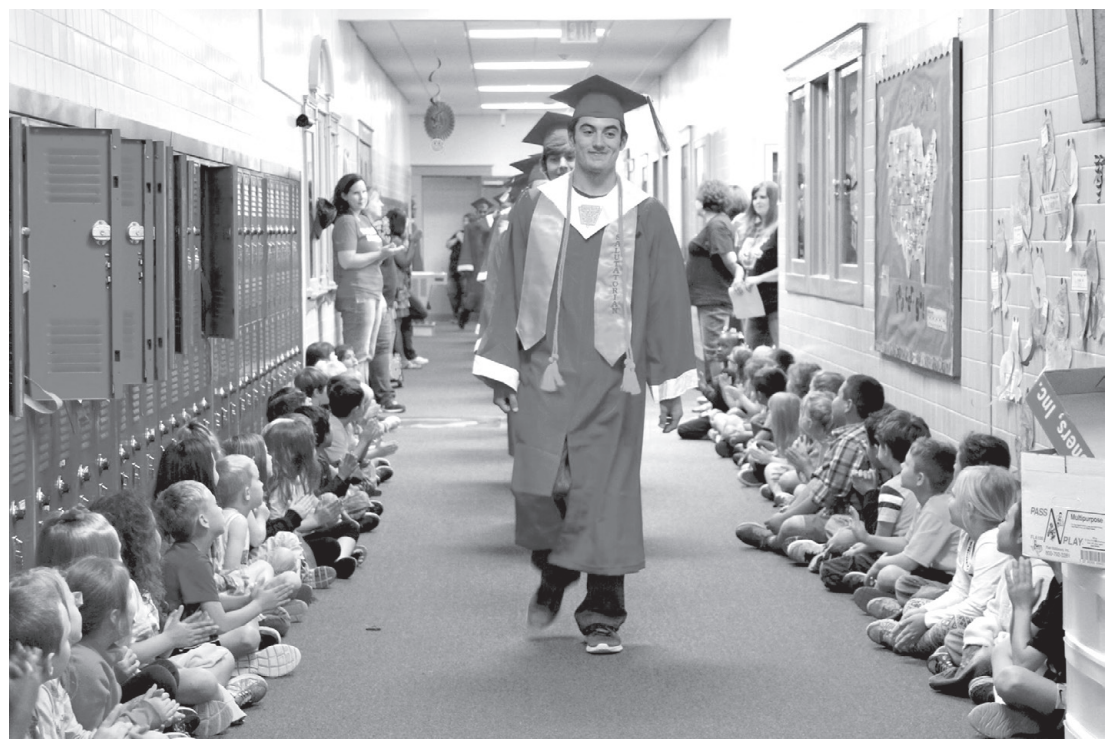
Ashley Mosley said, "I never knew how much of an influence we had on the younger kids, but seeing their faces light up as we walked through their halls and high-fived them, it really put it in perspective for me. It's something I'll never forget."

Elizabeth Horton said, "Walking through the halls of the schools and waving to all the little ones brought me so much joy. It is an incredible thing to know that so many young people look up to us seniors." Sabrina Swinford said, "It was a nice reminder of where we've come from.

This is a lift to the students who have gone through the system and even if for just that moment in time they became heroes, then truly, it was mission accomplished. In this day and age, the young people need heroes and the ones who have earned their diploma deserve to be so.

The dual purpose here is rightly served. The elementary kids have something to look forward to and the seniors have something to look back on.

It is a great tradition that perhaps should be looked at in our school systems all over America – and especially right here at home.



Submitted Photo

Seniors from an unnamed high school completed the "Senior Walk" this week through the hallways of the elementary students. A place they remembered and where, on this day, they were remembered.

Guest column

Tough decisions needed regarding transportation

By BEV CASHMAN

We rely on our state's roads and bridges every day to get to work, visit grandchildren, and run errands. Our small business owners rely on a strong transportation system to get their product to market and to get their employees to the work place. But our transportation system is aging and we need to make tough decisions to maintain our system for the future so we remain economically competitive.

We need a long-term, sustainable funding plan and we cannot afford to kick the can down the road. I agree with the House Republicans that some of the state's $900 million surplus should be returned to the people who created it and some should be used to address the need for additional transportation funding. Where I disagree is that the current surplus absolves the Legislature from dealing with transportation long term.

The current projected surplus is just that, projected and current. This surplus is a one-time opportunity for tax relief or additional spending. If the Legislature gets Minnesota's tax collections and spending in balance, the surplus will go away this biennium. Governor Dayton has proposed a 10-year transportation plan that is funded by user fees. That funding stream would provide sustainable resources for roads and bridges, while the Republican plan does NOT.

The House plan calls for using General Fund monies, which are in surplus this year. However, there is no guarantee that there will be surplus general funds available in future years to support transportation. To rely on general funds for transportation sets up annual battles for funding, creating winners and losers between education, transportation, healthcare, tax-relief, long-term elder care, etc.

So what is a legislator to do? Compromise. Use some of the current surplus, add the Republican sales tax collections from auto related services and some form of new revenue. This will provide sustainable funding for the long run. We must get this done this year. The cost of delay has been and will continue to be astronomical. District 24A deserves leadership that represents the best interests of the people, not just the party.

Bev Cashman is a music teacher at Medford Public Schools. She is a candidate for Minnesota House District 24A.

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A memorable European venture

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

This past month I had one of the most memorable times of my life.

I survived being away from America for two weeks. It definitely proved to be a fun adventure traveling overseas for the first time ever.

It certainly was nice to connect with my oldest daughter, who has been studying abroad in Belgium for the past four months. This trip really made me realize how strong and independent of a woman my daughter has turned into. She didn't miss a beat in carting her old man and my mother around Europe.

My European venture gave me the opportunity to soak up some cultural differences between the Europe countries and America. We were fortunate to take in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Taking in the countryside where the movie Sound of Music was filmed 51 years ago was a breathtaking experience. Austria is one of the most amazing scenic places in the world.

Yes, we did indulge in a little chocolate and tasty beer along the way. At one place in Munich, it seemed like they rolled the keg out to us because the mug was gigantic.

This trip pointed out to me how wasteful America is, at least when it comes to construction. I was amazed at some of the architectural beauties, dating back to the early 1600s found all over Europe. It left me wondering why in America we seem to tear things down even after 25 years or less. It seems like we're always in the "new, new, new" mode in America. Not so over in Europe.

As I traveled around Europe, mostly by train, one thing that stuck out in my mind is the extensive and elaborate transportation system in place. It by far outpaces anything we have going in the U.S. We were able to comfortably get around utilizing high-speed trains, subways and buses. The trains even connect with small communities located out in the sticks.

I must admit security seemed to be lacking in certain areas, which caused a little heightened concern on my part. For instance, during one of our excursions of riding the high-speed train between two countries, there weren't any security checks at all. It was scary to think that anyone could have slipped in to do some major damage if they wanted to. In fact, train officials didn't even come by to pick up a boarding pass from us on this particular trip.

Based on my recent experience, the trains seem to be an easy target for any terrorists. I pray that nothing will ever happen on these trains, but it wouldn't surprise me at all if it did. At this point, they're ripe picking for extremists looking to create terror and chaos.

The lack of security seemed a bit out of place, especially after there have been two major bombing attacks in Paris and Brussels over the past six months. I really hope train officials will take a closer look at their security measures moving forward.

Not surprisingly, we made up for the extra security once we got back to America. We flew into New York and had to switch flights. Even after being extensively screened in Brussels, we had to go through no less than three security checkpoints in New York before we could board back to the Twin Cities.

At first we chuckled when we had two hours between our flights in New York, wondering what we were going to do with all our free time. It ended up we barely made our flight back home due to the excessive security and long TSA lines. Thankfully, our flight was delayed 12 minutes or we would have certainly missed it. It was a mad scramble around JFK Airport trying to catch our connecting flight.

With my European adventure behind me, it's now time to go in hot pursuit of getting back to my American ways.



The noon Owatonna Rotary Club honored students who participated in the STRIVE program this school year. Students included Kiley Boomgarden, Raven Caldwell, Natasha Devries, Noah Hanson, Annika Jorgensen, Mariah Kane, Zoie Pena, Gabriel Phillips, Haley Pusateri, Fernando Rodriguez, Gianni Smith, Rodrigo Solis and Isa bel Zapata

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Second Front

His basketball court was his pulpit

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

On May 18, 2014 I lost a good friend, a good mentor and a good coach. He was a man among men and it touched my heart with great sadness as I heard of his passing. Some say he lost his battle with cancer, but I say that he triumphed over it. It shall touch him no more and there will be, NO MORE PAIN… except for those of us who were left with a gaping hole in our hearts with his departing. I shall take solace in the scripture found in the book of John that says, "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." (John 16:22)

Looking back on my notes at the time, I can remember sending out this memory and a call to prayer for a legend in the coaching world. It was written on November 12, 2012. I also treasure each email he sent back to me, not speaking of himself but always encouraging me.

He could always make me laugh. In an embroiled feud with an athletic director, Don sat me down and told me, "Wrestling with an athletic director who is out to get your job is like wrestling with a pig. You both get dirty, but the pig likes it."

He also told me one time that if my team didn't start improving, they would change the school name from Norsemen to Possums. When I asked him why, he said, "Because you keep playing dead at home and you're getting' killed on the road."

Don was instrumental in me writing and publishing my book of motivation to athletes.

He writes as one of the endorsements in the book:

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"Mark, Always coach for the love of the game and the kids. Give your gift of servant leadership away every day. –Coach Don Meyer"

Always honest, always candid, always a mentor and a servant. I shall miss him greatly.

Looking back on my notes at the time, I can remember sending out this memory and a call to prayer for a legend in the coaching world.

I sent it out on November 12, 2012

Good Morning,

You know that each morning as I arise before the sun and pray and get fresh bread... that I share it with you, my friends, family and congregation. This morning in prayer, I could not stop thinking about my friend, Don Meyer whose body is frail and sick, but who left an impacting image in me last night that I just needed to share.

After a very busy day yesterday that started at about 4 a.m. and didn't finish until well after midnight, I thank you for your prayers. Last night I was privileged to go to a coaching clinic at Saginaw Valley State University where one of my good friends and basketball mentors was speaking.

This man is an ESPY award winner for perseverance and gives a tribute on the back cover of my book "A Warrior's Heart". He has won over 900 college games and for a while held the top spot in that category. Last night he talked about many things - and had he not had a flight scheduled for Sunday morning, I know that he would have come and spoken to us at Crossroads.

Don's body is failing. It was a coaching clinic like none I've ever been to. He was sick from the cancer medicines he was taking and weak from three valves that were put into his heart.

He is not expected to last through Christmas... but there he was, sitting in a chair for 3 hours talking to us and passing on his wisdom. He didn't hesitate to sign one more basketball for me after he had done so for years for my fundraisers.

We listened to him talk about the three "f's" - faith, family, friendship. We learned about how close he was to Heaven and that he was sure that he still had a purpose, or "God would have taken me home by now."

He challenged us to be "spiritual servants" - and to leave a legacy... and to leave a place "better" than when you found it. One of the simplest and most profound things he told us was not about picking or screening or shooting or defending a zone defense, but he quietly looked into my eyes and said... "pick up trash". It was in that moment, that more than ever before in my life, it was so clear and evident that it's not what they hear you say, but what they see you do that will leave the most important impact. A picture really is worth a thousand words.

This morning, I was reading this verse, that I am convinced was given to me from the Lord from Psalm 19:1-4: The heavens tell about the glory of God. The skies announce what his hands have made. Each new day tells more of the story, and each night reveals more and more about God's power.

You cannot hear them say anything. They don't make any sound, we can hear if we take the time to listen.

Their message goes throughout the world. Their teaching reaches the ends of the earth. The sun's tent is set up in the heavens.

Sometimes the greatest thing we can hear... have no words at all.

Sometimes the greatest thing is not preaching a million words without taking a breath.

Sometimes... the greatest sermon you can preach to someone is what they see you do. As in this scripture - the glory of God is declared without words... When light breaks forth, we know the story of creation itself... when darkness falls we know about His protection and His care. As the light begins to break the eastern sky - it doesn't announce itself - but causes us to describe what it is saying.... "dawn… good morning."

I watched a man come to preach in his own special way last night to a handful of coaches a thousand miles from his home and family.... in the midst of his adversity... a trip he didn't really have to make... and it wasn't the words that impressed us as much as his being there.

And us, watching a man give everything he had left to people who could give him nothing in return. He told us that in dealing with our relationships... we can find out a lot about a man when he's "getting his butt kicked," and on the scale of life, what registers is how a man will treat people that can never repay him or do anything for him. Can you love and serve and care with no strings attached?

We watched a man receive his reward from the passion that he gave himself to... the chance to talk about God and family and friends... and basketball. His pulpit was his basketball court. I am blessed to have a pulpit at Crossroads and one at center court at Ionia High School. And, coach Meyer… I have reconnected with what you have tried to tell us all for years... "they'll all be watching to see what you do".

I need to be the one that "picks up the trash."



Submitted photo

Legendary Basketball Coach and my friend, Don Meyer received the Jimmy Valvano Award for Persistence at the ESPY Awards in 2009.

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Old cars turn into treasures

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Steve Stadheim, co-owner of S & S Motorsports, Inc., rural Ellendale, shows off his restored cars on his rural farm yard. The lineup from left to right: 1963 Corvette Roadster; 1968 Chevelle Super Sport 396; 1998 Corvette Indianapolis pace car and a

Ever since he was 12 years old, Steve Stadheim has been working on cars.

In between working on cars and restoring them to classic condition, Stadheim, co-owner with his son Darrin of S & S Classic Motorsports, Inc., rural Ellendale, had time to run a dairy farm and beef lot.

Classic cars are the Stadheims' love, however, and they have put many smiles on the faces of their customers. They have been a licensed dealership since 2001.

Go to the Stadheim website at http://www.ssmotorsportsowatonna.com/ and view some of the cars the Stadheims have restored.

"I would guess we have sold cars to customers in every state in the union and we have also sold cars that have ended up in Canada, Australia and Dubai, says the elder Stadheim.

The classic auto business is a hobby that "kind of got out of hand," admits the elder Stadheim. He says his grandfather and mother loved cars. His mother, a school teacher, bought a new car every two years. Stadheim owns his parents' last car, a 1987 Monte Carlo Super Sport.

Let's go back into the personal history of Steve Stadheim. His first car was a 1955 Chevrolet 210 he bought when he was 14. He graduated from Ellendale High School in 1964. He then obtained his parents' 1962 Chevrolet Impala, a two-door hardtop, black with red interior and with only 14,000 miles on it.

Following high school, Stadheim served in the U.S. Navy, met his wife Doris in Florida and both came to Minnesota to live. Stadheim worked for a Chevrolet dealer in Owatonna for a short time and then went into farming with his father in 1967. The Stadheims milked cows until 1988. They then went into raising beef cattle, Angus and Herefords.

While farming, Stadheim continued to do restoration. "It came naturally; I never went to school for it."

His love of cars became a full-time vocation of his in 1998. The Stadheims had a showroom in Owatonna for a short time and then moved the operation back to the farm "when we began having fun again even though we were working 70-80 hours a week," Stadheim said.

Darrin earned a degree in auto body and business management. He is president of S & S Motorsport. The Stadheims live only three miles apart.

Steve Stadheim is proud to say that he is a Corvette fan. He currently owns nine corvettes including his prize, a 1963 model. He also owns a 1932 Chevrolet Confederate, a 1934 Ford Roadster street rod, a 1936 Dodge and a 1955 Buick.

One of his recent restoration prizes, a 2007 C06 Corvette went to New York. He also sold a 1972 Chevelle Pro Touring car which went to an owner in St. Charles, MN. "The smile would not leave his face after he saw the collector car," Stadheim said.

Stadheim does much of the work on the autos but does rely on his personal mechanics and an auto body man to help him with the custom work. "I then put the car back together," he says.

Everything is inspected before it leaves the S & S property, Stadheim remarked.

S & S advertises regularly in Auta Buy magazine, a monthly publication.

"It's very satisfying trying to find a nice car for someone," Stadheim said.

Why do people collect classic cars? "I guess it reminds them of their youth and sometimes it's a way to deal with a mid-life crisis," Stadheim volunteered. "I enjoy helping people find their dream car," he said.

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Cooperative weather conditions and a smattering of rain showers have helped Steele County farmers put their crops in the ground during an early growing season. Corn planting is essentially finished and soybeans are now being planted. Farmers have also been spraying their cropland. Rains early this week will help bring an emergence of corn crops.

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Members of the panel group were: Myles Shaver, professor at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management; Ozzie Nelson, president Nelson Companies; Bonnie Holub, business consultant and Michael McFadden, co-founder, Pathfinder Companies and former U.S. Senate candidate.

It was announced that Minnesota has more Fortune 500 companies than any other state. Mayor H said he is aware of many Blooming high school graduates working for some of these companies.

Mayor H says even though Minnesota has weather and taxes against it, the lifestyle and education system of the state make it an appealing place to stay.

The mayors and spouses visited the Riesberg-Hartman home in Sunfish Lake for the evening social session.

Mayor H. is completing his sixth two-year term as BP mayor. He already has said he will put his name on the ballot for the 2016 election.

"I have no intention to campaign; the people of Blooming Prairie let me know what's on their mind."

Retired after teaching art for 35 years at BPHS, Peterson said he has enjoyed his time as mayor. "It's been fun to build things," he said. Prior to being mayor, he was on council and during his years as council member and mayor, he has seen a city center built, an ambulance garage constructed a high school rebuilt and a Main Street reconstruction.

Peterson said a plan is also in place to prevent future flooding.

The public is also invited to give input for a comprehensive plan for the city, Peterson said.

Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Owatonna Police responded to Kohl's for a shoplifter on April 28. The suspect fled, but he was later caught with a glass bulb that contained a white residue, a loaded hypodermic needle and a metal pipe.

Mankato teen admitted into jail after attempted stabbing in Owatonna

17-year-old Matheng Biel Gatkuoth of Mankato was admitted into the Steele County Jail on May 2nd to stand trial for allegedly attempting to stab a Cash Wise employee.

According to the criminal complaint, on January 1st of this year, a male matching Gatkuoth's description entered the Cash Wise in Owatonna, around 4:00 a.m. and placed several items on the night cashier's register. A witness told police the male left the register for a few minutes, then returned brandishing a knife with a blade around 12 inches long.

Without issuing threats or saying anything, the male attempted to stab the cashier. The resulting injury was described as a "poke" in the police report. After the attempted stabbing, the cashier observed the male take off running down State Street.

Police arrived on the scene around 4:20 a.m. to begin the investigation. After two days of talking to witnesses, following leads and reviewing security camera footage police identified Gatkuoth as a suspect. Until recently, Gatkuoth has been held in a juvenile detention facility awaiting trial.

Gatkuoth has two 5th degree assault convictions on his record in Steele and Olmsted Counties.

Trial date set for Owatonna teen

Jameson Smith will be answering to felony charges on May 16th at the Steele County Court House and he will be tried as an adult. The 18-year-old Owatonna resident was just 17 when he and 3 other teens beat and stabbed another teen, almost to death, in 2015. Smith's exact charges are: first degree conspiracy to commit first degree murder and a first degree charge of aid and abet first degree assault.

These charges stemmed from the premeditated assault of Andrew Zivala on by Smith, 18-year-old Carlos Sosa-Venegas, 16-year-old Jose Sosa-Venegas, and 16-year-old Seth Brandenburg.

According to the criminal complaint, on the night of July 15th, the four took pain medication, and messaged Zivala on Facebook to smoke Marijuana in a corn field. Authorities say once arriving at the corn field the four carried Zivala a half mile away from the road and began assaulting him. Despite over a dozen stab wounds, Zivala was able to walk to a nearby house, where authorities found him. Based on a description of the car police were able to track the four teenagers who were eventually charged.

The degree of premeditation of the crime will be critical in the outcome of the trial for Smith. According to police records, Smith and others were talking about killing Zivala the night of the crime. Then in April of 2015, Smith had assault charges raised against him when he allegedly threatened Zavala's life and assaulted him with a broken arm rest.

The trial will have serious implications for Smith's future considering on March 30th, it was decided he would be tried as an adult, although he was 17 at the time of the assault. Smith's maximum combined charges could result in 20 years in prison.

Police Blotter
Steele County

Owatonna

Police responded to Kohl's for a shoplifter on April 28. The suspect fled, but he was later caught with a glass bulb that contained a white residue, a loaded hypodermic needle and a metal pipe. Edward J. Climer, 35, has been charged with felony drug possession and theft.

Blooming Prairie Police
May 3

Drugs. At 9:01 p.m., officer took a report of drug activity in the city.

Owatonna Police
April 29

Shoplifter. Officer responded to a shoplifting complaint in the 1100 block of Frontage Road W. at 6:35 a.m. A citation was issued.

Theft. Police took two separate theft reports. The first came at 10:02 a.m. in the 700 bloc of Prospect St. E. and the other one was at 12:35 p.m. in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Crash. At 1:56 p.m., a motor vehicle crash was reported at Elm Ave. S. and School St. E. No injuries were reported.

Hit and Run. Police responded to a hit and run property damage crash at Bridge St. W. and Oak Ave. S. at 1:15 p.m.

Restraining Order. A citizen reported a restraining order violation at 4:04 p.m. in the 300 block of Mower Place NW.

Attempted Suicide. At 6:58 p.m., police responded to an attempted suicide in the 600 block of Rice Lake St. E.

Warrant. Officer handled warrant activity in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:40 p.m.

April 30

Theft. A citizen reported a theft in the 300 block of Murray St. SE at 8:39 a.m.

Attempted Suicide. Police responded to an attempted suicide at 1:47 p.m. in the 500 block of South St. E.

Threats. At 2:16 p.m., officer took a report of threats in the 100 block of Franklin Ave. SW.

Drunk Driving. Police stopped a vehicle in the 500 block of 17th St. SW at 10:23 p.m. The driver was arrested for DWI.

Crash. A motor vehicle crash was reported in the 1100 block of Frontage Road W. at 10:45 p.m. No one was injured.

Drunk Driving. At 11:51 p.m., officers arrested a driver for DWI in the 100 block of Bridge St. W.

May 1

Domestic. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Walnut Ave. S. at 9:26 a.m.

Traffic. A vehicle was stopped in the 900 block of Mosher Ave. SW at 2:21 p.m. Officer issued a citation.

Theft. At 3:49 p.m., a citizen reported a theft in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Child Protection. Police began a child protection investigation in the 300 block of Pine Ave. NE at 3:36 p.m.

Found Property. Officer took a report of found property in the 200 block of Rice St. E. at 6:16 p.m.

May 2

Traffic. At 1:35 a.m., officer stopped a vehicle in the 1100 block of Frontage Road W. A citation was issued.

Parking. A vehicle was towed and impounded from the 100 block of Pearl St. E. at 5:31 a.m.

Burglary. A citizen reported a burglary in the 1000 block of Brady Blvd. NW at 8:25 a.m.

Harassment. Officer took a harassment report in the 400 block of Flowervale St. NW at 1:07 p.m. An adult was arrested.

Hit and Run. Police responded to a hit and run crash resulting in property damage in the 2200 block of 30th St. NW at 2:26 p.m.

Crash. At 5:20 p.m., officer responded to Cedar Ave. N. and North St. E. for a property damage crash. One driver was issued a citation.

911 Hang-up. Police responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 300 block of Pine Ave. NE at 6:32 p.m. An adult was arrested.

Restraining Violation. A citizen reported a restraining order violation in the 400 block of Pebble Beach Dr. NE at 6:04 p.m.

Crash. Police handled a property damage crash at Wildflower Dr. NE and Wildflower Lane at 8:23 p.m.

Traffic. A vehicle was stopped at 21st Ave. NW and Hoffman Dr. NW at 10:52 p.m. The driver was arrested.

May 3

DWI. Officer stopped a vehicle in the 500 block of Mineral Springs Road NE and arrested the driver for DWI at 1:29 a.m.

Traffic. Police stopped two vehicles at Cedar Ave. S. and School St. E. at 3:29 a.m. and Bridge St. W. and Walnut Ave. N. at 4:49 a.m. In both cases, officers made adult arrests.

Injury Crash. Gold Cross Ambulance and police responded to a pedestrian and vehicle crash in the 2400 block of St. Paul Road NE at 10:31 a.m.

Trespass. An unwanted person was reported in the 1000 block of Elm Ave. N. at 1:05 p.m.

Shoplifting. At 4:46 p.m., a shoplifting complaint was received in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. Police made an adult arrest.

Disturbance. Officers responded to the 300 block of School St. E. for a loud party at 6:58 p.m.

Weapons. At 10:51 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of State Ave. NW for a report of shots fired.

May 4

Crash. A motor vehicle crash was reported in the 100 block of Elm Ave. N. at 2:22 p.m.

Domestic. Police responded to a domestic argument in the 200 block of Front St. E. at 6:21 p.m.

Sex Offense. At 9:11 p.m., officer took a criminal sexual conduct report in the 100 block of Broadway St. W.

May 5

Shoplifter. Police responded to the 400 block of North St. W. at 8:28 a.m. for a shoplifter. An adult was arrested.

Warrant. At 10:43 a.m., an adult was arrested on a warrant in the 1400 block of Oak Ave. S.

Stop Arm. Officer took a school bus stop arm violation at Grove Ave. S. and Main St. E. at 2:51 p.m. A citation was issued.

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident was reported in the 1400 block of 21st Ave. NW at 4:05 p.m. Officer issued a citation.

Warrant. An adult was arrested for a warrant in the 400 block of Vine St. E. at 6:17 p.m.

Crash. At 7:22 p.m., police responded to North St. W. and State Ave. NW for a motor vehicle crash. No one was injured.

Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of School St. E. at 10:10 p.m. Officers made one adult arrest.

Steele County Sheriff
April 29

Welfare Check. Deputy responded to the 6400 block of 48th St. SW to check the welfare of a subject at 9:48 a.m.

Juvenile. At 1:31 p.m., deputy handled a juvenile complaint in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE.

April 30

Dangerous Animal. Deputy took a report of a dangerous animal in the 500 block of Park Ave. in Ellendale at 9:04 a.m.

May 2

Sex Offense. At 4:12 p.m., deputy began a criminal sexual conduct investigation in the 12400 block of 52nd Ave. SW.

Fraud. A citizen came to the Law Enforcement Center to make a fraud report at 3:51 p.m.

May 3

Animal Call. At 8:51 a.m., deputy handled an animal call in the 200 block of 1st St. NE.

Theft. A citizen reported a theft in the 700 block of 94th Ave. SE at 4:48 p.m.

May 4

Warrant. Deputy arrested an adult on an outstanding warrant at the Detention Center at 6:01 a.m.

Vandalism. At 8:25 a.m., a citizen reported property damage in the 500 block of Park Ave.

May 5

Injury Crash. The sheriff's office responded to a personal injury crash in the 900 block of 5th Ave. E. at 6:17 a.m.

Car-Deer. Deputy took a report of a car vs. deer crash at 82nd Ave. SW and 88th St. SW at 6:48 a.m.

Warrant. At 12:24 p.m., an adult was arrested at the Detention Center on an outstanding warrant.

Threats. A citizen made a report of threats in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE at 1:35 p.m.

Warrants. Deputies made two adult arrests for outstanding warrants. They both happened in the 100 block of Main St. E at 3:07 p.m. and 3:26 p.m.

Steele Arrests

Owatonna Police

April 30

Lorenzo Markey Cook, 25, arrested at 1:55 a.m. for two body only warrants, held for court.

Clinton Joseph Baldwin, 30, arrested at 10:34 p.m. for fourth degree DWI and third degree test refusal, held for court.

May 2

Jacqueline Jensen, 63, arrested at 1:34 p.m. for harassment restraining order violation, held for court.

Chad Leroy Wubben, 42, arrested at 3 p.m. for order for protection violation, held for court.

Kevin Jackson, 50, arrested at 6:55 p.m. for second-degree assault and interfere with 911 call, held for court.

Juan Alberto Cordero, 37, arrested at 11:10 p.m. for no insurance and driving after revocation, held for court.

Devin James Prissel, 18, arrested at 1:45 a.m. for third-degree DWI, held for court.

May 3

Brandy Gale Schmitt, 19, arrested at 4:41 a.m. for fifth-degree possession and driving after revocation, held for court.

Derek James Kelling, 19, arrested at 5:20 a.m. for no insurance, driving after revocation and expired tabs, held for court.

Austin Edward Teele, 29, arrested at 3:57 p.m. for harassment restraining order violation, held for court.

Miranda Leah Bixby, 28, arrested at 5:10 p.m. for fifth-degree possession and theft, held for court.

May 5

Alexander Jay Brown, 20, arrested at 9:10 a.m. for fifth-degree controlled substance, held for court.

Trevor Roland Harber, 33, arrested at 10:49 a.m. for outstanding warrant, $500 bail.

Brandon Lee Stevermer, 21, arrested at 12:04 p.m. for fifth-degree possession and warrant, held for court.

Daniel Moises Rangel, 35, arrested at 1:33 p.m. for second-degree assault and domestic assault, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff
May 5

Jennifer Lynn Marsolek, 32, arrested for body only warrant, held for court.

Robert Charles Lyons, 53, arrested at 12 p.m. for probation violation warrant, held for court.

MN State Patrol
May 2

Christopher Jeffrey Hanson, 34, arrested at 9:44 p.m. for fourth degree DWI and third degree test refusal, $12,000 bail.

Court News
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of May 2 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Tristian E. Knish, 19, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of a felony controlled substance crime. Knish was sentenced to $81 fines, 3 years supervised probation, no possession of firearms and no entering of bars or liquor stores.

Skylar M. Lavenz, 22, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of a felony controlled substance crime. She was sentenced to 1 day jail time, $81, 5 years supervised probation, no firearm possession and no entering bars or liquor stores.

Patrick D. Powell, 43, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony domestic assault. Powell was sentenced to 21 months in the St. Cloud correctional facility, $131, 5 years supervised probation, chemical dependency evaluation and no entering bars or liquor stores.

Joseph R. Wilson, 26, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of a felony controlled substance crime. Wilson was sentenced to $81 fines, 5 years supervised probation, no possession of firearms and no entering bars or liquor stores.

Michael J. Worden, 39, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony theft and controlled substance crime. He was sentenced to $681 fines, 5 years supervised probation, no contact with victims, no firearm possession and no entering bars or liquor stores.

James F. Vierling, 35, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of 2nd degree assault with a dangerous weapon. Vierling was sentenced to 30 days in local confinement and 7 years supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of May 2-6:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Ismael S. Martinez, 22, Waseca, no proof of insurance, $281; Jason D. Mattson, 45, New Richland, driving after revocation, no proof of insurance, $481; Anjanette S. Wells, 32, Owatonna, driving after revocation, no proof of insurance, $481; Square One Contracting and Repair, Blooming Prairie, no records of inspection, no driver qualification files, $281.

Minnesota State Patrol – Rochester

Amy J. Palmer, 19, Ankeny, Iowa, speeding, $141; Mayra Barajas, 32, Owatonna, driving after revocation, $281; Gregory A. Bridges, 52, Weatherford, Texas, speeding, $121; Joshua P. Brocker, 20, Claremont, speeding, $121; Tutugirl Duolo, 23, Eden Prairie, speeding, $131; Bridget E. Eklund, 21, Scandia, window tint, $131; Raul R. Gonzalez, 19, Lawler, Iowa, child passenger not equipped properly, $131; Hilda S. Granados, 30, Chula Vista, California, speeding, no valid license, $321; Arthur L. Grasso, 33, Richfield, speeding, $131; Nathan P. Hanson, 32, Welcome, speeding, $141; Henry D. Kasper, 54, Austin, speeding, $100; Bonnie E. Lewis, 30, Minneapolis, drug possession, $181; Gregory D. Orwig, 26, Lake Park, Iowa, fleeing in motor vehicle, $1081, 3 days jail time, 2 years supervised probation, no alcohol or drug use; Kevin W. Paul, 35, Clear Lake, Iowa, speeding, $121; Joel D. Skinner, 55, Glenville, speeding, $121; Kyle G. Swanson, 29, Minneapolis, driving while intoxicated, $581, 90 days jail time, 3 years supervised probation; Zachary E. Trout, 21, Buffalo, speeding, $121; Corey J. Vanthomme, 25, Waterville, driving after revocation, no proof of insurance, $200; Gary M. Wobbrock, 29, New Richland, seat belt, $106; Benjamin D. Wolf, 27, Faribault, speeding, $131.

Owatonna Police Department

Darron D. Anderson, 28, Owatonna, passing violation, registration violation, $431; Ryan D. Anderson, 26, Owatonna, driving while intoxicated, $1106, 30 days local confinement, 3 years supervised probation, cannot enter bars or liquor stores; Donald B. Bodenweiser, 49, Waldorf, driving after suspension, $281; Andrew J. Bogenschutz, 35, Owatonna, stalking, $181, 2 years supervised probation, 3 days jail time; Patrick J. Brady, 38, Owatonna, driving after revocation, no proof of insurance, no front plate, $511; Karen K. Duff-Annen, 53, Kasson, speeding, $141; Tim D. Enzennauer, 47, Ellendale, seat belt, $106; Aubrey M. Hager, 23, Owatonna, domestic assault, $581, 2 days jail time, 2 years supervised probation, cannot enter bars or liquor stores; Ralph E. Hanks, 56, Waseca, driving without valid license, $581, 1 year supervised probation, 9 days jail time.

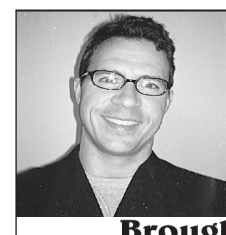
The following individuals as they have active warrants in Steele County.
The sheriff makes this information available as a public service.

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

Lori Hanson- DWI- $3,000 bail
Robert Haston- DWI- $1,000 bail
Nancy Heim- DWI- $1,000 bail
Jewel Herrera- Criminal Damage- $10,000 bail
William Hill- Possession Stolen Property- $500 bail
Jonathan Hinote- False Name- $500 bail
Thomas Hitchcock- Driving Offense- $500 bail
Justin Hoag- Theft- $500 bail
Brandy Hodges- Domestic Assault- $1,000 bail
Brittany Hoverkamp- Disorderly Conduct- $1,000 bail
Renant Hubbard- Controlled Substance- No bail
Harely Huerta- Disorderly Conduct- $500 bail
Bryan Hughes- Theft- $1,000 bail
Justin Huisman- Dangerous Dog- $4,000 bail
Andrew Hull- DWI- $3,000 bail
Spencer Hutchinson- Aggravated DWI- No bail
Trung Huynh- Drugs- No bail
Nicolas Ibarra- DWI- No bail
Anthony Iverson- Theft Shoplifting- $1,000 bail
Tammy Jackson- Motor Vehicle- $500 bail
Taylor Jacobs- Burglary- $40,100 bail
Ryan Jacobson- Contempt of Court- No bail.

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Simplify a Tablet
If you or your mom already has a tablet, but it's too difficult for her to use, you can install a free senior-friendly software application on it like Oscar Senior (OscarSenior.com), which works on Apple iPads and Android tablets.

This app will change the appearance and performance of your tablet into a simplified device with big understandable icons to only commonly used features (video calls, photos, instant messages, Internet, news, weather, reminders, contacts, etc.) for easy navigation, with no clutter. It even offers remote access capabilities so you can gain access to your mom's tablet from your smartphone, so you can see what she sees, and help her if she gets stuck.

Limited Tech Skills
If you're interested in purchasing your mom a new tablet that's specifically designed for seniors, you have options here too, depending on how simple it needs to be.

For seniors with some, but limited computer/tablet skills, there's AARP's RealPad, which is an Android Intel tablet with a 7.85-inch touchscreen that provides a simplified home page with large text icons to frequently used functions. It also comes with 24/7 phone support, and a "Real QuickFix" tool that connects users to technology support agents over the Internet who can access the tablet and fix problems. Available at AARPrealpad.org for only $60, AARP recently announced that the RealPad will be discontinued when inventory sells out in a few months, but they will continue offering customer/technical support throughout the life of the product.

No Tech Skills
If your mother is completely unfamiliar with technology, two simpler options are the grandPad and Claris Companion.

GrandPad is a 7-inch touchscreen Android tablet that is designed for seniors, ages 75 and older.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, May 16, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

The Minnesota Department of Health has rated the cooking staff at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School "excellent." After talking with the crew and observing them at work, the MDH awarded the three BP cooks, Natalie Witt, Pam Johnson, and Khristine Dornquast, with the top-notch rating. The three women begin at 6:30 a.m. preparing breakfast for hundreds of hungry students, and after cleaning up they start preparations for lunch. Each of the BP cooks have been working at the school for four years, and hope to continue serving the elementary students for years to come.

The Blooming Prairie National Honor Society held their annual banquet May 3, honoring current members, but also inducting 17 new members. After a meal was served, Dr. Doug Myers, the retired Austin Public Schools Superintendent, gave a speech. Candles were lit to represent each of the pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. At the conclusion of the candle ceremony, the new members were welcomed into the society.

Blooming Prairie's 2006 prom was held on May 13, and all prom-goers enjoyed the busy day and evening. The grand march was themed "Under the stars," and the theme of the After-Prom was "Tropical Paradise."

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, May 14, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

It will be a special week at Prairie Manor this week as "homes of the Aging" is celebrated. A variety of activities will take place throughout the week, but the frosting on the cake for most residents will take place on Friday, when they will get a limousine ride.

The Hewlett-Packard Company announced that 136 middle and high schools in the United States and Canada would receive HP calculators, teaching materials, and training. After completing and submitting the grant application, Blooming Prairie math teacher Mike Olson is proud to announce that Blooming Prairie was chosen as one of two schools in Minnesota to be awarded this grant.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, May 12, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Mrs. Howard Lysne, Blooming Prairie, informed the Times Tuesday afternoon that she has received no further word regarding her son, Kenneth E. Beneke, who ahs been the object of a continuing search since he was reported missing in Alaska on May 1. Kenneth had gone either hunting or fishing on Sunday, and later his boat was found but Beneke was missing. The incident occurred on a small island northeast of Kodiak Island in the Gulf of Alaska, where Mr. Beneke worked at Wakefield Fisheries as a mechanic.

Susan Kubicek and Ronald Nelson were named the 1966 Blooming Prairie honor students and they two will be awarded at the 64th annual Commencement held on Thursday evening, June 2. Susan is the valedictorian of the 1966 senior class, while Ronald Nelson is the salutatorian.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, May 15, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Twelve students of the Blooming Prairie High School Vocational Agricultural department won high honors in the state contest, coming in second in dairy judging, only missing the championship title by six points. The general livestock team also won a blue ribbon, denoting superior judging, from BP. Richard Tucker, a member of the dairy judging team, was awarded the Minnesota State Farmer degree of the Future Farmers of America.

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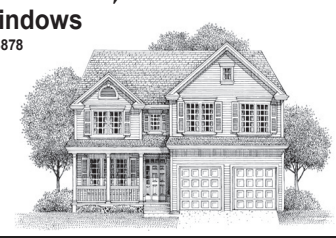
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Danny Alan Winter, 44, Ellendale



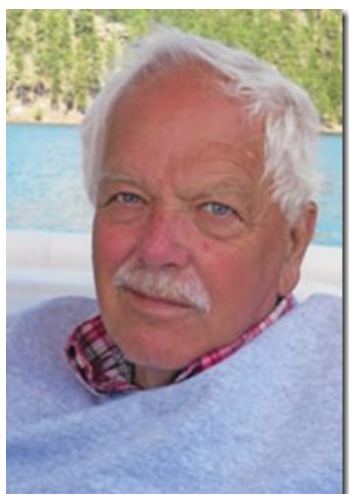
Danny Alan Winter, age 44 of Ellendale, Minnesota

died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Minneapolis. He was born October 5, 1971 in Faribault, Minnesota, the son of Douglas and Shirley (Volkman) Winter. Following his graduation from Faribault High School, Danny attended Dakota County Technical College, earning his Class A truck driving license. He made his living as an over-the-road truck driver. A member of the Lutheran faith, Danny enjoyed working on vehicles, fishing, mud bogging, enduro racing, camping, and bonfires with his family. He especially loved his dog Coco. Danny will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his parents Douglas Winter of Owatonna, MN and Shirley Winter of Ellendale, MN, his daughter Klarissa Ann Winter and son Dallas Alan Winter, both of Ellendale, MN; two brothers, Robert Winter of Waseca, MN and Joe Winter of Faribault, MN; two nephews, Joey and Michael; many other relatives and friends. Danny was preceded in death by his grandparents.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Sliper officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at a later date. Memorials can be directed to the Winter family or recipient of donor's choice. Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

LOWELL ROBERT OLSON, 68, Dodge Center



Lowell Robert Olson, 68, of Dodge Center, passed away on May 2, 2016, at Mayo Clinic Hospital St. Mary's Campus after a lengthy and well-fought battle with cancer.

Lowell was born on June 3, 1947, to Leonard and Rosella (Olsgard) Olson from Lenora, MN. He graduated from Canton High School. He was united in marriage to Nina (Candy) Adams and they were later divorced. He married Elizabeth (Liz) Theuer on October 14, 1989, in Dodge Center, MN. Lowell was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center.

Lowell moved to Dodge Center in the early 70's to work for Don Stafford at Don's Tire Service. After Don's retirement, Lowell opened his first Tire and Auto business, which later became Lowell's Auto Sales. He sold cars to retail customers and won numerous awards including the Tristate Northland Independent Auto Dealers Association Golden Eagle Award for his leadership qualities in membership development, state legislative matters and for being a high volume retail and wholesale dealer. He was subsequently honored as the Minnesota Quality Dealer of the Year by this same organization and served as its Executive Vice President. He was also recognized as a member of the Top Buyers Club at North Star Auto Auction in Shakopee. Lowell loved buying cars and went to auctions 2-3 times a week.

Lowell continually found ways to help grow Dodge Center and meet the needs of the community by serving in these leadership roles: president of the Dodge Center Chamber of Commerce, president of the Dodge County Saddle Club, member of the Dodge Center ambulance and fire department, the Lion's Club and the Jaycee's. He chaired many fund raising events and was viewed as a leader that was always willing to serve and to help his community and was a recipient of the Dodge Center Business Person of the Year Award. He eventually transitioned to Lowell Olson's Auto Sales & Rental and continued in this business until the time of his death.

Lowell also found a way to meet the affordable housing needs of the community by renovating more than 30 homes. This helped those in need attain home ownership through this venture and

added revenue to the city of Dodge Center tax base. He also had rental apartments and houses.

Lowell found great joy raising and owning high quality registered Paint horses at his horse farm called the Circle O Ranch. He loved to have 'horse people' stop in to visit and took great pride in showing them his horses. He and his wife Liz won many local and state honors for the horses they raised by breeding to the top bloodlines in the nation. He was a long time mentor and friend to many in the horse industry. In every aspect of Lowell's life, he was known for his generosity, kindness and for always being so willing to help anyone in need. He was a member of the American Paint Horse Association, Southeastern Minnesota Saddle Club Association (SEMSCA) and was a member of the Dodge County Saddle Club and had served as president for several years. He was also awarded Horseperson of the Year by the SEMSCA organization. He loved to go camping and horseback riding and took many trips to South Dakota, Wisconsin and Missouri over the years and thoroughly enjoyed sitting by the campfire and enjoying time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed going to auctions to search for antiques, horse treasures and farm machinery.

Lowell is survived by his wife of nearly 27 years, Liz and children; Nacia (Randy Ferson) Olson; Gary (Lisa) Olson; Alissa Theuer (Mike Meyer); Wyatt Theuer (Stef Ruhter); of Dodge Center; six grandchildren: Joclyn (21), Talon (18), Awtum (13), Gavin (10), Mallory and Maxwell (10). He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Leland Olson.

Visitation will be Monday, May 9, 2016, from 5:00~8:00 p.m., at the Czaplewski Family Funeral Home, 25, South Street SW in Dodge Center, MN. The funeral service will be Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2nd Street SW in Dodge Center with Reverend Barbara Streed officiating. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center. Memorials are suggested to Riverside Cemetery, Dodge Center, MN or Faith Lutheran Church, Dodge Center, MN.Blessed be his memory. www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com

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Steele County Births
October 2015

Braxton Thomas Prondzinski, Parent: Angela, Oct. 2.
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Willa Rose Klinger, Parents: Jeanne and Kristopher, Oct. 6.
Teresa Grace Schueller, Parents: Brianna and Timothy, Oct. 6.
Rafe Theodore Arndt, Parents: Jenny and Timothy, Oct. 7.
Addilyn Joy Hendrickson, Parents: Katelyn and Cody, Oct. 9.
Rowyn Callaway Hoban, Parents: Laurel and Jared, Oct. 9.
Eva Jubilee Masopust, Parents: Felicia and Sean, Oct. 10.
Indira Catherine Hughes, Parents: Abby and Matthew, Oct. 11.
Addison Rose Hovde, Parents: Amanda and Joseph, Oct. 12.
Henry Daniel Toft, Parents: Alyssa and Bryan, Oct. 12.
Jesus Abelardo Salinas Jr., Parents: Diana and Jesus, Oct. 14.
Aubrey Nicole Dittrich, Parents: Katie Moore and Codi Dittrich, Oct. 15.
Hattie Amelia Powell, Parents: Tanya and Chad, Oct. 15.
Kaylee Marie Moody, Parents: Lauren and Kevin Jr., Oct. 15.
Roger Rene Sutter, Parents: Andrea Rosales and Brent Sutter, Oct. 15.
William Edward Kasper, Parents: Elizabeth and Abraham, Oct. 16.
Amos Robert Merlin Knutson, Parents: Christina and Nels, Oct. 19.
Parker Kenneth Schlichter, Parents: Sheana and Corey, Oct. 19.
Alana Raine Kukacka, Parent: Lisette Alanis, Oct. 19.
Reid Thomas Blasing, Parents: Nicole and Jess, Oct. 20
Waseem Shueeb Abdi, Parents: Fathia Ali and Shueeb Egal, Oct. 23.
Clara Lee Osmundson, Parents: Ashley and Jesse, Oct. 23.
Eliza Michelle Williams, Parents: Michelle and Ryan, Oct. 24.
Alaina Elizabeth Anhorn, Parents: Rachel and Joshua, Oct. 24.
Layla Elizabeth Phillips, Parents: Gisela and Matthew, Oct. 25.
Ashton Rafael Reyes Sanchez, Parents: Antonieta Mendez and Bryant O'Connor, Oct. 25.
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May 11: BBQ Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Dinner Roll, Frozen Yogurt

May 12: Meatloaf, Red Potatoes, Succotash, Carrot Raisin Salad, Grapes

May 13: Chicken Pasta Salad, Cucumber Salad, Peach Halves, Dinner Roll, Baked Coconut Custard

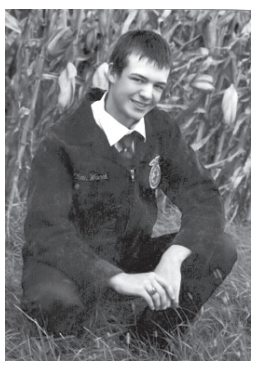
May 16: Chicken Broccoli Bake, Buttered Beets, P/A Orange Fruit Cup, Chocolate Cherry Pie

May 17: Beef Tips over Mashed Potatoes, Oriental Blend Veg, Mixed Greens Salad, Fruit Cup

May 18: Chicken ala King over biscuit, Peas, Cranberry Bog Salad, Fresh Fruit

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Chris Wacek
Years in FFA: 6



FFA activity precipitated in: Toy Show, Farm Safety day, National Convention, State Convention, Leadership days and Fruit Sales.

Officer's position held throughout the years: Sentinal and Officer at Large

Favorite FFA Activity: National convention senior year because I met many new people and saw people I haven't seen for a while.

Future plans: Attending Jackson West for an electrical lineman program.

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Church Spotlight

Streetfire Ministries

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Streetfire Ministries - Pastor Mark DeLap

Pastor's corner

Live for today but don't be afraid to dream about tomorrow

Paul had a desire for what he was shown in the Spirit. It didn't hinder his walk here on earth, but the desire and to share that desire was not a bad thing…. AND he didn't keep it to himself.

When Christ Himself came to John on the Island of Patmos, there was a striking statement presented in the first chapter: Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

When the church does not promote a vision or does not share the coming events, there can be much stagnation without anticipation. That teaching comes from fear. "What if it doesn't happen?"

If Jesus didn't want us to keep our eyes on the prize, He wouldn't have presented it – nor would he have had John tell the church.

We read in the gospels about the prophetic signs of the times, we read in Paul's writings about the graphic nature of the catching away and we actually see through John's eyes the splendor of Heaven.

In the 21st Chapter of the Book of Revelation we read what is recorded about that New Jerusalem and I am geeked about going. Even in the old testament, Abraham was not looking for a city made by men, but in Hebrews 11 it tells us that HE was looking for a city whose builder and maker was God.

In the gospel of John, Jesus tells us about His Father's house with many mansions where a place is being prepared.

One thing you should NEVER discourage is anticipation when someone is looking ahead to what God has shown them. It's like throwing a wet blanket over a fire. The fire of the Holy Ghost is constantly reminding us, warning us, teaching us and showing us the things of tomorrow as securely as He gets us through today.

I love my today… but it doesn't stop me from anticipating my tomorrow. I love what God has done. I love what He is doing. I also LOVE what He has shared about tomorrow. Many times in scripture the tomorrow was given so preparations can be made today.

And finally… Joshua, standing in front of those massive walls of Jericho in the dark of night, saw, by the light of the moon the guards on the walls and the amazing task at hand. The angel of the Lord comes and tells him to LOOK AHEAD. Not to look only at what was… but what was to come.

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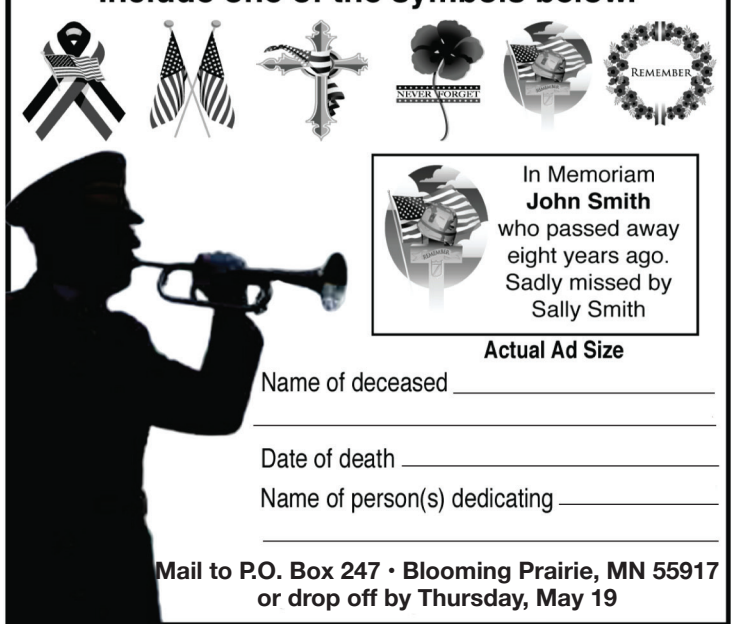
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Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

Cancer is a wakeup call

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer



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Donna Meixner

Finding out you have cancer is a wakeup call, says Donna Meixner, Blooming Prairie resident.

She received her wakeup call two years ago when she went to the Mayo Clinic for a routine mammogram. Working as a medical secretary at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Meixner did not have far to go for her mammogram.

She said her doctor called her back for a re-check but told her not to worry. A biopsy was ordered in late April and on May 1, 2014, Donna was diagnosed with invasive ductile carcinoma, or in other words, breast cancer.

When a person is diagnosed with cancer, it's a family thing and affects many others, too, said Meixner.

She also offered special thanks to the BP Cancer Group. "They were right there with a gift bag after I was diagnosed. They also offered rides to my appointments."

Many people have asked what they can do to help. Donna says it is best to have them help with a specific need.

The next step was a visit to the breast clinic. She then underwent a three-hour lumpectomy. "The surgeon was doing a physical exam and couldn't find the lump, indicating they had detected the cancer very early," Donna said. Doctors removed the sentinel lymph nodes and also learned that the cancer had not spread to her other lymph nodes.

Donna said her support group after surgery was "awesome" with mentors providing their personal cell phone numbers for support. A support group also exists for spouses.

Donna said her diagnosis was totally unexpected. "There's no breast cancer in my family, only an aunt at age 90 diagnosed with it," said Donna. "I felt I was safe and convinced I would not have to go through cancer treatment," she said. Ironically, soon after Donna was diagnosed, a cousin in Texas was diagnosed with invasive ductile carcinoma.

Treatment was ordered in the form of radiation, 30 sessions over six weeks. "I handled radiation well and did not have much fatigue. I am very thankful I didn't have to go through chemotherapy." Donna said she could have chosen radiation treatment twice a day but decided against that type of treatment.

Thirty days after treatment with husband David present at the Mayo Clinic, Donna rang the bell signaling her completion of treatment. "That was exciting," she recalls.

She will now go back twice a year for five years and also will remain on special medicine. She said there are some side effects caused by the medicine including leg pain and joint pain. "I can put up with that," she pointed out.

Donna calls herself a cancer survivor. "It's scary how many people are affected by cancer. It's an epidemic and it will be great if we can find a cure." She strongly urges women to have mammograms.

The biggest fear is that the cancer will come back, she says. "Life is short and there are a lot of things I wish to accomplish. I have to get myself on that path." She is now retired and wants to enjoy her children and grandchildren. She also plans to do lots of sewing, quilting, scrapbooking and gardening.

Donna recently retired and ordered 70 mum plans to be planted along a circle drive by the Meixners' home.

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JOE TISCHLER

Longshot champions

I have to admit, I'm not the biggest soccer fan around, but when something remarkable happens like what we saw in the English Premier League recently, it's hard not to take notice.

Prior to the season, English-based bookmaker, William Hill had Leicester City as 5,000-to-1 odds at winning the Premier League championship. To put that into perspective, here are some other bets offered in England with similar 5000-to-1 odds: 1) Elvis is found alive, 2) Yeti or Loch Ness Monster is proven to exist, 3) Kim Kardashian becomes the U.S. president in 2020, and 4) Barack Obama plays cricket for England after he leaves the Oval Office.

Leicester City proved all odds-makers and doubters wrong by winning the league championship last week with Elvis in attendance. . . no Elvis was not there, but there may have been some Elvis impersonators in the crowd.

Among United States professional or college teams, no one has overcome odds that big to win a championship, but there have been a few with greater than 100-to-1 odds and wound up being the last team standing at the end of the season. Here's a list of the top teams in that category with odds set before the season unless otherwise noted and two belong to your hometown nine.

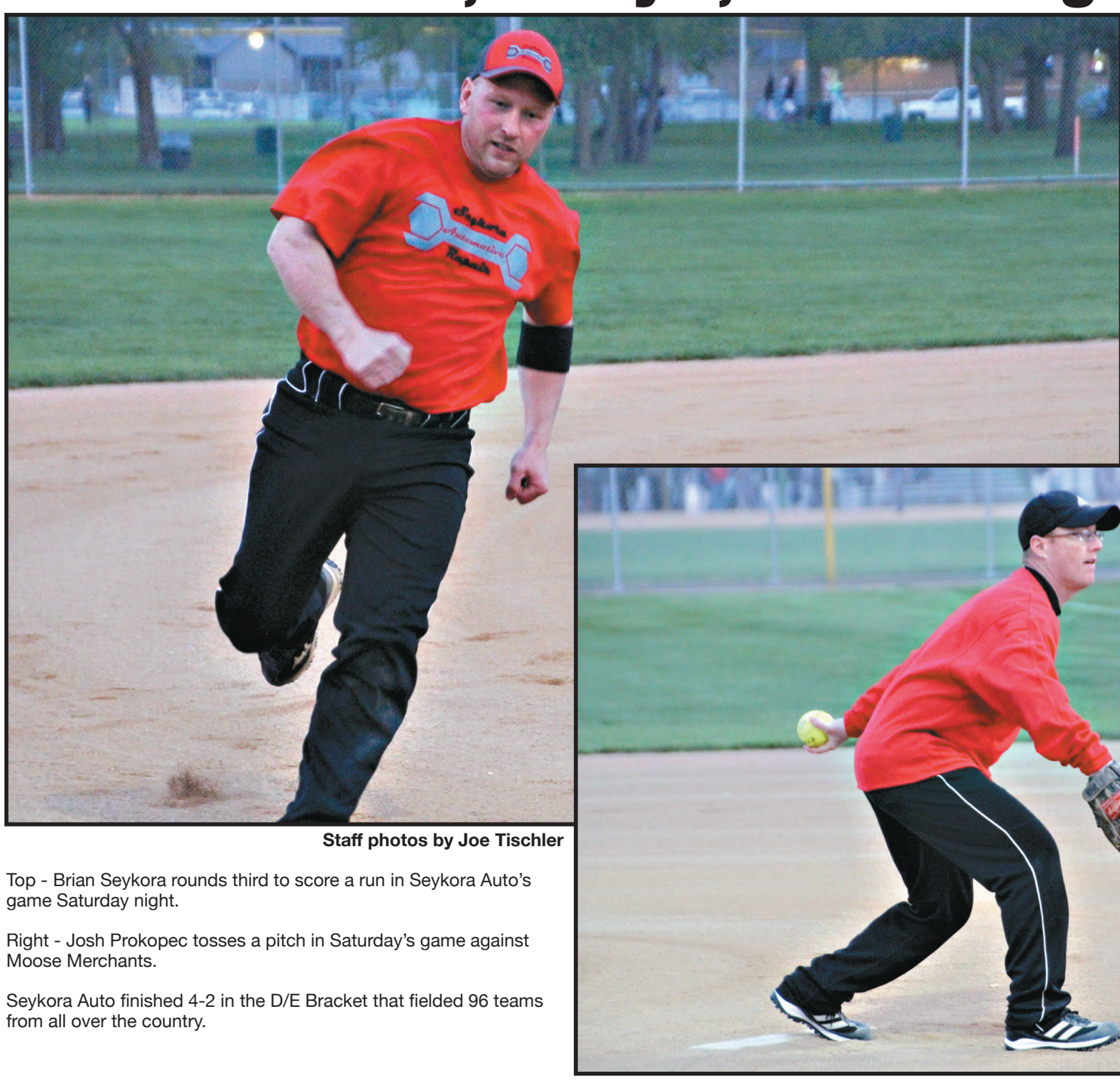
1. 2011 St. Louis Cardinals, 999-to-1 odds (late in season). The Cardinals needed a late season spurt just to qualify for the postseason as they closed the regular season winning 11 of their final 15 games to gain a little momentum going into the playoffs. St. Louis defeated Philadelphia, the team with the best record in baseball, in the division series, then toppled Milwaukee in the National League Championship Series to reach the World Series. They were down to their last strike twice in Game 6 before rallying to beat Texas in seven games.

2. 1987 Minnesota Twins, 500-to-1 odds. The Twins had not reached postseason play since 1970 and had not finished with a winning record since 1979. With Tom Kelly as manager for the first full season, expectations were low. Minnesota made good use of their "dome"-field advantage posting the best home record in baseball at 56-25. They defeated Detroit in the American League Championship Series in surprisingly easy fashion then topped the Cardinals in a World Series in which the home team won every game.

3. 1999 St. Louis Rams, 300-to-1 odds. The Rams had been a doormat in the NFL for the entire 1990s, not having had a winning season since 1989. It looked like it was going to be another long season of losing when starting quarterback Trent Green was lost in the preseason with a knee injury leaving little-used Kurt Warner to guide the team for the season. Warner far exceeded expectations throwing for 43 touchdown passes and was named league MVP as the Rams went 13-3. He gained more MVP honors as he threw for a Super Bowl record 414 yards in leading St. Louis to a 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory over Tennessee.

CHAMPIONS
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From 16 to 176, Corky's, a smashing success



Staff photos by Joe Tischler

Top - Brian Seykora rounds third to score a run in Seykora Auto's game Saturday night.

Right - Josh Prokopec tosses a pitch in Saturday's game against Moose Merchants.

Seykora Auto finished 4-2 in the D/E Bracket that fielded 96 teams from all over the country.

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

Corky Ebeling's goal when he put together a 16-team softball tournament as a fundraiser for his team in 1979 was to make it a yearly event that could eventually grow to 64 teams.

This past Thursday through Sunday, a lot more than 64 teams, 176 to be exact, converged on 11 softball diamonds in Owatonna and six more in Faribault for the 37th Annual Corky's Early Bird Softball Tournament.

"My goal was always 64 teams," said Ebeling. "By the 25th year, it exploded and got over that mark which gained national media attention. It's been crazy ever since."

Ebeling was the tournament director until the tournament's 30th edition when Loren Dietz helped run it that year. Dietz has been the main tournament director since then and has roughly 40 to 50 teams on a waiting list wanting to compete in this event.

"I don't know how big this can get," said Ebeling. "I'm so glad Loren took it over. I used to do everything by hand, but he's got it all computerized now. They're already making notes for next year."

Why would all of these teams from all over the country want to come to southern Minnesota in early May, where the weather can be unpredictable, and play softball?

"It's got its reputation," said Ebeling. "This tournament, no matter what division of play you're in, from the lowest to the top, the competition is at its best.

"It's as much as the experience as it is the game. We have the big-top tent, we have music, and we have our pork burger."

Aside from attracting squads from all over, local teams take part as well like Seykora Auto who played in the D/E bracket. Team manager Tony Blakstad has been on the team for all 20 of its years and has competed in this tournament throughout that time.

"It's an experience, there's no doubt," he said. "The number of people that come out to watch and support this tournament is unbelievable and it's something to be a part of.

"All the credit goes to people like Corky and Loren and all the people that put in the time and effort to organize and make sure this is a top-notched tournament. We have some of the nicest diamonds around; they take great care of them. They make it so people want to come."

The main profits of the tournament go to the Owatonna Parks and Rec Scholarship Fund that supports kids who can't afford to play sports. Other profits have been pumped into making improvements to the fields, putting new fencing in the outfield, and installing permanent dugouts.



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Owatonna's Laura Bloomenrader tangles with a Rochester Mayo defender to gain possession in Thursday night's home Big Nine Conference contest. Bloomenrader scored four times in the team's 12-1 win.

Owatonna girls off to dominating start

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

Owatonna junior goalie Maddie Seykora was less than a minute away from her first career shutout in Thursday night's Big Nine Conference game against Rochester Mayo at Owatonna High School. After stopping another Mayo shot, her 11th save on the night, an outlet pass got stuck in her stick and redirected back into the net for an own goal, the lone goal allowed in the Huskies 12-1 win.

"I knew she was a little bit embarrassed by it," said head coach Bill Bernard. "It happens to every goalie at some point in their career. She played spectacular. It's not a shutout, but she did a fabulous job."

Seykora's play in net is one of the keys to Owatonna's dominant undefeated start. Through seven games, Huskies' netminders have allowed only 12 goals while the offense has averaged more than 13 scores a contest.

"It really comes down to how we play," says Bernard. "Sometimes you would look at an end result and say 'wow, they blew them out.'

"We played extremely well tonight. This probably was our best played game of the season."

Laura Bloomenrader got the Huskies on the board 2:04 into the game as she recorded a first half hat trick as Owatonna led 5-0 at the break. The senior forward added another goal in the second half and also tallied two assists as Owatonna helped out on five of their goals.

"I think this is one of our better passing teams that we've ever had," said Bernard. "We did a very good job of that tonight. I feel like they played within themselves tonight. We didn't have a whole lot of missed opportunities."

Owatonna added three goals, two by senior Katie Skalicky, within the first five minutes of the second half to take a commanding lead over a Mayo team that also came into the contest undefeated in conference play.

"Mayo is a much better team than what the scoreboard showed tonight," said Bernard. "We were worried about this game coming in. Luckily, we were prepared and our girls just executed our game plan."

Meghan Schuler scored at the end of the first half and twice more in the second to record a hat trick. Ari Olson, Meghan Rethemeier, and Laura Ebeling added single goals.

Owatonna (7-0, 5-0 in Big Nine) plays Monday at Farmington followed by a home contest Thursday with Northfield.

Sports

Prep Report

BASEBALL

- Monday, May 2
USC 4, NRHEG 1
Faribault BA 9, Medford 7
- Tuesday, May 3
Triton 12, Blooming Prairie 6
NRHEG 4, Zumbrota-Mazeppa 1
Owatonna 6, Northfield 0
- Thursday, May 5
Medford 15, Blooming Prairie 4
WEM 12, NRHEG 2
Faribault 5, Owatonna 4
- Friday, May 6
Hayfield 16, Blooming Prairie 2
Rochester Mayo 14, Owatonna 3
- Monday, May 9
Lyle-Pacelli at Blooming Prairie
Medford at Randolph
Owatonna at Rochester JM
- Tuesday, May 10
USC at Blooming Prairie
Maple River at NRHEG
Albert Lea at Owatonna
- Thursday, May 12
Blooming Prairie at WEM
NRHEG at Medford
Owatonna at Mankato West (DH)
- Friday, May 13
Blooming Prairie at Goodhue
- Saturday, May 14
PACT Charter at NRHEG
Medford hosts tournament

- GOPHER CONF. STANDINGS
(As of Sunday, May 8 according to Minnesota-scores.net)

WEM	6-1	7-5
Maple River	6-2	8-4
USC	5-2	7-3
Faribault BA	5-3	6-6
Medford	3-5	5-7
NRHEG	2-6	4-8
Blooming Prairie	0-8	0-13

- BIG 9 CONF. STANDINGS
(As of Sunday, May 8 according to Minnesota-scores.net)

Mankato West	7-1	10-2
Rochester Mayo	7-3	9-5
Northfield	4-2	8-4
Owatonna	5-3	7-4
Red Wing	6-4	9-5
Rochester JM	5-5	8-6
Albert Lea	4-4	7-6
Austin	5-6	7-6
Winona	4-5	6-7
Mankato East	3-4	5-7
Rochester Century	3-7	4-8
Faribault	1-10	1-13

SOFTBALL

- Monday, May 2
Blooming Prairie 13, Alden-Conger 1
NRHEG 13, USC 0
Faribault BA 6, Medford 2
- Tuesday, May 3
Pine Island 12, Blooming Prairie 2
NRHEG 18, Glenville-Emmons 0
Northfield 5, Owatonna 4
- Thursday, May 5
Blooming Prairie 10, K. Wanamingo 0
WEM 7, NRHEG 6
Lyle-Pacelli 15, Medford 4
Faribault 5, Owatonna 4
- Monday, May 9
Blooming Prairie at JWP
Medford at Randolph
Rochester Mayo at Owatonna
- Tuesday, May 10
Blooming Prairie at USC
NRHEG at Maple River
Medford at Glenville-Emmons
Owatonna at Albert Lea
- Thursday, May 12
Randolph at Blooming Prairie
NRHEG at Medford
Mankato West at Owatonna (DH)
- Friday, May 13
Blooming Prairie at Triton
NRHEG at JWP
Owatonna at Farmington
- Saturday, May 14
Blooming Prairie hosts tournament
NRHEG at Hayfield tournament
Medford at PEM tournament

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Faribault BA	5-1	11-3
Maple River	3-1	3-8
WEM	5-2	11-4
NRHEG	4-2	8-3
USC	1-3	3-10
Blooming Prairie	1-4	5-7
Medford	0-6	4-9

- BIG 9 CONF. STANDINGS
(As of Sunday, May 8 according to Minnesota-scores.net)

Mankato West	7-0	15-0
Mankato East	5-1	9-3
Winona	5-3	10-3
Northfield	5-3	7-5
Rochester Century	5-3	8-6
Rochester JM	5-4	7-6
Faribault	5-5	5-5
Owatonna	4-4	6-6
Rochester Mayo	4-5	8-6
Austin	3-7	4-9
Red Wing	2-8	5-9
Albert Lea	1-8	3-10

BP boys, NRHEG girls win conference meets

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Blooming Prairie's Tommy Braaten was the only conference golfer to break 40, as he led the Blossom boys to the title in the annual Gopher conference meet Tuesday, May 3, with a three-over-par 39. The meet, held at the BPCC course found five conference teams in competition, with Maple River claiming second place, nine strokes back of the Blossoms

USC finished third, five strokes behind the Eagles, and Bethlehem Academy and NRHEG finished fourth and fifth in the meet. BP's Ethan Strunk and Lucas Noble, along with Brandon Sohre (Maple River) and Khrysjan Peterson (B.A.) finished tied for second individually, all shooting a 42 over the nine-hole course

As Coach Cory Hendrickson commented, "From BP's point of view, what was neat about this meet is that we didn't have to use the scores of our number two and three golfers, as Strunk and Noble scored better today. In fact, our number four counter in the meet went to Jake Ressler who carded a 44. Brody Carlson shot a 45 and Jon Hatch a 48 for the other Blossom scores."

For The Panthers, Atom Oquist led the team with a 50, and Chris Stenzel shot a 53. Nick Schultz and Aaron rounded out the NRHEG scoring with a 56 and a 59.

Girls competition

With only three complete teams in the Gopher conference, NRHEG captured the conference title by 17 strokes over second place USC. Maple River finished third at 260 in the meet at New Richland on Thursday.

Although not fielding a complete team, BP's Taylor Christianson tied for medalist honors with the Panthers' Grace Logan. Both golfers shot a 48 over the nine holes. Ryley Koziolek shot a 50 for runner-up, and Kyrie Possin and Tali Wayne both carded a 57. Jessica Nafe rounded out the panther scoring with a 65. The only other BP Golfer, Jessica Ressler came home with a 56.



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of May 6

Results

Pure Stocks

Feature: Brady Krohnberg - Walters, Matt Brooks – Austin, Brandon Shaner – Owatonna, Stacy Krohnberg – Walters, Jason Newkirk – Austin, Daniel Guttormson – Austin, Chris Hotovec – Dodge Center, Jim Briggs – Waseca, Cole Kroneman - Austin

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Heat 2: Ka Kath, Ausrud, Baer, Bruns, Schrage, Hastings

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Feature: Mike Blowers – Waseca, Kory Adams – Stacyville IA, Bernie Adams – Stacyville IA, Kyle King – Hastings, Noah Grinstead – Austin, Durand Peterson – Glenwood, Blake Adams – Stacyville IA, Fred Prudoehl – Winona, Ryan Jacobsen – Rochester, Mike Chisholm – Osage IA, Brandon Downs – Austin, Zach Elward – Hayfield, Brent Holland – Glenville, James Connors - Waseca

Heat 1: King, Blowers, K Adams, Grinstead, Prudoehl, Jacobsen, B Adams
Heat 2: B Adams, Elward, Peterson, Holland, Chisholm, Downs, Connors

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

Feature: Dan Wheeler – Savage, Dustin Steinbrink – Austin, Ryan Goergen – Stacyville IA, Adam Martinson – Plymouth, Michael Wytaske – Lansing, Jeremy Misgen – New Richland, Casey Trom – Zumbrota, Brayten Cisneros – Blooming Prairie, Tianna Mithun – Freeborn, Billy Steinberg – Kasson, Jacob Stark – Austin, Daryl Hainka – Wannamingo, Garitt Wytaske – Lansing, Luke Hainka - Wannamingo

Heat 1: Martinson, Steinbrink, Goergen, Stark, G Wytaske, Steinberg, L Hainka
Heat 2: Wheeler, Cisneros, Misgen, M Wytaske, Trom, Mithun, D Hainka

USRA A Mods

Feature: Brandon Davis – Medford, Darwyn Karau – Kasson, Jason Cummins – New Richland, Doug Hillson – Blooming Prairie, Brandon Aggen – Miltona, Greg Pfeifer JR – Brownsdale, Joe Horgdahl – Kasson, Greg Jensen – Albert Lea, Jacob Stark – Austin, Jim King - Hastings

Heat 1: Pfeifer JR, Cummins, Davis, Jensen, Stark
Heat 2: Karau, Aggen, Horgdahl, Hillson, King

Hornet

Feature: Blake Dorweiler – Montgomery, Ralph Hanks – Waseca, Bobby Blowers – Waseca, Michael Weiss -Bloomington, Dan Knish – Kilkenny, Marissa Wolff – Janesville, Nick Sillman – Minnesota Lake, Cody Hyatt – Waseca, Dan Lewison – Dexter, Travis Hyatt – Waseca, Jacob Bennett – Albert Lea, Caylie Blowers - Waseca

Heat 1: Hanks, Dorweiler, Weiss, T Hyatt, Lewison, Bennett
Heat 2: Wolff, Knish, C Hyatt, B Blowers, Sillman, C Blowers

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Chateau Raceway recap

By MATTHEW GRAGE
Guest Writer

Week two of racing action rolled out Friday night at Chateau Raceway with Mother Nature providing the perfect night for the action despite some rolling clouds and thunder off to the east. After wet and cool weather with temperatures only in the 40's cancelling action last week fans and drivers were met with mostly sunny skies and temperatures in the 80's as the heat races moved out onto the track.

The key to the heat races on the night was leading the first lap because every driver but one who lead the first lap took home the checkers. Ralph Hanks of Waseca worked from row three of his Hornet heat on lap two to get to the front and score his first win of the season. Marissa Wolff of Janesville took the classes other heat win leading from the pole flag to flag for the win. Hanks and Wolff started front row in the feature and it was Hanks who took the early lead with Blake Dorweiller of Montgomery coming out of row two on the start to settle in between them. The top two dueled it out until just past halfway when Blake made his move out of turn four cutting to the bottom and moving to the point where he stayed the rest of the way to make his first trip of the year to victory lane. Hanks held on for second ahead of Bobby Blowers of Waseca who worked his way from row four up to a third place finish.

Dan Wheeler of Savage was the first of three drivers on the night to score clean sweeps with heat and feature wins as he turned the trick in the WISSOTA Midwest Modified class. After starting front row in his heat he had to work from row three in the feature to score the win. Jacob Stark of Austin paced the field for the first lap before as Wheeler worked his way forward. Dan ran fourth on lap one before jumping two spots to second on lap two and setting his sights on Stark. On lap four he made his move to the front but he brought company with Ryan Goergen of Stacyville Iowa coming with him. Just past halfway Dan made a little slip and Ryan was able to slip by him but a caution before the field came back around to complete a lap but him back in front for the restart and from there he drove it home to victory lane. Dustin Steinbrink of Austin who was working out of row four ran a nice race working his way up through the field and was able to slip by for second right at the end of the race pushing Goergen back to third. Adam Martinson of Plymouth took the classes other heat win.

In WISSOTA Street Stock action Mike Blowers of Waseca scored his second straight feature win of the young season . After starting back in row four he ran a patient race avoiding getting involved in several of the early cautions that plagued the race. Noah Grinstead of Austin was the first of the drivers to lead the race as he came off the front row to lead the first two laps before Bernie Adams of Stacyville Iowa took his turn on the point. Blowers moved to the lead just before halfway and rode home to the win. Adams and Kyle King of Hastings scored the heat wins for the class.

Scoring not only his second straight feature win to open the season but also completing the sweep with a win in his heat as well was Kylie Kath of Owatonna in the USRA B Mod class. Kath had the advantage of the front row

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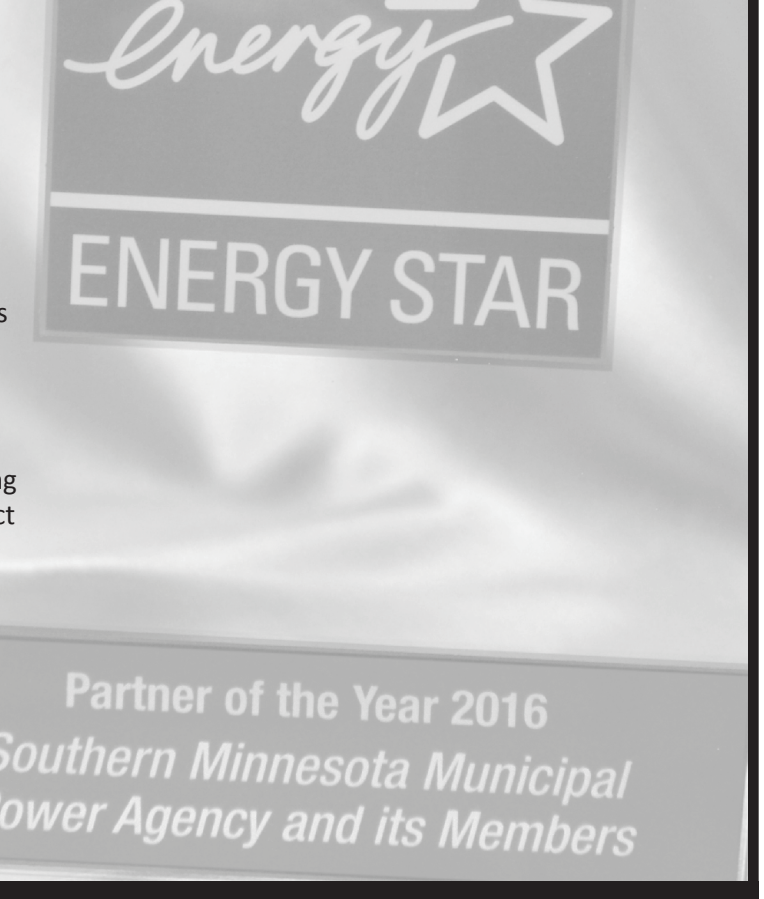
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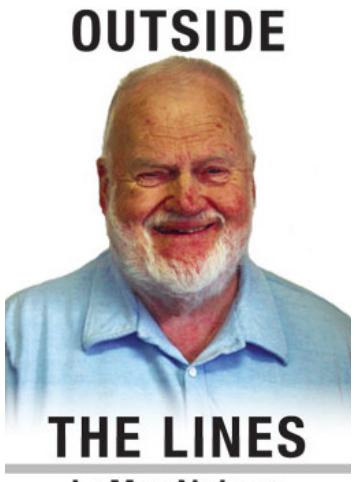
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Sports

OUTSIDE THE LINES



LeMar Nelson

Last week the BP softball team got stuck in a ten-run week. The team defeated Alden-Conger 12-2 in five innings, lost to Pine Island by the same score in six innings, and then ended the week defeating Kenyon-Wanamingo 10-0 in five innings.

The team inched closer to the .500 mark and won when they played well in the field, but lost when errors became too much a part of the game. Let's hope the better defense continues this week now as the season continues.

The golf boys continue to impress fans. The team won the conference tournament last week, with Tommy Braaten firing a three-over-par 39. The good thing about the conference title was the fact that the number four and five golfers had their scores count in this meet. A tip of the hat goes to the boys for the championship. Taylor Christianson continues to golf well for the girls. She earned medalist honors at the conference meet last week, despite being only one of two girls out for golf. Seventh grader Jessica Ressler is the other girl out and she shows improvement almost every match in which she plays. I hope the two keep it up!.

Some individual track performances highlighted the true-team invitational last week and a couple of relay teams also ran good times. Alec Ille ran his best 1600 time of the season and Anthony Nelson continues to pile up second place finishes in two or three events. Times should continue to improve as the season starts to wind down.

The baseball team continues on its winless streak, but they keep plugging away with their young pitching staff working to improve. As Medford coach Jon Chappuis commented last week, "Coach Kittelson is doing things the right way and the team still has a lot of fight in it. Keep your chins up, boys.

MUSICAL MEMORIES

As I was interviewing members of the potluck string band for a feature article on the group, it brought back memories of my experience with a similar group back in the 60's and early 70's. Some old timers may remember the Moonlighters, the group of BP teachers who entertained around the area as a folk singing group. Like the potluck band that started with two members and is now eight members strong, so we started small.

Originally a quartet of myself as soloist, Dave Hagfelt and Bill Fritze on guitars, and Mike Hoel on bass viola, we also changed and grew. At one time we had as many as eight teachers in our group, and we became popular enough to play for farm bureau meetings, Boy Scout awards programs, and teacher union groups as far away as Minneapolis and St. Paul. We also entered the high school talent shows and had a great time singing and entertaining.

Unfortunately, teachers have a habit of moving to different schools to ply their trade and that eventually happened to us as well. Fritze moved up north, Hagfelt left to teach in Oregon, and we just decided to give it up. That is one of my great regrets yet today, but it was an awfully lot of fun while it lasted.

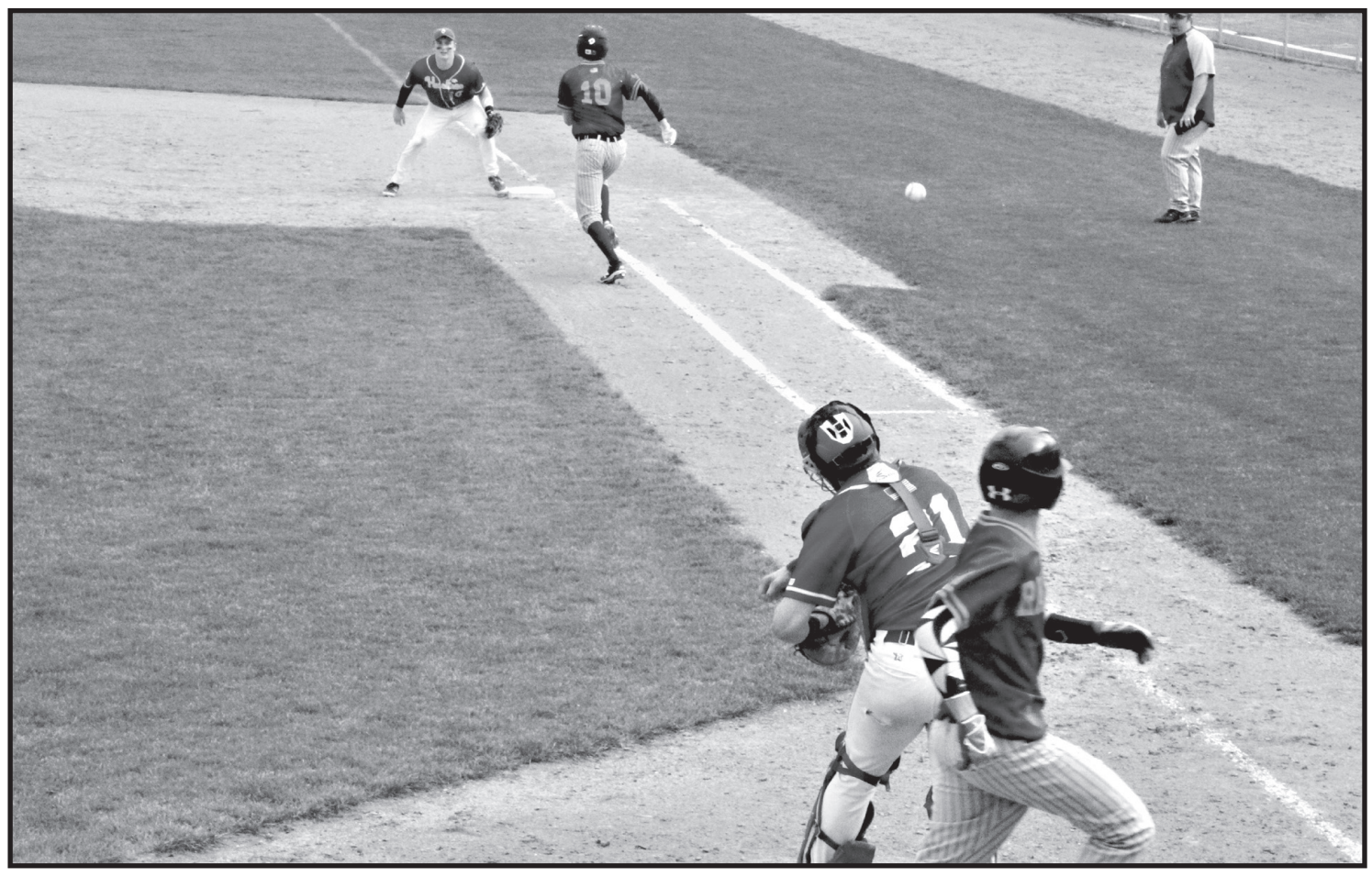
NOT SO TRIVIAL

Last week I offered a tip of the hat to Greg and Allyson Skillestad for their performance. This week they get more plau-

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Owatonna avenges losses to Northfield

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Owatonna's Alec Holcomb attempts to throw out Northfield's Conner Malecha at first following a force out at home in their home contest with Northfield Tuesday, May 3. Owatonna won the non-conference matchup 6-0.

Northfield has been a thorn in the sides of the Owatonna baseball team for the past two years. They kept the Huskies from a state tournament berth a year ago by beating them twice in the playoffs, including in the section championship, and narrowly edged the Huskies in the season opener in Northfield 3-2.

Owatonna got a bit of revenge on the Raiders as the Huskies shutout their rivals 6-0 behind a complete game gem from Clay Leidall Tuesday, May 3.

"We haven't been able to get Northfield for about two years," said head coach Tate Cummins. "They've ended our season a few times. We're not going to see them again this year so getting the win tonight is something the kids wanted to do and they played an exceptional game."

Leidall was his masterful self on the mound as he continued his season-starting streak of not allowing an earned run to 23 innings. He held the Raiders to four hits while striking out six.

"When Clay gets on the mound, everyone gets behind him," said junior Nathan Deason. "He doesn't really say much, but other people speak up for him. What he does is make a huge contribution to the team."

Leidall came in danger of allowing a run in the fourth when an error, a walk, and a hit batsmen loaded the bases with one out. Conner Malecha grounded to Brady Schuster at third who threw home to Alec Holcomb for the force out who then threw to first to attempt to get Malecha who thought he reached safely. He was ruled out though for interference and Owatonna and Leidall got out of the jam.

Brett Solie was responsible for giving Leidall all the run support he would need. He singled and scored on a Deason RBI single in the second and singled and scored again in the fourth to give the Huskies a 2-0 lead. He would add another base hit in the fifth on a 2-rbi single as part of a 4-run frame.

"Brett, when he's going, we're going," said Cummins. "He provides a lot of energy and he has a lot of positivity to him. When things are going well for him in the game of baseball, we kind of jump on him and we tend to do well."

The win was the sixth straight for the Huskies, but they would later fall in two road contests at Faribault (5-4) and at Rochester Mayo (14-3).

Medford going through a rough patch



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Lyle-Pacelli's Faith King slides safely into third ahead of the tag attempt from Medford's Jordyn Stadler in their contest Thursday in Medford. The Tigers lost the game 15-4.

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

The Medford Tigers softball team, comprised of mostly eighth-graders and freshmen, got off to a bit of a surprising start winning four of their first seven contests of the 2016 season.

Since then, those young, rookie mistakes are becoming more rampant as the Tigers have dropped six straight, including Thursday's 15-4, five-inning home loss to Lyle/Pacelli.

"Right now, we're lacking a lot of confidence and we're lacking our leadership because our team is so young," said head coach Alyssa Strunk. "Kori (Dodge) is our leader, but she's behind the plate, she's not out in the field telling them what to do or where to go. She does her best, but we need some more leadership and just some confidence."

That confidence was lacking at the start against the Athletics. The first four batters all reached base safely and scored and one more was added after Tayha Rogne tripled and scored to put Medford in an early whole.

Kiley Nihart singled off the pitcher to lead off the home half of the first. Emma Kniefel followed with an infield single. A wild pitch and an error plated the duo to pull Medford within 3.

Nihart came on relief to close out and first and held Lyle/Pacelli scoreless in the second before errors gave the Athletics three runs in the third.

Athletics' runs paired with Tigers' errors over the next two innings led to an early end to the contest.

"We have the potential to compete with any team," said Strunk. "We've proven that a couple times this year. We've gone toe-to-toe with some of the better teams. It's the little things. We have a lack of confidence right now at the plate and in the field."

Medford's bats were a key factor in their 4-3 start to the season. They scored in double figures five times and averaged nearly 11 and a half runs a game. In their six-game skid, the Tigers are averaging less than four runs a contest.

"Hitting was great at the beginning of the season," said Strunk. "Now it's just kind of simmered out and we just can't get on top of it again."

Medford will hope to get back on track this week as a busy slate of games is in store with single games Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and a tournament Saturday at Plainview-Elgin-Millville.

Tough stretch continues for BP baseball

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Hayfield bats, which had been quiet earlier in the week, woke up against the BP baseball team to pound out 16 hits in a 16-2 five-inning victory. The non-conference contest at Blooming Prairie kept the locals without a win in the season.

The Vikings scored five runs in the first inning to set the tone for the game, and they powered four more runs in the third and another seven in the fifth to put the game away. The one highlight for the Blossoms came in the bottom of the fifth when Connor Getchell lofted a home run over the left field fence.

Head coach Matt Kittelson remarked after the game, "We keep sending young pitchers to the mound and they continue to gain experience through some hard times. Jack Abbe, for instance, got his first chance to get some work. I give the guys a lot of credit as we continue to go through some hard times. They never give up!"

Ethan Arett took the loss on the mound for the locals. Adam Fjerstad, Brody Dahl, and Aaron Younge all had three hits each for the Vikings, with Fjerstad and Dahl both stroking doubles and driving in three runs.

Medford takes down Blossoms

Pitcher Wyatt Volkmann pitched and batted Medford to a 15-4 conference win over the Blossoms at Blooming Prairie on Thursday. The victory kept the locals winless, while Medford improved to 5-7 overall and 3-5 in the Gopher Conference,

The Tigers led just 4-3 going into the fifth inning, but exploded for 11 runs in the next three innings for the victory. Volkmann pitched the first five innings, but also had a career day at the plate. He had a three-run home run, stroked two doubles, and stole home as well. He scored four runs in his lead-off spot and allowed just two earned runs in his five innings of work.

Six Blossoms had one hit each in the contest as Riley Olson took the loss for BP pitching the first five innings, giving up just three earned runs. Seth Peterson finished the game for the Blossoms. Brad Staska had a double, and Olson and Getchell each had an RBI.

Sports

Local teams compete in true team invite



Staff photo by Ahren Backman

Blooming Prairie's Kylie Forystek runs her leg of the 4x200 meter relay as NRHEG's Hailey Schuller looks ahead. Schuller teamed with Carlee Goetze and Marnie and Maddie Wagner to win the race.

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

Three area track teams competed in an eight-team true-team invitational at Blooming Prairie Tuesday, May 5. The teams competed on a windy, cool day, with some good performances as a team and individually.

The NRHEG girls claimed runner-up team honors, and the Panther boys finished third. BP's boys placed fourth and the girls fifth, and Medford girls and boys finished seventh and eighth, respectively. WEM won the girls' division, while Maple River boys took first in their division.

BP earned two firsts in the meet, when Alec Ille won the boys' 1600 run in 4:43.21, and the 4 X 800 relay team of Ille, Wyatt Grundmeier, Evan Doerhoefer, and Elijah Baker timed an 8:52. 12. The girls' 4 x 800 relay (Alison Pryor, Laura Wurst, Sam Wurst, and Lauren Larkoski) took second in 11:03. 99, as did Quentin Kubista in the pole vault (10'6'), Anthony Nelson in the 200 and long jump (23.50 and 19'9"), and Asia Thostenson in the 100 hurdles (17.89). The 4 X 400 relay team (Baker, Marten Morem, Ille, and Nelson) earned points with a third at 3:46.60.

NRHEG Had five firsts from their efforts. Maddie Wagner took two firsts in the long jump (16' 0") and the high jump (5' 2"). Hailey Schuller won the 100 hurdles in 17.42, and Sophia Fischer took the girls' shot put. The other Panther first came in the 4 x 200 relay (Carlee Goetze, Schuller, Marnie and Maddie Wagner) 1:56. 00.

Schuller placed second in the long jump at 15'6" and the 300 hurdles in 52.40, as did the boys' 4 x 800 relay (John Cole, Josh Flemming, Nathan Krause, and Tyler Schlaak) in 8:52. 57 and the 4 x 200 relay (Cole, Flemming, Krause, Schlaak) in 3:44 70. Zeke Erickson threw the shot 41' 6" for the other second. Emily Eder finished third in the discus, Brady Agrimson placed third in the 300 hurdles, Flemming ran third in the 400, as did Kelly Harden in the girls' 800., and Alex Buckmeier earned points with a third in the shot put.

Preston Hanson earned the only two firsts for Medford. He threw the discus 127'1. 50', and won the shot put with a toss of 46'6". The girls 4 X 200 relay (Payton Powers, Brooke Purrier, Bailey Purrier, and Rachael Lubbe) ran second in 1:59. 54, as did the boys' 4 x 100 (Zach Valen, John Schauer, Tye Devoe, and Marcus De Leon) in 48.81.

Alex Goetze ran second in the 3200 at 10:57.30, Ashley Gilbertson threw the shot 34'5" for second, and Callie Nagel jumped 8'6" for second in the pole vault. Lubbe got the other second for the Tigers with a high jump of 5'0". Powers finished third in the 300 hurdles, and Greg Larson earned points with a third in the triple jump at 39'9".

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dits for coming out first in three of the four categories of awards, including the Peoples' choice. That was awesome!

The Steele County Farm Bureau offered Blooming Prairie teachers a chance to visit two area farms a week ago and get up-to-date information on agriculture practices on today's society. Although I would guess that most teachers in our rural communities already have some familiarity with farming, it still was interesting and enlightening.

It is certainly the case that farming has changed greatly in the last decade and Isaiah and Rhonda Toquam and Justin Krell get a tip of the hat this week for being gracious hosts for the day's activities. It was a day well spent.

FFA Students Kalyn Naatz and Chris Wacek received the highest state honors in FFA at the state convention recently when both students were awarded the FFA state Degree. They have been very active in the local chapter during their high school years. Hats off to those two BP students.

It was good to see the Holmans one last time as business people in the open house at Hometown Insurance last Friday. I congratulate Hometown for acquiring a great business and to Keith and Carol for their many years of service to the community. I am sure we will still see them around volunteering help in many situations.

And speaking of service, a big tip of the hat to Bill and Jennifer Walsh for their many years of keeping our community garbage-free. Well done good and faithful servants to the area.

Two dates should be marked in your calendars. This coming Saturday is the annual city-wide garage sale. As I have said often, one man's junk may be another man's treasure. There is probably something for everyone at this annual extravaganza. And don't forget to mark June 25 as a date you won't want to miss. The Boys and Girls club fourth annual ribfest will be held at the BP Servicemen's Club, and the festivities, besides all the succulent rib-tasting will be entertainment by the Potluck String Band.. This is an entertaining group that you don't want to miss hearing. SAVE THE DATE.

Let's close with this little item of interest: onions make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable that makes people laugh. Too bad, but we'll talk again.

CHAMPIONS

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4. 1991 Minnesota Twins, 300-to-1 odds. It's a bit of deja-vu. Minnesota finished in last place in the A.L. West in 1990, so nothing was expected of them in 1991. The Twins had the best record in the American League winning 95 games and beat Toronto in five games to win the pennant. They held "dome"-field advantage again in this World Series against another team defying the odds in Atlanta who entered the season with 200-to-1 odds to win it all. The result was a Fall Classic for the ages. Four of the seven games were decided on walk-offs, including Gene Larkin's 10th inning single to score Dan Gladden in Game 7. Like in 1987, the home team won every game in the series.

5. 2004 Boston Red Sox, 120-to-1 odds (after trailing 3-0 in ALCS). No team in baseball history had come back to win a postseason best-of-seven series after trailing 3 games to 0. Not only did they storm back to win the final four games of the series against their hated arch-rival, the New York Yankees, they swept the Cardinals in the World Series to claim the franchise's first World Series crown since 1918.

With the Twins in this countdown twice, is there still hope for them in 2016 to win a championship after their dismal 8-23 start to the season? If I had to place a bet, I would put my money on Kim Kardashian being elected president before picking the Twins to win the World Series.

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early lead but Brandon Hare of Elma Iowa lead the majority of the laps as he went past for the lead on lap two. Kylie stayed behind him and retook the lead for good as the two came to the white flag. Hare finished second ahead of Kadden Kath of Owatonna who was the other heat winner for the class on the night.

USRA A Mods saw another repeat feature winner as Brandon Davis of Medford started on the pole and never looked as he scored the win. Defending Track Point Champion for the class, Darwyn Karau of Kasson won the battle for second over Jason Cummins of New Richland in a battle which saw them swap spots a couple times. Karau and Greg Pfeifer JR of Brownsdale scored heat wins.

The Pure Stocks were the only class that did not have enough cars to run two heats. Jason Newkirk of Austin won the classes heat while Brady Krohnberg of Walters took the big prize with the feature win. Krohnberg followed pole sitter Matt Brooks of Austin around the track for the first half of the race before taking advantage of a restart after a lap eight caution. Brady got the got start and went to the front and kept his machine out front the rest of the way. Brooks held on for second ahead of Brandon Shaner of Owatonna.

Racing action resumes next Friday night at 7:00 with the first green flag.

Area recap on the softball diamond

By LEMAR NELSON
Staff Writer

The Blooming Prairie softball team ended the week as they began, this time a ten-run five inning 10-0 victory over Kenyon-Wanamingo. The game played Thursday on the home field inched the locals closer to the .500 mark, with a 5-7 overall record for the season.

Bria Baldwin, the Blossoms' leading hitter on the season had her best game yet, leading the offense with four hits, including a double and three RBIs. Pitcher McKenna Hein added two hits and two RBIs and she allowed just four hits in the game.

BP scored three runs in the first inning and then added four in the second and three in the fifth to end the game. KW loaded the bases in the top of the fifth on two walks and an error with two outs, but a force play at second ended the threat.

"When we stay away from the errors", commented Coach Ali mach, "and we played pretty good today. Hein throws strikes most of the time, and then the fielders help her out."

After a couple of losses late last week, the Blossom softball team got back on a winning track, with a 13-1 five-inning win over visiting Alden-Conger. BP scored five runs in the second inning, three in the third, and four in the fourth to put the game in the win column.

A run in the first inning started the scoring, and walks and timely hitting accounted for the rest of the runs. Maya Lembke and McKenna Hein both had three hits in the game, with both tripling in the game. AC plated its only run in the fourth on a walk, stolen base, and a single.

Linnea Sunde and Anika Nowlan added two hits each, and Emma Christianson drove in four runs with a single and a run-producing groundout. Pitcher Elly Strunk gave up five hits, walked just one batter, and struck out four batters.

NRHEG ROUNDUP

A day after a three-hit effort over United South Central, NRHEG pitcher Anna Lundberg did even better as she allowed no hits in an 18-0 Panther victory over Glenville- Emmons at Glenville Tuesday, May 3. The winners scored five runs in the first, ten in the fourth, and a final two in the fifth for the lopsided win.

Lundberg walked just one batter and struck out nine in the five innings. Grace Johns led the Panther attack with four hits including a triple and Lundberg had three hits in four at bats. Rachel Collins and Kayley Camerer both had two hits with Camerer including a double in her hits. Johns and Paige Knudson scored four and three runs in the game.

As Coach Wendy Schultz remarked. "Lundberg pitched very well, and we played another game without an error. That is encouraging."

Five runs in each of the first two innings proved more than enough, as NRHEG shut out United South Central 13-0 in five innings. Three more runs in the third finished the scoring and ended the contest early.

Winning pitcher Anna Lundberg allowed three hits and walked just one, while striking out seven batters. Gabby Muri and Paige Knudson each had two hits to lead the offense, including two doubles for Muri and one for Knudson.

The Panthers ended the week with a tight 7-6 home loss to Waterville-Elysian-Morristown.

Minnesota Twins Schedule

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Third Quarter Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

Grade 7
Ashleigh Alwes
Maggie Bruns
Maren Forystek
Charlie Heimerman
Reese Millam
Megan Oswald
Rachael Riley

Grade 8
Riauna Bishop
Adam Larson
Baylee Sorensen
Julia Worke

Grade 9
Rachael Oswald
Seth Peterson
Payton Simon

Grade 10
Ethan Arett
Jerrin Jax
Mitchell Oswald
Jesse Schewe
Samantha Wurst

Grade 11
Jake Hyland
Rose Johnson
Alison Pryor
Alicia Ptacek

Grade 12
Anthony Nelson
Sally Peterson



Back Row: Samantha Wurst, Mitchell Oswald, Jesse Schewe, Anthony Nelson
Middle Row: Rachael Oswald, Alicia Ptacek, Jake Hyland, Payton Simon
Front Row: Rose Johnson, Alison Pryor, Jerrin Jax, Seth Peterson, Ethan Arett
Missing: Sally Peterson



Back Row: Riauna Bishop, Julia Worke, Maren Forystek, Megan Oswald
Middle Row: Adam Larson, Baylee Sorensen, Reese Millam, Ashleigh Alwes
Front Row: Rachael Riley, Charlie Heimerman, Maggie Bruns

A- HONOR ROLL

Grade 7
Cole Graves
Shyane Jorgenson
Allison Krohnberg
Emily Kubicek
Luke Larkoski
Mackenzie Madsen
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Joseph Pirkl
Jessica Ressler
Gretchen Sunde
Kiya Thompson
Rachel Thompson
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A Limitless sky through the eyes of a prom queen



My fourth and final prom has come and gone, and this year was by far the best prom yet. I started the day off getting ready with my friends and family, then headed to go take pictures with our group of 22 in the rain!

We all then headed to the High School at 4:00 to get our Professional Pictures done by Wolf Candids. Then we got in line with our dates to line up for grand march which started at 4:30. The Grand March theme this year was "The Sky's The Limit" which was decorated and brought up by the Junior class. Their parents had a lot to do with it also, and I thought they all did an amazing job decorating the gym this year and made it look very elegant for us!

This year was actually the very first year that we had Prom King and Prom Queen which was a very cool thing for us Seniors since we were not able to have a Snow King and Queen this past winter. The Blooming Prairie After Prom committee were the ones who provided the Sashes and Crowns for the King and Queen and they held a voting process while we were all getting our professional pictures done and waiting for grand march to begin. They then crowned Anthony Nelson and I as Prom King and Prom Queen 2016. We then got to walk down grand march together as the very first prom king and queen in Blooming Prairie!

After Grand March was over and the many pictures with our friends and family were finishing up, our group of 22 went on a bus and headed to Chester's in Rochester for a fancy, delicious dinner. After our dinner we headed back on the bus back to the High-School were our actual Prom dance was held this year. We all danced until midnight until we couldn't feel our feet anymore.

After the dance, our prom experience still wasn't over yet. We still had After Prom which started at 1:00. This year's After Prom theme was called the "Haunt" and man was that realistic! The After Prom was outstanding this year! There was many fun games, blow up obstacle courses, prizes, and many scary people! They had a haunted house up on the gym stage where you had to go through a maze of scary people that came all the way from the cities who normally work at ValleyScare during the fall, and boy were they scary! They got me every time I walked through, sometimes I ran away even! There was also a hypnotist who came at 3:00. After Prom was by far the best part of the entire day.

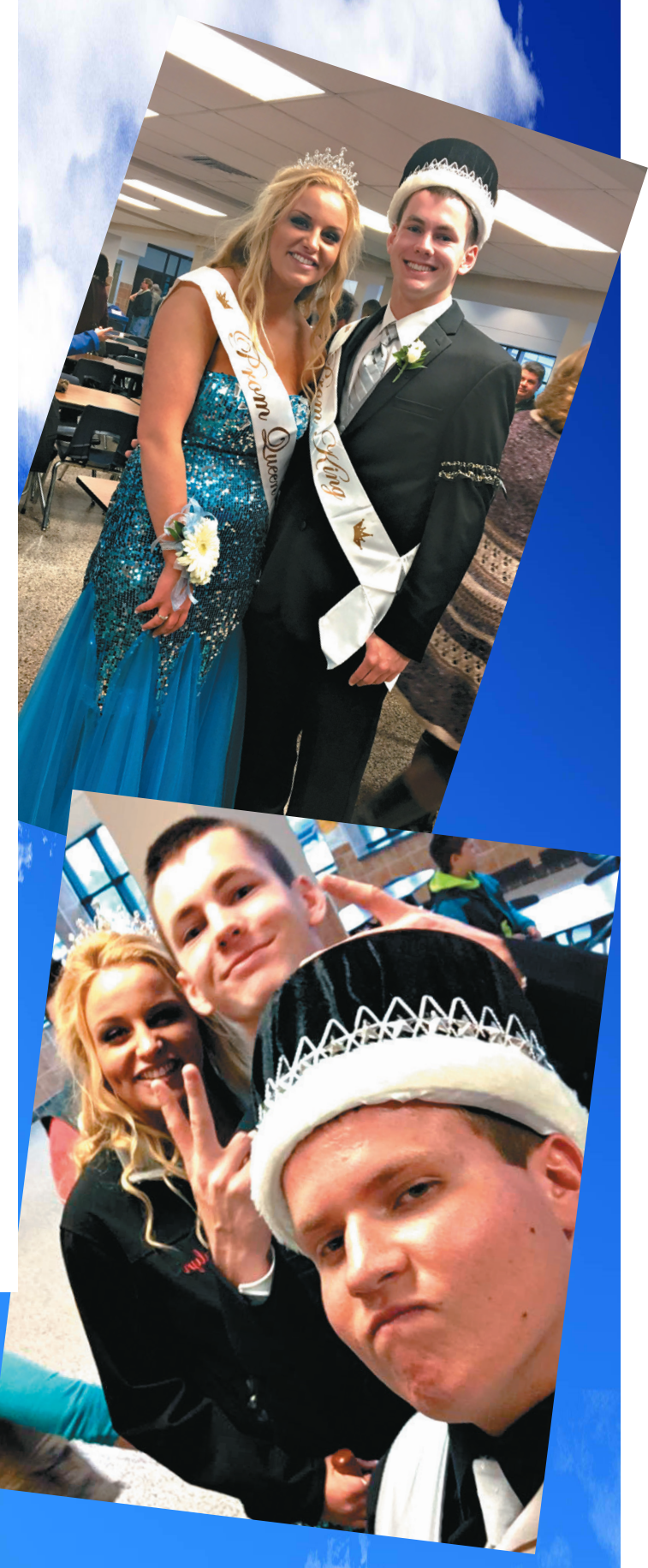
I believe everyone had a fun safe prom this year and we couldn't of had that opportunity without the parents that helped put on Prom and After Prom this year. Everything turned out to be an amazing night and for that I am grateful for everyone that put their time in to help us students have a fun night.

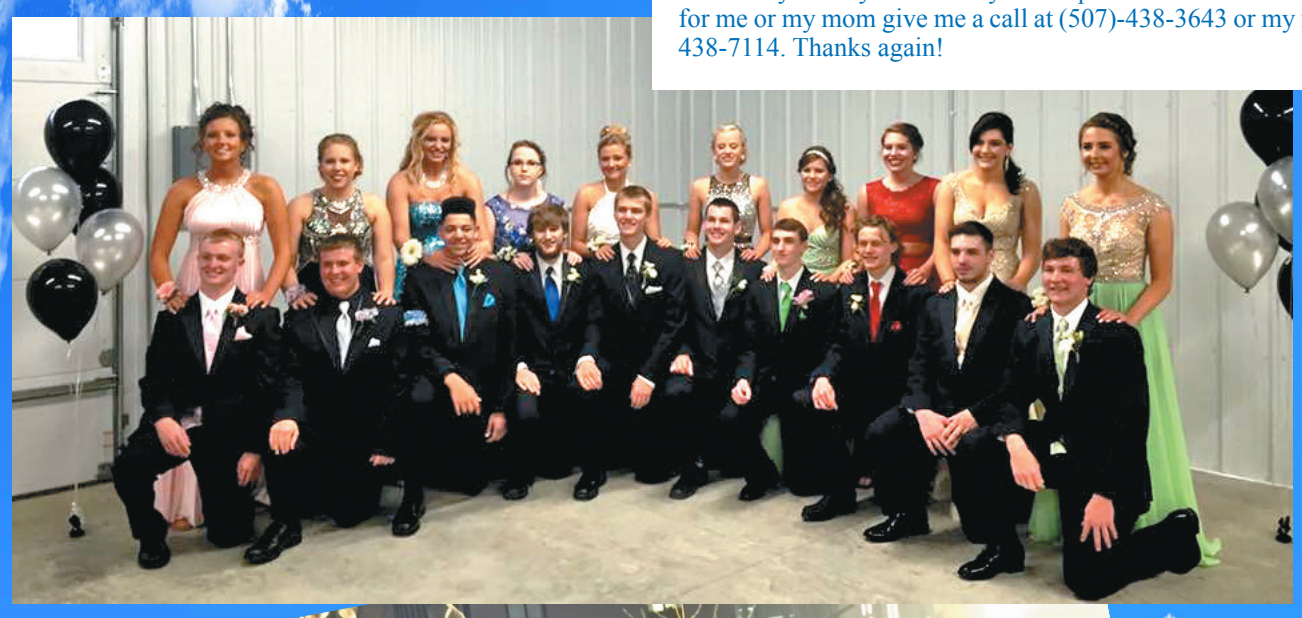
It was also my mom, Holli's last year of being chair of the After Prom since 2002-2016. She has had many great ideas, supporters, and memories of helping kids have a fun and safe night. She has had many great helpers throughout the years and she would not have been able to do it without them. She and her helpers have put in many hours and days figuring out what to do to make us have a fun and rememorable night to remember and they have succeeded at that many years in a row.

Although it was my last Prom, I am glad to say I will be done at Blooming Prairie High-school in a few short weeks!

Thank you! If you have any other questions or need more information for me or my mom give me a call at (507)-438-3643 or my mom at (507)-438-7114. Thanks again!









BP Prom 2016





Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

District 24 A Rep. John Petersburg wore two hats last weekend, one as a legislator and another as a Lutheran delegate to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly in Rochester. Petersburg shows off a plaque he received for serving as Synod treasurer for six years.

Representative Petersburg honored for faithful service

District 24A Rep. John Petersburg, R-Waseca, wore two different hats last weekend, one as a legislator and another as a Lutheran delegate to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly in Rochester.

Rep. Petersburg was in St. Paul at the Capitol on Friday, May 6, listening to discussion inn 2016 transportation and bonding proposals.

On Saturday, the final day of the Synod conference, Petersburg was recognized for his service of six years as Synod treasurer. Prior to that, he served four years on the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Council.

Petersburg was also involved with the planning commitee over a 14-year span.

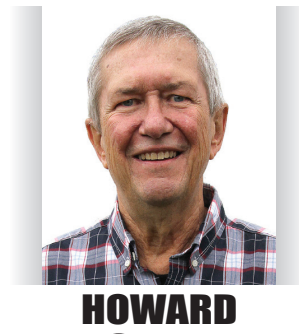
Petersburg is administrator for the Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna, handling budgets and finances. The Synod and Trinity budgets both approach $2 million for all funds. Petersburg has been Trinity administrator for 19 years.

Petersburg and wife Susan have eight children and eight grandchildren.

Rep. Petersburg is in his second term as a state representative and is seeking another term this fall.

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly featured representatives of 175 congregations. The congregations include 102,000 baptized members.

REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

Jasinski hopes a rural focus will power run to senate in District 24

By AHREN BACKMAN
Staff Writer

Political slogans are often as vague as they are cliché. During the recent presidential race, such slogans have been introduced like "Hilary for America," or "Make America Great Again." As catchy as these slogans are, they say little about a candidate's values or intentions.

During an interview with The Times, District 24 Senate candidate John Jasinski unintentionally introduced a political slogan that has both a clear purpose and origin. The phrase was "Right Sized Government." This slogan did not come from a brain of a campaign strategist, but from Jasinski's early days in politics, while he was cutting his teeth as the mayor of Fairbault. Jasinski faced many challenges during his first term during the recession filled years of 2009-2010.

During his difficult time, Jasinski was faced with several hardships, the first of which was cutting nearly 10% of city staff to keep the budget stable, and that's where right sized government came from. Jasinski defined the saying as "Lean enough, but still supplies essential services." Jasinski still accomplished several notable achievements with the reduced staff.

"I think one of my biggest accomplishments was reopening the Fairbault Woolen Mill." Jasinski said with little hesitation. The Woolen Mill is the nation's oldest manufacturing facility, and closed around 2010, in the midst of the recession. After much economic development work, Jasinski found a group, named the Moody Families, that were interested in reopening the mill. The only problem was the previous owners who had an outstanding water bill to the city over $150,000.

In a non-conventional move, Jasinski and the Fairbault City Council relieved the bill, allowing the new owners to reopen the historic Fairbault Woolen Mill. "Now the mill is fully revitalized with over 100 employees," Jasinski said proudly.

"The Right Sized Government" is a saying that is also a perfect representation of the classically conservative ideals of Jasinski, the Republican-endorsed candidate for Senate in District 24. Ideals he reinforced with several issues he addressed.

Healthcare

"I think Minnesota had one of the best and most competitive healthcare systems before MNSure," Jasinski said. Jasinski continued, saying MNsure is costing employers and employees more overall.

Taxes

"I think Minnesota's tax rates are too high," Jasinski said. "I am seeing a mass exodus from Minnesota," Jasinski said of both companies and people who are late in life. "A lot of seniors are exiting the state; they are taking all their money and effort and retiring somewhere else."

Infrastructure

"Highway 14 needs to be completed… construction is being focused too much on the metro area," Jasinski said. In relation to helping attract people and business to small cities across District 24, Jasinski returned again to the need for roads. "You have to have good roads to these cities so they can get where they want to go."

As to his opponent, Vicky Jenson, Jasinski had criticisms related to her lack of focus on the local area. "I support outstate Minnesota more, I think Vicky is focused on the metro, and her voting record shows it." Jasinski mentioned a gas tax Jenson proposed that he feels is unnecessary. Jasinski said this kind of tax is cutting into people's disposable income that could be put back into the local economy.

Near the end of the interview, when asked about specifically improving District 24, Jasinski again returned to business development, this time, through education. "What we are hearing in this district is we need emplyees," Jasinski continued saying "Trying to work on high school students understanding the importance of technical degrees as well as typical college degrees.

The Jasinski interview happened during a campaign stop during a business expo at the Four Seasons arena. This was the second stop of a busy day for Jasinski. Immediately after the interview with The Times, Jasinski skipped across the street a conference room in Hy-Vee for another campaign stop. For more information on Jasinski and his campaign, call 507-323-8554 or visit www.jasinskiforsenate.com. The 2016 general senate elections in Minnesota will take place on November 8th, and one Fairbault native hopes there will be a place for him in a "Right Sized Government."



Photo by Ahren Backman

District 24 Senate hopeful John Jasinski talk to Andy Michaletz during a campaign event at the Hy-Vee in Owatonna.

Blooming Prairie VFW Auxiliary Spring Luncheon an epicurean delight



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Joyce Johns and Bev Hoveland of Blooming Prairie VFW Auxiliary Post 878 prepare some delicious food for the Auxiliary's Spring Business Luncheon on Wednesday, April 27 at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie. Johns is president of the local Auxiliary.

Businesses within the city limits of Blooming Prairie attended a special VFW Auxiliary Post 878 Spring Business Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 at the BP Servicemen's Club.

The spring business luncheon came about from a suggestion by Auxiliary member Carol Holman, said VFW Auxiliary President Joyce Johns.

A spring business luncheon years ago was a tradition carried on by the Order of the Eastern Star. The luncheon was later discontinued.

Johns said the luncheon was attended by 140 business people who came to the luncheon during different time slots. Guests were seated and served as soon as they arrived.

Twenty volunteers, dressed attractively in black and white, worked with the preparation of the food, with the serving of the food and with the cleanup.

The luncheon menu featured turkey sandwiches, broccoli salad, cranberry salad and a brownie for dessert, topped with ice cream, drizzle of caramel and a cherry.

Johns, who chaired the event, said "lots of preparation" including many meetings made for a successful event. "I can't thank enough the many volunteers, Auxiliary members and others who helped," said Johns.

Proceeds from the event will help veterans causes, Johns said. She said funds will also help the Servicemen's Club with their needs, kitchen supplies, for example.

Robin Hood comes to Prairie Fire Theatre

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The hearty laughter of Robin Hood and his Merry Band will sweep through the trees of Sherwood Forest, temporarily transplanted to Blooming Prairie High School, the weekend of May 20-21.

Local children, students in grades 2-6 at Blooming Prairie Elementary School, take the stage along with two professional actors in the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre original musical production of "Robin Hood."

"Robin Hood," with original script and music by Daniel Nordquist, continues the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre tradition of presenting classic tales as you've never seen.

Though set traditionally in the 12th century, complete with Faeries and Gnomes, Prairie Fire's version features the Sheriff of Nottingham as a man ahead of his time. . .way ahead. . .eight centuries ahead, in fact.

Robin Hood is a visionary, and in his vision he sees the trees of Sherwood Forest gone, and in their place stand "Sherwood Theme Park" and "The Mall of Nottingham."

In the way of the Sheriff of Nottingham stands the environmentally conscious outlaw, Robin Hood.

The cast is limited to 84 students in grades 2-6. Auditions are Monday, May 16 after school in the Blooming Prairie Elementary School gymnasium. A few kids will practice Monday, May 16 after tryouts. All kids practice Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 17-20.

Public performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 and a matinee performance at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

Tickets for the performances are available at the door: adults, $5; students, $3, and pre-K are free.

"Robin Hood" features set and costume design by Deborah Pick. The Prairie Fire Theatre residency is being sponsored by the Blooming Prairie PTO (Parent Teacher Organization).



Blooming Prairie Living



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Darrick's Preferred Auto is about to take over the entire existing Napa Auto Parts building in Blooming Prairie. Napa is going to have it's own new building. The site for that new building is currently being prepared and construction should begin shortly. The entire project should be completed in approximately two months. The Steele County Times will keep you updated as to the progress! Congratulations to both businesses.

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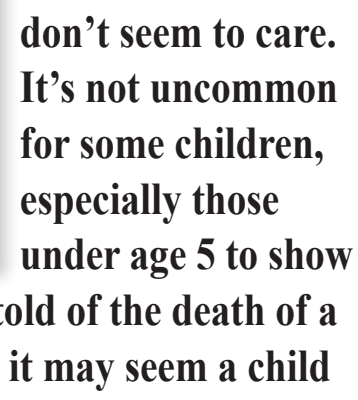
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Notice is hereby given that the Steele County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") will hold a public hearing on May 24, 2016, at the Steele County Administration Center in the Board Room located at 630 Florence Avenue in the City of Owatonna beginning at approximately 5:45 p.m., relating to the question of the establishment by the County of an economic development authority (the "EDA") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.090 through 469.1082.

Following the public hearing the Board will consider an enabling resolution (the "Enabling Resolution") which would establish the EDA. The Enabling Resolution, a copy of which is on file and available for inspection in the offices of the Steele County Administrator, would authorize the EDA to exercise all powers granted to such authorities pursuant to the above-mentioned statutes and would designate that the EDA would be governed by a 9-member Authority Board, all of whom would be residents of Steele County and 2 would be members of the Steele County Board of Commissioners. Upon approval of the Enabling Resolution, an organizational meeting of the EDA will be scheduled by the Board.

All interested persons may appear at the May 24, 2016 public hearing and present their views orally or in writing.

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Nancy Vaillancourt

Writers teach

For the last four weeks a group of aspiring writers has been meeting at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library. We are being taught how to write memoirs and personal stories by author and storyteller Kevin Strauss. This workshop is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Your Minnesota state tax dollars are at work here in Blooming Prairie!

Each week consists of instruction, practice, and the opportunity to read and critique each other's work during a Writer's Roundtable. There are two more sessions that will take place on May 16th and May 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Blooming Prairie City Council Chambers. These will focus on turning points of a story, and learning to revise and edit to make a polished story.

The public is invited to the concluding event of the workshop series on Monday, Mary 23rd at 8 p.m. in the City Building. Several class members will share the stories that they have written. There is a good variety of topics and formats: a children's book about a boy who is a picky eater, a mission trip to India, a personal account of a refugee, and memories of people and places long gone. If there is time, I may be able to share my experience of delivering my granddaughter. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see many guests there that evening.

Weekly Crossword

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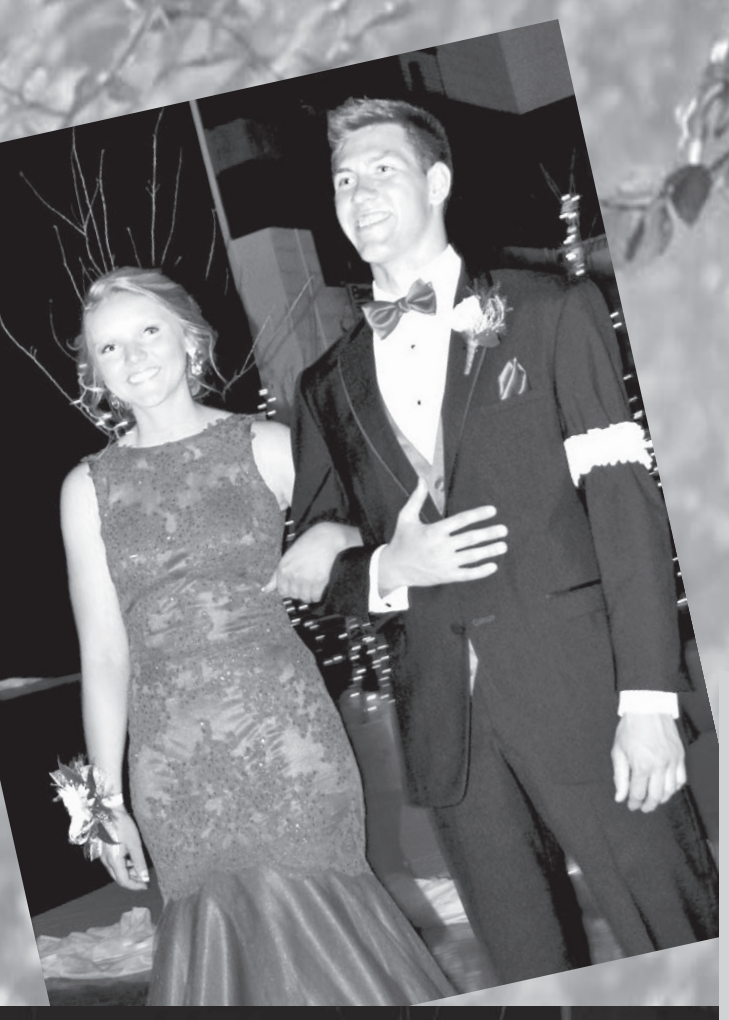
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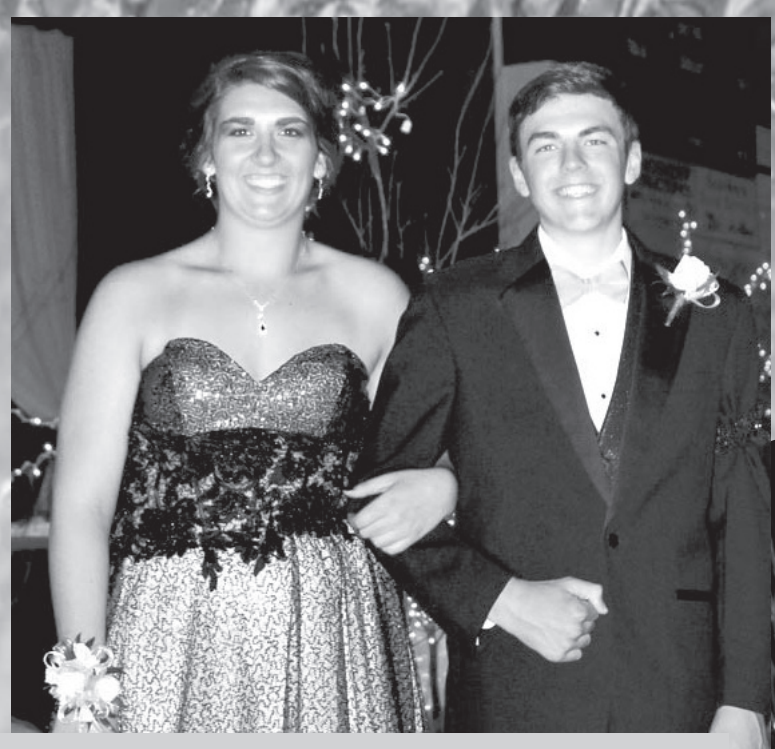
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17. Jewish state
18. 2015 postseason hero
21. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
22. Goddess of the dawn
23. __ Squad
24. Belonging to a thing
25. Food-related allergic reaction (abbr.)
26. Car mechanics group
27. Exceed in weight
34. Deserved
35. Singer Thicke
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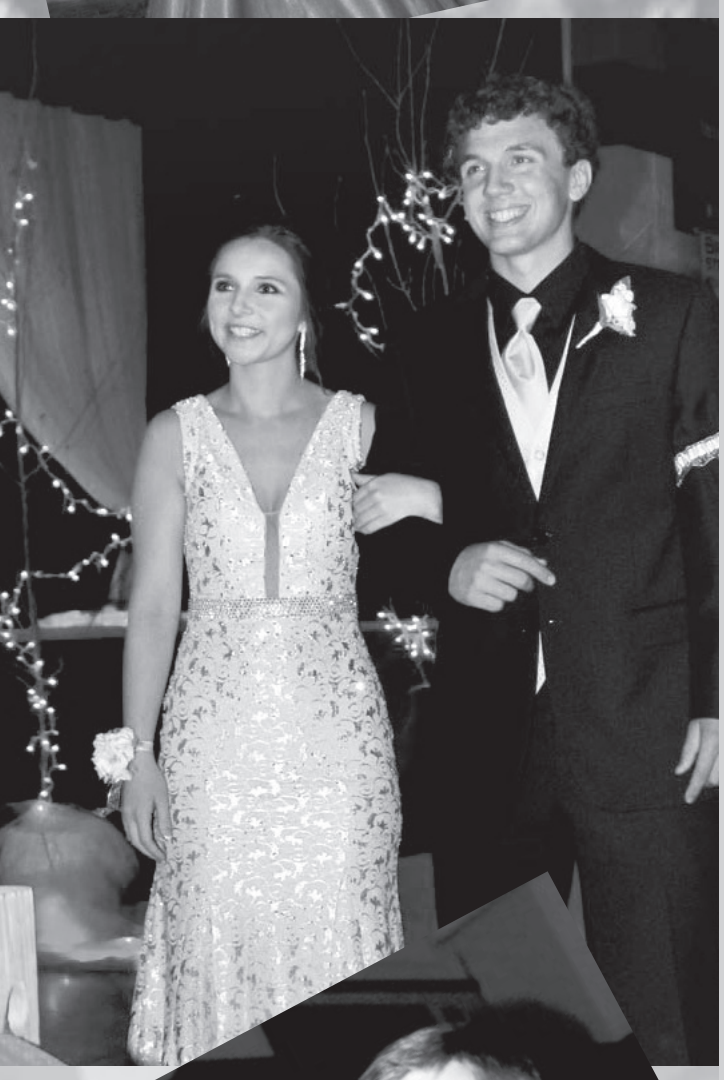
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12. Covered
14. The Science Guy Bill
15. Soviet Socialist Republic
17. Contraceptive device
19. Unfastened
20. __ student, learns healing
23. Ties the knot
24. Actor McKellen
25. Optical phenomenon
26. Turf
28. Foot (Latin)
29. Flub
30. Birds settle here
31. Calculator
32. Herbal tea
33. Catch
34. Pitcher Santana
36. Not for vegetarians
37. Japanese novelist

One enchanted evening













With nails done, hair curled, tuxes pressed, and flowers donned, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva students and guests enjoyed an "enchanted" prom last Saturday. Months of preparations from the Junior Class Prom Committee and the NRHEG After Prom Committee paid off as prom-goers experienced the special night, and as NRHEG senior Anna Bailey put it, "I couldn't have asked for a better prom or end to senior year!"

A committee made up of NRHEG juniors and lead by Terry Jensen started holding meetings during the winter months, carefully picking a theme, gathering decorations, and preparing for another busy prom. "Enchanted Forest" was selected as this year's theme, which was kept secret until the day of prom. The group of juniors spent the entire school day on Friday decorating the gym for Grand March, and Nate Jensen, Terry Jensen, Larry Jensen, and Dan Nelson played a big role in transforming the gym into an elegant woodland. The foursome has helped decorate at the high school for many years and can be credited for a plethora of elaborate proms, after proms, musicals, and coronations.

The Junior Class Prom Committee members were Jennifer McKay, Maci Surat, Libby Nelson, CeCe Torp, Jill Jongbloedt, Maurya Johnson, Kallie Spooner, Rachel Collins, Gretchen Ramaker, Kendra Raimann, Brianna Anderson, Mercedes Dickerson, Maddie Wagner, Marnie Wagner, Madison Martin, and Aubrey Schlinger.

The stage was elegantly draped with white fabric and delicate trees covered in white lights lined the path for Grand March. Blue tulle and more lights strung between wooden posts outlined the gym floor, and instrumental Disney songs played in the background as Grand March audience members watched prom couples stroll through the "enchanted forest."

"I thought the gym was very elegant and looked very nice," senior Lizzy Hagen said.

After Grand March, the prom goers were bused to Stillwater, where they enjoyed a cruise aboard the Avalon. With the paddle wheel turning and the sun setting in the distance, the teens enjoyed a buffet dinner while floating down the St. Croix. A dance DJ'ed by Nate Jensen kept the prom goers entertained for the rest of the cruise, and after the Avalon was docked once again, the NRHEG group headed to Grand Slam in Burnsville to begin the after prom party.

Trading their heels for tennis shoes and formal wear for sportswear, the teens explored the entertainment hub that features an 18-hole mini golf course, laser tag, batting cages, bumper cars, arcade games, and X-treme trampolines. Pizza, bars, and other snacks kept the partiers going until the first hours of Sunday morning. "I loved the trampolines and bumper cars!" exclaimed Maci Surat, an NRHEG junior.

Once back at New Richland again, a light breakfast was served and names were randomly drawn for dozens of prizes, including two Blu Ray players and 32-inch TVs. "They kept it moving quickly, which was nice for the tired kids," Lizzy Hagen commented. "They had nice variety of prizes!"

With bellies full, phones flooded with pictures, and memories a plenty, the prom goers headed home with their after prom t-shirts and prizes, marking the end of yet another successful prom.

"Prom is one of those nights where everyone feels really special and has the best time, and this year was no exception," Anna Bailey stated.

The NRHEG After Prom committee, made up of junior and senior parents, raise money throughout the year to fund the entire prom night by selling concessions at sporting events, collecting donations from numerous local businesses, and running a That's My Pan! fundraiser. Meeting each month, the group works hard to ensure that prom and the after prom events go off without a hitch. From getting buses and prizes to providing food and games, the committee carefully plans and oversees every detail of the prom festivities.

NRHEG Prom 2016

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A Honor Roll

6TH GRADE
Alex Dobberstein
Marlee Dutton
Severin Eads
Elsabet Gushwa
Ashley Hagen
Brayden Hansen
Cora Harpel
Jordan Horejsi
Brenlee Knudson
Cassie Kormann
Kylee Kruger
Ava Kyllo
Rhys Martin
Matthew Mueller
Cameron Nicholson
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Sophie Stork
Journey Utpadel
Alisa Witikko

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Madison Bartlett
Alexandra Combs
Jayna Domeler
Evan Fell
Agro Gushwa
Elizabeth Karl
Grace Kofstad
Tiara Malkowsky
Maggie Maloney
Paige Peterson
Annie Prigge
Aracelis Sepulveda
Holly Stene
Mia Williams

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Shaun Gullickson
Lexie Ignaszewski
Aubrey Johnson
Dalton Kraay
Sydney Schlinger
Tanner Smith Vulcan
Hailey Stenzel
Hailey Westrum
Brooke Wobschall
Laura Worrell

10TH GRADE
Brianna Anderson
Lillian Bell
Samiha Blowers
Emily Crabtree
Evan Dobberstein
Christian Ferris
Kelly Harden
Michelle Katzung
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Benjamin Lundberg
Jasopn Malakowsky
Renee McNett
Leah Morstad
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Lillie Nielsen
Chancellor Olson
Carma Pederson
Nikita Peterson
Kyra Possin
Emily Prigge
Kollin Reese
Makenzi Rhoades
Betsy Schoenrock
Christopher Stenzel
Nathaniel Techau
Cole Thompson
Emma Tollefson
Jerret Utpadel
Tali Wayne

11TH GRADE
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Chad Agrimson
Oakley Baker
Rachel Collins
Luis Gaona
Grace Johns
Maurya Johnson
Jennifer McKay
Elizabeth Nelson
Lacey Nelson
Samuel Prigge
Gretchen Ramaker
Nora Retallick
Jack Schultz
Kallie Spooner
Linnea Strom-Olsen
Madison Wagner
Marnie Wagner

12TH GRADE
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Abby Christopherson
Emily Eder
Nicole Edon
Sophia Fischer
Lizzy Hagen
Cole Ignaszewski
Nathan Krause
Katharine Lewer
Anna Lundberg
Whittney McCamish
Jessica Nafe
Clayton Nelson
Luke Overgaard
Corrie Powell
Hailey Schuller
Torrie Stencel
Taylar Tieskotter

B Honor Roll

6TH GRADE
Jaxon Beck
Hunter Bogue
Autumn Combs
Isaiah Huisman
Madison Johannsen
Cole Kath
Dakota Ketterling-Kormann
Miranda LaCanne
Trevor Lenort
Tylar Malakowsky
Cooper Malecha
Jack Olson
Ethan Peters
Nikolas Petsinger
Ralph Roesler
Dana Standke
Nathan Vanek
Haley VanWinkle
Tyrone Wilson

7TH GRADE
Gavin Anderson
Cloie Arndt
Caden Beauvais
Matthew Becker
Morgan Besser
Jacob Blatti
Trenten Duncan
Aubrey Fischer
Tewodros Gushwa
Avery Hill
T'Shayla Hinderscheit
Andrew Hoelscher
Austin Hutzel
Anna Jacobson
Sarah Johns
Katie Lee
Dylan Loken
Josh Martin
Maricela Martinez
Daniel Nydegger
Christopher O'Brien
Natasha Peterson
Charles Pittman
Cristal Quezada
Evan Reyna
Caden Riewer
Thor Routh
Cary Solland
Nicklas Staloch
Carter Stencel
Courtney Techau
Jenika Tonkin

8TH GRADE
Andrew Bailey
Katie Cliff
Madison DenHerder
Addison Deyle
Damon Eustice
Mia Farr
Mason Ferber
Blake Ihrke
Emmablue Jameson
Angelie Jensen
Summer Kath
Paige Knudson
Dillon Kohnert
Madison Kormann
Skylar Lembke
Robert Luoma
Cherysh Marcks
Abby Mudgett
Tanner Oquist
Andrew Reich
Naomi Retallick
Alyson Romine
Andrey Rosevold-Wisler
Cierra Schumacher
Tristan Simon
Ethan Strenge
Lonnie Wilson
Diamond Woollard

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Jaden Anderson
Kylie Arndt
Alexander Buckmeier
Hannah Budach
Grace Cummins
Lawren Deml
Bennett Dobberstein
Jack Hogstad
Rachel Horejsi
Tyler Jacobson
Ellarose Jameson
Madison Johnson
Mackayla Knutson
Graham Kyllo
Ross Lenor
Dylan Mosher
Sophia Mrotz
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Atom Oquist
Rebecca Peterson
Nathan Retallick
Jacob Schuller
Jake Stork
Karenna Strom
Kallie Thompson
Spencer Tufte

10TH GRADE
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Star Besser
Cole Broitzman
Matthew Butler
Katelyn Crabtree
Chad Erickson
Natalia Galindo
Caleb Harpel
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Mercedes Dickerson
Joshua Fleming
Jacob Holz
Jillian Jongbloedt
Madison Martin
Isaac Morgan
Gunther Olson
Tyler Raimann
Jorden Rogne
William Rudau
Cecelia Torp
Dalton Urban
Mitchell Westrum
Klarissa Winter

12TH GRADE
Michael Altermatt
Trevor Beckstrand
John Cole
Zeke Erickson
Jorey Fischer
Wyatt Fitterer
Brody Hanson
Lucas Herrmann
Destiny Hill
Trey Hoppe
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County Living

Aging expert explores end of life conversations

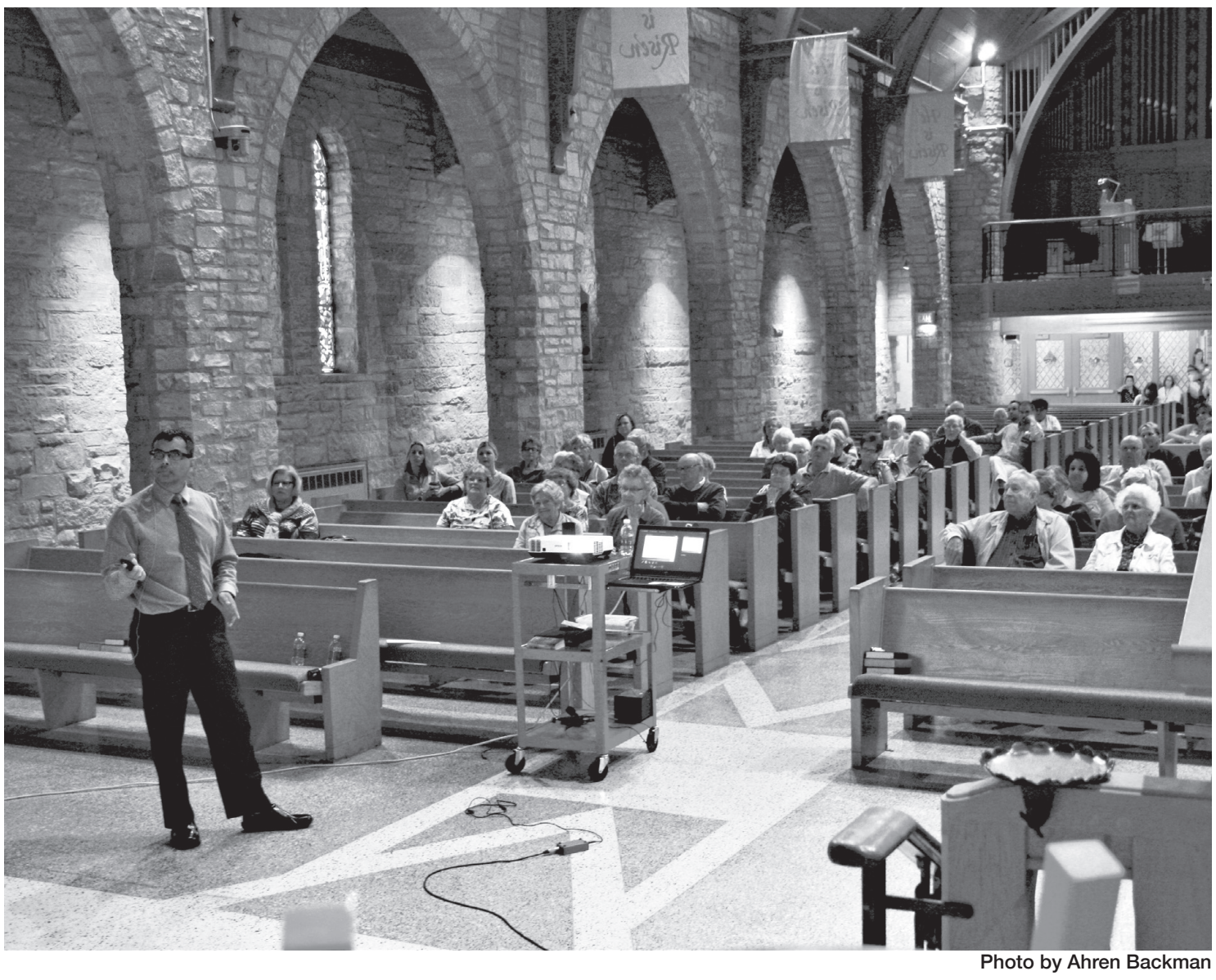


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Dr. Simon Mittal MD, MMM, gives the keynote address in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church. The topic discussed was end of life conversions.

By AHREN BACKMAN
Staff Writer

Dr. Simon Mittal has quickly become one of the foremost experts in the area of aging issues since he worked at a local clinic in Owatonna. Currently, Mittal is working in nursing homes in the metro area, specializing in senior care. On May 4th, Mittal returned to the area, to discuss the critical issue of end of life conversations at the 2016 Senior Expo: Engage for Life.

Mittal's keynote address was called ""Moments of Life: End of Life," and lasted from noon to around 1 p.m. Mittal's speech covered all aspects of end-of-life preparedness, particularly how careful planning can reduce decision making stress on families. Several times Mittal drew from the personal experience of losing his mother at only 51 years of age.

"I did not agree with my mother's decision," Mittal said of the several months of suffering his mother sustained during chemotherapy. Mittal said a focused conversation would have been helpful in understanding his mother's wants for her end of life.

Along with Mittal's speech, the expo featured demonstrations from Brookdale, Claudia Jones, Hy-Vee Owatonna, and Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. All demonstrations were aimed at improving the life of senior citizens.

For the entirety of the event, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. forty-one venders filled the fellowship hall of the church. These venders included the Steele county sheriff, Alzheimer's association, several senior living communities, and many others.

The expo was previously held at the Steele County Fairgrounds, and is in its second year at Trinity Lutheran Church. This year's expo was put on by the Senior Alliance of Steele County, with the 2016 major sponsor being Hy-Vee.

Local resident Marsha Christiansen said she has been coming to the expo since 2009, and she was disappointed with the selection of venders at this year's expo saying, "I would have liked to see more small usable things, in the past they had free bottles of eyeglass cleaner, and things like that are really handy."

There were few disappointed attendees at the end of Mittal's speech, as questions flooded in about dealing with end of life. Just one, of many tips Mittal offered, was having multiple copies of a living will in various placed to make sure end of life decisions are your own. "I myself have several copies of my will in different places, because I don't know when it will happen and I want to be prepared." Mittal even joked he would have plastered the walls of his home with his will, but his wife would not let him.

For more information on these difficult conversations, Mittal referred to the website: theconversationproject.org

Steele County Construction Primer

By AHREN BACKMAN
Staff Writer

A bright shining sun is an indicator of a many things: the beach, summer, and, almost always, construction season. Steele County is kicking off their construction season with a few projects that could put a headache in your travel plans. So far this season, there is two pavement replacements, and a light pole instillation. Here is the rundown based on information from Steele County.

Partial Closure of Lemond Road

The pavement on Lemond Road will be replaced from South East 28th Steet to South 82nd Avenue. Construction began on May 2nd and is scheduled to be completed by mid August. The total project cost is $3,360,164 with $1,822,317 of that coming from County Sales Tax Funds.

New Light-Pole Instillation at the intersection of 26th Street and State Avenue

There will be no closures for this project, but drivers are being encouraged to allow extra time to travel through work zones. The wood traffic signal is scheduled to be activated by mid June. All $527,611 dollars of this project was funded with County Sales Tax Funds.

Partial Closure of South County Road 45

South County Road 45 will receive a concrete overlay from Hwy. 14 to South 98th Street. The section of road will be closed to thru traffic from late May to Mid August. The whole project is estimated to cost $3,579,126. The entirety of this project was funded by County State Aid Funds.

For more information on any current or future projects follow check the Steele County Facebook, website, or call 507-444-7435.

On stage at the Steele County Fair

By AHREN BACKMAN
Staff Writer

The Grandstand schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 16th- Bull riding will begin at 7:30.

Wednesday, August 17th- Battle of the bands begins at 5:30, and is a free event. Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys begins at 8:00.

Thursday, August 18th- Hairball Concert begins at 7:30.

Friday, August 19th- NTPA Tractor Pull begins at 7:30.

Saturday, August 20th- Antique Tractor pull begins at 8:30 a.m. This even will be free with coupon. Enduro Race begins at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 21st- Demolition Derby begins at 4:00.

Wine tasting nets $2200 for Boys & Girls Club of BP

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Nearly $2200 was raised Tuesday, May 3 at a wine tasting party benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Blooming Prairie.

J & H Liquors of Blooming Prairie hosted the fifth annual event.

"It was a great success and a good time was had by all," said Nancy Farr, owner of J & H Liquors. She said 65 tickets were sold. "It was one of the better wine tasting events we have hosted," she added.

Four distributors offered wine samples and took orders from customers.

Distributors helping at the wine tasting event were:

- Phillips Wine & Spirits, Willie Huebner
- Wine Merchants, Mark Weimer
- Southern Wine & Spirits, Nila Mills
- Paustis Wine Co., Justin Esplan

Donations were accepted and used to purchase some of the tasty appetizers featured at the event.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

More than 65 wine tasters selected their favorite varieties at a Wine Tasting Party hosted by H & H Liquors on Tuesday night, May 3. The proceeds went to the Boys & Girls Club of Blooming Prairie. Here, Nila Mills of Southern Wine & Spirits, serves Bob Ingvalson.

Medford

Third Quarter



Honor Roll



High Honor Roll

7TH GRADE
Braden Barbeau
Jenna Berg
Emily Chadwick
Kinsey Cronin
Krista Esch
Hannah Fessel
Garrett Fitzgerald
Lizbeth Gutierrez
Mikayla Janke
Madison Jaster
Angela Lippert
Brock Merritt
Mason Nagel
Markessa Niner
Luz Peralta
Brooke Purrier
Lily Roehrick
Isabella Steffen
Tyler Stursa
Alex Vandereide
Haley VonRuden
Hanna VonRuden

8TH GRADE
Joseph Doucette
Jordan Edel
Zachary Finholdt
Kaylin Hanson
Riley Hill
Kallen Hoffmann
Madison Klein
Emma Kniefel
Morgan Langeslag
Kiley Nihart
Payton Powers
Brendan Rahn
Isabel Reuvers
Jordyn Stadler
Jeremiah Sutcliffe
Zachary Wetmore

9TH GRADE
Andria Archibald
Jason Domstrand
Jacob Gasner
Meredith Gillis
Brett Johnson
Taylore Keppers
Anthony Manderfeld
Jade Pekarek
Sophie Proehl
Brianna Sisler

10TH GRADE
Madeleine Anderson
Isabel Brady
Cassandra Brase
Ian Gillis
Josephine Kubat
Trenton Lund
Jasmine Panos
Kyra Rahn
Logan Rogotzke
Emily Steffen
Taylor Theisen
Kayleigh Walock
Grace Wobbrock

11TH GRADE
Rachel Bluhm
Rebecca Edel
Sydney Langeslag
Holly Larson
Danielle Morgan
Callie Nagel
Joshua Schauer
Mikayla Spinler

12TH GRADE
Jessica Deering
Cierra DuChene
Michelle Honsey
Wyatt Volkmann

Regular Honor Roll

7TH GRADE
Brayden Beede
Roberta Domstrand
Cole Dusek
Isaac Enzenauer
Giovanni Gonzales
Kaelan Hermanstorfer
Gavin Hermes
Brennon Hoffman
Leanna Ibarra
Malia Kircher
Matthew Knutson
Shea Lambert
Blake Lawson
Ernesto Lazaro
Jarrett Lisowski
Sierra Lustig
Johanna Mlenek
Logan Schmit
Peyton Seiler
Kayla Tutt
Chloe Van Ryn
Miya Weber
Jeffrey Westergaard
Gunner White
Halli Zumbrunnen

8TH GRADE
Austin Aase
Alexis Amberg
Natily Buck
Abrianna Casey-Kircher
Jerone Chavis
William Chester
Emily Cloutier
Kylie Cumberland
Boden Devoe
River Disher
Sebastian Duncan
Shelby Ganske
Veronica Gonzalez
Hailee Homeier
Shawn Johnson
Reilly List
Joshua O'Daffer
Alexander Paul
Mackenzie Paulson
Kevin Robles
Tysia Smith
Carson Sobrack
Dylan Stenzel
Abigail Tellijohn
William VonRuden
Alorah Weise
Michael Winslett

9TH GRADE
Zackariah Andrews
Tanner Barbeau
Mary Braasch-Turi
Camisha Chavis
Connor Davis
Bailey DuChene
Warren Garza
Ryan Hermanstorfer
Luke Johnston
Cody Kosel
Rachael Luebbe
Noah Pirkl
Bailey Purrier
Kyler Rykhus
Madison Schletty
Joseph Schull
Brandon Sisler
Austin VonRunden

10TH GRADE
Morgan Cammock
Madelyn Cloutier
Alex Gengler
Brynn Hable
Amanda Honsey
Kaylee Kern
Kelsey Kern
Tristen Kern
David Klapperich
Gregory Larson
Jenna McCarthy
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Jonathon Meyer
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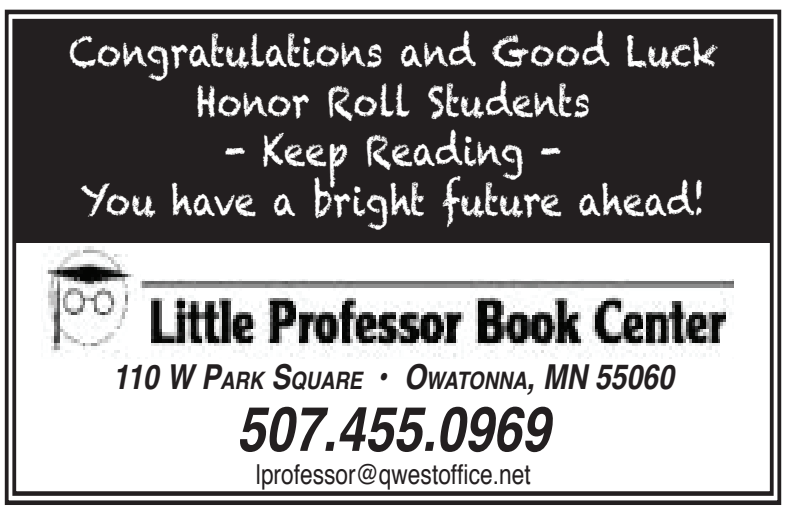
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Haileigh Benton
Brooke Crosby
Marcus DeLeon
Tye Devoe
Ben Ficht-Babcock
Ashley Gilbertson
Krystal Hanson
Michael Kanne
Cassandra Larson
Giovanni Morales
Elizabeth Mukurazita
Jonathon O'Daffer
Noah Parrish
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Anthony Stephens
William Stransky
Bianca Trejo

12TH GRADE
Cassandra Borwege
Ashley DeanMacIntosh
Madison Dewolfe-Gillis
Rogelio Gonzales
Tyler Kosel
Jack Luebbe
Sarah Manderfeld
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Tyana Olson
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JULY 11, 25 • AUG 8, 22 SEPT 12, 9, 26

WINE + WOMEN: WED @ 6-10 P.M.
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LEAVES: 10:30 SHARP! • FEE: $10 PER RIDER
MEAL: 5 P.M. AT J & H LIQUOR

Blooming Prairie

May 10:
BP Card Club & Luncheon
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

May 11:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

May 12:
4:30 p.m. Police Commission Meeting

May 14:
8 a.m. Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce Citywide Garage Sales - 53 Homes on the Map!!!

May 16:
7 p.m. City Council Meeting

May 17:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
2:30 p.m. Utility Comm Meeting
4:30 p.m. Fire Comm Meeting
4:45 p.m. Boys & Girls Club Board Meeting

May 18:
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time

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Ellendale/Geneva

May 10:
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl
May 12:
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
May 16:
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl
May 17:
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

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Medford

May 11:
4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Mtg
May 12:
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
May 14:
Medford EDA (2nd Wednesday, odd months)
May 16:
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
7 p.m. Medford Planning & Zoning Brd Mtg, City Hall
May 17:
6:30 p.m. Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting, Medford
May 18:
7 p.m. Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford

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Owatonna

May 10:
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7 p.m. Steele Co: Co Brd Mtg, Admin Center, BR
7 p.m. Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Owa,
2nd Tues Sept – Jun
May 12:
2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films
5:30 p.m. Owatonna Airport Commission, Airport Lounge
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time
May 17:
Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Av
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
10 a.m. OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club
4:30 p.m. OPL Brd Mtg, Gainey Rm
7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
May 18:
Hope Curbside Recycling N of 42nd Av
4 p.m. Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall

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Blooming Prairie second graders take a trip into history

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Three second grade classes totaling 51 students at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School on Wednesday, May 4, took a trip back to the olden days, a 170-year trek to 1846.

The venture into Minnesota history was provided by two Steele County Historical Society volunteers Audrey Parker and Jean Krause who used an old settlers trunk to showcase items of the past. Former Blooming Prairie Elementary teacher Marilyn Witzel helped organize the historical moment.

Students of Kim Lea, Diane Pfieffer and Denise Hadrath welcomed he opportunity to learn more about Minnesota history, that of Steele County in particular.

Krause started the learning session by saying kids 170 years ago were much like those of today in that they liked school, loved their teachers and loved to learn. She wore a homemade apron and quizzed the students as to why she wore it. "To keep herself clean," one student asked correctly.



Second grade students of Mrs. Diane Pfeiffer had the opportunity in class last week to learn more about Minnesota history thanks to Steele County Historical Society volunteers Audrey Parker, Jean Krause and Marilyn Witzel. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

Parker, wearing a dress of the 1800s and a decorative hat, played the narrative part of a trip through Minnesota history. She asked the students: Have you ever pretended?

She then said she was going to be Esther She traced her migration from New York to Wisconsin and into Minnesota. She met Alfred Cornel, holder of a law degree. He was active in politics and even taught school. Esther had a daughter Florence. Adding humor to her presentation, Esther said Native Americans were attracted to Florence and offered to trade 17 ponies for her. "We kept Florence," Esther said.

Travel 170 years ago was done by covered wagons, Esther said. "There were no roads, only paths," she explained to eager listening second graders.

Esther talked about crossing the river with the use of rafts. The first steps into Minnesota came in St. Paul and went south toward Faribault and eventually ended in Owatonna, which means "straight," Esther said. The journey started in April and ended the first part of June.

Only one Owatonna exists in the world, Esther told the students. "Are there more than one Blooming Prairie?" a student asked. Esther answered there were more Blooming Prairies. She said Blooming Prairie acquired its name because of all the blooming flowers on the prairie.

As she traced her historic family's trip south to Owatonna, Esther pulled items from her Old Settlers trunk. She brought out cups, plates, candle holders, syrup containers and a coffee grinder.

Esther kept the students attention by saying mosquitoes "were so bad" in these times that settlers had to sew sheets together to cover themselves from the pesky insects. She also said wild animals caused challenges for the settlers. A bear once invaded camp and overturned a syrup container, she said.

The second grade class of Kim Lea is currently reading Boxcar Children and thus can relate to Esther's story telling.

"What would be important for you to take with you if you had to move? Krause asked the students. They answered: plates, cups, water and food, bullets for guns, a favorite book, a favorite dress, favorite shoes and your dog.

SPOT LIGHT



Other counties

Freeborn
May 10:
10 a.m. Fountain Lake Readers Book Club, ALPL
10:30 a.m. Music & Movement, ALPL
6 p.m. Night-time Story time, Albert Lea Public Library
6 p.m. Shell Rock Watershed Board Meeting, Freeborn County Board Room
7 p.m. Tigers' Roar, ALHS Auditorium, Albert Lea High School

Mower
May 10:
Lyle Volunteer Fire Dept Meeting
12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate Office



Audrey Parker, a volunteer with the Stele County Historical Society, brought a trunk of historic Steele County items when speaking to second graders at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School. (Staff photo by Howard Lestrud)

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ON THE FARM



Karen Anderson

Each year, the University of Minnesota recognizes families from throughout Minnesota for their contributions to the agriculture industry and their local communities. The Farm Family Recognition Program has existed for over two decades with the continued support of University of Minnesota Extension, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

It is with great honor that we announce the Ken and Lisa Kern Family from Ellendale as the 2016 Steele County Farm Family of the Year. Kerncrest LLC began with Ken and Lisa's dream to start their own registered Holstein dairy farm. In 1995, they rented a milking facility in the Faribault area. In 2001, they purchased their own farm in their home county of Steele. With help from family and friends, they remodeled an existing barn into a 50-cow tie stall. In 2014, their middle son, Andrew and his wife, Allana, became partners in the operation. The cows were moved to a new site where they remodeled the facility into a free stall with a milking parlor. Today, they are milking 70 registered Holsteins and slowly growing to their goal of 120 cows. The Kern family also includes youngest son, Matthew, oldest daughter, Elizabeth and husband Shelton and their 1 ½ year old daughter Ceola. All help out on the farm when they can.

In the community, the Kerns are involved with the local DHIA and Holstein boards, Big Brothers Big Sisters, ACTS volunteer group, Owatonna Business Women, Sacred Heart Church and NewLife Community Church. The Kerns are also noted for their years of commitment to youth programs through FFA and coaching of 4-H dairy judging and quiz bowl teams.

At the local level, the Kern Family will be honored during the Hall of Fame Ceremony at the Steele County Fair. The official statewide presentation of the 2016 Farm Family Recognition Program will take place on Thursday, August 4th at Farmfest. For more information about the Farm Family recognition program, feel free to contact Karen Anderson, Extension Educator for Steele County at 507-444-7685 or ande9495@umn.edu.

MDA funding available for organic farm transition support

Minnesota farmers can apply for Organic Transition Cost Share funding again in 2016. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) offers this program to refund a significant portion of the cost to work with an organic certifying agency during some or all of the 36 months that transitioning to organic typically takes.

Only farmers who are new to organic farming are eligible to receive payments. The program reimburses up to 75 percent of the cost to hire a certifier during the transition to organic, which can take up to three years. The mock inspection is required each year individuals participate. Applicants can also submit their costs for soil testing and attending an approved organic conference for reimbursement. Payments are capped at $750 per year. For costs paid during calendar year 2016, applications must be postmarked no later than February 14, 2017.

The application form, a set of Frequently Asked Questions, and a list of approved certifying agencies that offer transition verification are all available at www.mda.state.mn.us/organic or by calling 651-201-6012.

Minnesota Corn Growers offering free nitrate screening in Rochester

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The Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is encouraging farmers to bring in water samples from wells, ditches, streams or tile outlets for free nitrate screening from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on May 23 at the University of Minnesota Extension office in Rochester, located at 863 30th Ave. SE.

The screening is completely confidential and takes about 20 minutes. Nitrate testing is an easy way for farmers to get a better idea about water conditions and nutrient loss on their own farms.

Collecting a sample for testing is simple:

•To take a ditch, stream or tile water sample, collect 1 cup of water in a clean plastic or glass container. Freeze your sample and bring it in cool for testing.

•For well water, run your cold tap for 5-10 minutes and collect 1 cup of water in a clean plastic or glass container. Freeze your sample and bring it in cool for testing.

•If a sample is collected within 24 hours of testing, it does not need to be frozen, but should be kept refrigerated.

"Testing is quick, easy and practical," said Noah Hultgren, MCGA president and a family farmer in Raymond, Minn. "This is another tool we're making available to farmers as all of us continue to make water quality improvements."



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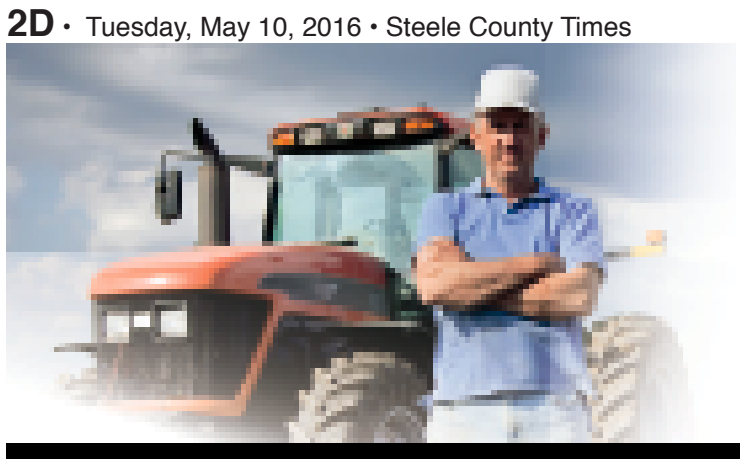
Warm and dry weather across much of Minnesota created near optimal conditions for fieldwork during the week ending May 8, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Planting proceeded rapidly, with 30 percent of the total corn acreage, 40 percent of the total soybean acreage, and nearly 25 percent of the total spring wheat acreage planted during the week.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Eighty-nine percent of Minnesota's corn crop has been planted, 17 days ahead of the 5-year average, but 2 days behind last year. Twenty-five percent of the corn crop has emerged, a week ahead of average. Forty-six percent of the soybean crop has been planted, 12 days ahead of average, but 3 days behind last year. Spring wheat planting was 87 percent complete, 17 days ahead of average, but 9 days behind last year. Forty-eight percent of the spring wheat crop had emerged, 12 days ahead of average. Seventy-one percent of the oat crop had emerged, over 2 weeks ahead of the average. The first oat condition rating of the year was estimated at 0 percent very poor, 0 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. The barley crop was 81 percent planted and 37 percent emerged. Dry edible beans were 15 percent planted, a week ahead of average. Sunflowers were 30 percent planted, 11 days ahead of average, but 2 days behind last year. Potatoes reached 81 percent planted, 15 days ahead of average, but 3 days behind last year. Sugarbeet planting was almost complete.

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Ag Secretary Vilsack announces Open Prairie Rural Opportunities fund

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the launch of a new private investment fund with the potential to inject $100 million into small food and agriculture businesses across rural America. The fund, known as the Open Prairie Rural Opportunities Fund, will be the fourth Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) that USDA has helped to create since 2014, and is part of USDA's ongoing efforts to help attract private sector capital to investment opportunities in rural America to help drive more economic growth in rural communities.

"Like their counterparts in urban areas, innovative small businesses throughout rural America need access to capital in order to grow and create jobs," Vilsack said. "At USDA, we are working hard to reenergize the rural economy, and we are enlisting more and more private sector partners to help achieve that goal. Open Prairie has been a great partner in this effort."

The Open Prairie Rural Opportunities Fund will invest in companies with high-growth potential across the food and agribusiness value chain and rural America, including those in the crop protection, agricultural production and processing, precision agriculture, and information and data management sectors.

"This fund is unique among other licensed RBICs in that it has broad support from the Farm Credit System, commercial banks and strategic limited partners who care deeply about the success of rural communities," said Patrick Morand, partner and president of Open Prairie.

Open Prairie, founded in 1997 by agribusiness entrepreneur Jim Schultz, is a multi-faceted private equity management firm. With roots in rural America and its headquarters in Effingham, Illinois, Open Prairie has managed fund products for clients ranging from technology-based venture capital to farmland portfolios. A uniting theme among all of Open Prairie's private equity fund efforts has been a focus on growing capital availability in the underserved Midwest.

"The RBIC program is a natural extension of our long term vision," said Open Prairie partner and vice president Jason Wrone. "We live, breathe and believe strongly in rural America and are pleased to be working with USDA, the Farm Credit System and other entities that share our passion for building successful companies that have a meaningful impact on their respective business sectors and the communities in which they do business."

The new fund announced today was formed under the USDA's Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP). USDA is utilizing RBIP to license funds to invest in enterprises that will create growth and job opportunities in rural areas, with an emphasis on smaller enterprises. Last year, Secretary Vilsack announced the conditional approval of two other RBICs – Innova and Meritus Kirchner Capital. In 2014, Advantage Capital was granted a license for their $150 million Advantage Capital Agri-Business fund.

These efforts are part of the Made in Rural America initiative, which was created by President Obama to help rural businesses and leaders take advantage of new investment opportunities and access new markets abroad. This announcement today comes in conjunction with the third White House Rural Opportunity Investment Conference in Washington, DC, focused on investing for impact in the rural economy.

Al-Corn Clean Fuel recognized by Minnesota FFA

Scholarship Funds Key to Leadership Development

Al-Corn Clean Fuel, a farmer-owned ethanol production cooperative has been recognized as a supporter of the Minnesota FFA Foundation for the cooperative's support of programing throughout southeast and southern Minnesota. The partnership between Al-Corn Clean Fuel and the Minnesota FFA Foundation allows for Scholarship funds to assist 58 FFA chapters in select programs, including service projects.

"We truly appreciate our partnership with the Minnesota FFA Foundation" said Rod Jorgenson, Chairman of the Board for Al-Corn Clean Fuel. "The leadership skills acquired by the next generation of agricultural leaders through organizations such as FFA will benefit our local communities well into the future".

"The need to build partnerships in support of local and state agricultural education programs continues to grow as budgets are increasingly tight," said Val Aarsvold, executive director of the Minnesota FFA Foundation. "It's a win-win partnership as our programs receive valuable support to prepare future employees for agricultural careers and develop skills to provide leadership for their local communities."

For additional information regarding Al-Corn Clean Fuel, please visit www.al-corn.com.

For additional information regarding the Minnesota FFA Foundation, please visit www.mnffafoundation.org.

About Al-Corn Clean Fuel

Founded in 1994, Al-Corn Clean Fuel is a farmer-owned ethanol production cooperative located in Claremont, MN.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 26, 2007
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $134,400.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Larry D Larson and Kim M Dougherty Larson, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100037506567766788
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: GMAC Mortgage, LLC dba ditech.com
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 19, 2007, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000061882, thereafter reformed by Court Order recorded on March 15, 2016 as document number T000073525
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 12, except the East 90 feet; Lot 13, except the East 90 feet; and the East 62.1 feet of Lot 14, in Block 1, all lying and being in Elm Heights Addition to the City of Owatonna
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 239 16th NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-164-0114 COT# 16503
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $179,215.02
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 7, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2016, or the next business day if December 7, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: April 5, 2016

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 26, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $198,200.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Thomas D. Breuer, and JoAnn D. Breuer, as husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Bank of America, N.A.
SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed September 1, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000066242
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 3, Block 1, Brooktree No. 4
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1738 Greenhaven Ln NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-350-0103 COT# 18305
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $202,893.87
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 31, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2016, or the next business day if November 30, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: April 8, 2016

Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)
Assignee of Mortgagee

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 25, 2010
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $158,494.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Adam M. Ramseth and Christina M. Ramseth, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100749500730077917
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Metlife Home Loans, a Division of Metlife Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed February 11, 2010, Steele County Registrar of Titles, as Document Number T000065519
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A.; Dated: December 28, 2011 filed: February 21, 2012, recorded as document number T000068278; Thereafter assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated June 13, 2013; recorded on November 19, 2013 as document number T000070968.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 11, Block 2, Mathews Addition, Owatonna
REGISTERED PROPERTY
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1805 6th Avenue NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-242-0211 COT# 17436
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $175,140.26
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 17, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on December 17, 2016, or the next business day if December 17, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: April 22, 2016

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignee of Mortgagee

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4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION**

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-796

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**Estate of
Karen Lynn Ellis,
Decedent**

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated March 30, 2012, and ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Dale Oscar Ellis, whose address is 11912 SW 72nd Avenue, New Richland, MN 56072, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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.

**Dated
2016.04.20**

**Kris Schmitz
Registrar**

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5/3, 5/10

Foreclosure

15-100469

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 30, 2014
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $142,500.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Paul A. Schweim and Amalia Schweim, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
MIN#: 100397202125037268
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 7, 2014, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000396915
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 1, Block 1, Grace Addition
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2595 3rd Ave NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-299-0101
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $155,088.23
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 24, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on December 24, 2016, or the next business day if December 24, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: April 28, 2016

Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Assignee of Mortgagee

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5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7

Foreclosure

16-102793

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 25, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $108,314.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Eric Mullenmeister and Jennifer Mullenmeister, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 3, 2012, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000384444
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
All that part of the Southeast Quarter Section 11, Township 108 North, Range 19 West, Steele County, Minnesota, Described by:
Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds West, assumed bearing 374.00 feet along the East line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 33 seconds West 574.00 feet along a line parallel with the North line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds East 374.00 feet to the North line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 33 seconds East 574.00 feet to beginning Steele County, Minnesota.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8339 71st Street NE, West Concord, MN 55985
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 10-011-2102
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $114,353.57
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 28, 2016, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060 to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on December 28, 2016, or the next business day if December 28, 2016 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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Dated: May 6, 2016

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

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

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE**

**DISTRICT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 74-PR-16-861**

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**In Re: Estate of
Kathryn G. Parsons,
Decedent**

It is Ordered and notice is given that on May 31, 2016 at 10:45 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at Steele County District Court, 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Andrew C. Bohrer, whose address is 1506 10th Avenue SE, Rochester, MN 55904, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

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

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

**BY THE COURT
2016.04.26**

**Joseph A Bueltel
Judge of District Court**

**Sonia Kocher
Court Administrator**

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5/10, 5/17



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NOTICE

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City of Blooming Prairie

Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
City Council Meeting Agenda
April 16, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes of April Regular City Council Meeting
Financial Report
Committee/Commission Reports
1. B.P. Public Utilities
2. E.D.A.
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission
5. B.P. Ambulance Commission
6. B.P. Police Commission
Business
1. Request for a Temporary Liquor License – Chamber of Commerce 3rd of July Park
2. Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Request
3. Approval of 2016-2017 Liquor Licenses
4. Appoint Insurance Agent
5. Police On-Call Policy Adjustment
6. Resolution Electing to Participate in the Steele County EDA
7. Application for Permit to Consume Liquor in the Park – Ulrich
8. Main Street West Reclaim and Repave
City Administrator's Report
1. Reminder of Changed Date for June Meeting
2. Welcome Sign
3. City Administration Office Carpet
City Attorney's Report
Council Members' Reports Adjourn

This Agenda is Subject to Change

Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-772

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
Lorraine Basich a/k/a
Gertrude Lorraine Basich a/k/a
Lorraine D. Basich,
Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated January 26, 2016, and ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the registrar has informally appointed Sherman Fjalstad, whose address is 1350 Edinburgh Place, Owatonna, MN 55060, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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.

Dated
2016.04.27

Kris Schmitz
Registrar

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5/10, 5/17

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Send application and letter of interest to:
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ATTN: Dale Carlson, Superintendent
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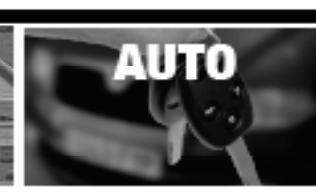
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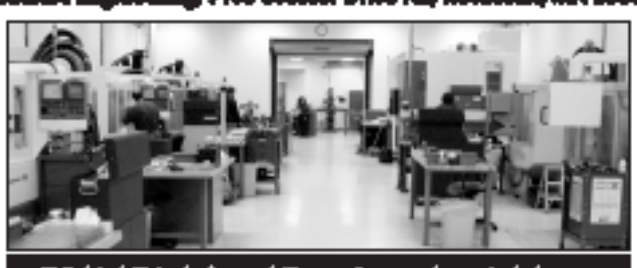
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Dodge Center, MN 55927
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brenda.vieths@co.dodge.mn.us
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Join a highly motivated team in the Kasson-Mantorville School District with a commitment to excellence and innovation. We are looking for team members beginning 2016-17 school year for the following positions:

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (1.0 FTE)
Speech/Language Pathologist (.5 FTE)

Please complete application on-line at:
www.komets.k12.mn.us
and include a resume, application letter, transcripts and 3 reference letters.

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GRADE 4 ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHER
Triton Public Schools will be hiring a Grade 4 Elementary Classroom Teacher for the 2016 – 2017 school year.
All postings and applications for Triton Public Schools can be found at: www.triton.k12.mn.us – under the District Office menu. EOE

MINNESOTA PRAIRIE COUNTY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES OF DODGE, STEELE & WASECA COUNTIES
Positions Available:
- Temporary Child & Family Social Worker (Steele)
- Part-Time Office Support Specialist (Dodge)

Application Requirements can be found at:
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630 Florence Avenue
Owatonna, MN 55060
EOE

EVENING CUSTODIAN
Byron Middle School
Byron Middle School is seeking a full time evening custodian beginning May16, 2016. This is a split-shift position. During the school year hours are Monday-Thursday evenings 2-10:30 p.m. and Saturdays 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Summer hours are Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Would prefer boilers license but not required. Please submit resume and apply online at: http://www.applitrack.com/byronmn/onlineapp
Contact Brian Haskin, Building and Grounds Manager, 507-624-0346 with any questions. Application deadline Friday, May 6, 2016.

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Wellington adult care has trained staff who work 24 hrs. a day to provide you with services such as prepared meals, medication management, personal care such as bathing, dressing and grooming, as well as other activities of daily living. All meals are served family style in the dining room. Special diets are not a problem. We also arrange transportation to and from medical appointments accompanied by staff or family. We supply laundry services, and housekeeping. Our home is wheelchair accessible. We have a 1 to 5 staff to client ratio. All rooms are private. We serve a variety of clients over the age of 55. We are licensed by Dodge County and the State of Minnesota.
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Hair stylist/Esthetician/Nail Tech, hourly wage plus commission. Call to set up interview, 507-440-4654 21,22,23c

Milkers needed for moderate size dairy, weekend and holidays required, double 8 parlor, 2 part time openings 20-25 hrs. per pay period, extra hours available. Contact Heather at schwinglehm@gmail.com 21,22,23p

The Kasson Post Office is hiring for the position of rural carrier substitute (RCA). This position is for every Saturday and as needed during the week. You will need to be able to provide your own vehicle but will be reimbursed for mileage. This may lead to full-time employment. Interested candidates will need to apply online at usps.com/employment and search all available positions in Minnesota to find Kasson and follow the directions to complete the online application. Any questions please call 507-634-2421 and ask for Jim.21c

Full time night position **has been re-opened** working with elderly clients at Wellington Adult Care in Dodge Center. The hours are 11p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday. Applicant must be 18 yrs. Old and have a valid drivers license and submit to a background check. For more info and an interview contact Jane or Bill at 507-319-4821 or 507-374-2198. 21tfc

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International 710-4 bottom 18 in. plow, automatic trip, John Deere, 200A, 10 ft. swather, gas engine, Hutchinson, 30 ft. 6 in. grain auger, 507-634-7278, 19-21p

Beautiful brown leather sofa, like new, paid $1,800, asking $750 cash, also many tools for sale. 507-316-4503. 20-22p

REAL ESTATE

Contract for deed for sale- Kasson, contract to remain as originally written, 10-years/2% if interested call 507-421-4982 19, 20, 21p

House for sale by owner- 107 1st St NE, Kasson, 3-bedroom starter home on large lot, AS-IS. Asking $92,000, call 507-259-2588 to make appointment to view. 20-22p

Kasson townhome for sale, 1,400 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, 305 4th St SW, 507-775-6122. 20-22

MISCELLAENOUS

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (SEMMCHRA) will be held at the SEMMCHRA Main Office, 134 East Second Street Wabasha, MN 55981 on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 10 A.M. The public is welcome to attend. 21c

FOR RENT

Large 3 bdrm apartment on Main Street in Kasson, call Pat 507-319-6762. 21,22,23c

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Mantorville Opera House 5 West 5th St. Huge Rummage Book and Bake sale: Christmas Decor, household, knick knacks, fresh baked goods daily! Thurs. 3-6, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-noon. 21c

55241 201 Avenue, Concord, Friday, 3-7, Moving Sale-Trampoline, furniture, chest freezer, lots of misc. 21c

70463 State Highway 56, Hayfield, Friday, 8-5 and Saturday, 8-4, Hayfield, Moving/Estate sale, Antiques, air compressors, furniture, outdoor and gardening equipment, trampoline and much more. Everything is priced to sell. 21p

402 12th Ave NW, Kasson, Friday and Saturday, 9-1- Crib, highchair, two air conditioners, storage shelves. 21p

207 4th St NE, Byron, Wednesday 4-7, Thursday and Friday 9-7, Saturday 8:30-4, Huge Garage Sale-Lots of girl and boy clothes size 3 months to 2 years, lots of misc. 21p

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2016 Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce

Spring City-Wide Garage Sales

1. Sharon Soost (Formerly Virginia Anderson)-74894 100th Ave.—Household Items, Women's Clothes, Tools, Etc.

2. Joan + Marion Mast-214 2nd Ave. NW—Moving Sale-(Down Sizing)

3. Long, Hansen, Hocking, Farr-522 Memorial DR. S-Love Seat, Household, Dresser w/ mirror, Clothing for all.

4. Lorraine Butler-438 2nd St. SW-Household Items, Lawn Furniture, Tools, Grill, Lawn Mower

5. Bev Hoveland/Julie Horn-510 4th Ave. SW-Misc. Household and Little Boy's Things.

6. Mike Woods-643 2nd St. NE-Get Your Hand Made Flower Planters for Spring

7. Blooming Prairie Cancer Group Luncheon-434 1st St. SW-First Lutheran Church

8. Debbie Schwake-415 2nd St. SW-Household Items, Single Bedroom Set, Tools, Wall Art, Bicycle +Miscellaneous

9. Stoen,Johnson,Trom-425 5th Place SW.-Multi Family Sale-NB-5 Yrs. Girl's+Boy's Clothes,Home Décor,Baby Equip.,etc.

10.Borchert Family- 120 3rd St SW-In The Alley-Moving sale

11.Gary Polinder-139 2nd Ave. NE-Trailer, Nascar Collectables, Clothes (all sizes), Furniture, Misc.

12.Karen Peterson-118 2nd St NW-Kid's Clothes, Confections by Karen Custom Cupcakes and Cookies

13.Marcy Sundine-226 4th St NW-Motorcycle, Dining Set, Riding Lawn Mower, Dishes, Lots of Misc. Moving Sale

14.218 Off Sale-415 Hwy Ave. S.-Furniture, Household, Books, Clothes

15.Dean + Marilyn Meshke-160 8th St NW-clothing, Furniture, Household Items, Kitchen, Dishes, Books, Misc.

16.Kris Kranz-32913 540th Ave.-Clothing, Shop Items, Yarn, Moving Clean Out

17.Amy Simon-4811 E Hwy 30 (west of BP)-Toys, Girl's 0-3m-3T, Youth/Teen Boys, Women's-L, Tools, Bikes/Outside Toys

18.Barb Coleman-169 8th St NW-Books, Movies, Clothes, Household Items, Everything 25 cents to $1.00.

19.Stacy Magnus-424 3rd St. SW-PS 3, Handmade Potholders, Boy's Clothes 12-18 Mo., Girls' Clothes 3-4T

20.Mark Zvorak-141 5th Ave. SE-Camper Cover, Tools, Dog Kennels, Household Items, Nick-Knacks

21.Crystal Nelson-342 1st Ave. NE-Baby Equipment, baby Clothes, Adult Clothes, Misc.

22.Maynard Johnson-333 4th St. SW-Moving Sale-Avon Collectables, Misc.

23.Sharon Glynn/ Amy Trotman-578 3rd St SW-23 yrs. Day Care Retiree. Selling by the totes. Many, Many Toys.

24.Amy Trotman Day Care-15377 54th Ave. SE-Done with 23 yrs. of Day Care Supplies. Bikes, Kozy Cars, etc.

25.Martha Walters-238 Memorial Drive NW-Clothing 0-2T, Child's, Adult, Men's Small + M, Jeans 30-32

26.Dale Bublitz-453 3rd St SW-Knives, Gun Shells, Tools, Toys, 4hsp Motor, Wood Burner, Antiques, Lots of Misc.

27.Roger Amundson-317 5th Cir. SW-Women's Sm. + Med. Clothes, Sz. 7, Women's Harley DavidsonCowboy Boots,misc.

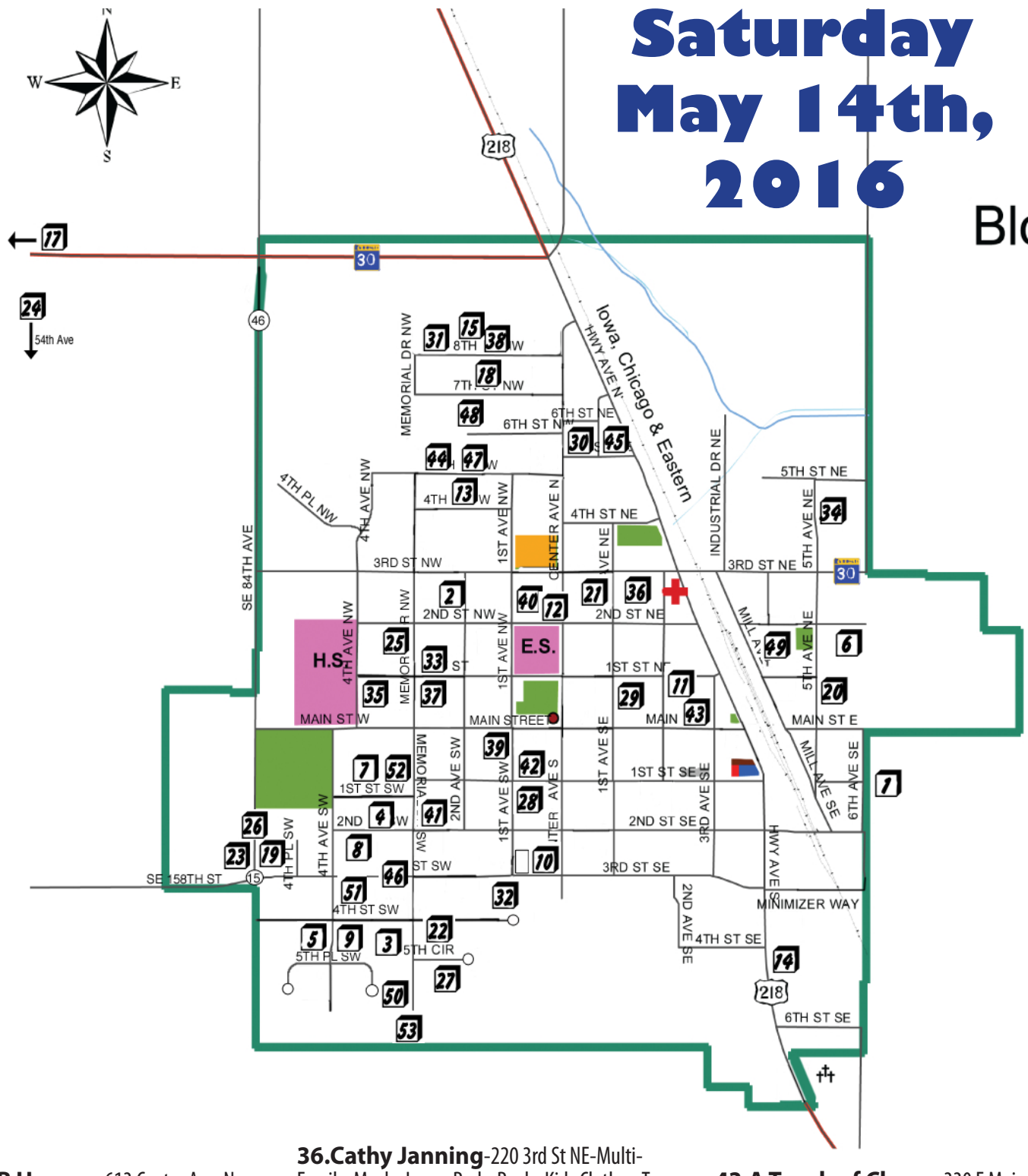
28.Nelson-135 2nd St SW-HH, Dishes, Bedding, Furniture, toys, Old Stuff, Guy Stuff and Good Stuff

29.Sandy Christianson-141 1st St NE-Huge Sale-Fri. 1-5, Sat. 8-12. Estate Items, Furniture, Hshld, Clothes, Cleaning Out!

Saturday May 14th, 2016

Steele County

City of Blooming Prairie



Sales Start at 8:00 AM

30.George B Hansen-613 Center Ave. N-Household Goods and Clothes.

31.Novak-198 8th St NW-Silverware and Chest, Ceramic Coffee Table, Framed Wall art, Bike, Lots Décor.

32.Beth Trom-335 1st Ave SW-Kids Clothes and Toys, DVD's, Changing table, Car Seat and Stroller

33.Dan and Hillary Swanson-213 Memorial Dr NW-Household Items and Miscellaneous

34.Lisa Meyer-205 5th Ave NE-ATV, Trailer, Household, Teen Clothes

35.Froman/Lindeman-419 1st St. NW-Large Women's Clothing, Boys Clothes NB-8, Girls NB-5,Childrens Toys, Much Misc.

36.Cathy Janning-220 3rd St NE-Multi-Family, Musky Lures, Rods, Reels, Kids Clothes, Toys and Much More

37.Cody Soland-137 Memorial Dr. N.-tools, Snow Mobiles, Man Stuff

38.Fisher's-145 8th St NW-Kids Clothes, Women's Clothes, and Miscellaneous

39.Scott + Julie Easton-309 west Main St.-Movies DVD/VHS, Kids Clothes, Exercise Machine, and More

40.Burt/Kelner/Studer/Wondra-455 1stAve NW-X-Box,BabyItems,Microwave,Furn.,Clothes-Boy,Girl,Adult+Maternity.

41.Lysne-239 2nd St. SW-Bedding-Furniture, etc.

42.Mary Sherman-Ahrens-104 1st St. SW-Sect.Sofa,Oversized Chair,WI Radiator,Hshld Items,Tools,Desk,Antiques,

43.A Touch of Charm-330 E Main Downtown-20%offStorewide,50%offBargains Galore,Weathered+RustyJunkOutBack

44.Rasmussen,Doris+Huff-327 5th St. NW-3Fmy Yard + Garage Equip.Misc. Hshld,WildlifePrints,Men,Wom.Clothes+Hats

45.Jamie Klemmensen-150 5th St. NE(Eagle Prairie Bldg)-Baby/Toddler Items, Household Items

46.Gillette/Klocke/Prihoda-514 Memorial DR.SW-Toys,G-24M-3T,B-5T-XS+Misses,Barstools,Q-4PosterBed Frame,Décor.

47.Clark/Bruggeman-252 5th St. NW-Infant/Toddler clothing, Baby Gear, Toys and Much More Miscellaneous

48.Tiffany Smith-186 7th St. NW-Tons of Newborn-9 Mnth Girl Clothes + Other Baby Gear-All Nearly New!

49.Shelly Hoeve-230 North Mill St.-AntiqueDesk,AntiqueSewingMachine+Typewriter,Books,Cookbooks,Weight Bench.

50.Nels Lee-525 Memorial Dr.-Bicycle and Miscellaneous

51.Sami Nelson-324 4th St. SW-Girls Clothes Newborn to Sz. 6, Baby Gear, Maternity Clothes, Toys, Misc.

52.Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. First Luthern /church, 434 1st St SW. Baby clothes, toddler clothes, home decor, misc

53. Skillestad-530 S Memorial Dr. Toys, Household, Grill, misc.