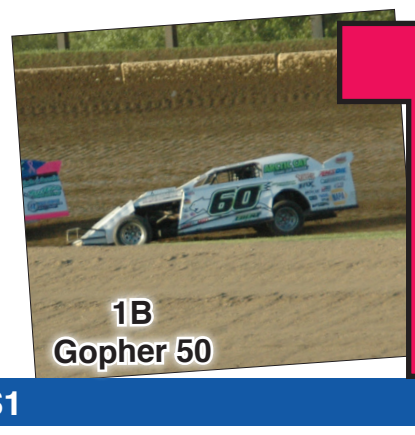
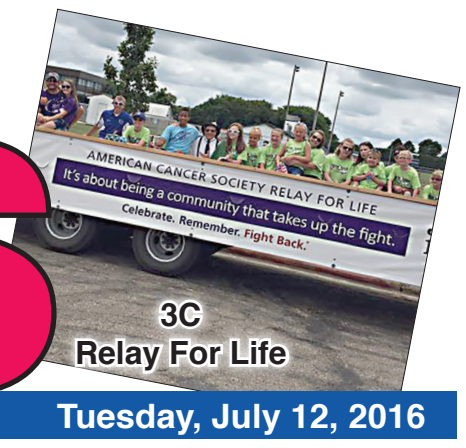


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STEELE COUNTY MURDER AFTERMATH

"Everyone, including the victim, were heavy meth users. That was part of the sub-culture they were all part of."

DANIEL McINTOSH
Steele County Attorney



Staff photo by Rick Bussler

Family members of Richard Jurgensen erected a makeshift memorial at the sight of where he was killed June 26. Authorities say Jurgensen was shot several times along this gravel road on 34th Avenue NE near 46th Street NE in Merton Township located about four miles northeast of Owatonna.

OFFICIALS: KILLING METH-RELATED

Victim shot and bound

2 men charged in execution-style killing

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

With his hands bound with nylon cord, Richard Jurgensen was shot multiple times at close range in what is being described as an execution-style slaying.

Those chilling details were revealed for the first time in court documents against two men charged in the murder of Jurgensen, 22, of Medford. Authorities are calling it a drug-related homicide between all parities involved, including the victim.

"It's very shocking and an unexpected thing," said Daniel McIntosh, Steele County attorney. "This seems like something that would happen somewhere else. A lot of people are shaken up by it."

McIntosh has charged Cyrus Noel Trevino, 24, of Owatonna with one count of second-degree murder and Gerald William Blevins, 36, of Bemidji with one count of aiding and abetting murder in the second-degree.

Sheriff Lon Thiele said Blevins has family members around Owatonna, Faribault and Wisconsin and has often frequented those areas.

Trevino and Blevins made their initial court appearances Thursday morning at the Steele County Detention Center. Court hearings are generally held at the courthouse, but for safety reasons, court staff kept the suspects in the secured jail without taking a chance of something happening in transport.

Judge Karen Duncan ordered Trevino held on

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Murder Aftermath Expanded Coverage

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Guthier called as interim chamber president

By AHREN BACKMAN
County Staff Writer

Just a week after Jennifer Libby stepped down from her position as President of the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce, a familiar face will be stepping in during the hiring process.



Rhonda Guthier

In a press release on July 7, the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce announced that effective July 11, Rhonda Guthier will be serving as Interim President of the Chamber while the search process for a new president is taking place.

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Feedlot issue headed to Court of Appeals



By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

The legal battle between Lowell and Evelyn Trom, Dodge County, Dodge County Commissioners and Masching Swine Farms is headed for the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

James Peters, the attorney for the Troms, filed a Notice of Appeal to the Court of Appeals last Friday. The Troms are asking for a review

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Longtime sheriff Hildebrandt dies

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

A longtime public safety warrior in Steele County will always be remembered as a sheriff with one of the most infectious laughs.

William "Bill" Hildebrandt of Claremont died July 5 at the age of 78. He served an unprecedented number of years as Steele County's sheriff from 1982 to his retirement in 2002.

"He was always very friendly and had a laugh that nobody could forget," said Lon Thiele, current sheriff. Thiele did not work under Hildebrandt's administration, but dealt with him in his later years as he served with the Steele County Mounted Posse. "He was outgoing and helped whatever way he could."

Retired Steele County Attorney Doug Ruth said he will always remember Hildebrandt as being a top-notch sheriff. Ruth worked with him during the entire duration of his tenure as sheriff.

"He was easy going, had a hearty laugh and always positive," Ruth said. "He always seemed to be on top of the game. He had a lot of common sense," he added.

Asked how Hildebrandt handled major investigations, Ruth replied: "The same way he handled every-

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William "Bill" Hildebrandt

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Opinion

Our view

Taking your life back from the grip of meth

It took the recent death of a popular rock star to rock our world and awaken us to a crisis of epic proportions. Due to the high cost of prescription drugs, however, this nation has "turned its lonely eyes" to the illegal, the easily accessible and the affordable.

Enter, methamphetamine. A report out of Texas stated that it has crept into the number two slot of most threatening drugs, now eclipsing cocaine and heroin. We are in a new battle in the war against drugs and are facing a dirty bomb that is eradicating our friends, our families and our lives.

According to addictionblog.org, "Emergency department visits due to meth overdose have been up to 130,000 per year, out of which almost 15% were fatalities.

"Methamphetamine, also known as meth, is a central nervous system stimulant. Meth affects chemicals in the brain and nerves that contribute to hyperactivity and impulse control. But meth is extremely habit-forming and can trigger both long-term and/or chronic use. Methamphetamine intoxication occurs when excessive amounts of the drug are administered to the body, often used in combination with other drugs or alcohol, the purity of meth is usually really high, and can result in lethal doses."

We can educate ourselves on the technical and the probable and the statistical, but they are just hollow words to someone who has opened Pandora 's Box and has had a taste of the euphoric.

What starts out as a curiosity quickly becomes an addiction. What began as a little fun on a Friday night is now ending with friends and family members draped in grief over the coffins that hold only remains of a life that once went in search of a little harmless fun.

The cost of the initial taste is a down payment to a hell that rarely ends well. The human mind is so easily prone to addiction and the pleasure cells are so much stronger than anyone can imagine. Research is just now revealing the intense power of the mind to snare and entrap the body.

And the scary part of it all is that we have not found a way to stop ourselves. We have not developed a way to harness the will that has once given itself to addiction. It's who we are. From the fruit in a garden to the craving to relieve boredom to the innate need to be accepted all the way down to the bottom line of man – to find a way to mask the pain and to take pleasure to a new level.

Meth is a multi-billion dollar business. Someone came up with a drug to divert the mind from its pain and made it affordable for anyone to escape. But it was crafted without a back door or an easy way out, and from that, there IS no escape. And we all pay the price.

Whether it's paying the doctors at the rehab clinics or therapy for the children in the homes of meth addicts to the drug-related fatalities to the innocent bystanders. We all pay the price.

The cost of funerals from drug related deaths are staggering. Not only in dollars and cents, but in guilt, grief and the cost of living a life without a loved one.

It's time to take a fresh look at crystal meth and realize that all those shiny crystal diamonds will cost you more than you could ever imagine. It will cost you your life and your death will cost the life of your family and friends.

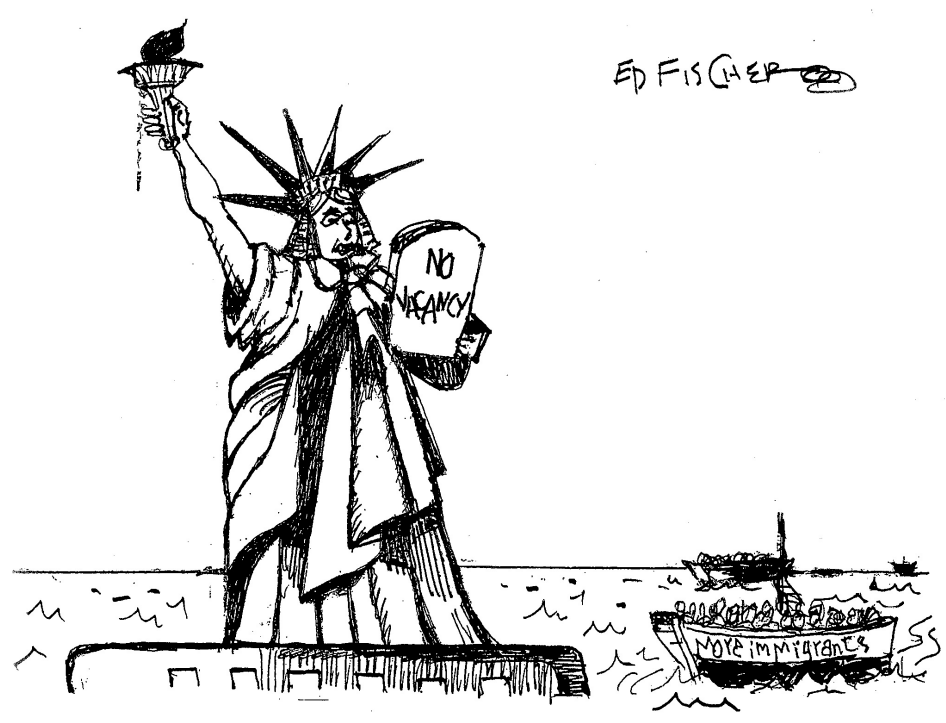
The question is not how strong you are, or how much you can take – but it's a new look at the reality of your limitations. The ultimate goal is to not go there, but the reality of the situation says that you already have and you can't find the way out.

There is a back door. You need to have the courage to open it – or at the very least the sense to knock. It's killing all of us in one way or another. How many more friends will you bury? How many more loved ones who have left you will it take? How many more children will you scar? And when you lie dying, will you really be surprised at that end?

Wouldn't it be a great day to stop this insanity? "http://www.pslrecovery.org/methadone-doctors/Steele-county-MN/rehab-treatments.html" http://www.pslrecovery.org/methadone-doctors/Steele-county-MN/rehab-treatments.html. You can also call a 24/7 helpline at (888) 653-3934.

Wouldn't it be a great day to get your life back?





Meth tied to recent grim killing

HOT PURSUIT



RICK BUSSLER

Illegal drug use continues to take a tight grip on our society. Sadly, the chokehold appears to be to the point of snuffing out young lives even in what we think of as our own little safe corner of the world in southern Minnesota.

The recent killing of a Medford man shows us all that Steele County is not immune to the violence that comes along with illegal drug activity.

Authorities say the murder of Richard Jurgensen was meth-related. He was bound with cord and shot several times. The grim killing and the grisly details that have emerged from it have even taken veteran prosecutors like Daniel McIntosh by surprise. As the county attorney who prosecutes all major crimes, he is well aware that there is a growing meth problem in our county. But it caught him off guard that it has risen to the extreme level of violence that took place on a lonely gravel road in the northeast corner of the county.

Jurgensen's death should serve as a horrific wake up call of meth's grasp on our communities, even in the rural areas. At least three families—the victim and two suspects—have been traumatized by the brutal attack that authorities say revolved around meth use. Rural Minnesota isn't just all about fairs, pigs, cows, cornfields and art shows.

If you read our public safety pages with any frequency, you'll notice that many crimes are meth-related or at least related to some sort of illegal drug use. There have been some significant meth busts throughout our region over the past few years.

In 2014, a man with extensive drug problems committed the violent bank robbery in Hope. He's now facing five years in federal prison.

Though Jurgensen did not deserve to die in the cold-blooded way he did, he wasn't immune to the drug world and the toll it takes on so many people, McIntosh said last week. He said there was a lot of meth use going on in the circles Jurgensen associated with.

Meth is an extremely addictive and potent central nervous system stimulant that can produce intense euphoria, decreased appetite and increased energy and attention. It is commonly encountered on the illicit drug market as a white and odorless crystal powder and is typically used in a "binge and crash" method in which the user takes the drug repeatedly each time the euphoria and other desired effects begin to wear off.

Many people who experiment with this drug once or twice end up hopelessly addicted, ruining their lives and sometimes the lives of others as well.

Chaotic is the best way to describe the lifestyle of people who choose to associate with meth, McIntosh says.

While local supply of meth has greatly diminished due to rigorous law enforcement, demand continues to increase. Eighty percent of the country's meth supply comes from Mexico, where it is imported in beer and wiper fluid and stuffed in among produce.

The best way to stop meth abuse is to prevent the problem from happening in the first place. Educate your family on the dangers of meth and if someone is using the drug get them help immediately. Aside from that, McIntosh said public safety officials will continue to make efforts to stop it through prevention and education as well as increased enforcement.

Let's hope the community at large throughout Steele County responds and does whatever it can to eradicate meth use. We all need to go in hot pursuit of dealing with this public safety concern before it takes another young life.

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Swiss family coming to Blooming Prairie

REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

It has been nearly 21 years since our daughter Tammi Jo passed away while undergoing a second liver transplant.

During her 22 years with us, Tammi left quite an impression on those who knew her. She also developed a friendship that has carried over from her friend Claudia in Switzerland from 1993 to the present time. Claudia visited Tammi in America in 1994, came back in 1996 (Tammi passed in August of 1995) and put us up in Switzerland in 2012.

Tammi is no longer with us but due to our family-type friendship with Claudia, Tammi still lives with us because of that friendship bond she cultivated thousands of miles away.

Her friend Claudia, husband Thomas and four children are coming to visit us in Blooming prairie later this month and into early August.

We hope to show them some Minnesota Nice hospitality right here in Blooming Prairie. If you have any suggestions for landmarks or people to see in the area, please let me know.

We hope to showcase the Mall of America to them, Cabella's in Medford, some heavy equipment at Ag Power in Owatonna, the Swiss Fest in Berne, MN, some water parks, maybe Valleyfair and many other attractions. We know there are some teams of draft horses in the area, too,, and we hope to make connection with the Pittmans and the Hedbergs. We also hope to show them some of our industry in Blooming Prairie including Minimizer.

Our daughter Tammi had many best friends, including Claudia Schenk of Switzerland.

This is what Claudia had to say about Tammi in "Never Forgotten," a book written on the Reflections on the Life of Tammi Jo Lestrud by Howard and Judy Lestrud:

"I first met Tammi in 1993 when she was in Switzerland as part of a Lions Youth Exchange program. We became good friends because she was staying with a host family who were friends of ours.

"I came to America to spend some time with Tammi in 1994. Of course I remember going to a Whitney Houston (1963-2012) concert with Tammi. It was a great concert and I was so happy to be in America and to be with Tammi and with you two.

"It was a big adventure for me to come to the USA and spend the time with you. I remember your house, the pool and Tammi's bedroom. It was nice to talk with Tammi about different things (mostly about boys!!!)

"One thing I remember was, when I decided to make my tattoo and Tammi had to help me to choose the painting. We decided that a seahorse would be nice to have on my ankle. Naturally, I still have it. And it forever reminds me of Tammi.

"I changed my hairstyle and Tammi was always laughing about all the crazy things I did. I really never forget her beautiful smile.

"I also never forget the nice trip we make to South Dakota and Wyoming. We camped on different nice spots and enjoyed the sunrise and the beautiful

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Murder investigation

'Jeering began... and continued into a post-hearing shoving match'



Staff photo by Kyrie Bussler

Sheriff's office personnel escort Tracy Sadell-Kessler and another family member from the Steele County Detention Center Thursday morning after the murder suspects appeared in court. Sadell-Kessler is the mother of murder victim, Richard Jurgensen.

Family members speak out

By AHREN BACKMAN
County Staff Writer

A family member of Medford murder suspect Cyrus Trevino said, "There are two sides to every story," and declared that that Trevino's has not yet been told.

Orlando Trevino, 25, of Owatonna showed up at the Steele County Detention Center Thursday morning to show support for his cousin, Cyrus Trevino, who has been charged as the alleged shooter in the murder of Richard Jurgensen.

"My brother would not do that," Orlando said referring to his cousin. "I've never seen him even talk about doing something like this. I've known him his whole life and he's never had any violence," he added.

Orlando went as far as to say he thinks Cyrus' alleged accomplice, Gerald Blevins, may be the alleged shooter and responsible for Jurgensen's death.

"We're going to fight for our innocence," Orlando proclaimed. "He's (Blevins) more involved than he's putting himself out to be," Orlando said.

When asked about the Trevino family's claims, County Attorney Daniel McIntosh responded, "They are supporting a family member and have not seen a fraction of the evidence."

There are also differences about Cyrus' past drug use.

Orlando disclosed Cyrus has used marijuana and prescription pills in the past, but nothing else.

However, Steele County authorities say Cyrus' drug use goes much deeper. McIntosh described Cyrus as a heavy methamphetamine user.

The murder charges have sparked tension between all the families involved.

Even before families entered the detention center on June 8 for the initial appearances of both murder suspects, Jurgensen's family was already throwing expletives. While entering the center, Jurgensen's mother, Tracy Sadell-Kessler, loudly exclaimed how Trevino's family is "protecting a murderer."

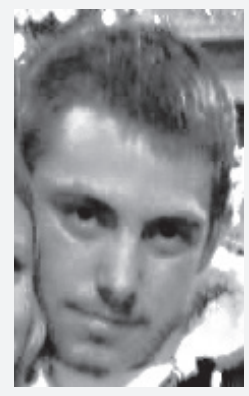
Most of the Trevino and Jurgensen family members had entered the courtroom 30 minutes early, and the tension of the situation was palpable.

The Jurgensen family was stationed in the first row of the Steele County Jail Courthouse and several times Sadell-Kessler made comments about the Trevinos, located in the second row.

When Trevino did appear, the jeering began from Jurgensen's family, and continued into a post-hearing shoving match between the two families.

The angry comments continued from the parking lot of the detention center where Trevino's family continued exchanging jeers with leaving cars.

Steele County murder investigation



Richard Jurgensen

Victim

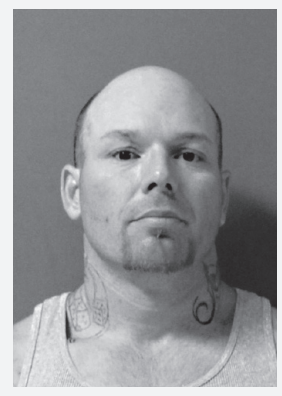
- June 2014: Pine County- Felony marijuana possession arrest
- March 2016: Rice County- Felony fifth-degree controlled substance and possession of firearm arrest
- June 26: Found shot to death in rural Steele County



Cyrus Noel Trevino

Suspect 1

- Juvenile: Felony possession of firearm
- October 2010: Steele County- Fleeing police arrest
- June 2011: Steele County- Disorderly conduct arrest
- March 2013: Steele County- Misdemeanor assault arrest
- August 2014: Waseca County- Felony fifth-degree possession of marijuana
- November 2014: Steele County- Disorderly conduct arrest
- July 5: Steele County: Second-degree murder arrest



Gerald William Blevins

Suspect 2

- December 2015: Rice County- Felony check forgery arrest
- January 2016: Rice County- Felony check forgery arrest
- June 3: Bench warrant issued on check forgery
- July 5: Steele County: Aiding and abetting murder arrest

Tensions over murder stir extra security

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

With tensions running high between the families connected in the murder investigation, authorities stepped up security for the initial court appearances of the murder suspects.

Because of safety concerns, the initial appearances for Cyrus Trevino and Gerald Blevins were held in a small courtroom at the Steele County Detention Center instead of the main courthouse.

Sheriff Lon Thiele brought in five deputies and other non-sworn jail personnel to the jail for the court appearances as an extra precaution to ensure the safety for all those involved, including the judge and other court personnel.

Deputies stood at the entrance to the jail with metal detector wands and searched everyone who came into the courtroom. About 35 people attended the hearings and watched from a secured observation area connected to the courtroom.

"We changed up security measures to make sure everyone would be safe," said Thiele. "We made sure everyone was aware that we weren't taking anything for granted because of this being a higher profile case."

Things became tense immediately after the hearings when one of the Trevino family members began yelling and shoving a deputy in the hallway. The situation was quickly diffused and everyone left the jail without further incident.

Deputies escorted members of the Jurgensen family to their vehicles after the hearing as Trevino family members were still present. "We wanted to make sure everything stayed as calm as could be," Thiele said.

The sheriff credited his trained staff for keeping things from getting out of hand. "We did well today," Thiele said. "Everyone was kept safe."

County attorney Daniel McIntosh requested the hearing to be at the jail because he "knew tempers could flare." He said they wanted to avoid the main courthouse because family members on both sides have strong feelings about the on-going murder investigation.

Thiele said court cases like this one in its beginning stages are simply "too risky to take out on the streets." Part of the challenge facing Steele County is that the detention center and courthouse are in different locations across town.

Both McIntosh and Thiele did not know what would happen with future court hearings for the suspects. "That's to be determined," Thiele said, adding it will most likely be up to the judges and court administration staff.

Prosecutor: Meth extremely prevalent, major safety concern

By RICK BUSSLER
Publisher

Last month's murder near Owatonna is directly tied to the escalating methamphetamine problem in the county and should serve as a wake-up call to drug addicts and the community as a whole, the county's top prosecutor says.

"It's a major public safety and public health issue," said Daniel McIntosh, Steele County attorney. "It seems to be prevalent here and it's popping up over and over."

Steele County, McIntosh said, is generally a safe place to live. But after the murder of Richard Jurgensen the threshold for violence has now widened, and "we're seeing that kind of violence can happen in Steele County," he said.

McIntosh said the victim and the suspects charged in the murder have all been connected to the meth scene for quite some time.

Meth is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. It is a dangerous and potent chemical and a poison that first acts as a stimulant but then begins to systematically destroy the body. Many users report getting hooked from the first time they use it.

"It's a chaotic lifestyle," McIntosh said of meth users. But, he added, most of the chaos doesn't typically turn into violence like what happened to Jurgensen, who was found shot to death on a gravel road in Steele County June 26.

McIntosh said Jurgensen's death rises to the level of something that has never been experienced before in the county. McIntosh admits he was even surprised to see the brutal violence used against Jurgensen.

Asked about the recent violence, McIntosh said: "I can't comprehend it. It was completely unjustified. It's hard for me to put a rational framework around it."

Previously, the closest violent incident related to meth came in 2012 during a shooting at the McDonald's parking lot in Medford. Authorities found that the shooting was connected to a drug deal involving a bad batch of meth. Nobody was hurt during that incident.

The county attorney's office doesn't have exact numbers available for crimes linked to meth or any other drugs. But McIntosh said a high percentage of the cases his office prosecutes are connected to meth. "Meth, in particular, seems to be a destructive substance," he said.

McIntosh noticed a spike in meth in 2005. It trailed off a few years later, but now has reared up again during the past couple years.

There are a few programs in place to combat the meth problem. One of them is the Safe and Drug-Free Coalition, which works tirelessly on prevention and has received

the county attorney's office support for many years. Another asset has been the Steele-Waseca Drug Court, which started two years ago this month. The court has already graduated eight people from the 18-month program. There are currently 50 participants in both counties.

Steele is also a member of a four county drug task force. Others include Waseca, Faribault and Freeborn counties.

McIntosh said more needs to be done with the demand side of drugs. "If you take out one larger distributor, there is someone to fill it quickly," he said.

He encourages everyone to step up and help with this growing issue. "We all have to be vigilant and help people get out of addiction," McIntosh said.

Public Safety

Blotter spotlight: Animal. On July 2, deputies responded to a report that a stray dog went into a yard and killed a 4-H rabbit in the 600 block of 4th St. SE in Dodge Center at 6:48 p.m.

Crime Brief

Argument leads to drug charges

A screaming woman at a local hotel has led to drug charges against two people.

Brian Warn, 51, and Kathryn Lundstrom, 34, have been charged with fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Owatonna Police responded to Best Budget Hotel for a woman screaming June 29. When officers arrived, they found Lundstrom, who indicated she was in an argument with a man who had left the scene. Officers discovered the man had outstanding arrest warrants.

Police kept an eye on the hotel and a short time later officers saw the man's car come back. They reconnected with Lundstrom and found Warn in her room. He was taken into custody on the warrants.

When retrieving personal property for Warn, officers allegedly located a bandana wrapped tightly around a pipe and two baggies that contained methamphetamine. During the arrest, Lundstrom consented to a search of a bag where a pipe and meth were found, according to police.

Motorcycle chase ends in minor injuries, pending charges

An Owatonna man was treated and released at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Marys Campus, last week after a short police chase in Dodge County.

Raymond J. Elkins, 27, Owatonna, was traveling on Highway 56 North on a 2004 Honda motorcycle at the intersection with Highway 14 when he lost control of the vehicle, according to Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota Highway Patrol.

At the time of the crash, a Minnesota State Patrol trooper was pursuing Elkins in for speeding, he said.

The accident occurred about 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, according to the patrol report.

Additional state troopers, Dodge County deputies, Dodge Center Fire Department and Dodge Center Ambulance personnel also responded to the scene. Highway 56 was limited to one lane for a short time as responders cleared the scene.

Elkins was transported to the hospital by the Dodge Center Ambulance.

Christianson said that Elkins was released from the hospital and charges were pending although none had been filed by Friday.

Police Blotter
Steele County

Blooming Prairie Police

July 7

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the city at 6:04 p.m.

Owatonna Police

July 1

Shoplifting. Officer responded to a shoplifting incident in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 5:18 p.m.

Trespassing. Police issued a citation for trespassing in the 1400 block of Oak Ave. S. at 10:32 p.m.

DWI. At 11:45 p.m., police arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated in the 1200 block of 21st Ave. NW.

July 2

Domestic. Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of 15th St. NE at 1:23 a.m. They took a subject into custody.

Burglary. Police began a burglary investigation in the 600 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 10:22 a.m.

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 3:08 p.m.

Trespassing. At 5:58 p.m., police arrested a subject for trespassing in the 700 block of Bridge St. W.

Warrant. Officer made a warrant arrest in the 2300 block of 3rd Ave. NE at 7:45 p.m.

Assault. Police responded to an assault in the 600 block of Rice Lake St. E. at 7:42 p.m.

July 3

Assault. Officers responded to an assault in the 100 block of Park St. SE at 1:28 a.m.

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests at Cedar Ave. N. and North St. E. at 6:44 a.m. and in the 200 block of Pearl St. E. at 10:47 a.m.

Restraining Order. At 12:20 p.m., police responded to a restraining order violation in the 2100 block of 3rd Ave. NW.

July 4

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 12:01 p.m.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 7:59 p.m.

Theft. Officer took a theft report in the 1600 block of Cedar Ave. S. at 10:24 p.m.

July 5

Suspicion. Police responded to a suspicious activity report in the 100 block of Riverside Ave. NW at 3:31 a.m.

Domestic. At 5:30 a.m., officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of 16th St. NE. They made an arrest at the scene.

Hit and Run. Hit and run crashes resulting in property damage occurred in the 2200 block of 26th St. NW at 9:33 a.m. and in the 3000 block of St. Paul Rd. at 5:38 p.m.

Crash. Paramedics and officers responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 300 block of Park Dr. NW at 1:35 p.m.

Theft. At 4:24 p.m., officers arrested a subject for theft at Glendale St. NW and Riverside Ave. NW.

July 6

Disturbance. Police responded to a noise complaint in the 300 block of State Ave. NW at 3:27 a.m. They made an arrest at the scene.

Vandalism. Property damage was reported in the 1000 block of Robert Place SW at 10 a.m.

Domestic. At 10:47 a.m., police arrested a subject following a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Adams Ave. NW.

Shoplifting. A shoplifting incident occurred in the 1100 block of Frontage Rd. W. at 2:26 p.m.

Harassment. A citizen reported being the victim of harassment in the 1000 block of 26th Place NW at 2:35 p.m.

Fraud. Officer took a report of fraud in the 500 block of 15th St. NE at 4:40 p.m.

Theft. Police arrested a juvenile for theft in the 2100 block of Bridge St. W. at 5:30 p.m.

Restraining Order. At 4:56 p.m., a restraining order was violated in the 400 block of 16th St. NE.

July 7

Theft. A theft report was received from the 600 block of Hoffman Dr. NW at 10:31 a.m.

Warrants. Police made warrant arrests in the 500 block of Florence Ave. NW at 12:36 p.m., in the 100 block of Main St. E. at 10:11 p.m. and in the 400 block of Larch Ave. NE at 10:40 p.m.

Steele County Sheriff

July 1

Warrant. Deputy arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant in the 100 block of St. John Dr. NW at 7:54 a.m.

Restraining Order. Deputies responded to a restraining order violation in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW at 12:44 p.m.

Assault. At 4:57 p.m., deputies responded to an assault in the 4100 block of 66th St. NW.

Drunken Driving. Deputy made a DWI arrest in the 700 block of 56th St. NE at 9:24 p.m.

July 2

Property. At 2:09 p.m., property was found in the 5700 block of County Rd. 45 N.

July 4

Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of 86th St. NE at 11:52 a.m.

DWI. At 10:33 p.m., deputy arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated on Interstate 35 northbound.

July 5

Arrest. Deputies arrested a subject in the 400 block of Franklin St. W. at 2:16 p.m.

July 6

Animal. Deputies responded to an animal cruelty report in the 900 block of 86th St. NE at 1:56 p.m.

Arrest. At 9:24 p.m., deputies arrested a motorist following a traffic stop at 17th St. NE and Cedar Ave. N.

Court News
Steele County

The following case was heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 27 with Judge Karen R. Duncan presiding:

Jerry J. Willcox, 49, Owatonna, previously appeared and was convicted of felony burglary. He was sentenced to $131, 180 days in county jail, no possession of firearms, enter Steele Waseca County Drug Court, chemical dependency evaluation, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim, obtain permission to leave the state and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Steele County District Court the week of June 27 – July 1:

Blooming Prairie Police Department

Jessica M. Dean, 34, Brownsdale, no insurance and invalid license, $281, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Jesus A. Ortega, 23, Austin, no MN license, $181.

MN State Patrol Rochester

Matthew R. Alwes, 32, Kasson, speeding, $131; Keith M. Berg, 31, New Richland, speeding, $141; Julie A. Birkestrand, 48, Rochester, speeding, $121; Mark A. Burciaga, 28, Faribault, speeding, $141; Codaniel A. Deetz, 27, Osage, IA, speeding, $131; Todd J. Hoffman, 55, Johnston, IA, speeding, $221; Penny J. Ihde, 54, Faribault, unsafe lane usage, $131; Heidi M. Jabary, 35, Rochester, invalid license, $131 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Timothy A. Jackelen, 59, Ankeny, IA, speeding, $121; Jason A. Kelley, 23, Apple Valley, move over law violation, $131; Nicholas J. Krekelberg, 58, Blooming Prairie, seat belt, $106; Dennis M. Luebbe, 53, Medford, seat belt, $106; Tiffany L. Martin, 27, Faribault, no insurance, $281; Megan L. Mulchrone, 18, Maple Grove, speeding, $141; Amy S. Rhodd, 39, Altoona, IA, speeding, $121; Tucker J. Richardson, 27, Moorhead, over the center line, $131; Sean A. Robertson, 21, La Grange, IA, speeding, $121; Cecilia F. Rodriguez, 31, Lancaster, CA, no child passenger restraint system, $131; Ashley N. Rosine, 18, Sussex, WI, speeding, $121; Arun Thakur, 30, Eden Prairie, speeding, $141; Aleksandar Todorovic, 34, St. Louis, MO, speeding, $100.

Owatonna Police Department

Falconer R. Bellefy, 21, Owatonna, provide false name to peace officer, $666.60, 2 days in county jail, obtain employment and 1 year of supervised probation; Steven J. Colby, 59, Owatonna, no insurance, $281; Ashley R. David, 27, Faribault, revoked license, $281; Donald F. Dulac, 63, Owatonna, restraining order violation, stay of adjudication, $81, diversion program, Domestic Violence Inventory and 2 years of supervised probation; Joshua J. Ferch, 22, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Christopher J. Gander, 52, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Samantha J. Halvorson, 26, Owatonna, suspended license, $281; Mark R. Hanson, 63, Little Falls, hit and run – failure to stop for accident, $281 and 60 days of unsupervised probation; Daniel R. Hasher, 32, Owatonna, no license in possession, $101; Amanda J. Hering, 29, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Colby A. Judd, 23, Owatonna, seat belt, $106; Jake M. Karow, 30, Waseca, possession of Marijuana, $181, 2 days in county jail and 1 year of supervised probation; Ann M. Kolb, 66, Owatonna, no insurance, $281; Nicole L. Krenzelok, 36, Owatonna, suspended license and no insurance, $481; Betty J. Vanengelenberg, 53, Owatonna, DWI, $606, 2 days in county jail, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, attend MADD impact panel and 2 years of supervised probation; Joseph J. Wallin, 19, Owatonna, financial transaction card fraud, $181, 6 days in county jail, 80 hours of community service and 2 years of supervised probation.

Steele County Sheriff's Office

Sobeida Aguilar, 50, Owatonna, speeding, $141; Ama Asantewaa, 24, St. Paul, speeding, $121; Jeffrey A. Backman, 43, Eden Prairie, speeding, $121; Douglas J. Benham, 30, New Richland, speeding, $231; John R. Bulver, 28, Owatonna, receiving stolen property, $581, 163 days in county jail, no contact with victim and 2 years of supervised probation; Gerald A. Ganfield, 72, Blooming Prairie, speeding, $141; Jose A. Guerrero, 17, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Bailey N. Hansen, 19, Mankato, speeding, $141; Christopher J. Hanson, 31, Owatonna, improper information on license, $101; Joseph D. Hemker, 27, West Concord, suspended license, $281; Terry L. Hoffman, 50, Owatonna, DWI, $406, attend MADD impact panel, submit to Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory and 1 year of supervised probation; April L. Jamaica, 35, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Dillan S. Johnson, 20, Alberta, speeding, $681 and 1 year of unsupervised probation; Ghulam Mohammad, 18, Owatonna, speeding, $121; Beverly R. Ness, 54, New Berlin, WI, speeding, $121; Devonte Bernard Phillips, 20, Waseca, speeding, $141; Travis J. Sanden, 28, Owatonna, possession of Paraphernalia and Marijuana, $181; Kyle P. Schlaak, 21, New Richland, speeding, $121; Cody P. Schladweiler, 22, Shafer, speeding, $141; David D. Shipler, 43, Austin, speeding, $121; Athittaya Souphanthavong, 37, Homestead, FL, speeding, $121; Mary P. Taylor, 60, Minneapolis, speeding, $141; Christina Thaw, 30, Albert Lea, speeding, $131; Ryan J. Velzke, 23, Faribault, seat belt, $106; Jesus V. Zavala, 23, Medford, revoked license, $281.

Police Blotter
Dodge County

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office handled 207 complaints during the week of June 29 – July 5. Some of them include:

June 29

Suspicion. At 12:32 a.m., deputies received a report that an unknown bag of white power was found in the 700 block of 2nd St. NW in Hayfield.

Narcotics. Deputies handled a narcotics incident at the Court House at 11:19 a.m.

Animal. At 12:05 p.m., deputies received a complaint that raccoons were going through trash bins in the 500 block of 1st Ave. NE in Dodge Center.

Paraphernalia. Deputy found drug paraphernalia during bag screening at the security checkpoint at the Court House at 2:18 p.m.

June 30

Domestic. Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 53400 block of 160th Ave. in West Concord at 2:06 p.m.

Child Neglect. Deputies began an investigation of child neglect in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. SE in Dodge Center at 5:59 p.m.

Larceny. Deputy took a report of a stolen ring in the 100 block of 6th Ave. NE in Hayfield at 6:43 p.m.

July 2

Fleeing. At 9:42 p.m., a vehicle fled from police at Hwy. St. E. and 1st Ave. NE in Dodge Center. The subject was arrested.

July 3

Civil. Deputies assisted with a civil matter in the 12000 block of 595th St. in Claremont at 8:08 p.m.

July 4

Animal. A woman called deputies when she saw snakes in the 56700 block of State Hwy. 56 in West Concord at 4:27 a.m.

Monoxide. Deputies responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in the 200 block of Front St. W. in Claremont at 4:17 p.m.

Threats. A threats incident occurred in the 200 block of 1st St. NE in Dodge Center at 6:36 p.m.

July 5

Burglary. Deputies began a burglary investigation in the 200 block of 2nd St. in Claremont at 9:06 a.m.

Civil. At 11:09 a.m., a civil matter occurred in the 600 block of Eugene St. in West Concord.

Intoxication. Deputies responded to an intoxication incident in the 200 block of 2nd St. SW in Dodge Center at 11:41 a.m.

Court News
Dodge County

The following case was heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 27 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

Jeremy J. Danielson, 39, Steele County Jail, previously appeared and was convicted of felony receiving stolen property and felony possession of Marijuana. He was sentenced to $130 and 17 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of June 27 – July 4:

Dodge County Sheriff's Office

Justin B. Blank, 20, Red Wing, suspended license, $280; Pamela K. Brown, 45, Claremont, speeding, $120; Samantha J. Burke, 24, Lake City, disorderly conduct, stay of adjudication, 6 months of unsupervised monitoring without conviction; Severt R. Fiksen, 65, Dodge Center, speeding, $140; Mallory L. Fjerstad, 28, Hayfield, restraining order violation, stay of adjudication, $175 and 6 months of unsupervised monitoring with conviction; Ray L. Greseth, 61, Wanamingo, vehicle weight violation, $180; Denise Y. Harris, 66, Mantorville, speeding, $140; David F. Kimes, 43, Farmington, speeding, $120; Cody L. McKay, 25, Kasson, speeding, $120; Cole W. Rasmussen, 16, Hayfield, failure to yield right of way, $130; Cortnee J. Sorenson, 21, Lake Crystal, speeding, $280; Andrew D. Stopke, 27, Apple Valley, no insurance and speeding, $420; Armando Vidaure, 60, Hayfield, no insurance and suspended license, $480; Travis C. Wytaske, 31, Austin, possession of Marijuana, statutory stay of adjudication, $1,075, 64 days in county jail, do not enter liquor establishments, cognitive skill training, obtain and maintain employment, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation; Angela M. Yerhart, 50, Austin, harassment restraining order violation, $125, no alcohol or controlled substance use, no contact with victim and 1 year of supervised probation.

Kasson Police Department

Eion A. Fesenmaier, 16, Rochester, speeding, $130; Lori K. Feyen, 56, West Concord, seat belt, $105; Paul A. Hansen, 64, Glenville, failure to yield to pedestrian, $180; Jeffrey G. Kujath, 45, Kasson, failure to yield to pedestrian, $120; Cole A. Marshall, 17, Kasson, speeding, $130; Ethan B. Scanlan, 17, Kasson, speed-

Active Warrants

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

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

- Prudencio Rodriguez – traffic - $2,000 bail
- Jose Roman – DWI - $6,000 bail
- Justo Roman – DWI - $12,000 bail
- Jose Rosales – criminal sexual conduct – no bail
- Shanna Rose – drugs - $10,000 bail
- Rodney Ross – theft - $500 bail
- Anthony Rotundi – FTA-order to show - $44,000 bail
- Gary Rousey – theft - $500 bail
- Amber Rubitschung – theft - $500 bail
- James Russell – no insurance - $1,000 bail
- Anthony Russo – assault - $10,000 bail
- Ramiro Salinas – DWI – no bail
- Miguel Sambrano – DWI - $2,000 bail
- Gilberto Sanchez – DWI - $12,000 bail
- Jorge Sanchez – theft, shoplifting - $100 bail
- Maria Sanchez – theft - $500 bail
- Roberto Sanchez – criminal sexual conduct – no bail
- Russell Sanchez – theft - $200 bail
- Julio Sanchez-Beltran – no license, false information - $500 bail
- Jose Sauceda – theft - $3,000 bail

REFLECTIONS

Story from 2A

nature. We laughed a lot and we had just a great time.

"I showed my kids the movie from the trip with Tammi. They really enjoyed it and found that Tammi was a very nice girl.

"I will never forget her."

Who are these Swiss folks? Here's a biography of Claudia's family as provided by Claudia:

Thomas Leemann 43 years. Thomy's hobbies are biking, hiking and gardening. He is looking forward to see culture, people and countryside in America. Switzerland: he likes the mountains, the lakes, the good social system and the excellent Swiss cheese.

Claudia Schenk 46. My hobbies are jogging, modern dance and working with children. I`m looking forward to seeing Chicago, all the nice place around the lakes and a long relaxing time with my family. But the most I`m looking forward to meet Howard, Judy and the whole family. I can't wait!!! Switzerland: Is a beautiful country. Everything is clean and orderly. I like the mountains and the nature in Switzerland.

Ilona Schenk, 16, likes to play volleyball and spend time with her best friends. She is looking forward to the mega mall of America and the stores and beaches in Chicago. She likes Switzerland because she feels very comfortable and safely.

Vicky Schenk, 12, likes gymnastics and floorball. She is looking forward to see many things in Amerika and she is so happy to have holiday for a long time. She loves everything to Switzerland and would never stay anywhere else.

Ellin Schenk, 9. Ellin's hobbies are gymnastics, horse riding and playing guitars. She is looking forward to see you and the big wide America. Ellin is happy because we have no war and everything is so beautiful in Switzerland.

Nico Schenk, 8. Nico plays soccer and floorball. He is looking forward to the houseboat which we rented in crane lake. Nico wants to see a bear and a white head eagle. He loves Switzerland because of the good football team.

See you soon in America!



Submitted photo

Claudia and Thomas are coming to Blooming Prairie to visit Howard and Judy Lestrud and family. Shown from left to right are: Nico, Thomas, Ilona, Claudia, Ellin and Vicky.

FEEDLOT

Story from 1A

of Judge Joseph Chase's ruling in May that denied a motion for summary judgment from the Troms that asked the court to overturn the issuance of a conditional use permit for a hog feedlot on property near their home.

In his statement on the case, Peters said the specific issues to be raised included the Troms contention that Dodge County failed to take a hard look at the environmental concerns related to the project, that it failed to consider and evaluate public health concerns and that it approved the conditional use permit through an expedited process that lacked fundamental fairness.

The issue has been working its way through the court system since late 2014 when the Dodge County Commissioners approved a Conditional Use Permit for Nick Masching to operate a hog feedlot on six acres he owns in Westfield Township.

In January 2015, the Troms filed suit asking the permit be vacated because the county had not followed all the provisions of its ordinance in approving the permit. District Court Judge Jodi Williamson agreed and vacated the permit but also said Masching could reapply for the permit if all provisions of the ordinance were followed.

Masching did reapply and the county again approved the permit. Following the second approval, the Troms filed a second suit arguing the county did not hold a fair hearing on the application and that it did not take into consideration all the relevant facts in the issue.

At Dodge County's request, Williamson recused herself from the case and it was reassigned to Chase. Chase heard oral arguments on the case in early 2016 and issued a ruling in favor of Dodge County and the swine farm in May.

The Troms had 60 days from the May 13 date when Chase issued his decision to ask for an appeal.

Earlier, Peters said that a case before the Court of Appeals is handled differently than one being heard in District Court.

What the court is asked to do, he said, is to conduct a "de novo" review of the court record. The court will look at the issues that have already been raised and no new ones can be submitted, he said.

The issue will take several months to proceed through the appellate process as all parties in the case will be given the opportunity to submit written briefs. In his request to the court, Peters also requested oral arguments.

The Troms have also asked the Minnesota Commissioner of Administration to review what they say are violations of the Open Meeting Law by the Westfield Town Board relating to a proposed township zoning ordinance that would restrict feedlots in the township and attendance by township officers at a county planning commission meeting on the Masching application.

The commissioner has said he will issue an advisory opinion on those issues by July 21.

CHAMBER

Story from 1A

"We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of employees whose tenure, knowledge and proven ability to get results will keep the operations of the Chamber running as "business as usual" while the search process is taking place," said Matt Ketelsen, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

This will be the second time in her tenure Guthier has been called into action to serve directly into the day-to-day operations of the chamber. According to the press release; Guthier has served as the Director of Operations for the Chamber for the past fourteen years and has last served as the Interim President of the Chamber prior to the hiring of Jennifer Libby.

In the release, the board said it has the utmost confidence in Rhonda and her leadership ability. She is very competent and well versed on the day-to-day operations of the chamber and will continue to keep moving forward on the strategic plan and objectives while the search process is taking place.

SHERIFF

Story from 1A

thing else—smoothly, with common sense and compassion. He worked well with our office."

Ruth also credited Hildebrandt with keeping up on current issues going on with law enforcement.

Hildebrandt had a love for horses and served on the posse during much of his retirement. Even after his health deteriorated in recent years, he remained on as an honorary posse member.

Hildebrandt grew up on a farm in the Nerstrand area and graduated from Kenyon High School in 1956. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and retired from the reserves in 1976.

In 1970, Hildebrandt began his career in law enforcement as a special deputy. He became a deputy with the Steele County Sheriff's Office in 1975. He began his 20-year reign as the county's top law enforcement officer in 1982.

During his years as sheriff, Hildebrandt served as president of the Minnesota Sheriff Association.

Community service was a big part of Hildebrandt's life. Some of the community groups he was involved in included the Sheriff Youth Ranch, North American Fishing Club, Owatonna Diving Club, scuba instructor with the YMCA, Minnesota Association of Foster Care and firearm safety instructor. He also was involved at Associated Church in Owatonna and enjoyed Canadian canoe trips with the church youth group.

He is survived by three daughters, including Theresa Hildebrandt of Green Forest, Arkansas; Melisa Vick and Tiffany Conner, both of Owatonna. His wife, Carole, and son, Gary, preceded him into death.

A funeral service was held Sunday in Owatonna with full military honors by the Steele County Funeral Team.

METH-RELATED KILLING

Story from 1A

bail of $2 million without conditions and $1.5 million with conditions while Blevins' bail was set at $1 million without conditions and $750,000 with conditions.

About 35 people attended the hearings in a standing room only observation area located outside of the jail's courtroom. Tensions ran high as members of both families sparred at each other and things nearly erupted into a brawl as they left the courtroom.

"There's two sides to every story," a Trevino family member yelled as he got angry when leaving the courtroom. At one point, the family member grabbed onto a sheriff's deputy and began yelling. After some shoving back and forth, the situation was quickly diffused without any further incident.

Orlando Trevino, a cousin of the alleged shooter, said outside the court hearing he believes authorities have the wrong person and that Trevino's alleged accomplice, Blevins, is the suspected killer.

But McIntosh says the evidence points differently. "They are supporting a family member and have not seen a fraction of the evidence," the prosecutor said.

The Killing

At about 1 a.m. on June 26, sheriff's deputies responded to a dead body along a gravel road on 34th Avenue NE near 46th Street NE in Merton Township located about four miles northeast of Owatonna.

Deputies found Jurgensen had been shot multiple times and his hands were bound with yellow nylon cord. A single 9mm cartridge was collected from the gravel several feet from Jurgensen's body, according to court documents. More 9mm cartridges were found in tall grass in the ditch adjacent to his body.

McIntosh said it's believed Jurgensen had been shot to death up to four hours prior to being found by a passing motorist. He added investigators are looking for a 9mm handgun as no weapon has been recovered to this point.

The Investigation

Investigators began with a preliminary search of Jurgensen's cell phone indicating his last contact was with Trevino. Multiple witnesses, including Trevino's mother, confirmed that Jurgensen was with Trevino on the day prior to his body being found. Witnesses also told police that Jurgensen had driven Trevino's car throughout the day.

What has emerged in the days after the murder is a complex and complicated web of drug activity involving all parties. Court records outline a lengthy history of drug abuse and a weapons violation with many people connected in this case, including Jurgensen.

"Everyone, including the victim, were heavy meth users," McIntosh said. "That was the sub-culture they were all part of. It was a factor and undercurrent for everything that happened. There was a lot of meth use going on."

In regards to criminal cases like this homicide, it's not uncommon for victims to have their own issues, McIntosh noted. However, he stressed, "He did not deserve to be shot on the side of the road."

A relative of Trevino's and a woman were arrested with one kilogram of methamphetamine back in March in Steele County. At the time, the woman referred to Jurgensen as the person who snitched on her.

Trevino's relatives and friends all believed that Jurgensen was a police informant and that ultimately played a major role leading up to his alleged murder, according to McIntosh. However, the county attorney stressed that Jurgensen did not work with police.

"They had bad information," McIntosh said. "It was not true



Daniel McIntosh

that (Jurgensen) was a police informant. Assumptions were made leading to a conclusion that was faulty," he added.

The suspicion of Jurgensen being an informant was fueled by his own arrest on March 24 when he was charged with fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance and illegal possession of a firearm. At the time, Jurgensen posted bail and was released.

A few months later a woman acquainted with Trevino's relatives was arrested for possession of meth in Owatonna. It was after that arrest when Trevino's group suspected Jurgensen was working with police to receive some benefit from his March arrest. But, authorities say, this belief was not accurate.

Witnesses Help Out

Police investigators interviewed several witnesses after Jurgensen's body was found. All six witnesses are known to law enforcement with some of them being confidential police informants. None of them had anything to do with Jurgensen's death, court records show.

One of the witnesses, the complaint alleges, reported Trevino had a handgun on the evening prior to Jurgensen's death and he referred to Jurgensen as a "snitch." The witness also told police that Trevino made statements specifically linking Jurgensen to the seizure of meth from his relative and vowed to find out who snitched on him. Trevino also made statements that he would handle everyone who has been snitching, the witness said.

Other witnesses claimed that Trevino had a black handgun tucked into his waistband on the day Jurgensen was killed.

Investigators found a notebook called "Cyrus Book" in Trevino's bedroom. In the notebook, Trevino is believed to have written a letter to his kids saying in part, "I'm gonna rule the underground world. I'll take it and its gonna be bloody and many will be getting hurt."

Another witness came forward reporting a phone conservation he overheard between a woman and Blevins. During the call, Blevins stated, "I took him out, he got what he deserved," court documents allege.

During an interview with police, Blevins admitted being with Trevino and Jurgensen on the gravel road where Jurgensen's body was eventually found. Blevins told police Trevino used a piece of rope to bind Jurgensen's hands. The complaint said Blevins reported Trevino then shot Jurgensen at point blank range in the chest. After Jurgensen fell, Trevino allegedly fired more rounds in his head, Blevins told investigators.

Blevins said that after Trevino allegedly shot Jurgensen in the head, he said "snitches end up in ditches, bitches."

What's Ahead?

The county attorney says the investigation is on-going and search warrants are still being drafted in an effort to collect additional evidence.

"We keep reviewing the evidence as it comes in," McIntosh said, adding it's possible there could be additional arrests in this case.

McIntosh admitted the case probably took a little longer than the victim's family may have wanted, but he is "very pleased" with the progress and diligence of the investigators. He noted that eight investigators between the sheriff's office, drug task force and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension have been working on the case around the clock since Jurgensen's body was discovered.

Blevins will make his next court appearance July 14 while Trevino is due back in court July 18.

McIntosh says he is also thinking about convening a grand jury to consider indicting the suspects on more serious charges of first-degree murder, which carries a life in prison sentence.

Pre-murder events

• **March 24:** Richard Jurgensen is arrested in Rice County and charged with fifth-degree possession of controlled substance and illegal possession of firearm. Cecilia Boyd is present during the arrest.

• **March 26:** Cyrus Trevino's brother, Jeremy, and Cecilia Boyd are arrested in Steele County with one kilogram of meth. Cecilia Boyd refers to Jurgensen as a snitch in regards to their arrest.

• **May 23:** Mariah Sleeuwenhoek, who is a girlfriend of Trevino's uncle, arrested in Owatonna for possession of meth. Cecilia Boyd is present during the arrest. Jurgensen is wrongfully suspected of being a police informant during this arrest in order to receive benefit for his March 24 arrest.

• **June 25:** Witnesses report Jurgensen and Trevino are together much of the day and that Trevino is upset over Jurgensen being a snitch.

• **June 26:** A passing motorist discovers Jurgensen's body along a gravel road in Merton Township around 1 a.m. Jurgensen is found bound and shot multiple times.

• **July 5 & 6:** Trevino and Gerald Blevins are arrested and charged in connection with Jurgensen's murder. County attorney declares Jurgensen was not a police informant.

• **July 7:** Judge Karen Duncan sets high bail for both Trevino and Blevins.

Information taken from police and court records as well as criminal complaint filed against suspects.



Steele County Free Fair August 16-21, 2016

A LOOK INTO THE LIVESTOCK LIFE

By Jessica Nafe
Staff intern

Grace Logan, of the Ellendale Hustlers 4-H Club, is working to get her animals show-ready for the Steele County Fair, a task she gladly undertakes.

"I love 4-H," Logan said. "Getting ready for the fair can be crazy, but it's so much fun."

Logan owns Buff ducks, Guinea fowl, and a Flemish Giant rabbit, some pretty unconventional livestock compared to the common cow or sheep. The unique animals are Logan's choice of show, though, and she wouldn't trade them for anything.

"I like what I show because they are very different than what most people bring," Logan said. "Kids at the fair really like them and are interested in learning about them, and I enjoy answering their questions."

Buff ducks are the easiest to prepare for show, according to Logan. Since the ducks bathe themselves, Logan simply lets her ducks soak in a bath with dawn soap, rinses them off, and brings them to the fair barns.

To make sure that the ducks do not shy away from the poultry judge, Logan makes sure to spend time around them.

"We try to hand feed them when they are babies to get them used to people," Logan stated.

Guinea fowl, a polka-dotted bird that resembles a turkey and is native to Africa, may be one of the strangest animals that fair-goers can see at the fair. Soft feathers and an aggressive temperament make for a hard-go in preparing these unique birds for show.

A light water spray is enough to clean the Guinea fowl before the fair, and Logan tends to not work with them often, since Guinea fowl are not a friendly species.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is Maximus, Logan's twenty-pound rabbit. She has to wash gentle giant before the fair and clip his toenails. By holding and flipping him often before the fair, Logan gets Maximus used to being handled like he will have to be during the rabbit show.





In many aspects, Logan considers her large rabbit to be like a small dog. In fact, when he was smaller, Maximus loved to be lead around on a leash.

"Now he just likes to cuddle and watch TV with me," she said.

The hardest part of working with her livestock is during the beginning stages. Logan started with twenty-four ducks in the spring, and is now left with eight.

"When you have poultry as babies it is very hard, because they can easily get sick or just die," Logan said. "You can't put them outside too early in the spring or let wildlife get to them."

Despite the challenges presented by raising livestock, Logan believes that the positives far outweigh the negatives.

"I learn so much from working with my animals," she said. Leadership, responsibility, and patience are just a few life-skills Logan picked up from raising livestock.

Learning those important skills that are used for years to come and the irreplaceable friendships that are made through 4-H make it such a great program to Logan.

"If you're thinking about joining, just do it," she encouraged. "You won't regret it!"

Logan has been in 4-H for eleven years, and is currently serving as president of the Ellendale Hustles Club. She has also held positions as the secretary, historian, treasurer, and vice president throughout her 4-H career.

For three years, Logan has shown her livestock at the State Fair, coming out with a Grand Champion Guinea Fowl in 2013. She has shown a general project once at the State Fair and earned a blue ribbon for a bag she sewed.

With the county fair drawing closer, Logan is anxious to bring her livestock to the barns to compete and to



Submitted photos

Top: Maximus, a 20-pound Flemish Giant, is quite a handful. Logan enjoys spending time with the large rabbit as she prepares him for showing at the fair, and she loves to give her furry friend plenty of cuddles.
Middle: Logan poses with her Guinea after the Steele County Fair in 2014 when she earned Grand Champion and later went on to the State Fair with the bird to take Grand Champion at that level.
Bottom: Grace Logan took a Buff duck to the State Fair in 2013 and she earned the title of Reserve Champion Showmanship, a coveted title for many 4-H members because showmanship awards are based solely on the 4-Her's knowledge and skills.

FAIR TALK



Todd Hale

Do you have a suggestion for a slogan for the 2017 fair? Suggestions are being taken at the fair office. A decision will be made in mid-summer as to which slogan among those submitted to use for next year's fair. You can mail your suggestion to the fair at Box 650, Owatonna, Minn. Or e-mail it to steelecountyfreefair@scff.org.

Grandstand shows have been announced for this year's fair. Opening the fair on Tuesday night will be the traditional bull riding. The "Battle of the Bands" will take place on Wednesday at 5:00 This is a free show. Later in the evening Chris Brooks and the Silver City Boys will be featured. Thursday evening Hairball will return for another spectacular music show. Friday night's feature will be the Tractor/Truck Pull. An antique tractor pull will be held on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Saturday night the Enduro Race is scheduled. The week's grandstand shows wind up on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. with the ever popular Demolition Derby.

The "Elmer Reseland Outdoor Stage" officially opens this year. The stage, named after long time Secretary-Manager Elmer Reseland, will be located outside the 4-H building and will feature performances from Enticing Entertainment. Alternating with these performances will be the "Thank a Farmer" magic show. Enticing Entertainment features a one stop shop for engaging and interactive entertainment. Let them dazzle you with their hula hoopers, fire dancers, family workshops, jugglers and acrobats. Thank a Farmer features agriculture education that is interesting and engaging to both urban and rural audiences.

The Steele County American Dairy Association will be sponsors of "Bella" the milking cow this year along with the Kid's Pedal Pull to be held Friday afternoon. Bella will be located near the FFA Story Book Farm.

If you drive or walk through the fairgrounds you should notice the new street signs which were recently installed by the Steele County Highway Department. New street names are Leisure Lane, Livestock Lane, Foundation Drive and Fairgrounds Drive.

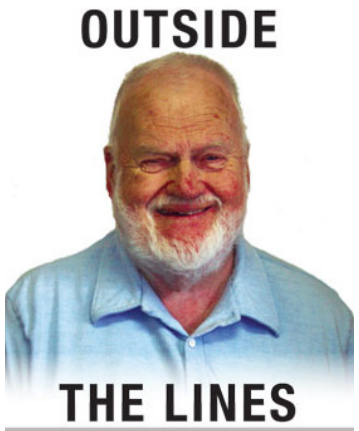
Dates of the 2016 SCFF are August 16-21. Check the fair website at scff.org. The fair office number is 507-451-5305.



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Final Reflections

Now that everyone has had a week to reflect on the big Fourth of July celebration of 2016, some final thoughts seem appropriate though in n definite order. I believe more people attended this year than last, and that may reinforce many people's opinions that a non-weekend Fourth brings more to town than does a weekend celebration. Too many local families head out to cabins or vacations in those years.

The various activities entertained large crowds at most venues most venues. That included the Potluck String Band, Mischief and Mayhem, Su Fu Du, and Stix of Fury. Their performances pleased those watching and listening. Concessions boomed through the day on the fourth, and several vendors sold out their products before the day ended.

It proved a good fundraiser for the beer garden, for the lion club breakfast, and for the volunteers who marched the entire route for donations to keep the parade solvent. They were just part of the nearly hundred volunteers who contributed time and service to the great success that the celebration is.

Although not heavily attended, the kids' races were popular for approximately 35-40 kids, and The Awesome Blossom run early in the morning attracted over 50 entrants. Let's hope that event becomes even more popular in future years. A big tip of the hat is in order to the Merry Lane 4H club for the excellent cleanup that group handles each year. By 9 a.m. Tuesday morning, not a scrap of waste remained on the streets. I am not sure how many years they have been performing this task, but they are to be commended for the fine work they do. It is just another example of the many things that take place behind the public view of the occasion.So ends another in the long tradition of Fourth of July celebrations in Blooming Prairie. For the 20,000 or so attendees from many parts of our state and beyond, this 40th straight holiday entertained and pleased. And then think about the fact that next year will be the 150th birthday of our cherished town, and plans are already in motion to make next year's Fourth of July the very best ever. I can hardly wait!

Stay tuned for part two next week.

37th Annual NAPA Gopher 50



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Drivers for the World of Outlaws Late Model Series make their final approach down the backstretch prior to the green flag.

Richards Cruises, Glenz Escapes For Top Honors

By JOSH ZIMMER
Staff Writer

Spring Valley, MN- It was a beautiful night for racing at the Deer Creek Speedway for the annual Gopher 50 sponsored by NAPA Auto parts, Miners outdoor and rec and the Blooming Prairie Lions Club. For Jerry Ingvalson, it's a vison continuing to be reality.

Lions Club member Jerry Ingvalson has always been a fan of racing and got the idea for one of his own after going down to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to see the Miller 100, which was an annual event for charities in the area. "We always used to go down for the races and thought it would be a good event to try to put on up here," Ingvalson said. So in 1981, the first Gopher 50 was organized. And a good idea it was. Since its creation, the Gopher 50 has called multiple tracks home, first starting out in Lansing before moving to the Deer Creek Speedway in 2004. Every year fans are treated to a two for one special, as there are actually two races as the track featured both Late Models and USRA Modified cars. The event has also been televised on the Speed Channel three times and has either started or supported projects within Blooming Prairie.

Becky Noble from the Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce mentioned that when the race was started, it brought a lot of the businesses in the community together to be involved. From selling beverages such as water, soda and beer to food like hotdogs and brats. After the event was over, she explained that the Lions Club would then divvy up the money made between the organizations that assisted. "A lot of organizations benefited from the race on just one night's work," Noble explained.

This year was the 37th annual running of the race featuring some of the best drivers across the country. The driver from the World of Outlaws Late Model Series who won the main event would come away with $11,000 and $4,000 for the winner of the USRA Modified Series. However it wasn't just a pair of races. Before the hot laps started, there was a pavilion set up just after the entrances to the track where fans could buy merchandise from numerous teams running in the race. With NAPA Auto parts a co-sponsor for the event, there was also a tent set up where fans could get their picture taken with Ron Chapps NHRA funny car. Thirty minutes prior to mandatory race meetings, there was an autograph session where fans could get up close and personal with their favorite driver.

To configure the feature field for the Late Models, they conducted two groups of qualifying where 2016 World of Outlaws Late Model Series points' leader Josh Richards captured the fastest lap between the two groups, burning around the track with a time of 14.487 sec. Once qualifying was completed, a series of heat races were conducted to better determine who would be in the lineup for main event. The purpose heat races would wipes the slate clean for the drivers still vying for a spot in the finale due to constantly changing track conditions. Once the heat races were complete, there was a quick intermission to wet the track. After resurfacing the track, there were two more races to complete the main event field called "The Last Showdown." The last showdown was the final shot for drivers to make the Gopher 50 and a chance at the $11,000. In order to advance, drivers had to finish top three in either of the races.



Staff photo by Josh Zimmer

Josh Richards celebrates after winning his first Gopher 50 win since 2011. Richards now has 67 career wins.

In the first showdown, Chase Junghans, Brain Shirley and Jordan Yaggy all punched tickets to the main event while Brent Larson, Austin Smith and Morgan Bagley managed to keep their hopes alive for the finale by placing top three in the final portion.

Unfortunately, that finale featured Josh Richards. Starting in row two, Richards, took the inside lane heading into turn one, accelerated and clear the field on the backstretch to break the race wide open. Despite multiple restarts due to crashes, Richards Valvoline car pulled away from the group to lead 48 of the 50 laps. "We had a great car tonight and I just want to thank my team for giving me a chance to win," Said Richards in Victory Lane. It was the first Gopher 50 win for Richards since 2011 and ninth on the season.

Due to a smaller field of competitors, the USRA Modified cars operated on a slightly different schedule. Instead of qualifying, they ran a series of five heats to help determine the lineup for the main event. In the 30 lap main event, Dustin Sorensen and Jesse Glenz led the pack of 26 drivers to the green flag. Starting in row two, Nate Wasmund bolted on the start to nab the lead with a three wide procession behind him. However, Glenz took the lead two laps into it while Zack Vanderbeek raced from eighth to third. Vanderbeek then vaulted to second as Glenz opened up the lead. Soon thereafter, the leaders found themselves working their way into lapped traffic. Late in the race, the two leaders were neck and neck heading into turn two; however Vanderbeek appeared to get loose in the corner. Although he recovered, he was unable to capitalize. Jesse Glenz took the checkered flag and the $4,000 winnings. Vanderbeek would finish second.

Deer Creek Speedway will be hosting Tasseldega Nights Saturday, July 16th. Gates Open at 4:00pm with hot laps starting at 5:30pm.

For complete Race Results, See 4D.

TISCH DISH



JOE TISCHLER

Since the turn of the century, the Minnesota Twins made some great acquisitions that helped the club win six American League Central Division championships from 2002-10.

The two most notable acquisitions occurred during and after the 2003 season. When the Twins were five games under .500 and seven and a half games behind Kansas City in the AL Central in mid-July, the Twins traded outfielder Bobby Kielty to Toronto for Shannon Stewart. In 65 games, Stewart led a charge where he batted .322 from the lead-off spot as the Twins finished the season going 46-23 down the stretch and won the division by four games.

After the season, with Joe Mauer ready to take over the catching position, Minnesota traded A.J. Pierzynski to the San Francisco Giants for pitchers Joe Nathan, Francisco Liriano, and Boof Bonser, in what is perhaps, the best trade the Twins ever made. Nathan became the Twins all-time saves leader with 260 saves. Liriano was having a spectacular rookie season in 2006 (12-3, 2.16 ERA) before an elbow injury put an end to his season and cost him his 2007 season.

The closest he came back to that form was in 2010 when he went 14-10 with a 3.62 ERA. He found tough times again and the club traded him two years later. Bonser was a serviceable starter for three seasons.

With every good move a club can make, there's a poor one that could match it.

Prior to the 2003 season, the Twins decided to not offer a contract to their designated hitter who was showing signs of being a really good hitter that leaves Twins fans 13 years later wondering, "oh, what could have been."

Late in the 1996 season, the Twins traded third baseman Dave Hollins to the Seattle Mariners for a player-to-be-named later.

That player turned out to be a little known 20-year old minor leaguer named David Ortiz.

Ortiz shot up quickly through the Twins minor league system and saw his first big league action by hitting .327 in 15 games late in the 1997 season. He played his first full major league season in 2000 where he batted .282 with ten home runs and 63 RBIs in 130 games. 2002 was his best season to date when he batted .272 with 20 home runs and 75 RBIs in 125 games.

Perhaps with too much left-handed bats in the lineup, with the likes of Doug Mientkiewicz, Corey Koskie, Jacque Jones, Pierzynski, and Justin Morneau waiting in the minors, the Twins released Ortiz with plans of putting right-handed hitting Matthew LeCroy in as the primary designated hitter. Stay tuned for part two next week.

HometownLiving Community Calendar

PHOTO MEMORY



Staff photos by Karen Jorgensen

Helped by Joy Adams, five-year-old Greta Veldman takes a turn at running a piece of laundry through the hand wringer of an old laundry tub. A variety of people with an interest in history of various times were on hand to give demonstrations. From laundry to blacksmithing to re-enactors, there was something for everyone at Sunday's event. **2015 Steele County Historical Society Extravaganza.

LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME

Blooming Prairie

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 Storytime
4:30 p.m. Economic Development Mtg
July 14, 2016
4:30 p.m. Police Commission Meeting
July 19, 2016
10:30 a.m. BPBL Storytime
4:45 p.m. BP Boys N Girls Club Board Meeting, Blooming Prairie
2:30 p.m. BP Public Utilities Comm Mtg
5:30 p.m. Ambulance Comm Mtg
7 p.m. P & Z Meeting
July 20, 2016
10:30 a.m. BPBL Story time
11 a.m. Chamber Golf Fun Day

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Ellendale/Geneva

July 12, 2016
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale
July 14, 2016
5:30 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, DAPE Rm
7 p.m. NRHEG Zumba, DAPE Rm
July 16, 2016
7 - 8 p.m. Ellendale Saturday Entertainment Diamond Ridge Band, Outside on 2nd Street or if weather is bad, Community Building.
July 18, 2016
6:20 p.m. NRHEG Yoga, Media Center Ellendale
July 19, 2016
Hope Curbside Recycling S of 42nd Av
7 p.m. NRHEG Karate, ES Gym North Ellendale
July 20, 2016
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Medford

July 13, 2016
4 p.m. Medford Veterans Committee Meeting, Medford
July 14, 2016
Medford EDA (2nd Wed, odd months)
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
July 18, 2016
2 p.m. The Arthritis Foundation: Medford Senior Exercise Class, Whistle Stop Diner
7 p.m. Medford Planning & Zoning Board Meeting, City Hall
July 19, 2016
6:30 p.m. Court St Anne Catholic Daughters Meeting, Medford
July 20, 2016
7 p.m. Ft Robert Carlin Knights of Columbus Council, Medford

Owatonna

July 12, 2016
Steele Co Commission, Owatonna
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
7 p.m. Steele Co: Co Board Meeting, Admin Center, BR, Owatonna
7 p.m. Veterans Open Roundtable, Good Shephard Lutheran Church, Owatonna (2nd Tues Sept – Jun)
July 14, 2016
2 p.m. OPL Independent & World Films, Owatonna Public Library, Owatonna
5:30 p.m. Owatonna Airport Commission, Airport Lounge, Owatonna
6:30 p.m. OPL Family Story Time, Owatonna Public Library, Owatonna
July 18, 2016
6 p.m. The Nortonna Lodge 1-638 of the Sons of Norway will host an ice cream social at Jaycee Park Pavillion
July 19, 2016
9:30 a.m. OPL It's TALE TIME!
10 a.m. OPL So Many Books...So Little Time Book Club, Owatonna
4:30 p.m. Owatonna Public Library Board Meeting, Gainey Rm, Owatonna
7 p.m. Owatonna City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, Owatonna

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Albert Lea/Freeborn Co

July 12, 2016
8:30 a.m. Shell Rock Watershed Board Meeting, City of Albert Lea
10:30 a.m. Storytime, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. Science Blast, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
6 p.m. Rock Gym, Comm. Ed, 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea
July 13, 2016
10:30 a.m. Art Zone, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. Book Pals (3rd/4th), Albert Lea Children's Library
July 14, 2016
10 a.m. Fountain Lake Readers Book Club, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time, Albert Lea Public Library
10:30 a.m. Music & Movement, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. Jim Jayes Puppet Show, Children's Library, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
3 p.m. Jim Jayes Puppet Show, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
6 p.m. Night-time Storytime, Albert Lea Public Library - 2nd Floor - Children's Library, Albert Lea
July 15, 2016
6 p.m. Rock Climbing Open Gym, Community Ed, 211 W Richway Dr Albert Lea
July 16, 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 18, 2016
10:30 a.m. ALPL Story time, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
12 p.m. Teen Book Club, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
2 p.m. Book Pals (5th/6th) ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea
July 19, 2016
10:30 a.m. Storytime, ALPL Children's Events, Albert Lea Public Library, Albert Lea


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Austin/Mower County

July 12, 2016
3rd Annual Clean Water Festival, Jay C Hormel Nature Center, 1304 21st St NE, Austin
Lyle Vol. Fire Dept Meeting
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. Mower County Traveling Art Studio, Brownsdale Public Library, 103 E Main St, Brownsdale
10:30 a.m. Summer Reading Club - Wake Up and Wiggle, Austin Public Library, Austin
11 a.m. Read Any Good Books Lately? 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. Grand Meadow City Council Mtg
6 p.m. Handbuilding with Andrea: Beautiful Boxes, Austin ArtWorks Center, Austin
6 p.m. Urban Yoga, Bandshell Community Park, 4th Street and 9th Place SW, Austin
6:30 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting, Lyle Community Center, Lyle
July 13, 2016
3rd Annual Clean Water Festival, Jay C Hormel Nature Center, Austin
Lyle City Council Meeting, Lyle
10 a.m. Electrifying Minnesota: A Traveling Exhibit from the Minnesota History
Center and the Bakken Museum, County Historical Society, Austin
10 a.m. Mower County Traveling Art Studio, LeRoy Public Library, Le Roy
11 a.m. Summer Reading Club - Mad Science of MN, Austin Public Library, Austin
11:15 a.m. Mower County Traveling Art Studio, LeRoy Public Library, Le Roy
11:30 a.m. SEMCAC Meal, Heritage House, Lyle
1 p.m. Summer Reading Club - Mad Science of MN, Austin Public Library, Austin
5:30 p.m. Uncork and Create: SPAMtown Pop Art, Austin ArtWorks Center, Austin
7 p.m. Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support Group, First Congregational Church, Austin
7:30 p.m. Austin Greyhounds vs Burnsville Bobcats, Lafayette Park, Austin
7:30 p.m. The Murder Room, Frank W. Bridges Theatre, Riverland Community College, Austin

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How to Choose an Adult Day Care Service

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you offer any tips on finding and choosing a good adult day care service for an elderly parent? My 82-year-old mother, who is moving in with me, has Alzheimer's and needs attention during the day while I'm at work.

Looking for Help

Dear Looking,

Adult day care services can be a great option for caregivers who work, or for those who just need a break during the day. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you find and choose one.

Adult Day Services

The business of adult day care services has grown rapidly in recent years. According to the National Adult Day Services Association, there are around 5,700 programs operating in the United States today.

As the name implies, adult day care provides care for elderly seniors who cannot care for themselves at home. While services will vary from center to center, they typically provide personal care, meals and snacks, various activities and social interaction in a safe supportive environment. Additionally, many centers also provide health services such as medication management, various therapies, exercise and transportation to and from the facility.

Adult day care centers generally operate programs during normal business hours five days a week. However, some centers may offer services in the evenings and on weekends, too.

Costs for care will vary as well, usually between $25 to more than $100 per day (the national average is $65/day), depending on where you live.

Unfortunately, in most cases original Medicare (Part A and B) does not pay for adult day care, but some Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans, and many long-term care insurance policies do. But, most seniors or their families pay for care out-of-pocket.

If your mom is lower income and can't afford this, many states offer Medicaid waiver programs, and some have PACE programs that provide financial assistance. Contact your state Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) for more information. The VA even provides adult day care to eligible veterans enrolled in their Medical Benefits Package. See VA.gov/geriatrics to learn more.

How to Choose

Your first step in shopping for an adult day center is to determine the kinds of services your mother and you need. After you do that, here are some tips to help you locate and choose a good provider.

Start by contacting your Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 to get your local number) to get referrals to adult day service programs in your area. You can also search online at the National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA) website at NADSA.org/locator, or check your phone book yellow pages under "Adult Day Care" or "Seniors Services."

Once you have a list of a few centers, call them to find out their eligibility criteria, if they offer the types of services your mother needs, if they are accepting new clients, their hours of operation, if they're licensed and/or registered with a state agency (this is not required in all states) and what they charge.

After you identify a few good centers, go in for a visit. Find out about the staffing ratio (at least one staff member for every six participants is recommended) and what kind of training they have. While you're there, notice the cleanness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem friendly and knowledgeable? Also be sure to taste the food, and consider making an unannounced visit.

To help you rate your visit, the NADSA offers a helpful checklist of questions to ask at NADSA.org – click on "Choosing a Center."

Then, after your visit, be sure to check their references. Get names and phone numbers of at least two or three families who have used the center you are considering and call 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.

History from the news archives

10 Years Ago
Tuesday, July 18, 2006
Dan Evans, Publisher

The seventh annual BOB (Bikers of Blooming) Ride took place, beginning in Blooming Prairie and going 135 miles after ending at J&H Liquors. All money that is made from the Ride this year is given to Toys for Tots, marking the first time that all proceeds will go solely to that organization. Totals are not in as far as participation, but the planners of the BOB Ride believe that the number is larger than last years' 400 bikers, as participation seems to grow each year.

June 17 will always be a day of anniversaries for Sherry Trihus of Waseca; it is not only the date of her wedding anniversary but it is also the day she ran her first marathon. Sherry ran in the 30th annual Grandma's Marathon held in Duluth, and she finished 179 out of the 1,352 in her division with a time of three hours and 54 minutes. Training for months ahead of time, Sherry was fully prepared to run the 26.2-mile race, and she relished the experience as her husband cheered her on from the crowd. She notes that it was an experience of a lifetime for her.

The annual Blooming Prairie American Legion Auxiliary Flower Show is slated for August 3, and the committee members of the event are encouraging citizens to plant their flowers now in order to be involved in the event. The 2006 theme is, "We are Still Blooming," and the Auxiliary wants as many women and men to participate as possible to make this event another success.

20 Years Ago
Tuesday, July 16, 1996
Elsie Slinger, Editor

Steele County Extension Educator Tim Arlt reports that the worst infestation of corn borers that he has seen in his 15 years locally is occurring in our county fields. Thankfully, he also believes that if farmers fight the pesky insect with insecticide now, they can cut down the damage. The last week in June showed 600 moths per night at the peak, and the average is 100-150. The high number indicates that the infestation levels are substantially high and they need attention.

A local woman's son and his artistic talents were put to work in the dedication of the Wildland Firefighters Monument in Prineville, Oregon last month. David Nelson, son of Beulah and the late Richard Nelson of rural Blooming Prairie, was commissioned to do the bronze statue, which was dedicated June 15. The first of its kind, the monument honors the contributions of wildland firefighters past, present, and future. It took Nelson about 1 ½ years to finish the sculpture.

Leah Heimerman and Anthony Nelson competed at the Hershey State Track and Field Event Saturday, July 13 in Northfield. Anthony, 13, finished second in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:34 and fourth in the one mile with a time of 5:31. Leah, 12, took fifth in the 100-meter dash and eighth in the standing high jump. She also competed in the 400 and 200. Both youths earned their spots at the competition at the district event held in mid-June.

50 Years Ago
Thursday, July 14, 1966
Victor, Vernon and Vyrle Krejci, Editors

The West Hotel, a Blooming Prairie landmark, closed its doors Saturday July 9, after over 67 years of operation. In its most recent years the structure has been used mainly as apartments for roomers due to the more modern and up-to-date hotels and motels in nearby cities, but Mrs. Elsie Cassel, present owner of the structure, announced that roomers have secured quarters in private homes here. The West Hotel was completed in 1899, by "public spirited citizens who have invested a large amount of money and will depend entirely upon the merits of the house as a solicitor for patronage." In its beginning years, the hotel included a barber shop, a first-class culinary chef, and a number of other luxurious perks for its time.

Four Blooming Prairie area youths were injured in a one-car accident, and four other passengers escaped injury. Gary Christianson, 17, Bruce Johnson, 18, Steve McFarlin, 19, and Jerry Ingvalson received injuries ranging from fractured jaws and arms to severe cuts and tooth damage. The vehicle driven by Christianson went off a dead end road into the ditch due to heavy fog in the area preventing the driver from seeing the approaching dead end.

The Blooming Prairie School's Community Lunch Program just reported that they served a total of 173,912 lunches this past term. This was 3,558 more lunches served than in any previous year.

75 Years Ago
Thursday, July 17, 1941
Frank Krejci, Publisher

Blooming Prairie, widely-known as the most progressive town in Steele County is holding fast to its reputation by registering the largest population gain according to size of any city or village in the county. A gain of 15.2 during the last ten years is shown, and a 6.8% growth for all of Steele County was reported.

An area man who farms near Austin in the summer, but winters in Douglas, Arizona, placed an advertisement in the paper for a wife. He wished to remain anonymous, but is looking for a widow about 45 years old. His wife died a few years prior and all of his children are grown up, causing him to grow lonely. He reports that he "is not a rich man but can live very comfortable."

Harvesting of a good small grain crop is in full swing this week in this area. Although not as good as the all-time record crop of last summer, the oats, barley, and wheat this year measure up to normal in both yield and quality, crop experts say.

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Obituaries

Karen Spinler, 72, Austin



Karen Rae Spinler of Austin, Minnesota, passed peacefully on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at Mayo Clinic Health System, Austin, at the age of 72.

Karen Rae, the daughter of Edward and Frances (Bren) Zolnosky, was born on May 1, 1944 in New Prague, MN. She attended Owatonna High School and graduated with the class of 1962, before attending Hamline University in St. Paul.

On November 23, 1985, Karen was united in marriage to David Spinler at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Karen worked as an accountant for Owatonna Tool Company for 19 years and then served as Vice President of David Spinler Construction.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and beloved dog Missy Sue. Tending to her garden and flowers was one of her favorite pastimes. She also loved cooking, baking, bowling, bird watching and going on trips. A favorite destination was Diamond Jo Casino, where she loved to play the slot machines. Karen and Dave enjoyed spending the last five winters at their home in Mesa, AZ.

Survivors include her husband David Spinler of Austin; her daughter Cindy (Mark) Blanchette of Owatonna; David's daughters Pam (Scott) Gilson of Savage, Kim (Mark) Symes of Blooming Prairie, Cindy Spinler of Austin; grandchildren Holly (Kevin) Glanville, Melanie (Joe) Sunnarborg, Amy Blanchette, Taylor Gilson, Blake (Becky) Symes, Chelsey (Jim) Fleming; great-grandchildren Clayton, Preslie, Nolan and Alec; her brothers Larry Zolnosky of California and Monte (Lois) Zolnosky of Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Frances Zolnosky and her sister Yvonne.

A memorial gathering was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home. Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society or recipient of donor's choice.

Worlein Blooming Prairie Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.worlein.com.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

July 12
Tom Swenson
Amanda Hocking
Charlie Leonard
Kent Lea
Chad Gimbel
Bently Ramsey
Tom Butler
July 13
Sandy Dallman
Allan Ramsey
July 14
Kendyl Sunde
Marilyn Wagner
Pat Njos
Kyler Christianson
Bradley Simon
Jens Anderson
Jeffrey Bruns
Zachary Koster
July 15
Bill Noble
July 16
Judy Schafer
Justin Munson
Janis Lueth
Jeff Glynn
Amber Konz
Bruce Christianson
Marilyn Knutson
July 17
Marcy McCamy
Dorothy Phipps
Charlene Myer
Eric Prihoda
Emmett Bruggeman
July 18
Peter Iversen
Sandra Novak
July 19
Tonya Hansen
Andrea Butler
July 20
Jean Schwartz
Luke Krebs
Mary Kittelson
Alan Morton

ANNIVERSARIES

July 12
Jeremy & Amy Doerhoefer
July 13
Tim & Sandy Bass
July 14
John & Lisa Bruns
July 15
Chad & Tara Gimbel
July 16
H & Jean Peterson
July 17
Orlo & Kay Toquam
Eric & Shawn Johnson
July 18
Randy & Linda Klemmensen
Craig & Robin Kruckeberg
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July 20
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Get your filled biscuits at Litomysl festival Sunday, July 31



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Enjoy thèse filled biscuits at the Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

If you have Bohemian heritage, you won't want to miss the annual Litomysl Summer Festival on Sunday, July 31 on the grounds of Holy Trinity Catholic Chuch.

You don't even need to be Bohemian to enjoy the filled biscuits and much more in the realm of entertainment on this day.

A polka mass starts at 10 a.m. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Games are planned for all ages.

Other activities include:
- Outdoor food booths
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Anniversary





Johnson, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Please join our family as we celebrate Harold and Marion's 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house on July 16 from 12 - 5:00 p.m. at the Dodge Center Community Center, (Dodge Center City Hall), 35 East Main Street, Dodge Center.

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SEMCAC senior menu

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Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peas, Cranberry Mold

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July 14:
BBQ Meatballs, Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Italian Green Beans, Rhubarb Muffin, Grapes

July 15:
Grilled Chicken, Romaine Salad, Melon Wedge, Batter Bun, Applesauce Raisin Bar

July 18:
Green Pepper Steak, Rice, Parslied Cauliflower, Tossed Salad, Citrus Fruit Cup

July 19:
Baked Chicken, Baked Dumpling/Gravy, Broccoli, Carrot Coin Salad, Vanilla Ice Cream

July 20:
Wild Rice Soup, BBQ on Bun, 3 Bean Salad, Rhubarb Bavarian___



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17th Annual BOB Ride set for Saturday, July 23

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

The 17th Annual BOB (Bikers of Blooming) Ride for a Cause is scheduled for Saturday, July 23.

The Ride for a Cause will benefit Toys for Tots. Over $11,000 was raised on the ride last year.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 10:15 a.m. at J & H Liquors, 340 E. Main St. in Blooming Prairie.

Fee is $10 per rider. The ride leaves at 10:30 a.m.. SHARP!.

A meal, with the public welcome, begins at 5 p.m. at J & H Liquors.

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Births

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River Allan Wayne, Parents: Linnea & Nathan, March 4
Ethan Scott Demmer, Prnts: Katie & Scott, March 6
Aubrie Evelyn Hennen, Parent: Mallory, March 7
Julian Latray Jones, Parents: Alisha and Jeffrey, March 7
Harrison Robert Snidow, Parents: Tacy and Dustin, March 9
Abdiaziz Osman Sokorow, Parents: Mariam Mohammed and Osman Mungani, March 10
Zipporah Willem Praise Gassman, Parents: Melanie and Timothy, March 10
Cooper Nane Szuberski, Parents: Nyatiem Lual and Zachary Szuberski, March 10
Matteo Martin Huerta Pool, Parents: Isabel Mendez and Martin Robles, March 10
Liam Rhys Ostrander, Parents: Amy and Caleb, March 10
Elijah Jack Robert Herron, Parents: Jina and Stephen Jr., March 11
Huxley Ray Blum, Parents: Kristi and Nicholas, March 11
Lydia Lynn Lynch, Parents: Megan & Tyler, March 11
Stacy Daleysa Sandoval Pliego, Parents: Marisela Leana and Luis Palma, March 11
Charlotte Beverly Trom, Parents: Mandy and Michael, March 12
Piper Ashlyn Barto, Parents: Tara & Paul, March 13
Carter Ray Hines, Parents: Heather and Jacob, March 16
Jack Kristopher Gibart, Parents: Sarah and Kristopher, March 18
Rayne Ann Slowinski, Parents: Ashley and Cody, March 20
Kian Mark Donahue, Parents: Bethany and Nicholas, March 21
Sabrina Osman Moalin, Parents: Lul Osman and Osman Mohamed, March 21
Ethan James Thompson, Parents: Tory and Aaron, March 22
Elle Rae Petersen, Parents: Christine and Kyle, March 22
Henry David Orchard, Parents: Lori and Curtis, March 22
Vivian Grace Smith, Parents: Megan and Justin, March 24
Ezra Allen Yule, Parents: Samantha and Allen, March 24
Beckham Warren Storm, Parents: Maegen and Joshua, March 27
Noah Michael Rand-Johnson, Parents: Rebecca and Michael, March 28
Alexander Scott Reese, Parents: Mary & Dustin, March 29
Bentley Donald Martius, Parents: Amy & Randolph, March 29
Malia Marie Hachfeld, Parents: Dana and Dustin, March 30
Lyla Jade Friese, Parents: Cassandra and Landon, March 30
Dash Calvin Gullickson, Parents: Jessica and Daniel, March 30
Madison Katherine Zylstra, Parents: Cynthia and Thomas, March 30

Deaths

Phyllis Mae Otterness, 84, Owatonna	March 2
Evelyn Emma Malecha, 89, Faribault	March 3
Robert Lee Johnson, 76, Owatonna	March 3
Elizabeth Gale Tolzman, 15, Owat	March 3
Marjorie Lou Erickson, 82, Owatonna	March 4
Elizabeth Ann Kourofsky, 84, Owat	March 4
Paul Jay Ingvaldson, 79, Blooming Pr.	March 4
Robert Jerome Kottner, 74, Austin	March 5
Karen Lynn Ellis, 59, Berlin Township	March 6
Shirley Louise Knuton, 93, Blooming Pr.	March 8
Bonnie Lavonne Huffer, 97, Owat	March 8
Dennis Grant Degn, 72, Owatonna,	March 9
Gregory James Horecka, 65, Owat	March 10
Carl Allen Stockton, 79, Owatonna	March 10
Vera Celestine Hafstad, 86, Medford	March 11
Sandra Jean Schroer, 65, Owatonna	March 12
Elsie Marie Stark, 97, Owatonna	March 15
Roger William Soukup, 71, Owat	March 15
William Charles Wagner, 64, Owat	March 16
Edna H. Cummins, 97, Owatonna	March 16
Bonnie Lou Petersen, 75, Owatonna	March 16
Ronald Clifford Hanson, 76, Owat	March 18
Caryl Dean Bringgold, 94, Owatonna	March 19
Milo Dean Hermel, 87, Waterville	March 20
Ivy H. Watkins, 99, Owatonna	March 21
Robert Edward Dunker, 91, Owat	March 22
Mathilde K. Zylstra, 89, Owat	March 26

Marriages

Travis David Mueller & Amanda Kris Kappes, March 5
Garrett Jerome Watson & Kimberly Ann Simmons, March 9
Justin Bryan Olson & Abby Leigh Swanson, March 11
Derek James Cobban & Tracy Marie Holmquist, March 17
Benjamin Scott Frear & Nicole Renee Meixner, March 17
Mitchell Grant Reineke & Leticia Cantu, March 19
Michael John Bolton Jr. & Carmen Jane Demars, March 19
Tyler James Krause & Callie Christine Seckinger, March 19
Chad Richard Brown & Mildred Mary Rentmeester, March 24
John Edward Tapp & Amy Jo Vincent, March 25
Sarah Ashley Manning & Ryan Michael Noble, March 31

Divorces

Samantha Jo Teele & Austin Edward Teele
Christine Marie Gonzalez & Damien S. Ramirez
Maria A. Hernandez Carrillo & Luis D. Torres
Tiffany Marie Van Riper & James M. Van Riper
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Christina Belen Morales-Acosta & Jose Manuel Acosta-Martinez



Area Church Spotlight

Pastor's corner

Beyond the veil

This morning as I was listening to a very powerful message, I caught a glimpse in my mind of the veil being torn. I felt so impressed to share what I heard. Many times we see the veil being rent for us to be able to go through, but that's not it. The living ark of the covenant was no longer behind it. God no longer had to rest beyond the veil of humanity. There was nothing there for us to go through TO. God had vacated His spot from the mercy seat. The living ARK was descending from the cross into eternity. The veil was rent not for us to go through, but for God to come forth. He speaks so softly... "I changed my position from within the temple of man to the heart of man."

1Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

If we became the temple, our hearts became the altar – and the seat of where divinity has chosen to reside. He didn't come to visit us. He came to LIVE in us.

Don't know if you know it, but God is speaking stronger than ever and all we have to do... is listen. He moved. From the stone temples of men to the changed hearts of men.

Eze 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Where you invest your life, there will your altar be. He came forth to come within us. And He's still only a heartbeat away.

Pastor Mark DeLap
Steetfire Ministries

Area Church Schedule



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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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Education hour: 10 a.m.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2781 S.W. 92nd Ave., Meriden
Pastor Patti Meyer
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Worship 9:30 AM

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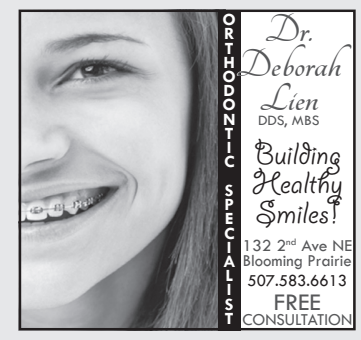
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Summer Fun - All Year Long

Simple ways to stay fit all year long

Many people find it easier to maintain their beach bodies during summer than they do throughout the rest of the year. Summer weather encourages people to get off the couch and enjoy the great outdoors, and many people prefer to eat lighter meals during the summer to combat the heat and humidity.

But once the dog days of summer give way to autumn, the motivation to stay in beach shape tends to wane. Couple that dwindling motivation with the tendency to eat larger, heartier meals as the weather gets colder, and it's easy to see why so many people gain weight over the last several months of the year and into the new year. But maintaining a healthy weight year-round promotes long-term health and reduces a person's risk for various ailments and diseases, including heart disease and diabetes. The following are a handful of strategies men and women can employ as they try to turn their beach bodies into the bodies they see in the mirror all year long.

• Keep setting goals. As winter heads toward spring, many people set short-term goals to motivate them to get back into beach shape. That's a highly effective strategy that need not be exclusive to late winter. Setting short-term fitness and dietary goals throughout the year can keep you from falling back into bad habits. Tie your goals into the season to increase your chances for success. For example, resolve to run outdoors or cycle a certain number of miles each week in autumn, when the weather is still conducive to physical activity and the scenery is idyllic. When winter arrives and exercising outdoors is no longer viable, commit to attending a few fitness classes per week at your gym.

• Switch up your workout routine every few weeks. Boredom also can affect people's ability to maintain healthy weights year-round. Adhering to the same exercise routine for months on end can grow tedious. The body can even grow accustomed to the same workout routine, meaning you won't be getting as much out of your exercise sessions as you might if you switch things up. If you find your daily workouts taking a turn toward the mundane, switch up your routine by changing exercises or signing up for classes that interest you.

• Find healthy seasonal foods. Many people prefer to buy locally sourced and/or in-season foods, recognizing the positive impact that such dietary habits can have on the environment. That commitment to buying healthy, locally grown foods can be tested as the seasons change and the offerings at your local market change along with them. Educate yourself about which foods are in-season in your area throughout the year, opting for the most nutritious foods you can find. Buying in-season foods saves you money, and you will also feel good about staying on a nutritious, eco-friendly track.

• Join an exercise group or sports league. The buddy system is an effective way to stay committed to a fitness regimen, but if you cannot find a friend or family member to brave cold winter treks to the gym with you, then consider joining an exercise group or competitive sports league. As summer turns to autumn, join a road runner's club to motivate you to run. When harsh weather makes running outdoors too difficult, sign up for a winter sports league. Such groups or leagues get you off the couch and provide great opportunities to meet like-minded men and women who have made their own commitments to staying fit.



Joining an exercise group is one way men and women can stay motivated and maintain healthy weights year-round.

Staying fit all year long is a challenge for many people. But maintaining that beach body even after summer has come and gone need not be so difficult.

Master Magical Marinades

Grilled foods boast inviting flavors that put many diners on the lookout for second helpings. Quite often the magic behind grilled meals lies in the marinade used to give foods that flavorful kick.

Marinades can be used to enhance the flavor of meats, vegetables and poultry. While marinades add flavor, they also may be responsible for some other benefits in grilled foods.

Marinades add flavor

Defined as a savory acidic sauce in which food is soaked to enrich its flavor, marinades help break down fiber and tenderize certain foods. The base of many marinades include vinegar, lemon juice or wine, and marinades can be enhanced with spices, oil and herbs.



With their mix of acidic ingredients and spices, marinades add flavor and may even pack some nutritional punch.

It's important not to let foods sit in marinades for too long, as any alcohol, acid or salt in the mixture can chemically "cook" the food in a process known as "denaturing." Adhere to timing recommendations when using store-bought marinades, and keep such guidelines in mind when using homemade marinades as well. Many may tell you to let foods sit no longer than four hours. Marinades with citrus juices may require even less time for flavor to penetrate.

The timing of marinade use also will depend on the foods being marinated. Delicate items, such as seafood, may change with regard to texture or color in a matter of minutes.

It's important to always marinate foods in the refrigerator. Food left sitting out on a counter — even when it's in a marinade — invites the growth of bacteria. If a recipe calls for marinating at room temperature, continue to marinate in the refrigerator, but extend the length of time you marinate. This helps to prevent foodborne illnesses.

When marinating, use plastic or glass containers so the marinade does not cause a chemical reaction, which may occur if you marinate foods in metal containers. Discard all marinades for raw meats and poultry when the time comes to cook the foods, as leftover marinades may contain bacteria that makes them unsafe to reuse on other foods.

The nutritional benefits of marinating

In addition to flavor, marinades may improve the nutritional value of grilled foods. In 2008, researchers at Kansas State University discovered that marinating meat in antioxidant-rich spice blends can reduce the risk of forming heterocyclic amines, or HCAs, by more than 80 percent. HCAs are harmful, cancer-causing compounds that form when food chars over an open flame at high temperatures. Marinades must be rich in spices to have any HCA-busting properties.

Marinades are a secret weapon in the creation of tasty, tender and healthy foods. They come in quite handy when grilling, and add an extra dose of flavor when cooking over high heat.



TIPS FOR GRILLING THE PERFECT BURGER

Hamburgers are a staple at backyard barbecues. Though burgers are a relatively simple food, mastering the technique to grill burgers is no small feat, as there is more to great grilled burgers than simply firing up the grill and dropping down a patty.

• Choose fresh ground beef that has a decent percentage of fat. The fat-to-lean meat ratio should be around 20 percent fat to 80 percent meat. Spend a little more to get freshly ground meat that has not been previously frozen.

• Don't overwork the burgers with a lot of handling. This will warm up the fat in the burger, which causes it to emulsify and could make the meat rubbery.

• Reconsider adding a lot of herbs, spices or add-ins to the burgers, as such items can detract from the flavor of the meat. Extra herbs and spices also may require extra mixing, which can lead overhandling.

• Push a dimple into the top of the burger, which will help prevent the burger from expanding upward and out while cooking and rounding out in the process. The dimple will keep the top of the burger flat, which facilitates easy topping.

• Make sure the grill is hot. Burgers do well with high heat and will cook relatively quickly.

• Resist the urge to push down on the patty with your spatula. This will cause the juices to spill out and may result in a dry, tough burger.

• Let burgers rest before serving. This lets the juices redistribute throughout and makes for a moist and tasty first bite.

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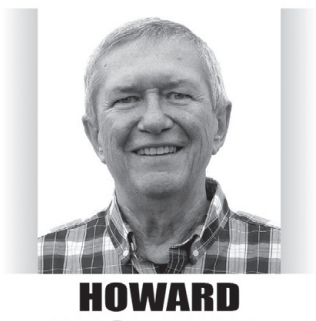
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Strong winds and rain caused storm damage in Blooming Prairie last Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Here, city crew worker Dave Johnson removes some blown down tree branches from city streets. Hot, humid weather returned to the area early this week.

REFLECTIONS... AND HOW



HOWARD LESTRUD

July 5 Reflections column continuation: "Man purse"

Howard Lestrud's July 5, 2016 Reflections column about a "man purse" did not contain the continuation of a jump from page 2A to page 4A. If you read most of last week's column but didn't find the continuation, here it is (5 paragraphs worth).

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 the car glove box, my office desk drawer and in a bathroom drawer.

One of the craziest things that happened to forgetful me was when we were at Walt Disney World on a family trip. I had just purchased a t-shirt from the Rock and Roll Roller Coaster Gift Shop at the Hollywood Studios. I left the shirt on the Disney World travel bus and two days later discovered I was missing the shirt. Judy called Disney World's Lost and Found and sure enough someone had turned in the t-shirt, value of $20.

Maybe Judy is right, I do need a bag to carry my personal possessions.

Or, I need a memory pill to remind me where I park things. One of these days, I'm going to lose my car. It almost happened to me in Minneapolis last winter when I attended a University of Minnesota women's basketball game and could not find my car when I was ready to head home. After walking down a few strange streets, I found it, thanks to the trusty key fob. Now, I must proof my column but I can't find my glasses.

Gnemi talks numbers in bid for county commissioner seat

By AHREN BACKMAN
County Staff Writer

Steele County Commission Candidate Rick Gnemi is a self-proclaimed "number's guy," and said, if elected, he would bring that numerical strength to the Steele County Commission Board. The 65-year-old Gnemi has filed to challenge current incumbent Mark Schultz in District 3, and during a feature interview with The Times, the Owatonna resident clearly wanted to talk about "the numbers." The second half of the District 3 feature, chronicling Schultz's side of the race, can be found in the July 19 edition of The Times.

The first number Gnemi wanted to talk about was 30, or the amount of hours in a week he was planning on putting into the office to "grasp this all." Gnemi said he wanted to be able to give specific numbers to constituents, or any other interested party on county overspending concerns.

Gnemi highlighted many of his own county wide overspending concerns including the county shop and the Steele County Detention Center. "We are talking about millions of dollars in deficit spending," Gnemi said. Gnemi said from "the figures he has done," the county jail is losing a little over nine thousand dollars a day, so that's almost nine million dollars a year.

For the Owatonna real estate appraiser dealing with county property tax rates has been a continuing issue, and said in 2015 the rates got higher. "My own real estate taxes increased 57% in one year." If elected, Gnemi said he would work on go over the county budget line by line, and "account by account," so the average tax payer knows where their money is going.

The second number Gnemi wanted to talk about is two, or the amount of terms he thought

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BOOK NOOK



NANCY VAILLANCOURT

As we approach (gasp!) the middle of summer, it's time for a message about why summer reading is so important to children's educational growth. For children who do not read during the summer months, they can lose up to two months of reading by the time they go back to school in the fall. Termed the "Summer Slide," this can frustrate the children as they return to school, and place them further behind in classes if they had already been having difficulty.

A poster we have at the Blooming Prairie Branch Library illustrates the difference between the Summer Slide and Building a Bridge. The bridge is made of six books that carry the child safely from June til September, with no falling off the slide or the bridge. This is based on studies that show that children who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read at least six books over the summer months score higher in reading and math when they are back in school.

The solution, of course, is to encourage your children and grandchildren to read all summer long. We encourage readers at the library by giving a book to each child who has read at least 20 minutes a day for at least ten days. Our July Book Fair will be held on Thursday, July 28. There are still plenty of days left to read in July, so read, get a free book, and be better prepared when school begins. It's a win, win, win situation! See you at the library.

LITTLE THOUGHTS ON THE PRAIRIE



MARK DELAP

Change your focus and see the light

At what point did things get out of control in America? Has it always been this vile, and we just didn't realize it until we had access to the horrors as we do now with an instant internet?

When did America lose its innocence and had we really ever had it? Think back to the classic films depicting the 20's in America. Mob control was out of control and fear was rampant.

We can go back further to the untamed west where gun control was taking control of your emotions so your gun wouldn't get you into trouble. It must have been a scary and uncertain time.

And move into the 30's with the great depression or the 40's with WWII and the 50's with Korea and the 60's-70's with Vietnam. Scary places.

Each generation had its own set of challenges and fears and problems without solutions. But here we are in the 21st Century. We made it 240 years. Relatively a short time when you consider the dynasties that traversed history. But nevertheless, we made it.

Each era had fears they could not conquer and challenges that they left on the table for the succeeding generations. We will, I assume be the same. We will leave problems for our kids to solve as humanity further evolves.

I don't know that the next generation will be necessarily smarter, but they have more knowledge and more years of trial and error behind them. With each crop of babies born, they have more substance to build upon.

Each generation will have their questionable politicians. Each generation will face seemingly unstoppable evil in the world. Each generation will have the option to change things for the better or worse as they may become consumed with the betterment of selfish nature.

I will say that things are today more, "out of the box," and in full view. A challenge in and of itself. 20 years ago that would have created insane chaos, but because this generation has evolved with it, they will learn to live with it and deal with it. With new problems come new change.

We're not special. We're not under any better or worse conditions than our ancestors. But what will determine our survival is if we can adapt to the changes, continue to educate ourselves and find solutions together.

Too many people are wasting time finding who was to blame rather than who's going to come up with a solution. Part of it is in the realization that we can not stop what happened yesterday. What we can do is work to create practical solutions to yesterday's problem so that tomorrow when it arises again, we can answer it.

Blaming is not tomorrow's solution. Making someone pay for your pain is not tomorrow's solution. Declaring war on an ethnicity, a race or all people involved in a profession is not tomorrow's solution. Screaming at a protest rally is not tomorrow's solution.

We know what it's not. We know what hasn't worked. We need to roll up our sleeves and go learn something now… something we don't know. And we need to learn it together. Change your focus and you may see something differently.



Only an air permit keeps Al-Corn from breaking ground on expansion

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

Al-Corn in Claremont is continuing to do preliminary work in preparation for its upcoming expansion as the company awaits issuance of an air permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The plan, said CEO Randall Doyle, remains that construction will start as soon as the permit is issued.

"As soon as the permit is issued," he said, "we'll begin. I'll have the permit in one hand and a shovel in the other."

Al-Corn officials have said all along that they hoped the permit would be granted by September but Doyal said the MPCA process is always lengthy.

A favorable thing, he said, is that Al-Corn officials have been assisted by Sen. Vicki Jensen, Sen. Dave Senjem, Rep. Rod Hamilton and Rep. Brian Daniels who have expressed their support and a desire that the permitting process move as quickly as possible.

They have also worked with former MPCA official Peter Larson who is helping guide the company through the process.

While waiting, Doyal said, Al-Corn team members continue to meet with the project engineers and have been able to refine the design.

"It's a lot easier to do the design on paper," he said, "than if there is steel in the ground."

It is the largest expansion project that Al-Corn has ever started, he said, and is estimated to cost $146 million.

It will raise the ethanol production capacity from 50 million gallons to 120 million gallons a year, he said.

It will also add up to 15 full-time equivalent jobs and bring in approximately $10 to $14 million in new tax base divided between Claremont, Dodge County and the Triton School District.

In addition to increasing the plans ethanol output it will also allow the company to expand its market for distillers grains, the by-product that is used to produce animal feed.

Ethanol production, Doyal said, only uses the starch from the corn. The rest of the corn is used to make the grain which is a good protein source for all types of livestock, he said, including chickens, turkeys, hogs, dairy, feeder cattle, sheep and goats.

All of the turkeys raised commercially in Minnesota consume Al-Corn's distillers grain and it has even been purchased locally for llamas and dogs.

It's a very high protein and low carbohydrate product, he said, which makes it ideal to mix it with other products.

The distillers grain, Doyal said, is looked at as a high quality product by those in the foreign market. The co-op has shipped a lot of the product to China, he said.

Much of the shipping to China, he said, is because of a firm in Wisconsin that gets a lot of product from China. Instead of sending the shipping containers back to China empty, he said, they can be sent back with the Al-Corn product.

The expansion involves modernization of existing facilities as well as a new grain handling system with steel grain bins and concrete for distiller's grain. There will be a new row of fermenters and a new building house the distillation process.

It will also involve significant expansion of the railroad tracks at the property with the new track system encircling the plant, Doyal said.

When the track is completed, Doyal said, Al-Corn will be able to make use of "unit trains." Currently they add train cars on to existing Canadian Pacific trains, he said, but with a unit train Al-Corn can get a complete train from the railroad of 80 to 100 cars.

All the product on the train would be picked up at the Al-Corn facility and delivered to one destination using only one manifest.

For a company, he said, this is the most effective way to ship by rail.

Doyal also said that since they will be generating some of their own power, Al-Corn will have a lower carbon score which may increase access to the west coast.

Currently much of the product is shipped down the river by barge.

Once construction begins, Doyal said, it should be completed in 16 to 18 months with only a few days downtown scattered throughout the construction phase.

Al-Corn is a cooperative owned by its farmer members. The company currently planning to celebrate its 20 years in operation with a celebration for members on August 2.

Blooming Prairie Living

Trip to Yellowstone one to remember

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

It was a camping trip that 14 Blooming Prairie Boy Scouts and their five leaders will remember for a long time.

The trip from June 19-26 was a week-long journey to the Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. It created memories that will last forever and it also instilled a desire to maybe return to this national park some day.

Dan Pirkl is the scoutmaster who led the camping trip for Boy Scout Troop 261 of Blooming Prairie. The scouts are sponsored by the local Blooming Prairie American Legion and VFW. Scouts making the trip range in age from 11-14.

It was a sort of déjà vu for Pirkl who previously made the trip as a Boy Scout at age 14 and again at age 16.

Pirkl informed The Times that he has been planning the trip for the past three years and in the late stages of planning the 2016 trip, he invited his former scoutmaster Warren Peterson to make the trip once again. Peterson accepted.

Scoutmaster Pirkl said he modeled the 2016 Yellowstone camping trip after the one he experienced with Scoutmaster Peterson.

The scouting group even utilized a trailer that was taken to Yellowstone on Pirkl's second scouting trip when he was 16 in 1990. That trailer was constructed by Marion Mast and Dennis Heimerman. Corey Miller, who made this year's trip as a leader, spent a couple of weeks re-doing the wheels and hubs on the scout trailer and revamping the wiring. "We got it ready to go again," Pirkl said.

The Blooming Prairie Lions Club and the local VFW donated monies to get the trailer in working order.

"I still have lasting impressions of hiking, and enjoying nature on the week-long adventure when I was 14," Pirkl related.

Enroute to Yellowstone, the Boy Scouts and their leaders visited Devils Tower in Wyoming. They also went on a hike in the Grand Tetons and did a seven-mile hike in Yellowstone up Mount Washburn, one of the highest points in Yellowsone. On the way back home, the scouts stopped at Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills.

The scouting group spent five days and five nights in Yellowstone. "The weather was perfect with not a drop of rain and temperatures in the 70s during the day, temperatures in the 40s at night.

On their hiking excursions in Yellowstone, the boys visited Old Faithful and surrounding mud pots. The boys also saw lots of wildlife including moose, bear, wolf and buffalo.

Former Scoutmaster Peterson was very helpful, Pirkl said, in managing the logistics of the trip. "He had maps of the park and knows its layout well," Pirkl said.

Scouts paired up for their tenting experiences. Scouts making the trip were: Alex Miller, Alex Piller, Dylan Johnson, Cole Graves, Paul Sunde, David Kartes, Sam Skillestad, Lucas Schammel, Mitchell Fiebiger, Charlie Heimerman, Joe Pirkl, Alex Riley, Drake Zilm, Sam Pirkl and Tyler Miller.

Leaders on the trip included Scoutmaster Pirkl, former Scoutmaster Peterson, Craig Schammel, Corey Miller and Peter Graves.

It took the scouts and their leaders a few days to become acclimated to the higher elevation. "It was a real learning experience for many of the scouts who were responsible for their own gear and for the tent setup," Pirkl said. "It was their beginning," he said.

The scouts and their leaders took good advantage of a full day, starting with breakfast at about 7 a.m., cleaning up and then getting ready for hiking at 9 or 9i:30. The campers did not



Submitted photos

Blooming Prairie Boy Scots at Yellowstone National Park. Scouts from left to right: On back of sign: Alex Miller. On front of sign: Alex Piller. Left to right in front of sign: Dylan Johnson, Cole Graves, Paul Sunde, David Kartes, Sam Skillestad, Lucas Schammel, Mitchell Fiebiger, Charlie Heimerman, Joe Pirkl, Alex Riley, Drake Zilm, Sam Pirkl and Tyler Miller



At the top of Mt.Washburn are:
Back Row left to right:
Warren Peterson, Corey Miller and Dan Pirkl
Standing Left to Right 2nd row from back:
Paul Sunde, Cole Graves, Sam Pirkl, Alex Miller, Mitchell Fiebiger, Craig Schammel and Peter Graves
Standing Right of sign: David Kartes, Charlie Heimerman, Lucas Schammel, Alex Riley and Drake Zilm
Kneeling in front of sign: Sam Skillestad, Tyler Miller, Dylan Johnson, Alex Piller and Joe Pirkl

College News

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse announced May 2016 graduates. Commencement was held on May 14 at the La Crosse Center.

Lucas Zellmer, Blooming Prairie, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Biomedical Science concentration. He received highest honors.

Matthew Zellmer, Blooming Prairie, graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Minnesota State University, Mankato announced dean's lists for the spring semester.

Students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while a 3.5 to 3.99 average qualified students for the Honor List.

High Honor List awardees were Patricia Feeney, senior, and Jenna Krell, senior, both of Blooming Prairie.

Blooming Prairie residents named to the Honor List were Krystal Klemmensen, senior; Lindsey Schiefert, sophomore; Jacob Schroeder, senior; Matthew Walters, sophomore.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls announced dean's list students for the spring semester. Students had to earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0 to qualify.

Blooming Prairie residents named to the Dean's List were Cody Doerhoefer, an English major; and Sara Noble, a Physics major.

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Boys and Girls Club builds a future for kids



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The Boys and Girls Club of Blooming Prairie has been a busy place during the summer months. Helping lead the summer programs are these staff members from left to right: Alex Johnson, Jeremy Hocking, Morgan Hagen and Katelyn Bjornson.

By HOWARD LESTRUD
Staff Writer

Editors note - due to the volume of information in this article, this is part one in a two part story.

It's a beehive of activity this summer at the Boys and Girls Club of Blooming Prairie.

It's the place to be if you are in the kindergarten to seventh grade age range. The summer program at the Boys and Girls Club of Blooming Prairie Forces youngsters to use their creative minds and imagination to learn and to have fun, says Unit Director Marcy Sundine.

An average day in the summer at the Boys and Girls Club starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends just after 5 p.m. with the club officially closing at 5:30 p.m.

With Sundine's leadership, a skilled team of four youth development team members sculpt an impressive daily agenda for the youngsters enrolled in the summer program.

Morgan Hagen, full-time staff member, has been responsible for two summer programs at the Boys and Girls Club. She will be a junior accounting major at Winona State University this fall. Hagen graduated Blooming Prairie High School in 2014 as valedictorian.

Hagen started her attachment to the Boys and Girls Club over the Christmas break last year and returned in May for the summer program.

Monitoring two programs, Hagen is especially fond of the Money Matters program where she teaches kids how to count money, how to save money and how to budget money wisely.

A second program led by Hagen implements the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) concept. She works with the kids on these four facets.

On a particular day, the students were seen building sail boats by using engineering and technology skills. Students work in teams to build their sail boats and later in the day they planned on sailing their crafts in a bucket of water or in sinks, Hagen said. The boats are made from straws, corks, glue and paper cups.

"It's awesome and really fun," said Hailey Schumacher who helped build a sailboat. "I want to do it again," she said.

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4. All of the Relay teams are invited to walk together during the **OPENING LAP**.
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Relay For Life army fights the good fight in Steele County

By MARK DELAP
Managing Editor

"Cancer never sleeps," said Steele County Relay for Life tri-chair and event MC, Joel Born.

The battle continues to rage and an infamous opponent is still prevalent, but the warriors of this crusade to eradicate cancer march on. Around football fields, through city streets, in an out of hospitals, in care facilities and in their own homes where this darkness has crept in, there is an army that bands together to fight back.

"Cancer is just a catchall phrase for dozens of different diseases that have the same endpoint—uncontrolled growth of tissue driven by mutated cells. Each cancer is complex and different, and even within a tissue there are distinct forms or cancer—different kinds of colon, breast, liver and brain cancers, for example, all driven by unique mutations and behaviors," commented biology chair, Dr. Barrie Bodie Northern Illinois University and continued, "The good news is that the explosion of knowledge, better detection methods and new or improved therapies are resulting in improved longevity and quality of life for cancer patients.

"Doctors are already finding more precise ways to target cancerous tumors for treatment while sparing healthy tissues, meaning fewer side effects. Down the road, I think we'll be able to further extend lifespans and improve quality of life through these management strategies."

While the researchers work in teams 24/7/365, there is another part of this army that continues to work to raise both money for research and awareness for this great cause.

A part of that army fights for a cause here in Steele County. "Because cancer never sleeps," said Born, "we walk all night at Relay For Life."

Born is one of the organizers for the Steele County events along with co-chairs, Joel Holst and Mary Boeteger. They have a small army of 15 people working under them along with many contributors and supporters.

This year, the big event for fundraising is this coming weekend at the Steele County Fairgrounds where a Relay For Life program will begin at 6 p.m. After an opening program and remarks by Born and his crew, the focus will be turned over to honorary chair members for this year, Alden Kruschke, Monica Kruschke and Shirley Kruschke.

They are a very special family that has been fighting on the front lines battling cancer. Alden was diagnosed with prostate cancer in May of 2010, and then Monica was diagnosed in September of that same year with breast cancer.

While Alden was undergoing treatments, Monica was in surgery undergoing a double mastectomy.

Shirley who retired from Federated Insurance to tend to her family, was the caregiver for both.

With Alden's cancer having gone and come back and Monica's cancer in remission, the Kruschke family is ever on alert and ever on the battlefield. This Friday night the spotlight rests for a moment on Shirley and others who have known the extreme responsibilities of being a caregiver.

Caregivers. Many times the unsung heroes of the battle. Watching a loved one go through the pain, tending to their needs, keeping all appointments organized, dealing with the insurance and medical billing obstacles, becoming an expert on cancer and cures, fighting financial phantoms, hoping for the best and bracing for the worst.

And that is just a tip of the iceberg that a caregiver will face. The ultimate battle of course is the resistance to look ahead and to wonder what life would be like alone. Thoughts in a killing field that lead to a life without sleep and a bed partner of exhaustion.

The program will serve to educate those who may one day go through the battle. It will also serve as a support to those actually "in" the battle and will of course continue the crusade to raise funds for those who have dedicated their life to finding a cure.

"The events in Steele County raise between $100 and $150 thousand dollars a year," Born said. When you look at the scope of medical costs for patient care alone, not to mention research, that is a "good start."

The Knights of Columbus men's choir will be singing the National Anthem along with some other songs. The main entertainment will be brought forth by Nolan Schuette of "Listen Up DJ Services."

There will be a flurry of activities to become a part of during the ceremony including a survivor lap where caregivers and their warriors will go forth around the track. At 9 p.m. there will be a lighting of the luminaries which can be purchased for a suggested donation of $10.

From 9 to 9:30 there will be a half-hour of silence for those who have died in the battle. At that time, the silent auction will also be concluding.

"The silent auction is going on from 6 to 9:30," Born said. "At the conclusion, we will take all forms of payment with our sincerest and most heartfelt thanks. We can take cash, checks or credit cards."

After the festivities conclude, the march to victory begins. While movies are playing on the screen, the walkers begin their circles. Around the track, through the night and into the heart of the enemy, serving notice that "we will not go gently into that good night."

The parade of warriors that walk in the presence of this great army will continue until the light of dawn comes calling at 5:30 a.m. Light at the end of a very long night represents a new day and renewed hope in the midst of the battle.

Clean-up will be on the docket until 7:00 a.m. when late registrations will be held for the 2nd annual Daikin Dash 5K run, walk and roll. The official race will begin at 8 a.m. To register for the race, you can go to "www.relayforlife5K.com" www.relayforlife5K.com and for more information on the Steele County Relay For Life, you can visit their website at "www.relayforlife.org" www.relayforlife.org

Daikin Applied has for the second straight year, sponsored the entire 5K so that all proceeds can go directly to fight cancer.

The motto for this year's race is: Celebrate – Remember – Fight Back.







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CountyLiving

Owatonna man's love for horses a way to give back

By JOSHUA ZIMMER
County Staff Writer

For Monte Mowry, being around horses was a way of life. Growing up in rural South Dakota, he's owned horses for the vast majority of his life. Now he has established a way to bring horses into the lives of children around the area.

Started in 2015, Ride for the brand is an event that allows kids with disabilities to spend time participating in activities with his horses around his ranch. As to how it was started, Monte's wife Nancy explained that every year they would have horse drawn wagon rides for kids around the area on the anniversary of the day they moved to Owatonna. After having nearly 70 people show up to the annual ride a couple years ago, they laid in bed wondering how to organize an event for children.

From years of volunteering with their horses at an event called "Special Horses Special People" in Waseca, the Mowry's found their idea for an event and "Ride for the Brand" was born. The motivating factor to hold the event at the family ranch was "That growing up around horses all my life, I have had the privilege of knowing the healing gentleness a horse provides and I wanted to be able to give it back to the community somehow," Monte said.

In the inaugural year of the event, Monte and Nancy both devised the guidelines that the participants of the event had to still be in the process of completing school. However, after fielding numerous calls from interested participants, they both decided to allow everyone the chance to participate. Monte said "June first we decided to open it up to anyone because we were unsure of the exact number that was going to attend - the more the merrier." The turnout from both volunteer and participants was surreal, having 14 volunteers to help assist more than 20 kids in riding four horses.

This year, they hosted more than 30 kids for the hour long event. With an increased number of sponsors and volunteers, board members for the event managed to turn away donations, something that the Mowry's were unable to do in the past. "We have all the money we need, we don't need anymore," Monte explained.

While the event's main goal is to bring smiles to the faces of the kids participating, it can also serve a therapeutic purpose. According to a study done in 2008 by a research team at the University of Washington, hippotherapy - the use of horseback riding as a therapeutic treatment- improves both head and trunk stability and upper extremity function in children with spastic diplegia cerebral palsy.

Whether the event is used for a therapeutic purpose or just a chance to give kids with disabilities an opportunity be involved with the horses, Monte's message is simple. "Just give back to the community and not always take."

Ride for the Brand is scheduled to host rides every Thursday for the remainder of July. For more information you can visit rideforthebrand-awd.com.

Panther band makes community smile and tap their toes

By Jessica Nafe
Staff intern

When the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Marching Band traveled to St. Peter for a Fourth of July parade, they knew they would put a smile on thousands of people's faces, but little did they know a WWII Veteran would be moved to tears. As the band warmed up on the street before the parade began, an elderly couple emerged from their home. Jim and Margaret Miller wanted to hear the band play, so the kids created an arc around the sweet pair, giving them a personal concert. The 91-year-old couple has been married for 65 years, and Mr. Miller is one of only three living WWII Veterans in St. Peter. Smiling from ear to ear, the Millers posed with the entire band for a picture, and then visited for a short while between numerous hugs and handshakes. With tears in their eyes, the Millers wished the band good luck on the parade, and the Panther Band marched away down the street, both parties forever changed from the special impromptu Independence Day performance.



Submitted photos

Top: Drum Major Kallie Spooner cannot contain her smile as she hugs Mr. Miller after the band's performance for the veteran on Independence Day.
Bottom: The entire Panther Band poses with Mr. and Mrs. Miller after the personal performance for the Millers. Smiles were all around during the special encounter!



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elected officials should have. Gnemi said he don't think anybody, from any government post, should go over two terms… including himself if he is elected on. Gnemi said that if the overspending and term limits may go hand in hand. "I think people become careless, reckless, and take things for granted."

Outside of district 3, there will be two other contested county commissioner races. In Steele County District 4, incumbent James "Corky" Ebeling will be facing off against challenger Jim Abbe, and in District 5, Nina Huntington will face off against Greg Krueger.

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, May 31.

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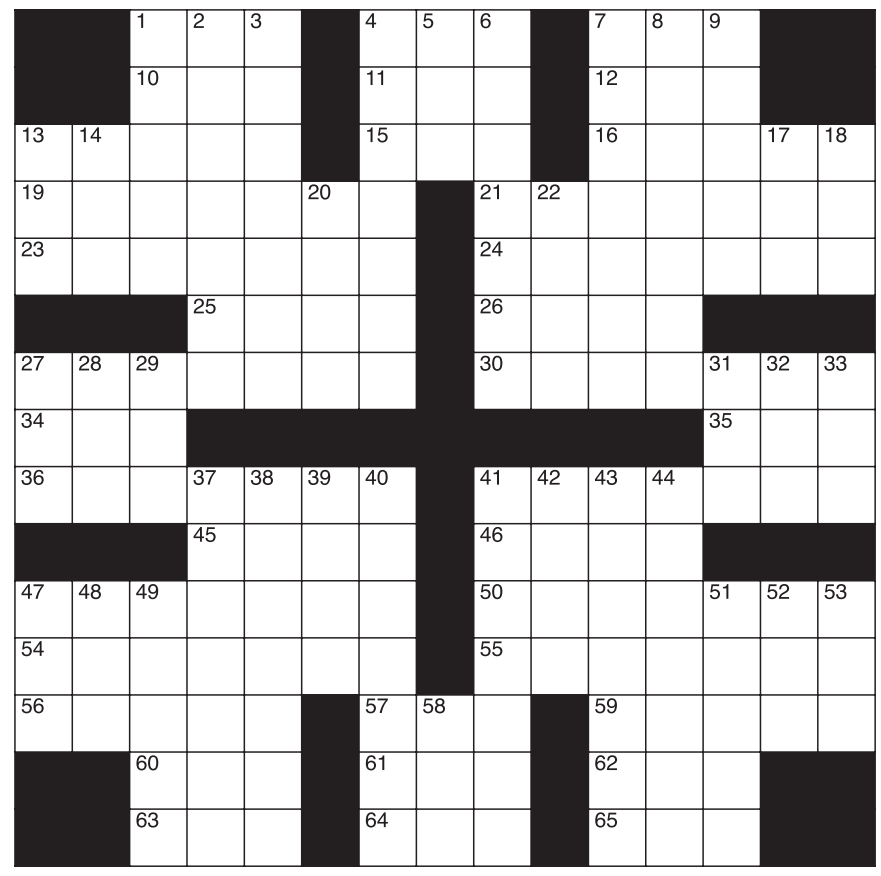
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No, it's not some crazy looking Cirrus clouds.

What is it then? It's called Paint Blooming Prairie Pink, a colorful and inspirational promotion sponsored by the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group.

The town will indeed be pink with 250 pink flags, measuring 3 feet by 5 feet, waving in the wind on property abutting Highway 218 near Main Street. The property is owned by Dick Raiman.

Four years ago in 2012, the BP Cancer Group rented 60 poles from the Zumbrota American Legion and sold the flags at $10 each. The promotion was such a success that the next year, 200 flags were put up with Dennis Heimerman of Metal Services supplying 200 poles. A year later in 2014, 50 more flags were added to make the grand total stand at 250.

"We are at our maximum right now," says Cheri Krejci, treasurer for the BP Cancer Group.

Sales are under way, Krejci saying that she had people on a waiting list last year. Anyone who would like to memorialize a friend or family member, many do so by contacting Krejci at 507-438-6895, or by contacting any member of the BP Cancer Group. Cost is still $10 each for the flags.

"We expect the flags will go quickly" Krejci said.

Each large flag has a smaller flag (3 by 5 inches) with the message left in memory or honor to family members or friends. "Most of the flags are left in memory or honor to those affected by cancer but Krejci says flags can be bought to honor other loved ones affected by other illnesses or by accidents.

"It's a lot of work but very rewarding," Krejci said, reflecting on the placement of pink flags in the city. "Anyone is also welcome to help place the flags on Sunday, Aug. 28. They will remain on display for a few days following the huge BP Cancer Group auction on Saturday, Sept. 10.

A true story is related from a cancer survivor who resides south of Blooming Prairie and travels 218 through BP every day, stating that she is touched by the display of pink flags.

"I get goose bumps every time I go out and see the flags," Kreci said.

A large black flag was added last year and has a message: "Support the fighters, admire the survivors and honor the taken." Again, Heimerman and Metal Services supped the flag pole.

The idea for the parade of flags "just kind of emerged from someone in our cancer group," related Krejci. Paint BP Pink symbolizes a fight against breast cancer and other forms of cancer, a Cancer Group board member said.

In addition to putting up the flags, the BP Cancer Group also decorates residences and businesses with banners, ribbons, flowers and other signs of support.

The placement of flags will include help from BP Cancer Group members and from the BP High school football team and from members of the BPHS National Honor Society. "I have a collection of items at home that I will use to decorate our residence," says Krejci.

"The visibility of our display couldn't be better," Krejci believes. "We hear lots of comments about the image created," she added.



Photo, courtesy of the BP Cancer Group

Pink will be everywhere on this small plot of land near Main Street and Highway 218 in Blooming Prairie from Aug. 28 to Sept. 10. The promotion of the Blooming Prairie Cancer Group is called Paint Blooming Prairie Pink.

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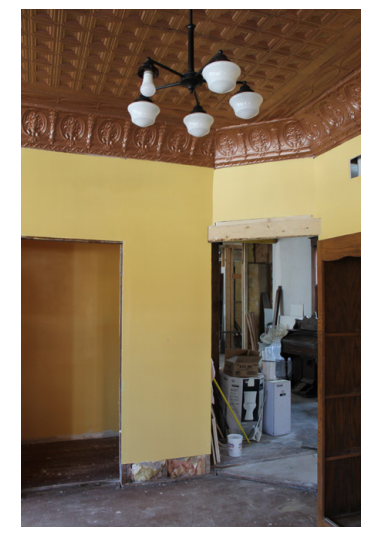
Hotel Oscar Martins: The front of the Washburn Hotel at an unknown date, submitted by Pam Goehring











Top to Bottom: Renovation 2: The old tin ceiling was in rough shape when renovation first began, but after some sanding and a coat of paint, it shines as brightly as it did when the room served as the hotel restaurant and bar.

Photos and Story
By Jessica Nafe
Staff intern

A hotel, a beauty salon, a library, a restaurant. Now add food shelf and historical center to the Washburn Hotel's long list of past lives.

For over one hundred years, the Washburn Hotel has sat on New Richland's main street, where it has seen generations come and go. The historic building stood unused for the past few years, dust collecting on the timeless treasures inside.

That all changed on December 31 of 2014, when the State Bank of New Richland donated the Washburn Hotel to the New Richland Area Food Shelf and Historical Society to be used as the organization's permanent home.



Members of the Food Shelf and Historical Society have been working to renovate their new home for months, and their labor is nearing the end, as they hope to have the building complete before the first snow fall. From left to right: Food Shelf President Larry Goehring, Historical Society President Barb Wildgrube, Dawn Halgren, Judy Hendrickson, Fischer, and Charles Espe.

Since the building was given to them, the Food Shelf and Historical Society have been working in earnest to get the neglected building ready for use, while still preserving the rich history held within.

All of their labor paid off for the first time this past weekend, when they opened their doors to the public for the first time in honor of Farm and City Days.

"We wanted people to come and see our progress," Food Shelf President Larry Goehring said. "It looks much better now than when we first got it!"





An old photograph of some hotel guests enjoying a meal around the Washburn Hotel's dinner table was found in the old New Richland Theatre, where it was used for advertisement years ago. The door that the photo hangs in is the exact one that is pictured within the photograph.

The Historical Society had a variety of displays available for viewing in the front of the Hotel, and people could take a peek into the back rooms that will be used for the food shelf. The upper level of the building, if sufficient funds are obtained, will be turned into emergency housing. Otherwise, the space will be used as conference rooms.

Once the Hotel is complete, two upper rooms will be put on display and replicate the original hotel rooms, using items that have been found in the building during renovation and antiques that the Historical Society has collected.

Although it was extremely rewarding to get some reassurance on their progress during Farm and City Days, the outlook on the Washburn Hotel was not always so positive.

When the Food Shelf and Historical Society started cleaning the building in the spring of 2015, junk from past owners littered the rooms and layers of grime covered the walls and floors. Wall after wall had to be torn down and piles of paperwork had to be completed before renovation began in full force.

"We thought in the beginning that there wasn't going to be a light at the end of the tunnel," Goehring said. "We have seen the light at the end of the tunnel. It's a small one yet, but it's getting bigger every day."

As volunteers continued to gather and donations funneled in, the dream of reviving the Washburn Hotel became a reality.

Students from the wood and construction classes at New-Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva High School played a huge role in stripping the building before renovation could begin. Not only did the students make a huge impact on the Food Shelf and Historical Society's future home, but they learned valuable skills in the process.

"They were a huge help!" said Goehring.

Fast forward another year to the spring of 2016, and the students were back once again to help put the building back together. Applying drywall, sanding and staining window frames, and repainting walls are a few of the many tasks the teens accomplished during the school year.

Students will be back again in the fall, building an aboveground garden, which will allow the Food Shelf to offer fresh produce to its clientele. With volunteers pitching in throughout the summer and students expected to be back in full force come fall, the Washburn Hotel should be complete before the first snow, according to Goehring.

Volunteers may be vital to the physical construction on the Hotel, but none of the work could be accomplished without funding.

The New Richland Bank put up a matching fund of $20,000 last fall, to which the community raised over $32,000. Those funds have brought the Food Shelf and Historical Society to where they are now on renovation, but they are in need of another twenty grand to complete the lower level of the building.

Generous donations have come in from area churches, local residents, and even people nationwide.

"It's very heartwarming to see the support coming through and to know that the community is out there," Goehring said. "Even if people don't live here, they still care."

Supporters have placed their care in a worthy cause, as neither the Food Shelf or Historical Society have had a spacious, permanent location before. The Washburn Hotel will not only give community members easier access to the Food Shelf and Historical Society displays, but also preserve an important part of their town's rich history.

The original Washburn Hotel building was constructed in 1877, according to Historical Society President Barb Wildgrube. That building was moved to another part of town around 1896 when a replacement was built, and it is currently used for housing. The name of the hotel was changed to the New Richland Hotel in 1914, when big renovations were made to the building. Since then the Washburn Hotel, as it is still referred to, stood unchanged for the most part.

When the hotel was shut down, the building was turned into apartments. Many single women who couldn't afford large housing and farmwives who didn't want to stay on the homestead alone during the war made use of the apartments.

A number of operations ran out of the Washburn Hotel including a beauty shop, piano lessons, a library, a shoe shop, saloon, and insurance business, just to name a few.

One walk through the old building showcases the many years of life it has seen. From the dusty claw foot tub to the handful of intricate murals that decorate the walls.

Legend has it that when the building served as a hotel, patrons that could not pay for their lodging offered their artistic skills for compensation.



Stories that have been passed down from generation to generation come alive with one step inside the Washburn Hotel. "My grandma lived upstairs when her husband went off to the war." "I knew the woman who worked as a seamstress here." "This is where my uncle used to go for his shoes." "There were twin girls that ran a beauty salon in this room."

Countless stories like these have resurfaced since the Washburn Hotel began undergoing renovation. As more work was done on the building, a few hidden treasures were found within the walls, literally.

When a front wall was taken down, another wall was standing behind the original. Delicate, floral pattered wallpaper covered the wall, probably from the original hotel.

When exploring the basement of the building, a staircase was discovered that led to the outside, a surprise to all.

A claw foot tub from an upstairs bathroom still sits in the corner, an old sink from the main kitchen waits in an upper room, and a stovetop sits in the hallway yet. What once served as useful equipment are now a precious antiques.

The Food Shelf and Historical Society plans to do as much as they can to modernize the building, while still saving priceless artifacts from New Richland's past that lay within the Washburn Hotel.

"It's nice to take something old and turn it into something new and usable," Goehring commented. "Instead of tearing it down, we're preserving it."

An intricate tin ceiling from the hotel's restaurant and bar now shines brightly once again. Music and laughter may drift up the aged wooden staircase to listening ears like they did years ago. The vibrant yellow walls of an upstairs room will again bring cheer to those who walk past. The old wood floors that ancestors may have passed over will soon echo the footsteps of people receiving hope from the food shelf.

"We're bringing it back to life," Goehring said. Bringing the Washburn Hotel back to life, and preparing to change the lives of people in the community for generations to come.

HOW TO HELP

Volunteers are vital to the renovation of the Washburn Hotel. If interested in assisting the Food Shelf and Historical Society in their worthy cause, contact Larry Goehring at 507-463-3421 or 507-461-9253.

To donate to the Washburn Hotel project, funds can be sent to P.O. Box 186 New Richland, Minnesota, 56072, and addressed to New Richland Area Food Shelf Building Donation. Of course, monetary and food donations are always accepted by the Food Shelf as well.

The Historical Society would greatly appreciate the donation of any historical items that individuals may have in their possession, and they are always looking for more members who have a passion for preserving history. If interested in joining the New Richland Area Historical Society or donating historical items, contact City Hall at nrcity@hickorytech.net or 507-465-3514.



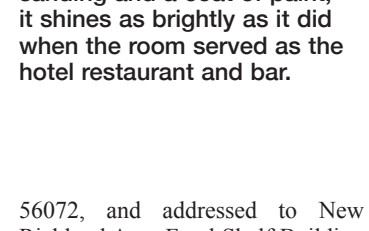


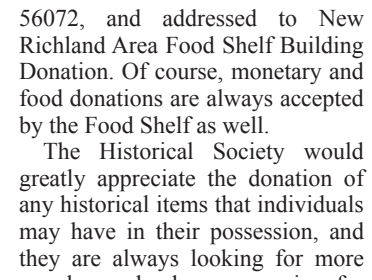


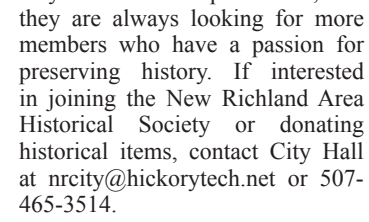
Top to Bottom: Wood scraps and all, a claw foot bathtub from an upstairs bathroom still sits. The Washburn Hotel had only two bathrooms, one male and one female.
Hallway: The upper level of the Washburn Hotel is still largely unfinished, but the rooms will eventually be used for emergency housing or conference space and storage.
Staircase and railing: An original staircase will be refurbished and kept in place, as it still stands sturdy despite its old age.



Above: The outside of the Washburn Hotel received some paint touch ups in a few places, but closely resembles the building it was back in 1914.







Top to Bottom:
Piano pedals engraved with an S and an S: The foot pedals of an old piano that was left in the hotel. Piano lessons were given in the Washburn Hotel at some point during its past.
Box with wires and electrical: The original electrical box for the Washburn building was discovered during renovations, and it will be kept by the Historical Society.
Tan wallpaper with green decoration: Original wallpaper was discovered on a secret wall in the Washburn Hotel. Scraps of the wallpaper will be kept and framed for display inside the building .



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Brown Swiss take over Steele County Fairgrounds



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Christy Achen, a youth ambassador for the Brown Swiss Association, waits with her animal for their turn before Judge Laurie Winkelman.



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Hannah Mundt and Kylie Kruckeberg, both of Owatonna, wait in line until it is their chance to show their animal to the Judge Laurie Winkelman.

By KAREN JORGENSEN
County Staff Writer

Brown Swiss heifers paraded through the Radel Livestock Pavilion at the Steele County Free Fair Grounds last Saturday as more than 100 young people showed their animals. They were participating in the 2016 Brown Swiss Youth Heifer M&M Classic.

The event was held in conjunction with the Brown Swiss Association national convention that was held in Owatonna. The association was established in 1880 and the conventions are held throughout the United States but this is the first time for Owatonna, organizers said.

Host organization for the event was the Minnesota Brown Swiss Association.

While perhaps not as well-known to the public as other dairy breeds such as Holsteins, the Brown Swiss is a popular breed with dairy farmers.

While waiting to show her heifer at Saturday's show, Christy Achen of South Dakota, a national ambassador for the breed, said that Brown Swiss are prized for their versatility. Her family, which includes 30 head of registered Brown Swiss on their dairy farm, chose the breed because it produces a larger volume of milk with high butterfat content making it ideal for cheese-making.

It's versatility and ability to adapt make it equally popular with smaller organic operations and large commercial herds, she said.

"It sits apart from other breeds," she said. "It thrives in different conditions."

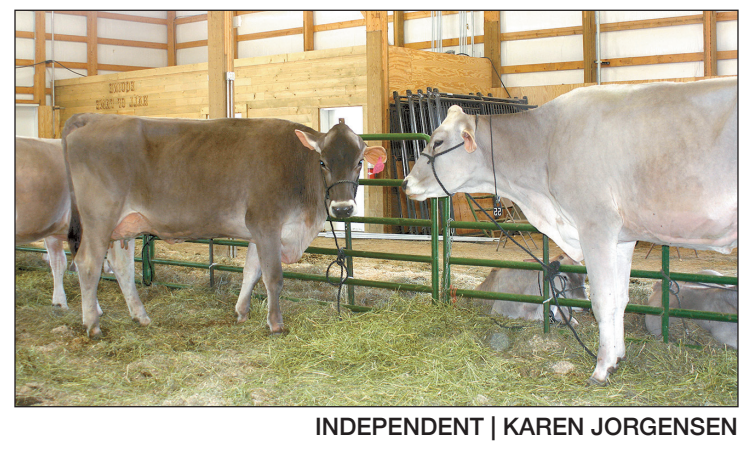
It can be ideal for organic operations, she said, because the breed doesn't need as high a protein content in its feed and does well on pasture.

And yes, she said, the breed is from Switzerland where it originated in the Swiss Alps.

The M&M Classic is named in memory of two Minnesota dairy farmers associated with the breed, Murrell Jacobson of Harmony and Melvin Sprengler of Mayer.

Brown Swiss enthusiasts from throughout the country, including both coasts, attended the four-day national convention. Most of the youth who brought their animals were from Minnesota and Wisconsin although there were also participants from South Dakota and Oklahoma.

In addition to conducting the association's business at the annual meeting there was ample opportunity for socializing beginning with the welcome event Wednesday evening at Glen and Deb Johnson's Clover Glen Farms.



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Two Brown Swiss gaze contentedly at the proceedings of the M&M Classic heifer show Saturday at the Radel Livestock Pavilion at the Steele County Free Fair grounds.

Convention headquarters was at the Holiday Inn which hosted the Youth Awards Banquet on Thursday evening as well as the business sessions.

Two day-long farm tours were available on Thursday with visits to Reads Brown Swiss owned by Roger and Lori Read and Fjel-Mar Dairy owned by Mark and Diane Fjelstad. An alternate tour schedule for the day included a visit to Mayowood in Rochester.

Thursday was also Youth Day with a stop at the historic Farmers Bank in Owatonna, a visit to the RAD Zoo and a stop at Spare Time Entertainment for lunch and bowling and laser tag.

The 2017 Brown Swiss Convention will be hosted by the Ohio Brown Swiss Association in Canton, Ohio.

State buffer law informational meeting

Five counties in southeast Minnesota will offer three informational meetings July 28 on the state's buffer initiative.

Agricultural landowners, producers and the general public are invited to attend the free, two-hour meetings planned for:

• 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center in Fountain, 104 Main St.

• 1:00 p.m. at the Servicemen's Club in Blooming Prairie, 210 4th St. N.E.

•5:00 p.m. at the Fairlane Building (Freeborn County Fairgrounds) in Albert Lea, 1031 Bridge Ave.

Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Mower and Steele Counties Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices are working together with the Minnesota Farm Bureau to offer the informational meetings. Presenters are expected to include SWCD staff and state officials from the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as well as a representative with the nonprofit Minnesota Agricultural Water Resource Center.

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Minnesota Crop Report:

Crop development remains ahead of average for corn, soybeans, and small grains for the week ending July 10, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers were limited to 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Sixteen percent of Minnesota's corn acreage had begun silking, 3 days ahead of the five-year average and 4 days ahead of last year. Corn condition rated 81 percent good to excellent, up 2 percentage points from the previous week. Forty-eight percent of the soybean crop was blooming or beyond, 6 days ahead of average but 2 days behind last year. There were scattered reports of soybeans setting pods. Soybean condition rated 75 percent good to excellent, up 1 percentage point from the previous week. Forty-one percent of the spring wheat acreage was turning color, 9 days ahead of average and 3 days ahead of last year. Spring wheat condition rated 69 percent good to excellent. Fifty- five percent of the oat crop was turning color, 11 days ahead of average and 5 days ahead of the previous year. Oat condition rated 80 percent good to excellent, down 1 percentage point from the previous week. Forty-seven percent of the barley crop was turning color, 9 days ahead of average. Barley condition rated 68 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from the previous week. Dry edible bean condition rated 66 percent good to excellent. Sunflower condition rated 50 percent good to excellent, down 7 percentage points from last week. Potato condition rated 89 percent good to excellent. Sugarbeet condition rated 86 percent good to excellent, up 6 percentage points from the previous week.

The second cutting of alfalfa hay was 62 percent complete, 9 days ahead of last year. All hay condition rated 78 percent good to excellent. Pasture condition rated 76 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from the previous week.

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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): 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
REGISTERED PROPERTY
STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1019 TRUMAN AVE, OWATONNA, MN 55060
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Steele County, Minnesota
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.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: Randy Bladine

Dated: June 7, 2016

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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COUNTY OF STEELE

Court File No. 74-PR-16-1310

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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Judge of District Court
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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
THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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Foreclosure

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in 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.
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:
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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.
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MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 27, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
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SIGNED BY: STEVEN G. GREBIN
MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: DIXIEG@CAYLORSOLUTIONS.COM

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SIGNED BY: DAVID A. BARNES
MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: DAVIDBARNES@GOPHERSPORT.COM

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CITY OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following City of Blooming Prairie Offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Candidates must file at the office of the Blooming Prairie City Administrator, 138 Hwy Avenue South, P. O. Box 68, Blooming Prairie, MN 55917. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2.00 filling fee at time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Administrator within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016

Mayor (2 year term)

City Council (2 positions–4 year regular term)

Michael G. Jones
Blooming Prairie City Administrator

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Chateau Raceway Recap (Lansing, MN)

By MATTHEW GRAGE
Guest Writer

It was the annual Fireworks night at Chateau Raceway in Lansing Friday night with the action not only in the sky after the races but on the track as well all night long. Added to the excitement was the presence of NASCAR driver Michael McDowell. The Glendale Arizona native drives part time for Circle Sport-Leavine Family Racing. Coming into the week he had wheeled the car for 14 of the first 17 cup races this year and was off this weekend with Ty Dillon driving the car at Kentucky Speedway. McDowell was there much of the afternoon talking to fans and signing autographs as people checked out one of his NASCAR Machines. The evening was promoted by his sponsor Thrivent Financial as part of a fund raiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Blooming Praririe and also the Annual Paint The Town Pink Promotion to raise money for Cancer Research at the Hormel Instititue in Austin. Along with the 50/50 fundraiser there was a silent auction held before the races and at Intermission a live auction with several racing items. Among the items auction were autographed panels for a couple of Michaels NASCAR cars as well as the 6 panels that were pulled off his sponsored car for the nights dirt track racing that were signed for the winning bidders as well. Several autographed hats, shoes and more also went to the highest bidder along with a beautiful quilt that was made locally. Come evening though it was time to race as he got the a track prepared USRA A Mod to do battle on the dirt with the local boys. Michael told fans that he grew up racing in Arizona on asphalt in go carts and open wheeled road courses and had only driven on dirt a hand full of times in these promotional type events. Michaels first time out in his heat ended a little early as he went pit side with some mechanical issues before the end of it. However he was able to keep the car under him for all 25 laps of the main event as he finished 9th in a fast paced race that was only stopped once for an early caution on lap 3. Brandon Davis of Medford picked up his 5th feature win of the season at the track coming out of row 2 to move by early leader Doug Hillson of Blooming Prairie. Zach Vander Beek of New Sharon Iowa started back in row 5 and despite turning the fastest laps of the race had to settle for second as by the time he worked through traffic Davis had checked out on the field, Jason Cummins of New Richland had a nice run coming from row 4 up to third ahead of driver who started deep in the field, Steve Wetzstein of West Concord. Hillson rounded out the top 5. Vander Beek along with Greg Pfeifer JR of Brownsdale were the classes heat winners.

The Pure Stocks ran a caution free main event with some of the wildest action of the night with the top 5 cars racing 2 and 3 wide much of the race. McDowell who was in the tower after the race talking to the crowd was impressed with the show the drivers put on saying he did not think they could go around the track giving each other room to race and stay bunched up as they were. Brady Krohnberg of Walters, Jason Newkirk an Daniel Guttormson, both of Austin fanned out three wide behind early leader Troy Maas of Faribault with Stacy Krohnberg of Walters and Matt Brooks of Austin paired up behind them. Brady and Jason eventually pulled up to the inside of Maas and the battle for first was three wide for several laps. Brady eventually pulled to the front and left the others paired up behind him. Newkirk eventually broke free of that and put the pressure on for the lead. As the race wound down the leaders came up on the back of he field and Brady got hung up behind a car and Newkirk took advantage and slipped by for the lead and scored his third feature win of the year. Brady came home second followed by Brooks, Guttormson and Stacy Krohnberg. The Krohnberg brothers did scored the classes heat wins.

A caution on the initial start was the only thing that slowed the non stop action in the WISSOTA Midwest Modified feature event. Tammy Soma Clark of Rochester lead the initial two laps off the front row before Ryan Goergen of Stacyville Iowa came out of row three to take the lead. Ryan's time at the front lasted just two laps as Dan Wheeler of Savage came roaring up from a row five starting spot to take over the top spot and proceed to race off to his third feature win of the season at Chateau. Jason Born of Medford picked his way up from a row six starting spot to come home runnerup ahead of Billy Steinberg of Kasson , Jared Boumeester of Waseca and Goergen. Wheeler also claimed a heat win on the night as did Boumeester.

In WISSOTA Street Stock action Bernie Adams of Stacyville Iowa claimed his first feature win of the year as he outdueled his son Kory for the top spot. Blake Adams of Stacyville Iowa but no relation who lead throughout the middle portion of the race came home third ahead of Zach Elward of Hayfield and Fred Prudoehl of Winona. Fred started on the front row and lead the first six laps of the race before giving way to Blake. Blake did have a heat win on the night as did Mike Blowers of Waseca.

A couple of drivers picked up there first career feature wins in the other two classes on the night. The first to do so was Taylor Ausrud of Hayfield in the USRA B Mod Class. Taylor lead flag to flag for the win but was under fire but several drivers throughout the race. The biggest threat came in the waning laps as he started lapping cars. AJ Zvorak of Blooming Prairie was running second and as Taylor was trying to lap cars he got a couple runs along side the leader but Ausrud held him off for the win. A.J., who picked up a heat win earlier in the night settled for second ahead of the classes other heat winner Mike Mehling of Grand Meadow.

In the Hornets it was Caylie (CJ) Blowers of Waseca's turn to see what victory lane was all about. C.J. started outside front row and jumped to the front on the drop of the green. Her brother Bobby Blowers moved up from row four to the runnerup spot and followed tight behind his sister lap after lap. A late caution with four to go put the pressure on C.J. to get a good restart and she did the deed as she raced to her first career feature win. Bobby came home in second ahead of Alan Schmidt of Hayward and Corbin Giesler of West Concord.

Next weekend the 360 Sprint Cars of the Upper Midwest Sprint Series (UMSS) will be on hand to add to the nights racing. The series races at tracks throughout the upper Midwest all summer long. Also in 3 weeks the reschedule 19th Annual Mike Guttormson Memorial is on the schedule for July 29th with the USMTS touring Modified Series slated to be a part of that nights race for that big pay check. Racing action gets underway every Friday night at 7:00 as the 60th Anniversary season rolls on during the summer of 2016 at Chateau Raceway.

PureStock: Feature: Jason Newkirk, Brady Krohnberg, Matt Brooks, Daniel Guttormson-Austin, Stacy Krohnberg-Walters, Chris Hotovec-Dodge Center, Cole Kroneman-Austin, Greg Lammers-Owatonna, Troy Maas-Faribault, Jim Briggs-Waseca. Shawn Morris-Waterville, Josh Nelson-Albert Lea, Trey Anderson-Janesville

Heat 1: S Krohnberg, Kroneman, Lammers, Guttormson, Briggs, Morris, Hotovec

Heat 2: Newkirk, Brooks, B Krohnberg, Maas, Nelson, Shaner, Anderson

WISSOTA Midwest Modified:

Feature: Dan Wheeler-Savage, Jason Born-Medford, Billy Steinberg-Kasson, Jared Boumeester-Waseca, Ryan Goergen-Stacyville IA, Garitt Wytaske-Lansing, Adam Martinson-Plymouth, Michael Wytaske-Lansing, Brayten Cisneros-Blooming Prairie, Casey Trom-Zumbrota, Jeremy Misgen-Ellendale, Matt Stark-Austin, Tammy Soma Clark-Rochester, Harland Morehart-Rochester, Daryl Hainka-Wannamingo, Johnny Magnum-Lakeville, Tianna Mithun-Freeborn, Jaiden Bastyr-Austin, Luke Hainka-Wannamingo, Brad Minske-Northfield, Jesse Hernandez-Blooming Prairie

Heat 1: Boumeester, Clark, G Wytaske, Minske, Steinberg, Hernandez, Magnum.

Heat 2: Wheeler, Cisneros, Misgen, Born, Stark, L Hainka, D Hainka. Heat 3: Goergen, Trom, Martinson, M Wytaske, Morehart, Mithun, Bastyr

WISSOTA Street Stock: Feature: Bernie Adams-Stacyville IA, Kory Adams-Stacyville IA, Blake Adams-Stacyville IA, Zach Elward-Hayfield, Fred Prudoehl-Winona, James Connors-Waseca, Kyle King-Hastings, Brent Holland-Glenville, Noah Grinstead-Austin, Mike Blowers-Waseca.

Heat 1: Bl Adams, Prudoehl, Grinstead, King, Connors. Heat 2: Blowers, Be Adams, K Adams, Elward, Holland.

USRA B Mod: Feature: Taylor Ausrud-Hayfield, AJ Zvorak-Blooming Prairie, Michael Mehling-Grand Meadow, Kylie Kath-Owatonna, Cole Lonergan-Dexter, Kadden Kath-Owatonna, Mark Wytaske-Austin, Kenny Wytaske-Lansing, AJ Johnston-Hayfield, Anthony Condit-Austin, Jesse Baer-Minnesota City, Nick Zago-Austin, Raey Hastings IV-Austin, Morgan Schrage-Cresco IA, Anton Nelson-Hayfield. Heat 1: Mehling, Lonergan Ky Kath, Condit, M Wytaske, Schrage, Hastings IV. Heat 2: Zvorak, K Wytaske, Johnston, Ausrud, Ka Kath, Baer, Nelson

USRA A Mod:Feature: Brandon Davis-Medford, Zach Vander Beek-New Sharon IA, Jason Cummins-New Richland, Steve Wetzstein-West Concord, Doug Hillson-Blooming Prairie, Darwyn Karau-Kasson, Joe Horgdal-Kasson, Greg Pfeifer JR-Brownsdale, Michael McDowell-Glendale AZ, Alex Hanson-Northwood IA, Matt Stark-Austin, Al Wagner-Orchard IA.

Heat 1: Vander Beek, Karau, Hillson, Horgdahl, Stark, McDowell.

Heat 2: Pfeifer JR, Wetzstein, Davis, Cummins, Wagner, Hanson

Hornet: Feature: Caylie Blowers-Waseca, Bobby Blowers-Waseca, Alan Schmidt-Hayward, Corbin Giesler-West Concord, Justin Murray-Waseca, Tommie Cruz-Waseca, Ryan Timm-Austin, Nikolas Aasen-Hayfield, Nick Silman-Minnesota Lake, Cale Giesler-West Concord, Jacob Bennett-Austin, Ralph Hanks-Waseca

Heat 1: Silman, Schmidt, Bennett, Timm, Co Giesler, Aasen

Heat 2: Hanks, B Blowers, Cruz, C Blowers, Murray, Ca Giesler

Crossword Solution

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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (SEMMCHRA) will be held at the SEMMCHRA Main Office, 134 East 2nd St, Wabasha, MN 55981 on Wednesday, July 20,2016 at 10:00 a.m.. The public is welcome to attend. 30c

GARAGE SALES

Riverside Park, Tuesday 11-5 through October, Farmers and Artisans Market, Arts and crafts, Watkins products, baked goods, plants, produce and flea market, vendor fee $5/ wk. 507-635-5554, www.mantorvilletourism.com 25tfc

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Block north of Kwik Trip - Byron, Thurs. 10-6, Fri. & Sat. 8-5. Furniture, household items, toys, tools, traps, fishing equipment, sporting goods, misc. 30p

505 6th St. NE Byron, Thurs. 12-7p, Fri. 9-6p. Multi-family Sale. Name brand mens/womens/teen clothing, shoes, purses, household misc., decorations,absolutely something for everyone! Priced to sell!

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Farm and city days shine in New Richland



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Whether enjoying a pancake courtesy of the fire department, listening to the band play during the parade, or getting competitive during Family Feud, smiles were had all around for New Richland Farm and City Days. The weekend was packed full of activities—from a volleyball tournament to a street dance—all of which brought the entire community together. City residents and country-dwellers gathered for an action-packed celebration that encompassed all the good old-fashioned, small-town togetherness that makes New Richland such a great community to live in.



Tuesday with Minnesota



Staff photo by Tawni Hammer

A day which started out with blue skies and pleasant temperatures turned a bit nasty with a thunderstorm warning issued for Steele County. This picture was taken just east of Geneva before the adverse weather hit. It was 84 degrees and the winds were eerily calm.



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