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Straight River Days 6B

Tractors run through Steele



Staff photo by Michael Anderson

KOWZ Radio Station sponsored its annual Tractor Run last Saturday, June 17. The run started and ended at the Owatonna John Deere Dealership with 45 miles in between. Over 60 tractors were driven in the run with more than 80 people participating as drivers or riding along in "Party wagons." Country 92.1 host Brad Kubat, a DJ on KOWZ 100.9, coordinated the event with the help of Gemer Linse and Dude Spatenka.

Increase to BP Police

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

The Blooming Prairie City Council unanimously passed a motion to allow the police commission to hire another part-time officer.

The motion comes after a resident came forward at last month's meeting to express concern over the city's lack of 24/7 coverage.

At the last police commission meeting, Chief Skillestad presented several letters from citizens and organizations that also felt strongly about increasing coverage.

City Administrator Michael Jones and Skillestad concluded the city could bring on another part-time officer for 32 hours a week.

The additional officer won't mean the city has constant 24/7 coverage. The additional officer would be largely utilized to relieve officers for vacation time and sick leave. During weeks when no regular officer is sick or gone on vacation, the city's overall coverage would be increased.

"We have $35,000 dollars in the budget," Jones said. Covering wages wouldn't be a problem, and he's confident he can find the money for benefits.

"We could bring this person on," Jones concluded, "and get them working yet this summer."

Council member Kittelson moved to allow the police commission to make the hire.



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Stardom came to Ebeling Antique Store in Blooming Prairie when Atlantic Records of New York videotaped a music video last month for Molly Kate Kestner, an American singer who is originally from Austin. Owner Bruce Ebeling and his dog, Jager, hosted Kestner and the Atlantic crew while they taped Kestner singing for an upcoming video.

Talented voice lifts antique shop to stardom

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A talented voice is lifting a small town antique shop to stardom.

Molly Kate Kestner is an American pop singer and songwriter who recently videotaped scenes for an upcoming video at Ebeling Antiques in Blooming Prairie. Kestner is originally from Austin and is most notable for her song "His Daughter," which went viral in 2014 in many countries. The video gained 2 million views and she later performed the song on ABC's Good Morning America.

Bruce Ebeling, who has operated the antique store for 42 years, says having an up and coming singer stopping by is probably one of the biggest things to ever happen at his shop. Ebeling, though, admits before she came he had no clue who she was. He went to the local library to do some research on her.

Ebeling said representatives from Atlantic Records came into his shop one afternoon in

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County fills vacancies in Highway Department

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

At last week's Steele County Board meeting, Al Forsberg was hired as Interim Highway Department Head. The decision came in the wake of Anita Benson giving notice of her resignation as County Engineer/Director of Public Works several weeks ago. It is the first of five vacancies in the department to be filled.

Forsberg served for 27 years as Blue Earth's County Engineer and Public Works Director and has come out of retirement to help Steele County.

"I'm doing this as a public service to the county," he told the board, "I'm actually very happy in retirement."

Forsberg began June 20, Benson's last day. He's currently contracted out till September 30, but is willing to lengthen his contract depending on the county's ability to find a permanent county engineer.

As interim department head, Forsberg won't be able to perform the full scope of the county engineer's duties.

According to MNDOT's State Aid Division Director Mitch Rasmussen, who addressed the board at the meeting, the county can appoint an Interim Highway Department Head, who can sign-off on state aid and oversee maintenance. The interim cannot, however, plan specifications and estimates.

"They are not an interim county engineer. They are an interim department head," he told the board. The county could temporarily share a county engineer with another county, but that solution would only be viable for one year. All subsequent appointments offered to a county engineer must be for four years.

When asked if the county's current plans of having Forsberg serve as an interim department head for a few months was workable, Rasmussen responded, "We at state aide feel you will have no problem meeting the law."



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Interim County Engineer Al Forsberg sits next to Director of Human Resources Julie Johnson as she addresses the county board. Johnson has been tasked with filling several vacancies in the Public Works Department.

Director of Human Resources Julie Johnson is tasked with filling the permanent engineer vacancy for the county. Johnson, when addressing the board, pointed out to the commissioners that the County Engineer position is currently combined with the Public Works Division Director one. She was seeking guidance on how the county would like to handle the position going forward.

The board decided to seek a county engineer separate of the department head. They felt the separation would clarify communication. "If there's a problem we know who to talk to," Commissioner Abbe said, "It allows them to take ownership of their department."

In addition to Forsberg, the county has also hired Jake Gave of WSB & Associates, Inc. to serve as Interim Assistant County Engineer to fill the vacancy left by Becky McCarty. He'll oversee construction of county projects.

The county originally reached out to three consulting firms, but only WSB & Associates had the capacity to have someone work, potentially full-time, with the department. It's estimated Gave could be working with the county for up to 18 weeks, but the option remains of discontinuing the contract if a replacement is found sooner.

Kevin Lindquist has also been hired on as Interim Highway Maintenance supervisor.

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Opinion

Our view

Hand in hand

As major collegiate coaches step down or are fired, the administration has a choice to make. Whether to release the understaff or retain them.

At times, there may be some very good coaches in the ranks, but due to the fact that they don't mesh with the new head coach, the lack of unity calls for a release that is beneficial for both parties, not to mention the players, the fans and the administration.

At other times, the assistant coaches may be in sync, but are just lacking in the skills to compliment the new regime.

As Steele County pushes forward with a new regime at the helm of commissioners, it doesn't take much to see that many changes have occurred. There have been rumors and speculation in light of the recent resignations that perhaps there is someone to fault.

Perhaps it's a general housecleaning. Perhaps it's something more. Freshman Commissioner Rick Gnemi issued a recent comment in response to the changes, saying, "There's no major shake-down in the county overall; just a difference in philosophies in how business needs to be conducted.

"These folks decided they were not on the same page as the county commissioners who take their jobs very seriously when it comes to utilizing county taxpayers' money efficiently and effectively."

As human beings, we don't like ruts and we don't like changes. There's the rub. We react if things are not changing and we react when things are changing. What we must accept and embrace in Steele County is that there will always be change and with the fresh eyes of the new commission, it may be just what we need to keep the train on track and heading at a steady speed.

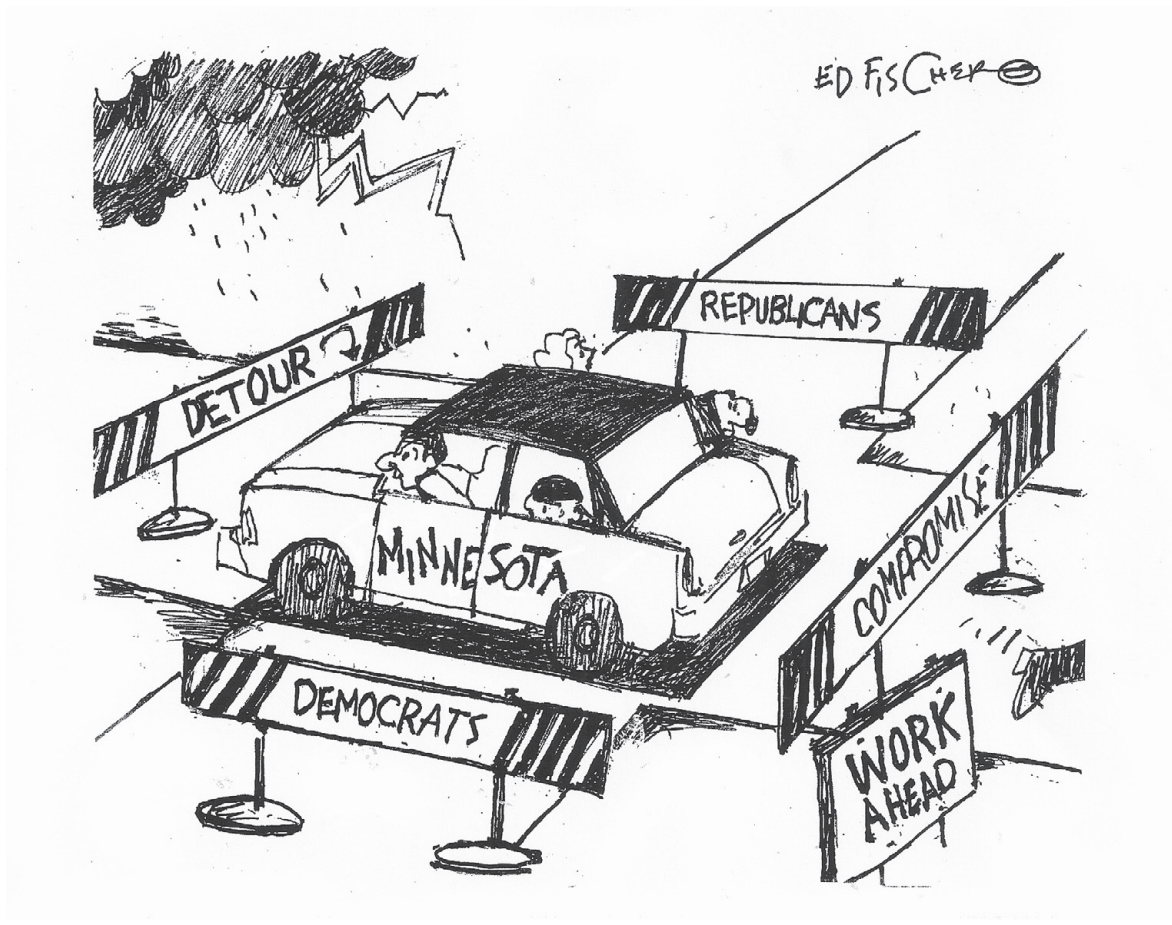
Gnemi said, "Suffice it to say, the commissioners have a conservative approach as to how best to save the Steele County taxpayer dollars."

If you've ever done any building or construction or had any major purchases lately, you know that it's not like it was even 10 years ago. Drastic changes have occurred in our economy and it doesn't look like there is going to be price reductions in anything going forward.

The good news is, there is a "conservative" commission in place who don't deny that things will cost money, but they have been transparent and forthcoming with the idea that they are working for the people to secure for all of us, a better deal.

Judgment is better reserved after a period of time has been governed. This group right now needs the support and encouragement as it is facing many challenges. Some set by past action, some by the nature of our beast. If the people of the county work hand in hand to build with them, there is a greater chance that there will be projects that will stand the test of time. Judging too quickly or too harshly in the infant stages of our processes could severely retard the final outcome.

Let's give them a chance. Let's lend them a hand. Let's champion our county.



Reflections on Father's Day

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

This past weekend was one of the most special times of the year. Father's Day always proves to be extra special for me as I'm sure it does for countless other dads out there.

Though my kids gave me a wonderful family portrait canvas of my daughter graduating from college, the best gift was being together with all three of them. Family time with all of us becomes harder to achieve as time goes on.

Being a father is one of life's greatest rewards, if not the greatest. This has become more and more apparent to me over the last few years as two of my three children are beginning to venture into adulthood and chart out their paths in life. My daughter just finished college earlier this spring and my son is in the middle of his college days. And then there's the 10-year-old that keeps us all on our toes.

I've never been very materialistic in nature, but I can assure you being a father is abundantly rich in more ways than money and possessions could ever be.

Over the years I have been honored with various awards and recognitions on the professional level. But none have or will never match up to the accomplishment I have achieved with being a father. Granted, there are many challenges with parenting. However, if there is something I want to be remembered for after I'm long gone, it's what I have done with my family. Nothing more.

Since my childhood, family has been deep rooted and of utmost importance. I always felt I had the greatest childhood because my parents were home all the time. Growing up on the farm afforded me the opportunity to be closer to my mom and dad than most other children, especially in today's world, can experience.

I have had my fair share of challenges with being a father. I raised my two older children as a single parent for many years. I took on this role when my kids were both less than 6 years old. I might add they had no mother in their lives for many of those years.

Certainly I don't have all the answers in the world to every issue that comes up, but I hope I have instilled some strong morals and values with my children for them to deal with life's challenges.

In today's hectic world, it's easy to get lost in the shuffle, especially for young people. But those with a solid moral compass and a strong faith in God are going to do just fine in life. It's interesting how my son now reminds me of this when I have down days and things seem bleak.

To all those fathers out there, embrace your children no matter what life throws in your way. I'd encourage you all to carve out family time and make your kids, especially those still at home, the priority in life. Kids are starving for direction in life from positive role models. There is no greater role model than a father.

It's time to go in hot pursuit of continuing to be the best father I know how.

BOOK NOOK



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

Summer reading

Let's stop the Summer Slide! No, this is not a protest over the slide in Central Park, but an effort to keep students from losing their reading skills over the summer.

Cumulative research over the years has shown that the average student loses a little more than one month's worth of skill in reading by the time school resumes in the fall.

Can Summer Slide be prevented or slowed down? Yes!

One simple way is to encourage the children you influence to read, read, read! Our summer reading program is underway at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library.

If your children have yet signed up, it is not too late. Kids can begin any time throughout the summer. Every month that the kids read, or are read to, for at least 20 minutes per day for ten days, they are able to choose a free book at our monthly book fairs.

The book fair for June will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 29.

If you know a reluctant reader, stop in or call us at the library at 507-583-7750.

We can suggest specific books for your child to try, based on their interests and reading level.

Our goal is to find the right book at the right for each person. See you at the library!

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Second Front

Does your elevator go all the way to the top?

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

It may be a responsibility or a courtesy to send your elevator back down once you've reached the top. It may be a sign of maturity not to push all the buttons as you are getting off. It may be a well-deserved time for reflection if your elevator is empty.

The savvy business guru is hungry for the opportunity to ride an elevator with a total stranger. It is the chance to make a difference in the life of someone you don't know, IF you believe that what you are doing has value.

The monthly business boot camp inspired by the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce was sponsored this month by Thrivent Financial who provided a lunch for the event. Thrivent regional representative from Rochester, Kerry Edwards explained that his organization is a not-for-profit Christian organization that helps its clients to achieve financial security so they can in turn give back to their communities.

"We help individuals and families develop a strategy to reach their financial goals and live generous lives," Edwards writes on his LinkedIn profile.

The boot camp is a monthly in-depth training that helps business leaders get that cutting edge in business and provides a training that comes from both business experts and the networking support of those attending.

The topic for the day was "elevator speeches" and the business experts that acted as the trainers and drill instructors were Holly Sobrack, a marketing specialist from Westbrack Marketing and Matthew Stanislav who is a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones. An elevator speech or better known in the business industry as "elevator pitch" was said to have originated from the vintage age of Hollywood where screenwriters would try to catch producers in elevators and would only have a short amount of time to pitch an idea.

Both Sobrack and Stanislav explained the project of the day was to explain what an elevator speech is, how to develop an elevator speech and finally, participation in group exercises to practice what was developed in the workshop.

"An elevator speech is just clear and concise information about your business," Sobrack said. "(It is) about 30 to 60 seconds. It should share your expertise, your credentials quickly and effectively, who are you, what are you looking for, how can you benefit a company or organization, and what can you bring to the table."

As Sobrack tagged off to Stanilslav, he addressed the issue of "why do we need an elevator speech."

He explained that it should be your "go to" conversation starter that cannot only be used at networking functions, but can also be used as an opening for prospective clients. "It's a great to start off by telling them, this is who I am, this is what I do, this is why you should be interested in me," Stanislav said.

He went on to explain that elevator speeches are a great confidence builder when you know what you are going to say when presented with your everyday opportunities or planned client meetings.

The key points that were shared concerning the creation of elevator speeches were:

-Keep it brief but draws attention

-Share what makes you unique and something that sets you apart from your competition

-Avoid using jargon that is not universally understandable

-State your goals

-Be confident

-Offer your business card

-Don't speak too fast or become monotone in your delivery

-Avoid rambling

-Talk as you would to a friend

The participants were then split into small groups where they filled out an step-by-step instructional sheet dealing with the three things you should put into your creation of the elevator speech including, starting with a hook, explaining what you do and wrapping it up.

The groups then were able to deliver their speeches to those in the small groups and then on to the entire camp. The camp was all abuzz as pitches and speeches were all going on at the same time and resembled a well-organized social event or cocktail party.

The festivities as always ended with door prizes from the sponsor and on this bright June afternoon at the Gainey Room at the library there was a rousing chorus of "Happy birthday" to OPP multimedia consultant and Chamber MC, Autumn Van Ravenhorst.

As the group got off the boot camp elevator, the thought and the idea most prevalent within the small groups was best penned by Chris Westfall, US National Elevator Pitch Champion.

"No matter what your chosen profession, you have to convince others to follow your ideas. You have to influence the folks you work with, live with and care about. You have to get others engaged in what you are saying. Engagement is not a "pitch" – it's influence. Engagement is a connection. Engagement can start via online tools and social media but it really comes home when you deliver your message in person."



Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Pam Kubat from Corporate Recognition in Owatonna works on developing her elevator speech at the monthly Owatonna Chamber Business Boot Camp.

Atlantic's crew enjoyed taping in Ebeling's store

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late May scouting out a place to record a music video. They came back the next day with a crew of seven people, including Kestner. They videotaped both inside the store and outside the rustic looking building along BP's main thoroughfare, Highway 218.

"I was a little apprehensive when they came marching in. I wondered what I was getting into," Ebeling said, adding he found them to be nice and friendly folks.

Perhaps what made Ebeling a little more cautious was the condition of his shop.

"I told them I was sorry it's such a mess in here, but they loved it," said Ebeling, who has mountains of antiques scattered throughout the shop. "They were really nice and really professional," he added.

"It's kind of a big deal for Mayberry."

- Bruce Ebeling
Ebeling Antiques

On the day she taped, the shop was busy and Ebeling went back and forth between watching her perform and helping customers. He joked with them, "This is kind of a big deal for Mayberry."

Ebeling called Kestner "a really nice person." She even autographed a photo taken of the shop in 1934 for Ebeling with the message, "thanks for making us feel so welcome."

He even made a sale during the episode. An Atlantic production assistant purchased a Boy Scouts shirt from Ebeling.

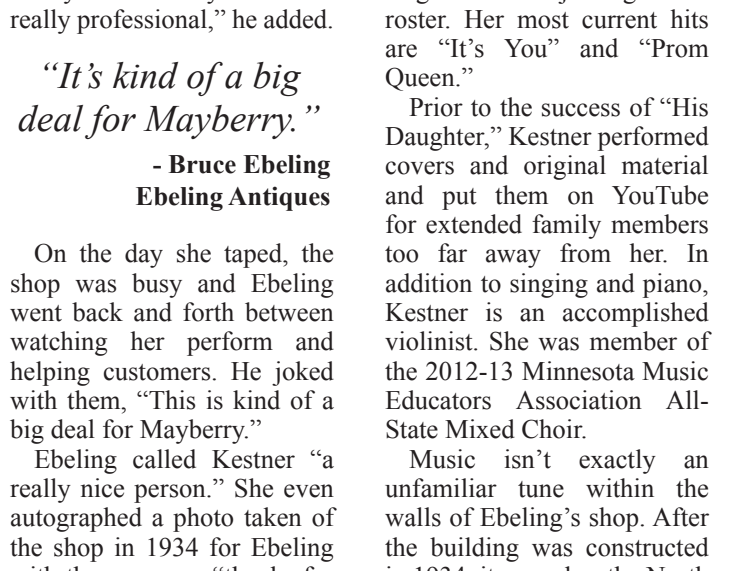
During the taping, Atlantic's crew enjoyed Jager, Ebeling's overly friendly dog who keeps him company throughout the day in the shop.

Kestner is currently signed to Atlantic Records and has released three major label singles since joining their roster. Her most current hits are "It's You" and "Prom Queen."

Prior to the success of "His Daughter," Kestner performed covers and original material and put them on YouTube for extended family members too far away from her. In addition to singing and piano, Kestner is an accomplished violinist. She was member of the 2012-13 Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Mixed Choir.

Music isn't exactly an unfamiliar tune within the walls of Ebeling's shop. After the building was constructed in 1934, it served as the North Bohemian Hall for dancing at Litomysl until 1953. It was moved to Blooming Prairie and initially started out as a hatchery before being converted to an antique store.

Ebeling is unaware exactly when the video will be released showing his store. Efforts to reach officials at Atlantic were unsuccessful.

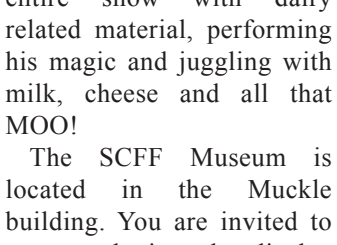


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Bruce Ebeling and his dog, Jager, met Molly Kate Kestner while she performed at his shop during a taping for a music video last month.

Entry forms now available

FAIR TALK



Todd Hale

Rules and regulations and entry forms for the SCFF Enduro Race and Demolition Derby are now posted on the fair website under "forms". Entry forms for the Amateur Talent Show are also on the fair website. The show will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Talent Show entry forms are also available at the fair office.

Be sure and check out the entertainment on the Elmer Reseland Stage which debuted at the fair last year. Two major entertainers will be featured all week on this stage, located just outside the 4-H exhibition building. Enticing Entertainment will be returning for their second year and this year you will enjoy "The Moogician", Todd Charles. This is an entire show with dairy related material, performing his magic and juggling with milk, cheese and all that MOO!

The SCFF Museum is located in the Muckle building. You are invited to come and view the display of past fairs, created by Sharon Stark and Nancy Vaillancourt. This year the museum will be air conditioned for your comfort thanks to a grant from the Owatonna Foundation.

Two outdoor church services will be held at the fair on Sunday morning. The traditional service will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Village of Yesteryear. Speaking will be Pastor Brian Wright of Cornerstone Church with music by Erin and Matt Torres. The contemporary service will be held in Fair Square Park at 11:00 a.m. Speaking will be Pastor Amanda Weinkauf of Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna. The Trinity musicians will provide the music.

The wine and photography departments will be moving to a new location this year. They will be located upstairs in the Four Season's arena. The area is air conditioned and is accessible by elevator and stairs.

The traditional final event in Fair Square Park is the Football/Cheerleader rally sponsored by Lifestyle Management. Coach Jeff Williams will introduce this year's OHS football squad and you'll meet the OHS cheerleaders and alumni cheerleaders.

Dates of the 2017 SCFF are August 15-20. The fair website is www.scff.org and the fair office phone number is 451-5305. "Scream and Moo with Much to Do"!

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Pastor's corner: "Hold your ground… stay your course"

I believe that today in midst of great adversity due to the lateness of the hour in the history of man, God is trying to encourage us to "HOLD OUR GROUND." Now… Christ came, revealed Himself as King, revealed His Kingdom – and enlisted us to the battle that would ensue as we declared a side. Until HE comes back to this earth or we leave it… the battle WILL rage. The victory at Calvary gave us the right to declare a victory side, but it did not give us the right to a battle-free life. I believe that today in midst of great adversity due to the lateness of the hour in the history of man, God is trying to encourage us to "HOLD OUR GROUND." We are to be even as the tribe of Zebulun.

Zebulun is the sixth son of Jacob and Leah. His name is derived from the words "gift, honor and sacrifice." When I think of the sixth son, I am reminded that we are in the sixth day of our history. The day preceding the millennial period.

Now… add to this the description of an end time army that will not break it's ranks – found both in the following contexts:

1Ch 12:33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, 50 thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart. (Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Jas 1:7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. Jas 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.)

Joe 2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

We are a part of this end time army and we must KEEP OUR RANKS closed and tight. We must follow in the disciplines of the Lord and we must not let the enemy separate us from the Army of Christ through the seductions, allurements, cares and schedules of the world and of the flesh.

Hear the voice from heaven… "Hold your ground mighty army." Don't let the shelling or noise of the enemy confuse you or cause you to panic. Don't let a cut supply line make you retreat. Don't let a fallen soldier scare you. Stay the course and maintain your battle position. A good soldier does not run because of what he sees in front of him. He awaits the command from his commander.

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

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Minister Dwight DoBell
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30456 Mower-Freeborn Road, Austin
Pastor Lindsay Stolen
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Sunday School (Sept-May): 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Kirk Griebel
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Service: 9 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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4532 S.E. 84th Ave., Claremont
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Services: 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday

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Interim Pastor Cheryl D. Indehar
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Worship 8:30 AM

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Education hour: 10 a.m.

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Sunday: 8:15 & 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 6 p.m. Call to Prayer; 6:15 Hands of Praise; 6:30 Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

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7618 NE 84 Ave, Kenyon
Pastor Nancy Edwardson
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(Sept. - May) 10:45 a.m. Worship
(June - Aug.) 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Catholic

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
150 NE Second St. Hayfield
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Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Reconciliation: Before Mass
Adoration: Thursdays 9 to noon

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114 E. Main St., Blooming Prairie
The Rev. Thomas Niehaus
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Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. Sunday.
Office hours: M-F, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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307 First St. SW., New Richland
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The Rev. Adam McMillan,
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Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.

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9946 SE 24th Ave., Owatonna
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Fr. Jose Morales,
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The Rev. Jose Morales,
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Spanish Mass: 11:45 a.m. Sunday
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Adoration: Thursdays 9 a.m.- 10 p.m.

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Deacon Patrick Fagan
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Sunday Mass: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Reconciliation 3-3:30 p.m. Saturday
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Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Monday Mass: 9 a.m.

Christian

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Dr. V. Brent Carlson, Pastor
507-451-1032
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Connections 10:15 a.m.

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Pastors Sam and Cheri Benson
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

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Pastor Cindy Kennedy
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Service: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

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200 Sixth St. N.W., Ellendale
Pastor Randy Cirksena
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www.ellendaleumc.org
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

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Pastor Doug Jones
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10:30 a.m. Service & Kids Zone
2 p.m. Spanish Service
Wed. 7:00 Bible Study
Fri 7:00 Spanish Outreach

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332 14th St. N.E., Owatonna
Pastor Scott Peterson
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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday
Gateway Connection: 6 p.m. Sunday

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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Service: 10 a.m. Sunday

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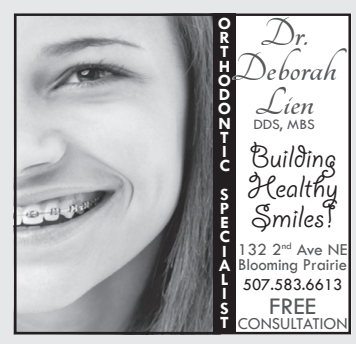
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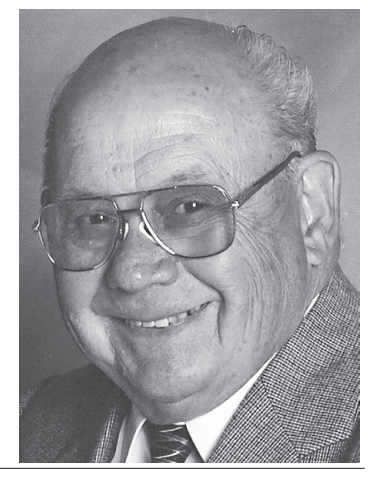
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Obituaries

Darrell Reuben Ebeling, 89, of Owatonna



Darrell Reuben Ebeling, 89, of Owatonna, died Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at Koda Living Community. He was born Dec. 23, 1927, in Owatonna, the son of Reuben and Edna (Anderson) Ebeling.

Ebeling attended rural school district No.39 and was a member of the Meriden Skippers 4H Club. He graduated from Owatonna High School in 1945. Ebeling served in Korea with the U.S. Army First Cavalry Division and later in Japan.

On Sept. 5, 1953, Ebeling married Marilyn Mihlenbeck at Associated Church in Owatonna. Ebeling worked at Tanner's Owatonna Chicken Hatchery until it closed in 1957.

He then was employed at Josten's in the Class Ring Casting Department of the jewelry division where he worked for 37 years. Ebeling retired in 1994. Ebeling enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved hunting, fishing, boating, and snowmobiling in his earlier years.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Ebeling of Owatonna; children, Douglas (and Jonell) Ebeling of Owatonna, Cynthia Ebeling of South St. Paul, Gregory Ebeling of Faribault, Bruce (and Brenda) Ebeling of Waseca; 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; brothers, Reuben (and LaDonna) Ebeling of Owatonna, James (and Carole) Ebeling of Owatonna; sister, Marlene (and Herman) Gabbert of Foley and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two daughters and two sisters.

Visitation was held at Michaelson Funeral Home Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Private services with interment were held at the Owatonna Memorial Gardens in Owatonna with Military Honors provided by the Steele County Military Funeral Unit.

Barbara A. (Schmeling) Eddy, 77, formerly of Blooming Prairie



Barbara A. (Schmeling) Eddy, age 77 of Georgetown, Texas, formerly of rural Blooming Prairie, died Friday afternoon, June 16, 2017, at her home in Georgetown, Texas.

Barbara Ann was born Feb. 8, 1940, in Waltham Township, Mower County, to Melvin L. and Mildred E. (Jukes) Schmeling. Barb graduated from Blooming Prairie High School. She was united in marriage to Donald Lee Eddy May 27, 1972, in Lakewood, Colorado.

Barb and Don resided in Longmont, Colorado, from 1972 to 1978, then Tucson, Arizona, until moving to Georgetown, Texas, in 1991. During her years in Texas Barb wrote technical manuals for I.B.M.

She enjoyed baking, gardening and flowers. Barb was a longtime member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Waltham, Minnesota.

Barb is survived by her husband Don of Georgetown, sons Troy David of Honolulu, Craig Donald (Nora) of Friendswood, Texas; brothers Robert (Elaine) Schmeling of Blooming Prairie, Donald (Cheryl) Schmeling of Sumter, South Carolina; three grandchildren Christopher, Elizabeth and Patricia; nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Roger Schmeling.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2017, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Waltham with Reverend Richard Hegal officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00 -7 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Worlein Funeral Home in Austin, and will continue Saturday afternoon for one hour before the service at church.

Interment will be in St. Michael's Church Cemetery. Memorials in Barb's memory may be directed to The ALS Association. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Stephen H. Thorson, 74, formerly of Blooming Prairie

Stephen H. Thorson, age 74 of Andover, Minnesota, formerly of Blooming Prairie, died Thursday, June 8, 2017, at J.A. Wedum Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Park.

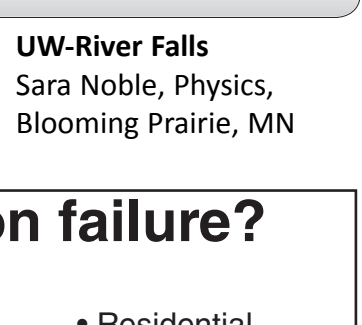
Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie, with pastor Jeff Sandgren officiating.

The Thorson family will greet friends from 10:00 to 11 a.m. Wednesday morning before the service, at church.

Interment will be in the First Lutheran Cemetery, rural Blooming Prairie.

Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.worlein.com.

Danny Howard Schember, 66 of Ellendale



Danny Howard Schember, May 18, 1951, patriot, husband to Valerie Ann (Knutson), father to Summer Nicole Schultz (Wayne), and Brian Arnold J. Schember, grandfather to Elijah and Ava Schultz, Arianna Volkman and Cody Schultz, second child born to Arnold and Eleanor (Fischer) Schember, brother of Norell, and nephew of a special aunt Ruth Fischer.

Before his death, Schember remarked, "I have had a blessed life under my Christian faith. Some of the highlights are: former Steele County Jail Administrator (25 years), member Minnesota Patriot Guard, former member U.S. Army (Combat Medic), was up for the rank of E-6 after only 18 months in the Army, awarded Bronze Star, served in Vietnam from 1970-1971.

"I am also an Agent Orange Disabled Veteran, life member of the Owatonna VFW, member of the Owatonna American Legion, member of the American Legion Grandfather Club, life member of DAV, former board member of the Ellendale Clinic, former board member of the First Lutheran Cemetery Board (Treasure), former member Ellendale Lions Club (President), instrumental in the fundraising and placement of Steele County's first Veterans Monument that was placed at the Ellendale Cemetery, former EMT with the Ellendale Ambulance Service, former board member Minnesota State Jail Administrators, former member of the Ellendale School Board, former board member at the Owatonna Hospitality House, member of the Albert Lea High School Class of 1969.

"Now if you heard of me, you have heard some stories. If you knew me, you know I could act pretty tough, but knew I was a push over, and this blessing came from working at the Steele County Sheriff's Office and having 54 of the best employees a person could ever ask for. In 25 years, I also worked under four Sheriffs. I have always been so thankful for Sheriff Hildebrandt, Sheriff Ringhofer and Sheriff Gudmundson, who believed in their staff, and really in people, and put people above themselves.

"After my retirement I started up a Kettle Corn business which was very successful over the years, but because of this darn cancer I had to sell it to my brother-in-law, Milo Dahlin. I did enjoy that business, as after being locked up at the jail for all those years I was finally free to be out and able to talk to the public.

"I again want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for my wonderful life. I would also like to thank pastor Cherrie for stepping into my life with enough faith to make the attempt at understanding an old man at the end of life. At some point I will be at rest with many of my old friends at the First Lutheran Cemetery, just south of Ellendale. As far as memorials go, if you feel the need to give, I ask you do something nice for somebody else in the world, and then ask them to pass it forward, making the world a better place.

"And lastly to my children, Summer and Brian, when you were growing up I was most likely working, but both of you like every other person in life, made a choice as far as the path you would travel. You both picked the path of following Christ. I guess my job is finished. Love you all."

A huge thank you from Danny and his family to the Flag Line and Honor Guard by the Patriot Guard, Steele County VFW, Owatonna American Legion, Bell of Honor, Mayo Hospice, and the Albert Lea VA Clinic.

Danny Schember, age 66, of Ellendale, MN, died Sunday, June 18, 2017 at his home.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Christian Family Church in Owatonna, MN, with Pr. Cherrie Peterson officiating. Visitation will be Monday, June 26, from 4 – 7 PM at Christian Family Church in Owatonna, and continue one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will take place at a later date at First Lutheran Cemetery in Ellendale. In leiu of flowers, Danny's family prefers memorials. Bruss-Heitner Funeral Home in Wells is assisting the family. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.brussheitner.com.

Graduation

North Dakota State Univeristy
Ethan Mark Ihlenfeld
Owatonna, Minnesota BSCE
Civil Engineering

St. Cloud State University
Aminae Kazemizadeh Gol, Blooming Prairie
Master of Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dean's List

Iowa State University
Lydia Anez, PGR at the Iowa State College of Business, Owatonna

UW-River Falls
Sara Noble, Physics, Blooming Prairie, MN

Milestones

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

June 21
Jeff Kramer
Andrea Miller
Allan Benson

June 22
Joe Gardner
Randy Klemmensen
Barb Coleman
Jane Prihoda
Ryan Srsen
William Hines

June 23
Breckin Cochlin
Derek Weringa
Callie Iverson
Claire Staloch
Nora Bodurtha
Efren Hernandez

June 24
Yvonne Lee
Eliot Gimbel

June 25
Marie Morem

Lynn Miller
Thomas Erickson
Tyler Allison
Joseph Mastyer
Louis Ehlers
Hugo Ehlers

June 26
Mark Ditlevson
Jody Easton
Jeff Butler
Avery Allison
Brady Kittelson

June 27
Lisa Bruns
Shirley Rogers
Beth Krebs
Jessica Smith
Julia Garza
Emily Thoen
Jessica Skinner

Anniversaries

June 21
Nick & Sami Nelson

Greg & Kathy Johnson

June 22
Brian & Sandy Kerrigan
Chris & Amy Staloch

June 24
Erik & Michelle Vigland

June 25
Barry & Diane Olson
Jeri & Bud Alwes
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June 26
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7-layer salad
fresh fruit

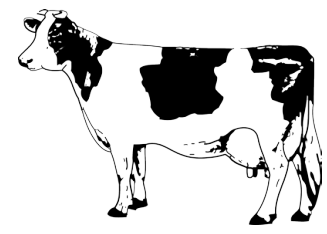
June 22
Chicken Enchilada
tomato/Cuke salad
pineapple rings
strawberry shortcake

June 23
Meatballs
Fresh sweet potatoes
Broccoli
Batter Bun
Pear/grape cup

June 26
Swiss steak
Mashed potatoes
Broccoli/Cauliflower
Molasses cookie

June 27
Pork Roast
Baked Beans with apples
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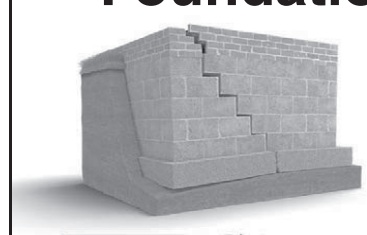
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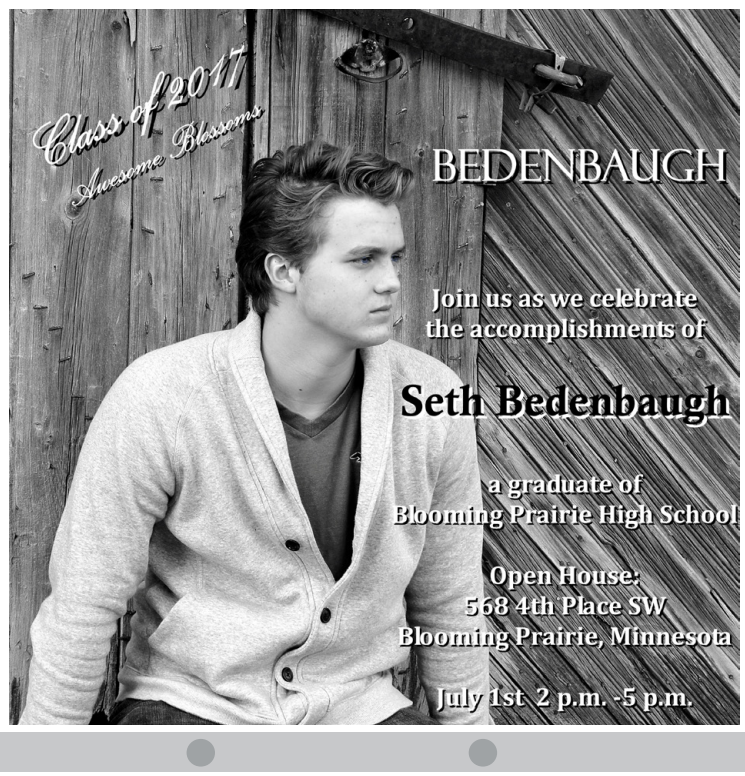
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Iconic photo results from *The Shot*

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

One of the most iconic photographs of all time has resulted in the photographer having his biography recently written and published.

"The Shot, A Photographer's Story" is the title of a coffee table book written about Robert Hill Jackson, a Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist. It is a must buy for any history buff.

The photo, taken by Jackson, shows alleged President John F. Kennedy's assassin Lee Harvey Oswald being shot by well known night club owner Jack Ruby, the year 1963.

The book's title spins off "the shot" by Jack Ruby and "the shot" by Jackson.

I choose to write about this new book because I have interviewed Jackson and also met him in person in Dallas, Texas on the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy assassination in 2013.

I was only 18 when Kennedy was killed, an event that has had a lasting impression on me. My interest in Kennedy grew as he campaigned for the presidency in 1960. I still have the JFK political button given to me by the Kennedy campaign headquarters located in Austin, MN

Jackson, a photographer for the Dallas Times Herald, captured a moment in history. The photograph shows Oswald grimacing from the bullet entering his abdomen.

Jackson also was a key witness before the Warren Commission, an independent body created to investigate the Kennedy assassination. Jackson was part of the Kennedy motorcade as it traveled the streets of Dallas on this fateful day. He claims to have seen a rifle being withdrawn from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository building.

The thrust of the book is the Pulitzer winning photo shot on Nov. 24, 1963 as Oswald was being transferred from a city jail to a county facility.

The Jackson biography traces his early family history and follows his career with the Times Herald and with two Colorado daily newspapers.

A wonderful collection of Jackson photographs taken during his career are included in the book. They range from politics to sports, from celebrities to art, his photos also representing art.

Jackson's photos of President Kennedy and Jackie arriving at Love Field are part of the book.

Jackson also covered Jack Ruby's trial with a myriad of photos. Featured in the book are photos of the Beatles entertaining in Dallas.

Everyone, especially with the advent of cell phones with cameras, has a desire to record history with a photograph.

Jackson's photo of Oswald being shot is definitely recognizable by those in their advanced years, including myself. For the younger set, it is part of high school and college history studies.

"Robert Jackson's photo of the split second Ruby shot Oswald has a life of its own," writes Cyma Rubin, president of Business of Entertainment Inc.

Rubin continues: "Like many of his photographs, it has a strange power, a force that can carry human emotions across barriers of language, time and place. His work has an ability to reach people, to get through, to communicate. It changes the way we think. Jackson doesn't take sides when he presses the shutter. His camera tells the truth, for better or for worse. Often, it's a quest for justice. Jackson's work cannot change the world. His photographs just might offer the world a reason to change."

Kate Griendling, producer/writer, writes in the forward: "When Bob Jackson clicked the shutter, he didn't just photograph a crime in action; he captured the tipping point of the nation and a pivotal change in American culture. Oswald's transfer was a monumental live moment for television and birthed the 24-hour news cycle. Jackson's Pulitzer Prize-winning photo captures the shock and pain that would haunt Dallas from that moment forward."

To get a snapshot of what the book is about, read author James A. Burgess' preface to "The Shot." Jackson is Burgess' father-in-law.

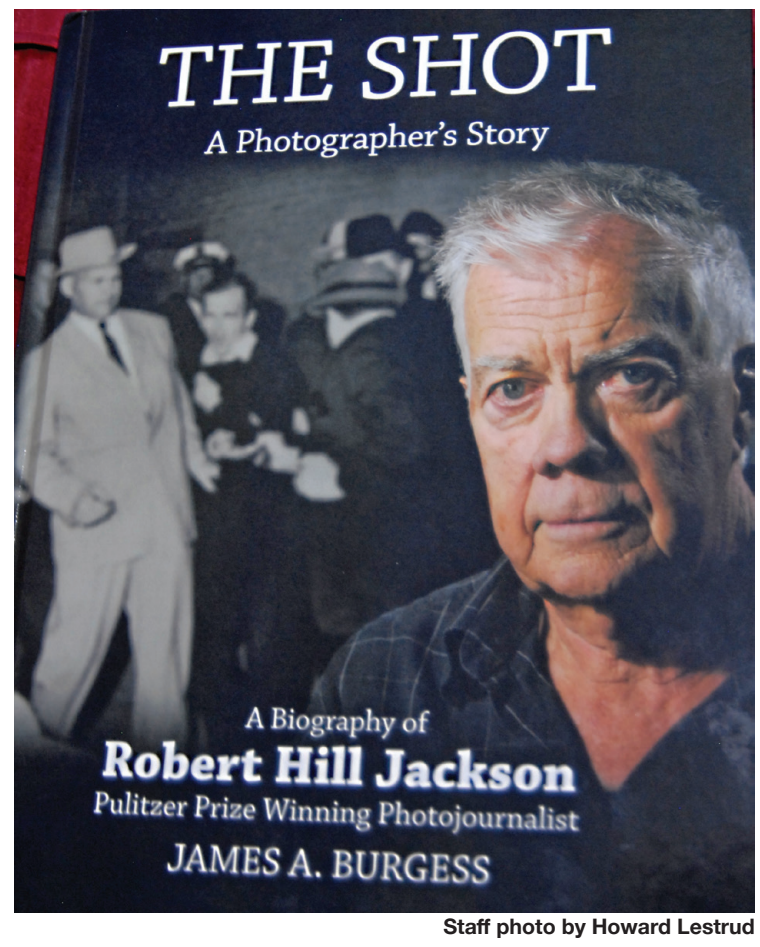
Burgess said the book chronicles the life of a photojournalist, Bob Jackson, who captured significant pieces of history, preserving them on film forever.

Burgess writes: "Photojournalism is unlike other forms of photography because it is bound by ethical and journalistic restrictions, requiring the work to be both honest and impartial, and capturing the subject as it exists at that very instant in time.

"A still photograph is unique in that it freezes time for a given instant. The beauty of a still image is it can be physically studied, examined and re-examined over time with new discoveries and fresh perceptions."

It was remarkable, Burgess says, that Jackson was present during so many historical events and recorded them on film.

There's so much of interest in this book. It is impossible to cover it all in a newspaper column. I strongly recommend you find a copy of "The Shot." Try the Internet for book sources.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

A coffee table book entitled "The Shot A Photographer's Story" traces the career of Robert Hill Jackson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist.

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Adventure Club underway

By SETH BEDENBAUGH
Staff Intern

As the elementary students filed into the Owatonna Public Library, Tracy Ignazewski, and her helper for the day, Bria Stenzel, were arranging their table for all of the activities they had on the agenda for the kids in the Adventure Club.

Ignazewski is at the helm of the Adventure Club, leading the children through several interactive science experiments. There were five experiments, but the last one they did to cap-off the event gathered the most "oohh's" and "Ahhh's" from the children, as they were able to separate water with toothpicks on wax paper without it sticking to the paper.

The children were engaged throughout the entirety of the program. Many of the students were asking great questions, and challenging Tracy out of curiosity. They were fascinated with how Ignazewski was able to perform the experiments without any form of magic.

She made it a teaching point to keep reiterating that, "It's not magic. It is all science." Ignazewski would proclaim.

Bria Stenzel, summer enrichment coordinator for 4-H, was helping throughout the process, handing Tracy materials, and helping answer the plentiful amount of questions that the kids had.

Tracy has been a program coordinator for 4-H since 1994. She is running the Adventure Club as a branch of the 4-H organization.

"The overall goal of 4-H is to grow leaders; having kids explore different topics, and find

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Staff photo by Seth Bedenbaugh

4-H program coordinator, Tracy Ignazewski, leads Owatonna students through science experiments at the Owatonna Public Library. This is a part of her program called Adventure Club.

Residents become TV stars

REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

"Hey, I saw you on TV,"was the refrain five Blooming Prairie women heard after they returned from a visit to Twin Cities Live.

Celebrating Becky Braaten's birthday with her last Friday were Judy Bishop, Barb Blome, Doreen Blome and Linda Christianson.

The celebration was more than the girls going for a night out. Their destination was the Mystic Lake Casino, Prior Lake and an appearance on Twin Cities Live, a daily television show on KSTP Channel 5.

Twin Cities Live is an hour-long variety show that typically is broadcast from a St. Paul studio. On this particular day, the studio was a small auditorium at Mystic Lake.

If you are a regular viewer of Twin Cities Live, you will know the hosts well, Elizabeth Ries and Steve Patterson. Both are well equipped to provide viewers with an hour of entertainment. Elizabeth is a native of Cambridge, MN and Steve is from Pittsburgh, PA.

The hosts on this Friday introduced a segment called "Free-for-all Friday" where they would take questions from the audience, or from the telephone.

Two of the Blooming Prairie group were aired on TV and given the opportunity to fire a question at the hosts.

Becky was first up and

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Dexter woman wins quilt at strawberry social



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Pastor Lindsey Stolen of Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church displays a quilt given away by the ROG Church Quilters at the 76th Annual Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church Strawberry Social on Tuesday, June 13. The quilt, created by Pat Hanson, was won by Karen Hyland of Dexter.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

A Dexter woman, Karen Hyland, was the winner of a quilt raffle at the 76th Annual Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church Strawberry Social on Tuesday, June 13 at the rural Austin church.

A quilt created by Red Oak parishioner Pat Hanson was the grand prize in a drawing held at the strawberry social.

Event co-chairs Joyce Peterson and Marlys Peterson said Red Oak quilters meet six weeks in the spring and six weeks in the fall, making over 100 quilts.

Many quilts find homes in Minnesota. Two are being given as prizes at a benefit for Scott Easton on Saturday, June 24 at the Blooming Prairie Pizza Cellar.

Although, the quilt raffle drew considerable attention, the food was the main objective of the more than 500 who attended the social.

The event, sponsored by WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) also featured a bake sale, a card sale and lots of craft items.

Prior to having dessert, visitors enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, baked beans and hot dogs. The dessert, of course, consisted of fresh strawberries (200 pounds), ice cream and shortcake. Angel food cake was also served.

Proceeds from the strawberry social go to missions and local causes.

Funny Girl will make you smile

BY EMILY SCHOENBECK
County Staff Writer

If laughter is the best medicine, Little Theater of Owatonna's Funny Girl might just cure cancer.

The musical, directed by Linda Karnauskas, follows Fanny Brice through rising fame and falling in love. Upbeat and heartwarming by turns, this production captures the full force of hope with a carnival of colorful characters.

At the center of the carousel, Emma Hellevik plays a vivacious Fanny Brice. While not as acerbic or forceful as Barbara Streisand's iconic turn at the role, Hellevik plays a more endearing character. Where Streisand's Fanny bit, Hellevik grins. If her Fanny doesn't awe as much as Streisand's, she does have the audience rooting just as hard for her.

She's joined onstage by Kenneth Griswold playing her love interest Nick Arnstein. Griswold charms, and it's not hard to picture anyone falling in love with him.

If there's anyone to rival him for charm, it's Isaiah DaMitz as Eddie, Fanny's best friend. In a role that could so easily be written off as "the best friend", DaMitz adds a level of weight to equal the humor of the role. Eddie might not be Fanny's guy, but by the end of the play audience members might find themselves wishing he were. He's the only one to match Hellevik for earnestness.

Under the direction of Larry Ostermeier, the music is pitch perfect. With no formal pit, the band sits right next to the audience and not a note is missed.



Staff photo by Emily Schoenbeck

Emma Hellevik dazzles as a delightful Fanny Brice. She lights up from the first scene and only gets better from there.

While the show has several memorable numbers, the ensemble does the greatest justice to "Henry Street." It'd take a stone heart not to bust a grin at the whole cast gathered onstage as Fanny's boisterous neighbors.

Hellevik also has her moment to shine with the musical's most famous number "Don't Rain on my Parade." The song and its subsequent refrains show Hellevik's range of emotion. Each time Hellevik steps forward to sing the chorus she shows the distance Fanny has emotionally travelled.

Barring an allergy to humor, in these uncertain days, LTO's Funny Girl is just what the doctor ordered.



Staff photo by Seth Bedenbaugh

Sophmore, DJ Stender, standing in front of the future site of his Eagle Scout project. He hopes to build a patio where people can sit outside.

Eagle Scout taking flight

By SETH BEDENBAUGH
Staff Intern

DJ Stender is embarking on his Eagle Scout project.

He has noticed a place of improvement at Blooming Prairie High School. For his Eagle Scout project, he has proposed the idea of implementing a cement patio on the south side of the main entrance.

"It would help benefit the school by making the area look nicer and have a place to sit." Stender explains, "The current location is just dead grass, because that is where they push the snow every winter."

He has been in talks with administration at the school, mainly superintendent Olson, who has been cooperative and respectful of his ambitions. The school has a noticeable lack of seating outside, Stender hopes to bring this problem to light in discussions with administration.

Stender is a sophomore at BPHS. He has been in the Boy Scouts since 1st grade. "In those eight years, I have found that living by the scout law has helped me in life," he reflected.

He's had high hopes of becoming an Eagle Scout from one day, since being a boy scout has been the "greatest adventure" of his life.

The great leadership skills that he has attained he also credits to being a Scout. "It has shown me the importance of leadership skills and planning this endeavor."

For those of you who want to stand behind this idea and help propel it forward, Stender is currently fundraising and taking donations. If anyone would like to submit donations, they can be sent to: 52482 320th St., Blooming Prairie, MN, 55917. All checks to be made out to "troop 50".

Blooming Prairie Living

Scott Easton battles cancer, keeps positive attitude

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Support from family and friends and a strong faith are driving forces for Blooming Prairie resident Scott Easton who is battling brain cancer.

A benefit for the Easton family is planned from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 at the Blooming Prairie Pizza Cellar, 302 East Main Street.

Raffles, a silent auction and kids games are planned at the fundraiser. A seven-day vacation to Fort Myers Beach is the grand prize. The vacation package is donated by Tess and Rod Koster of Koster's Car Korner. Rod Koster is a half brother of Easton.

The idea for a fundraiser came from Tess, says Easton.

Proceeds from the benefit will be used by the Easton family to meet medical bills and expenses not covered by insurance.

"It's part of me and I try to live with it the best I can," remarked a determined Easton, talking about his journey with cancer.

While discussing his past treatment and future treatment for the terminal cancer, Easton, 55, points to a spot on the kitchen floor where he lost consciousness at 4:15 in the morning on Feb. 12, 2017.

"I passed out; my heart stopped," Easton relates.

His wife Julie and sons Travis, 17 and Jeffrey, 13, were home at the time and quickly summoned emergency help by calling 911.

Easton was rushed by ambulance to the Owatonna Hospital and then flown by helicopter to Rochester's St. Mary's Hospital. That helicopter ride cost $23,000, Easton said.

After arriving at the Rochester hospital, Easton recalls going through a lot of tests. "I found out I had a tumor in the left side of my head. It measured three inches long, three inches wide and one inch tall."

In four days, the aggressive tumor grew two inches higher. Emergency surgery was then necessary. The surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible lasted 3 1/2 hours.

"I had lots of headaches," Scott says. A regimen of radiation and chemotherapy followed for Easton. The headaches diminished and he has none now.

Easton finished his first round of treatment on April 25. One month later in May, he began five days of chemo on a second round. A third round of treatment will likely begin around June 25, Easton says.

Scott tried a special form of electrical treatment to the brain and was fitted with a helmet. The treatment did not go well for Easton and was discontinued after a couple of days.

Since having the brain surgery, Easton has been dealing with vision issues. He recently was given new glasses to help his vision.

Scott has not driven since February but is hopeful he will soon get his privileges back.

"I'm fortunate to be alive," Easton volunteers.

Being unable to work "drives me nuts," Easton confesses. He has logged 20 years with Viracon of Owatonna on two different blocks of time.

Easton worked 3 1/2 years for Viracon mainly driving semi. He started back with Viracon in 1997, working in the shipping department. He hopes to return to work at Viracon some day.

Easton says honestly "it won't be easy" to continue raising his family with a reduction in income.

Easton said his other activities have also been tempered by the brain cancer. "I used to love mowing the lawn but that is difficult now," he says.

Scott's wife Julie said the fight against cancer has been "hard." She said the family philosophy has been "to take it day by day; it's a shock but he'll get through it."

The Blooming Prairie Cancer Group has been at Easton's side during his battle with cancer. Scott says the Cancer Group has supplied fuel cards and has also provided $500 in food goods from Vandal's Family Market.

Easton is also thankful for the Cancer Group providing rides for him to treatment. Ed Lee, Marion Mast and Paul Habermann have provided transportation for him.

Easton says he "talks to God" all the time. "He's always there and He will listen. Prayer has helped me big time. It doesn't matter where I am, if I get flustered, He will listen."

Helping others in their journey with cancer is an objective of Easton. "Keeping a positive attitude is so important and I try to help others and try not to worry about myself. It's tough not to worry."

Easton spends much of his time "putzing around," he says. He also loves to watch television and can't wait for the football season to begin.

Easton grew up on the family farm south of Blooming Prairie. He is the son of Harlan and Marge Easton. He is a 1981 graduate of Blooming Prairie High School.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Scott and Julie Easton of Blooming Prairie will be attending a benefit for the family at the Blooming Prairie Pizza Cellar from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24.

Christianson jokes with hosts

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Becky Braaten of Blooming Prairie celebrated her birthday last Friday with four friends at the live airing the Twin Cities Live television program at the Mystic Lake Casino. She had the chance to ask a question of host Elizabeth Ries.

was introduced as having a birthday. Her question was for Elizabeth. She asked her what names she had picked out for her child due in three weeks.

Elizabeth replied that she was not going to find out the gender ahead of time. The only name she would reveal was Thomas as a middle name for a boy. Her father and father-in-law are both named Thomas.

Linda Christianson, not a regular viewer of Twin Cities Live, had an interesting question for Steve. "Do you plan on taking your shirt off today?" Patterson said the shirt would stay on for this day.

"Are you coming on to me?" Patterson teased Christianson. He then rushed over to the interview spot and gave Linda a hug. As he returned to the TV set, He continued to joke: "She pinched me."

Other segments of this day's program included a man makeover done by a local salon. Application of sunscreen was another subject. Viewers also had the chance to preview a Pixar exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

These five Blooming Prairie women are all very active in community activities including volunteering for different church events, either at First Lutheran Church or Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church.

The TV appearance does not mark the only one for Blooming Prairie residents. Pete and Mary Kittleson were contestants two years ago on the syndicated Wheel of Fortune show and were big winners, earning $13,654.

There have been others with BP roots who have been TV or movie stars, too many to mention.

If not a regular viewer of Twin Cities Live, tune in some afternoon at 3 p.m. and see if it appeals to you. Questions, comments or show ideas are welcomed by Twin Cities Live staff. Contact Twin Cities Live staff at twincitieslive@kstp.com.

4-H opportunities throughout the year

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different interests," Ignazewski says. Her admirable dedication to building a good foundation for kids has brought her to nearly every school around Steele County.

During the school year they hold after school programs for every single school in Steele County that supports the 4-H program.

In the summer, they host the Blooming Prairie Adventure club at the public library. They have co-ed activities and day-camps.

If you would like to enroll your kids in one of the programs Ignaszewski is running, or into 4-H, contact Tracy at: (507)-444-7688.

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Spread onion on top of corn batter.
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Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes, uncovered.

BY LORIE GIBSON

Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

Cancer Corner

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

Take a cruise in fight against cancer

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Shhhh! It's a secret!

Those words can describe the planning of a scenic, 160-mile route for the 7th Annual Cruise for Cancer benefit on Saturday, June 24.

This fund-raising event, sponsored by J & H Liquors of Blooming Prairie and the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group, has traditionally brought in large donations from participants with monies labeled for the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group in its efforts toward finding a cure for this dread disease.

Store owners Nancy and Harvey Farr have been staunch community supporters and use this event to bring more awareness to how cancer has affected many lives of our families and friends.

Farr said he will not reveal the route until the day of the ride.

He will only say the ride will feature five stops including the final one at J & H Liquors and the journey will showcase some beautiful scenery in southern Minnesota. He has tested the route twice already.

First stop on the cruise will be a meal stop, Harvey says.

Harvey will lead the journey, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. The ride, rain or shine, begins at J & H on Main Street and will end there by 5:30 p.m., Farr says.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 10:15 a.m. Cost is $15 per rider. The ride leaves at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Harvey will give cruisers a safety pep talk prior to leaving BP.

"It doesn't matter what you drive," Farr remarked. "We're just happy that the BP Cancer Group and local businesses can partner together to raise funds for a cure," Farr continued.

At the end of the ride, participants will be able to find lots of delicious food nicely displayed at J & H Liquors. "We're planning a taco bar," said Pam Folkens of the BP Cancer Group. The taco bar will feature soft tacos, chips and nachos.

The general public including cancer survivors is also invited to enjoy the taco bar. Cost is $5 per trip through the line.

Cruisers will have a chance to win door prizes and will have the opportunity to purchase a meat raffle ticket. Three meat raffles are planned.

Farr urges riders to attend the Scott Easton cancer benefit at the Pizza Cellar Saturday night.

Organizers of the ride emphasize that classic cars are not required as a means of transportation, but they are welcome.

All proceeds go to the BP Cancer Group. If questions, contact the Farrs at J & H at 507-583-7557, Pam Folkens at 507-391-4336 or Connie Trom at 507-456-8431.



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Harvey Farr and daughter Taylor lead the 2016 Cruise for Cancer. Motorcycles led the way on a 125-mile trek last year. This year's ride on Saturday, June 24 will travel 160 miles. The ride leaves J & H Liquors at 10:30 a.m.

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Friday, June 23:

6 P.M. Lions Club Meat Raffle Ellendale Liquor/Bar

6:30 P.M. "All Cash" Bingo At The Community Center *Sponsor:* ECAG

7:00 P.M. Announcement Of "The Ellendale Unsung Hero" Winner At The Community Building *Sponsor: The* ECAG

Family Movie Night To Follow The Bingo Event *Sponsor: The Ellendale Area Ambulance*

8 P.M. To Midnight Dan Stursa Band Behind The Bar

ELLENDALE DAYS June 22-25 • 2017 • SUMMER CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 24:

All Day Rummage Sales Throughout Town Starting At 7 A.M.

8 A.M. To 1 P.M. Memories Car Club Car Show At The Bus Garage Contact Jerry @ 684-3081

8 A.M. To 7 P.M. Arts And Craft Show At Lonnie Misgen's Truck Parking Area Contact Patti Carlson @ 763-267-5959

10 A.M. To 2 P.M. Human Foosball - Lot South of Post Office – *Sponsor: 1st Lutheran Church*

12 P.M. History Tour Of Ellendale Starts At Cooleyville (East Of Co-Op) *Sponsor: Ellendale Heritage Society*

4 P.M. Ellendale Days Annual Parade Line-Up On School Street

4 P.M. Kid's Games Behind The Bank *Sponsor: Ellendale Lions Club*

4:30 P.M. Kid's Turtle Races - Street Next To Bank

4:30 P.M. Kid's Tractor Pull In Front Of The Post Office – *Sponsor: The Ellendale Fire Dept.*

5 To 7 P.M. Annual Commercial Club Pork Chop Supper - *Sponsor: The Commercial Club At The Ellendale Community Building*

9 P.M. To Midnight Teen Dance Community Center *Sponsor: The Ellendale Fire Dept.*

9 P.M. To Midnight Street Dance At The Ellendale Liquor Store - Band: High Street Band



Sunday, June 25:

10 A.M. Community Church Services At The City Park Lunch Available Following By The Ellendale Lions Club

11:30 A.M. Tractor Pull At Lot Near The Bus Garage Registration On Site

12:30 P.M. Area Fire Departments Softball Game In Fields Behind The Bus Garage *Sponsor: The Ellendale Community Action Group (ECAG)*

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Community Calendar

Owatonna/Medford

June 20th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!
10am - 11:45am OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club
4:30pm - 5:30pm OPL Board Meeting, Gainey Room
6:30pm - 7:30pm Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting, Medford
7pm - 8pm Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall
June 21st:
4pm - 5pm Owatonna EDA, Council Chambers, City Hall
7pm - 8pm Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford
June 22nd:
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
6:30pm - 7:30pm OPL Family Story Time
June 23rd:
7pm - 8pm Movie Night, New Beginnings Church, Owatonna
June 24th:
12pm Owatonna Freestyle Series and BMX Competition, Morehouse Park
June 26th:
2pm - 2:30pm The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Medford Manor
4pm - 5pm Owatonna Housing & Redevelopment Authority, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall
June 27th:
9:30am - 10:30am OPL It's TALE TIME!

Event Spotlight:
Nelson Scholarship for Women

The Owatonna Foundation is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity for women. Funded by June A. and Melanie Nelson, the scholarship is for women of diversity or single mothers who wish to return to school and pursue a technical or two year college program.

Nelson stated, "My late mother and I were thrilled to be able to fund this scholarship program that supports two $1500 annual scholarships for women in a technical or two year college program. It is so important to be an advocate for women's education."

Scholarship applications are available on the Foundation's website at: (http://www.owatonnafoundation.org/apply-for-a-scholarship/) or from Foundation Scholarship Coordinator, Jill Holmes. If you have questions, please contact Jill Holmes at 455-3059. The deadline for applications is June 25, 2017.

Event Spotlight:
Mantorville Theatre's Auditions for *Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe*

The Mantorville Theatre Company will hold auditions for its October Dinner Theatre Musical Production of Nevermore: *The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe* at the Mantorville Opera House on Sunday, June 25 and Monday, June 26 at 6:30 pm!

This unique and wildly theatrical musical combines haunting music, poetic storytelling, and stunning stagecraft to tell the story of the iconic American writer, Edgar Allan Poe. *Nevermore* blurs the line between fact and fiction, exploring the events that shaped Poe's character and career, and giving powerful expression to Poe's words "all that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream."

We are looking for actors ages 16 and over of all experience levels to audition for this unique rock opera production, which has a minimum of seven roles. Actors will be provided scripts to read at auditions, and should come prepared to sing a song of your choice. Please bring sheet music for the accompanist at your audition. Rehearsals for the production will begin in August; auditions are being held early to allow our costumer to create an amazing wardrobe for this production. This production will be directed by Sarah Schaller and produced by Denise Ruemping.

We're also looking for volunteers to help take tickets, paint the set, help with costumes, and many other backstage opportunities. If you want to volunteer or have any questions, or if you need to request an alternative audition time, please message us on Facebook or email us at MantorvilleTheatre@yahoo.com.

Nevermore will run October 6 through October 29, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 pm, and Sundays at 1:00 pm.

Ellendale/Hope/Geneva

June 20th:
All day Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Av
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl
June 21st:
All day Hope Curbside Recycling N of 42nd Av
June 22nd:
5:30pm - 6:40pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7pm - 8pm NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
June 26th:
6:20pm - 7:40pm NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellndl
June 27th:
7pm - 8:20pm NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellndl

HAPPENING NOW

Pine Springs Swimming Pool open



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Summer is here as one can tell by the activity starting last week at the Pine Springs Swimming Pool in Blooming Prairie. Both rafts were busy during the hot weather. Temperatures peaked in the low 90s.

LAST YEAR



Archived staff photo by Rick Bussler

Last year, Steele County was ablaze with a flurry of activities. In Owatonna the annual Harry Wenger Band Festival marched into town with fanfare and drumlines. Brendon Strand, from the NRHEG band concentrates and pushes his instrument to the limits of the high register in front of the judges stand.

Blooming Prairie

June 20th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
2pm BPPU Meeting, City Center
4:30pm Fire Commission, City Center
4:45pm - 5:45pm BP Boys N Girls Club Brd Mtg
5:30pm Ambulance Commission, City Center
7pm P&Z Meeting, City Center
June 21st:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Story time
June 27th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime
June 28th:
10:30am - 11:30am BPBL Storytime

Event Spotlight:
U.S. - Dakota War of 1862 Presentation

Author Colin Mustful will be speaking about the U.S. - Dakota War of 1862 at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library on Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

He is the author of several books that focus on the tragic and complicated history surrounding that event. Using a variety of sources, Mustful objectively considers the U.S. - Dakota conflict of Minnesota history through multiple perspectives and necessary historical context. He has a Master of Arts in History degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

This presentation is made possible due to support from the Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served and signed books will be available for purchase.

Event Spotlight:
Ellendale 2.5K Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Ellendale Community Acton Group in conjunction with the Minnesota Alzheimer's Association will be sponsoring the first Ellendale Days 2.5K Run/Walk "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Thursday evening, June 22 at 6 p.m. in Ellendale.

Interested community members, families, or friends of persons living with Alzheimer's are invited to start teams to participate in this community event to help raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to help reclaim the future for millions.

The run/walk will start at the Ellendale Municipal Liquor and conclude back in the downtown area. Volunteers are needed to help along the walk/run route and are urged to contact Allison Muilenburg at 507-684-3351. Participants and teams are asked to pre-register and donation forms may also picked up at Floors4U in Ellendale or by calling Allison at the above phone number.

This event will be the "kick-off" event on June 22 for The Ellendale Days Summer Celebration.

Event Spotlight:
LTO's 'Funny Girl' Musical

Little Theatre of Owatonna is pleased to announce the summer Musical "Funny Girl" opening June 16. Tickets will be available on LittleTheatreofOwatonna.org on June 10; the LTO Box Office, 560 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna opens June 12 at 4 p.m.

The musical, which is semi biographical, is set in and around New York City just prior to and following World War I. Ziegfeld Follies star Fanny Brice, awaiting the return of her husband, Nicky Arnstein, from prison, reflects on their life together, and their story is told as a flashback. The story is told with comedy, drama, romance and plenty of music including, "People" and "Don't Rain On My Parade."

Artistic Director is Linda Karnauskas, Musical Director Larry Ostermeier, Technical Director Brenda Hager, Orchestra Leader Ray Lacina, and Choreographer Katie Gillespie.

Performances of 'Funny Girl' will be 7:30 p.m. on June 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. Matinee performances will be 2 p.m. on June 18 and 25.

'Funny Girl' is presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc., 560 Lexington Ave. New York. New York 10072. Music by Jule Styne, Lyrice by Bob Merrill; Book by Isobel Lennart

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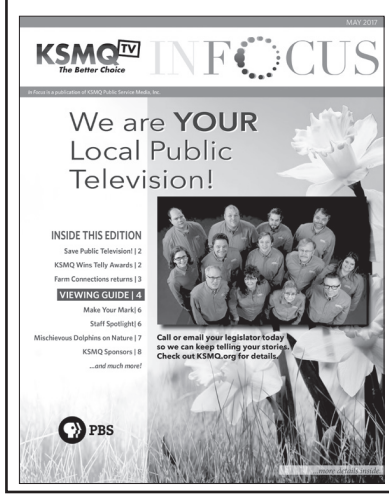
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Straight River Days CELEBRATION









Straight River Days dodged the dreaded drops

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

Straight River Days 2017 was months in the planning, but all too soon. All that was left was a huge digital footprint of pictures, stories, videos and sweet memories.

The festivities kicked off last Thursday night with the fourth annual Miss Medford Pageant at the Holiday Inn & Suites. There were 28 participants in this year's contest and Rachel Bluhm was officially crowned Miss Medford with Jenna McCarthy taking first runner-up.

The Junior Miss Medford crown was placed upon the head of Payton Ristau with first runner-up Morgan Jones and second runner-up Samantaha Luebben at her side. Little Miss Medford went to Lauren Ristau with Ashlin Havumaki taking the First runner-up crown and Maria Jones taking the second runner-up crown.

As it got closer to the weekly TGIF and all the events that Medford had on tap, in stepped our bi-polar Mother Nature off her meds.

The skies grew dark. To quote a line from Medford's stellar performance of the Wizard of Oz, "the wind began to switch, the house to pitch, and suddenly the hinges started to unhitch… and oh, what happened then was rich."

In stepped Mayor Lois Nelson who quoted boldly in the face of Minnesota weather prognosticators, "It doesn't rain in Medford when we have special events planned. Planning on seeing you at the parade and Mother Nature doing her thing somewhere else."

While houses may have been falling from the skies "somewhere else," the weather held and even provided an awe-inspiring rainbow mid parade and then gave way to a breathtaking sunset just about the time the band began to play at the pavilion.

There was Bingo, Bean Bags and rubber duckies… oh my. Congratulations to Medford on a Straight River Days Celebration that was certainly, one for the books.

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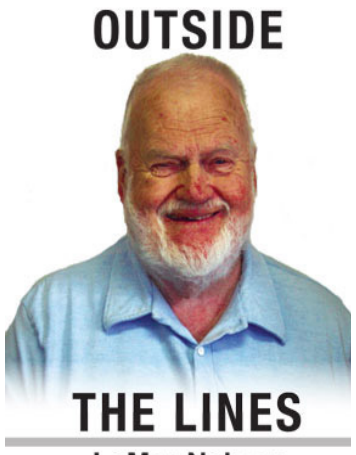
Owatonna's Wall fires 78 on Day 2 of Class AAA state boys golf, 3C



BP's Christianson competes at state 3C

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OUTSIDE THE LINES

LeMar Nelson

Braaten wins state

For just the second time in BPHS history, a Blossom athlete has captured a state golf championship. Senior Tommy Braaten finished his sparkling career with a two-day score of 140 to win the Class A title by 10 strokes over the second place golfer from Mound Park Academy.

Braaten carded a first day 68 to set a school record and followed that with a second day 72 to count a 140 score over the 36-hole meet at Pebble Creek course in Becker. It marked his third trip to the state meet and improved his standing from fourth a year ago. He has had remarkable senior year, taking medalist honors at almost every meet, and his consistency proved a trademark of his play all season.

The only other BP golfer to attain the state title belongs to Lisa Meshke, who competed at the state meet five teams before culminating her great career with a state championship. She went on to a good career in college, before injures cut her golf career short.

BP senior Taylor Christianson capped her great career for the Blossoms with a 19th place finish in the girls' meet. Christianson qualified for state four times, and although disappointed in her final appearance, she can be justly proud of her outstanding achievement.

The Blossom team finished a disappointing seventh of the eight teams, as the other BP competitors had a tough couple of days. Despite that, Co-coach Cory Hendrickson remarked, "I am extremely proud of the team play throughout the season. They ere an excellent group of boys, and I hope that the younger golfers will use this season as a challenge to succeed next year."

We also award Sam Wurst a tip of the hat this week, after she qualified and competed in the state track and field finals. Wurst greatly improved over the season and should be a strong competitor in the high jump next year.

School is out

It hardly seems possible that school is over for anther year. It has gone by rapidly for everyone, I would guess, and it sped by very quickly for me, as I was laid up with injury and lymphoma for a god chunk of that time. It has been another exciting year from an athletic standpoint, with several highs, as well as some disappointing lows.

Overall, we should be happy with the performance and conduct of all the student athletes. They continue to make us proud. I hope the seniors who graduated appreciated their time together, as they enter into the

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Staff photos by Josh Zimmer

Top: Blooming Prairie senior Tommy Braaten eyes up a birdie attempt on the final hole of the Class A state boys golf tournament Wednesday at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker. Braaten won the school's first ever boys state individual title after firing a 140 for the two-day event. Bottom: Braaten watches his ball after a tee shot.

BP's Tommy Braaten captures school's first Class A boys title

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Becker – It was a storybook ending for Blooming Prairie's Tommy Braaten.

On the final hole of Day 2 action at the Class A state boys golf tournament, the Blossoms' senior was just over 100 yards from the pin.

With a gentle, yet decisive swing, he managed to drop his shot within five feet of the pin for a birdie attempt.

The rest became history.

With a smooth stroke on his putt, Braaten managed to birdie the final hole of the course to solidify not just his first state title, but the school's first individual boys state golf title Wednesday at Pine Creek Golf Course.

"That was absolutely a storybook ending to his career," commented Blossoms coach Cory Hendrickson. "And it's so typical of how he plays. He hit his tee shot to a number that he was comfortable with and then sank that approach shot just feet from the pin."

The storybook ending to the two-day tournament didn't start his happily as the Blossoms senior would have liked.

Despite opening the day sitting atop of the leaderboard with a four-stroke lead, he struggled early with his short game. Starting the on the front nine of the course, Braaten managed to record a pair of bogeys on putts that he was converting with ease.

However, he would recover to shoot a 37 on the front nine to extend his lead to nine strokes.

"I had a three-footer and I just blocked it," he added. "For par on four (hole), I just blocked it again, another short one so that was frustrating."

On the back nine of the course, the Tommy Braaten that managed to break the school's record for an 18-hole course just a day earlier appeared to be back to his Day 1 form. With a blend of strong drives that led to short putts, the Blossoms senior started to pull away from the pack.

> **"It's a dream come true. He started golfing when he was three and this was one of his goals. To see any of your children achieve their goal, you're as proud as can be and I'm sure it's just the beginning for him. He has a bright future."**
>
> *~ Jay Braaten*
> *Tommy's father*

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Blossom boys finish seventh in Class A

Short game leads to struggles in second-straight state trip

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Becker - Last season was a season of firsts for the Blooming Prairie boys golf team.

The program's first ever Section 1-A title and a trip to the state meet.

This season, the Blossoms reaffirmed themselves as the team to beat in the section, cruising to a comfortable 43-stroke win.

At this year's state tournament, the Blossoms looked to improve from last year's fifth place finish.

However, despite Tommy Braaten capturing the school's first ever boys state title, the rest of the Blossom golfers had their fair share of struggles.

After sitting in sixth place after Day 1, Blooming Prairie struggled in the final round to finish with a seventh place finish in the Class A team race Wednesday at Pebble Creek Golf Club.

"Even though the team didn't finish as well as they would have liked, they competed until the end," commented BP head coach Cory Hendrickson. "It's a great accomplishment to get here, we certainly wished we would've played a little better, but there's tons of kids who wished they could've played in the state tournament as a team and we did that."

The weather could not have been better for the teams in competition during the two-day event. A moderately cloudy day for the opening round was showing signs of possibly rain for the later rounds in the afternoon, but held off to bring two days of perfect conditions for golf.

"Golf is one of those events where you have to rely on Mother Nature and Mother Nature worked out for us well this week," added Hendrickson.

The Blossoms had a deep hole to climb out of after the opening round performances. Other than Braaten sitting atop the leaderboard, the next closest Blossom on the board was junior Jake Ressler, who was tied for 62nd place.

The 6-foot-8-inch Ressler's Day 2 performance was strong as he climbed to 13th place before hitting the back nine of the course. That was despite recording a bogey on the back nine. He would stay even for the day, firing a 45 on both the front nine and the back nine to finish in 57th place.

Lucas Noble also managed to fire a better day than his opening round 93. On the front nine, he was able to card a 43 before struggling on a few holes on the back nine to shoot a 47. He would card a two-day total of 183 to tie with four others for 59th place. Austin Behne was also fairly consistent, firing a 204 for the two-day event with a 104 on the final day, just five strokes higher than his day 1 outing. Hendrickson noted that his experience for his young team could pay dividends in the offseason.

"We certainly feel like we have the ability to come back here next year," he added Wednesday. "But it's going to take the kids working, improving on their games. You can't take a guy like Tommy out of your lineup and all the sudden be a state-caliber team."

Colin Jordison managed to pull a consistent performance together over the two days. After firing a 95 on Day 1 to sit in 74th place, the seventh grader was able to finish in that position after firing a 98. He finished with a 193 for the tournament. Eighth grader Kollyn Alwes finished the tournament in 86th place with a 218.

The Blossoms should be heavy Section 1-A favorites entering the 2018 season with Braaten being the lone competitor leaving after his recent graduation.

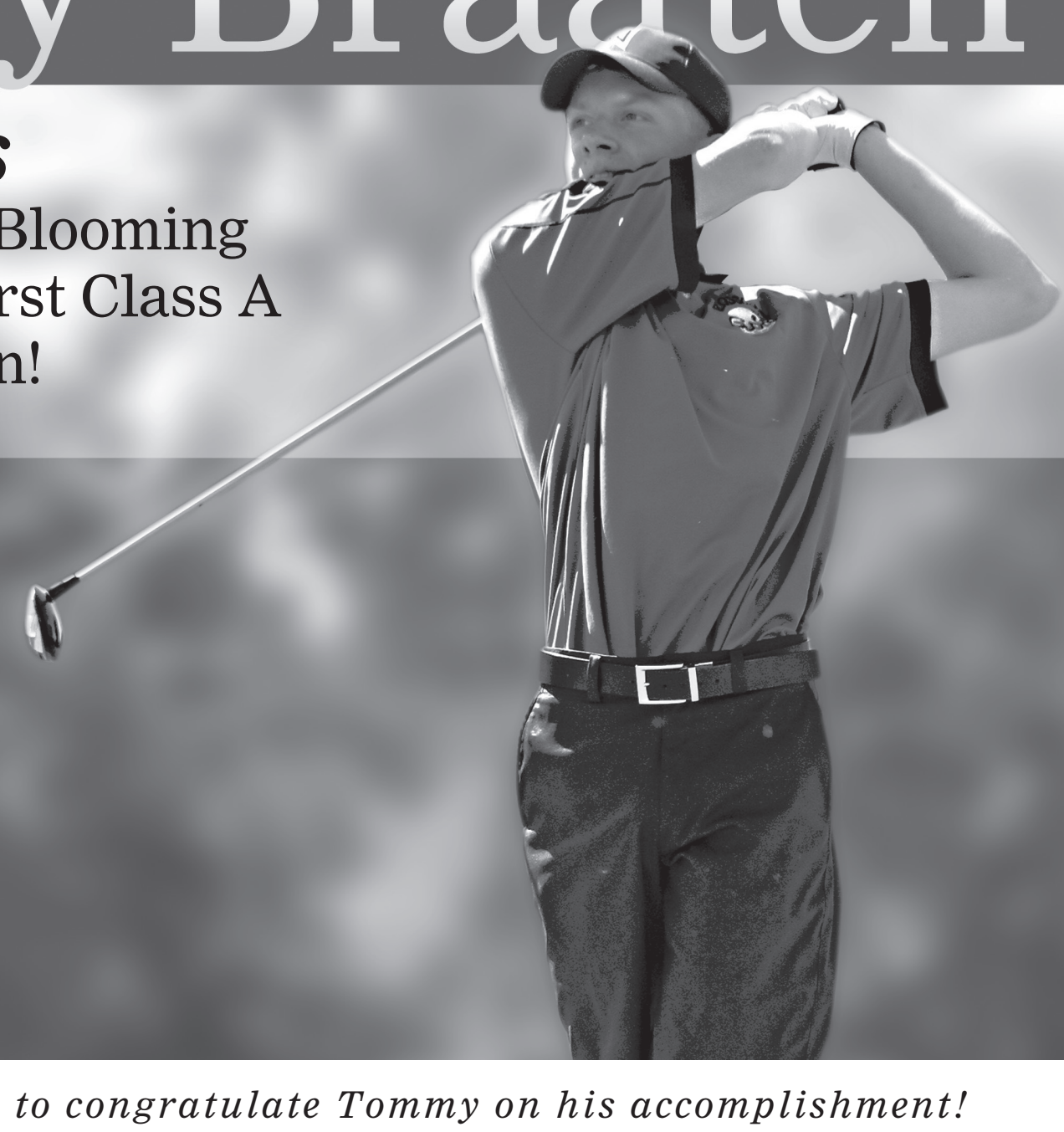


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Blooming Prairie junior Jake Ressler watches his shot on the front nine of a Par 4 during the final day of the Class A state boys golf tournament in Becker. Ressler finished in 57th place.

Tommy Braaten

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on earning your place in Blooming Prairie's history as our first Class A State Boys Golf Champion!



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Christianson takes 19th in Class A



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Blooming Prairie senior Taylor Christianson follows her shot during the front nine of Day 2 action in the Class A girls state tournament Wednesday in Becker. The senior finished 19th in her fourth and final state appearance.

Streak of putting woes leads to rough Day 2 performance

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Becker - Sitting in sixth place after firing an 81 on Day 1 action of the girls Class A state tournament at Pebble Creek Golf Club, Blooming Prairie senior Taylor Christianson was sitting just four strokes out of first place.

Golf is known for being a game where just the slightest mistake can carry over to making for a horrendous round.

In the final round of the tournament, the Blossoms senior faced that harsh reality.

After suffering a nine-stroke hole on the back nine of the course - her seventh bogey of the round at that time - Christianson dropped out of contention to medal, finishing tied for 19th in her fourth and final state tournament appearance Wednesday.

"Today obviously didn't turn out the way I wanted," commented the senior after her final putt on the front nine. "It was rough, the greens were faster, but it ended up being that I shot what I shot and I have to be okay with it."

Blossoms assistant coach Carl Peterson lightened the mood by noting that despite not placing, there shouldn't be a reason for her to hang her head.

"I'm sure it's disappointing for her, but she's had quite a career here," he added. "Four times at the state tournament, not many people can say that."

After recording par on two of her first three holes, Christianson started to fall into a funk, recording a bogey on the final six holes, which included the nine-stroke mishap on the final hole of the back nine to card a 49.

Entering the front nine of the course, her struggles carried over into the first two holes as she recorded a pair of bogeys before making par on her next two. However, the struggles would creep back into the picture as she failed to record par on the final five holes. She noted that the biggest takeaway from her round Wednesday was that her short game would need improvement.

"Putting is obviously going to need some work," she added. "Short game in general really."

She did note however, that if her drives stay with her through college like they were during her career as a Blossom, she should be fine. After sharing a moment with her mother following her completion of the final round, Christianson took time to comment on Peterson, who walked the course with her, virtually every step of the way.

"He's really talkative and he does that on purpose," she added. "He does that to keep your mind off the game a bit and when it comes to your shot, he'll talk about your shot."

Peterson complemented Christianson by adding that there are few golfers like her, that like having their coach actually walking the course and coaching them on the minor details.

Christianson will now start to prepare to for her college career at Grandview University.

Shot school record 68 on Day 1

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out here, so you never really know where you sit," he added Saturday. "So I was kind of surprised at the margin at the end."

Walking the course each day was his family, but one person stood out in particular.

His father, Jay.

Standing back from the crowd, he nervously watched and applauded each move made by his son. On Wednesday, despite seeing that Tommy held a nine-stroke lead before reaching the final nine holes of the tournament, the nerves increased each hole. They seemingly where for nothing as the play on the final hole was the icing on the cake for a championship. Afterward, he noted that there is nothing greater than being able to see his son accomplish a goal.

"It's a dream come true," Jay Braaten said following the awards ceremony. "He started golfing when he was three and this was one of his goals. To see any of your children achieve their goal, you're as proud as can be and I'm sure it's just the beginning for him. He has a bright future."

In the fall, Braaten will be attending the University of Colordao-Colorado Springs where he plans to major in professional golf management and business.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Blossoms senior Tommy Braaten breaks a smile as he shares a moment with family after turning in his scorecard.

Summertime is the best time in Blooming

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adult world. For those students who will return to the halls of the school next September, I wish them a fun and productive summer and the best of luck when school resumes in the fall. Enjoy the summer.

Out and about

I had the privilege a few weeks ago to be interviewed by former BPHS graduate and Owatonna Live personality Lonna Lysne. The website featured Blooming Prairie, as the town continues to make preparations for its 150th birthday celebration coming in just a few weeks.. Lysne interviewed me, student Brianna Arthaud, and Chamber of Commerce Director Becky Noble.

Speaking of celebrations, plans are now almost complete for the big four-day birthday party and the old-fashioned Fourth of July observance. I turned in my history of the last 25 years last week, and the 150th committee will now finish editing and putting it into publication form. It evolved into a 12,000-word labor of love, and I hope people will enjoy it.

We are now less than four weeks from the annual ribfest, sponsored by the local Boys and Girls club, which will be a huge introduction to the 150th festivities. With three bands scheduled to entertain, and several cookers showing off their cooking skills, it should be exciting and entertaining.

Following the ribfest, the big birthday party will take place in the city park on Sunday, July 2, and the usual Fourth of July activities will follow on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4.

In the meantime, we should enjoy the early summer weather and hope that good growing conditions prevail for our area farmers. Bless them all, and we'll talk again.



These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of June 16

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Owatonna's Wall finishes 45th at Class AAA state golf tournament

By JOSH ZIMMER
Sports Editor

Coon Rapids - After firing an 81 on Day 1 of the Class AAA state boys golf tournament at Bunker Hills, Owatonna senior Andrew Wall had to find a way to battle back.

He certainly gave it maximum effort.

Scoring a 38 through nine holes, Wall followed with a 40 to finish with a 159 for 45th place at the state tournament Wednesday.

"He's going to be missed," commented head coach Mark Langlois. "He's a great young man and he's going to do great things in anything he decides to do; to end your career at the state tournament, that's what you want."

Day 1 was a round that Wall could easily forget as Langlois noted that he struggled getting off the tee for much of the round.

"He was hitting a lot of hooks," he added.

With the setup of the course, Langlois added that if you hit it into the trees there's a stronger chance that you would be trying to punch the ball back onto the green to try and scramble for par.

Day 2 however, was a completely different round for the Big Nine Conference champion.

Langlois noted that Wall is the type of player who goes to the driving range after a round, and that when they left the course Tuesday, the senior felt pretty good heading into the final day of action.

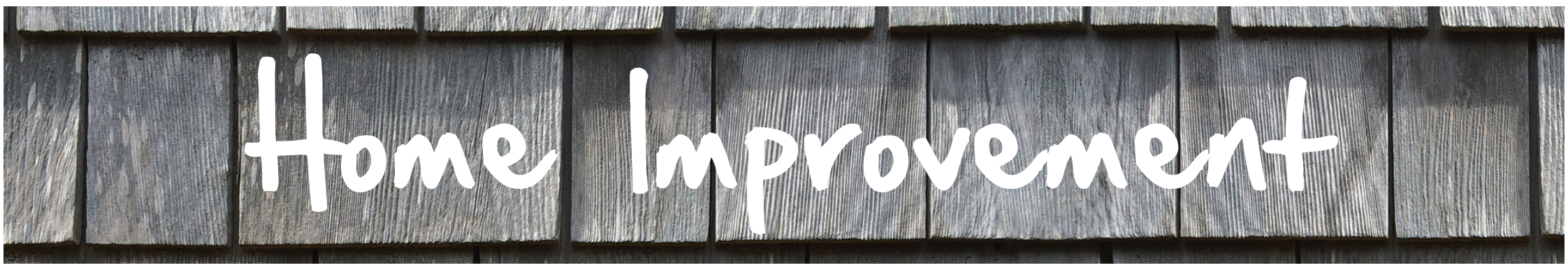
"It came down to that he just hit the ball better off the tee," Langlois added.

Wall's score after nine holes could have been lower if not for a pair of bogeys, one on the ninth hole.

On the final nine holes of the tournament, Wall was consistent noted his coach. In fact, on a Par 5, the senior recorded a birdie.

Wall is one of five seniors the Huskies will have to fill the void of in the 2017-2018 season.





How to clean and prepare outdoor furniture for the season

As temperatures rise, people increasingly venture outdoors to soak up the sun, enjoy the mild breezes and entertain under the open sky. Clean and comfortable furniture can make outdoor entertaining that much more enjoyable.

After months in storage or nestled under protective tarps, outdoor furniture likely needs a good cleaning before it's put to the test once again. Mildew may have formed, insects may be hiding out within cushions or other crevices and dirt may have accumulated — even if the furniture was cleaned before being stored away. Experts recommend cleaning outdoor furniture between three and four times per year to keep it in optimal condition.



Before cleaning, determine the material your furniture is made of, as some cleaning products may not be safe for all materials. When in doubt, read the care tags on cushions and other products or refer back to the original packaging for cleaning instructions. Always test a cleaning solution in an inconspicuous area first.

The following are some additional general furniture cleaning guidelines.

Wood

Wood comes in many varieties, from hard and softwoods to wicker furniture. Mild oil-based soaps and products geared especially to cleaning wood can be handy. On wicker and painted woods, it may be best to dilute the solutions before use. Hardwood furniture and built-in decking structures may benefit from annual sanding and then reapplication of a protective finish to maintain the look of the wood for long periods of time.

Plastic resin

Commercial cleansers may be too harsh to use on plastic resin furniture. Before risking discoloration or scratching, try some ingredients that are may be lying around the house. For example, use a wet sponge dipped in baking soda as a mild abrasive to clean resin. Just be sure to thoroughly rinse off the powdery residue afterward.

Automatic dishwasher detergent mixed with a gallon of warm water also may do the trick. The detergent contains a mild bleaching agent that will not cause damage like straight bleach.

Glass

Dish detergent and general home cleaning solutions work well on glass surfaces. Remember to clean all sides, including bottom-facing areas. After cleaning, use vinegar or a glass cleaning solution and a microfiber cloth to produce a streak-free shine.

Outdoor cushions

Outdoor fabrics are derived from different materials. However, this general-purpose recipe, courtesy of the DIY Network, may help clean many outdoor fabrics. Mix 1 teaspoon dishwashing detergent, 1 quart warm water and 1 tablespoon borax together. Saturate a sponge and use it to wash the cushions. Let it sit for 15 minutes and then spray it off with a high-force hose. Stand the cushions on their edges to dry outdoors.

Remember, vinegar can help inhibit mildew growth. Therefore, keep a bottle of diluted vinegar around to spray on plastic mesh and furniture that gets wet from the rain or a pool. Store outdoor furniture away from inclement weather whenever possible to prolong its life.



Did you know?

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, well-designed landscapes can save homeowners enough energy to make the projects pay for themselves in less than eight years.

The DOE notes that homeowners' landscaping strategies should be dictated by the climates in which they live. For example, homeowners who live in hot, arid regions should employ landscapes to shade their homes' walls, windows and roof, while those who live in cool regions should make sure their landscapes are not blocking the winter sun from reaching their homes' south-facing windows.

The DOE also advises that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce solar heat gain in a home, noting that well-planned landscapes can reduce previously unshaded homes' air conditioning costs by as much as 50 percent.

The DOE also notes that, in tree-shaded neighborhoods, summer daytime air temperature can be up to six degrees cooler than the air temperature in treeless areas.

Homeowners considering adding trees to their landscapes should know that deciduous trees shed their leaves annually, which means they will block solar heat in the summer but allow sunlight into the home in winter. That's ideal for homeowners who live in regions where temperatures climb in summertime but drop considerably in winter.

Homeowners who want year-round shade might consider evergreen trees and shrubs.

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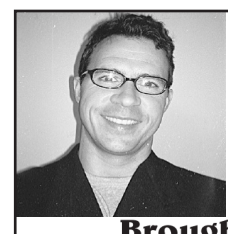
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How to hire a home helper



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Dear Savvy Senior,
I would like to hire a personal assistant/home helper for my mom to assist with some simple household chores like house keeping, errand running, driving her to the doctor, and keeping her company. But mom doesn't require personal/physical caregiving nor does she require any home medical care. Any tips to help us find someone?
Looking for Mom

Dear Looking,
Getting your mom some help at home to handle some of her household chores can make a big difference keeping her independent longer. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you find someone reliable for your mom.

Home Helpers

For seniors who could use some help at home – but don't need a caregiving aide for personal care – there are a bevy of personal assistance/home helpers out there that can help make life a little easier.

Most home helpers can assist with any number of things like shopping, running errands, transportation, light house keeping, laundry, meal preparation, arranging services (home maintenance, lawn care, etc.) and other household chores, along with providing companionship and support. And, if your mom gets to the point she needs personal/physical care like bathing or dressing, they can usually help with this too.

Most home helpers are part time workers who work a few hours a day or a few days per week. You also need to know that while Medicare does cover home health care services if a doctor orders it, they do not cover home helper/personal assistant services.

There are two ways in which you can go about hiring someone for your mom; either through a home care agency, or you can hire someone directly on your own.

Home Care Agency

Hiring a home helper through a non-medical home care, or non-medical companion care agency is the easiest, but most expensive option of the two. Costs run anywhere from $12 up to $30 an hour depending on where you live and the qualification of the assistant/aide.

How it works is you pay the company, and they handle everything including assigning appropriately trained and prescreened staff to care for your mom, and finding a fill-in on days her helper cannot come.

Some of the drawbacks, however, are that you may not have much input into the selection of the aide, and the helpers may change or alternate, which can cause a disruption.

To find a home care agency in your area, Google "non-medical home care" followed by the city and state your mom lives in, or you can use Medicare's home health agencies search tool Medicare.gov/hhcompare. Most home health agencies offer some form of non-medical home care services too. You can also check your local yellow pages under "home healthcare services."

Hiring Directly

Hiring a personal assistant/home helper on your own is the other option, and it's less expensive. Costs typically range between $10 and $20 per hour. Hiring directly also gives you more control over who you hire so you can choose someone who you feel is right for your mom.

But, be aware that if you do hire someone on your own, you become the employer so there's no agency support to fall back on if a problem occurs or if the assistant doesn't show up. You're also responsible for paying payroll taxes and any worker-related injuries that may happen. If you choose this option make sure you check the person's references thoroughly, and do a criminal background check.

To find someone, ask for referrals through friends or check online job boards like CraigsList.org, or try Care.com, CareLinx.com, CareFamily.com or CareSpotter.com.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Elise Slinger, Editor
June 19th, 2007

On Wednesday June 20th, 2007 the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce came together for a meeting at the blooming Prairie Country Club. The highlight of the night was a visit from State Senator Dick Day. At the meeting, it was reported that the planning for the 4th of July parade was going well, and that the distribution of Life Capsules went well also.

However, the most important part of the meeting was when Doug Minor was recognized because he will soon be leaving with the armed services in Kosovo.

After fighting countless fires with the Blooming Prairie Fire Department, Kevin Christianson has hung ip his air pack and bunker gear and is moving on. Chistianson served on the BPFD for 26 years; he explained that throughout those years he formed friendships that were as tight as a brotherhood. "It's a great fire depart-ment," he said. "There's a lot of camaraderie that goes beyond just the department."

20 Years Ago
Elsie Slinger, Publisher
June 24th , 1997

Lifeguards at the local pool were put through a surprise test emergency recently through the City of Bloom-ing Prairie's aquatic safety manager.

It was the first of three unannounced tests Jeff Ellis & Associates Inc. will spring on the local nine-person crew, in hopes the experience will better their skills, and the overall managing of the pool.

They were given an 86.6 individual average score out of 100. Tuck-point work on the high school building and purchase of 36 new computers topped decisions made by the Blooming Prairie School Board until June 16.

The biggest capital outlay project will be replacing or relo-cating over 70 outdated computers in classrooms. To do this, the board OK'ed purchase of 36 computers at a cost to the district up to $51,000. Whatever the situation, the school continues to build a top rate computer system, they will end up with 100 computers for classrooms, and a total of 185 for the school.

50 Years Ago
Victor, Vernon, & Vyrle Krejci, Editors
June 15th, 1967

Miss Margaret Ann Colenberg and Miss Kathleen Herron, both of Blooming Prairie, will be among 123 gradu-ates of St. Mary's School of Nursing at commencement excursuses on Sunday, June 18.

Margaret is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joesph Herron. Both girls are graduates of Blooming Prairie High School.

The Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, Bishop of Winona, will present the diplomas to the graduate nurses.

Betlach Food co. one of Blooming Prairie pioneer business firms, will celebrate with a gigantic three-day sale on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week, June 15-17.

The Betlach Food Co. was established in Bloom-ing Prairie in 1892 and has been a familiar name in the business district for the past 75 years.

In honor of the firm's diamond anniversary, they are offering their customers an opportunity to participate in an "S. and H. Green Stamp" bonanza.

75 Years Ago
Walter K. Mickelson, Editor and Publisher
June 25th, 1942

A new idea in mailing letters to soldiers who are in foreign service will be inaugurated by the U.S. Postal service within the next few days, Postmaster Geo. Caroll has announced.

The new method of handling letters to these soldiers will be known as "V-Mail". Special letter sheet forms will soon be available at all post-office on which all letters to soldiers must be written.

The letters will be reproduced by micro-film onto 16-milimeter came fils, which will greatly reduce the bulk.

A letter was written abroad ship Many 11 by Hubert Pelinka, son of Mr. And Mrs. Frank Pelinka, was re-ceived here this week and contained very welcome news that he was in good health.

The letter was 44 days in transit from the ship, whose name was not revealed. Hubert related that his ship was enroute to some undis-closed foreign port.

The weather at that time was very fair, and the sea very calm.

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Long-time music booster honored as grand marshal



> **"I need to have skin in the game in the community."**
> *~ Jerry Besser*
> *Honorary grand marshal*







Jerry Besser, owner of Tone Music in Owatonna, served as the honorary grand marshal at the Wenger Band Festival Saturday. Twelve bands from around the state competed in the competition.

Photos and story by
RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

For nearly three decades one name has become synonymous with music in Owatonna.

Jerry Besser, owner of Tone Music, has been a major supporter of music throughout the community. And on Saturday the community showed its support in return.

The Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival recognized Besser for his efforts by naming him honorary grand marshal for an event that drew 12 top-notch marching bands to the area.

"I was taken a back and pretty humbled," Besser said in being named grand marshal. "I've always felt as a business owner, I need to have skin in the game in the community."

Besser has found by getting involved in the community, it makes for a stronger community. "We hope people realize with the strong music program and business community, it makes everything stronger," he said.

Besides getting young musicians started with their instruments, Besser is the coordinator of the annual 11@7 concert series in Central Park. This year he became the chairman of Music in Owatonna, which organizes live concerts. He has also been involved with the music boosters organization in Owatonna for 27 years.

He is currently working on starting a music Hall of Fame in Owatonna and hopes to have it going by this coming school year.

After riding on a convertible in the band festival, Besser enjoyed listening to the bands marching by at reserved seating in the downtown area. He has always been impressed with the dedication of the students in performing their routines.

As for the band festival, which is in its eighth year, Besser said, "It's a great showcase for the community. It's a great venue for kids to perform and throw out their talents."

Besser said he developed an interest in music while listening to the radio in the 1960s. "I've always liked all kinds of music," he said.

He has found music plays an important role in society. "For youngsters, music helps them with their educational development, especially in the area of math," Besser said, adding music allows kids to participate in a team effort without being involved in sports.

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MPCA seeks comments from public on proposed hog feedlot expansion in Waseca County

Leilyn Hogs proposes to expand its existing 2,400-head swine finishing facility about five miles southeast of Waseca in Section 24, Otisco Township, Waseca County. A new barn for 2,400 finishing hogs will expand the operation to maximum capacity of 4,800.

As required by state rules, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet on the proposal. The public may submit written comments on the Leilyn Hogs EAW until 4:30 p.m., July 12.

State agencies use an EAW to help decide whether a project requires a more extensive Environmental Impact Statement. The EAW covers site location details, nearby resources and other elements, including wells, soil types, water use, manure management, air and odor emissions, and traffic.

An estimated 1.7 million gallons of liquid manure produced annually would be stored in reinforced concrete pits below the barns, with a total capacity of nearly 2.2 million gallons.

The manure is removed in fall and injected into cropland as fertilizer following an MPCA-approved manure management plan. More than 1,000 acres of cropland are available for land application among 10 manure application sites located within nine miles located in Byron, New Richland, and Otisco townships in Waseca County.

The worksheet for this project is available on the MPCA website at www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/environmental-review, or by searching for 'Environmental Assessment Worksheet.' It's also available by calling Kevin Kain at 651-757-2482. Written comments may be sent by email to kevin.kain@state.mn.us, or mailed to him at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN 55155-4194.

Southern Minnesota Wheat Field Day set

University of Minnesota Extension will host a southern Minnesota Wheat Field Day on Monday, June 26 at the Hoefs farmstead northwest of Montgomery.

Ruth Hoefs and Ron Pomije, working with University of Minnesota small grains specialists, have grown a research plot funded by a grant from the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers (MAWG). The plot's purpose is to assess growth progress, the presence of pests or disease, and how different wheat varieties perform in Southern Minnesota wheat fields.

Field Day registration will be held at the Hoefs farm shop located at 20676 340th St., Le Center. The Hoefs farmstead is located on the north side of 340th Street, approximately 6 miles northwest of Montgomery, or 7 miles northeast of Le Center. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the program at 10:30 a.m.

David Nicolai, UM Extension Crops Educator, along with Roger Wippler, Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, and Gary Hartwig, Bayer, will start the morning with updates about the 2017 crop production, variety developments, and company updates. Lunch will be provided at 12 p.m. After lunch, UM Extension Crops Educators Jochum Wiersma and Jared Goplen will address the small grains issues, including data found by the season-long scouting project throughout southern Minnesota; they will also mediate a 'show and tell' portion of the program, in which producers are encouraged to bring their own crop or weed samples for identification and discussion. The day will finish with an onsite tour of the UMN Wheat Plot.

The Southern Minnesota Wheat Field Day is funded through the research grant by the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers, and is open to the public with no registration charge. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. RSVP can be made at the UMN Extension Office in Le Sueur County, 507-357-8230.

Farmers' program helps lower-income Minnesotans eat better

It's the time of year when local farmers are busy selling fresh fruits and vegetables they've worked hard to grow, and hunger-fighting advocates are hoping a state-funded program will help lower-income Minnesotans purchase that produce.

When SNAP recipients buy at farmers markets around the state, they are given an extra $10 for every $10 they spend through the "Market Bucks" program. Last year, said Patti Whitney-Wise, program manager for the group Hunger Solutions, SNAP customers redeemed more than $550,000 in Market Bucks at farmers markets, an increase of more than 150 percent from the year before.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota's Center for Prevention started Market Bucks, and the state Legislature passed the "Healthy Eating Here at Home" bill in 2015 to fund the program. Minnesota was the first state to fund a farmers market incentive program.

Jesse Davis, membership services manager for the Minnesota Farmers Market Association, called it a win-win for shoppers and farmers, who have seen an increase in their customer base since Market Bucks began. He said it's also teaching young children about where their food comes from and encouraging them to try something new. Davis said it's great to see kids get excited about healthy food.

"It's really cool to see these kids and families take ownership of what they're eating and preparing," Davis said.

Dozens of farmers markets are participating in the Market Bucks program across Minnesota. The list and more information are online at HungerSolutions.org.

More information is available at extension.umn.edu.

Minnesota Crop Report



Despite thunderstorms and rainfall throughout the state, Minnesota farmers were able to find **3.8 days suitable for field work** during the week ending June 18, 2017 according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Early week rainfall paired with warm, dry conditions towards the end of the week allowed for overall crop advancement. Pea harvest for canning has begun. Field activities for the week included planting, spraying, and cutting hay.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 84 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies rated 5 percent short, 86 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus.

Minnesota's **corn** condition continued to improve with 81 percent rated good to excellent. **Soybean** crop was 97 percent emerged with crop condition rated 77 percent good to excellent, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Spring wheat increased to 71 percent jointed or beyond, bringing it two days ahead of the five year average. However, spring wheat that had reached the heading stage still fell 2 days behind average at 22 percent. Spring wheat condition declined slightly to a rating of 89 percent good to excellent. **Oats** continued to progress with 83 percent at or beyond the jointing stage, with 31 percent headed or beyond. Oats condition was 82 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from the previous week. Seventy-eight percent of the barley crop was at or beyond the jointing stage with 17 percent of the crop headed or beyond. **Barley** condition rated 89 percent good to excellent, unchanged from previous week. Nearly all of **dry edible bean** crop had emerged at 95 percent emergence. The first sunflower condition was estimated at 0 percent very poor or poor, 17 percent fair, 75 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Potato condition was rated 89 percent good to excellent. **Sugarbeet** condition rated 65 percent good to excellent.

The first cutting of **alfalfa hay** progressed to 87 percent complete with scattered reports of some farmers beginning a second cutting. **All hay** condition rated 83 percent good to excellent. **Pasture** condition rated 78 percent good to excellent.

The plentiful perils of wild parsnip

ON THE FARM



Claire LaCanne

Are you familiar with wild parsnip? If you do come in contact, you will not soon forget it.

The sap from this noxious weed causes phytophotodermatitis, a skin reaction ranging from sunburn-type redness to blistering burns when skin is exposed to sap and sunlight. Wild parsnip's sap can affect any person or animal; the amount of sap and sunlight exposure determines the severity of the reaction. Sap-to-skin contact is not the only risk for animals because photosensitivity can occur after ingestion of the stem and foliage. Wild parsnip's presence seems to be exploding in this region.



Due to its thick taproot, large seed head, and rapid growth, wild parsnip is a successful invasive weed—it thrives in parking lot edges, woods, and ditches. I've had farmers call me after they've harvested ditches and notice wild parsnip in the ditch. They've wondered if wild parsnip is still toxic when it's cut and dried, and the short answer is yes.

Harvesting ditch hay (grass and legumes growing alongside the roadways) is common in Minnesota. Ditch hay provides livestock owners with extra forage, however, ditch harvesting comes with several risks. Steep slopes, garbage accumulation, herbicide contamination, and presence of noxious weeds are common hazards of ditch harvesting.

Wild parsnip is toxic at all growth stages, even when cut and dried in a bale of hay. The toxic dose of wild parsnip is unknown, but photosensitivity occurs in animals exposed to sunlight after ingestion because the plant's chemicals circulate in the bloodstream. Evidence suggests that the chemicals can also cause liver damage. Hay containing wild parsnip should not be used as feed or bedding, because of the potential toxicity to livestock, according to Extension Specialist Krishona Martinson.

Unfortunately, once wild parsnip is in a bale, it's a nuisance to dispose of. A small amount of parsnip in the bale might tempt a farmer to see if animals will pick around it, but it might touch skin, and animals can get sick if they eat it. Wild parsnip is listed as a prohibited-control noxious weed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and must be controlled in accordance to the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law (MN Statutes 18.75-18.91).

A contaminated bale is unfit for feed or bedding, composting risks spreading the seed, it's illegal to dispose of in a public landfill unless the facility accepts noxious weeds, and burning may cause skin irritation through inhalation of the smoke. One way to dispose of it once it's in a bale may be to chop and spread it on a corn or soybean field, and spray it with herbicides to prevent growth. One might think that having the ditch sprayed to kill the parsnip is a good solution, but herbicide residues can persist in animal manure and kill crops in the fields where the manure is spread, so herbicide restrictions would have to be investigated. For all the hassle and additional input costs of disposal, harvesting ditch hay isn't worthwhile if wild parsnip is present.

Claire LaCanne is the new agricultural extension educator for Steele and Rice counties. She may be reached at 507-444-7691 or lacanne@umn.edu.



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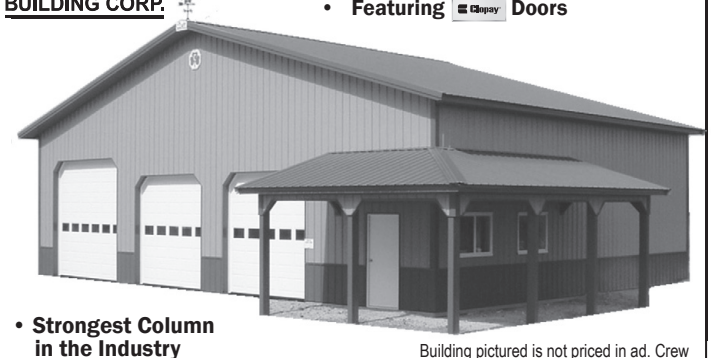
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Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Theft. On June 8 at 7:07 a.m., deputies took a report of a stolen vehicle in the 75800 block of U.S. Hwy. 218 in Blooming Prairie.

Crime brief

Suspected drunk driver found passed out at wheel

A suspected drunk driver in Owatonna was found passed out behind the wheel, police said.

Owatonna Police responded to a complaint of a man passed out at the wheel in the parking lot of a Kwik Trip during the early morning hours of June 11. Officers had trouble waking the man so they resorted to a defensive tactic to get his attention.

After officers used the sternum rub on the man's chest a couple times, he began to mumble and slur his words and told them he was there to get a pop. Officers smelled an odor of alcohol and saw he had bloodshot eyes, according to police. They also saw an open container of alcohol in the car.

The driver attempted to do field sobriety tests, but he had difficulty holding his balance while standing on two feet, police said.



Obed Miller

Obed Miller, 44, of Owatonna was arrested and charged with third-degree DWI, no driver's license and open bottle. He provided a breath test of .22, which is nearly three times the legal limit to drive.

Video surveillance showed Miller operating and parking his vehicle before officers arrived.

Police blotter
Steele County

Owatonna Police
June 9

Restraining Order. At 11:25 a.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 500 block of Mineral Springs Road NE.

Theft. Officers took theft reports in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 1:28 p.m. and in the 500 block of State Ave. NW at 5:58 p.m.

June 10

Warrants. Police made four warrants arrests throughout the day. Three of them occurred in the 100 block of Bridge St. W. at 12:12 a.m., 12:33 a.m. and 12:45 a.m. The other occurred in the 1200 block of Cherry St. NE at 10:58 a.m.

Disturbance. At 6:50 p.m., officers responded to a disturbance in the 2300 block of 43rd St. NW. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Suspicion. Police responded to suspicious activity in the 300 block of School St. E. at 9:50 p.m.

June 11

Warrants. Police arrested subjects for outstanding warrants in the 100 block of Rose St. W. at 2:50 p.m. and in the 2700 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 5:03 p.m.

Arrest. At 9:18 p.m., police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop in the 200 block of Spruce Ave. NE.

Missing Person. Officers assisted with locating a missing person in the 1500 block of St. Paul Rd. NE at 10:55 p.m.

June 12

Arrest. At 12:30 a.m., police arrested juvenile following a traffic stop at Lemond Road SW and Kim Lane SW.

Fraud. Officer took a report of a fraud incident in the 100 block of Park St. SE at 11:28 a.m.

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 11:50 a.m.

Park Check. At 3:32 p.m., officer completed a park check in the 2300 block of 1st Ave. NE. A citation was issued.

June 13

Thefts. Police received theft reports from the 300 block of Havana Rd. SE at 7:19 a.m. and in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW at 7:41 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 12:45 p.m.

Criminal Sex. Police began an investigation of criminal sexual conduct in the 1500 block of St. Paul Rd. NE at 3:35 p.m.

Domestic. At 6:19 p.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Lewis Dr. NW. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Fight. Police responded to a fight in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 6:30 p.m.

June 14

Shoplifting. At 12:42 p.m., officer responded to a shoplifting incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W.

Warrant. Police made a warrant arrest in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 3:08 p.m.

Theft. A theft occurred in the 100 block of 22nd St. NW at 4:15 p.m.

June 15

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1800 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 5:35 a.m. and in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 10:04 p.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 400 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 9:37 a.m.

Animal Bite. Officers responded to an animal bite in the 300 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 10:17 a.m.

Arrest. Police assisted another agency with arresting a subject in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 11:54 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff
June 9

Crash. Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage in the 4500 block of 30th St. NW in Deerfield Township at 3:21 p.m.

Shoplifting. Deputy responded to a shoplifting incident in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W. in Medford at 3:40 p.m.

June 10

Child Abuse. Deputies received a report of child abuse from the 4300 block of Kenyon Road in Merton Township at 4:35 p.m.

Hit and Run. At 7:45 p.m., deputies responded to a hit and run accident resulting in property damage in the 4700 block of County Road 45 S. in Owatonna Township.

June 13

Restraining Order. Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 1100 block of 34th Ave. SE in Summit Township at 1:45 p.m.

June 14

Suspicion. At 12:39 p.m., deputies responded to suspicious activity at 128th St. SW and 72nd Ave. SW in Berlin Township. A vehicle was impounded.

Drunken Driving. Deputy arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 6700 block of 118th St. SW in Berlin Township at 11:16 p.m.

June 15

Crash. Deputies responded to a hit and run motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 6700 block of Frontage Rd. W. in Medford at 5:56 p.m.

Disturbance. At 6:04 p.m., deputies responded to a disturbance in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW in Medford Township.

Court news
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 5 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Michael A. Burciaga, 26, Medford, previously appeared and was convicted of felony aid and abet theft. He was sentenced to $1,081, 55 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 5 years of supervised probation.

Jewel J. Herrera, 22, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal damage to property. Herrera was sentenced to $1,281, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, obtain and maintain employment, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, 100 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Adam J. Trimble, 28, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony criminal sexual conduct. He was sentenced to $2,081, 90 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, maintain employment, attend sex offender program, submit to polygraph examinations as directed, no contact with minors, no use of possession of Internet or internet capable devices without approval, no possession of pornography, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, predatory offender registration, having housing approved, remain two blocks from any areas where minors congregate and 10 years of supervised probation.

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 5 with Judge Joseph A. Bueltel presiding:

Chad A. Smith, 29, Faribault, previously appeared and was convicted of felony sale of Cocaine/Heroin/Meth. The defendant was sentenced to $131 and 36 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 5 – 9:

Blooming Prairie
Police Department

Brianna J. Mitchell, 25, Shakopee, suspended license and no insurance, $481; Albert Zamarripa, 20, Blooming Prairie, permit violation and no insurance, $331.

MN Dept. of
Natural Resources

Christopher M. Meneguzzo, 44, Owatonna, take fish without license, $181.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Philip R. Balge, 18, New Ulm, speeding, $121; Glen A. Barber, 50, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Falconer R. Bellefy, 22, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Christina J. Bridget, 32, Kissimmee, FL, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, $81, 4 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation and 1 year of unsupervised monitoring without adjudication; Bobby L. Brown, 48, Austell, GA, speeding, $381; Edwin E. Castrejon, 25, Imperial Beach, CA, no license, $181;

John B. Childress, 60, Shorewood, speeding, $121; Enrique Fernandez Galarce, 39, Albert Lea, window tint violation, $131; Dawn M. Fisher, 54, Minneapolis, speeding, $131;

Thomas G. Graf, 62, Byron, speeding, $121; Shawn M. Hanson, 39, Eyota, speeding, $131; Richard D. Koch, 52, Spring Valley, speeding, $121; Alicia A. Mansfield, 24, Faribault, speeding, $131; Breanna L. Marquardt, 21, Albert Lea, speeding, $221; Candy A. Ortiz, 37, Mankato, revoked license and seat belt, $306;

Kimberly J. Placek, 33, Austin, speeding, $141; Azarel N. Ramirez, 33, Blaine, revoked license, $281; Debra L. Schmidt, 54, Ellendale, speeding, $281; Cassandra E. Schue, 22, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Pamela J. Stromley, 31, Owatonna, speeding, $131; Paul C. Sullivan-Velarde, 24, Wadena, speeding, $121; Samantha L. Wallette, 30, Houston, TX, following too closely, $131; Nikki S. Wells, 25, Austin, speeding and seat belt, $306.

Owatonna Police
Department

Jose P. Barajas, 29, Owatonna, no license, $181; Amber L. Brockmiller, 23, Owatonna, theft, 43 days in county jail; Vanessa L. Cardenas, 26, Owatonna, shoplifting, $382.76; Katherine J. Davis, 32, Owatonna, possession of drugs, violation of order for protection and domestic assault, stay of adjudication $81, 7 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, obtain permission to leave the state, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic abuse evaluation, 30 hours of community service and 10 years of supervised probation; Bridget E. Dickie, 25, Waseca, suspended license and no insurance, $481;

Tammy K. Garza, 48, Montgomery, theft, $97.64, 41 days in county jail; Steven T. Gilman, 48, Owatonna, violation of order for protection, $581, no alcohol or controlled substance use, maintain employment, do not enter liquor establishments, domestic abuse evaluation, psychological evaluation, no possession of firearms and 1 year of supervised probation; Justin T. Hoag, 32, Minneapolis, theft, $476.50 and 40 days in county jail; Kayla M. Jordan, 28, Owatonna, no insurance, $281;

Terra L. Marquez, 30, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Rosalinda E. Martinez, 35, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Michael S. Pieper, 49, Owatonna, failure to yield, $131; Linda J. Shaw, 73, Owatonna, stop sign, $131; Frank E. Springer, 60, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Adam W. West, 30, Owatonna, expired tabs, $111; Chad A. Zak, 37, Owatonna, assault, stay of adjudication, $81, diversion program, Domestic Violence Inventory, no possession of firearms and 2 years of supervised program.

Steele County
Sheriff's Office

Deborah M. Benton, 48, Dayton, OH, no license, $181; Travis D. Borchert, 27, Ellendale, speeding, $131; Michael A. Burciaga, 26, Medford, theft, $181, 55 days in county jail, obtain permission to leave the state, complete drug court, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments and 2 years of supervised probation;

Elizabeth G. Chavarria Sarmiento, 19, Ankeny, IA, speeding, $381; James M. Fennell, 50, Blooming Prairie, speeding, $141; Jessica J. Frank, 39, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Daniel L. Fuller, 36, Austin, speeding, $221; Summer F. Halsey, 18, Austin, speeding, $221; John R. Harmening, 67, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Colin J. Hasley, 20, Austin, speeding, $131; Natasha C. Herrin, 22, Owatonna, assault, $1,852.80, 1 day in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; Dinah R. Hodges, 36, Owatonna, revoked license, $281;

Taylor J. Klein, 27, Farmington, speeding, $131; Leroy Koch, 86, Austin, speeding, $221; David L. Ladue, 51, Waseca, DWI, $381 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Abdirizak H. Maalin, 29, Owatonna, speeding, $131; Rebecca J. Mickelson, 23, Mankato, expired tabs, $111; Michael R. Nierman, 32, Rochester, speeding, $221; Kent D. Phelps, 44, Owatonna, speeding, $121;

Jacob A. Ronningen, 17, Medford, failure to stop for traffic control signal, $131; Nyakume D. Ruot, 20, St. Cloud, speeding, $381; Jonathan M. Slack, 38, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Lazarick D. Williams, 32, Byron, suspended license and no insurance, $481; Heath H. Wilson, 27, Faribault, expired tabs, $111; Guosheng Zhang, 58, Rocklin, CA, speeding, $131.

Police blotter
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 212 complaints during the week of June 7 – 13. Some of them include:

June 8

Fire. At 6 p.m., Hayfield Fire responded to a burn pile showing active flames with no one around at Center Ave. N. and 2nd St. NW in Hayfield.

Dumping. An environmental dumping incident occurred at 120th Ave. and 610th St. in Claremont at 7:27 p.m.

June 9

Civil. At 7:19 a.m., deputy assisted with a civil matter in the 500 block of 5th St. NE in Hayfield.

June 10

Domestic. Deputies received information regarding a past action domestic in the 700 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 3:41 p.m.

Found Property. At 4:36 p.m., a wallet was found on 2nd St. SE in Hayfield.

Disturbance. Deputies responded to a disturbance with two females arguing in a driveway in the 700 block of Center Ave. S. in Hayfield at 10:01 p.m.

June 11

Juvenile. A citizen reported that juveniles were tearing off tree branches, tearing around on a four-wheeler and yelling obscenities in the park on Church St. in Claremont at 5:31 p.m.

June 12

Roll Over. At 5:22 a.m., deputies responded to a one-vehicle roll over at 720th St. and State Hwy. 56 in Hayfield. They transported one male to Detox.

Domestic. A Hayfield resident reported that he had been slapped on the face in the 16800 block of 750th St. at 2:14 p.m.

June 13

Suspicion. Deputies responded to suspicious vehicles in the 73200 block of 130th Ave. in Blooming Prairie at 9:31 p.m.

Court news
Dodge County

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 5 – 12:

Dodge County
Sheriff's Office

Jessica J. Garness, 28, Dodge Center, stop sign, $130; Travis J. Hatfield, 24, Elkton, speeding, $140; Sean K. Jensen, 41, Hopkins, speeding, $120; Sylvia J. Keller, 48, Claremont, speeding, $280; James G. Moody, 56, failure to yield, $130;

Jerid A. Myers, 23, Kasson, speeding, $120; Brianna J. Pierson, 16, Kasson, speeding, stay of adjudication, $150 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Eugene A. Simon, 62, Owatonna, speeding, $120; Randy L. Starkson, 56, Dodge Center, revoked license and stop sign, $330; Kendra E. Zenzen, 22, Rochester, speeding, $280.

Kasson Police
Department

Mark C. Alzamora, 28, Mantorville, violation of no contact order, $205, 77 days in county jail and 2 years of supervised probation; Justin M. Arndt, 38, New Richland, seat belt, $105; Joseph J. Fiegel, 35, Kasson, seat belt, $105; James E. Hanson, 57, Oronoco, seat belt, $105; Jeffrey A. Lawson, 30, Kasson, parking violation, $32; Tammy R. Mathias, 48, Mantorville, seat belt, $105; Jessica J. Miller, 43, Evansdale, IA, seat belt, $105; Joseph S. O'Connell, 40, Baxter, seat belt, $105; Brian W. Savage, 54, Rochester, seat belt, $105; Marcus S. Sternberg, 23, Mankato, revoked license, $280.

MN Dept. of
Natural Resources

Mark R. Scheevel, 59, Byron, unauthorized introduction of plant or animal into WMA, $130.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Brian J. Anderson, 44, Rochester, speeding, $120; Gregory O. Englund, 35, Mantorville, seat belt, $105; Dwan L. Gregg, 32, Rochester, no child passenger restraint system, $130; Christopher Similhomme, 19, Rochester, speeding and possession of marijuana, $180; Charmaine A. Stewart, 55, Madison, WI, speeding, $130; Wendy S. Swanson, 57, Hayfield, speeding, $130.

West Concord
Police Department

Robert N. Duitsman, 33, Hayfield, seat belt, $105; Jamie J. Standinger, 47, Dodge Center, speeding, stay of adjudication, 1 month of unsupervised monitoring without conviction.

Arrest
Steele County

Steele Arrests
Owatonna Police

Michael Lee Wiuff, 22, arrested at 9:03 p.m. June 9, felony sale of drugs, held for court.

Esteban Cureno Velez, 61, arrested at 6:58 p.m. June 10, felony assault and disorderly conduct, held for court.

Miller Obed, 44, arrested at 2 a.m. June 11, DWI, driving without a license and open bottle, held for court.

Tawna Marie Johnson, 41, possession of drugs and paraphernalia, held for court.

Matthew Allen Techau, 38, arrested at 6:34 p.m. June 13, domestic assault/assault, held for court.

Brian Keith Schnagl, 34, arrested at 1:55 p.m. June 15, felony failure to register as predatory offender and false information, held for court.

Jesse Keith Moe, 30, arrested at 5:07 p.m. June 15, felony failure to register as predatory offender and false information, held for court.

Dustin David Craft, 25, arrested at 12:50 a.m. June 16, felony apprehension and detention probation violation arrest, held for court.

Zachary Trevor Will, 24, arrested at 1:45 a.m. June 16, DWI, held for court.

Steele County Sheriff

See **PUBLIC SAFETY** 3D ►

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.

- Campos Julio Touchet – criminal sexual conduct - $250,000 bail
- Jaime Tovar – DWI – no bail
- Jeremy Trevino – drugs - $500,000 bail
- Santos Trevino – suspended license, no insurance - $1,000 bail
- Tony Tristano – domestic assault – no bail
- Dragan Trkulja – traffic - $1,000 bail
- Arnut Tungsununt – drugs - $10,000 bail
- Nyatiem Tut – false name - $500 bail
- Peter Uhlig – DWI - $3,000 bail
- Marco Valdez – DWI, child endangerment - $6,000 bail
- Reinaldo Vasques – DWI - $1,000 bail
- Eric Veith – theft, shoplifting - $500 bail
- Jose Vielma – revoked license - $2,000 bail
- Jose Villa Jr. – interference with 911 - $6,000 bail
- Jose Villaandrade – DWI - $6,000 bail
- James Voracek – drugs - no bail
- Rickson Waguk – DWI - $12,000 bail
- Alonzo Walker – conspiracy to commit - $5,000 bail
- Anthony Walker – controlled substance - $35,000 bail
- Joseph Walsh – open bottle - $500 bail

Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 05/23/2017
Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
• Glynn/Krueger to approve the agenda.
• Approve the Work Session and Board Minutes of May 9, 2017.
• Approve the Bills.
• Approve Personnel Report.
• Accept Probation Services Dashboard.
• Accept Public Safety Minutes.
• Accept Land Use and Records Minutes.
• Approve Compliance Funds not to exceed $3,200 for GIS software update/Server Migration project.
• Accept information for the 2017 County Board of Appeal and Equalization scheduled for June 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
• Approve Compliance Fund to finance training not to exceed $6,000 for Steele County Hosted Legal Description Training Workshops held on July 18th and 19th, 2017.
• Approve request from Steele County Historical Society to remove a tree located on the Southwest corner, grind the stump and reestablish grass in the disturbed area. Also, remove and dispose of the fence, fill any holes and restore grass in the disturbed areas.
• Approve Sale Agreements between Steele County and Lawrence Balzer for the removal of clay materials from the SW ¼, Sec 28, T106N, R19W and John and Marilyn Styndl from the North ½ of the NW ¼, Sec 33, T106N, R19W.
• Abbe/Gnemi to award the bid for SAP 74-599-032 Somerset Township Box Culvert to JJD Companies for the low bid amount of $176,028.75. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• Krueger/Gnemi to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Fransen HR Consulting, LLC for an Interim Administrator. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve the Tobacco licenses from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 for Anhorn's Gas in Medford and Tire and Lerberg's Inc. in Ellendale. Ayes all.
• Abbe/Gnemi to approve closing the Front Information Desk window for a trial period through the end of August, order signs for directing traffic and a phone available in the lobby that would ring to a staff person for additional personal assistance. Ayes all.
• Krueger/Gnemi to approve Commissioner Abbe, Interim Administrator Janice Fransen, County Engineer Anita Benson and Human Resources Director Julie Johnson to draft the Highway Maintenance Working Foreman and Highway Maintenance Superintendent job descriptions and bring back proposals to the next Board meeting. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• Steele County Treasurer Cathy Piepho gave an update on the 2016 budget performance report.
• Bill Fahey and Tom Bartness from Northland Securities gave an update on SCCL.
• Gnemi/Glynn to approve the Aquatic Invasive Species Grant. Ayes all.
• County Engineer Anita Benson discussed a possible lease extension for the temporary highway shop facility located at 900 30th Place NW due to the Public Works building project schedule changing for time required for re-design. The existing lease and Addendum 6 expires on May 31, 2018.
• Glynn/Abbe offered a Resolution to enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1028058 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation to provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 18 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. Old 14 from 0.27 miles west of Brown Avenue to 0.23 east of Clear Lake Road under State Project No. 8103-115 (T.H. Old 14=7). Upon the vote being taken, 5 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve the policy prohibiting Dodge County mixed solid waste and industrial waste at the Steele County landfill effective 01/01/18. Ayes all.
• Building and Grounds Director Lynn Holthus gave an update on the progress at the Steele County Courthouse. They are working on the trim and insulating ducts. The Board set a work session for Tuesday, May 30th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss courtroom remodeling.
• The Board set a meeting for Tuesday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m. for discussing potential litigation – Attorney/Client privileged, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(b).
• Krueger/Abbe to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
05/23/17

30th Place LLC	18,197.75
Amazon	2,070.67
Applied Concepts Inc	5,053.80
Bargen Incorporated	4,295.00
Central Farm Services	4,676.10
Clifton Larson Allen LLP	9,000.00
Conduent Enterprises Solutions LLC	5,530.02
DDA Human Resources Inc	4,500.00
Eagle Point Software	3,000.00
Election Systems & Software Inc	11,026.39
ICON Constructors LLC	121,559.40
Kronos Incorporated	3,095.12
Mayo Clinic	5,400.00
Metro Sales Inc.	4,950.00
MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust	2,768.00
MN Pollution Control Agency	89,782.69
Newman Signs Inc	9,400.30
Pomp's Tire	3,676.92
RDO Equipment Co, Inc	2,496.76
Rinke-Noonan	2,187.50
Rolling Green Fencing Inc	8,750.00
Service Master Recovery Management	400,193.19
Steele County Treasurer	12,271.10
Summit Food Service Management	9,165.36
Waste Management of WI-MN	49,313.38
WatchGuard Video	10,040.00
116 Warrants under $2,000	81,056.21
Total:	**$883,455.66**

Motion by Commissioner Gnemi, seconded by Commissioner Abbe to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:48 p.m. Ayes all.

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Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 05/30/2017 Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
• Glynn/Gnemi to go into a closed session for the purpose of discussing potential Litigation-Attorney/Client privilege, pursuant to Minn Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(b) Ayes all.
• The Board came back into Open session at 5:55 p.m.
• Krueger/Gnemi to extend the paid administrative leave for the Maintenance Supervisor through June 13, 2017. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in favor thereof, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• There was discussion regarding the Public Works Director Resignation and possible options to fill the position.
• Krueger/Gnemi to have Commissioner Abbe & Gnemi work with Human Resources and the Administrator on options for an Interim Engineer. Ayes all.
• The Board discussed Courthouse renovations and improvements and an update on the progress to date.
• Gnemi/Glynn to proceed with the quote for Courtroom B Revisions in the amount of $48,147 to Rocon, Inc. Ayes all.
• The meeting was then open to comments from the public.
• Gnemi/Glynn to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:55 p.m. Ayes all.

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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

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

Court File Number: 74-PR-17-1020

Estate of
Ronald W. Racek,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 14, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Owatonna Fire Hall, 107 W. Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, January 30, 1998, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Brian Racek, whose address is 1027, SE 28th Street, Owatonna, MN, 55060 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

BY THE COURT,

Karen Duncan
Judge of District Court
6/9/2017

Kim Wobschall
Court Administrator
6/9/2017

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6/20, 6/27

Heather Rae Lindberg, 30, arrested at 7:22 p.m. June 9, theft and possession of paraphernalia warrant arrest, $1,000 bail.

Gene Philip Wells, 23, arrested at 12:22 a.m. June 10, drugs warrant arrest, body only.

Jon Dorien Brown, 44, arrested at 2:09 a.m. June 10, obstruction with force and warrant arrest, body only.

Tracy Ann Callahan, 29, arrested at 12:53 a.m. June 11, DWI, held for court.

Lorenzo Markey Cook, 26, assault and drugs warrants arrest, body only.

Joseph Allen DeLeon, 29, arrested at 8:47 p.m. June 12, warrant arrest, $3,000 bail.

Ceirra Monta King, 21, arrested at 2:51 p.m. June 13, warrant arrest, $300 bail.

Vincent Johnny, 27, arrested at 8 a.m. June 14, warrant arrest, $500 bail.

Kyle William Krause, 30, arrested at 6 p.m. June 14, receiving stolen property and burglary warrants arrest, held for court.

Alexander Jay Brown, 22, arrested at 10:10 p.m. June 14, failure to report to drug court warrant arrest, held for court.

Tyler Lee Lockman, 29, arrested at 5:37 p.m. June 14, controlled substance, revoked license, possession of paraphernalia, no insurance, cruelty to animals warrants arrest, $13,000 bail.

Xavier Pierre Coats, 28, warrant arrest, held for court.

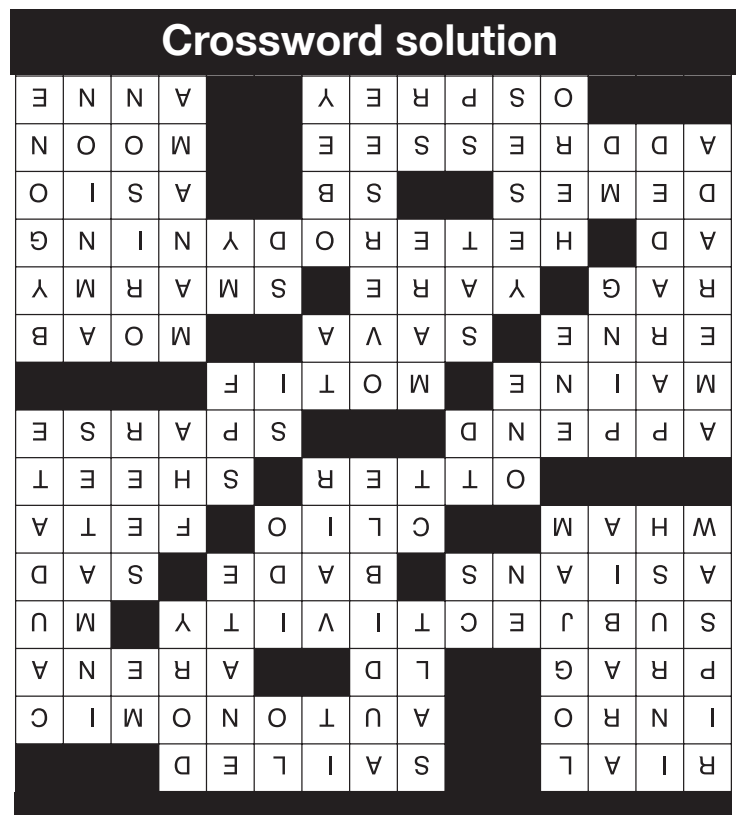
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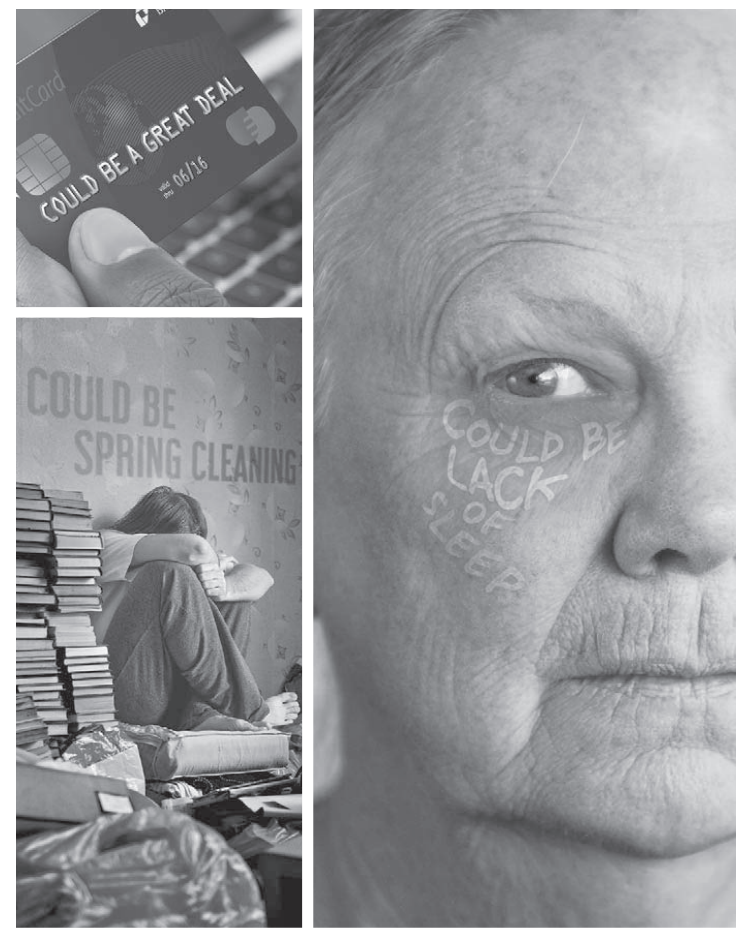
Jesse Fernando Cuen, 28, arrested at 1:31 p.m. June 12, felony controlled substance, held for court.

Samuel Gomez-Roman, 29, arrested at 1:26 p.m. June 12, felony controlled substance, held for court.

Jose Trinidad Vazquez, 40, arrested at 10:02 p.m. June 12, DWI, held for court.

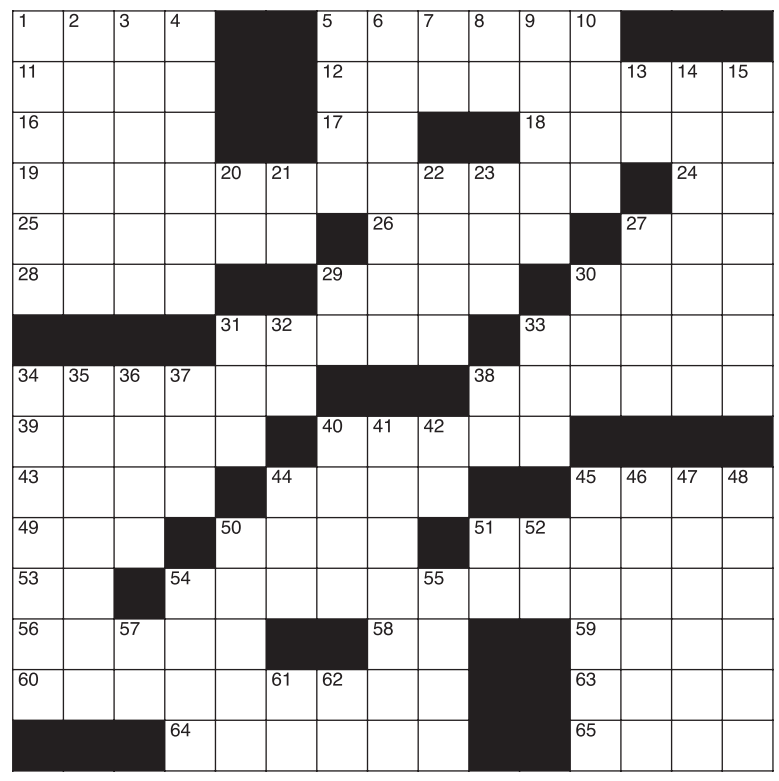
Crossword solution







WEEKLY CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS
1. Monetary unit of Iran
5. Soared the seas
11. Ornamental box
12. Involuntary
16. German term for Prague
17. Lethal dose
18. Where rockers play
19. Quality of being based on one's own feelings
24. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
25. People of Asia
26. Uttered
27. Unhappy
28. British pop duo
29. The Muse of history
30. Greek cheese
31. Semi-aquatic fish-eating mammal
33. Horse racing list
34. Add as an attachment
38. Thinly scattered
39. Northeastern American state
40. Decorative design
43. Sea eagle
44. European river
45. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Pick on
50. Easily manageable
51. Ingratiating insincerely
53. Commercial
54. Combining radio waves
56. Political divisions
58. Football's biggest event (abbr.)
59. Genus of true owls
60. One to whom something is mailed
63. It can sometimes be full
64. Bird of prey
65. Diarist Frank

CLUES DOWN
1. Carpenter's saw
2. Sudden arrival of something
3. Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
4. Impasse
5. Pepper's partner
6. Perceptible by the ear
7. Stephen King's clown tale
8. __ and behold
9. Related on the mother's side
10. A fish worth finding
13. Of I
14. Convicts
15. Having a tail
20. __ masse
21. Culinary specialist
22. Kind of fur
23. What couples say
27. One with unusual powers of foresight
29. Connecticut
30. Fed'l Housing Administration
31. Smallest whole number
32. Touchdown
33. Sunscreen rating
34. Old Hess Corp.'s name
35. Marched through
36. A sharp high-pitched metallic sound
37. Between northeast and east
38. Sports magazine
40. Female horse
41. A way to supervise
42. Tantalum
44. Was in session
45. Bahrain capital
46. Prayer
47. Membranes
48. Belong to an earlier time
50. Affirmatives
51. South Dakota
52. Sinatra hit "__ Way"
54. Villain's enemy
55. A way to conform
57. Doctor of Medicine
61. Starting price
62. Junior's father

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Legal Notices

Foreclosure

15-101690

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 21, 2005
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $229,050.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Amado Mendez Solis and Lorna E. Mendez, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Town and Country Credit Corp.
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Town and Country Credit Corp.
SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed December 7, 2005, Steele County Recorder, as Document Number A000337562
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Ameriquest Mortgage Company; Dated: December 2, 2005 filed: December 26, 2007, recorded as document number A000354323; ; thereafter assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated December 2, 2005, recorded December 26, 2007 as Document No. A000354324; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset Backed-Certificates, Series 2006-HE2 dated March 19, 2012 recorded April 9, 2012 as document number A000383927; and dated November 1, 2012, recorded November 13, 2012 as Document No. A000387911; thereafter assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I Trust 2006-HE2, Asset Backed-Certificates, Series 2006-HE2 by a Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated December 1, 2016.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
Lot 6, Block 3, Radel's Francis Addition
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1283 Bellflower Lane NE, Owatonna, MN 55060
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-437-0306
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $411,521.23
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: July 11, 2017, 10:00am
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, MN 55060
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 11, 2018, or the next business day if January 11, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

Dated: May 15, 2017

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I Trust 2006-HE2, Asset Backed-Certificates, Series 2006-HE2
Assignee of Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

5/23, 5/30, 6/6
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Estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEELE

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File Number:
74-PR-17-984

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

Estate of
Luella Bensen
a/k/a Luella Ida Hattie Benson
nee Stephan
a/k/a Luella Duel,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 E. Main St., Owatonna, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent dated, November 27, 1979, and codicils to the Will, dated July 31, 1984, and November 16, 1992 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Vernon D. Benson, whose address is 14567 Florissant Path, Apt. 307, Apple Valley, MN 55124 and William S. Duel, whose address is 4537 33rd Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55406 as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Co-Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Karen R. Duncan
Judge of District Court
6/2/2017

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Assumed Name

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

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

ASSUMED NAMED: **RE/MAX Venture**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **118 N Cedar Avenue, Owatonna MN 55060 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S): **Venture16 LLC Address: 1007 11th Avenue NE, Owatonna MN, 55060**

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

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

SIGNED BY:
Debra M. Gillard

MAILING ADDRESS:
1007 11th Avenue NE,
Owatonna MN 55060

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **deb.gillardre@gmail.com**

Work Item 903274500025
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Steve Simon
Secretary of State

6/13, 6/20

Notice

Notice of Sale

The personal property described as follows, to-wit: A 2008 Saturn Aura Automobile with a VIN number of 1G8ZV57728F107319, will be sold at Public Auction by the Steele County Sheriffs Office on the 6th day of July, at 11:00 o'clock am at Hometown Motors LLC in the City of Owatonna, County of Steele, State of Minnesota, to pay and satisfy a lien claimed to be due from Mr. Paul Joseph Schultenover as the owner of said property thereof to Hometown Motors LLC in the sum of $2,499.95, computed to the last day of said sale, exclusive of expenses of said sale and of the advertising thereof, together with the necessary expenses of advertising and making said sale; and that the grounds of said lien are as follows, to-wit: an unpaid invoice, storage, towing, impound fees, and document fees and sale preparation fees.

Dated this day of June 12, 2017

Submitted by:
Daryl D Kubicek
Hometown Motors LLC
1125 S. Oak Ave
Owatonna, MN 55060

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Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 04/03/2017 Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. County Attorney Dan McIntosh reviewed potential costs and implications of terminating contracts on the Public Works facility with either the Architect and/or the Construction Manager.
2. The meeting was open to comments from those in attendance.
3. Gnemi/Krueger to authorize a Staff and Consultants to prepare a building of 50,000 square foot building at a cost of $5 million. Ayes all.
4. Staff will work with the Architect and Construction Manager to develop a concept design for Board approval.
5. Krueger/Abbe to move forward with the creation of pre-design documents at a cost of $9,250. Ayes all.

Motion by Gnemi, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 5:53 p.m. Ayes all.

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
MORTGAGOR(S): William K. Wagner and Renee M. Wagner, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Sterling State Bank, a Minnesota corporation
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on July 14, 2011 as Document Number A000379020 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $114,098.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 17, 2004
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 18, 2004 as Document Number A319442 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $100,791.90
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Tract I: All that part of the South half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East, assumed bearing, 333.44 feet along the East line of said Northeast Quarter to the North right of way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 273.67 feet along the East line of said Northeast Quarter to the True Point of Beginning; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds West 213.88 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes East 88.54 feet; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds East 213.81 feet to the East line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes East 84.01 feet to said True Point of Beginning.
Containing 0.42 acre, more or less.
Containing 0.36 acre, more or less excluding highway easement.
Subject to a public highway easement along the East 33 feet of said Northeast Quarter.
And
Tract II: All that part of the South Half of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T 107 N, R 21 W, Steele County, Minnesota, described by: Commencing at the southeast corner of said NE 1/4; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, assumed bearing, 333.44 feet along the east line of said NE 1/4 to the north right of way line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 273.67 feet along the east line of said NE 1/4; thence S 88 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds W 213.88 feet; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds E 44.50 feet to a corner of a parcel recorded as document number 284737 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, last said corner being the True Point of Beginning; thence N 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds E 44.04 feet to a corner of said parcel; thence S 89 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds 115.13 feet to the west line of said parcel; thence S 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds W 52.86 feet to a corner of said parcel; thence N 85 degrees 23 minutes 44 seconds E 1115.50 feet to said True Point of Beginning.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1130 92ND AVE SW, OWATONNA, MN 55060-4877
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Sterling State Bank, a Minnesota corporation
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-018-1208
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100112065678153632
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Steele County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 204 Pearl Street East, Owatonna, Minnesota
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 8, 2018.

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

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

Dated: June 14, 2017

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

6/20, 6/27, 7/4
7/11, 7/18, 7/25

Steele County

Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis for 04/11/2017 Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
• Krueger/Gnemi to approve the agenda with additions. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Glynn to place on file the correspondence recognizing April as Records and Information Management Month and recognizing April 4-10 as Public Health Week. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve the consent agenda items. Ayes all.
• Approve the Minutes of March 28, 2017.
• Approve the Bills.
• Approve Personnel Report.
• Accept as information to continue to maintain the structure of items to go through committee prior to board meetings.
• Accept Community Services Minutes.
• Accept Internal Central Services Minutes.
• Gnemi/Glynn offered a Resolution that Steele County Board of Commissioners proclaim April 2017 as National County Government Month. Upon the vote being taken five Commissioners vote in favor thereof, none not absent not voting.
• Glynn/Gnemi approve the On-Sale Liquor License and Dance Permit for the Monterey Ballroom. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Krueger approve renewal of CUP #250 to the Monterey Ballroom located in Section 33 of Owatonna Township with six conditions per the Planning Commission and to accept the Findings of Fact. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi approve the On-Sale Liquor License for Spurgy's Bar and Grill. Ayes all.
• The Public Hearing for the Revised Steele County Fee Schedule was called to order at 5:15 p.m.
• County Administrator Laura Elvebak reviewed the changes to the Fee Schedule.
• The hearing was then open to questions from those in attendance.
• Glynn/Gnemi to close the hearing at 5:20 p.m. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Abbe to adopt the 2017 Fee Schedule. Ayes all.
• Abbe/Gnemi to eliminate the positions of Highway Department Maintenance Manager and Maintenance Supervisor as of May 31, 2017 and authorize Human Resources Director Julie Johnson and County Engineer Anita Benson to create one new position encompassing the two positions being eliminated and bring back to the Board for final approval of the job description and pay structure. Upon the vote being taken four Commissioners voting in favor, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• CEO Executive Leota Lind and CFO Scott Schufman gave an update of the South Country Health Alliance year-end financial status.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve the request to backfill the Program Assistant position in the Detention Center due to a promotion in the department. Ayes all.
• Gnemi/Abbe to approve the request to backfill an Adult Probation Officer position and recruit an Intake Officer position in the Community Corrections Department. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Gnemi to approve the recruitment of a part-time Environmental Intern position for 2017 seasonal work. Ayes all.
• Abbe/Gnemi to approve to authorize advertising for Bids on SAP 74-599-032 and set the Bid opening for May 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom. Upon the vote being taken, four Commissioners voting in favor, Commissioner Brady abstaining.
• Krueger/Gnemi to approve the Change Orders for the Public Works Building Project Phase 1. Ayes all.
• Glynn/Krueger offered a Resolution to accept Medical Supplies from an Anonymous Community Member and Nutrition Education Materials from Learning Zone X. Upon the vote being taken five commissioners vote in favor thereof, none absent not voting.
• Gnemi/Krueger to go into Closed Session at 6:28 p.m. for Minn. Stat §13D.05, Subd. 3 to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to its authority.
• Krueger/Gnemi to come out of closed session at 8:34 p.m. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
04/11/2017

30th Place LLC	19,605.71
A'viands, LLC	4,758.76
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	7,360.97
Ancom Communications Inc	11,080.08
Board of Water & Soil Resources	22,765.00
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	6,780.00
Compass Minerals America	5,513.80
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	4,594.00
Information Systems Corp	2,955.00
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152 Warrants under $2,000	54,189.52
Total:	**$296,724.01**

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Gnemi to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:35 p.m. Ayes all.

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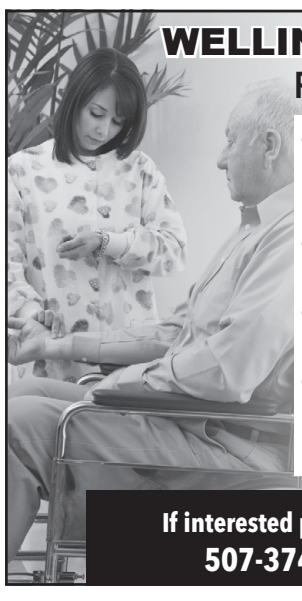
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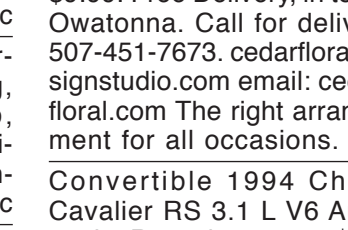
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Banner year for business at Legislature

By DOUG LOON

The 2017 legislative session was one of the most successful for Chamber members in years. The Minnesota Chamber and our local chamber partners can equivocally say we delivered on your priorities. It was an outstanding year on several fronts, thanks to the tremendous engagement of our statewide grassroots network. These legislative successes will better position Minnesota to be ready for the future – ready for change and ready to grow.

The biggest disappointment was Governor Dayton's veto of the Uniform State Labor Standards Act, which would have explicitly prevented local governments from mandating local wage and benefit packages on private employers. We staunchly oppose government interference – at any level – in private-sector employee benefits. The worst-case scenario is a local patchwork of mandates that impose different rules and requirements across our state. Our fight continues in the courts as we advance our litigation against the city of Minneapolis regarding its paid sick and safe time mandate.

On other fronts, there's a wealth of good news to report. Among the highlights of our legislative successes:

Taxes: We worked to pass the largest tax reduction bill since 2001 and the first tax bill signed into law since 2014. The automatic annual inflator in the statewide property tax was eliminated, and the first $100,000 of a property's market will be exempt from the state levy. The tax credit for research and development was enhanced. The threshold for the estate tax was increased. An individual's use of Minnesota financial advisers, accountants, etc., will no longer be used to determining residency for tax purposes.

Transportation: We delivered the largest investment in roads and bridges since 2008 – and without an increase in taxes or fees. Existing tax from the sale of auto parts and rental vehicles that now goes into the general fund will be directed to roads and bridges, resulting in nearly $2 billion over 10 years. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will continue to focus on efficiencies. Metro counties will be allowed to expand the light rail and bus rapid transit systems through generation of local option sales tax revenues. In addition, funding is provided over the next biennium to address the current deficit and to ensure regular bus service in the metro area

Real ID: Minnesota became the last remaining state to comply with the federal law so Minnesotans can continue using their current driver's license to board airplanes and enter federal facilities when the federal law takes effect in January 2018.

Health care: Qualifying Minnesotans who buy insurance in the individual market, and don't receive federal premium support, will receive a 25% reduction in premiums this year. Small employers will have expanded options to self-insure like most large companies do – giving them more control over costs and flexibility in plan design.

Lawsuit reform: Plaintiffs represented by an attorney must provide a notice of an alleged accessibility violation and give businesses 60 days to respond (30 days longer for weather conditions) before a lawsuit can be filed for state claims under the Minnesota Human Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. This new law is effective now, curtailing the abusive lawsuits that have been plaguing small businesses across Minnesota during the past several years.

Environmental regulations: Applicants can request a schedule that details when agencies will begin drafting a permit and when it will be issued for public notice. For expedited permits, applicants will receive a description of tasks to be performed, a schedule for completing the tasks and cost estimates.

Education/workforce development: School districts must negotiate a plan for how teachers are laid off due to budgets, and not defer to the fallback rule of LIFO – "last in, first out" – where seniority prevails over performance. The teacher licensure governance system is reformed, and a tiered teacher licensure structure will be created, which will help to ensure there is an effective teacher in every classroom.

Energy: Reforms to the Renewable Development Fund include changing the expensive biomass power mandate, yielding about $700 million in ratepayer savings over 11 years.

We have much to celebrate in our shared success. And, of course, with our legislative efforts wrapped up at the Capitol, we are ready to develop our 2018 agenda. We welcome your engagement as we lay the foundation to make Minnesota ready to compete in the global marketplace.

Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

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