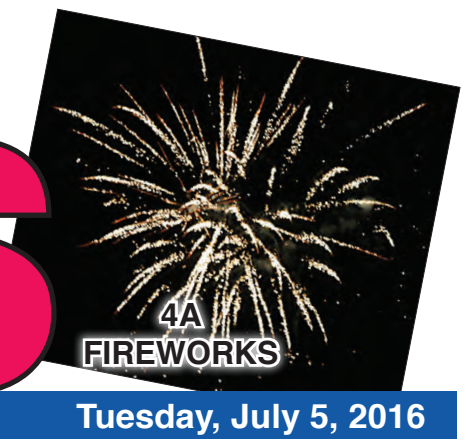


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Murder in Steele County

‘UTTER DISBELIEF’

Victim’s friends reeling from murder

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Utter disbelief.

That’s how family and friends are reacting to the apparent murder of Richard Jurgensen, 22, of Medford. His body was found June 26 on a gravel road in Havana Township, several miles northeast of Owatonna. The medical examiner has ruled his death as a homicide.

“I can’t believe he is gone,” Feodor Johnson, a lifelong friend of Jurgensen’s from St. Paul, told the Times in an exclusive interview. “He had everything to live for. It is just a tragedy.”

Jurgensen moved to the Owatonna area about a year ago and had been living with his fiancé up until his murder last week, according to Johnson. He said Jurgensen moved to the area from the Twin Cities because of good job opportunities.



Richard Jurgensen

Johnson, 28, described Jurgensen as one of the family, even though they are not related. “He was just like one of the brothers. We all call each other family,” Johnson said, noting most of Jurgensen’s family lives in Minneapolis. “He had a big loving family.”

As family and friends come to grips with the tragedy, they turn their attention to holding Jurgensen’s killers accountable for what happened.

“If anybody has any information, please come forward to share it so Ricky and everyone can have peace,” Johnson pleaded.

Johnson said he has the utmost confidence in the investigators handling the case. “I have total faith in the authorities,” he said. “I feel they are totally prepared to handle a situation like this. We feel it’s in the right hands.”

Jurgensen’s family members and Johnson are refusing to comment about specifics of the case in order to protect the integrity of the investigation.

“It is just a horrible thing,” Johnson said.

No funeral arrangements have

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Sheriff: 2 ar ests in murder

The Steele County Sheriff’s Office has arrested two men in connection with the murder of a Medford man last week.

Sheriff Lon Thiele announced late Tuesday the arrests of Cyrus Noel Trevino, 24, of Owatonna and Gerald William Blevins, no permanent address. They were arrested without incident about 11:45 a.m. Tuesday and are being held in the Steele County Jail on probable cause homicide, Thiele said, adding they could be charged as early as Wednesday.

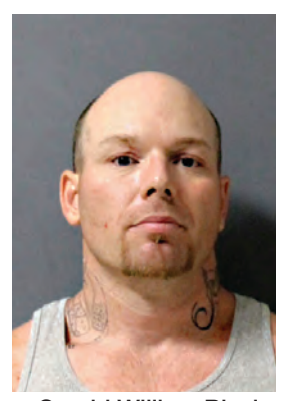
The arrests come nine days after Richard William Jurgensen, 22, was found dead along a gravel road by 34th Avenue NE and 46th Street NE in Havana Township east of Owatonna. A motorist traveling by came across the body around 1 a.m. June 26.

Asked if any more arrests are imminent, Thiele responded: “I can’t say anything more right now.”

Trevino has a criminal history dating back to at least 2011 when he was charged with disorderly conduct and a traffic offense in Freeborn County. In 2013, he was charged with domestic assault and possession of drugs in Steele County. In 2014, Waseca Police picked up Trevino for a driving offense and found him to be in possession of drugs.

The Times has learned that Blevins had an arrest warrant out for check forgery in Rice County at the time of his arrest this week. Sheriff Thiele said Blevins has “bounced around between family” members in Owatonna, Faribault and Wisconsin.

After an autopsy was completed in Rochester on June 27, Thiele announced that Jurgensen died as a result of homicide. However, the sheriff has not released any further details as to how the victim died.



Gerald William Blevins



Cyrus Noel Trevino

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The Scottie Miller Band of Minneapolis performed an outdoor concert on the Fourth of July at the Brick Meger Funeral Home in Owatonna. About 300 people attended.

Celebrating at a least expected place

Funeral home comes to life for the Fourth

Story and photos by RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Funeral homes aren’t typically known as a place to celebrate, but on the Fourth of July all protocol went out the door— at least for one Owatonna funeral place.

The Brick Meger Funeral Home turned its parking lot into a blues music celebration featuring the Scottie Miller Band, which tours internationally. In addition to the concert, music lovers got the chance to enjoy refreshments, food and, of course, fireworks

Owner Glen Meger has been throwing a Fourth of July bash for the past six years as a way to better connect with the community he serves.

“It’s all about being in their presence in a non-threatening way,” said Meger, who has owned the local funeral home for 16 years. “It’s nice for the community to see that I’m a normal guy who lives to visit with people without it being funeral-related,” he said, adding it’s all about building relationships.

Meger credits his wife, Cheryl, for coming up with the idea to have a music concert in the front parking lot across from the Steele County Fairgrounds where the fireworks are displayed.

“It’s like a little amphitheater with theatre-like seating,” Cheryl said of the funeral home’s exterior design. The band performs under the covered drive way and walk way leading into the building. “It wasn’t designed for music, but rather to keep people safe from the elements, especially snow,” she pointed out.

But that hasn’t stopped them from turning their lot into a Fourth destination for area residents.

Said Cheryl: “It’s a big event for us. It seemed like a very natural thing to do with the fireworks right here. We’re also getting our whole family

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Summer sizzles at Fourth of July celebrations

Behind the scenes of Fourth of July parade firework

What it takes to fi e 1,400 shots of fi eworks safely

According to accomplished archaeologist and author, K. Kris Hirst, the most likely species to create fire was Homo erectus, during the Early Stone Age, nearly 2.7 million years ago.

When that early caveperson first invented fire, he or she most likely never considered the idea that fire would propel into the sky for the enjoyment of one country’s independence from another.

At the 2016 Blooming Prairie Fourth of July Fireworks display, fireworks operator William Ahrels took the use of fire one step further; by lighting the fire with electronically transmitted fire for the nearly half-hour long show. 1,400 total shots were fired.

“This is all electric fire, it’s all safer than hand lighting,” said Ahrels of J and M Displays of Yarmouth, Iowa.

Ahrel’s said the electronic transmission system triggers three different launching pad setups that hold several different sizes of tubing for different amounts of fireworks. The majority of fir - works spectators saw the first rack of launching pads, which consisted of around three-fourths of the show. The grand finale rack of launching pads consisted of a full one-fourth of the show, which was done to increase the intensity for the uptick in excitement. The last ground based set-up was what caused the “big bang” at the end of the show.

In total, Ahrels and his team spent four hours setting up the fireworks display to put on the 30 minute show. Ahrels said the show was technically “clean,” but the Blooming Prairie Police and Fire Department were on hand. As one fireworks goer stated, “We loved the fireworks, and look forward to coming to them for years.”



Gracie Heimer, 4, celebrated the holiday by holding a patriotic flag as she aits for the fi eworks to begin.

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Opinion

Our view

I am . . . . .

I am the voice of those who can not, may not or who are not allowed to speak. I am the eyes of those who have been blinded by injustice or who have their eyes clenched in fear due to intimidation.

I am the ears of those who have lost their will and their heart to hear.

I am the fourth estate. I am the thin line between what is right and what is being hushed.

While celebrating the Fourth of July, there is a reminder of the power of the press. During the revolution, the written word was instrumental in our break with the British. Not only in the big cities, but in the small bergs where the war was won. The press was deemed so important that the First Amendment of our Bill of Rights expressly forbids our Government from interfering with the press:

The 1st Amendment of the Constitution says, *"Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom ... of the press." The Constitution establishes a government with three branches, but it does not establish a press or a media. What it does do is prohibit the government from trying to control what people say, either in the press (and by extension in other forms of media) or outside the press."*

When you take an oath as a journalist, it doesn't matter where you work. Small town or large metropolis. The oath can not and must not change. Some have said that we need to be more positive and shouldn't have all the bad things in the news. Some even have cancelled newspaper subscriptions because journalists have dared to tell the truth without candy coating it.

There is not one news outlet in America that is worth it's salt that paints roses in the battlefield or covers the grimace of life when it's cruel. At the same time, that same press relishes in printing the picture of the sailor kissing the nurse when the battle is over.

When you become a journalist, you make promises to your audience. You pull back the blankets to uncover the bedbugs – no matter how big the bed or how popular the venue. The promises are made to protect the credibility of the fabric of our life. It's to earn the trust by telling the whole truth, no matter how stark it may be.

When you pick up a newspaper or turn into CNN you may not realize that there is a code that stands behind each word. As artists, journalists paint images with their words and unfortunately, as in every profession there are those who try to suppress, dilute and taint for personal gain.

With each decision to "make everyone happy" or "let's not rock the boat" or "let's paint this deceiver in a positive light," it can undermine and erode the standards that have been established for ethical and truthful reporting.

Journalists who write to protect their own popularity are as dangerous as the ones who write to line their own pockets. There remains in the midst of the unpopular – an oath. Some do not have the stomach for it.

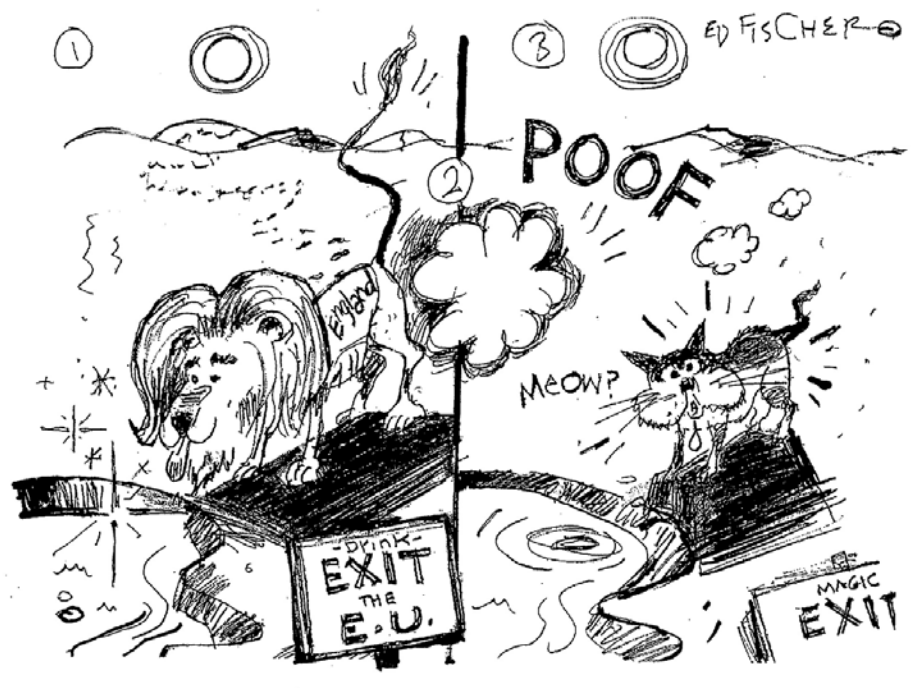
It isn't about where you write your story – it's about how you write your story. If it is altered in any way shape or form, you have truly been misinformed as to the role of a journalist.

Does a doctor in a small town need to be any less caring and careful when dealing with a patient? When cancer is diagnosed, would the doctor not want to share the diagnosis to spare the feelings of the family? Absolutely not. Because of his oath.

A journalist's oath is best outlined in its creed, and when there is no creed, there is damage done to the fourth estate.

"I believe in the profession of Journalism. I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of responsibility, trustees for the public; that all acceptance of lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust. I believe that clear thinking, clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism. I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true. I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible. I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocket book is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends. I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service. I believe that the journalism which succeeds the best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent; unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power; constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of the privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and as far as law, an honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship, is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world."

I am a journalist. I am going to continue to reveal truth to the best of my ability, from city hall to the back alley. I am. The newspaper.



Something special in "Hometown Extra"

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

In case you haven't noticed, one of the hallmark staples of this newspaper is a weekly feature called "Hometown Extra."

We began running this feature a few years ago. Most weeks, depending on space availability, we dedicate an entire page or more to a single feature story with photos.

Over the years, we've shared amazing stories of a farmer who keeps ripping up the fields after 86 years of life, a rural church firing up wood-fired pizza for thousands, a man committed to making music with his harmonica, a 74-year-old water aerobics instructor, a local CEO taking on a bar in Minneapolis, and the list goes on.

The stories may be happy, sad, inspirational, joyful, quirky, unreal, touching, funny and even sometimes tearjerkers.

I'll admit this is probably my most favorite section in the newspaper to read. Plus, as an added bonus for me, I frequently get to go do the interview and write the story. Life really doesn't get any better than this!

I love feature writing. Crafting stories about people was really the way I got started in this business many years ago. People in my hometown always loved when I came around to tell their stories. It goes without saying that people love to read stories about their friends and neighbors.

Our criterion for Hometown Extra is simply to showcase a human-interest story of someone or a group doing something special or unique. It's kind of a profile featuring someone who may be doing something unusual, extraordinary or off the beaten path from every day life.

In addition to great writing, we also focus on superb photography and excellent graphic design work to make the page attractive and eye catching. We want this feature to be a designation for readers to go every week. It's our job to share the stories in a way that will be appealing.

With the Hometown Extra, it's our way to be creative storytellers away from the rigidness of normal journalistic writing for news that deals with the basic who, what, where, when and why. News stories often don't allow much creativity as journalists are driven to provide the facts and nothing more. The Extra takes us out of the "journalistic box" and provides our readers with something special.

Many of us often get sucked into a vacuum of negativity with life in general. The Hometown Extra is a refreshing look at positive things going on in our communities. It deals with people who function in life with the glass being half full, and not half empty.

I had a reader compliment us recently by saying he simply "feels good" after reading our newspaper. To me, there is no greater compliment a newspaper can earn than that. And I like to believe what makes readers feel good is the feature stories we are becoming known to produce.

Unfortunately, there are going to be times when we have to deliver tragic or controversial stories. It's just part of the responsibility we have as journalists. We report the news no matter if it's good or bad. We don't make up the news. We are simply the messengers of sometimes bad news, but most often good news.

Features like Hometown Extra help balance things out. We hope when you're having a bad day, just pick up our newspaper, turn to the Extra and you'll get a little extra dose of positivity.

If you haven't ever read the Extra, I encourage you to go in hot pursuit of something pretty spectacular.

My wife is right, I need a man purse

REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

My wife is right 99 percent of the time, just ask her. Ask me, too, and I will agree.

Judy has issued me a warning many times, saying I need a purse to keep track of my reading glasses, camera and cell phone.

Realizing that is not too manly for a man to carry a purse, I choose to pitch some of my extra baggage in her purse, or I choose to place it in my camera bag which can hold quite a large amount of needed items.

I have lost glasses, phones and cameras over time and have recovered most of them but there have been times when the items never reappeared. I left a Nikon D-70 camera in a camera bag at an Italian restaurant. It never reappeared. I've also lost several pairs of reading glasses, not too big of a loss since I get my reading glasses at the dollar store.

Just recently, Judy received a strange call on her private cell phone. The caller's number was my cell phone number. Judy thought, "Oh yeah, Howard's pulling a prank on me and calling me from his office." In reality, it was a resident of Blooming Prairie saying that his son had found a cell phone on the street while he was skate boarding.

We didn't even know the phone was missing. We finally reasoned that I must have placed the phone on the back of the car before backing it out of the garage. With my hands full, I must have emptied garbage with one hand and set the phone down with the other.

Thanks Chase Peterson for finding my phone. Falling from the car, it ended on the street uninjured.

I did that to a flip phone several years ago but that phone ended in a million pieces after crashing to the roadway.

I admit to being terrible at setting things down, in the house or elsewhere, and not remembering where I left them. "You need a purse," Judy yells softly to me.

I carry a wallet in my front pocket but since it is rather bulky, I usually take it out of my pocket when I return home from a car trip.

The other day, I went on a newspaper assignment and when finished, I stopped at Casey's General Store to top off the tank. After filling the tank, I twisted on the gas cap, and felt for my pocket. "Oh no, I had no money and owed the station $11.40.

What do I do now, I thought. I went inside and told the manager what happened. I told her I just lived a few blocks away and would be right back. She gave me grace and showed a small town trust. I rushed home, picked up my charge card and returned with a red face.

My most common violation is putting my reading glasses in a different place than normal. That's why I have bought several pairs and have parked them in accessible places like

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Library Book Nook



Nancy Vaillancourt

While we love the summer reading performers we see every year, The Blooming Prairie Branch Library has two new performers coming in July. Mark your calendars for these dates:

Thursday, July 7 at 1 p.m. Spins & Strings Yo-Yoing group will wow us with their yo-yo skills. The Oldenburg Brothers will be demonstrating and teaching both basic yo-yo and their own special tricks. Be ready to be amazed!

The following Wednesday, July 13, Jim Jayes Marionettes will be joining us at 1 p.m. What is a marionette? Think of a puppet that has strings holding it from above. Jim, who is from Austin, makes all his own puppets and props, and is also a designer and inventor of magic effects. He has been entertaining children of all ages for over 30 years. This project is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities.

The final performer in August will be our very own Greg the Great with his magic show on Thursday, August 21 at 2:30 p.m. Note the change in time – several day care providers asked that the program be later so they could bring their children after their naptime. If you have suggestions for other programs or ideas to make the library a better place, please give us a call or drop in for a chat. See you at the library!

Land use expo coming to area

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo, a non-profit organization, will be holding its 2nd Annual Land Use Expo Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 9-10 just east of Blooming Prairie, displaying the evolution of agriculture.

The site is just west of the Westifield Township Hall. This site will be used for the expo the next two years after this year.

More than 1000 visitors are expected for the two-day expo. A 16-foot billboard will be erected on the show grounds. More than 700 mailings will be mailed to feedlot owners in eight counties: Fillmore, Goodhue, Rice, Steele, Waseca, Mower, Freeborn and Blue Earth.

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Search to replace Libby begins

Replacing the president of anything is no small task, as any citizen of the United States can tell from the recent presidential election. The person must be well-rounded and in touch with the community. Now, a special search committee for the Owatonna Chamber Of Commerce will be looking for the same type of person during its search for a candidate to replace it's third-year president, Jennifer Libby.

Libby placed her resignation in a press release on June 20, and The Time's caught up with Owatonna Chamber of Commerce Board President, Matt Ketelsen in a phone interview do discuss the hiring process.

Ketelsen said increasing the economic development of Owatonna will be one of the main hiring points a special chamber search committee will consider. This search committee will be made up of Chamber of Commerce Members, and will be focused on finding a candidate that can match Libby's wide range of experience

"All skills will be necessary; applicant must know Owatonna and understand the chamber's role in the community," said Matt Ketelsen, Current Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors.

For those that don't know, the Owatonna Chamber of Commercialism is one of the best in the country. In 2011, the chamber received a "Five-Star" rating from the United States Chamber of Commerce, an honor only the top 1% of chambers in the country received. Ketelsen was confident there would be no drop in production during Libby's interim period.

"We will not be losing a beat," said Ketelsen who also owns KOWZ and KRUE radio stations. He went on to highlighting a step up in staff from key members of the current chamber staff, including: Katie Godfrey, Rhonda Guthier, Melanie Sonnerborg, Craig Thompson, and Bridget Hayes.

As for Libby, who held the post for three years, Ketelson said, "We thank Jennifer for her leadership and contributions and wish her all the best in her new role."



Submitted photo

Matt Ketelsen, Chair of Owatonna Chamber of Commerce Board



Submitted photo

Former President of Owatonna Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Libby

Technology and Families: Time for a Summer Conversation

STEELE TALKIN'



CAROLYN WHEELER

How about a summer review of family media habits? Before school starts again it might be a good idea to look at some strategies for helping your whole family develop healthy media habits.

Technology is a wonderful thing, but it also has the power to be one of our biggest enemies when it comes to the health of our children. Among other things, Technology can be a factor in obesity, social isolation, depression. Childhood obesity is a rapidly-growing epidemic, and iPads, video games and television seem to be doing more harm than good.

Use of technology needs to be in balance to allow children opportunities for growth and learning. According to Bobbi Mathern, MS, LMFT and therapist at South Central Human Relations Center, "Kids learn through experiential play. If all of their play time is replaced with screen time, we start seeing problems. They don't develop as strong skills in problem solving, emotion regulation, impulse control, attention span, and socialization. In addition, it's hard to be interested in real life and school if your brain is used to the rapid firing of video games and social media."

Ross Lustig, MA, LPCC, also a therapist at SCHRC stresses the essential role of parents," There is no substitution for a healthy parent-child relationship that places positive supports and demands on children. Peers, social media, athletics, or any other activity that kids do today throughout their developmental stages cannot provide the support and structure that comes from loving parents. I believe that this has the greatest impact on the mental and behavioral health of our children and young adults, in turn affecting self- esteem and the flexible coping skills needed to navigate life. "

In her 2014 book "Fit Kid Revolution: the Parent's Diet-Free Guide to Raising Healthy and Fit Children", Dr. Patricia Riba came to the conclusion that the epidemic of childhood obesity "is a symptom of a changed world: greater technology, more processed food sources, sedentary behaviors, marketing ploys, sleep deprivation, stress, troubled finances, and the de-emphasis of the family unit—we are all just a little caught up in it." Parents have only so much control over some of these factors, but technology seems to be one symptom of a changed world that can, in fact, be controlled to a certain extent.

Parents are having a hard time prioritizing a healthy lifestyle for their kids and technology is partly to blame, according to a recent survey conducted by the YMCA. Speaking with more than 1,600 parents of kids ages 5 to 10, the YMCA found that technology, time and money are identified as key barriers and that 42 percent of parents say the numerous distractions with TV, games and cell phones are inhibiting kids' healthy lifestyles.

Even though parents are partially blaming technology as a reason for the lack of exercise, 74 percent opt to spend family time with their kids sitting in front of the TV and 53 percent spend extra time with their kids playing video games or using the computer. It's hard to blame technology as a cause of kids' inactivity if parents are sitting right beside them on the couch.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) states that childhood obesity rates have tripled in 30 years and currently one out of every three kids is considered overweight. It is every parent's responsibility to take their kids' health into their own hands and set a good

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Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Football under the lights

Blooming Prairie's McFarlin Field will have a brighter look to it this fall when season football games are played. All six light standards, each containing six LED lights were replaced by Kunkel Electric workmen of Mapleton, Bruce Ulman, Lucas Theis and Colton Ziegler. The new lights have much more power than the former lights and are calibrated to evenly distribute brightness throughout the field



Happy birthday to the American dream

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DeLAP

I think that my favorite scent is Thanksgiving. But second to that and second to none as far as the total package is the fourth of July in the Midwest. In a small town with a big vision.

Somewhere along the way, someone said, "Let's do this up big." We all became winners. From the costumes to the festivities to the marching bands to the grand finale fireworks display. It's a magical day. Thank you England for surrendering. Oh, and congrats on your brexit decision. Hope it works out for you, it worked out for us and here we are, 240 years after our brexit from you.

Like all holidays, the day is heavily anticipated and then all too quickly the carriage turns back into a pumpkin. It's bittersweet. As the last sparkler goes out and the last boom causes us to jolt, it leaves with a sweet silence, a chill in the air and also the reminder that the Fourth of July marks our halfway point to the end of summer.

Similar to the 24th of June when the daylight begins to dwindle, the shadows of dusk seem to lengthen a bit sooner and we listen for the chiming of the bell. It tolls for the children and the stay-at-home parents rejoice.

The smells of the grills cooking and the sounds of the aluminum cans "pshwih-ing" and the laughter of the children as they are running freely in the park. It truly is a day that can leave us with warm memories that will last us well into old age.

The Blooming Prairie celebration was among one of the most impressive small town displays of patriotism and all-out fun that I have ever found in my travels. I know that I pick on England a lot, but I've been there on the 4th of July and there is absolutely NOTHING happening. Again, sorry England.

I know that I saw a lot of you from Dodge County there as well. I am surprised that the weather hasn't changed. I mean, there were so many people in that little town that I am sure the earth must have had to tilt on its axis due to the extreme weight.

Over 20,000 people and everyone with a different story. Not to claim to want the role of Jeff Goldblum in the movie, The Fly, but I played the part "the fly on the wall" this past few days and just listened to the personal stories and confessions made public by the open air tabernacle.

Some were laughing so hard at a friend's antics you could actually see their stomachs hurt. Some were weeping as they remembered relatives who were missing this year's parade. Some were arguing and sweating the small stuff. And there were others who hid their words, but they forgot that their lonely eyes were speaking very clearly. And it made my heart long for my own family – miles away.

I always have a bit of a sad feeling as that last band goes down Main Street on the Fourth of July. Playing the last song of the summer. And as the final row of drums clicks away to the cadence of time that is fleeting, a cool breeze comes whistling down the prairie and you just know in your heart that this band must have been summer's favorite. She follows the band, making her last steps toward September.

The nights will come a little sooner. The breezes will blow a little crisper. The wrinkles will grow a little deeper.

But what incredible memories this summer has been giving us all in the 240th year of our American dream.



Summer marches on

Staff photo by Mark DeLap

Klampe's 1955 Chevy Bel Air wins Best of Show in BP Fourth of July car show



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

A 1916 Dodge Brothers car was restored by Ed and Marilyn Witzel of Blooming Prairie. The Witzels entered their vehicle in the Sweet Rides Car Show as part of Blooming Prairie's 4th of July celebration.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

More than 50 cars and a contingency of motorcycles were entered in the Sweet Rides Car Show as part of the Blooming Prairiek 4th of July celebration on Monday, July 4.

Cars from the beginning to the present were on display at Victory Field in Blooming Prairie. Special interest cars and motorcycles were also in competition.

Nine categories of competition were featured. Best of Show was also given.

Mike Klempe won Best of Show with his 1955 Chevy Bel Air.

Category firsts and seconds were:

Cars 1949 and before
1st Place Roger Sjulstad - 1933 Plymouth Coupe

2nd place Fred Ulven - 1948 Chevy 2 door Coupe

Cars 1950 - 1959
1st - Mike Klampe - 1955 Chevy Bel Air
2nd - Jamie Stoen - 1955 Chevy Bel Air

Cars 1960 - 1965
1st - Dan Trom - 1963 Ford Fairlane
2nd - Martha Davies - 1963 Ford Galaxie Convertible

Cars 1966 - 1969
1st - Wayne Larson - 1969 Dodge Charger
2nd - Mark McMasters - 1969 Chevy Camaro

Cars 1970 - 1979
1st - Rich Anderson - 1970 Plymouth Road Runner
2nd - Larry Knutson - 1972 Dodge Charger

Cars 1980 - Present
1st - Kelly Njos - 2016 GT 350
2nd - Tim & Heidi Severson - 1987 Chevy Monte SS

Motorcycles
1st - Jason Christianson - Harley FL HX
2nd - Andy Motl - Harley Heritage Softtail

Special Interest
1st - Michael Sjulstad - 1954 International Harvestor

Trucks
1st - Gary & Judy Johnson - 1936 Ford Pickup
2nd - Doug Goff - 1972 Chevy C-20



Summer fun



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Left: Jameson Smith, 4, of Blooming Prairie, bites into a pork sandwich served at the open house for Eagle Prairie Insurance and Klemmensen Creative on Friday, July 1.She is the daughter of Daryl Smith and Elizabeth Heiber.

Right: The Rev. Fr.Tom Niehaus of St. Columbanus Catholic Church in Blooming Prairie became a human ice cream sundae the afternoon of July 1. He and a Vacation Bible School team member were victims of the ice cream sundae assault. The sundae escapades helped conclude a week-long Vacation Bible School program at St. Columbanus.



VICTIM
Story from 1A

been made at this time for Jurgensen, according to Johnson.

Jurgensen's mother, Tracy Sandell-Kessler, of Minneapolis, has started a gofundme account as a memorial. In her posting, she said: "I am so very appreciative of the love and support of my family and friends. I have received many notes from people I don't know who shared how Rick had touched their lives in some very meaningful ways. He was so generous and loving… always ready to pitch in to help others and support them in any way he could."

Sandell-Kessler described her son as being special. "It's reassuring to me that so many others feel the same way," she wrote. "Rick's passing will leave a void in our lives."

MURDER
Story from 1A

Even though arrests have been made, Thiele is still appealing to the public for additional information about the murder. Anyone with details is asked to call the Steele County Tip Line at 866-878-7964 or the Steele-Rice Dispatch Center at 507-451-8232.

The investigation still remains active, Thiele said. The local department is receiving assistance from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

The sheriff has released few details surrounding the investigation.

This is the first murder in the county since 2009 when a Twin Cities woman was found brutally stabbed to death northwest of Owatonna. Her killer is serving a life sentence without the chance of parole.

ALIVE
Story from 1A

involved in it."

This year the Megers allowed the Owatonna Wrestling Association to come in to take care of preparing and serving food for everyone. Donations collected from people are given to the association.

The Fourth isn't the only community promotion at the funeral home throughout the year. During the county fair, the Megers allow a non-profit group to park vehicles in their lot for a fee with the proceeds donated to the group. This year's recipient for fair parking will be Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Owatonna.

Brick Meger also sponsors a food shelf fundraiser in November each year.

Asked about the promotions, Meger said: "For me, it's important to do it to show my appreciation for calling on people when they need a funeral."

About 300 people took in the Fourth celebration this year at the funeral home.

"It's nice to see people for this celebration," Meger said. "Usually we see families when they are at their worst."

EXPO
Story from 3A

After a successful first show in 2015, plans are being finalized for a much larger and broader show near the end of summer.

Southern Minnesota Land Use Expo will showcase a number of new vendors and equipment dealers this year, as well as a new location. Organizer Jim Masching said 70 vendors are expected, quite an increase over the 24 from last year. This year's show will be held one mile east of Blooming Prairie, off of Highway 30 on the south side of the road.

Free parking, 2 1/2 acres worth, and free admission will be available to all. Lunch will be available for purchase both days.

There will be speakers and demonstrations and presentations on topics pertaining to farming and the agriculture industry. Five acres of equipment will be featured. Tiling demonstrations are planned.

Area and state legislators are also expected to attend the land expo.

"We are looking forward to providing interesting and relatable topics for farmers and educating the public," said organizer Masching.

Also new this year with the expo will be an awards banquet for "Excellence in Agriculture" on Aug. 9 at the Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club. Tickets will be available for sale soon at a cost of $20 each. After dinner, entertainment will be provided by Comedy Sportz of Minneapolis.

Four special awards will also be presented at the banquet in these categories: 1) Lifetime Achievement; 2) Outstanding Young Farmer; 3) Commmitment to Agriculture and 4) Farm Family of the year. Nominees will come from extension services from four surrounding counties, and from recommendations from the nine largest booth holders.

If questions, please call Jim O'Connor at 507-456-5330 or Jim Masching at 507-438-9623 or Jerry Coughlin at 507-219-0636 or Dan Vermilyea at 507-456-6593.

TALKIN'
Story from 3A

example for a healthy lifestyle. Any advice from health experts come back to the same basics: Eat well-balanced meals; reduce screen time; set a good example for your kids; have family time be outdoors instead of watching TV.

Here are 15 great ideas from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for stepping your family fitness into high gear:

• Take active vacations (hiking, swimming, skiing)
• At the mall or when running errands, use the stairs rather than the elevator
• Get pedometers and have a contest to see who takes the most steps in a given week
• Start a new tradition: take the whole family out for an after-dinner walk around the neighborhood or park
• Take on active chores as a family (gardening, raking leaves, shoveling snow, or washing the car)
• Spend an afternoon at the local playground
• Play a sport together (basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, touch football)
• Dance to your favorite music
• Go for a family bike ride
• Plant a family garden
• Play miniature golf
• Go to the zoo
• Take the dog for a long walk
• Whenever possible, walk short distances rather than using your car. When you drive, park a little farther away from the store
• Play games that your kids love (tag, Simon Says, Red Light Green Light, Duck-Duck Goose)

But what do kids expect of parents? That question was addressed in a 2015 study by the University of Washington, titled "Not at the Dinner Table: Parents' and Children's Perspective on Family Technology Rules". The researchers surveyed 249 families with children between the ages of 10 and 17 about their household's most important technology rules and expectations, as well as what made those rules easier or harder to follow.

Heard from the kids of this study: "Put your phone away when I'm talking to you. Don't text while you're driving — not even at red lights. Stop posting photos of me without my permission."

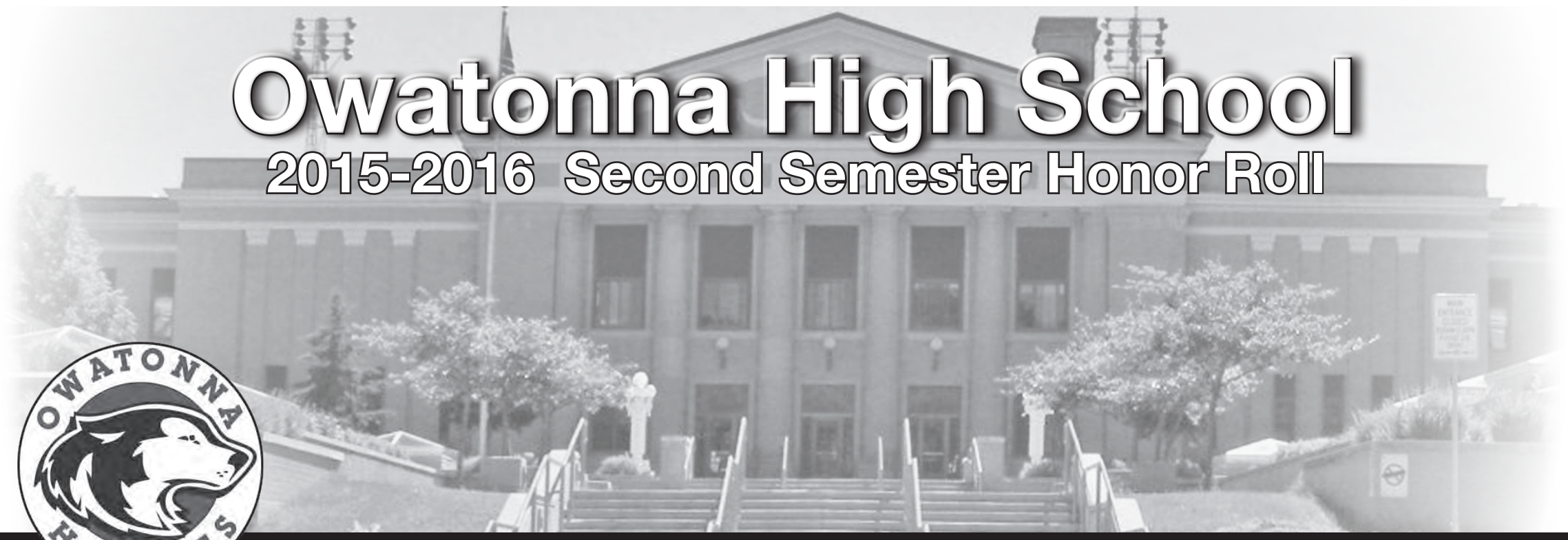
When researchers asked kids what technology rules they wished their parents would follow, the answers fell into seven general categories:

• Be present — Children felt there should be no technology at all in certain situations, such as when a child is trying to talk to a parent
• Child autonomy — Parents should allow children to make their own decisions about technology use without interference
• Moderate use — Parents should use technology in moderation and in balance with other activities
• Supervise children — Parents should establish and enforce technology-related rules for children's own protection
• Not while driving — Parents should not text while driving or sitting at a traffic light
• No hypocrisy — Parents should practice what they preach, such as staying off the Internet at mealtimes
• No oversharing — Parents shouldn't share information online about their children without explicit permission

While parents tended not to be concerned about different rules for parents and children, many kids saw that as unfair. Children also found it easier to follow household technology rules when families had developed them collectively and when parents lived by them as well.

The ideas above and others could be considered for your family. Use this summer to develop some healthy media habits. As school resumes this fall for your kids, and schedules get busy, you will have established some healthy family guidelines for media management. Who knows, you might even find more ideas to bring to the family conversation via an internet search!

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My Last Summer Vacation

By JESSICA NAFE
Staff Intern

"The days are long, but the years are short." Summer days, the ones filled with sunshine and poolside laughter seem to last forever, but they come and go in the blink of an eye. For the class of 2016, the carefree summer days of yesterday are almost gone as their last summer vacation before adulthood has begun.

In more ways than one, this summer break is like no other. Summer is cut short, as most graduates move into their dorms in August; jobs limit available free time; important decisions regarding meal plans, class schedules, and campus housing must be made in between taking college placement tests and buying dorm supplies.

In short, time is minimal. So what are students doing with the few precious days they have left? Relishing time with friends and family, for one.

"I'm trying not to waste summer days that I could spend with friends and family," Anna Bailey, a graduate of NRHEG, said. "Next year I won't be able to see them as much so I want to cherish the days that I have with them."

Bailey's classmate, Nicole Edon, agrees. "I want to make as many memories as I can with my friends and family," she stated.

For both girls, it doesn't necessarily matter what they are doing or where they are, as long as they are with close friends and family they know that their summer is being well spent.

Another pastime for graduates this summer is checking items off their bucket lists, trying to make unforgettable moments in time. Recently Edon and Bailey went to get unique ear piercings with a group of friends.

"You need to step outside of your comfort zone and do things that scare you a bit," Bailey commented. "That's how you make good memories!"

"I'm going to go to a play with my friends at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater," Lizzy Hagen, another NRHEG graduate, said. "That's something I've always wanted to do!"

Riving rafting, learning how to drive a stick shift, and tenting are some more items the girls hope to cross off their lists this summer, just to name a few.

Enjoying the simple aspects of small-town living is important to graduates who will soon be leaving to experience the culture of a large city.

Edon will be leaving Geneva, with a population around 500, to live at the University of Northwestern St. Paul.

"I'm not going to know anyone up there, but around here everyone knows each other," Edon said. "I want to take time and appreciate how everyone knows and cares for one another in our communities."

Each graduate may have a unique summer plan to make their last vacation a memorable one, but they all share one common goal: make each day count.

"Coming into this summer, I told myself I needed to do something to make each day memorable," Bailey said. Whether its enjoying a lunch date with her grandma or going to the movie with friends, Bailey is making sure to follow through on her word.

"It's important to go out and do all the adventures you've wanted to do before it's too late," Hagen stated.

Graduates must treasure each special moment this last summer brings, because in the blink of an eye the long summer days will come to an end once again, signaling the beginning of an entirely new adventure for the class of 2016, filled with incredible memories just waiting to be made.

"I'm looking forward to a new adventure in college," Bailey said. "Meeting new people, figuring out what the rest of my life will be like… I'm very excited!"

With mixed emotions filling them, from nostalgia to elation, the class of 2016 has some words of advice for the coming graduates who will soon experience the same transitional summer that they are going through right now.

"Really cherish each moment in life," Edon advised. "Don't look forward to things too much, otherwise you'll miss what's happening now. Live in the moment!"

Whether you're a recent graduate, young elementary student, or an experienced adult, living in the moment is important advice for all to act on. As the days continue to fly by this summer, don't focus too much on what little time is left, but focus instead on making each day you have worth remembering.

SEMCAC senior menu

July 5:
Taco Casserole, Mexican Corn, Peach Halves, Chocolate Chip Cookie

July 6:
Swedish Meat Balls, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit Cup, Cookie

July 7:
Grilled Chicken Salad, Melon Wedge, Batter Bun, Rhubarb Cake

July 8:
Pork Roast with Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Dilled Carrots, Baked Apple

July 11:
Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Fruited Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Peach Crisp

July 12:
Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peas, Cranberry Mold

July 13:
Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
ALT: Hamburger & Scalloped Potatoes, Asparagus, Mixed Greens Salad, Moon Cake

Obituaries

Judy Drager, 71, New Richland



Memorial service will be held 11 AM, Wednesday July 6th at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Richland. Visitation will be held Tuesday July 5th from 4-7 p.m. at church and again one hour prior to the service. Bonnerup-Friedrich Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Judy Drager, of New Richland, died Tuesday June 28, 2016 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis at the age of 71.

Judith Elaine was born June 13, 1945 in Manhattan, Kansas to William and Hazel (Halligan) Harvey. She grew up in Kansas and attained her G.E.D. as well as a beautician's license. While living in Kansas, she met Dean Drager while he was stationed there. The pair married on May 8, 1965 in Wamego, Kansas. They made their home in Minnesota.

Judy has held various jobs throughout the area: working as a medical transcriptionist in Mankato, working at her beauty shop Wishing Well in her New Richland home, Herters, Federated, E.F. Johnson, and as a deputy recorder for Waseca County.

Judy was very creative and had a knack for painting, often spending her free time painting pictures and ceramics. She also enjoyed bowling, playing cards, and most of all- spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and family.

Those left to cherish Judy's memory include her husband, Aldean 'Dean' Drager; daughter, Brenda Berg of Blooming Prairie; grandchildren, Billy Berg (Carlie) and Cady (Ryan) Anderson; great-grandchildren, Gracie Jo Berg, Shia Anderson, and Alyrah Anderson; siblings, Donna Craig, Mike Harvey, Connie (Leon) Seifert, Sherrie Daly, and Dan Johnson; sisters-in-law, JoAnn Beckius and Coni (Scott) Evenson; as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents William and Hazel Harvey; mother and father in-law, Edgar and Ida Drager.

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July 6
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Rachel Klemmensen
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July 7
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Dawson Heuer
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July 8
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July 9
Renee Worke
Liz Heiber
July 10
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July 11
Elle Master
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Charlie Romeo
Sophia Esplan
July 12
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Amanda Hocking
Charlie Leonard
Kent Lea
Chad Gimbel
Bently Ramsey
Tom Butler
July 13
Sandy Dallman
Allan Ramsey

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Blooming Prairie Cancer Group

Cancer Corner

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

It's a way to help out

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The battle against cancer is being won and it's because of the efforts of many community people either raising money to fund research or to help out a family member or friend by taking them to cancer treatment.

The Blooming Prairie Cancer Group has many involved members and also many supporters.

Several fundraisers including ham bingo, Paint BP Pink and the September auctions help the BP Cancer Group's cause.

"It's our way of helping out," said Kay Helkenn, store manager at Casey's, who regularly turns over money to BP Cancer Group treasurer Cheri Krejci. This is money that has been earned from a jar at the front counter of Casey's General Store in Blooming Prairie.

A makeshift sign was placed on a collection jar and people respond by putting their change in the jar.

"Cancer touches pretty much everyone so it's natural to want to help," said Helkenn, complimenting those who donate. "It's a good example of what happens when everybody does a little," she added.

Treasurer Krejci said since Jan. 1 of this year, the jar at Casey's has collected $770.10.

The idea for putting out a collection jar at Casey's reportedly came from an employee. Te jar was also available to gobble up change prior to Jan. 1.

Helping out the BP Cancer Group has been satisfying for young Adam Walsh, 13, of Blooming Prairie. He is the son of Bill and Jennifer Walsh of Blooming Prairie.

Just this past May, he made money, $204.60 to be exact, for the BP Cancer Group by selling cookies, doughnuts and hot chocolate at a garage sale at his house during the city-wide event. The baked goods came from The Bakery of Blooming Prairie.

"The hot chocolate really went over well this year because it was freezing cold outside," said Adam's dad, Bill.

Adam has done selling water, cinnamon rolls and cookies.

Why does Adam help the BP Cancer Group? "Because my grandma (Yvonne Walsh) died of cancer," Adam replied.

Adam enjoys doing his fundraiser and has company and help from his friend, Christopher Naatz. Adam plans to do the fundraiser again next year.

Adam, soon to be a seventh grader, loves to swim almost daily at the Pine Springs Pool in Blooming Prairie. He also has been busy playing the quad drum set for the Stix of Fury, participating in many parades including the 4th of July parade in BP.



Submitted photo



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Adam Walsh, 13, of Blooming Prairie, has been a supporter of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group the past four years at the city-wide garage sale. He has sold cookies, doughnuts and hot chocolate. This year, Adam, on his own, raised $204.64 for the BP Cancer Group. One of his best customers was Shawn Sundine, pictured here with Adam.

Casey's General Store of Blooming Prairie is a strong community supporter of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group. Store Manager Kay Helkenn has put out a collection jar to allow customers to donate their change to the cancer cause. Here, cashier Alison Pryor shows the jar bringing in $770 since January.

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Pastor's corner

'Party Crashers Welcome Here'



I was intrigued the other day as I looked at Luke chapter 7, where a religious leader (a Pharisee named Simon) invited Jesus to his home. But Jesus and other invited guests were not the only ones that showed up. A harlot also crashed the party. And in this, most likely a very religious atmosphere, she definitely worshipped not in very religious ways, but outside traditional, comfortable, acceptable and I would add, predictable ways! She poured perfume on Jesus feet, wet his feet with her tears and wiped his feet with her hair. And lest we forget, this was a woman of the night: Dirty, full of moral failures and mistakes!

Yet…this party crasher, not very religious as we normally think of religious, was the one that Jesus pointed to as demonstrating true worship… rather than all the religious leaders, those most likely professionally trained at their "seminaries" in the proper way to worship. Jesus went on to suggest that she loved Jesus way more than any of the them!

Takeaways? Here's a few.

*Mistakes and failures never disqualify ANYONE from loving Jesus extravagantly.

*There are people like this that might like to crash your party, your life, your church…will they feel welcomed and loved?

*People and Churches like these Pharisees will drive them away…people and churches like Jesus…will welcome and love them.

*Jesus made it very clear that he looks at our hearts rather than our history. He welcomes those with love for Him despite their struggles and past. Shall we not do the same?

*If we had a sign around our necks and our churches, would it read "Party crashers welcome here"?

Pastor Aaron deNeui

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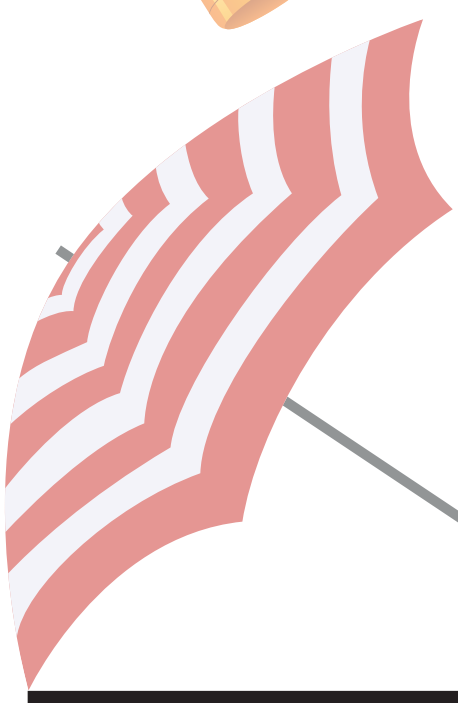


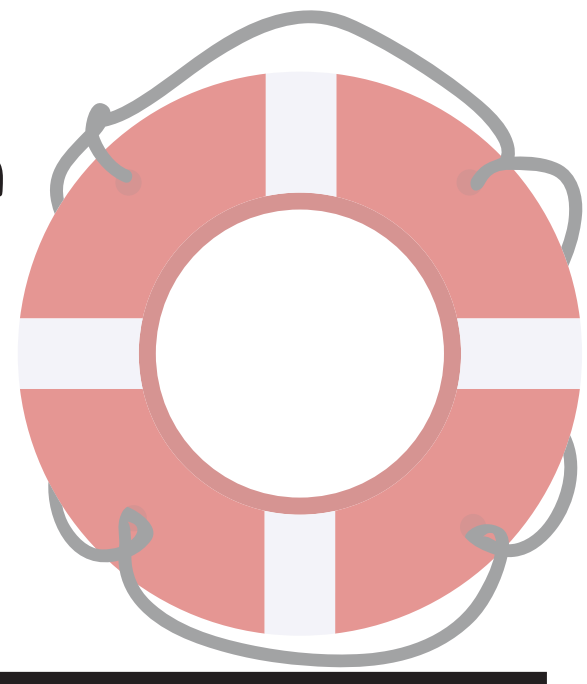
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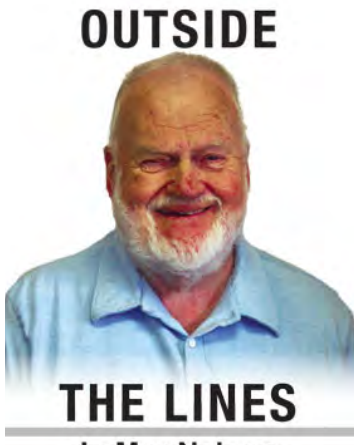
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Old fashioned Fourth

Another Fourth of July passed into the history book over the weekend, and it proved to be another success for which the community has been traditionally noted in the last 20 or 30 years. The fireworks display that culminated the celebration again thrilled a large crowd, and the parade and other activities throughout the three days offered something for everyone at one time or another.

From the kids' races in the morning to the street dance and concerts in the park by the music groups earlier in the week, entertained audiences. Add the many concessions, the various games, the Blossom run, the classic car and classic tractor displays, and the crafts in the park, and one certainly couldn't complain about having something to do.

As a proud citizen of the community, I enjoy all the activities and thank the literally hundreds of volunteers who make the whole patriotic spectacle the extravaganza that it is. Now we begin to look forward already to next year when Blooming Prairie will acknowledge its 150th birthday. That should be something really special and I am looking forward to the occasion.

The 1966 Blossoms

This celebrates the 50th anniversary of the 1966 boys' basketball team that became the first team in school history to advance to a state tournament. Some people wonder why that particular team gets so much adulation since there are several other teams now who have made appearances at the state tournament and the softball team has the distinction of being the only team in history that claimed a state championship. The football team has made three appearances, the boys' golf team had that honor, and a girls' basketball team also won a section title and played at state.

By the way, that season has always rankled Blossom fans, as it was the only year in MSHSL history that the first round games of the state tournament were played in sites other than Minneapolis or Williams Arena on the University of Minnesota campus. That team lost to Morris Area High School at Mankato State University.

But getting back to 1966. I think there are several reasons why that basketball team remains so vividly in the memories of everyone who experienced that season: (1) it was the first team in school history to advance to the state tournament, (2) the team defeated five Big Nine schools that season in attaining that goal, and (3) basketball at that time was still a one-class tournament and Blooming Prairie competed with every other school in the state, including state tournament champion Edina.

The spring issue of the Blossoms Forever publication devoted most of its space to comments from members of that team and it is an interesting read for sure.

As Bob Tonolli commented, "We defeated all five Big Nine schools we faced that year, including Faribault and

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Gopher road trip: local products



Photo courtesy of University of Minnesota Athletic Communications

Former NRHEG standout Carlie Wagner, now a junior at the University of Minnesota, should take more of a leadership role with the Golden Gophers next season.

Wagner, Stelter now in third year with the Gophers

By JOE TISCHLER
Sports Editor

As the only major college in the state in all sports, the University of Minnesota reaches fans from all corners and depths of the "Land of 10,000 Lakes."

When the 2016 Gopher Road Trip stopped in Owatonna last month, we were given opportunities to speak with the new athletic director, Mark Coyle, head football coach Tracy Claeys, and head men's basketball coach Richard Pitino.

In the last three weeks, we have been able to provide you with special coverage of the state of the athletic department and of their two major programs.

In our final installment, we will focus on a couple of local standouts with state championships who will be competing in their junior seasons with their respective Gopher teams.

In 2013, Owatonna claimed their first state football championship and Andrew Stelter was a big reason why. The defensive tackle made 58 stops that season and set a school record with 12 sacks the previous season as he was a Minnesota Associated Press first team All-State selection both years.

He saw time as a true freshman with the Gophers in 2014 playing in 12 of the team's 13 games, including their New Year's Day bowl game against Missouri.

Stelter received a lot more playing time last season as he played in all 13 contests and started seven of them. He made 26 tackles including a collegiate career-high five tackles at Iowa.

He may have come in a little undersized for Big Ten football, but first year head coach Claeys says Stelter is making strides.

"He's played well for being undersized," he said. "Coach (Jeff) Williams did a good job of preparing him for college football. He's battled and hung in there."

The academic all-Big Ten selection will look to improve even more for his junior season.

"Last year he was a better player and was productive for us," said Claeys. "He's worked hard to improve his body and gain a little weight. He's a Big Ten-level defensive tackle now."

Also beginning her third year in maroon and gold in 2016-17 is New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva alum Carlie Wagner.

She led the Panthers to back-to-back girls' basketball state championships in 2013 and 2014 and set numerous state tournament records along the way, including: most points in state tournament history (371), most points in a single state tournament (130), and most points in a single game (53). In beating Braham in the 2013 Class AA state championship game, she scored a remarkable 50 of her team's 60 points in the one-point victory over Braham. She was also named Minnesota's Miss Basketball in 2014 and is second in state history with 3,957 career points.



Staff photo by Joe Tischler

Marlene Stollings is 43-22 in two seasons as head coach of the University of Minnesota women's basketball program.

The NRHEG product has had a very productive first two seasons with the Gophers. She was named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team after averaging 12.1 points per game in 2014-15. Last season, Wagner was named to the All-Big Ten Second Team after raising her average to 18.9 points per game.

"I think anybody who gets a chance to see Carlie is fortunate, she's a talent," said head coach Marlene Stollings. "She's one of those special young ladies you don't get often in your career; she's pretty much the total package."

Her game will continue to evolve next season as she figures to be the team's "go-to" option. In the past two seasons she has had the luxury of playing with two top-five WNBA draft picks. Amanda Zahui B. was an Associated Press First Team All-American selection in 2015 who averaged 18.8 points, 12.9 rebounds, and 4.1 blocks per game and was the second overall selection in the WNBA Draft by the Tulsa Shock.

Last season, Wagner played in the backcourt with Big Ten all-time scoring leader Rachel Banham. Her 3,093 points rank sixth all-time in NCAA history. The AP First Team All-American averaged 28.6 points a game and tied an NCAA single-game record with 60 points in a game at Northwestern. She was the fourth overall pick in the 2016 WNBA Draft by the Connecticut Sun.

"(Carlie) had the luxury of playing with some great players and now she gets to pretty much lead us and that's what we're going to look from her this year," said Stollings.

"She has a chance to be a pro, obviously, and she's committed to it and that's why it's so fun working with her, because of her commitment level."



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Former Owatonna standout Andrew Stelter (99) is impressing the Gopher coaching staff, including head coach racy Claeys, with his work ethic.

TISCH DISH



JOE TISCHLER

Thank goodness for the Lynx

We have now reached that point in the calendar that some people call the "sports abyss."

Three of the four major sports are in their respective offseasons leaving those to solely root for your favorite baseball team.

The problem in Minnesota is that our hometown nine has the worst record in all of baseball.

Despite winning two of three from American League-leading Texas over the weekend, the Twins hold a major league-worst record of 27-54 as of games played through July 3.

With no hope of the postseason, what does that leave Minnesota fans to root for until the Vikings start training camp at the end of month? Might I suggest, the Minnesota Lynx.

In case you haven't noticed, the Lynx are building a dynasty right in our own background. Minnesota has won three of the last five WNBA championships including last season's win over the Indiana Fever in the WNBA Finals. The only other team in league history to win at least three championships in a five-year span was the Houston Comets who won the league's first four titles beginning in 1997.

Before going on a mini three-game losing streak, the Lynx began their title defense with the best start in WNBA history when they won their first 13 contests.

Prior to the 2011 season, the Lynx did not have much to cheer for. The franchise only qualified for the playoffs twice in 12 seasons and failed to win a postseason series either time.

Fortunes began to change in 2010. Despite missing the playoffs for the sixth straight season with a 13-21 record, the team hired Cheryl Reeve as their new head coach and traded for Hutchinson native and Gopher legend Lindsay Whalen.

With a nucleus coming into shape, all they needed was one more star to propel this team to new heights – that star was Maya Moore.

With the all pieces now seemingly in place, the Lynx were primed to do what their Target Center counterparts, the Timberwolves, have failed to do – hang championship banners in the rafters.

They did not waste any time.

In 2011, the Lynx posted 14 more wins than the previous season with a 27-7 record, six more wins than any other team in the league. With Moore, the league's Rookie of the Year, leading the way, Minnesota rolled through the playoffs, losing only once, and swept the Atlanta Dream in the WNBA Finals.

After falling in the finals to Indiana the following season, the Lynx returned to the championship series for the third straight season in 2013. They were unstoppable in the postseason as they swept through their opponents including the Dream again in the finals.

Moore is off to another fantastic start this season as she is averaging 18.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, and 4.5 assists per game. Sylvia Fowles is the team's leading rebounder (8.2 rpg) and is second in scoring (13.7 ppg). Whalen is adding totals of 8.5 points, 2.4 rebounds, and 3.4 assists per contest.

If the Lynx want to add another banner to the Target Center rafters this season, they will have stiff competition from the Los Angeles Sparks. In a battle of then-undefeated teams June 21, Minnesota won at Los Angeles 72-69. In a rematch three days later in Minneapolis, the Sparks returned the favor with a 94-76 win. Los Angeles has not lost since their home game with the Lynx and hold a 16-1 record with Minnesota two games behind at 14-3.

Two weeks remain until the league steps aside for a month-long Olympics break where the United States National Team will have a strong Lynx contingent. Connecticut's Geno Auriemma will serve as head coach with Reeve as one of his assistants. She will have four of her own players accompanying her to Brazil: Moore, Whalen, Fowles, and Seimone Augustus.

Thank you Lynx for giving Minnesota fans something to be proud of this summer.

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Owatonna during the regular season, and Austin, Northfield, and Red Wing in the district and region tournament."

Several remarked about the big snowstorm and the difficulty the team and its fans had in even getting to the tournament. The team missed the big banquet the night before the tournament and one layer had even had to get back to Blooming Prairie from Albert Lea by snowmobile because of the blocked roads.

Perhaps Dean Seaton summed up the feelings of the team best with his comments, "We felt happy, excited, proud, but also inadequate. Happy, proud and excited for our accomplishments, but also inadequate because we failed to win at the state tournament. There were some underlying reasons for that failure, but I think we all feel we should have done better."

With apologies to all the teams who have earned state tournament appearances since 1966, that squad will probably live longer in people's memories than any other single achievement in the school's history. It gives us just one more reason to say, "It is good to be a Blossom!"

Baseball postscript

Last week I noted some season-end statistics for the Blossom baseball team. I mentioned that Seth Peterson had made the All- Area team for the Owatonna paper, and that he had batted over .300 for the year. Actually, he batted .349 and was the only Blossom to hit over .300. Riley Olson hit. .297, followed by Camden Heimerman at 292, Ben Smith at .267, and Max Romeo at .262 to round out the top five batters for the local team.

More celebs die

Two more famous sports figures passed away last week, the more important of the two, the death of hall of fame women's basketball coach Pat Summit. Summit coached basketball at Tennessee for 38 years and won eight national championships in her tenure as the head coach. She won 1,098 games and lost just 201, was national Coach of the Year eight times and recorded 16 Southeastern Conference titles.

Summit was elected to the National Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000 and will be forever remembered as the premier coach of women's basketball. She was diagnosed with early onset of dementia several years ago and passed on in Tennessee at the age of just 64, with several of her former players at her side.

Football coach Buddy Ryan also died last week with the reputation as one of the best defensive coaches in all of football. He was a defensive line coach for the Minnesota Vikings during the era of "The Purple People Eaters" and moved to Chicago where he was the defensive coordinator for the Super Bowl Champion Bears. He won two Super Bowls in his coaching career and died at his home in Kentucky at 85.

Let's close with two announcements on a church bulletin board, "All the youth choirs have been disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church congregation." And finally, "Last week the prayer group met at the home of Margaret Pressler, who is no longer able to attend church. What a blessing!" I hope you had a meaningful Fourth of July, and we'll talk again.

GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS

WEEK 7 - JUNE 27

1	Drexler, Zwiener, Klemmensen	54.5
1	Braaten, Pirkl, Resler	54.5
3	R Skala, J Skala, Thiele	47.5
4	Ingvalson, Klemmensen, Bishop	44
5	Morgan, R Olson, R Olson	42
6	Larock, Iacovino, Schwartz	41
6	Lea, Hansen, D Johnson	41
8	Hillberg, Wanous, Pfiefer	40.5
8	Jenson, Glynn, Ebeling	40.5
10	Kormann, Kormann, Kormann	38.5
11	Glynn, Glynn, Esplan	37
12	Peterson, Behnken, Bishop	36.5
12	Doerhoefer, Olson, Worke	36.5
14	Strunk, Farr, Ingvaldson	35.5
14	Carlson, P Jones, M Jones	35.5
14	Koster, Long, White	35.5
17	Clark, Blome, Skala	35
18	Hareid, Bartsch, Lewer	34.5
19	Seykora, Schuster, Schuster	32.5
20	Kruckeberg, Kruckeberg, Johnson	32
21	Grunklee, Evans, Possehl	31.5
21	Klemmensen, J Klemmensen, R Anderson	31.5
23	Haberman, Henefield Nahlovsky	30
24	White, Lysne, Johnson	29
25	Johnson, Caldwell, Bulver	28.5
26	Zwiener, Hinzmen, Wurst	28
27	Lembke, Benson, Hanson	28
28	Stangel, Mauseth, Schammel	26
29	Myer, Motl, Tollefson	24

TOP SCORES

A	Lea, Hansen, D Johnson	30
B	Kormann, Kormann, Kormann	31
C	Hillberg, Wanous, Pfiefer	33
C	Drexler, Zwiener, Klemmensen	33
D	Jenson, Glynn, Ebeling	36
D	Glynn, Glynn, Esplan	36
D	Clark, Blome, Skala	36

A.L. CENTRAL Standings

(As of July 5)

Cleveland	50	32
Detroit	44	39
Kansas City	43	39
Chicago	43	40
Minnesota	27	55

WNBA WEST Standings

(As of July 5)

Los Angeles	16	1
Minnesota	14	3
Dallas	8	10
Phoenix	8	10
Seattle	6	10
San Antonio	4	13



Chateau Raceway recap

These are the results from the Chateau Raceway at Lansing for the week of July 1

Results

Pure Stock

Feature: Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, Matt Brooks-Austin, Jason Newkirk-Austin, Cole Kroneman-Austin, Greg Lammers-Owatonna, Tyler Nelson-Albert Lea, Troy Maas-Faribault, Jim Briggs-Waseca (DNS: Brandon Shaner-Owatonna)
Heat 1: Brooks, Newkirk, Lammers, Hotovec, Kroneman, Maas, Nelson, Briggs, Shaner

WISSOTA Midwest Modified

Feature: Robbie Franklin-Shakopee, Dustin Steinbrink-Austin, Jesse Hernandez-Blooming Prairie, Garitt Wytaske-Lansing, Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie, Michael Wytaske-Lansing, Jeremy Misgen-Ellendale, Elizabeth Toepper-Hugo, Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, Jacob Toepper-Hugo, Matt Stark-Austin, Tianna Mithun-Freeborn, Harland Morehart-Rochester, Daryl Hainka-Wannamingo, Zach Sonnek-Apple Valley, Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, Jaiden Bastyr-Austin, Austin Schrage-Cresco IA
Heat 1: Hernandez, Goergen, Cisneros, G Wytaske, Franklin, Mithun
Heat 2: Misgen, E Toepper, Stark, L Hainka, D Hainka, Sonnek
Heat 3: Schrage, M Wytaske, Steinbrink, Morehart, J Toepper, Bastyr

WISSOTA Street Stock

Feature: Mike Blowers-Waseca, Durand Peterson-Glenwood, Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, Kyle King-Hastings, Blake Adams-Stacyville IA, Bernie Adams-Stacyville iA, Zach Elward-Hayfield, Fred Prudoehl-Winona, Noah Grinstead-Austin, Brent Holland-Glenville, James Connors-Waseca
Heat 1: King, BL Adams, Peterson, Elward, Holland, Connors
Heat 2: K Adams, Be Adams, Blowers, Grinstead, Prudoehl

USRA B Mod

Feature: AJ Zvorak-Blooming Prairie, Kylie Kath-Owatonna, Kadden Kath-Owatonna, Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, Kenny Wytaske-Lansing, Jayden Larson-Mankato, Cole Lonergan-Dexter, Mark Wytaske-Austin, Greg Erickson-Stewartville, Raey Hastings IV-Austin, David Henderson-Mason City IA, Christian Warner-Owatonna, Casey Struckman-Grand Meadow, Anton Nelson-Hayfield, Morgan Schrage-Cresco IA, Derek Clement-Spring Valley (DNS: Chris Bruns-Owatonna)
Heat 1: Ky Kath, Warner, Ausrud, Hastings, Henderson, Bruns
Heat 2: Ka Kath, Clement, Zvorak, Erickson, Nelson, Lonergan
Heat 3: Larson, K Wytaske, M Wytaske, Schrage, Struckman

USRA A Mod

Feature: Jason Cummins-New Richland, Greg Pfeifer JR-Austin, Mike Densberger-Lincoln NB, Darwyn Karau-Kasson, Mick Glenn-Minnesota City, Joe Horgdal-Kasson, Dustin Sorensen-Rochester, Keith Tourville-Webster WI, Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie, Todd Scharkey-Kasson, Greg Jensen-Albert Lea, Jim King-Hastings, Matt Stark-Austin
Heat 1: Sorensen, Horgdal, Glenn, Karau, Hillson, Scharkey, Jensen
Heat 2: Densberger, Cummins, Tourville, Pfeifer JR, King, Stark

Hornets

Feature: Ralph Hanks-Waseca, Marissa Wolff-Janesville, Bobby Blowers-Waseca, Bailey Wolff-Janesville, Nick Sillman-Minnesota Lake, Alan Schmidt-Hayward, Tommie Cruz-Waseca, Nikolas Aasen-Hayfield, Caylie Blowers-Waseca, Justin Murray-Waseca
Heat 1: Hanks, B Blowers, Murray, Cruz, Aasen
Heat 2: M Wolff, B Wolff, Sillman, Schmidt, C Blowers

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By MATTHEW GRAGE
Guest Writer

Chateau Raceway kicked off the month of July with plenty of excitement Friday Night as 78 cars filled the pits for the night's action. As always, six classes of cars kept the track busy as they ran through an exciting set of heats and features for the crowd.

The hardest charger of the night was Robbie Franklin of Shakopee who came all the way from row seven to take the WISSOTA Midwest Modified Feature in his first visit to the track this season. Franklin is the defending track champion in the class, but because of his work schedule, he has been unable to race Friday nights. But he showed he still has the track figured out and the set up to make it work. Brayten Cisneros of Blooming Prairie led the early laps off the front row while Franklin picked his way through the field. He took just five laps to move from the 15th starting spot into the top five. From there, he moved up a spot on lap seven and another on lap eight while Austin Schrage of Cresco, Iowa was wrestling the lead away from Cisneros. He, then, jumped to second a lap later and set his sights on the lead. On lap 11 of the 18-lap main event, Franklin pulled outside Schrage and the two dueled side by side until Franklin took the lead with two to go. Dustin Steinbrink of Austin and Jesse Hernandez of Blooming Prairie eventually moved up to second and third. Cisneros ended up slipping back to fifth, just behind Garitt Wytaske of Lansing who took over the points lead for the class on the night. Schrage and Hernandez picked up heat wins on the night along with Jeremy Misgen of Ellendale.

Another change atop the point standings occurred in the USRA A Mod class where Jason Cummins of New Richland made a run from row four to the front to pick up his first feature win of the season at the track and take over the top spot in the points chase at the same time. Dustin Sorensen of Rochester, making his first visit to the track this year, had picked up a heat win earlier in the night and had the early lead in the feature. Cummins, meanwhile, picked off five cars in the first four laps to move up to fourth. Then, starting on lap six, he picked off the top three one lap at a time as he used the top shelf of the track to go to the front. Greg Pfeifer, Jr. of Brownsdale drove a solid race to come home second ahead of Mike Densberger of Lincoln, Neb. Densberger, who was making a stop at the track ahead of the Guttormson Memorial later this month as he drives in several of the USMTS shows, had scored a heat win earlier in the night.

The USRA B Mod feature turned into a crash fest as the race was plagued by eight cautions, which eventually had the race cut five laps. Coming into the race, which was the 17th of 19 on the night, the yellow had only been displayed three times. In the final two races after there was just three more meaning they had more yellows than all the other races on the night combined. AJ Zvorak of Blooming Prairie, who eventually won the race which took 27 minutes to run, said afterwards in victory lane that it was a "frustrating" race to be a part of. Zvorak had made two other passes for the lead in the race that was wiped out by cautions before finally getting the top spot on lap six. Derek Clement of Spring Valley had also made three passes for the lead earlier in the race that was erased by the caution flag. Jayden Larson of Mankato had the early lead and was constantly under fire from those two through those early restarts before finally seeing it slip away. Larson did pick up a heat win earlier in the night with Kylie Kath and Kadden Kath of Owatonna who finished second and third also getting heat wins.

Chris Hotovec of Dodge Center became a first time feature winner at Chateau, as he scored a hard fought win in the Pure Stock class. Hotovec did start on the front row and led flag to flag but it wasn't an easy win, as Matt Brooks of Austin, the defending track champion in the class, was on him the entire 15 laps. It was bumper to bumper and door handle to door handle, as Hotovec held off Brooks, who had the class' lone heat win on the night to make it to victory lane. Jason Newkirk of Austin took third ahead of Cole Kroneman of Austin and Greg Lammers of Owatonna.

In WISSOTA Street Stock action, Mike Blowers of Waseca scored his fifth feature win in six outings at the track this year. Noah Grinstead of Austin had the lead early before Durand Peterson of Glenwood took over the lead on lap six but he was there for just three laps before Blowers took over the lead. Peterson held on for second ahead of Kory Adams of Stacyville, Iowa. Grinstead was in line for a fourth place finish before troubles on the last lap dropped him to ninth. Adams along with James King of Hastings had heat wins for the class.

In the Hornet class, Ralph Hanks of Waseca picked up his second feature win of the year, as he made a late pass for the lead taking over the top spot as the white flag came out. Nick Silman of Waseca had led most of the race and he along with much of the top five were in a tight group the entire race, as exciting side by side action swapped spots constantly with drivers moving up and then back and then up again. Marissa Wolff of Janesville came out second in the battle ahead of Bobby Blowers of Waseca and Bailey Wolff of Janesville. Silman slid to fifth at the finish. Wolff along with Hanks were the class' heat winners.

Next weekend will bring the exciting fireworks show to the track that always follows the local fireworks shows of the Fourth of July putting an official wrap on the holiday celebrations. Also as part of the show, NASCAR driver Michael McDowell, who is driving part time in the Cup Series this year, will be on hand with his car and crew for pictures and meet and greet opportunities starting at 2:00 Friday afternoon at the track. McDowell, who scored a top 10 finish this past weekend in Daytona, also will be getting behind the wheel of a USRA A Mod car Friday Night, which is being specially prepared and lettered for him by Chateau Raceway themselves. Looking ahead further into the month of July, in two weeks on the 15th, the exciting UMSS (Upper Midwest Sprint Series) 360 Sprints will be on hand in addition to the track's regular classes. Also, the 19th Annual Mike Guttormson Memorial, postponed from Memorial Day weekend, will roll out with the USMTS traveling A Mods on hand on the 29th. This is all part of the exciting 60th anniversary season of racing at Lansing.

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Whale of a Tale
Cade Christianson caught and released this 54" with a 26" girth Muskie on lake Mille Lac July 1, 2015.

LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Albert Lea/Freeborn Co

July 5, 2016
10:30 a.m. Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. LEGO Time, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
5:30 p.m. AL Planning Commission, City Hall, Albert Lea
6 p.m. Rock Gym Community Ed, 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea
July 6, 2016
7:30 a.m. AL Port Authority Mtg, AL EDA, Albert Lea
10:30 a.m. Art, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. Book Pals (3rd/4th) Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
July 7, 2016
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time
10:30 a.m. Music & Movement , Albert Lea Public Library
2 p.m. BING, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
5:30 p.m. AL Council Workshop, City Council Chambers
6 p.m. Night-time Storytime , Albert Lea Public Library - 2nd Floor - Children's Library , Albert Lea
July 8, 2016
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea
July 9, 2016
Library Closed Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym Community Ed, 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea
July 11, 2016
10:30 a.m. Storytime , Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
12 p.m. Teen Book Club, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. Book Pals (5th/6th) Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
5:15 p.m. AL Human Rights Commission, City Council Chambers, Albert Lea
7 p.m. AL City Council, Council Chambers, Albert Lea City Center, Albert Lea
July 12, 2016
8:30 a.m. Shell Rock Watershed Board Meeting, Albert Lea
10:30 a.m. Storytime , Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. Science Blast , Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
6 p.m. Rock Gym , Community Ed, 211 W Richway Dr Albert


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July 5, 2016
10:30 a.m. BPBL Storytime
July 6, 2016
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
July 11, 2016
6:30 p.m. Public Hearing
6:45 p.m. Public Hearing
7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
July 12, 2016
BP Card Club & Luncheon
10:30 a.m. BPBL Storytime
4:30 p.m. Fire Commission Meeting
July 13, 2016
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
4:30 p.m. Economic Devel. Auth Meeting

Medford

July 7, 2016
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner,

July 8, 2016
5 p.m. Medford EDA (2nd Wed odd mos)

July 11, 2016
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner

July 13, 2016
4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Meeting, Medford

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Owatonna

July 5, 2016
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
5 p.m. Owatonna Human Rights Commission, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, City Hall, Owatonna
7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, Owatonna

July 7, 2016
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time

July 11, 2016
4:30 p.m. Owatonna Park & Rec Brd, Council Chambers, Brooktree Golf Couse or City Park

July 12, 2016
Steele Co Commission
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
7 p.m. Steele Co: Co Brd Mtg, Admin Center, BR, Owatonna
7 p.m. Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Owa, 2nd Tues Sept - Jun

Austin/Mower County

July 5, 2016
10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks Gallery - Cedar River Watershed in Art , Austin ArtWorks Center, Austin
10 a.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center & the Bakken Museum, Austin
10:30 a.m. Summer Reading Club - Wake Up and Wiggle Austin Public Library, Austin
12 p.m. Tuesdays with Toastmasters Hormel Foods Corporate Office, Austin
2 p.m. Summer Reading Club - Open Art Hour Austin Public Library, Austin
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS Gym
6 p.m. Urban Yoga Bandshell Community Park, 4th Street and 9th Place SW, Austin
July 6, 2016
1st Responders Meeting, City Of Lyle
Austin Bruins Prospect Camp Riverside Arena, 501 12th St NE, Austin
10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks Gallery - Cedar River Watershed in Art Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum Mower County Historical Society, Austin
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal Heritage House City Of Lyle
1 p.m. Summer Reading Club - Movie Matinee at the Library Austin Public Library, Austin
7 p.m. Austin Community Band Concert in the Park, Bandshell Comm. Park, 4th Street & 9th Place SW, Austin
July 7, 2016
Austin Bruins Prospect Camp, Riverside Arena, Austin
10 a.m. Austin ArtWorks Gallery - Cedar River Watershed in Art Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 Main St N, Austin
10 a.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History Center and the Bakken Museum Mower County Historical Society Austin
10:30 a.m. Summer Reading Club - Listen and Learn Austin
2 p.m. Summer Reading Club - Games and LEGOs, Austin Public Library, Austin
3:30 p.m. Mower Co, Southland ISD: Open Gym, M/HS

Ellendale/Geneva

July 5, 2016
Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Av
7 p.m. Hope City Council Mtg, Hope City Hall, Council Chambers
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale
July 6, 2016
Hope Curbside Recycling N of 42nd Av
July 7, 2016
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
July 9, 2016
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Ellendale Saturday Entertainment. Flashback. Outside weather permitting - or the Community Building.
July 11, 2016
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellendale
July 12, 2016
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale

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Great Gadgets for Aging Golfers

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend any products that can help older golfers? I love to play golf, but at age 74, I have hip and back problems that make bending over to tee up or pick up the ball difficult. And I have arthritis in my thumbs that makes griping the club a problem.

Ailing Eddy

Dear Eddy,

There are actually a wide variety of nifty golf accessories and adaptive equipment that can help older golfers who struggle with injuries, arthritis or loss of mobility. Here are several products for different needs.

Bending Substitutes

The game of golf requires a lot of repetitive bending and stooping that comes with teeing up the ball, repairing divots, marking the ball on the green, retrieving a ball or tee on the ground, along with picking up a club, sand rake or flag stick off the ground.

For teeing up the ball without bending over, consider one of the Northcroft Golf Tee-Up devices. These are long-handled tools (1.5 to 3 feet long) that have trigger-style handgrips and a jaw that holds the ball and tee for easy placement. They cost between $69 and $72 and are available at NorthcroftGolf.com. For other tee-up solutions, see the Tee Pal ($55, TeePalPro.com) and Joe's Original Backtee ($15, UprightGolf.com).

NorthcroftGolf.com and UprightGolf.com also offer a variety of stoop-proof ball pickup accessories, divot repair and magnetic ball marker products ranging between $5 and $12.

Or, if you just want a great all-around golf picker-upper, consider the Graball GrabAll Jaw – sold through Amazon.com for $10 for a package of two. It attaches to the handle end of your putter and chipper and is designed to pick up golf balls, flagsticks, putters and green side chippers.

Gripping Aids

To help alleviate your golf club gripping problem, there are specially designed golf gloves and grips that can make a big difference.

The best gloves are the Bionic Golf Gloves (BionicGloves.com) that have extra padding in the palm and finger joints to improve grip. And the Power Glove (PowerGlove.com) that has a small strap attached to the glove that loops around the club grip to secure it in your hand. These run between $20 and $30.

Another option is to get oversized grips installed on your clubs. This can make gripping the club easier and more comfortable, and are also very good at absorbing shock. Oversized grips are usually either one-sixteenth-inch or one-eighth-inch larger in diameter than a standard grip, and cost around $10 per grip. You can find these grips and have them installed at your local golf store or pro shop.

Or, for a grip-and-glove combination fix, consider the Quantum Grip (QuantumGrip.com) that incorporates Velcro material recessed in the golf club grip and a companion golf glove that has mating Velcro material in the palm. Cost: $20 per grip, plus $35 per glove.

Vision Helper

If vision problems make finding the ball difficult, Chromax golf balls (ChromaxGolf.com) can make a big difference. These are reflective colored golf balls that make them appear larger and brighter. Cost: $10.50 for a three-pack.

Ergonomic Carts

There are also ergonomically designed golf carts that can help you transport your golf clubs around the course. If you like to walk, the Sun Mountain Sports Micro-Cart, V1 Sport Cart or Reflex Cart are great options. These are three and four-wheeled, lightweight push carts that that fold into a compact size for easy transport. Available at SunMountain.com for $200, $210 and $230.

Or, for severe mobility loss, the SoloRider specialized electric golf cart (SoloRider.com) provides the ability to play from a seated or standing-but-supported position. Retailing for $9,450, plus a $550 shipping fee, this cart is lightweight and precisely balanced so it can be driven on tee boxes and greens without causing any damage. Federal ADA laws require that all publicly owned golf courses allow them.

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


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History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, July 11, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

Grammy and Dove Award-winning concert pianist Dino Karsonakis will be performing at Knowlton Auditorium in Austin High School. This renowned Greek pianist has performed his keyboard artistry on concert stages across the U.S., Europe, Russia, and the Orient. Dino has a popular Christmas show in Branson, MO, which most area residents know him by.

The Blooming Prairie Tractor Pull was another huge success. The "Equalizer" tractor pull sled, owned and operated by Larry Balzer, was used for the pulling event with Jerry Omeara serving as the announcer. Awards were given to first and second places in each weight class, sponsored by the BP FFA Alumni.

The first annual dodge ball tournament ran by the Blooming Prairie Softball team took place with 11 teams competing in the contest. Participates ranged from high school freshmen to recent graduates, and over 100 people packed the gym to watch the players in action. The Dirty Birds, made up of Anthony Noble, Scott Verley, Brendan McCabe, Seth Sayles, Spencer Ohm, David White, Derrick Lamotte, Thomas Kramer, Zach Koster, and Coach Collin McDonald, emerged victorious as the 2006 Dodge Ball Blossom Cup Champions.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, July 9, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

Karin Peterson, senior at Booming Prairie High School, and Jared Morsching, senior at WEM, have been named to the Frontier/Clarity All-American Farm Teams of the Year. Their selection is the final stage of a 1995-96 program to recognize the athletic accomplishments of high school students during the recent school year. Students had to reside on a farm or be involved in an agricultural organization to be nominated. They will receive a certificate and a cash award will go to a designated youth organization in their names.

Clarence Larson will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 11. He now lives at Prairie Manor Nursing Home, but farmed for over 51 years in Mower County. He was the firs born of three children on a farm in Lansing Township. In his 51 years of farming, he raised cattle, pigs, chickens, ducks, and other livestock. Horses, which were used for farm work in his early days, were his favorite animals. He was an active participant in horse shoes; he and Byron Farnham were County Champions many times in the 50s. Clarence married Aileen Smith on October 14, 1920 and they grew their family to two children, six grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Clarence and Aileen loved to dance together, spending countless nights swinging to polkas and waltz music well into their 80s.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, July 7, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

Dr. Timothy Nealy, Blooming Prairie's new physician, opened his medical office this week in the Renchin building and is now receiving patients. This is welcomed news to the entire community as Blooming Prairie has been without the services of a doctor since May 28 when Dr. John R. Fischer discontinued his practice here. Dr. Nealy received his education from the University of Minnesota, graduated from the U in 1962, and obtained his Medical degrees from there in 1965. Since then he has interned at St. Luke's hospital in Duluth.

Vic Hurdik, rural mail carrier out of the Blooming Prairie post office, escaped serious injuries Tuesday of this week when his Dodge car was struck from behind by a truck on Highway 218. Mr. Hurdik was turning onto another road when the truck collided into the rear of his vehicle and then tipped over on the highway. He sustained a stiff neck in the mishap, and the driver of the truck sprained his ankle. Mr. Hurdik's car received extensive damage.

A petite brunet is the new dairy princess for the six-county American Diary Association (ADA) Region IX. Pretty Barbara Wencl, 18, Medford, was chosen from a field of 18 girls at the ADA Region IX Diary Day held in Blue Earth this past week. Miss Wencl will represent six counties in the Princess Kay of the Milky Way finals during the State Fair. She graduated from Medford High School this year, is working as a waitress in the Inn Towne Motel this summer, and plans to begin pre-medicine studies at the U of M next fall.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, July 10, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Jacob Broulik is a shoemaker by trade, but he might well turn his skillful hands to making beautiful violins for the world's greatest artists. The shoe merchant and repair man here suddenly found himself wanting to make a good violin this past winter. He used the tools of his repair shop and a few pieces of broken glass to shape a block of pine wood into a delicate instrument. With one violin successfully made, Mr. Broulik plans to make several more this coming winter. Incidentally, this isn't his only skill, as he is also an artist. He has many fine oil paintings and crayon and pencil sketches. Our local shoemaker is a jack of many trades!

Favored with perfect weather Friday, Blooming Prairie's seventh annual Fourth of July celebration at the country club attracted an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people. Three dances were held during the weekend, numerous shows were presented on the big outdoor stage, and a fireworks display, the biggest yet, was on Friday night.

100 Steele County young men, who reached the age of 21 registered last Tuesday for possible selective service in the U.S. Army. Mower County registered 232 men, Freeborn County 181, and Dodge County 87. A national lottery will be conducted soon to give the new registrants order numbers.

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Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 1:10 p.m.

Do you have an active warrant?

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

An opportunity to learn more about active warrants will be given the public on a special day from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Steele County Courthouse, 111 East Main Street in Owatonna.

Do you have an active Steele County warrant?

Do you have a friend or family member with an active Steele County warrant?

If you wish to avoid an unexpected arrest, mark down this date and time at the Steele County Courthouse. This time will be an opportunity to check the status of a warrant.

Jason Iacovino, Blooming Prairie attorney, said this program has run successfully in the city of Duluth and in Ramsey County.

He explained that a warrant may have been issued to someone for failure to pay a traffic ticket; for failure to appear at a court hearing; for failure to meet child support orders or for failure to report for a jail sentence.

If any of these examples exist, it is best to check out the active status of the warrant, said Iacovino.

Criminal justice representatives and services will be available at the courthouse that day including:

- Public Defender
- Steele County Attorney
- Blooming Prairie City Attorney
- Probation Services Office
- Department of Corrections
- Diversion Solutions (driving and property crimes)
- Schedule next court date and make fine payments

To find out the status of a warrant, call Court Administration (Robin Hoesley) at 507-444-7701 or call the Detention Center at 507-446-7000.

POLICE BLOTTER
Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

June 24

Crash. At 10:28 a.m., paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

June 30

Warrant. Officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant at 7:13 p.m.

Owatonna Police
June 24

Trespassing. At 12:11 a.m., police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 1400 block of Oak Ave. S.

Liquor. Officers took a report of a liquor violation in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 12:11 a.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident in the 1100 block of Elm Ave. N. at 10 a.m.

Theft. Police received a theft report from the 1100 block of Esther Lane SE at 1:57 p.m.

Restraining Order. At 2:58 p.m., and 5:27 p.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 300 block of Mower Place NW.

Shoplifting. Officers responded to a shoplifting incident in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 4:48 p.m. They made an arrest at the scene.

Warrant. Police made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 9:33 p.m.

June 25

Suspicion. Officers responded to a suspicious activity report at Elm Ave. N. and Vine St. E. at 12:05 a.m.

Crash. At 5:40 p.m., police and paramedics responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 1500 block of Cedar Ave. S.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 500 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 7:09 p.m.

June 26

Drunken Driving. At 1 a.m., officers made a DWI arrest at Cedar Ave. N. and Winona St. NE.

Vandalism. Officer took a property damage report in the 100 block of Wilson Dr. NW at 9:16 a.m.

Assault. Police responded to an assault in the 500 block of Lee St. NE at 2:09 p.m.

Theft. A theft occurred in the 100 block of Broadway St. W. at 5:14 p.m.

June 27

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 8:31 a.m.

Crash. At 12:02 p.m., paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 800 block of Oak Ave. S.

Restraining Order. Police responded to a responded to a restraining order violation in the 300 block of 22nd St. SE at 1:16 p.m. They made an arrest at the scene.

Forgery. Police received a report of counterfeit money in the 400 block of North St. W. at 2:52 p.m.

Fraud. A fraud incident occurred in the 100 block of Cedar Ave. N. at 3:21 p.m.

June 28

Burglary. At 8:07 a.m., police began a burglary investigation in the 1400 block of Water Tower Place NE.

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 9:02 a.m.

Fraud. A citizen reported being the victim of a fraud incident on Heritage Dr. NW at 3:30 p.m.

Hit and Run. At 2:35 p.m., a hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 2200 block of 30th St. NW.

Drugs. Drug activity was reported in the 100 block of Pearl St. E. at 7:20 p.m.

June 29

Arrest. Police arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at Oak Ave. S. and Plainview St. SW at 8:22 a.m.

Warrant. At 12:01 p.m., officer arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 200 block of Pearl St. E.

Mental Health. Officer responded to a mental health incident in the 300 block of Pine Ave. NE at 4:18 p.m.

Welfare. Officer completed a welfare check in the 200 block of 21st St. NW at 6:18 p.m.

Domestic. Police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 6:36 p.m. They arrested a subject at the scene.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 500 block of Florence Ave. NW at 8:41 p.m.

Burglary. At 9:35 p.m., police began a burglary investigation in the 600 block of Hazel Lane NE.

June 30

Intoxication. Police responded to a report of drunkenness in the 400 block of Kelly St. NW at 1:54 a.m.

Steele County Sheriff
June 25

Crash. At 2:38 a.m., paramedics and deputies responded to a personal injury crash in the 2000 block of Hwy. 30 W.

Hit and Run. A hit and run accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 200 block of 8th Ave. E. at 3:01 p.m.

June 26

Death. Deputies began a death investigation at 34th Ave. NE and 46th St. NE at 1:01 a.m.

June 29

Burglary. At 9:31 a.m., deputies responded to a burglary in the 4300 block of Dane Rd.

June 30

Arrest. Deputy arrested a motorist following a traffic stop on Interstate 35 northbound at 3:05 a.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 8400 block of 32nd Ave. NW at 8:44 a.m.

Domestic. At 4:57 p.m., deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of 118th St. SE. They made an arrest at the scene.

COURT NEWS
Steele County

The following cases were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 20 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Eric C. Cousens, 33, previously appeared and was convicted of felony terroristic threats and gross misdemeanor receiving stolen property. He was sentenced to $1,081, 120 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, cognitive skill training, obtain permission to leave the state, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised probation.

Alexander J. Sheetz, 25, Albert Lea, previously appeared and was convicted of felony assault. The defendant was sentenced to $4,153.16, 40 days in county jail, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms, no contact with victim, 80 hours of community service and 3 years of supervised probation.

Kevin M. Carey, 42, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony controlled substance crime. Carey was sentenced to $1,581, 4 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, maintain employment, community service for indeterminate amount of time and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 20 – 24:

Blooming Prairie
Police Department

Trevor D. Barber, 18, Blooming Prairie, possession of Paraphernalia and Marijuana, no insurance and expired tabs, $511; Nyaluak R. Dak, 36, Adams, possession of alcohol, $331; Otidie O. Ojulu, 29, Austin, possession of alcohol, $331; Oman Onyongo, 30, Austin, possession of alcohol, $331.

MN State Patrol
Rochester

Yousef Abedrabbo, 24, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Zachary N. Bahe, 16, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Michael R. Brainer, 24, Owatonna, suspended license, $281; Garrison E. Cupples, 72, speeding, $121; Matthew D. Hanna, 24, Lakeville, speeding, $131; Kelsey A. Hansen, 30, Gibbon, unsafe lane usage, $131; Sidney G. Hansen, 73, Parkersburg, IA, failure to yield, $131; Joy L. Herman, 55, Shoreview, speeding, $121; Eric C. Hudson, 49, Fort Morgan, CO, speeding, $131; Sierra A. Huisman, 21, Owatonna, stop sign, $131; Todd R. Ingram, 50, Waterville, speeding, $121; Isabelle M. King, 18, Eldridge, IA, speeding, $131; Jill R. Martin, 41, Ellendale, speeding, $121; Brent L. Matzke, 40, Pine Island, speeding and revoked license, $341; John A. McInerny, 52, St. Paul, speeding, $121; William Z. Mernik, 20, Mound, speeding, $121; Stephanie A. Mills, 34, Hartland, revoked license, $281; Nelida U. Nieto Ortiz, 31, Minneapolis, speeding, $141; Cesar A. Ojeda, 24, Faribault, revoked license and speeding, $331; Kyaw K. Po, 20, Albert Lea, speeding, $221; Narce N. Sanchez, 45, Carrizo Springs, TX, speeding, $121; Grant D. Sanders, 47, Faribault, speeding, $121; David A. Sandon, 51, Clarks Grove, expired license, $181; Kristi K. Shaw, 54, St. Paul, speeding, $121; Joseph D. Turpeinen, 39, Pelkie, MI, speeding, $121; Paul D. Vomhof, 27, Montrose, speeding, $141; Lori M. Wiseley, 55, Rowlett, TX, speeding, $131; Peng Xue, 22, Ames, IA, speeding, $221; Zeccheus C. Ziemer, 19, North Mankato, speeding, $141.

Morristown Police
Department

Peter K. Jeffrey, 28, Elm Grove, WI, speeding, $141.

Owatonna Police
Department

Jared L. Aas, 42, Owatonna, revoked license, $281; Maktub M. Abdikadir, 28, Owatonna, permit violation, $131; Leah R. Barner, 41, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Tiffany M. Bennett, 32, Owatonna, possession of Marijuana, $131; Cody E. Boley, 19, Waseca, theft, $131, 33 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Hunter R. Bost, 23, Minnetonka, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, $281, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, no possession of firearms and 5 years of supervised probation; Michael S. Broadwater, 41, Kasson, failure to stop for traffic control signal, $131; Tiata M. Brown, 20, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and revoked registration, $781; Ray D. Cabrera, 18, Owatonna, minor consumption, $181; Juan R. Carrasco, 38, Owatonna, suspended license, $281; Irma P. Enriquez Hernandez, 39, Waseca, permit violation, $131; Joshua J. Fuller, 19, Owatonna, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Anthony R. Ginnetti, 60, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Marquita A. Hernandez, 30, Owatonna, financial transaction card fraud, $501.74, 13 days in county jail, obtain GED, make contact with Crisis Resource Center, no alcohol or controlled substance use, obtain employment, 20 hours of community service per week for 1 year and 1 year of supervised probation; Shannon E. Herr, 28, Owatonna, text messaging while driving, $131; Jose P. Hoy, 27, Owatonna, interference with 911 call, $181, 4 days in county jail, domestic abuse evaluation, cognitive skill training and 1 year of supervised probation; Abdi Y. Isse, 34, Minneapolis, seat belt, $106; David M. Johnson, 32, Albert Lea, domestic abuse, stay of adjudication, $81, diversion program, complete Domestic Violence Program, no possession of firearms and 2 years of supervised probation; Derek J. Kelling, 19, Owatonna, no insurance, $281, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jamie R. Lyons, 20, Minneapolis, no license, $181; Sonia V. Macias, 39, Austin, theft and unlawful possession of pharmacy drugs. , $584.09, 6 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical dependency evaluation, 100 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation; Martha A. Maldonado Galvan, 27, Waseca, seat belt, $106; Matthew C. Michels, 35, Owatonna, cancelled license and give peace officer false information, $181, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use and 1 year of supervised probation; Nathan S. Nelson, 29, Owatonna, suspended license, $281; Angela M. Noble, 28, Waseca, speeding and suspended license, $361; Heather S. Olson, 32, Blooming Prairie, revoked license, $281; Nicholas R. Richards, 27, Owatonna, window tint violation, improper information on license, no insurance and expired registration, $381; Sydney G. Root, 20, Waseca, seat belt, $106; Tara S. Sanders, 30, Faribault, speeding, $131; Alberto Sauceda, 32, Owatonna, interference with 911 call, stay of adjudication, $81, diversion program, domestic abuse evaluation and 2 years of supervised probation; Jamie J. Sreng, 23, Austin, speeding, $141; Jacob D. Stricklin, 17, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Travis M. Swartz, 28, Owatonna, revoked license, no insurance and expired tabs, $511; Juan L. Trevino-De-La-Rosa, 30, Waseca, no child passenger restraint system, $181; James E. White, 35, Owatonna, assault, $181, 10 days in county jail, no contact with victim and 1 year of supervised probation; Chandra D. Worrell, 35, Owatonna, failure to obey traffic control device, $131.

Steele County
Sheriff's Office

Ashley A. Angen, 27, Eden Prairie, speeding, $141; Todd F. Darling, 96, Parkland, FL, speeding, $121; Jessica M. Dewar, 27, Mankato, speeding, $121; Kevin W. Drummond, 38, Pulaski, IA, speeding, $121; Joshua D. Elvestad, 33, Waseca, suspended license and no insurance, $481; Dylan L. Erickson, 25, Buffalo, speeding, $121; Catherine A. Fideldy, 47, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Cathleen M. Fitzsimmons, 49, Marion, IA, passing parked patrol vehicle, $131; Scott D. Gaines, 20, St. Ansgar, IA, stop sign and no insurance, $331; Michael L. Grunwald, 53, Owatonna, speeding, $221; Drew R. Hanson, 32, Brownsdale, expired tabs and seat belt, $136; Samuel A. Kibari, 55, Oakdale, speeding, $121; Jonathan P. Kruetter, 54, Owatonna, careless driving, $181; Garrett M. Kyllo, 18, Blooming Prairie, speeding, $141; Jacqueline R. Layland, 16, Waseca, speeding, $131; Alex A. Looysen, 24, speeding, $121; William M. Maxwell, 24, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, $106; Abel Moralez-Romero, 41, Austin, revoked license, $281; Darrin L. Olson, 45, Owatonna, speeding, $381; James P. Owen, 46, Riceville, IA, speeding, $141; Kristie A. Purfeerst, 45, Waseca, suspended license and no insurance, $481; Tory J. Schmidt, 21, Rochester, revoked license and no insurance, $481; Shane M. Service, 32, New Richland, stop sign, $131; Thomas G. Sims, 62, Tonka Bay, speeding, $121; Cody T. Soland, 30, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, $105; Vince E. Spurgeon, 18, Hope, stop sign, $131; Leah V. Stanley, 27, Lakeland, speeding, $221; Trace Stuewe, 43, St. Peter, speeding, $100; Codie J. Tesch, 17, Owatonna, speeding, $131; Caleb D. Wagner, 20, Medford, speeding, $131; Gregory L. Wayne, 64, New Richland, school bus stop sign, $381; Emily R. Wright, 25, Boone, IA, speeding, $121.

Crime Brief

Suspected drunk driver may lose vehicle

A suspected drunk driver in Owatonna may not only lose his license, but possibly his vehicle as well.

Owatonna Police arrested Mark Fielding June 25 in the downtown area after bar closing time. He faces a misdemeanor DWI charge as well as a gross misdemeanor "B" card restriction violation.

According to police, Fielding's vehicle accelerated rapidly through an alleyway and turned onto some streets where road construction was going on. Once the vehicle was stopped, an officer found several signs of alcohol impairment on Fielding, though he denied having anything to drink, police said.

Police found that Fielding has a "B" card restriction on his license, which means any amount of alcohol invalidates his license because of a previous DWI on his record.

Fielding later provided a breath test showing results of .12, police said.

In addition to the criminal charges, Fielding also may lose his vehicle, which was seized under Minnesota forfeiture laws. Police said the specifics of Fielding's case are the only instance in which law enforcement can forfeit a vehicle for a misdemeanor level DWI offense.

Hope bank robber lands 5 years in federal prison

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

The man who held up a Steele County bank in 2014 has been sentenced to 63 months in federal prison.

U.S. District Judge Michael Davis handed down the sentence to Alfredo Alvarez, 40, Thursday in Minneapolis. Alvarez robbed the First National Bank in Hope at gunpoint in December 2014.

In addition to spending more than five years in prison, Alvarez also was ordered to three years supervised probation, restitution of $2,520 to the bank and a $100 assessment for the Crime Victims Fund. The judge also required him to undergo a mental health evaluation after sentencing.

Alvarez was arrested in Texas on the day after the 2014 robbery after leading authorities on a 40-mile chase through two states. He pleaded guilty to the bank robbery in December 2015.

In court, Alvarez's attorney, Kevin O'Brien, argued for a lighter sentence of 30 months in prison. "He understands and regrets both the fear that his actions caused to the bank employees as well as the danger to which he exposed the state troopers and motorists on his 40 mile high speed flight," O'Brien said. "He especially regrets his decision to enter the First National Bank with the intention of stealing money through the intimidation of the defenseless bank teller."

O'Brien told the court that Alvarez has battled years of mental health issues. Alvarez turned to drugs as a way to cope with his mental illness, according to O'Brien. Alvarez's drug use took a heavy toll on his family, O'Brien added.

Prior to the bank robbery, Alvarez had been using drugs nonstop for several days, O'Brien said, adding he robbed the bank to get money to go to Texas so he could be with his family for Christmas.

"The portrait that emerges of the defendant is that of a hard working family man, with mental health issues, exacerbated by drug use," O'Brien said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Ueland argued for the court to sentence Alvarez to 70 months. "The nature of the defendant's conduct merits a significant sentence," Ueland said. "Armed bank robbery is an inherently dangerous offense."

Ueland pointed out Alvarez's lengthy history of mental health issues and drug use, including at least one cocaine binge that lasted six days.

"Hopefully while the defendant is incarcerated he can take advantage of chemical dependency and mental health treatment programs offered by the Bureau of Prisons," O'Brien said.

Once Alvarez completes his federal prison sentence, he faces deportation back to Mexico.



Alfredo Alvarez

POLICE BLOTTER
Dodge County

June 22

Threats. At 12:09 p.m., deputies responded to a threats incident at the Hayfield City Hall.

Environment. Deputies received information regarding a large spill around a diesel pump at the Casey's Store in Hayfield at 2:27 p.m.

Harassment. A Mantorville woman reported that her 10-year-old daughter was receiving harassing phone calls at 5:30 p.m.



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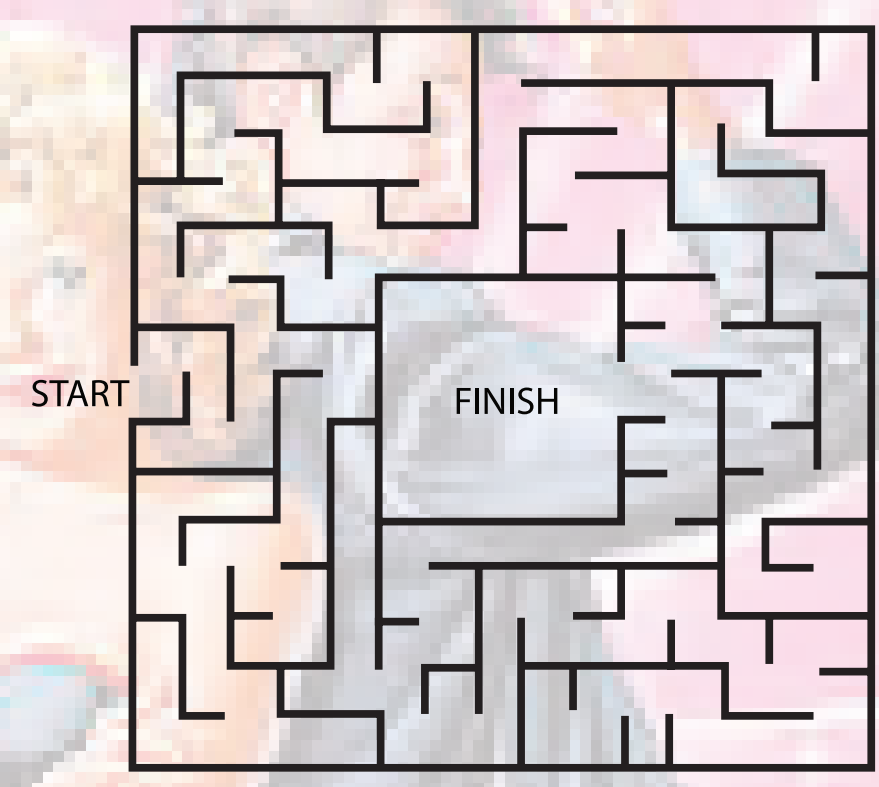


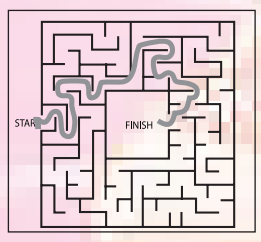
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2. Dragon Masters
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3. Ever After High
   - Poison Dragon
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5. Middle School
6. Nate the Great
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8. The Princess in Black
9. The Thing about Jellyfish
10. Eerie Elementary
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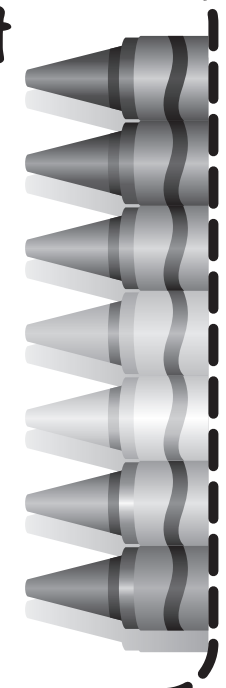
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Blooming Prairie man watches parade through its sounds



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Paul Dale, blind and dependent on his Leader Dog Summit, used his hearing and his son Josh's narration to enjoy Monday's 4th of July parade in Blooming Prairie. Many parade watchers said the Monday crowd may have been one of the largest BP parades.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It was a perfect day to watch a parade.

The streets of Blooming Prairie were filled with parade watchers, some areas 8-10 deep. Many who attended the 42nd annual Blooming Prairie 4th of July parade claimed that this parade was one of the largest and as many as 30,000 could have been in town for the July 4th extravaganza.

Blooming Prairie resident Paul Dale was one of the hearty parade watchers. Dale's take on the parade is a little bit different than the average parade watchers, however. Dale, a member of the Blooming Prairie Lions Club, is blind. He has retinitis pigments, an inherited, degenerative eye disease that causes severe vision impairment and often blindness.

How does a blind person watch a parade? "I use my ears to track the sounds of the parade and also enjoy the parade with my son Josh's help," Dale explains.

Dale sits on a lawn chair at the foot of his driveway at 338 NW 3rd St., just a block west of the Prairie Manor Care Center. It's a prime location for watching the Blooming Prairie parade which attracted over 100 units this year.

Son Josh is positioned just a few feet to the left of his father and he offers a narration of what is in front of them and what is coming down the street.

Since Paul Dale recalls watching a Blooming Prairie parade when he was fully sighted, he is able to put together the sounds with his son's narration to gain a full flavor of what the parade is all about.

Paul also remembers participating in parades with the Dodge Center Lions Club in the early 1980s.

With the crack of a gun, the 42nd annual BP parade has begun. Knowing that the various color guard units are leading the parade, Paul doffs his cap, and stands at full attention with his guide dog Summit, a Golden Retriever at his side. "Tell me when it's sitting time," Paul says to his son Josh.

"Here comes the Blooming Prairie Fire Department and they even have some firefighters in full air packs," Josh relates to his father. "Here comes one of the Blooming Prairie grass trucks and a specialized rescue truck," Josh continues.

"Who's next?" Paul asks. "It's the Owatonna Fire Department and they are trying to keep up with us," Josh laughs.

Josh describes a Claremont Fire Department truck as a "pop can on a deuce and a half truck."

While enjoying the parade, Paul knows that his three grandsons Alex, 7; Coltan, 4 and Wyatt, 3 are nearby and raking in as much candy as they can. "It's rewarding to know that they are having fun, too," Paul confides.

"Here comes the advertisements," Josh cautions his dad. "Are there no fancy lawn mowers or snowmobiles?" Paul asks. The lawn mowers were absent but a flatbed truck of snowmobiles did pass through the parade.

"Here comes the Shriners and their dragon," Josh tips off Paul. As the parade route continued to offer a variety of floats, politicians and marching bands, Paul's attention was peaked by the sounds of the Blooming Prairie band, Stix of Fury. "I hear them when they are practicing during the summer months," Paul said. "I like 'em," he says with pride.

The parade went on with more unique floats, some tractors, Percheron horses owned by the Pittmans, Clydesdales owned by the Hedbergs and a huge Cashwise shopping cart powered by a revved-up engine. "Imagine me following that around the store," Paul chuckles. "You wouldn't get lost," Josh returns the humor.

"Hey, that's one of the coolest things yet," Josh shared with his father, describing a large Minnesota Department of Transportation snow plow that can clear two lanes of traffic on the interstate from shoulder to shoulder in one swipe.

"I hear the Shriner cars coming up the street," said an alert Paul Dale. "Yeah Dad, they even have an extra car for you sitting on the trailer," Josh shared.

As the kids continued to pick up gobs of candy thrown out by parade participants, Josh was heard to holler "OUCH" as he took a Blow Pop squarely on the nose. "Are you OK?" said a concerned father. Going to his dad's kitchen for some ice, Josh quickly returned to continue the play by play of the parade for his father.

The go-carts driven by the Daytime Lions of Austin tooled down the street to Lion Paul's delight. "Is there a young girl with a pony tail leading them?" Paul asked and properly surmised. "I'll volunteer to be the one in the middle," Paul laughed.

Paul Dale's parade interest continued to peak as a line of tractors passed by. "Is it a narrow front or wide?" Paul asked his son. "Oh, that must be a John Deere 4010 diesel, I can hear it," Paul said correctly.

Part of the tractor contingency included an "Oil Pul" unit driven by a friend of Paul's, Allan Severson of Blooming Prairie. The steel-cleated machine moved on steel bands.

"I yelled Paul's name and he waved back to me," said Darrell Hansen as he piloted a Ford Mustang convertible carrying Greg Skillestad and wife Allyson, winners of the 2016 Steele County Dancing with the Stars competition.

Close your eyes sometime when watching a parade and understand better that it is truly a gift to be sighted. Paul Dale has lost his sight but he still has the ability to absorb the sounds of a parade and enjoy it, too.

Running one for the gimper

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

This is an up-close and satirical view of the Blooming Prairie Fourth of July five mile run. I had the inside track. I ran. I was the oldest runner in the race.

Here I was at 60, 12 grandchildren, and I finished without needing the aid or supervision of paramedics so I guess you could call that a good day. It's funny. When I train, I usually run by myself, comfortable pace, passing old ladies and feeling like I rule the track.

Then all of a sudden I get to an actual race, everyone passes me, I look back and it's the ambulance circling like a buzzard. Both medics in the front seat pointing and laughing. It's not easy to take the role of "old guy." As in, "Did you see that old guy in the five mile race?"

I could have just as easily told everyone that I was compensated nicely for running last and making sure all the other runners got home safely, but at my age, I have been delivered from what others think of me.

I was up early after a night of tossing and turning, which is normal for the eve of a race for me. I had my traditional oatmeal and honey breakfast and headed out the door thinking, "I'm going to turn some heads out there today and perhaps even come in among the leaders."

Pride came about 2 hours before my fall and I watched as one by one the runners passed me. With each runner's wake, I tried to draft them, but they were just too fast. When things like this happen, your life seemingly passes before your eyes and with each body going past there was an excuse or a rationalization.

You know… "I'm old. I'm a grandpa. I'm not really a runner. I'm taking a bullet for the team. I didn't get much sleep last night. I forgot my I-pod. I've only been working out for a few months. I'm a martyr for old guys everywhere." The usual stuff.

When I got to the two mile mark and found that I was doing 12 minute miles and still very much in the rear, I was pleased, but concerned. I thought that I could do better. I picked up the pace and finished strong with the final three miles averaging nine minutes each.

As I sit at my desk tonight writing this, hindsight was knocking on my door and the discussion involved me perhaps overdoing it a bit. My muscles are in agreement with Mr. Hindsight. Hate those guys.

Being one with a glass most of the time half-full, I realized that I ended up in the top six. Of people who didn't run the race in under 10 minute per mile. I placed fourth in my division. Out of four other men. I finished the race just ahead. Of a few other people.

And, I didn't die. Although I badly in need of Epsom salt and a hot bath.

Two years ago I ran a four mile race at the Danish fest in Greenville, MI and averaged a little over 15 minutes per mile. I am two years older, have broken into a brand new age decade and have become faster.

I am getting faster. I AM GETTING FASTER. I figure that in a few more years, at this rate, I should be a contender to win the Boston Marathon.

Now, I know there are those who perhaps will mock my accomplishments today and sit on their couch reading this article and thinking, "I could run a mile in 10 minutes." To which I will respond, "More power to you."

Alec Ille, a 17 year old from Blooming Prairie was the top finisher overall with a time of 28:07.47. Jennifer Ulrich, 43, from Waconia was the top women's finisher with a time of 40:20:04. There were some serious racers out there and I think that all of us broke a good sweat for a good cause.

Will I go out on a limb and say that I will run faster next year? Absolutely. Mainly because nobody will remember any of this a few weeks from now.





Farm and City Days Preview-List of Events

Thursday

5:00 p.m. -Little Miss Mr. City Country Pageant-City Hall (Ages 4-8, registration forms available at City Hall ahead of time)

Friday

4:30-6:30 p.m. -Potato Bake and Root Beer Floats-City Hall-Sponsored by NR Lions Club ($4 baked potato, $3 root beer float)

7:00 p.m. -Bean Bag Tournament-NR Liquor Co.-6:30 sign up (must be 21 to play)-Music inside by Larry Johnson

7:00 p.m. - Family Feud-Street Dance Area (bring your own chair)-Performance by NR Just for Kix and Presentation of Royalty of Little Miss Mr. Pageant

Saturday

7:00-10:00 a.m. -Pancake Breakfast-NR Fire Hall-Sponsored by NR Fire Department ($4 with button $8 without 5/under free)-Entertainment by Jim Kozan sponsored by the State Bank of NR

8:00 a.m. -Press on for Preston 5K Run/Walk-starts at City Hall-Same day registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. -Softball Tournament-Legion Field

9:00 a.m. -Announcement of Fam and City Days Grand Marshall-NR Fire Hall

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. -Child I.D. Booth-Free at City Hall

9:00 a.m. -Volleyball Tournament-Volleyball courts at Legion Park

9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. -Top 25 Antique Car Show-Broadway near City Hall-Registration 8-1, Awards at 1

9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. -NR Farm and City Days Craft and Vendor Fair-Broadway

10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. - Public Flower Show-City Hall-Registration 8-10 a.m. -Coffee and Bars Served

10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. -NR Area Historical Society Display-Washburn Hotel on Broadway

11:00 a.m. -Kiddie Parade on Wheels-Route Starts at City Hall-Kids of all ages

11:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. -Kid Zone Inflatables and Games-Broadway-Wristbands for $5 that day

2:00 p.m. -Extreme Water Kickball Tournament-Grass next to Care Center-Ages 10-16-Teams of 7 sign up at City Hall

2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. -Road Show Antiques-NR Fire Hall-Sponsored by Friends of the NR Library

5:00 p.m. -Farm and City Days Parade-Check online for new parade route

8:30 p.m. -12:30 p.m. -Farm and City Days Street Dance-Music by Cherry Gun-Sponsored by NR Liquor Company-Admission $8 or free with button

Sunday

10:30 a.m. -Community Worship Service-City Park-Sponsored by NR Area Ministerium

11:30 a.m. -Read Leaf Lunch-City Park-$7 per person

11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. -NR Area Historical Society Display-Washburn Hotel

12:00 p.m. -Pie in the Face and Drawing for Farm and City Days Winning Button Numbers-City Park

1:00 p.m. -Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull-City Park

Farm and City Days Buttons are $5 and can be purchased at many New Richland Businesses

Tuesdays with Minnesota



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The final uesday in June brought mid-seventy temperatures and puffy white clouds. It comes as a calm before the storms that followed on Thursday. The winds were light and variable.

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CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

New digs for Eagle Prairie Insurance and Klemmensen Creative



Staff photo by Howard Lestrud

Jay and Jamie Klemmensen stand in front of a new sign for their business that is now located at 311 Highway Ave. S. in Blooming Prairie. The Klemmensens also unveiled another sign depicting the bald eagle and an American flag, two American symbols.

It's what they once called a gasoline filling station, Jim's Standard of Blooming Prairie.

For visitors at an open house last Friday, it looked more like an insurance agency and graphic arts office. In actuality, 311 Highway Ave. S, just south of Vandal's, has now become the new home of Eagle Prairie Insurance and Klemmensen Creative.

These two entities owned and operated by Jay Klemmensen and by his wife Jamie Klemmensen were located at 150 Fifth St.NE in Blooming Prairie.

Jim's Standard was located on its Highway 218 corner for more than 60 years.

Jay and Jamie bought the building formerly occupied by the service station and did a complete makeover on it. Much of the change in the building was orchestrated by Jay and Jamie, however, Jay gives much of the credit to Jamie and her creative juices.

The remodeling project was led by Mohs Contracting of Owatonna. Sub-contractors included Lembke Masonry of Blooming Prairie; Jensen Heating & Air Conditioning of Geneva; Ressler Electric of Ellendale; Davin Johnson Painting of Blooming Prairie and Metal Services of BP.

An open house and ribbon cutting, led by the Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce, were held last Friday with many community residents attending and congratulating the Klemmensens on their newest adventure. KOWZ Radio and KRUE 92 broadcast live from the Klemmensen building. Pork Producer patties and all the fix in's were served. Door prizes including fire extinguishers and gift cards were given out.

Construction started on the building on March 11 and the Klemmensens began to occupy their new quarters in mid-June.

Jay is a Blooming Prairie High school graduate of 2001. He has been active in the insurance industry for the past five years. Prior to insurance, Jay and his parents Rick and Chris managed the Blooming Prairie Country Club for 11 years.

His wife Jamie, a graduate of Wabasha High School, has been active in graphic design for 17 years with the Post-Bulletin Company of Rochester. She started her graphic design business in Blooming Prairie in January of 2015. Most of her creative work is directed toward website design. She will accept other graphic design requests, too.

Jay started the Eagle Prairie business in July of 2014 with Sara Kaplan joining him as agent and account specialist. Clients are served in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The agency is partnered with Atlas Insurance Brokers of Rochester.

Eagle Prairie Insurance works with more than 50 carriers and has grown rapidly. Virtually, all types of insurance including home, auto, business and general property insurance are available. Klemmensen also specializes in crop insurance and farm properties as a whole.

The company slogan, created by Jay and Jamie, is "One on one is how it's done." The slogan has been turned into a jingle for local radio. "We take pride in making sure insurance is a good fit for our clients," Jay commented.

The Klemmensens have two children, Andi, 3 1/2 and Bergen, 21 months. The new office building has a special play room designed just for the kids, Jay and Jamie said.

Let's take a walk through the new building, redone from the structure on up and rated energy efficient. The 1600-square foot building has two entrances, one (north) for the insurance part and another (south) for the creative arts part.

The building has a modern rustic look with stained wood and metal ceilings in accent areas. The walls throughout the building are creative with colorful paintings of a pig, cow, goat, eagle and cat.

In Jamie's office area, you will be captivated by a bright orange accent wall. Jay said Jamie picked out all the colors in the building and also chose the carpeting.

Jay and Jamie did much of the work themselves including a lot of the demolition, installation of the kitchen, sodding, preparation work and installation of some of the glass.

"It was a new project for both of us and everything went very smoothly, our contractors being good to work with," Jay said. The new office "will serve us well and we will be very visible to the community," he added.

Both Jay and Jamie say the community support has been "phenomenal." He said he and Jamie are proud to make a long-term investment in the community.

The Klemmensens hope to see both of their businesses grow. "We're here to help people," Jay said.

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Governor Dayton Appoints the Honorable Anne K. McKeig to the Minnesota Supreme Court

ST. PAUL, MN – Today, Governor Mark Dayton announced his appointment of the Honorable Anne K. McKeig as Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Judge McKeig will replace Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen, who will be retiring at the end of August.

"Judge Anne McKeig has served the people of Minnesota admirably throughout her distinguished career, including as Presiding Judge of the Family Court in Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District," said Governor Dayton."Judge McKeig has worked honorably to ensure justice for some of Minnesota's most vulnerable people, with her strong dedication to Indian Child Welfare and her work leading the Fourth District Family Court.

"Judge McKeig will be a tremendous addition to the Minnesota Supreme Court. I trust that her commitment to justice, and her concern for the well-being of all Minnesotans will bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Court. I am confident Judge McKeig will continue the same exemplary commitment to fairness and excellence that Justice Dietzen has displayed throughout his distinguished career."

"I thank Governor Dayton for the honor of continuing my service to the people of Minnesota as an Associate Justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court," said Judge McKeig. "I am humbled by the opportunity to continue working to deliver justice for all Minnesotans in this important role."

Governor Dayton thanked Justice Dietzen for his dedicated service to the State of Minnesota, especially for his service on the Supreme Court, where he has served as Associate Justice since 2008.

"For eight years, Justice Christopher Dietzen has served the people of Minnesota on our state's Supreme Court with honor and distinction," said Governor Dayton. "Justice Dietzen's contributions to justice and jurisprudence will have a lasting impact on our state. On behalf of all Minnesotans, I thank him for his dedicated service."

About Anne K. McKeig

Judge McKeig has served as a District Court Judge in the Fourth Judicial District since her appointment in 2008 by Governor Pawlenty, and is the current Presiding Judge in Family Court. Previously, she worked as an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney in the Child Protection Division for over 16 years, where she specialized in Indian Child Welfare cases.

Judge McKeig is currently an adjunct professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, a trainer for the Minnesota Department of Human Services, past chair and current board member of the Board of the Division of Indian Work, and a member of the Speakers Bureau for the National Child Protection Training Center. She is also a frequent speaker at many local and national conferences on the issue of Indian Child Welfare, and is a descendant of White Earth Nation.

Judge McKeig earned her B.S. from the College of St. Catherine and her J.D. from Hamline University School of Law.



The Honorable Anne K. McKeig

Huntington finds dentistry and count experience critical in commissioner race

By AHREN BACKMAN
County Staff Writer

Two years after being elected as the first woman to the Steele County Board of Commissioners, 38-year-old Nina Huntington is looking to her diverse background and increased experience to carry the day verses her District 5 opponent Greg Krueger on Election Day, November 8.

"The first two years of the term are really spent learning all of the different aspects of county government, so I am just really starting to get into the swing of things," Huntington said in an interview with The Times. Getting in the "swing of things" for Huntington means continuing with several of the programs she and her fellow councilmembers championed since elections.

Although Commissioner Huntington said she could easily mention an improving program in every department of Steele County, one she highlighted was a brand a new organizational structure in 2015. Huntington said the board is already starting to see the benefits of having a more cohesive and connected group of leaders in Steele County.

Outside of Steele County government Huntington has an long history in Owatonna and specifically District 5. Huntington graduated from Owatonna High School and left for Minnesota State University, Mankato for a dental hygienist degree. From this point, Huntington moved back to Owatonna, where she has been practicing in her field for 15 years. Another career aspect Huntington highlighted was her Master's degree in Public Affairs. She said she uses it in county leadership regularly. "Going back to school to get my Master's degree is what led me to running for county commissioner and has given me the skills to lead the county in policy making."

Leadership in her field of dental hygiene is another key program Huntington highlighted as a "huge asset," into county leadership. In her few years on the Joint Powers Board of South County Health, Huntington said a project was piloted to increase reimbursement for dental procedures in the hope of increasing the amount of South County members who receive dental treatment. Huntington said the program was a great success with a roughly a 30% increase in the number of people who accessed dental care.

Outside of District 4, two other races for commissioner spots are set. In District 3, Rick Gnemi will challenge incumbent Mark Schultz, and in District 4, incumbent James "Corky" Ebeling will be facing off against challenger Jim Abbe.

Three other Owatonna residents have filed for office. All will be candidates for the Soil and Water Supervisor. David Meldy of Owatonna filed on May 24 in District 2. Ellendale resident Dan Hanson is the only non-Owatonna resident filed so far and he will be looking to take the office in District 4 after filing on May 18. Steele County filing period ended on Tuesday,



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District 5 County Commission Candidate Nina Huntington outside the Steele County Administration Building.

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County Living

Getting excited about summer reading

By JESSICA NAFE
Staff Intern

The New Richland Library is working hard to get local children excited about reading this summer by booking dozens of unique activities that encourage youth literacy.

Just a week ago on June 27, the library welcomed the Half Pint Horse Program into their building, and over 30 Children came to the library to meet Cookie, a real live miniature horse, and to learn more about horses.

"It is very important to offer fun activities at the library," said Tina Zimmerman, the New Richland Librarian.

Zimmerman believes that special events, like brining a horse into the library, gets children excited about reading, and by practicing their literacy abilities, kids develop important educational skills such as vocabulary, sentence structure, and punctuation.

"When you read a book, you're not just reading for fun," she stated. "You're actually increasing so many of your skills that you need in life."

Since many children tend to throw books aside as soon as the last school bell rings and summer begins, the reading skills that kids built up during the school year rapidly fade away during the summer. Zimmerman refers to this educational decline as the summer slide.

"If we can get kids reading and motivated to read by giving prizes, doing drawings, or planning events, the decline is stopped," she said. "Then when the kids go back to school, they won't have as much of a decline as children who may not read during the summer."

In addition to hosting special events throughout the summer, such as the Half Pint Horse Program, the New Richland Library plans a variety of craft activities and challenging games that engage children's critical reading, thinking, and problem solving skills.

"We try to have something fun going on every week," Zimmerman stated.

Some of the weekly activities that take place at the library involve Level-Up and Storytime Kits, which are made up by each of the librarians from the Waseca-Le Sueur Library System and filled with a variety of unique crafts, games, and story ideas. The kits were made possible from a grant through the Waseca-Le Sueur Library System.

Perhaps the biggest push that the library uses to encourage reading is the teen and children summer reading programs. Sixty-six kids started the two-month challenge back in June, and more are highly encouraged to join the program before it ends in July.

Children receive three reading logs that include book suggestions, healthy recipes, summer activity ideas, and other fun extras. Each time that a kid completes a book or attends one of the library's events, they can color in a circle on their log. Once they color in all the circles on a log, they can turn it into the library to receive a prize. Every child who completes all three reading logs will receive a free book at the end of July.

"I think that is the favorite part of the program for the kids, especially the younger ones," commented Zimmerman. The free books are made possible by a grant through the New Richland Area Foundation, which Zimmerman is thankful for. "It's a fun reward!" she stated.

Teens that want to participate in the summer reading program get punch cards, and every book they read or event they attend counts for one punch. Cards with all of the punches completed get put in a drawing for twenty dollar Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and iTunes gift cards.

The prizes for the teen program are funded by the Friends of the Library, a board open for membership whose purpose is to gather funds for new books, DVDs, and programs at the New Richland Library.

Friends of the Library also sponsors two weekly prizes that kids can earn by simply checking out a book. For borrowing a book, one golden ticket with the teen or child's name is placed in a drawing for a Gatorade or box of candy.

Continually keeping area kids entertained with weekly prizes and exciting events is important to Zimmerman. "New Richland is a great community, but there is just not as many activities as a bigger town, so for the library to have these programs, all free, educational, and entertaining, it is great!" she said.

Keeping children motivated to read may be a main focus for the library, adults are not to be ignored. In addition to a large selection of adult books, the New Richland Library hosts events like therapeutic adult coloring on the second Tuesday of every month. Card-making classes and author appearances are a few other activities focused on adults.

Whether a young Dr. Seuss enthusiast or an older mystery-loving book worm, the New Richland Library is ready and able to satisfy any need and keep reading levels high throughout the long summer months.

The New Richland Library's hours of business and a calendar of upcoming events with details can be found on the New Richland Library Facebook Page.



Staff photo by Jessica Nafe

While getting to pet Cookie, many kids got to learn interesting facts about horses, like how they like to be pet by the ears.

Pull!

By JESSICA NAFE
Staff Intern

The New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School Clay Target Team hit the end of their season on Saturday June 27, when they competed in the Minnesota State High School League Tournament in Prior Lake and placed fourth, just two points away from taking home a trophy.

Collin Christenson led the team to their high finish and competed in the State Individual Tournament, shooting a 97/100 to finish 10th in the state. He hit his last 70 shots in a row to earn tenth place, and this was his second trip to the tournament.

The NRHEG Clay Target team has seen much success in their past season, including taking the Conference 3 of Class 7A Champion Title, their second conference win in a row after they took home top honors in the Fall League at the start of the school year.

The team's top shooter was

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Staff photo by Jessica Nafe

The participants for the MSHSL State Tournament on June 25th, Tory Christenson (NRHEG), Zachary Eustice (WHS), Alex Romer (ALHS), Noah Lund (WHS), Collin Christenson (NRHEG), Kyle Bartz (WHS), Tanner Alfson (ALHS).

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- 1 tortilla

By Amy Johns

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What a time we had



LOIS M. NELSON

Medford's Straight River Days was the kickoff to summer this year and what a celebration resulted!

With any community celebration, it takes a great number of people to work at all that has to be done. Starting with the planning that starts shortly after the celebration and evaluating what worked and what didn't and ideas of making it better next year. Our Civic Club's commitment to details and family fun were certainly evident all weekend. Thanks to the club officers: Erin Sammon, President; Tonya Miller, Vice President; Alyse Hager, Secretary; and Jayne Beyer, Treasurer and all the respective committees for a great weekend. Mother Nature also cooperated with ideal summer weather.

Sponsors assisting with the funding of the many events scheduled throughout the weekend are also to be thanked. Area businesses and individual support is often called upon for many worthy causes. Your support for our community celebration was very evident and appreciated. The sponsors are listed with a "thank you" on the straightriverdays.com website.

Late afternoon Friday was the long anticipated dedication of our Veteran's Memorial. Here, too, many individuals and businesses were involved to make the dream started three years ago to the reality of the finished memorial. The community is certainly appreciative to all those who were involved.

Saturday had the Medford Fire Department all visible with the Fire 5 run/walk. Young people with department connections were out directing traffic and cheering the participants all the way to the finish line. Then, breakfast hosted by the families at Trinity Lutheran Church so everyone had a good start to the day. Whether it was visiting rummage sales, participating in the garden tour or all the activities in the park, this all required people to organize and run the various events. Thank you to all of them as it was truly a fun day.

The celebration was also an initiation for our newest city employees: Jeb, Scott and Fernando who responded to the challenge and did it while smiling. Andy, Amber, Craig and the Muni employees and volunteers handled many details behind the scenes and were great hosts to the Saturday Night Street Dance with Copperhead Creek.

Any celebration takes the work of many. If you would like to be a part of the planning for next year, just contact any of the people mentioned or call City Hall, 455-2866, and share your interest.

Summer is here and we can all look forward to other area community events. Blooming Prairie's 4th of July celebration is next. Enjoy the best each of us has to offer and thank all those who are working. It would be a long summer without them! Mayor Lois

(Lois M Nelson is serving her 4th year as Medford Mayor.)

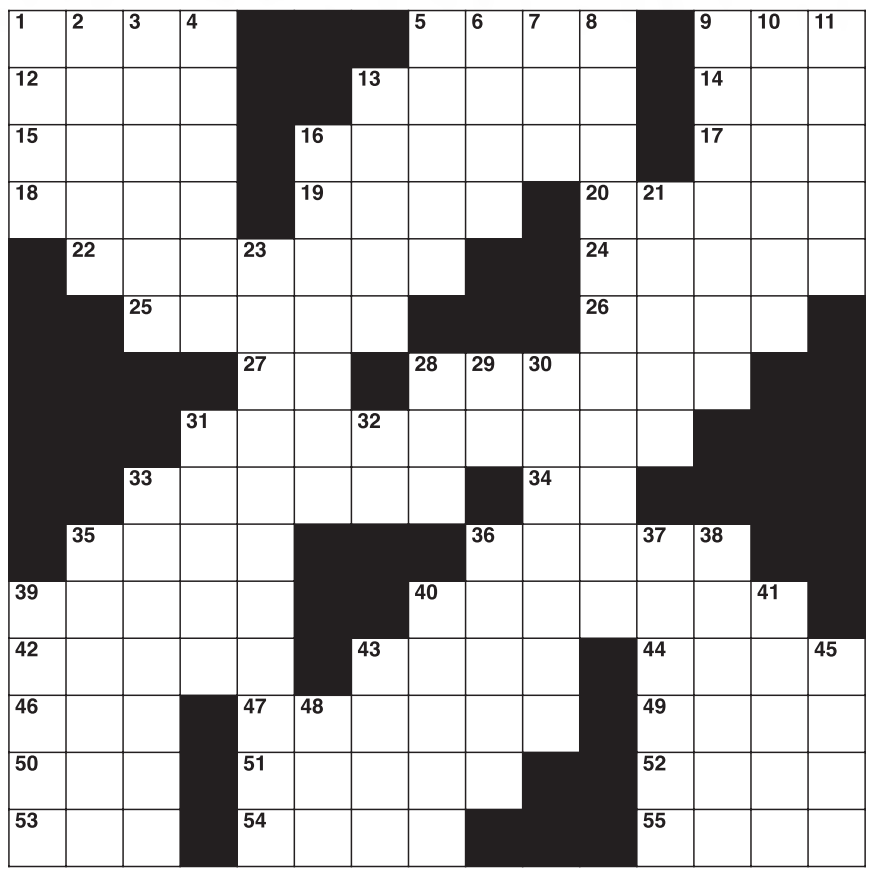


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A floral memorial to Nathan McFarland of Austin, MN was placed aff ont the tree that an all terrain vehicle he was driving crashed into a tree June 21 near the Worlein Funeral Home in Blooming Prairie.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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5. Celestial body
9. Actress Thurman
12. Wait for an opportunity
13. K-2 Airbase in S. Korea
14. Child's grandmother
15. Aquatic reptile (abbr.)
16. ____ and Ladders
17. Macaws
18. Capital of Yemen
19. 8th Hebrew letter
20. Travels by water
22. Open and genuine
24. Asian country
25. Retail sales establishment
26. Arabian Gulf
27. Atomic #42
28. Repaired a sock
31. A smoky quality
33. ___ de, seats you
34. Sodium
35. Turfs
36. Adventure stories
39. Ascetic holy man
40. An unknown person
42. Alt. sp. for Emir
43. A pigmented nevus
44. Farthest from the front
46. Dekaliter
47. Loves intensely
49. Alt. sp. of 13 across
50. They __
51. Container weight deductions
52. Muslim summons to prayer
53. Small amount
54. Geological times
55. Monacle

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1. Basics
2. Old Italian currencies
3. Youth loved by Aphrodite
4. A formal retraction
5. Briefly fry
6. 9th Hebrew letter
7. The time someone has existed
8. Perovskia atriplicfolia
9. Unassisted
10. AKA spearfish
11. Squash bug genus
13. Not here
16. A cigar with square ends
21. S. Am. mountains
23. Condole
28. Small gaming cubes
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Mantorville Theatre Company presents "Mairegold Will Heal My Heart" or "Mums The Word!"

The Mantorville Theatre Company is thrilled to present the second play of its 44th Summer Melodrama Season! "Mairegold Will Heal My Heart" or "Mums The Word!" by Cheryl Frarck makes its debut on our stage on Friday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mantorville Opera House, and runs every Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., through July 24, 2016.

In this original story, the small village of Mantorville has an unwelcome visitor: a mysterious inflammatory illness! And its first victim is the beautiful little golden-haired child, Mairegold. Her father, grieving widower Colin Grange, desperately searches for a remedy to return his only child to health. "Snake Oil Salesman" Dr. Phineas Malaise, seeing an easy mark, offers Mr. Grange his new "Elixir of Health" to "cure" Mairegold. But, when Phineas sees our heroine, he falls and falls hard—and his pursuit of

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Mary Braasch-Turi
Warren Garza
Jacob Gasner
Meredith Gillis
Brett Johnson
Taylore Keppers
Anthony Manderfeld
Jade Pekarek
Noah Pirkl
Sophie Proehl
Brandon Sisler

10TH GRADE

Madeleine Anderson
Isabel Brady
Cassandra Brase
Morgan Cammock
Madelyn Cloutier
Ian Gillis
Trenton Lund
Jasmine Panos
Kyra Rahn
Logan Rogotzke
Ellie Romnes
Cole Volkmann
Javis VonRuden
Kayleigh Walock
Grace Wobbrock

11TH GRADE

Rachel Bluhm
Rebecca Edel
Sydney Langeslag
Holly Larson
Danielle Morgan
Elizabeth Mukurazita
Callie Nagel
Joshua Schauer
Mikayla Spinler

12TH GRADE

Jessica Deering
Michelle Honsey

4th Quarter Honor Roll Students

7TH GRADE

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Brayden Beede
Emily Chadwick
Roberta Domstrand
Cole Dusek
Isaac Enzenauer
Krista Esch
Hannah Fessel
Lizbeth Gutierrez
Kaelan Hermanstorfer
Gavin Hermes
Brennon Hoffman
Leanna Ibarra
Mikayla Janke
Malia Kircher
Ernesto Lazaro
Angela Lippert
Devin Luckey
Sierra Lustig
Ruby Nellis
Markessa Niner
Alexander Oatway
Luz Peralta
Brooke Purrier
Logan Schmit
Peyton Seiler
Kayla Tutt
Jeffrey Westergaard

8TH GRADE

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Alexis Amberg
Abrianna Casey-Kircher
William Chester
Emily Cloutier
Kylie Cumberland
Boden Devoe
Joseph Doucette
Shelby Ganske
Veronica Gonzalez
Riley Hill
Reilly List
Joshua O'Daffer
Mackenzie Paulson
Isabel Reuvers
Kevin Robles
Tysia Smith
Carson Sobrack
Dylan Stenzel
Abigail Tellijohn
William VonRuden
Alorah Weise

9TH GRADE

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Tanner Barbeau
Camisha Chavis
Connor Davis
Jason Domstrand
Ryan Hermanstorfer
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Bryce Lisowski
Bailey Purrier
Kyler Rykhus
Madison Schletty
Joseph Schull
Brianna Sisler
Austin VonRuden

10TH GRADE

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Alex Gengler
Brynn Hable
Amanda Honsey
Rachel Ivance
Kaylee Kern
Kelsey Kern
Tristen Kern
David Klapperich
Josephine Kubat
Jenna McCarthy
Alexcia Mechura
Nathan Meixner
Skylar Meyer
Kristina Niner
Dakota Panos
Ailee Romnes
Jewel Stewart
Benjamyn Sutcliffe
Taylor Theisen

11TH GRADE

Haileigh Benton
Benjamin Borash
Brooke Crosby
Marcus DeLeon
Tye Devoe
Kori Dodge
Ashley Gilbertson
Krystal Hanson
Michael Kanne
Ally Linse
Amanda Litsheim
Amelia Manderfeld
Nicholas Masso
Giovanni Morales
Jonathon O'Daffer
Noah Parrish
Jacob Pleschourt
Anthony Stephens
Bianca Trejo

12TH GRADE

Cassandra Borwege
Alyssa Butterfield
Madison Dewolfe-Gillis
Cierra DuChene
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Minimizer unveils heavy duty truck seats



Minimizer, one of the leaders in heavy duty innovation, manufactures some of the most unique products available in the aftermarket, including Poly Fenders, Custom Molded Floor Mats and Fast Flaps.

Now, the company is adding to its ever-growing product line with its most talked-about item in years – Heavy Duty (HD) Truck Seats.

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"This isn't our core area, so we partnered with a global leader - Isringhausen – to produce a truck seat drivers will love," Minimizer CEO and Chief Visionary Craig Kruckeberg said. "Nobody manufactures better truck seats than ISRI, and these stand up to the Minimizer Tested & Tortured reputation."

"ISRI's manufacturing prowess combined with Minimizer's powerful brand creates a HD truck seat completely unique to the aftermarket," ISRI USA General Manager Gary Slater said. "This is a standard that no other aftermarket seat can match."

The Minimizer Long Haul Series consists of six different seats, all of which are equipped with 14 standard features, including several unique to the HD trucking industry.

"The seats spent years in development, partially due to the fact we were very specific with the features. We wanted our seats to stand out from the rest," Kruckeberg said.

Included in the 14 standard features are upper and lower lumbar support; a 135-degree swivel base that allows the driver to spin the seat inboard if they want access to the cab; both air height adjustment with memory as well as a physical shock absorber; and numerous adjustments built into the seat to ensure ultimate comfort for each body type, whether a driver is six-four, 280 pounds or five-five, 110 pounds.

"One of the keys in proper ergonomic design is adjustability," Doctor of Chiropractic and tenured professor at Northwestern Health Sciences University Joseph Sweere said. "It's such a critical component, which is one of the reasons I have great admiration for the work that's been done in the design of the Minimizer truck seat."

Sweere has spent much of his 55-year career focusing on occupational health.

"With its many unique features, I think the Minimizer truck seat is the best I've seen on the market today," Sweere said.

In addition to the 14 standard features, drivers have the option of choosing a heated backrest and seat cushion, along with either a cooled backrest and seat cushion or a revitalizing massager.

"The Revitalizer is awesome. We've already had several drivers say they love it," Kruckeberg said. "You turn it on when you're 20 minutes from your destination to promote blood flow. It improves your circulation so that when you get out of the cab, you're not stiff and sore. It creates fewer work compensation injuries."

Minimizer also subjected its seats to rigorous testing, allowing them to be issued with the company's standard Lifetime Warranty.

To see the seats being Tested and Tortured, as well as learn more about the Long Haul Series, visit www.minimizer.com/product/long-haul-series.



Young dancers reunited for post-season performance at BP Fourth of July Festivities

By AHREN BACKMAN
County Staff Writer

Although the "Just 4 Kix" season officially ended earlier in the year, instructor Elizabeth "Bizzy" Thompson said the Blooming Prairie (BP) dancers were sure to get back together for the BP Fourth of July Festivities. "They invited us back and of course; we said yes."

The precision dancers took to the Judging Area for the second year in a row near Central Park from 12:30 p.m. until just past 1 p.m. on the fourth of July with several uniquely choreographed dance routines set to a variety of country-themed selections including classics such as Rednex's "Cotton Eye Joe."

The gathered crowd numbered over 50 people by rough estimate, and overall reaction was very positive. Thompson said she was very pleased with the dancer's performance as well as the crowds, "Really, really good; they were smiling, and they (the dancers) really seemed to be having a good time as well."

Thompson said fun is the name of the game for the BP dancers who are made up of dancers from Blooming Prairie schools aged preschool to 12 grades. "It's so much fun, the girls love coming out and its nice to see them after a few weeks." said "Bizzy. The dancers learned the featured BP Fourth of July dances in the spring as part of their regular routine then the came together for a 45 minute practice in preparation for the fourth of July.

The BP dance program has grown substantially under "Bizzy." She said "When I started we had 68, and now I believe we have 138."



Staff photo by Ahren Backman

Blooming Prairie We-Kix performers JazlyinKapsch, MylieRipka, Mavada Warner, Catelynn Bartlett, Cloe Wassick, Cadence Varhe-Shoemocker and Caitlyn Stangl dance in a circle to the classic country song "Cotton Eye Joe," by the Rednex.

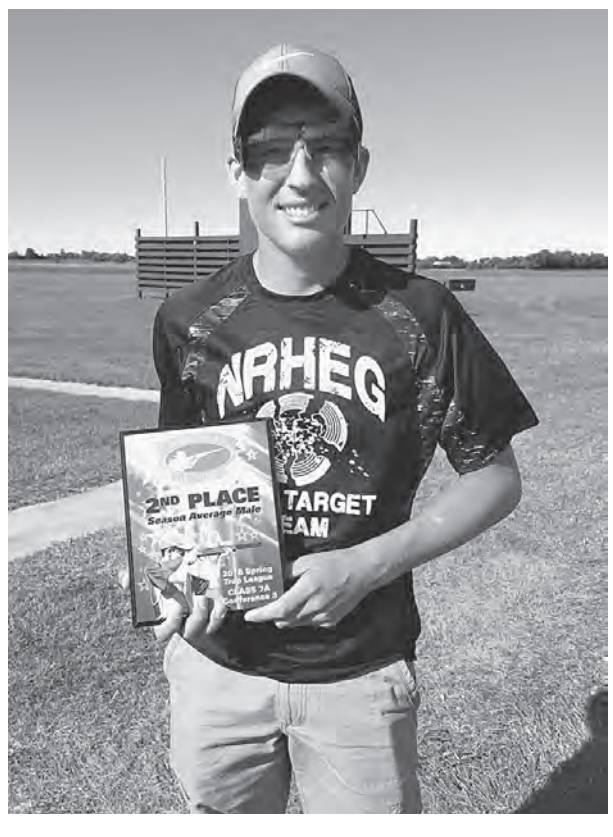
TARGETS
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Christenson who had a team record of 24.5 out of 25 average, and he was also named the second high shooter in the conference and the fourth high shooter in the state of Minnesota.

Other NRHEG Students who placed in the Conference Top 25 were Tyler Raimann, Tory Christenson, and Chancellor Olson.

The NRHEG Clay Target Team earned a spot to compete at the MSHSL Tournament by placing second at the Class 7A Championship in Alexandria. This was the team's second trip to the State Tournament, which has only been running for three years.

Letter winners for the NRHEG Clay Target team are as follows: Raimann, Olson, Tory Christenson, Collin Christenson, Evan Dobberstein, Cordell Peterson, Tyler Jacobson, Carter Hagen, Braden Routh, Carter Suchenak, Aaron Olson, Graham Kyllo, Jager Beck, Brett Kubiatowicz, Tyler Mithun, Ross Lenort, Trey Hoppe, and Dalton Kraay.



Staff photo by Jessica Nafe

Collin Christenson with his 2nd place high average plaque for Conference 3, Class 7A.

THEATRE
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medical glory vanishes in promise of romance. Will our heroine succumb to the charms of Phineas Malaise, or will she help Colin nurse his daughter Mairegold back to health and find true love? And will the residents of this new county seat discover Dr. Malaise's fraud and banish him forever from the banks of the Zumbro?

Written and directed by Cheryl Frarck of Kasson, the show features the talents of Kane Kline and Priscilla Ruemping of Byron, Kevin Hammell of Rochester, Alicia Frarck and Madysen Nelson of Dodge Center, Gavin Johnson of West Concord, and Mary Wellner on the piano. Suitable for all members of the family, this show is sure to please!

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Faces of the Fourth















HOMETOWN EXTRA

Goats to glory

Faribault man's hooved army battles invasive plant species



Story & photos by Ahren Backman

Jake Langeslag, owner of Goat Dispatch, works on training with a new goat, named Puppy, on his rural Faribault home.

"I had no idea I would be doing this ever, but once I came across this I really enjoy it," said Jake Langeslag of his business, Goat Dispatch.

Goat Dispatch, which is co-owned by his wife, Amanda, serves as a service for clearing underbrush and invasive plant species, like buckthorn, out of areas. The company idea came about unintentionally when Amanda brought home "more goats than she thought" in 2012. Langeslag decided to put them to work assisting him in clearing the underbrush around his rural Faribault home.

The experiment worked well, and Langeslag, who graduated with a degree in ecology from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2004, saw an opportunity for an eco-friendly forest clearing business. Starting out, the herd was nine goats and the first clients were his neighbors. As the goats proved themselves, cities, such as Faribault, Minnetonka, and, most recently, Owatonna began to express interest. The business snowballed into an over 100 goat operation with sites all over the state.

Langeslag is constantly training goats to replenish his ranks on the job sites. Most recently, he was training a group of 26 "new recruits." This training takes between a week and a year, specific to the goat's temperament. Langeslag gestured to the training group and said, "they all have different personalities, some are good climbers, and some do a really good job at making the buckthorn lie down with their legs and some don't do a lot of work."



Buckthorn or, Rhamnus cathartica, is an invasive shrub that was first brought to Minnesota from Europe in the mid-1800s as a plant to make hedges with, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. As the century continued, the buckthorn quickly spread into parks and forests, and completely outcompeted most native underbrush. Following in its hedging background, Buckthorn formed impenetrable walls in forest underbrush and serves as host to other pests, such as crown rust fungus and soybean aphid.



Langeslag meticulously tracks the different traits of each goat on personalized notecards that he uses to speed training, and assign work details. With every batch of newcomers, Langeslag mixes in experienced goats to serve as an example for laying down the buckthorn and eating it. Langeslag often personally joins the experienced goats in showing what foliage to eat.

Getting the goats to eat the invasive buckthorn isn't often the most difficult part of the process. Langeslag said goats are naturally attracted to broad-leaved plants like buckthorn. Although most foliage in a goat area is grazed, the invasive buckthorn has a greater difficulty coming back. Native plants are usually designed to withstand grazing, a natural process from when bison and elk grazed on them. The native plants bounce back, according to Langeslag.

"The greatest difficulty of training goats is figuring out the 200 different ways they get out of the fence," Langeslag said with a laugh. "Early on, we would wake up and they would be in the garage."

When Langeslag is not fixing fences or training goats, he is operating his first original passion, building eco-friendly backyard pools. Langeslag's 20,000 gallon pool is safe for swimming and contains koi fish. A natural filtration system made up of a combination of plants and fish keeps the pool clean at a fraction of the budget of a normal filter. "It only takes about 20 bucks a month to filter this whole thing," said Langeslag.

After he graduated in 2004, Langeslag moved to California to work with eco-friendly pools. Then when he returned to Faribault, he brought the pool building skills with him.

He said, "I do these all over the county for people." Unlike invasive species control, Langeslag has had an interest in pool building for a lifetime. "I built my first pond for my parents when I was 12 years old," said Langeslag. Unfortunately, Langeslag said the seasonal nature of pool work was another factor in a switch of much of his time to goats. "That's where the goats came in… we can fence in the rain, in the snow, whenever," Langeslag said.

With over 150 requests for the service to date, business is good in the goat industry. Langeslag even said a few potential clients went to great lengths to try to get the Langeslags and their goats to come including hotel stays and vacations. Although he said they appreciate the kindness, Langeslag is committed to growing Goat Dispatch slowly and "do things right."



Left: A group of fresh goat recruits who Langeslag will be training to trim underbrush and eliminate invasive plant species like buckthorn.

Below: Langeslag feeds the fish in an eco-friendly swimming pool behind his home.







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Crop insurance gives farmers more planting flexibility

Insurance Changes Expand Farm Safety Net for Double Cropping

Acting Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse today announced that the federal crop insurance program will provide additional flexibilit to farmers. The modification center on the practice of growing two crops on the same field at different times of the year, which is known as double cropping.

"We are constantly looking for ways to meet the needs of our farmers and seek out their feedback so we can best provide them with the tools and resources they need to grow and support their operations," Scuse said. "After receiving input from a number of stakeholders, we made these changes to the federal crop insurance program to provide greater flexibility and better reflect current agricultural practices."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) worked to provide additional flexibilit requested by farmers. Double cropping requirements are revised to adequately recognize changes in growing farm operations or for added land. This change will address both land added to an operation, and account for multiple crop rotations. These changes will be in effective for the 2017 crop year for most crops, starting with winter wheat.

Under the Obama Administration, federal crop insurance programs have been enhanced to ensure that America's farmers and ranchers have the strongest safety net possible that applies to the diverse types and sizes of farms in our country, and the wide variety of products they grow. USDA federal crop insurance programs provide producers with greater access to fina - cial tools than ever before, at a time when prices are low, and access to credit can be difficult Working with producers, RMA has developed innovative and well-received products to adapt the program to today's diverse farm operations. Special focus has been given to more diversified farms, small farms and beginning farmers and ranchers. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about these changes. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or online at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided $5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with $36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested $64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.



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Using adjuvants with pesticides

When it comes to crop protection, there's no shortage of factors for growers to consider. Leading up to every pesticide application, growers make a series of decisions – from nozzle types to tank mixes – in pursuit of effective pest control. One such decision is whether or not to incorporate a spray adjuvant, and if so, which is the right match for each particular situation.

Adjuvant background and classificatio

Adjuvants improve a pesticide's ability to perform. While there are dozens of different kinds, adjuvants can be categorized at a high level as either an activator or utility adjuvant.

Activator adjuvants increase effectiveness of a pesticide by modifying its makeup. The most common subtypes are surfactants and oil-based adjuvants, and while both improve effic - cy, they have unique methods for doing so.

A surfactant will overcome the surface tension of water, allowing a pesticide to more evenly disperse across its target. For herbicides, this improves weed control by increasing the chemical's contact with the target surface. Oil-based adjuvants, on the other hand, help penetrate the waxy cuticle barrier of the leaf, delivering chemicals to critical sites within the plant."

Due to cuticle penetration power, oil-based adjuvants tend to have stronger pest control, but also higher risk of adverse crop response.

Choosing the right adjuvant

Many pesticides require a specific adjuvant to achieve optimum pest control. A grower's first resource in determining which type of adjuvant to use is the product label. The label will have detailed information regarding which adjuvants are compatible with the product in a standalone or tank mixed application.

Sometimes a label will permit the use of a variety of adjuvants. By understanding differences between surfactants and oil-based adjuvants, growers can weigh the benefits and risks in respect to other factors.

Application timing can infl - ence which adjuvant is selected. Methylated seed oils often accompany a pre-emergence burndown because no crops are put at risk. Separately, cool and cloudy weather conditions thin plant cuticles, increasing the likelihood of a crop response to oils."

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U.S. Growers Plant Record High Soybeans Acreage in 2016

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimates U.S. soybean planted area at a record high 83.7 million acres, up 1 percent from last year, according to the Acreage report released today.

The report shows U.S. growers, aided by favorable weather conditions, increased or maintained their 2015 soybean acreage in 18 out of the 31 major producing states. In Kansas, Minnesota, and Missouri, soybean growers significantly increased their planted acres, with each state reporting 200,000 or more acres planted to soybeans this year than in 2015. Growers expect to harvest 83.0 million acres of soybeans nationally this year, which, if realized, will be a new record high.

U.S. corn growers also benefited from the excellent field conditions this year, increasing their acreage from last year by 7 percent to 94.1 million acres, making it the third highest corn planted acreage since 1944 Growers expect to harvest 86.6 million acres for grain. If realized, this will be the third highest acres harvested for grain since 1933.

Both soybean and corn growers continued to embrace biotechnology. According to the report, 94 percent of this year's soybean acreage was planted to herbicide resistant varieties. On the corn side, 93 percent of 2016 crop was planted to biotechnology seed varieties, which include insect and herbicide resistant varieties of corn seed.

NASS today also released the quarterly Grain Stocks report to provide estimates of on-farm and off-farm stocks as of June 1. According to this report, there are 4.72 billion bushels of corn stored in the United States, up 6 percent from June 1, 2015. Of these, 2.47 billion bushels are stored on farms, and 2.25 billion bushels are off-farms.

There are also 870 million bushels of soybeans stored in all positions in the United States, up 39 percent from the same time last year. The report shows that 281 million bushels of soybeans are stored on farms, while 589 million bushels are off farms. Off farm stocks are up 55 percent from June 1, 2015.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
MORTGAGOR(S): Randy Bladine and Bobbette Larson, both single people
MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on September 22, 2014 as Document Number T000071844 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $144,688.59
DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 16, 2010
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on December 27, 2010 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 17848 as Document Number T000066775 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $147,595.53
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Six (6) and the North Five (5) feet of Lot Five (5), Block One (1), of Naefke Addition to the City of Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota
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TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Bank of America, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17-188-0106
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
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 2, 2016 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 2, 2017.

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

Estate of
Joseph Patrick Ptacek,
Decendent

Notice is given that on August 16, 2016 at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 111 East Main Street, Owatonna, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Florence M. Ptacek, whose address is 353 Lemond Road, #301, SUPERVISED 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 the 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.

Dated: 2016.06.29

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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): Adam D. Jensen, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by assignment recorded on March 22, 2016 as Document Number A000406720 in the Office of the County Recorder of Steele County, Minnesota.
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $111,200.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 21, 2009
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 3, 2009 as Document Number A000364463; as reformed by Court Order recorded on June 7, 2016 as Document No. A000407930 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: $119,828.76
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The East Half of the following: Commencing 80 rods East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21, running thence East 9 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 9 rods; thence South 8 rods to the place of beginning, Except the West 36 feet thereof.
AND Commencing 89 rods East of the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, running thence East 5 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 5 rods; thence South 8 rods to beginning. (Being Sublot 3, and part of Sublot 4 of Lot 10 in Northwest Quarter of Section 17-107-21)
Together with and subject to that certain Well Agreement dated and filed June 21, 1994, ad Document No. 242387 in the Office of the Steele County Recorder, Steele County, Minnesota
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 8921 13TH ST SW, MERIDAN, MN 56093
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 09-017-4211
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
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 23, 2016 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 23, 2017.

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 30, 2016

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.
Mortgagee
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City of Blooming Prairie

Proposed
City of Blooming Prairie
City Council Meeting Agenda
July 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.

6:30 PM Public Hearing: Vacating Easement Industrial Park

6:45 PM Public Hearing: Update of the 5-Year Street Reconstruction Plan

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes of June Regular City Council Meeting
Financial Report
Committee/Commission Reports
1. B.P. Public Utilities
   a. Special Meeting
2. E.D.A.
3. B.P. Planning & Zoning
4. B.P. Fire Commission
5. B.P. Ambulance Commission

Business
1. Update from Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities on the 2016 Legislative Session
2. Application to Consume Liquor in the Park – Blooming Prairie Fire Department
3. Close 2015 Main Street Reconstruction Account into Debt Service Account
4. Final Pay Request-6th Street NW
5. Appointment of Election Judges
6. Temporary Liquor License – Blooming Prairie Lion
7. Street Closing – Blooming Prairie Cancer Auction
8. Vacate Utility Easement – Industrial Park
9. Approve Updated 5-Year Street Reconstruction Plan
10. Allocate Funds for Large Blacktop Patching

City Administrator's Report
1. 4th of July Review
2. Photocopy Machine Lease
3. Upgrade Laserfische
4. Install Gutters on City Center
5. 2017 Budget Thoughts
6. BPPU Retirement and New Hire

City Attorney's Report
Council Members' Reports
Adjourn
This Agenda is Subject to Change

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Steele County Commissioner's Synopsis - 6/14/2016

Complete minutes can be viewed on the Steele County Website.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Huntington/Brady to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
2. Huntington/Schultz to approve the POST Board Review. Ayes all.
3. Huntington/Brady to approve the consent agenda items.
   A. Approve the Minutes of May 24, 2016 and May 31, 2016.
   B. Approve the Listing of Bills.
   C. Approve the Personnel Report.
   D. Approve the FY 17 Contract Amendment with the MN Department of Corrections for housing DOC offenders.
   E. Approve the Tobacco License for Lerberg's Foods of Ellendale, MN.
   F. Approve the renewal of Consumption & Display Permit for the Blooming Prairie Country Club.
   G. Approve the expenditure of $1335.00 from the Compliance fund to incorporate property tax information into the parcel reports generated from the interactive GIS map.
   H. Accept the door brim quote in the amount of $1,432.10 for the Detention Center.
   I. Accept Deeds/Mortgages Dashboard.
   J. Accept Monthly report on Probation Services Dashboard.
   K. Accept Public Safety Policy Committee Minutes.
   L. Accept Internal Central Services Policy Committee Minutes.
   M. Accept Community Services Meeting Minutes.
4. Schultz/Huntington to approve the renewal of the 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor License for the Blooming Prairie Country Club. Ayes all.
5. Schultz/Brady offered a Resolution that the Steele County Board of Commissioners do hereby name Ed Nelson as the Steele County Trail Administrator. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
6. Glynn/Brady to appoint Commissioner Huntington as a voting delegate for the NACO conference and Commissioner Schultz as alternate. Ayes all.
7. Glynn/Huntington to approve 2016 Appropriations. Ayes all.

Agency	Amount
City of Blooming Prairie EDA	$5,000
City of Ellendale EDA	$5,000
City of Medford EDA	$5,000
Owatonna Partners for Economic Development	$1,000
Southern MN Initiative Foundation	$5,000
FarmAmerica	$500
Owatonna Business Incubator	$10,000
Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club	$125
American Legion – Ellendale	$125
American Legion – Owatonna	$1,375
Blooming Prairie Ambulance	$5,000
Ellendale Ambulance	$5,000
Southern MN Tourism	$1,829
Humane Society	$10,000
SMART (SE MN Association Reginal Trails)	$25

8. Glynn/Huntington offered a Resolution that the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County of Steele, Minnesota, that Steele County inform the Minnesota Department of Corrections of its intent to participate in the Community Corrections Act delivery system under Minn. Stat. Chapter 401 effective on or after July 1, 2017. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting.
9. Huntington/Schultz offered to notify Waseca County of our intent to terminate the agreement for Court Services Director Services in no less than 30 days, and no more than 60 days with an exact date to be determined by the Administrator Elvebak and Interim Probation Director Tim Schammel. Ayes all.
10. Huntington/Glynn to approve the Professional Services Contract with Stonebrooke Engineering to assist with oversight and delivery of active construction projects due to the resignation of the Assistant County Engineer. Ayes all.
11. Brady/Glynn to approve the extension of the Accounting Intern's employment using the residual balance budgeted for auditing fees. Ayes all.
12. Schultz/Huntington to approve the revised Lease and Use Agreement between Steele County and the Steele County Agricultural Society. Ayes all.
13. Huntington/Glynn to approve the City of Owatonna Stormwater Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement required for the Public Works Facility construction to proceed. Ayes all.
14. Glynn/Schultz to approve a one-time donation of $5,000 to the Preschool Transportation Project Collaborative. Upon the vote being taken, 4 Commissioners voted in thereof, Commissioner Brady voting against.
15. Huntington/Brady to approve the purchase of the Plan-It Capital Improvement Plan Software in the amount of $2,050 and an annual renewal cost of $1,025. Ayes all.
16. Schultz/Huntington to approve the proposed timeline to complete the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and issue a bond.
17. Commissioner Reports:
Glynn reported on his attendance at the CCA and the SEMREX meeting.
Huntington reported on her attendance at the Drug Court Graduation, Safety Camp, LEC committee and SCCL meeting.
Brady reported on his attendance at the Soil and Water meeting.
Schultz reported on his attendance at the 911 Joint Powers Board, SCFF, History Center and the SEMCAC meeting.
Ebeling reported on his attendance at the 911 Joint Powers Board, District 9 meeting in Caledonia, Safety Camp and SCCL meeting.
18. Huntington/Brady to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
06/14/2016

30th Place, LLC	17,572.22
A'viands, LLC	21,354.52
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	10,616.90
APG Media of Southern Minnesota, LLC	2,324.69
Bargen Incorporated	4,000.00
Bauer Built, Inc.	2,885.48
Briggs and Morgan, PA	2,185.00
Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc.	4,219.72
Cummins Npower, LLC	2,870.00
First Supply, LLC-Owatonna	3,498.15
Hewlett- Packard Company	3,290.00
Integra Telecom	2,723.18
Kwik Trip, Inc.	4,234.93
L & L Street Rods & Sport Trucks	7,630.00
Malo Roofing, Inc.	22,675.10
Marco Technologies, LLC	2,960.93
Medford Sand & Gravel, LLC	2,304.30
MN Counties Insurance Trust	3,289.00
Northland Farm Systems	3,600.00
Oertel Architects	48,919.59
Owatonna Glass & Repair, Inc.	4,261.99
Owatonna Public Utilities	24,053.16
Rinke-Noonan	2,820.00
Riverland Community College- Austin	2,000.00
Steele County Central Services	3,640.49
Steele County Highway Dept.	2,668.02
Steele County Treasurer	4,880.15
Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc.	14,033.14
Trane U.S. Inc.	2,947.25
Turnkey Corrections	17,268.88
Uniforms Unlimited, Inc.	2,002.00
Xerox Business Services, LLC	5,368.95
Ziegler, Inc.	4,141.38
183 Warrants under $2,000	66,987.18
Total:	**340,281.88**

19. Huntington/Brady offered to draft a letter of support for Commissioner Ebeling to apply as an applicant for NACO delegate positions. Ayes all.
20. Brady/Glynn to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 6:10 p.m. Ayes all.

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BP ISD#756 Work Session

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN May 12, 2016

A regular school board work session was held at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016, in the Board Room at the High School.
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT:
Superintendent of Schools
DISCUSSION ITEMS:
General review and discussion was held on agenda items for the May 16, 2016, regular school board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Hameister

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

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BP ISD#756 Board Meeting

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN May 16, 2016

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

OPEN FORUM – No comments.
I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Steve Ille, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Pam Hameister, Michelle Vigeland

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools; Members of the BPTA; Elementary Principal; High School Principal

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)
V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS
Reports given by Mr. Staloch and Mr. Worke.
VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Resignations, Employment, Donations
Motion by Pam Hameister and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the minutes, bills, treasurer's report, resignations, and employment as presented. Motion carried.
(7 Aye/0 Nay)
B. Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of a Contract
Motion by Rodney Krell and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of an elementary teaching contract. Motion carried.
(Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye/0 Nay)
C. FY 2017 Staff Development Allocation
Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve waiving the 2% general education set-a-side for staff development and to set an amount of approximately $50,000.00 for FY 17 which consists of $25,000.00 staff use plus $25,000.00 for a graduation standards technician. The BPTA also approved the allocation at an April 15, 2016, meeting. Motion carried.
(7 Aye/0 Nay)
D. FY 2016 Revised Budget
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Steve Ille to approve a revised FY 2016 budget as presented. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

E. SASS
Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to approve continuation of electronic payments to SASS for superintendent administrative services along with a $5 per month charge from Farmers & Merchants State Bank for the electronic payments. Motion carried.
(7 Aye/0 Nay)
VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
A. Committee Reports
A report update was given by the following committees: Building and Grounds Facilities, Education Foundation, Finance, Negotiations, Technology and ZED.
B. Enrollment Data
Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year as of May 11, 2016, was 412 at the elementary school and 304 at the high school (298 attending BPHS and 6 attending PSEO). The PSEO number consisted of 2 seniors and 4 juniors which will all attend full-time.
C. Dates to Note
The Board noted dates of importance.
VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
1. Civil rights of transgender persons in schools
2. Article on social media in coaching in the Minneapolis Tribune
3. Legislative update
IX. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Michelle Vigeland to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 6:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the High School. Tentatively, the next regular meeting of the School Board will be Monday, June 20, 2016, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.)

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

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

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: 12/11/2009
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $81,400.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Gary A. Starkson, A Single Person
MORTGAGEE: Bank of America, N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 12/29/2009 as Doc#: 185344 in the Office of the County Recorder, Dodge County, Minnesota
The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP
Assignment dated: 09/23/2011
Assignment recorded: 10/24/2011
Assignment recording information: Doc#: 193630
Assignee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Assignment dated: 9/18/2014
Assignment recorded: 2/20/2015
Assignment recording information: Doc#: 209990
Assignee: U.S. Bank Trust N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
Assignment dated: 1/30/2015
Assignment recorded: 2/20/2015
Assignment recording information: Doc#: 209991
All in the records of the County Recorder in and for Dodge County, Minnesota.
TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 25.426.1730
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 6, Block 24, Frank Mantor's Addition, in the city of Mantorville, Dodge County, Minnesota.
Abstract Property
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 715 7th Street W, Mantorville, MN 55955
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Bank of America, N.A.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Caliber Home Loans Inc.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE $94,073.52 AS OF 7/22/2016.
THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes.
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Dodge, Minnesota at public auction as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 9/1/2016 at 11:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Dodge Sheriff's Office, 22 6th Street East, Dept. 201, Mantorville, MN 55955 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) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 6 Months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 2/10/2017, or the next business day if 2/10/2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

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

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

Dated: 07/06/2016
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, Mortgagee/Mortgage Assignee
Klatt, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C.,
By Brian G. Sayer,
Attorney for Mortgagee/ Mortgage Assignee
925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
MORTGAGOR(S): William H Etherton, a/k/a William H. Etherton Jr. and Janet L Etherton, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, a National Banking Association
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on April 15, 2016 as Document Number T000073604 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $99,867.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 16, 2011
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on March 24, 2011 and memorialized upon Certificate of Title No. 10399 as Document Number T000067096 in the Office of the County Registrar of Titles of Steele County, Minnesota.
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $98,941.20
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 7, Block 2, Brooktree, (an addition to the City of Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota)
REGISTERED PROPERTY
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1262 EDGEWOOD PL, OWATONNA, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: None
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, a National Banking Association
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 174-272-0207
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None
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 23, 2016 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.

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

Dated: June 27, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

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Steele County Board of Appeal and Equalization - 6/16/2016

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1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chairman who then explained the purpose of the meeting.
2. The Oath of Office was then taken.
3. County Assessor William Effertz then gave a presentation on the role of the Board of Appeal & Equalization and an overview of changes made for the 2016 assessment year.
4. The meeting was then open to property owners to ask questions. There was 1 person in attendance who questioned the number of acres assessed on his property.
5. Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Brady to approve the following changes as recommended by the County Assessor. Ayes all.

Parcel	Owner	Orig Value	New Value	Dollar change
01-028-4403	HABERMAN/ROBERT	59,100	45,500	*-13,600*
02-030-2302	YOUNGKRANTZ/GALEN	390,100	356,000	*-34,100*
02-031-1401	OLSON/DENNIS	206,200	206,200	*0*
05-004-1300	CLARK INVESTMENTS, LLC C/O JAY CLARK	817,300	817,300	*0*
05-009-1000	LANGER/ RODNEY	1,511,400	1,437,000	*-74,400*
06-002-4401	NELSON/JEREMY & JULIA	298,000	298,000	*0*
06-006-4304	MCSHANE/EUGENE & DIANE	315,300	315,300	*0*
06-012-1401	PLEMEL/JOSEPH & JUDITH	565,000	503,400	*-61,600*
06-022-1200	RAY VESELY TRUST (EILEENE LARSON)	440,100	417,200	*-22,900*
06-029-3101	SPURGEON/NANCY	191,400	191,400	*0*
07-001-1300	SORENSEN/TIMOTHY D	47,100	51,800	*4,700*
07-001-2402	SORENSEN/TIMOTHY D	88,500	92,700	*4,200*
07-001-3102	SORENSEN/TIMOTHY D	54,400	50,500	*-3,900*
07-001-3103	SORENSEN/TIMOTHY D	29,900	36,200	*6,300*
07-001-4101	SORENSEN/TIMOTHY D	406,500	397,300	*-9,200*
07-001-4102	SORENSEN/TIMOTHY D	9,400	7,800	*-1,600*
07-001-4201	SORENSEN/TIMOTHY D	29,400	24,800	*-4,600*
07-006-1202	CASPERSON/TERRY A	51,100	39,000	*-12,100*
07-006-3100	BREKKE/LARRY D & DENISE K	270,100	249,800	*-20,300*
07-020-1203	JENSEN/DWIGHT	199,700	171,300	*-28,400*
07-024-1202	BRONNER/MARVIN	244,200	222,500	*-21,700*
07-034-3201	OELTJENBURNS/CURTIS A	288,700	271,800	*-16,900*
08-020-1300	UNDAVALLI/SATHIRAJU	142,800	142,800	*0*
08-120-0102	PEN PROPERTIES - TURTLE CREEK NURSERY ERIC	161,700	114,400	*-47,300*
08-120-0102	PEN PROPERTIES LLC	0	29,000	*29,000*
09-002-2200	JANKE/DAVID H	227,900	229,000	*1,100*
09-002-2200	JANKE/ DAVID & LOIS	172,800	145,300	*-27,500*
09-010-4300	HOUDEK/RONALD J	836,700	801,600	*-35,100*
09-014-3301	ERDMAN/MERLEN & SCHMOLL/ PAULETTE	333,000	318,000	*-15,000*
09-025-2201	KUBAT/ BRENT	231,900	216,000	*-15,900*
09-033-3001	ANDERSON/CHARLES & CAROL	179,800	172,900	*-6,900*
10-036-1200	CLARK INVESTMENTS, LLC C/O JAY CLARK	1,454,900	1,454,900	*0*
13-008-2001	CAMMOCK/DANIEL T & MELINDA D	383,100	354,700	*-28,400*
13-020-2303	MENZ/RONALD C/O JODY MENZ	128,200	79,600	*-48,600*
14-100-1311	FARMERS & MERCHANT STATE BANK	71,000	55,500	*-15,500*
14-102-0103	PETERSON/KAREN	85,900	67,400	*-18,500*
14-105-0112	FIEBIGER/JAMES	94,800	86,400	*-8,400*
14-106-0211	MARTIN/TRAVIS	130,300	110,800	*-19,500*
15-101-0112	LERBERG/ANDREW M & MARY E	9,900	3,500	*-6,400*
15-101-0806	HUNTER/IRIS M	65,700	61,100	*-4,600*
15-102-0101	LERBERG/ANDREW M & MARY E	12,000	4,000	*-8,000*
15-102-0104	NEITZELL/JERRY L & LILY M	9,200	3,000	*-6,200*
15-102-0106	NEITZELL/JERRY L & LILY M	4,600	1,000	*-3,600*
15-102-0107	JORISSEN/MARK R & MARIE A	4,600	1,000	*-3,600*
15-102-0801	MIKESELL/TERRY J	4,600	1,000	*-3,600*
15-102-0802	WOBSCHALL/GERALD C	4,600	1,000	*-3,600*
15-102-0803	WOBSCHALL/GERALD C	4,600	1,000	*-3,600*
15-102-0804	CALCAMUGGIO/JONATHAN D	4,600	1,000	*-3,600*
15-102-0805	HUNTER/IRIS M	0	1,000	*1,000*
15-115-0116	WHISPERING WINDS, LLC	1,836,600	1,778,000	*-58,600*
17-100-0119	STADHEIM PROPERTIES - DARIN STADHEIM	328,000	303,900	*-24,100*
17-109-0101	STEWART/MARY ALICE/TRUSTEE	107,700	94,000	*-13,700*
17-109-0101	STEWART/MARY ALICE/ TRUSTEE	161,700	141,100	*-20,600*
17-131-0101	JORGENSON/JAMES	99,100	83,400	*-15,700*
17-151-0218	NYSTROM/RAMONA (TRUSTEE) C/O LLOYD NYSTROM	139,100	124,800	*-14,300*
17-280-0201	WOOD/MERLE E C/O FLORA CLARKE ET AL	149,400	117,700	*-31,700*
17-284-0113	WEBER/SARA	186,300	179,100	*-7,200*
17-293-0207	QUAST/DEROLD	128,100	117,700	*-10,400*
17-294-0102	KRAMER/ZANE & DONALD	192,700	162,100	*-30,600*
17-425-0102	TYLER JAY COMPANY C/O JAY CLARK	239,000	211,800	*-27,200*
17-451-0205	MCDONALD/DONALD	227,800	206,800	*-21,000*
17-503-0201	CABELAS RETAIL, INC	7,994,500	7,600,000	*-394,500*
17-574-0805	KWIK TRIP, INC CHAD ZEZNANSKI	1,126,200	1,126,200	*0*
17-576-0202	FIRST UNITED BANK - SPROTSMAN'S GRILLE - GREG BOMGARD	545,700	496,900	*-48,800*
17-581-0201	LBUBS 2007-CI MAPLE CREEK MARKET PLACE	1,123,600	1,062,000	*-61,600*
17-581-0202	1045 FRONTAGE ROAD LLC C/O DIXON DIEBOLD	676,700	563,900	*-112,800*
17-583-0102	AP MOUNDS VIEW LMTD PTNRSHIP	218,000	203,900	*-14,100*
17-583-0103	AP MOUNDS VIEW LMTD PTNRSHIP	172,700	161,600	*-11,100*
17-583-0104	AP MOUNDS VIEW LMTD PTNRSHIP	246,300	230,400	*-15,900*

6. Glynn/Huntington to recess the Board of Appeal and Equalization until June 28, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. Ayes all.

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BP ISD#756 Line Agenda

6/28/16

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756 BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA 55917

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016 HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA

6:00 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016 Regular School Board Work Session–High School Board Room
7:00 p.m. Monday, July 18, 2016 Open Public Forum–High School Media Center
7:15 p.m. Monday, July 18, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting–High School Media Center

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. ROLL CALL – CLERK
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS
VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED
A. Consent Agenda
Minutes
Bills
Treasurer's Report
Resignations
Employment
Donations
B. School Board Meeting Dates
C. Work Sessions
D. School Board Per Diem
E. Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy for Payable 17
F. 2016-18 Principals' Contract
G. Health and Safety Policy
H. LTFM Ten Year Plan
VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY
A. Family Education Rights & Privacy Act
B. Committee Reports
C. Enrollment Data
D. Dates to Note
VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS
IX. ADJOURNMENT

*Agenda may be subject to changes

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Crossword Solution

Puzzle on Page 5C

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Caregiver position available at Wellington Adult care. Working with elderly clients, experience preferred but will train. Must love elderly people and enjoy working in a home setting. Applicant must be 18 years old, have a valid drivers license, and pass a background check. If interested please call please contact Janie or Bill at 507-374-2198 or 507-319-4821. 23tfc

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S+S Auto looking for a dependable parts puller, PT position, contact 507-365-8885, 27-29c

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603 10th Ave NE Kasson. Thursday 3p-7p, Friday 8a-3p MUST STOP SALE! Many NIB items - Mikasa, Willow Tree, kitchen gadgets, picture frames and more! IKEA furniture, household items, luggage, brand name women's clothing (6/8 M/L), brand name girls clothing (6mo-4T) and 6-11 shoes, crib, bedding and nursery items, many more great items at great prices!

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July 13 - 17



FREE STAGE & GROUNDS

Wednesday, July 15
6:00 p.m. Monroe Crossing - Four Seasons Arena
3:30 p.m. Ribbon cutting ceremony
(New Building Poultry/Rabbit/FFA)
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CBB Jazz Band

Thursday, July 14 • Daycare & Family Day
10:30 a.m. Don B. Juggler & Unicyclist
1:30 p.m. Don B. Juggler & Unicyclist
4:30 p.m. Don B. Juggler & Unicyclist
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dueling Piano's

Friday, July 15 - Senior Citizens Day
Lunch at Noon in the Four Seasons Arena
1:00 p.m. Sugar Loom Band
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Talent Contest
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Rare Band
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.- Root River Band

Saturday, July 16
2:00 p.m. Sherman Linton Band
3:00 p.m. Amazing Hoopster's
4:00 p.m. Sherman Linton Band
5:00 p.m. Amazing Hoopster's
6:00 p.m. Sherman Linton Band
After Demo Derby Night Lite Show
by Amazing Hoopster's

Sunday, July 17
Noon Gopher State Lawn Mower Pull
(By Four Season Arena)
1:00 p.m. Hall of Fame Ceremony
at the Four Seasons Arena
*On Free Stage unless otherwise noted



GRANDSTAND

*schedule subject to change

Wednesday, July 13 7:00 p.m. -
Extreme Bull Riding, Mutton Busting, Barrel Racing
Fireworks following Bull Riding

Thursday, July 14
6:30 p.m. - Car Races U.S.M.T.S.

Friday, July 15
7:00 p.m. - Tri-State Tractor Pull

Saturday, July 16
10:00 A.M. Antique Tractor Pull
7:00 p.m. - Demo Derby

Sunday, July 17
2:00 p.m. Motorcycle Endure



GROUNDS

- **Midwest Carnival Rides** is back again and has two new rides
- **Ms. Jazzee - Balloon Artist** will be roaming the grounds on Thursday & Saturday
- **9/11 Never Forget Exhibit will be here during the ENTIRE fair,** located by the Four Seasons Arena
- **White Tiger Discovery Exhibit**
- **Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Saturday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Gopher State Lawn Mower Pull - Sunday, July 17 at Noon** by the Four Season Arena

CARNIVAL

Wednesday, July 13
Carnival opens at 1 :00 p.m.
Opening Night Special -
Arm Band $30.00 from 6-10 p.m.

Thursday, July 14
Daycare and Kids Day
Kiddie Land Rides, Midway foods and
Games open at 11 :00 a.m.
All rides open at 1:00 p.m.
Special Arm Band $30.00 from 6-10 p.m.

Friday, July 15
Carnival opens at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 16
Carnival opens at 1:00 p.m.



OPEN SHOWS

Friday, July 15
5:45 - 6:45 p.m. - Exhibitions
6:30 - 6:50 p.m. - Open Arena
6:00 p.m. - Open Beef Cattle
Show Judging Arena

Saturday, July 16
8:00 a.m. - Open Horse
Show Horse Arena
9:00 a.m. - Open Rabbit
Show Judging Arena
12:30 p.m. - Open Junior
Dairy Cattle Show - Judging

Arena Sunday, July 17
8:00 -11 :00 a.m. - Open Goat Show

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